

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.
MidDay** Monday-Friday 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
News 19 Live @ 5pm Monday-Friday 5:00-5:30 p.m.
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
2020
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

RECREATION

EDUCATION

POLITICS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE/ PUBLIC SAFETY

COVID

SOCIAL JUSTICE

1. "GOVERNMENT" 1-1-21 THROUGH 3-31-21

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:54 1/1/21 10PM

Slug: SENATE OVERRIDE

In a rare New Year's Day session of the US senate President Trump received the first veto override of his presidency. Today the senate voted to override President Trump's veto of the national defense authorization act. A 2-thirds majority was needed in all 81 senators voted for the override Including all from Wisconsin Minnesota and Iowa. The president vetoed the bill because it did not include a repeal of section 2-30 which shields internet companies from being liable for what is posted on their websites Also objecting to bill's effort to rename nearly one dozen major military bases and installations bearing the names of confederate commanders. But the act also sets the defense policy and gives pay raises for American soldiers. Senator Bernie Sanders had threatened to filibuster if the senate did not also vote on the 2-thousand-dollar stimulus checks approved by the house. That move was defeated by republican leadership.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
1:44 1/2/21 6PM

Slug: RURAL ROADS

Some county highway departments are starting the year strapped for cash because COVID-19 has impacted their budgets. Smaller, rural counties are some of the hardest hit. Capitol bureau chief Emilee Fannon has you covered on how the pandemic is affecting how much money counties will receive to take care of those roads for you. At the start of a new year county highway departments have a pretty good idea on how much money they will be able to spend on services like snow plowing and fixing the roads. But because of COVID-19 fewer people were driving therefore not spending money on gas. Chris Narveson is the green county highway commissioner. He says the gas tax you pay at the pump helps him and the rest of the state fund highway and road projects. But with fewer people buying gas Narveson says that impacts how much they can spend this year and how much revenue they will receive in 20-22 a major service this time of year is snow plowing. Narveson said it is likely he will have to think twice when it comes to repairing his plows and fixing up their outdated building this year to save money where they can. Since 2020 just ended Narveson does not know exactly how much money green county is anticipated to lose due to the pandemic but says cuts will be made which is nothing new. Raising the gas tax would help boost transportation funding but that is not popular with everyone. Republican lawmakers rejected the idea two years ago when Governor Evers wanted to include it in the state budget. Evers says he plans to make transportation funding a priority again this year in budget negotiations.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:22 1/4/21 6PM

Slug: SWEAR IN

Three elected county officials in La Crosse being sworn in early this morning at the county courthouse. The county clerk, treasurer, register of deeds and their five deputies were officially sworn in by judge Scott Horne. Social distancing protocols including the wearing of masks took place during the short ceremony. The current rules served as a reminder to the challenges faced in 2020. Officially taking their oaths of office today were Amy Twitchell county treasurer, Cheryl McBride register of deeds and La Crosse County clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, who begins her third elected term.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:24 1/4/21 6PM

Slug: LIBRARY HOURS

The La Crosse County library now with some new hours to start the new year. The main library will now be open from 10-6 Monday through Saturday. It will still be closed on Sundays and for now both the north and south community libraries will remain closed. Access to computer and printing service

will be available during the new regular hours. That is also when you will be able to pick up library materials requested online.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:47 1/5/21 10PM

Slug: WI RELIEF

Wisconsin republicans take the first step toward passing their version of a new COVID-19 relief package. The assembly's health committee approved the bill on a party-line vote. The republican bill contains 44 different provisions including a ban on employers requiring proof of their workers getting the vaccine. Under this proposal. Local health officials could still issue orders that close or limit business capacity but such orders could only last for a maximum of two weeks at a time. The most common issue discussed today. Was the provision that would give widespread legal immunity to businesses and local governments Protecting them from COVID-19 related lawsuits. The state's restaurant association and an advocacy group for small businesses Disagree on whether such protections would help independent businesses. Governor Evers said today he still has to review the bill but indicated he would likely veto it if it had provisions he did not agree to during last months' negotiations.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:30 1/5/21 10PM

Slug: MN FOLO

Minnesota's legislature is back in session. with a new budget and continued pandemic relief high on the agenda. The house convening in a mostly virtual session today to re-elect DFL representative Melissa Hortman as speaker of the house. Hortman has held the position since 2019. The house plans to conduct most of its meetings virtually While the senate plans a hybrid of in-person and online hearings. The legislature meeting just a day before Governor Tim Walz is expected to ease COVID-restrictions on bars and restaurants.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:23 1/7/21 5PM

Slug: CHAO

Transportation secretary elaine chao has resigned with just two weeks left in the Trump administration. she is the first cabinet member to quit in the aftermath of the deadly US capitol riots. Chao tweeted a statement Thursday saying she was deeply troubled by the events on Wednesday. Chao, who is the wife of senate majority leader Mitch McConnell said she will officially resign on Monday.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
1:02 1/8/21 5PM

Slug: BIDEN SPEECH

Good evening, I am Mike Beiermeister. Dave has the evening off President-elect Joe Biden unveiled his economic team this afternoon but he also faced questions about current President Donald Trump regarding whether or not he should be impeached or removed from office after what unfolded at the Capitol Here's how Biden reacted to the question Those concerns are getting the COVID-19 virus under control, vaccinating people, and economic growth Biden went on to say that the issue of impeachment is for congress to decide and speaking of congress Here's what representative Ron Kind said about removal of President Trump today during a virtual press conference

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:46 1/8/21 6PM

Slug: MILLER SEN PRES

Minnesota senator Jeremy Miller is once again being named to one of the top positions in the state legislature. Miller will serve as the president of the Minnesota state senate and he says he is excited for another opportunity to lead. Senator miller is the youngest person to hold the senate president position. and the second youngest ever elected to the Minnesota state senate.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:21 1/8/21 10PM

Slug: CHRISTMAS TREES

The La Crosse refuse and recycling department is correcting an error for Christmas tree collection. The department will not collect trees on the 9th They will now collect them from the 11th to the 15th weather permitting A reminder, the city does not collect artificial trees or holiday lights. Set your tree on the boulevard by 7:00 am on January 11th.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:37 1/12/21 10PM

Slug: WATER

An investigation continues as chemicals known as pfas have been detected in two of La Crosse's municipal wells and groundwater samples near the La Crosse regional airport. The chemicals Found in some common household items and firefighting foam Have been linked to cancer and birth defects even in small levels. Firefighters frequently use the airport grounds to test firefighting tools and tactics. The City of La Crosse and its environmental consultant the o-s group are investigating the airport for pfas contamination from past releases as required by the DNR. Right now, they are offering a temporary solution while the problem is addressed. 36 homes in the French Island and Town of Campbell area have been offered bottled drinking water. The water will be provided by Culligan Water. The water is not from the La Crosse area but from Rothschild, Wisconsin.

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1:02 1/12/21 10PM

Slug: DALE

The state is now preparing for threats involving violence at all 50-state capitols ahead of next week's inauguration and we get some perspective tonight from UW La Crosse political analyst Tim Dale who says the people who wrote the constitution were thinking about times like these. As that document lays out a set of rules and procedures we have to follow if we want to preserve our democracy. Dale says it is when we see moments like this that we understand how powerful our constitution is and be impressed with the brilliance of the people who wrote it.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:37 1/13/21 5PM

Slug: UNEMPLOYMENT

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers has called a special legislative session for next week on his plan to modernize the state's unemployment claims system. The governor introduced a bill this morning that calls for the state Department of Workforce Development to conduct all transactions electronically and hands the department \$5.3 million to renovate and modernize the claims system. He issued an executive order calling for a special session on the bill to begin at noon on Tuesday. Republicans have criticized Evers for months over the DWD's inability to process a massive backlog of unemployment claims the result of coronavirus pandemic-related layoffs.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
2:13 1/13/21 5PM

Slug: IMPEACH

House lawmakers have voted to impeach President Donald Trump for "incitement of insurrection" at the Capitol. The impeachment vote taking place amid heightened security in the Capitol building following last week's deadly domestic terror attack. A historic day in the house chamber one week after it was mobbed by pro-Trump rioters. Lawmakers voting to impeach President Donald Trump for the second time a first in American history. The house voting on a single article charging President Trump with "incitement of insurrection" by encouraging his supporters to march on the Capitol. A handful of republicans joining the house's more than two hundred democrats to achieve the simple majority needed to impeach. But many other GOP members are still standing by the president. The debate on the house floor taking place in a capitol building fortified with security and where gunfire rang out 7 days ago.

House speaker Nancy Pelosi touring the perimeter in a starkly different image than at this time last week. More than 6,000 national guard members are already in Washington some even sleeping on the Capitol's floors and defense officials say up to 20,000 guardsmen could be in the city before inauguration day in one week. and amid worrying new details the FBI had warned that extremists were heading into Washington last week determined to "wage war." and that more threats are ahead? President Trump issuing a statement read on the house floor by one of his staunchest allies in congress. ABC News has learned the senate will not return early to begin impeachment proceedings so the earliest an impeachment trial could start is January 19th. That could pose problems for president-elect Joe Biden's agenda in the senate remember Biden's inauguration is here just one day after that on January 20th. Elizabeth Schulze, ABC News, the Capitol.

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:21 1/13/21 5PM

Slug: COVID RELIEF

The Wisconsin state senate passed a scaled down version of the COVID-19 relief package. This version allows the state to transfer up to 100 million dollars for COVID response and It allows for reimbursement of out-of-network charges for COVID-19 treatments. It also expands hours at the DWD call center. Governor Tony Evers says he will sign this version of the bill.

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:52 1/13/21 5PM

Slug: STATE O STATE

In his state of the state address Governor Evers says many of the challenges faced in 2020 will likely continue into the new year. During last night's minute virtual address, the governor highlighted three main challenges he wants to see addressed. He wants the state to invest 200-million dollars to increase broadband access as part of the 2021-2023 budget as Wisconsin faces a projected 373-million-dollar budget shortfall. As part of that budget the governor also wants to see the legislature draw voting maps publicly while taking input into account.

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:37 1/13/21 10PM

Slug: UNEMPLOY

During his state of the state address last night, Governor Evers called for the need to modernize Wisconsin's unemployment system and today, he introduced a bill that would appropriate 5-point-3 million dollars to the state Department of Workforce Development to begin that process. DWD secretary-designee Amy Pechacek says the current computer system our state uses to process unemployment claims has outlived its usefulness saying if a claimant needs to give documentation to support their unemployment claim, they have two choices. Either send those documents by mail or fax them. Pechacek says they have partnered with google for a solution. Governor Evers has called for a special session to take up the matter to begin next Tuesday at noon. However, republicans Like state senator Patrick Testin Says the DWD should work on hiring more staff who know the system rather than changing its software.

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:22 1/13/21 10PM

Slug: TESTIN SOS

Senator Testin does note however that connectivity is one proposal that shows promise for cooperation in Madison. Another key proposal from the governor last night Investing about 200 million dollars to improve the state's broadband network. Senator Testin says he would like to see that happen with appropriate accountability measures Even as Wisconsin is expecting a budget shortfall. Senator Testin says most people do not realize that in the last several sessions, the vast majority of bills that get signed into law have bipartisan support.

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1/14/21

MIDDAY

Slug: EVERS

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Slug: THREATS

With less than a week until president-elect Biden's inauguration Federal authorities are warning of new violent threats in Washington. The threats Coming as authorities continue to make arrests and investigate last week's domestic terror attack on the Capitol. Thousands of national guard members patrolling d-c streets up to 20,000 armed guardsmen expected to be in place by next week. Authorities are warning of security threats in all fifty states, too saying state houses in Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania are of most concern. Some governors closing state houses altogether. A law enforcement official now tells ABC News this man seen carrying a confederate flag through the Capitol last week has been arrested and ABC News has learned the FBI is tracking two men who are believed to have taken part in the insurrection at the Capitol and are allegedly planning to come back for another attack in Washington on inauguration day. One suspect from North Carolina was allegedly observed loading ammunition boxes and was in possession of: "semi-automatic rifles, explosives, a gas mask, and bulletproof equipment." Delta airlines is now prohibiting travelers flying to d-c airports ahead of inauguration to check firearms and Airbnb canceling reservations in the city for next week. According to an internal memo obtained by ABC News the head of the secret service is warning his agents to "remain above the fray" during the "zero-fail mission" to protect president-elect Biden's inauguration. The tight security measures come as congressional democrats demand an investigation into their suspicions that some visitors were allowed, what they are calling, "reconnaissance" tours of the Capitol the day before last week's attack. Sources tell ABC News there is a preliminary plan to close the iconic national mall to visitors on inauguration day just the latest extraordinary security step that will be in place here. Elizabeth Schulze, ABC News, Washington.

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Slug: BLOCK GRANT

Through what is known as a community development block grant the City of La Crosse has approved several applications allocating about \$230,000 to non-profits in the area. That is in addition to over \$600,000 to neighborhood revitalization projects. News 19's Lindsey Ford explains how some of the money is planting the seed for future growth. The more than \$600,000 in funding focuses on improving neighborhoods and housing in areas around Hamilton school and this new round of funding will help eleven different non-profits in La Crosse. These funds come from the department of housing and development the non-profit hunger task force has applied for \$20,000 in funding will go toward the AmeriCorps position at the Kane Street Community Garden. Emma Jonas is that AmeriCorps service member the Kane Street Community Garden is not just a place for people to get free fresh produce. The city believe non-profits are what keeps the community strong in La Crosse Lindsey Ford WXOW News 19 in total the program will use \$1.2 million dollars in funding for the projects mentioned as well as administrative costs. To see how it all breaks down Find this story on our website wxow.com.

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Slug: LAX COUNCIL

The City of La Crosse finding there is more concern about pfas contamination near the airport. These chemicals Found in household objects and some fire-fighting foam Has been found to cause cancer and birth defects in small amounts. Pfas contamination was previously found in 36 residential wells on French Island News 19's Marcus Aarsvold joins us now with what OS Environmental consulting told the city council tonight Marcus. Based on what they know so far, they say they need to study a wider area. John Storlie Who is leading the study shows the highest contamination came from a 2001 plane crash. You can see in the bottom part of the screen. The contaminated water soaked through the ground and flowed out far enough that Storlie wants the council to approve more testing for wells at the Days Inn. Shenanigans and apartments in the lower region of the screen he is hoping an expanded study answers more questions. No word on how long this study might take but he says they have sent out requests to more residents of the area to test their wells for contamination. When they do these tests, they try their best to stay outdoors. and wear masks but occasionally they might have to enter someone's home. Tonight, was just an update on what the city could do They have not taken any immediate action yet. The plan includes more groundwater monitoring at the airport. and could cost the city fifty-one-thousand-dollars.

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:28 1/14/21 10PM

Slug: CDBG

Through what is known as a community development block grant the City of La Crosse has approved several applications allocating about \$230,000 to non-profits in the area. That is on top of more than \$600,000 is already going to neighborhood revitalization projects focusing on improving neighborhoods and housing in areas around Hamilton school. One of eleven nonprofits benefitting in this new round the hunger task force says it will use 20-thousand dollars to keep the good growing all year. In total the program will use \$1.2 million dollars from the department of housing and urban development for the projects mentioned as well as administrative costs. To see how it all breaks down find this story on our website wxow.com.

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:21 1/15/21 5PM

Slug: KEMP

10-candidates now interested in serving as La Crosse mayor among them a man who served the country in the navy 11 years. His name is Zebulon Kemp. He is a graduate of Logan High School and one of 14 siblings in his family, right now he is managing a local bar and restaurant. He says the first step in moving La Crosse forward Is full community involvement. Kemp says that his top three priorities include helping local businesses continue to run solutions to help end homelessness and finding a way to lower property taxes. The primary election that will narrow the field of ten candidates to two is February 16th.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:27 1/15/21 10PM

Slug: MN CAPITOL SECURITY

Minnesota's public safety commissioner saying today there is no imminent threat to the Capitol in St. Paul Still John Harrington says the state will not be taking any chances several agencies including the Minnesota state patrol and the Minnesota national guard are standing ready. Official have requested that people stay away from the state capitol. Due to security concerns Minnesota's federal courthouse will be closed from Sunday through early Thursday morning.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:30 1/18/21 6PM

Slug: CINDY MARTEN

A UW La Crosse alum will soon join Joe Biden's administration. Cindy marten is Biden's nominee for the US deputy secretary of education. Marten earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from UW La Crosse. Since 20-13 Marten has been serving as the superintendent for the san diego

unified school district. Her alma mater releasing this statement saying, "marten has had a remarkable career as a teacher Principal and superintendent and we look forward to seeing how she will use her talents to serve our nation's schools."

Time: :41 First Aired: 1/19/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: SPCIAL SESH

Contention continues in Madison over Wisconsin's unemployment insurance system. A special session of the legislature ended today as soon as it began. Governor Evers called for today's session to take action overhauling the unemployment benefits software Which he says is out of date. The state Department of Workforce Development struggled with millions of unemployment claims over the past year and significant delays in processing those claims. Both the republican controlled senate and assembly gavelled-in the session and gavelled out immediately. Republican senator Patrick Testin told News 19 earlier this month the problems are due to staffing at the department and outsourcing call centers rather than the system's software.

Time: :19 First Aired: 1/20/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: GET TO WORK

The senate also gave its first approval to President Biden's cabinet Confirming Avril Haines as director of national intelligence by an 84-10 vote. and following a pledge to get to work made in his speech today the president wasted no time doing just that Meeting with members of his staff and issuing a stern warning. The president signed a handful of executive orders today as well among them A national mask mandate on federal property Lifting travel restrictions from predominantly Muslim countries Re-joining the country to the Paris climate accord and halting both the border wall and keystone x-l pipeline projects. President Biden also noting that former President Trump did leave what he called a generous letter but did not share what it said. Trump leaving the white house this morning before the inauguration.

Time: :33 First Aired: 1/21/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: PFAS

After finding out last month that some wells on French Island had been contaminated by pfas chemicals The City of La Crosse has been working to find a solution to the problem. Mayor Tim Kabat says they are acting quickly and have gone above and beyond what the DNR has asked of them. As of January twentieth, they tested 125 wells at 122 properties sixty-five are below proposed DNR standards and forty five are above standards with fifteen samples still pending testing while they do not have an ultimate solution for the problem They are working to create interim fixes. Mayor Kabat says as they learn more information and challenges arise. They will continue to keep the public informed and share what they can.

Time: :23 First Aired: 1/21/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: COVID BILLS

In Madison A number of proposals removed from a state coronavirus relief package are now being rewritten as individual bills by a state senate committee. The provisions include a ban on government officials requiring vaccination as well as employers requiring workers to vaccinate. Those provisions drew criticism from Evers, who indicated he would veto the relief bill if it included those items.

Time: 1:49 First Aired: 1/26/21 Shows: 5PM

Slug: IMPEACHMENT

Senators have been sworn in for the second impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump. The trial is set to start next month but some republicans say it should not happen at all. In the same

chamber that was filled with rioters less than three weeks ago senators were sworn in as jurors in former President Trump's second impeachment trial. Both sides now have two weeks to prepare their cases. The trial is set to start the week of February 8th. The former president faces a single charge of "incitement of insurrection" after urging his supporters to head to the Capitol in protest of the 2020 election results. The attack on the Capitol left five people dead including police officer Brian Sicknick. Democrats insist Trump must be held accountable but a growing number of republicans are questioning if it is constitutional to put a former president on trial a first in American history. President Biden telling CNN he believes the trial "has to happen" but he cast doubt there would be enough republican support to find Trump guilty. 17 republicans would need to join all democrats in the senate to vote to convict Trump. While a conviction clearly would not remove Trump from office it could lead the way to a second vote in the senate that would prohibit him from holding federal office in the future. Elizabeth Schulze, ABC News, Washington.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:26 1/26/21 5PM

Slug: POLICE SURVEY

The La Crosse County criminal justice management council is seeking input from the public through a survey. It addresses the possible formation of a resident police advisory board. The Capitol already has a civilian oversight board. That manifests a greater sense of accountability between police and city they patrol. The criminal justice management council says the move takes us in the right direction and allows everyone's voice can be heard. Tonight at 6 Details about why the council wanted the survey.

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:39 1/26/21 10PM

Slug: MASKS

Just within the last half hour The Wisconsin senate voted to strike down the emergency order that includes a statewide mask mandate. It does still need assembly approval but this is a joint resolution Which is different from a bill. That means it does not need the governor's signature and Governor Evers cannot veto it. Democratic senators have said this will only make it harder to stop the virus from spreading. Republican senators backing an end to the order say they are not making a statement on whether masks work Instead they say this is a matter of not allowing Governor Tony Evers to act on his own Extending emergency orders every two months without lawmakers having a say. The assembly will not take up the resolution today. They were busy discussing proposed changes to the 100-million-dollar relief package.

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2:07 1/27/21 10PM

Slug: UNEMPLOY

Wisconsin's unemployment system has been under fire for much of the past year Taking nearly nine months to clear a backlog of claims. Now those who run it say they need a new processing system to fix ongoing issues Which could take the better part of a decade. Capitol bureau chief AJ Bayatpour takes a look at what was said during today's hearing. Testifying before the senate's workforce committee Sandra Mendini from northeast Wisconsin describes a nightmare familiar to thousands around the state. DWD officials who gave a presentation outlying the issues with its outdated tech system earlier Wednesday say a partnership with google has helped speed up the processing of claims. As for the overhaul republican lawmakers question why Governor Evers administration did not use any of the federal money from this spring to begin the project. The administration says it would prefer a long-term funding commitment from state lawmakers since DWD says the total cost is around 100 million dollars. Republicans declined to act in a special session Evers called this month saying the money's already there for him to start the upgrades. Meanwhile Mendini says she got her money just this month.

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:32 1/27/21 10PM

Slug: ALMA DAM

Part of that work already underway tonight in alma Where the lock and dam has been drained for maintenance work. It is a rare sight that begins by draining the lock chamber in order to be able to get inside. The maintenance then starts with inspection and repairs of concrete walls Miter gates and the bubbler system. The cold winter months allow them to shut down the lock and dam while there is no traffic passing through due to the mostly frozen water. Lock and dam chief Jim Rand say keeping lock and dam four running during the busier times is crucial. Fifty crew members are doing the work that will cost around four million dollars. the maintenance will be complete by march ninth in order to be up and running once the river thaws.

Time: :18 First Aired: 1/28/21 Shows: 5PM

Slug: DWD UPDATE

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development held an informational briefing Wednesday. They focused on the unemployment insurance system used in Wisconsin. Officials say. The system is decades old and needs some modernizing which could take several years. They blame the system for the large backlog of cases. Governor Evers called for a special session earlier this month on the state's unemployment system. Lawmakers, however, did not take action and gavelled out of session right after gaveling in.

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Slug: GARDEN

And some national recognition for La Crosse's garden terrace apartments. The Audrey Nelson Award is a nationwide competition that recognizes outstanding community development projects and programs across the country. Garden terrace is a 50-unit apartment building that supports mixed income to support affordable living. 15 of the units are set aside for veterans who have experienced homelessness. The city also says that garden terrace is partnered with the Tomah VA medical center as they provide case management services to the veterans that are living there.

Time: :26 First Aired: 1/28/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: NASA CHALLENGER

Today NASA honors those who lost their lives pursuing space exploration. On this day of remembrance, the agency honored the crews of apollo one the space shuttle Columbia and the shuttle challenger which exploded 73-seconds after blast-off 35-years ago today. Seven crew members died including Christa McAuliffe Who would have been the first teacher in space. A retired teacher from Tomah was a finalist in that teacher in space project. Scheckel says becoming a finalist opened a lot of doors for him to travel Deliver presentations and talk about the space program.

Time: :44 First Aired: 2/4/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: MASK VOTE

The republican controlled Wisconsin assembly voted to repeal the governor's mask mandate this afternoon. Not long after that vote. The governor signed another emergency order requiring face coverings in public places. That could force lawmakers who oppose the mandate to vote again. Assembly speaker Robin Vos had said the vote was not about the masks. It was about challenging the governor's ability to issue the orders without consent of the legislature. Through a release the governor says in part We know that wearing face coverings can save lives and prevent death. We know it is supported by science and the CDC and we know it is supported by more than 40-statewide organizations and the 72-percent of Wisconsinites who agree face coverings should be worn in public places.

Time: 1:09 First Aired: 2/5/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: EVERS

Governor Tony Evers says he will veto the first relief packaged passed by the Wisconsin legislature in 10 months. The republican controlled senate passed the bill today on a party-line vote with two abstentions. Governor Evers saying he would veto the bill moments after the senate gave final approval to the amended bill passed yesterday by the republican-controlled assembly. The governor had backed the earlier More limited version that passed the senate with bipartisan support but republicans added back provisions the governor opposed. Including just yesterday an amendment limiting the governor to only issuing emergency orders to secure federal funding. The senate passing the bill today to ensure the state does not lose six and a half million dollars in unemployment insurance that expires on Sunday. Republican senator Patrick Testin warning the governor of the potential funding loss saying, "a veto could negatively impact our state's vaccine distribution, an area where Wisconsin has been lagging that of other states." Governor Evers taking to twitter blaming republicans for abandoning the compromise Adding. "Wisconsinites know a compromise when they see one, and the bill that was passed today is not it."

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Slug: WI COVID BATTLE

Governor Tony Evers vetoing the first bill passed by the legislature in the last ten months. the governor blaming republicans for abandoning a compromise While the GOP accuses Governor Evers of playing politics as six and a half million dollars in unemployment insurance expires on Sunday. While the state senate and Evers reached a compromise on a bill last month that extended many of last spring's emergency provisions while giving businesses immunity from COVID-related lawsuits the assembly added measures that banned employers from requiring vaccination Gave lawmakers more power over future federal money and just yesterday an amendment that would allow Evers to only issue emergency orders for the purpose of getting federal relief. In a statement on twitter Governor Evers says "unfortunately, republicans once again chose to put politics before people, abandoned that compromise, and passed a bill they knew I would not sign." Republican senator Patrick Testin warning the governor of the potential funding loss saying, "a veto could negatively impact our state's vaccine distribution, an area where Wisconsin has been lagging that of other states."

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Slug: SCHOOL FUND

A motion passed at the capitol today will shift around some of the federal money Wisconsin is receiving for education. The joint finance committee with its republican majority Approved the motion this afternoon, creating a formula that rewards districts that have the most hours of in-person learning. The legislature has control of about ten percent of this overall pool of federal money and that ten percent adds up to 65 million dollars. GOP officials on joint finance say recent guidance from the CDC about relatively low transmission of covid-19 in schools Should prompt districts to have as much in-person instruction as possible. Democrats, meanwhile, say districts should be able to decide based on the guidance of local health officials. How exactly the money is divided will not be determined until the end of the school year. Some districts already will not qualify because of how much they are getting in that 90 percent lawmakers do not control.

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Slug: MAYOR/COUNCIL

Mayor Tim Kabat responded to the action this afternoon saying in part "I do not understand why attorney Jacobson is trying to sow division and confusion between the residents of Campbell and the City of La Crosse, as we are all victims of these manufactured chemicals and have been negatively impacted." The city voted tonight to retain the legal services of Crueger Dickinson LLC and Napoli Shkolnik PLLC.

Crueger Dickinson is a law firm based in whitefish bay Noted on its website for taking lead on a national suit against opioid companies Also representing clients in water contamination cases. New York based Napoli Shkolnik carries an endorsement from the Wisconsin rural water association. Mayor Kabat's statement also urged residents to work with the city on the matter Promising more information in the near future.

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Slug: DWD WAIVER

Meanwhile today the Department of Workforce Development issued an emergency rule Continuing to allow people who apply for unemployment to not have to search for a job. State law typically requires those applying for benefits to provide weekly information about four work search actions they have taken.

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Slug: Evers TAXES

Governor Evers hinting at what is to come in his state budget proposal Today saying it will include an option for local governments to increase sales taxes. If the measure is approved by local voters counties and municipalities with more than 30-thousand residents could impose a half cent tax each That the governor says could then be put toward local roads Public safety and health services. Groups representing local governments applauding the move But the Wisconsin manufacturers and commerce group is not on board Saying through a statement in part Wisconsinites are still reeling from the worst economic downturn in a generation, and the governor's response is to make it more expensive to purchase everyday items.

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Slug: ALCOHOL FEES

Local bars and restaurants will get a small break After the common council approved a resolution continuing to keep liquor license fees lower through 2021. The fees had been set to revert back to their former levels Per the budget approved by the city last November. The resolution brought before the council last night keeping the fees at the rates set due to the pandemic Means an 80-thousand-dollar budget deficit. Council member Phillip Ostrem proposed an amendment raising the fees slightly to try to offset the deficit by half Adding that he understands businesses are struggling. Ultimately The amendment was defeated After others Including mayoral candidate's Martin Gaul and Jessica Olson spoke fervently in defense of any help necessary for local businesses. Council member Gary Padesky getting choked up thinking about what something like this would have meant for his family's former business. The resolution passed by a unanimous vote with one abstention. Despite defeat of his amendment Councilmember Ostrem voted in favor of keeping the fees lower. The city's finance director will have to now find a way to cover the deficit One proposal was using the city's contingency fund and travel expenses to make up the 80 thousand.

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:42 2/15/21 6PM

Slug: JEN ROMBALSKI

La Crosse County's top health official is stepping down from current role. Health department director Jen Rombalski will be taking a position with the Wisconsin department of health but did not specify what position she was taking with the state. Rombalski led the health department for the past five years. and most recently she has overseen the county's response to the covid-19 pandemic. Rombalski issued a statement to News 19 about her departure saying in part "this change was unplanned. Despite this, I believe it is important as a leader to have the courage to accept opportunities that can both help you grow and be a better version of yourself and can support public health and local health departments in new and positive ways."

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Slug: CHERGOSKY

Primary elections see a fraction of the voters compared to a general election Which is why one UW La Crosse political science professor is urging you to head to the polls Anthony Chergosky says the bigger the turnout, the more the outcome will reflect the feelings of the community Wisconsin's top election official Meagan Wolfe expects voter turnout to be on par with past February spring elections outside of presidential years. As of last week, just under 40,000 absentee ballots were returned.

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Slug: EVERS

Meanwhile in Madison Governor Tony Evers choosing tonight to unveil full details about his biennial budget proposal. The plan delivered now to the republican controlled legislature Calls for raising revenue in part by reducing the tax credits claimed by manufacturers by about 485 million dollars and increasing capital gains tax on the wealthy by 350 million While also accepting Medicaid expansion. Governor Evers says listening sessions throughout the past year led him to call for investments in significant criminal justice reform Citing diversion programs as a cost savings. He also wants to see business investments through WEDC and Venture Capital programs flood and climate mitigation efforts as well as the largest education funding increase in more than 15 years Calling for 20 million to fully fund the state's rural sparsity program. Governor Evers urging the republican controlled legislature to come to a compromise and while some of his proposals are already meeting with pushback. Republican state senator Patrick Testin told us he is encouraged by the governor's plan for business.

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Slug: CAPITOL

Something of a milestone day in Wisconsin state government Passing its first law in ten months, a form of coronavirus relief. It allows businesses to deduct p-p-p loans they received from their taxes. Democrats had wanted to put a cap on the amount some businesses could deduct but republicans struck down that effort. Most democrats still supported the bill and Governor Evers signed it into law today. While the senate took up a bill that would begin the process of modernizing the unemployment claims system the fieriest discussion was about pandemic safety. It is the first day in-person attendance was required and democrats were upset senate republicans would not agree to a mask requirement in the chamber. The senate did also pass the bill directing the DWD to start requesting bids for the project of overhauling the claims processing system. Democrats wanted the bill to provide the money up front for the entire project.

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Slug: POT DEBATE

Governor Tony Evers announced long before his full budget release that it would include a proposal to legalize recreational marijuana. A similar effort failed in the budget process two years ago. Although at that time the governor was only pushing for medical marijuana. Now Governor Evers says he is willing to go even further after seeing the type of money border states have been able to bring in since legalizing the drug for recreational use. As other senate republicans have come out saying they are firmly against this sort of legalization. Today the majority leader shared his thoughts. Governor Evers says he stands by the decision to bring up marijuana as part of the budget. Senator Lemahieu says he would consider a proposal to legalize medical marijuana or decriminalize it If those measures came up as separate bills.

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Slug: STATE TREASURER

Wisconsin's state treasurer says people cannot live off social security alone so she is proposing a few recommendations to the state that could help Wisconsinites save money for retirement. In the coming months Sarah Godlewski plans to introduce bills to implement several recommendations from the retirement security task force including 'Wisconsin-saves.' Wisconsin-saves would create a state-facilitated, privately managed IRA program that would offer a benefit plan for employees who do not have a retirement plan through their employer. she also plans to introduce 401 kids which is an at-birth retirement savings program that would allow children born in Wisconsin to start building wealth regardless of family income. Godlewski says the state would provide the initial seed capital to start account growth.

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Slug: BAD ROADS

If you have noticed a bumpy ride on Wisconsin roads You're not alone. The American Society of Civil Engineers Wisconsin section recently gave the state's infrastructure a C grade overall and a D-plus for roads specifically. Though the governor has designated funds to be spent on improving infrastructure in the state budget proposal the society wants the state to consider more efficient ways to raise funding. Hanson adds that the recent energy issues in Texas show the need to make sure systems on which we rely are resilient and able to recover from disaster, otherwise those who use the systems will end up paying the price in repairs.

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Slug: UI BILL

With strong support from both parties The Wisconsin assembly clears the final hurdle to updating the state's unemployment benefits system. The assembly passed the bill Which Governor Evers promises to sign by an 89-0 vote today. The senate passed it last week 27-3. Not only does the bill begin the process of updating the software but it also waives the one-week waiting period to receive benefits until march 14 and extends limited liability from covid-lawsuits for businesses Schools and governments.

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Slug: PFAS CAMPBELL

More than a hundred people tuned into the Town of Campbell's public hearing tonight. A hearing that spent more than 90 minutes addressing a single issue pfas chemical contamination. For background, the town laid out the emerging research showing how exposure over time to high concentrations of these so called forever chemical compounds Is linked to adverse health effects. The town also explained the action is taken Including testing facilities outside the area near and south of the airport Designated by the City of La Crosse for groundwater study. The town says it found pfas contamination at the town hall Community center and the highest concentration at the library with a level of 26 parts per trillion. Right now, 20 parts per trillion is considered the threshold for concern according to the Wisconsin DNR. The town sent a letter to the city asking them to provide testing to all town residents back in December That request was denied. On Tuesday, the town sent a second letter pushing for that again with this new data. Town board members say because the contamination spread from FAA mandated firefighting foam used at the airport Which is part of the City of La Crosse It is the city's responsibility to cover the cost of the effects. As some residents voiced personal health concerns Board members urged them to press the city to expand its efforts. Right now, the town is urging all residents to minimize their consumption of well water and get the testing done despite the cost Which is 425 dollars through the o-s group. Congressman kind's wife shared that the representative who does live on French Island Is looking into federal funding to address pfas concerns. Board members say it is still too soon to say if the city would ultimately link the town to the municipal water system and they have not yet heard from the city in response to their latest letter. You can read that letter on our website wxow.com.

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:25 2/25/21 10PM

Slug: NAT ANTHEM BILL

A new proposal from Wisconsin state senator Patrick Testin would require the national anthem to be played before all sporting events held at Wisconsin venues that received any public funding. This includes Packers games at Lambeau Field, events at the Fiserv Forum and even softball games at local parks. The proposal comes after the Dallas Mavericks did not play "The Star-Spangled Banner" before home games earlier this season.

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Slug: RON KIND

As we have reported Congressman Ron Kind's wife spoke during a public meeting held virtually by the town last night as the Kinds live on French Island. Today The representative shared what he is doing to address the issue in Washington. Representative Kind working on covid-19 relief right now but he did tell our station in Madison that he will take a look at running for Ron Johnson's senate seat in 2022. He clarified to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel "no decisions have been made."

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Slug: MN BUDGET

A much sunnier outlook for Minnesota's budget outlook. A report today shows instead of a 1-point-3 billion dollar expected deficit the state is looking at a 1-point-6-billion-dollar surplus. The budget commissioner says the swing is due to an improved nationwide economic outlook bolstered by stimulus money. Governor Tim Walz calls the projection good news but adding the need to act saying in part "as we come out of covid-19, we cannot forget the sacrifices so many of our workers and small businesses have taken to protect their communities That is why my budget focuses on leveling the playing field to support working families and small businesses." The governor expressed some readiness to compromise with republican leaders, who say they are ready as well. Republican state senate president Jeremy Miller saying in part "now that the economy is on solid ground again, we should work toward bipartisan solutions that give Minnesota businesses and workers more certainty, stability, and support."

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Slug: TAX TIPS

If you have yet to file your taxes, we have some tips on how you can easily get those done. Minnesota state officials say filing your taxes electronically and choosing direct deposit for your refund is the safest and most convenient method. You might be eligible to have a professional prepare your taxes for you free of charge through one of Minnesota's volunteer income tax assistance sites. Saving your receipts and other tax related documents can be very beneficial. The deadline to file your taxes this year is April 15th.

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:34 3/3/21 10PM

Slug: FLOYD BILL

While the bill faces an uncertain future in the senate the house of representatives narrowly gave its approval of the George Floyd justice in policing act late this evening. The legislation bans chokeholds and "qualified immunity" for law enforcement while easing requirements for prosecutors to pursue misconduct charges. It would also create a national registry of police misconduct. The vote comes just days before a former Minneapolis officer faces a jury Accused of murdering Floyd last May. Representative Ron Kind just one of two democrats breaking with his party to vote against the bill.

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Slug: PFAS LAWSUIT

The City of La Crosse is filing a lawsuit against dozens of chemical manufacturers, alleging they knowingly continued to manufacture firefighting foam that caused contamination by pfas, also called forever chemicals, in private and municipal wells around the La Crosse regional airport. The lawsuit filed today is against 3M Company, AGC Chemicals and a number of other manufacturers, alleging the companies have known the foam would contaminate the area's groundwater but continued to manufacture and sell it without warning their customers creating a danger to public health. At one point the suit cites an internal 3M Company memo from 1971 that states "there is 'no natural sink' for fluorocarbons" demanding attention to the matter. The attorney leading the case told News 19 in part. "with this lawsuit, the city joins over 100 government entities around the united states to hold defendants responsible for their actions in contaminating the water we drink." Because La Crosse is joining an ongoing legal battle any resolution could take time. In the meantime, Mayor Tim Kabat says the city is willing to pursue a more immediate course of action in conjunction with the Town of Campbell and La Crosse County board.

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Slug: WI PLATES

And a warning for Wisconsin drivers, if your license plate is un-readable you could get pulled over Wisconsin DMV administrator Kristina Boardman says if a license plate or its numbers are fading, chipping, or deteriorating, it is usually due to prolonged exposure to weather and the metal plates have numbers and letters stamped into them and a clear sheeting goes over the top. testing is done to ensure plates last at least five years but if they fail before that You can get them replaced by the DMV. If it is been longer than five years, You will have to replace them which can be done online at a cost of 2 dollars per plate.

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Slug: OMALLEY PROTEST

Some La Crosse County residents demonstrated outside the county administration building this afternoon Calling for county administrator Steve O'Malley to face discipline for a controversial post about late conservative talk radio host Rush Limbaugh. In a Facebook post O'Malley wrote "if I believed in hell it would be the most deserving place for the likes of him. He never loved anything but hatred, racism and disrespect." Those comments led to an ethics review the three-member committee met yesterday and did reach an advisory opinion which reads in part "the La Crosse County ethics board finds that there was no violation of the code of ethics as it is currently written. The code of ethics covers behavior falling in three major categories: fair and equal treatment, conflicts of interest, and compliance with state statutes. The specified behavior did not fall under any of those categories. The decision went on to say the board cannot comment on whether O'Malley committed an error of judgment Which does not explicitly fall under the code of ethics.

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Slug: WEBER CENTER

The weber center is asking the City of La Crosse to reconsider their decision regarding an annual bill. The city's finance committee has rejected the weber center's request to waive a nearly 30-thousand-dollar payment for municipal services. That fee does not regard water or sewage usage But rather the cost is determined based on land and building value. There have been no performances at the weber center since last March due to the pandemic which has eliminated revenue possibilities. This matter will go back before the full council on Thursday.

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Slug: FIRE STATION

Fire officials say it is time for a change at La Crosse's fire station number four. The north side's fire house has stood the test of time for the better part of 80 years. So, has its crew of 4 firefighters at the ready 24 7. But the ways of firefighting have changed with the times and the old station cannot quite keep up. Officials cite outdated and tight quarters for both personnel and equipment. Snyder adds that future plans include a double house station That would allow a bigger crew of firefighters staying in the building. It would also allow for larger firetrucks in an area that currently cannot fit a ladder type vehicle. One thing he says will not change He says the close connection to knowing their neighbors in the northside community.

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Slug: SCIENCE CENTER

After visiting the mass vaccination clinic this morning at UWL Elected officials made their way to governor to Cowley Hall to express support for phase two of the prairie springs science center. Phase one Completed in 2018 Cost 82 million dollars creating new laboratories in a state-of-the-art building. Now Three years later Governor Evers has included phase two of the project in his budget and he is urging legislators to approve it. UWL chancellor Joe Gow says science and health are more relative than ever and over fifty percent of students at UWL are majoring in the college of science and health. Gow says the projects two biggest supporters are Governor Tony Evers and UW System interim president Tommy Thompson.

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Slug: CRIME LAB FUNDS

The Wisconsin attorney general is pushing for Governor Tony Evers' budget to include a 930-thousand dollar increase in the department of justice payroll. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold explains why attorney general Josh Kaul thinks this funding could improve another major public health problem in the state the opioid epidemic. Fentanyl is a more powerful opioid finding its way into people who are already struggling with addiction. If narcotics are found either through a bust or drug testing Toxicologists say one solution to avoiding possibly fatal situation is hiring four new positions at the state crime lab who can run machinery that detects fentanyl's presence earlier. Since the forensic sciences lab covers the entire state. Smaller communities hit hard by opioids cannot wait. Kaul says the money is there He just needs the governor and the joint finance committee to agree. A purchase that proponents say justifies the price tag. In Wisconsin, Marcus Aarsvold, News 19. As you heard there, the final decision is up to Governor Evers and the joint finance committee. They are supposed to pass the budget by the end of June.

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Slug: VETS VACCINATE

A new bill up for a vote tomorrow in Madison could allow dentists and veterinarians to give the covid-19 vaccine. The proposal comes during a push to increase the number of people eligible to receive the vaccine. About 20 other states have expanded who can administer the vaccine. One Wisconsin vet does not foresee being called on to do so anytime soon but says he will be ready. Other vets say the biggest hurdle for them right now is not being able to receive the vaccine themselves.

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Slug: TIP BILL

Democratic lawmakers want to rollback tipped minimum wage for restaurant workers. Right now, in Wisconsin employers can pay tipped workers as little as \$2-dollars and 33-cents per hour. That is nearly five dollars below the state and federal minimum wage of \$7.25. Under the bill all employees

who make tips would have to be paid at least that hourly minimum wage. The bill would *not eliminate tips. Seven other states including Minnesota have all eliminated the tip credit.

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:21 3/17/21 6PM

Slug: COCKTAILS BILL

New at six. The bill to allow bars and restaurants to sell cocktails-to-go is now one step away from Governor Tony Evers' desk. The bipartisan measure passed the assembly today Sending it on to the senate. Under the bill Any class "b" license holder could sell mixed drinks and wine by the glass for pick-up As long as there is a tamper evident seal.

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Slug: BALDWIN

Western Wisconsin farmers lead the nation in farm bankruptcies. In 2020 federal court information showing the district with 39-chapter 12 bankruptcy filings but lawmakers in a bi-partisan effort have made changes to the paycheck protection program. Those changes, making it possible to get more assistance. Republican senator John Thune of South Dakota and democratic representative Ron Kind also part of the push for the change.

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Slug: UNEMPLOYMENT

People are still struggling to get back to work amid the pandemic and a new 24-hour call center in Wisconsin could soon help those looking for a job. Governor Tony Evers says his administration is moving ahead with signing a 1.2-million-dollar contract for the 24/7 call center. The Department of Workforce Development received a 2.4-million-dollar federal grant to begin overhauling its 50-year-old computer system. The governor has blamed the outdated system for causing delays in helping customers get unemployment benefits during the pandemic.

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Slug: MEDICAID

In the upcoming budget debates lawmakers in Wisconsin will again consider whether the state should accept a full Medicaid expansion. Capitol bureau chief AJ Bayatpour has you covered on why republicans say it is not as simple as the billion-dollar number democrats are throwing out. Hundreds of millions of dollars...hang every two years on how Wisconsin chooses to insure about 90-thousand people. That is the estimated number of childless adults making between 100 and 138 percent of the federal poverty line. Under the affordable care act...the federal government covers 90 percent of the Medicaid costs...if the state covers those folks up to 138 percent of the poverty line. Since Wisconsin only covers those earning up to 100 percent...the federal government covers 60 percent. Democrats have since 2014 called on the state to adopt the full expansion. A recent memo from the legislative fiscal bureau found had the state done so back then...the savings would amount to one-point-six billion dollars. Republicans say not putting more people on Medicaid provides more certainty for the state's health care providers. While the affordable care act now appears as if it is here to stay. GOP leaders say their opposition to expansion will also remain. Wisconsin is now one of twelve states to not accept the Medicaid expansion. Two other states have adopted it but have yet to implement it.

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Slug: ABSENTEE VOTING

In-person absentee voting begins today for the 2021 spring election April 6th. On the ballot, the race for La Crosse mayor. La Crosse city council and the state superintendent of public instruction. Anyone

eligible to vote may request an absentee ballot. It must be turned in no later than 8pm on election day. If sending by mail do so a week before election day. If you vote in person Bring a valid Wisconsin ID.

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Slug: BOOZE TO GO

Many bars and restaurants have been forced to close amid the pandemic. In the hopes of boosting business for that industry the Wisconsin state senate has approved a pair of bills loosening restrictions on alcohol to-go. The first bill would allow bars and restaurants to sell mixed drinks to go with a tamper-evident seal. The senate approved the bill on a 28-2 vote and it will now go to Governor Tony Evers. The second bill would allow people to order alcohol from grocery stores and taverns online. Or by phone and pick it up in a parking space associated with the seller. The senate passed the measure and it will now go to the assembly for approval.

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Slug: MN POT

A measure to make recreational marijuana legal in Minnesota moves forward in the state legislature. The bill passed the house agriculture committee on an 8-5 party line vote today. It now goes to the house environment and natural resources committee. If enacted it would allow adults 21 and older to use marijuana recreationally and automatically expunge minor cannabis related convictions. While the bill could pass the democratic controlled house. It still faces opposition from republicans who control the state senate.

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Slug: JACKSON STREET

If you are traveling near Jackson Street starting next week prepare for detours. Construction on Jackson Street from West Avenue to 4th St will be taking place starting March 29th. The project includes utility and street work. During the construction project the 5th, 6th, 8th, 10th, and 11th Street South intersections will not allow drivers to pass. The project is set to take 8 to 10 weeks depending on the weather. Detours will route all traffic to Green Bay Street.

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Slug: EVERS

Wisconsin governor Tony Evers has vetoed a bill that would have given republican legislators oversight of federal covid-19 relief funds. The governor vetoed the bill during a news conference this morning. He said legislative oversight of the money would cause massive delays in getting it to recipients. The governor said Wisconsin is set to receive \$3.2 billion in federal aid. Overall. The governor says the state plans to spend more than \$3 billion from the from the American Recovery Plan in conjunction with our Badger Bounce Back agenda.

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:31 3/29/21 10PM

Slug: MTU FARES

La Crosse's MTU is bringing back bus fares. Starting May 3, everyone using one of the city's buses needs to pay a fare or show a pass. Each fare for adults 18 and older is \$1.50. An adult pass is \$35. Youth ages 4-17 are \$1.25 per fare. Passes are \$23 People 65 and older and disabled persons need an id card issued by MTU or Medicare card. Fares are \$0.75 each or \$25 for a pass. UW-L, Viterbo, or Western students ride free with a student ID. Children under three also ride free. For more information on bus fare packages visit our website wxow.com.

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Slug: WI GOP COVID

Wisconsin expects to receive 3-point-two billion dollars in federal stimulus money and a lot of people have ideas about how that money should be spent. Although Governor Evers just vetoed a proposal for the legislature to provide spending oversight a pair of republican assembly members shared some specifics of their wish list with news 19's Rylie Kyhn and the challenge of getting it done. Rylie? The governor wants to use the money to do things like boost tourism and small businesses and expand broadband access. Representatives Tony Kurtz and Loren Oldeburg say they agree with some of that but not all. They say they want five hundred million dollars to go to the broadband expansion grant. During the pandemic they say rural areas have suffered when it comes to virtual learning and working from home due to their lack of broadband. Along with that they want to put a large amount of funds towards long-term care facilities. They say these facilities were hit hard by the pandemic and they should be front and center of the covid relief package. Both republicans say being rural legislators. They have to represent and stand up for their rural communities which is why they want a large portion of funds to go to broadband expansion in the last budget they say forty-eight million dollars went into broadband expansion. But with five hundred million. They could do a lot more. That three point two billion does not have to be spent until December thirty first of twenty-24.

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Slug: WI MASKS

We will get to that story in a moment, but first as of today Wisconsin's mask order is no longer in effect. After months of back and forth this morning the State Supreme Court struck it down. In a 4-3 ruling the justices say Governor Tony Evers exceeded his authority by extending the mandate for months using multiple emergency orders. State law says a state of emergency should not last for longer than 60 days unless that state of emergency is extended by the legislature. The state's mask order first took effect in August and Evers extended it four times since then most recently in February immediately after the legislature repealed it.

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Slug: FLOYD

Prosecutors for the four Minneapolis police officers charged in the death of George Floyd have requested that the trial be delayed by three months. The trial has been scheduled for March 8th but prosecutors are asking that the trial start on June 7th. The prosecutor's reasons included the COVID-19 pandemic and wanting enough time for more people to get vaccinated to lower any health risks for what's expected to be a high-profile trial.

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Slug: PHARMACIST BOND

The Wisconsin pharmacist accused of spoiling hundreds of doses of COVID-19 vaccines in Grafton is now out of jail on a 10-thousand-dollar signature bond. Steven Brandenburg went before a judge today Facing charges now of attempted criminal damage to property and adulterating a prescription drug. prosecutors now say they do not know for certain if Brandenburg's actions truly destroyed the 570 doses of the Moderna vaccine forcing them to drop the reckless endangerment charge.

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Slug: RITTENHOUSE

Meanwhile The city now faces two 10-million-dollar lawsuits brought by victims and families of those shot during the days that followed the Blake shooting. Anthony Huber and Joseph Rosenbaum were both killed by Kyle Rittenhouse who will be arraigned tomorrow ahead of his expected trial. Huber's family now wants 10 million dollars in compensation from the city and law enforcement as does Gaige Grosskreutz who was in Kenosha to provide medical assistance when he was shot in the arm and wounded during the incident.

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:19 1/5/21 6PM
Slug: BURNHAM

The man who allegedly assaulted an employee at the bodega brew pub Has been identified. Joey Burnham is a resident of Rochester Minnesota. according to La Crosse police, the 65-year-old contacted the investigator on the case. Burnham will be charged and released on a signature bond. The full extent of the charges is not yet known.

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Slug: BROWNSVILLE

The Brownsville man whose profile in a magazine led to a raid on his home will spend nearly two years in prison. Federal agents executed a search warrant of Kenneth Miller's home east of Freeburg in June of 2019. he was arrested in March of last year after a second search of the premises. miller was charged with four federal counts including manufacturing and dealing explosive materials and possessing explosives with previous felony convictions. all of this came about after a profile in popular science featured miller's work making homemade explosives for the likes of the NFL and Hollywood movies. He pleaded guilty to the charge of making and selling explosives back in September.

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Slug: E.C. GUY

A western Wisconsin man faces a pair of federal charges for his role in last week's violence at the US capitol. Kevin Daniel Loftus was arrested in Eau Claire today and went before a federal judge who set

the conditions for his release. Loftus is not allowed to leave Chippewa or Eau Claire counties except to go to Madison for a court appearance Friday. He is charged with illegal entry and disorderly conduct on capitol grounds.

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Slug: THOMPSON

In La Crosse, the man accused in the fatal shooting of Javier Hall back in November of 2019 had his preliminary hearing today. Shavonte Thompson appeared in La Crosse County court via zoom from his present location, the Dodge Correctional Institution in Waupan. The initial criminal complaint shows the shooting of hall was caught on video taking place in an alley in the 900 block of Copeland Avenue. Thompson's attorney entered a not guilty plea at today's hearing. a pre-trial conference is scheduled for next week.

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Slug: CATALYTIC CONVERTER

Law enforcement officials want you to be aware of a crime that is newer to this area. People are cutting off a key part of a car's exhaust system called the catalytic converter. The converters act as a line of defense against dangerous exhaust system emissions. the uptick of these thefts is likely due to the converter's precious metal which are being sold off at scrap yards and recycling centers and for the victim the catalytic converter can cost thousands of dollars to replace. That is why officers are sharing ways that you can protect yourself against these types of crimes. Officer darling says a good way to know that your catalytic converter has been stolen is if your car is significantly louder than the last time you used it.

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Slug: BURGLARY

The La Crosse County sheriff's office announcing an arrest in connection with a number of burglaries. Authorities say they arrested 44-year-old Brian Jaderston of Galesville January 9th at the Onalaska Hampton Inn. The release from the department says Jaderston attempted to leave through a first-floor window but was taken into custody. The arrest comes after law enforcement responded to an alarm at the Mindoro country store where a person used a vehicle to enter the store to take cigarettes and other items. they identified a vehicle and what they describe as characteristics of the suspect and determined a connection with earlier entries in residences at the oaks mobile home park in Holmen. They say they are investigating whether Jaderston may have been involved in other burglaries in La Crosse County and surrounding counties.

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Slug: LONGWAY

A 47-year-old La Crosse man facing felony charges of soliciting a child and exposing a child to harmful material Appeared before La Crosse County judge Gloria Doyle today. According to the criminal complaint, Chad Longway sent numerous illicit text messages to a minor Including an offer to pay for sex. attorney Christopher Zacher entered a plea of not guilty for Longway. His next court appearance is scheduled for March.

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Slug: RITTENHOUSE BOND

In Kenosha County, prosecutors are asking a judge to change Kyle Rittenhouse's bond agreement. they released photos showing the teen allegedly flashing white-power signs at a bar in Mount

Pleasant. Among other things prosecutors want his bond modified so he is restricted from associating with known militia members or members of white supremacist organizations.

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Slug: LAX SHOOTING

La Crosse police say a lack of cooperation from victims and witnesses is hampering the investigation of two shootings that happened over the weekend one of which left a person injured. The first incident happened Friday night just before 6 in the 600 block of rose street. officers found that several rounds were fired into a residence there. The second was shortly before 4 Sunday morning. Officers were called to a party in the 1-thousand block of South 4th Street. No word if the shootings are related. Call police if you have any information. Tips will remain anonymous.

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Slug: SHOOTING

La Crosse police are still looking for information in a pair of shootings this weekend. The department says one person was injured Saturday morning after shots were fired at a residence in the area of one thousand south fourth street. that person was treated for non-life-threatening injuries. an earlier report found several rounds fired at a residence at the six-hundred-block of rose-street on Friday night. the police department says victims are not cooperating in the investigation and they do not know if they shootings are related. Anyone with tips should call Crimestoppers at 608-784-8477. You can also submit tips online a link to do so in this story on wxow.com.

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Slug: SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY

The FBI is using social media posts as evidence in some arrests related to the insurrection at the US capitol. Reporter Caroline Dade show you how authorities are using digital footprints because social media profiles are not as private as you might think. Madison college social media professor Steve Noll has a clear message about social media posts and he says it is becoming more common for law enforcement to turn to the internet for evidence. During the US capitol insurrection, many people involved were live streaming video and posting pictures. Now, the FBI has identified hundreds of suspects and is citing specific social media posts in criminal complaints. Noll says although the strategy is not new the scale is striking. The FBI has not said how it found the posts but noll says law enforcement will sometimes create profiles in order to gain access to certain online forums. He says that is one way law enforcement can see posts even if someone has strict privacy settings. Noll says investigators can also use digital data as evidence even if it is not posted on social media. he says most photos and videos have a timestamp and location data embedded in their files. This can place people at a certain location at a specific time.

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Slug: WAFER VANDAL

Authorities are also working to determine who vandalized WAFER's mobile food pantry last weekend. Someone got away with the vehicle's catalytic converter. here are some photos of the truck. WAFER staff say this is the second act of vandalism in two months adding that it is disappointing Because the WAFER mobile pantry is used to deliver food to people who are going through a variety of struggles. the delivery helps those without cars and those who are otherwise not mobile. The repair cost so far is more than 2,000 dollars. WAFER can provide 4 meals for each dollar they receive so to use \$2,000 to repair the truck will essentially cost 8,000 meals for families in the area. If you have any information please contact local law enforcement.

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Slug: HOLTON IN COURT

A West Salem woman remains in La Crosse County jail, facing multiple charges including false imprisonment and kidnapping. Lori Anne Holton was arrested on charges relating to her holding a man against his will and abusing him over six weeks last summer. The criminal complaint outlines a series of bizarre events, where Holton kept the older man in a room through threats, intimidation, and physical abuse. At today's bond hearing, judge Gloria Doyle agreed with the state's recommendation of \$25,000 cash bond. Holton will next appear in court on February 2nd.

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Slug: VAX CHARGE

A Wisconsin pharmacist accused of intentionally spoiling hundreds of doses of the COVID-19 vaccine is now charged. Steven Brandenburg faces one misdemeanor count of attempted criminal damage to property. He pleaded not guilty to the charge in court today. Investigators say he took dozens of vaccine vials out of a refrigerator at Aurora Health in Grafton and deliberately left them out. They say Brandenburg thought the vaccine was unsafe. The vials contained enough doses to inoculate more than 500 people.

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Slug: SHOOTING

La Crosse police made an arrest in connection with a shooting at 1020 fifth avenue. It happened about 9:30 last night. Police found no injuries but discovered shell casings. They also made what they call a high-risk traffic stop and found a firearm in the vehicle. They arrested 20-year-old Tyrone J. Johnson. He has two felony bonds and a misdemeanor bond in La Crosse County. The felony bonds, police say, are related to shots fired in July 2020 and a fight in the downtown area later that year. Police say this is the third shooting they have investigated in the past week. They do not know so far whether those shootings are related. If you have information Call La Crosse police.

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Slug: LA CRESC CAR FIRE

An update on that car fire in La Crescent last night. Fire crews extinguished a car engulfed in flames as it entered the Kwik Trip parking lot on the north end of La Crescent. Firefighters received the call just after 5 last night. It is believed the fire is related to mechanical issues. La Crescent police arrested the driver, 37-year-old Kelly Bocker in connection with a felony warrant for fraud from Hennepin County. Police say she was in possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Booker is in the Houston County jail.

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Slug: CHAUVIN

The trial for the former Minneapolis police officer charged with murdering George Floyd will go forward in March as planned. Prosecutors had asked Hennepin County judge Peter Cahill to reconsider the March 8 start date citing COVID-19 concerns with what is expected to be a high-profile case. Judge Cahill denied that request today saying Derek Chauvin will stand trial starting March 8. Chauvin is charged with murder and manslaughter for keeping his knee on Floyd's neck last May as Floyd said he could not breathe. Chauvin will be tried separately from the other three officers involved who are all facing charges of aiding and abetting.

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Slug: OWI DUMPSTER

A 21-year-old woman faces her first OWI charge after a collision with a downtown dumpster. Police say it happened around 1-45 this morning on the 300 block of Main Street. After hitting the dumpster Witnesses say the driver tried to back up and leave the scene but the car was too heavily damaged. She then left the scene on foot but witnesses told police which direction she went and she was subsequently arrested. In addition to the OWI charge. she is being cited for leaving the scene of an accident.

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Slug: BUFFALO CO UPDATE

A buffalo county man who told investigators he shot his wife now faces a charge that could carry life in prison. Jonathan Medeiros went before a buffalo county judge today Where he was charged with one count of first-degree intentional homicide. The criminal complaint shows Medeiros called authorities Sunday to report that he had shot and killed his wife Jolene Medeiros. A deputy says Jonathan Medeiros admitted the crime again when he was being taken into custody. Medeiros was given a 500-thousand-dollar cash bond. He is expected back in court for a preliminary hearing on February 5.

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Slug: COVID VAX PLEA

The Wisconsin pharmacist accused of trying to spoil hundreds of doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is agreeing to plead guilty in federal court. 46-year-old Steven Brandenburg of Grafton faces up to 20 years total behind bars and a 500-thousand dollar fine for both of the two counts with which he is charged. Brandenburg was arrested during an investigation as to how 57 vials of the Moderna vaccine were left out for hours at advocate Aurora Health in Grafton.

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Slug: DRUG BUST

A large cache of drugs was taken off the street two days ago and today, the man at the center of the investigation appeared in court. On Monday La Crosse police arrested 45-year-old Aubrey Marshall at his residence in the 800 block of Cass Street. A search warrant turned up multiple drugs with a street value of \$36,000. Marshall's initial appearance taking place at the La Crosse County courthouse. Authorities say he is currently facing numerous charges of drug possession with intent to deliver as well as maintaining a drug trafficking place. Investigators found 150 grams cocaine and 135 grams of marijuana as well as what police say is a significant amount of fentanyl. Marshall has already served 15 years in federal prison for previous drug crimes. He is currently in La Crosse County jail with a 150-thousand-dollar cash bond. Police are now asking the public for help finding two other people who lived at the house. Tips can always be reported anonymously by calling Crimestoppers at 608-784-8477.

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Slug: LADCO THEFT

The former leader of the La Crosse area development corporation has been arrested on theft charges. The La Crosse police department has confirmed to News 19 that Jorge Beltran was arrested Tuesday, for theft. In a statement LADCO says the arrest is linked to his time with the organization and that Beltran was fired in September of 2020 but they will not be commenting further. Beltran was released on signature bond. He was first hired by LADCO in January of 2019 after the retirement of long-time head Jim Hill. A criminal complaint, a charging document that typically includes more details about an alleged crime, is not yet available.

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Slug: DRUG BUST ARREST

An update now on last week's drug bust in downtown La Crosse. Two more people have been arrested. Raymond Lewis and Christian Joswick, police found various drugs in the raid with a street value of 36 thousand dollars. Aubrey Marshall has been charged and sits in the La Crosse County jail.

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Slug: HOLMEN ROBBERY

Police are asking for the public's help in finding the person involved in a home invasion. On January 25th. The La Crosse County sheriff's department. and Holmen police department responded to the call in which the victim claims to have been pistol whipped. So far, 3 of the 4 suspects have been identified but police are not releasing the names right now. Anyone with any information is being asked to contact the La Crosse County sheriff's department.

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Slug: SPEAK UP APP

Wisconsin's attorney general says an app launched back in September is already working to save lives. The speak up speak out program is a 24/7 school safety tool for all educational communities throughout the state. Attorney general Josh Kaul says the reporting system has received more than 11-hundred tips about child abuse, cyberbullying, depression, and other safety concerns including 16 threats of suicide. As of January 31st, the tips have led to more than 28 welfare checks. Kaul wants to remind students and families that there really is someone on the other end of the app addressing their concerns, especially as kids feel more socially isolated during the pandemic. Parents, students, and staff can send an anonymous tip to a trained analyst by using the free app the DOJ's website, or by calling a hotline. All of that info over at wxow.com.

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Slug: MALL SHOOTING VICTIM FATHER

Prosecutors have charged a teen with homicide in connection with a shooting at the fox river mall near Appleton. As that process continues, family members are talking about the victim. His father says his son moved to Wisconsin a year ago from Connecticut to start over. Expressing a sense of disbelief Julio Aponte is still trying to come to terms with the shooting at the fox river mall Sunday, that took his son, Jovanni's life. Aponte lives in Connecticut, and says it was his daughter who called him from Wisconsin telling him, about the shooting and that Jovanni, was hit. Now Aponte is making plans to visit Wisconsin as the family prepares for an unexpected funeral and when asked about what led to the shooting, he called it a senseless act. The victim's father says his son was not a gang member and never had ties to gang activity. Authorities are still looking for the suspect.

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Slug: RITTENHOUSE

Wisconsin prosecutors asked a judge for a new arrest warrant for an Illinois teen charged in connection with the fatal shooting of two people at a protest in Kenosha in August. Prosecutors allege Kyle Rittenhouse violated his bond after he failed to inform them, he moved. That prevented the court from monitoring him. Prosecutors also asking to increase bail by 200-thousand dollars. A lawyer representing Rittenhouse says the family moved because of death threats.

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Slug: METH SENTENCE

A La Crosse man will spend the next seven years in federal prison for distributing methamphetamine. 36-year-old Lucas Carpenter received the sentence after pleading guilty to an incident in 2019 where he supplied 57 grams of meth to an associate who sold the drugs to a confidential informant. Police

arrested carpenter and found an additional 13 grams in the vehicle from which he observed the transaction. Charges against the associate were dropped after that person was later found dead. Often times sentencing for criminals who distribute these addictive substances receives criticism from the community News 19 asked judge Scott Horne about the methodology behind handing out a sentence He said probation should be the first outcome unless safety of the community is in jeopardy Judge Horne added when deciding who gets accepted to the drug court program. They often times have to decipher between dealers and those suffering from addiction which can be a challenge.

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Slug: DEZMAN ELLIS

Continuing coverage of the fox river mall shooting earlier this week Authorities say the suspect has been arrested. Grand chute police tell US marshals found Dezman Ellis in Des Moines, Iowa. The 17-year-old is accused of killing Jovanni Frausto at the mall on Sunday. Ellis is charged with intentional homicide and recklessly endangering safety.

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Slug: GALESVILLE SHOTS

Galesville police arrested a 60-year-old man for endangering safety after firing shots at an apartment complex. Around 10 o'clock Wednesday night. 911 received multiple calls. One caller indicated their patio door had been shot out. An investigation found Craig Reedy fired a number of rounds from his residence. Penetrating several surrounding apartments. No injuries were reported.

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Slug: PHARMACIST

The former Wisconsin pharmacist charged with spoiling dozens of COVID-19 vaccines has pleaded guilty to vaccine tampering. Prosecutors charged 46-year-old Steven Brandenburg of Grafton with two counts of attempting to tamper with consumer products. Brandenburg pleaded guilty to both counts in a video conference in Milwaukee today he could face up to 20 years in prison and 500-thousand dollars in fines when he is sentenced in June according to authorities Brandenburg believed the Moderna vaccine was not safe so he purposely spoiled 57 vials of the Moderna vaccine.

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Slug: PORN CHARGES

Two men are in the La Crosse County jail tonight facing various child pornography charges. Forty-year-old David Singer and 24-year-old Kyle Ward were arrested yesterday. Singer's charges include 2nd degree sexual assault of a child, and child abuse to intentionally cause harm. Ward is charged with two counts of 2nd degree sexual assault of a child in addition to using a computer to facilitate a sex crime. Both men received a cash bond of 10-thousand dollars. This evening both remain in jail.

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Slug: DIOCESE OF WINONA

The diocese of Winona-Rochester says it will pay more than 21-million dollars to settle 145 claims of clergy sexual abuse. The charges stem from a 2013 release of 14 priests who were credibly accused of sexual misconduct with children from the 1960s to the 80s. The diocese filed for bankruptcy in November 2018 and this settlement allows them now to file a plan of reorganization as it continues to resolve the claims. Additionally, the diocese says it is implemented safe environment training for more than 16,000 staff and volunteers Conducting 44-thousand background checks. The statement ending with an apology from bishop John Quinn that reads in part "I pledge my continuing commitment to ensure that this terrible chapter in the history of the diocese of Winona-Rochester never happens again."

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Slug: PFAS

The La Crosse common council voted unanimously to retain two law firms to move forward with a proposed groundwater contamination lawsuit last night... This comes after a local attorney representing nearly 130 French Island residents served pages of notices to the City of La Crosse for allegedly playing a role in water contamination. The claim states that these private wells have been tainted with chemicals known as PFAs which has been linked to cancer and birth defects. The city is currently studying how widespread the problem is and considering long term mitigation efforts as it works to provide bottled water in the short term to those affected. The chemicals are believed to have originated from what the city says is FAA mandated firefighting foam used at the airport That spread downstream through the groundwater. The notices are asking for a permanent supply of clean water and to receive compensation for loss of property value and for medical issues linked to drinking pfas-contaminated water.

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Slug: RITTENHOUSE

A judge is refusing prosecutors' request to issue a new arrest warrant for 18-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse. Prosecutors asked judge Bruce Schroeder to issue a new warrant for Kyle Rittenhouse and up his bail by 200-thousand dollars because he has failed to update his address as mandated by his bail conditions. His attorneys claim that Rittenhouse moved to an undisclosed location due to continued threats. Judge Schroeder also said he will not increase Rittenhouse's bail.

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Slug: NOWLAN

An Onalaska man remains in jail in charges related to mail theft and fraud. Christopher Nowlan was cited as a person of interest by several agencies. The 29-year-old was arrested on Wednesday. He currently is held on charges of felony theft, receiving stolen property and theft of movable property. Nowlan is scheduled for his initial appearance tomorrow.

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Slug: WOLVES

Wisconsin's wolf hunt will go on as scheduled next Monday After a state court of appeals dismisses the DNR's request to put a stop to it. The agency had appealed a court order the hunt had to happen immediately as gray wolves had just come off the endangered species list at the start of the year. In today's ruling the court noted it does not have jurisdiction over the appeal. The weeklong hunt starts Monday.

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Slug: DNR PFAS

The state's manufacturing lobbying group is suing the Wisconsin DNR over enforcement of environmental protection laws. The Wisconsin manufacturers and commerce filed suit on behalf of a dry-cleaning company in Oconomowoc alleging the DNR changes policies and standards with regard to its environmental cleanup programs without going through the state mandated rulemaking process, particularly. The group is seeking to block the DNR requiring cleanup of "emerging contaminants" Which include pfas chemicals. The dry-cleaning company filing suit says the DNR would not approve a cleanup plan without also testing for pfas which are the subject of litigation locally for causing groundwater issues on French Island due to their presence in firefighting foam used at the airport.

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Slug: YANCY DIETER

A Monroe County jury delivers a guilty verdict more than three years after a fatal drunk driving incident. County DA Kevin Croninger says 48-year-old Yancy Dieter is convicted on five counts including homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle. In 2017 Dieter was involved in a crash that killed the passenger in the vehicle he was driving. Investigation revealed he was traveling at speeds upwards of 120 miles per hour and had a blood alcohol content of point-192 several hours after the crash. Dieter is in custody awaiting sentencing which is set for April 21.

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Slug: MALL SHOOT UPDATE

More continuing coverage tonight, the case of a 15-year-old boy charged with shooting and wounding eight people at the Mayfair Mall in Wauwatosa last year will remain in juvenile court. The teen faces several counts of first-degree reckless injury and possessing a firearm while under 18 in connect to the November 20 shooting On Thursday a Milwaukee county judge ruled that prosecutors had not met their burden to support moving the case to adult court.

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Slug: LORI ANN HOLTON

A West Salem woman is back in jail, charged with witness intimidation and felony bail jumping. Lori Holton was charged back in January for keeping an elderly man in West Salem confined to his room. In addition to abusing him. According to the latest criminal complaint, Holton left several threatening voice mails to a witness involved in the case. Today in judge Todd Bjerke set Holton's bail at 10-thousand dollars cash. Her next court appearance is not yet set.

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Slug: CHAUVIN

One week from today the former Minneapolis police officer accused of murdering George Floyd will face trial. Today an appeals court heard arguments Monday on whether to reinstate third-degree murder charges against Derek Chauvin. He is accused of second-degree unintentional murder and second-degree manslaughter in the death of George Floyd a 46-year-old black man died last May. Video of the incident shows Chauvin kneeling on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes as Floyd said he could not breathe. In October, a third-degree murder charge against Chauvin was dropped. The judge ruled that charge only applies in cases where a defendant's action endangers others and is not specifically directed at the person who died. However, Minnesota's attorney general claims the recent appellate decision in the sentencing of another former Minneapolis police officer gives clear guidance on the third-degree murder charge. In that case, Mohammed Noor was sentenced to over 12 years in prison for the fatal shooting of Justine Ruszczyk while responding to her 911 call.

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Slug: YOUNG PARDON

The youngest person to be pardoned by Governor Evers lives in Dane County but turned his life around, on another continent. As reporter Tony Galli explains the circumstances of this young man's crime May have factored into the governor's leniency. At thirty Mount Horeb's Brenton Bach is still the youngest person to receive a pardon from Governor Evers. At UW Whitewater, the result: felony convictions. Bach's attorney maintains, turning students into informants, is questionable. After his convictions Brenton Bach's change was dramatic. He served in the Israeli military. This pardon advisory board member...Believes there is no conflict of interest. In considering the case of an old friend's son.

with input from the board...Governor Evers delivers a second chance. The chief of UW Whitewater's police department was not available for comment on the use of students as drug informants.

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Slug: 6TH OWI

A Milwaukee man is arrested near Camp Douglas on a charge of 6th offense OWI fifty-three-year-old Gregory Philon was found by the Tomah post Wisconsin state patrol along a stretch of I-90-94 in a disabled truck. According to authorities, Philon had marijuana in plain view and showed signs of impairment. After standard sobriety tests were given, he was arrested and taken to the Juneau County jail.

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Slug: DRUG INDICTS

Two La Crosse men have been indicted by a federal grand jury, both facing charges on methamphetamine crimes. Tang Vue is charged with two counts of distributing meth, one of those times in an amount exceeding 50 grams. Cody Stough faces a single charge of meth distribution, also more than 50 grams total. If convicted each man faces a mandatory 5-year sentence and a possible maximum of 40 years in federal prison.

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Slug: COLTEN TREU

A judge denies Colten Treu's request to withdraw the plea deal he entered for killing three girl scouts and a mother back in 2018. In March of 20-20, Treu was sentenced to 54 years in prison and 45 years of extended supervision. In court this afternoon, judge James Isaacson issued the decision after Treu's postconviction attorney Dennis Schertz argued Treu had not entered the plea while knowing he would not be able to appeal for a change of venue. Treu says had he known that he would have pleaded differently and requested the case go to a jury. The prosecution argued that while Treu had never been explicitly told the details surrounding each type of appeal he would be waiving he still understood what rights he was giving up when entering his plea deal. The judge ruled on this premise stating that Treu quote had the ability to comprehend he was fully informed of rights to waive by plea.

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Slug: PFAS

The City of La Crosse filed a lawsuit against dozens of chemical manufacturers. It alleges those companies produced firefighting foam that caused PFAS contamination in private wells around the La Crosse regional airport. The lawsuit names the 3M Company, AGC Chemicals and a number of other manufacturers. It alleges the companies have known the foam would contaminate the area's groundwater but continued to manufacture and sell it without warning their customers, creating danger to public health. The city is seeking to cover costs of investigating, monitoring wells and treating contamination.

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Slug: DRUG SENTENCE

A La Crosse woman who pled guilty to drug trafficking was sentenced this week. Sandy Xiong will serve 5 years in federal prison for possessing more than 50 grams of methamphetamine for distribution. The 31-year-old was arrested back in February of 2020. A search by police found her in possession of 116 grams of meth in her car, as well as 212 grams in her home.

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Slug: FLOYD SETUP

An appeals court in Minnesota ordered the trial court to reconsider the state's motion to add a third-degree murder charge against Derek Chauvin. In October, a third-degree murder charge against Chauvin was dropped. The judge ruled that charge only applies in cases where a defendant's action endangers others and is not specifically directed at the person who died. Minnesota's attorney general claims the recent appellate decision in the sentencing of another former Minneapolis police officer gives clear guidance on the third-degree murder charge. It is unclear if the order could impact the start of the trial which is set to begin Monday. Reporter Nadia Romero shows how fateful moments nine months ago led to a case with worldwide attention. A word of caution some may find the video you are about to see disturbing. May 25th, 20-20, the last minutes of George Floyd's life caught on camera. The video, and his death, sparked protests across the nation and a renewed movement against police brutality around the world. Now, nearly ten months later Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer seen kneeling on Floyd's neck is set to stand trial with jury selection beginning Monday morning. Chauvin is facing charges of second degree-murder and second degree-manslaughter He has pleaded not guilty. His defense is expected to rely heavily on the argument that he was doing what he was trained to do and on Floyd's toxicology reports, released by the Hennepin county medical examiner. Showing several drugs in his system, including morphine, fentanyl, cannabis, and methamphetamine, though not all of the tests were reliable, the coroner's report said. The judge is allowing the trial to be streamed live to the public. Barriers and barbed wire have gone up in Minneapolis, fortifying the government center where the trial will take place. Law enforcement and military presence will be heavy. Local activists say they are ready to show up and peacefully protest. Some say they will not be intimidated by the beefed-up security and are criticizing the plans put in place to fortify parts of the city. Others say they will be on the streets keeping an eye out to try to stop things from escalating and turning violent. You can see the entire trial unfold over on our companion network court t-v channel 19-point-4 starting on Monday.

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Slug: SUS

Jackson county authorities want people to be on the lookout for a man they say is armed and dangerous. They are looking for 74-year-old Gary Hughes. Late last night a deputy tried to make contact with Hughes on a felony probation warrant When the sheriff's office says Hughes made comments saying he would not go back to jail, firing gunshots at the deputy who was uninjured. That led to a 15-hour standoff at a home on Kelly Road in the Town of Springfield during which other people at the home safely evacuated. Law enforcement then entered the home finding Hughes had fled. Anyone with information where he might be Should not approach or try to make contact Instead call Jackson County dispatch at 715-284-5357.

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:42 3/8/21 MIDDAY

Slug: CHAUVIN

Former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin is charged with the death of George Floyd. Jury selection was set to begin today but delayed as the court ordered the judge to reconsider his decision to dismiss a third murder degree charge. One local expert says a high-profile case like this one could pose some challenges for fair jury selection. Also known as voir dire veenstra also said he expects jury selection to take some time in this case because in Minnesota the defense can strike up to 15 jurors without cause.

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:23 3/10/21 6PM

Slug: RITTENHOUSE TRIAL

In continuing coverage, the trial for an Illinois teen charged with fatally shooting two people at a protest in Kenosha is being pushed back. Kyle Rittenhouse's trial was scheduled to begin at the end of the

month but this morning both sides telling a judge that they need more time to prepare. The trial is now set to start in November. If convicted Rittenhouse faces up to life in prison.

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Slug: SLENDERMAN

One of the people in the so-called "slender man" stabbing case, wrote a letter requesting her release from a mental institution. Anissa Weier is now 19 years old. Reporter Nick Bohr has the latest on the petition for release. It is nearly seven years since Waukesha 12-year-olds Anissa Weier and Morgan Geyser were first in court Charged with stabbing their classmate Peyton Leutner. They said they did it to please the fictional bogeyman slender man. Peyton nearly died. Anissa Weier is now 19, asking to be released from a mental institution where she has been since a jury found her not guilty due to mental illness. In a letter to the judge Wednesday, Weier wrote in part "I hate my actions May 31, 2014 but through countless hours of therapy I no longer hate myself for them." and she continued, saying she is ready for release. The judge will make a decision in June. Anissa's attorney tells us all three court appointed psychiatrists who have examined Anissa say she is ready for release. The doctor's reports all support conditional release. Both sides will spend the next few weeks putting their arguments in writing, submitting those to the judge. He said he will make a decision at the next hearing scheduled for June 11.

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Slug: CHAVIN UPDATE

New at MidDay, a judge is granting prosecutors' request to add a third-degree murder charge against the former Minneapolis officer accused of killing George Floyd. This decision comes a day after the Minnesota supreme court rejected Derek Chauvin's efforts to block the charge. Chauvin was already charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter. Legal experts say the additional charge helps prosecutors by giving jurors one more option to convict Chauvin. The jury selection process for the trial is continuing today. There are 9 seats left to fill.

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Slug: CHAUVIN

As criminal proceedings continue against Derek Chauvin. The city of Minneapolis Agreeing to pay 27-million dollars to settle a civil lawsuit filed by George Floyd's family. In the criminal trial against the former police officer accused of killing Floyd Jury selection continues. The judge talking with potential jurors today about limitations. Seven people have been seated so far in a process that could take at least two more weeks.

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Slug: CHAUVIN

Nine jurors in the case against Derek Chauvin are now seated. The eighth and ninth selected today as the defense seeks a further delay after last week's civil settlement awarded 27-million dollars to Floyd's family. At issue whether that settlement Approved unanimously by the Minneapolis city council makes it possible for Chauvin to get a fair trial. His attorney also floating the possibility of reviving an unsuccessful motion to change the venue for the trial over concern about the jury pool. The court describes the eighth juror as a black man in his 30s. The ninth is a white woman in her 50s including the most recent jurors, six men and three women have been chosen. 12 jurors are needed Plus two alternates. Testimony is expected to begin as scheduled on March 29th the judge in the case not immediately awarding the defense's delay But says it is a concern that will be addressed with the jurors already selected. It is expected that opening statements will begin no earlier than march 29th. Testimony could take roughly four weeks.

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Slug: OWI CRASH

Jackson county officials are still investigating a one-vehicle crash that resulted in a fourth offense OWI charge. A release from the sheriff's office says deputies were called to highway 12-27 in the Town of Adams around 10-o'clock Saturday night for a car that left the road Going over train tracks and coming to rest on its side trapping the driver. Working quickly, they called the railroad company to have an oncoming train stop within a mile of the crash site While Black River Falls fire crews got the driver out of the vehicle. Authorities cited the driver 46-year-old Jessie Hoff of Alma Center for a felony 4th offense OWI as well as having open intoxicants and failure to keep a vehicle under control.

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:40 3/17/21 6PM

Slug: ARTERIAL SHOOTING

A La Crosse man is in jail after shooting a gun in local bar's parking lot. The criminal complaint shows Taylor Johnson was at the arterial bar around 12:30 Sunday morning when he decided to go out to the parking lot and fire a handgun several times into the air and across 16th street. When La Crosse police arrived, Taylor was spotted getting into a car that quickly left the scene. That car was stopped a few blocks away, and Johnson was taken into custody. Johnson' submitted to a blood alcohol test, resulting in a b-a-c of .141 The 32-year-old is charged with operating a firearm while intoxicated in addition to first degree reckless endangerment. He remains in jail on a one-thousand-dollar cash bond.

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:30 3/17/21 6PM

Slug: CHAUVIN UPDATE

The judge in the murder trial for former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin is dismissing two of the jurors that had been seated. This follows a fresh round of questioning after the city announced a 27-million-dollar settlement with the family of the man killed George Floyd. Chauvin's attorney requested the renewed questioning calling last week's settlement announcement "not fair" to the defense. The judge is also considering a request for delaying the trial. Opening statements are still scheduled to begin March 29.

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Slug: TAYLOR JOHNSON

A virtual court appearance this afternoon for the Onalaska man who shot a gun in the parking lot of a local bar. Taylor Johnson chose to waive his right to a preliminary hearing and a not guilty plea was entered on his behalf. According to the criminal complaint Johnson fired a gun several times outside of the arterial bar in La Crosse on March 14th. The 32-year-old is charged with operating a firearm while intoxicated in addition to first degree reckless endangerment. He is currently free on a 1-thousand-dollar cash bond. Johnson's next court appearance is scheduled for April 9th.

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Slug: MARSHALL

A la crosse man now facing federal drug charges from a January incident. Aubrey Marshall is charged with two counts of distribution of crack cocaine. The 45-year-old also faces two possession charges. If convicted, he faces a minimum penalty of 5 years and a maximum of 40 years in a federal prison. Both the La Crosse police department and the FBI worked on the investigation that led to Marshall's arrest.

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Slug: BOULDER

A court appearance for the man suspected in the Boulder Colorado shootings. 10-people died in that shooting. It was, prosecutors said, a first step on the long road to justice. Ahmad Alissa hunched in court in a navy smock and white mask, a stark change from the green body armor police said he wore when he shot and killed ten people at the King Soopers Grocery. Alissa already faces 10 counts of murder and 1 count of attempted murder. Police have not released a motive but his court-appointed attorney raised questions of his mental state. Prosecutors declined to speculate on a possible insanity defense. Alissa was ordered held without bail. It was the first time he was seen publicly since he was escorted out of the supermarket, nearly naked and restrained by handcuffs that belonged to boulder police officer Eric Talley, who was among those allegedly killed by the suspect. His patrol car is now a growing memorial. Darcy Lopez's managers the cheese counter at the King Soopers. When the shooting started, she tried to squeeze into a cabinet. The shooting has been deeply felt across boulder but the district attorney said today he is confident the court can find 12 jurors in the country who can be fair. Aaron Katersky ABC News New York.

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Slug: DEVINE

A former division chief for the La Crosse fire department is sentenced to 18 months' probation after pleading guilty to a lesser charge following his arrest for possession of child pornography. Frank Devine was arrested back in March of 2019 when investigators acted on a cybertip. According to the criminal complaint - a search warrant at Devine's home turned up a photo image on the hard drive of his computer. Appearing this morning before judge Elliot Levine via Zoom and with his attorney, Devine made a statement before his sentencing. As part of Devine's probation, any use of the internet is at the discretion of his probation officer.

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Slug: JACOB BLAKE LAWSUIT

The man whose wounding at the hands of police last summer, Jacob Blake, has filed an excessive force lawsuit against the Kenosha officer who shot him. The civil lawsuit seeks unspecified damages. Officer Rusten Sheskey shot Blake 7 times last August while responding to a domestic dispute. Prosecutors chose not to file charges against neither Sheskey nor Blake.

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Slug: BELTRAN

The former head of the la crosse area development corporation makes his initial appearance in a la crosse court this afternoon. Jorge Beltran is charged with theft in the amount between ten-thousand and 100-thousand dollars from LADCO. According to the criminal complaint, Beltran allegedly misused credit cards and purchased various person items including lawn fertilizer, fishing lures and violin lessons for his son. A preliminary hearing for Beltran is set for April 7th.

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Slug: LYNDON

Two people are now charged in connection to a double homicide in Juneau County. Felix Rivera Medina is charged with two counts of first-degree intentional homicide. His girlfriend, Makaela Decorah, faces several felonies, including theft from a corpse. The criminal complaint alleges Rivera Medina beat Decorah's mother Tina Decorah and Tina's boyfriend Duane Mallory with a baseball bat. The complaint says Makaela Decorah was being evicted from her mother's home.

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Slug: CHAUVIN

Testimony continues today in the trial of Derek Chauvin. The former police officer charged with murder in the death of George Floyd. Witness Donald Williams returning to the stand today to pick up where he left off yesterday. The mixed martial arts fighter who saw Floyd die on Memorial Day last year detailing why he felt he had to call the police on the police. Williams saying today that Chauvin carried out a deadly move called a blood choke, with his knee. Chauvin faces second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter charges in Floyd's killing. He has pleaded not guilty to all of the charges.

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Slug: MASKS

Mask mandate no more, Wisconsin's Supreme Court strikes down the governor's order as unconstitutional. The 4-3 decision says Governor Tony Evers exceeded his authority by extending the mandate for months, using multiple emergency orders. Capitol bureau chief AJ Bayatpour breaks down the decision and reaction. On the day the state supreme court strikes down his statewide mask order Governor Tony Evers visits with crews filling potholes including this stop in Wausau. Evers maintains he should be allowed to extend the order comparing it to another rite of spring in Wisconsin, flooding. The swing justice on the court, Brian Hagedorn, disagrees. In the majority opinion, he writes "the question in this case is not whether the governor acted wisely; it is whether he acted lawfully. We conclude he did not." The court's three liberal justices focus on the word "occurrences" in the emergency powers language, arguing in their dissent the evolving nature of the pandemic allowed Evers to issue new orders. Justice Ann Walsh Bradley writes "we are in the midst of a worldwide pandemic that so far has claimed the lives of over a half million people in this country. And with the stakes so high, the majority not only arrives at erroneous conclusions, but it also obscures the consequence of its decision." Conservative lawyers like Rick Esenberg say that would set a dangerous new standard. Evers went on to say he has no choice but to accept the ruling but he will keep asking people in Wisconsin to wear masks and maintain distancing until more of the state can get vaccinated.

3. AGRICULTURE 1-1-21 THROUGH 3-31-21

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Slug: WOLVES

With a new year comes new regulations and that includes a shifting of laws around Wisconsin's grey wolf population. Though wolves are no longer on the protected species list, the DNR reminds residents that wolves are not allowed to be hunted outside of their season. Livestock-owners and residents are only allowed to take action if there is immediate threat to a person or animal.

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Slug: WOLF

Federal protection of the grey wolf ended yesterday on January 4. This means they are no longer on the endangered species list. The wolves are now managed solely by state and tribal authorities. According to the DNR's latest population surveys, Minnesota has the largest wolf population in the lower 48, estimated around 2700 wolves. Wisconsin's latest population estimation comes in around 1000 wolves. DNR large carnivore specialist Dan Stark says that a healthy population is important to the entire ecosystem. Delisting the wolf means changes for livestock and pet owners in both Minnesota and Wisconsin, and aggressive wolves may be killed under certain circumstances.

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Slug: FARMORY

A first of its kind urban farm in northeast Wisconsin takes a major step forward in helping others grow yellow perch indoors. The farmory is celebrating the first graduates of its aquaculture technician certification program. Since its launch, a year ago, the state-of-the-art commercial fish hatchery has sold fingerling perch to more than 60 customers. Now a 12-week cohort program, it covers all aspects of aquaculture with wild yellow perch supplies in decline. Graduates of the farmoryworks aquaculture technician program see opportunity. Brian Schuh, one of the first 12 graduates, plans to start an aquaponics company in the Fox Valley. He says the sustainable agriculture education proved invaluable.

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Slug: AG BUDGET

That is just an hour after Governor Evers will present his full proposed budget for the next two years. Tonight, Capitol Bureau Chief AJ Bayatpour has reaction from those working to feed Wisconsinites on how the budget addresses agriculture and hunger. Among the items we have seen thus far in Governor Evers' budget proposal...is a 43 million agriculture package. Its key programs include an initiative for finding new markets to export Wisconsin products, a 20-million-dollar program connecting food pantries with Wisconsin farmers...expanding the state's meat process capacity...and improving access to mental health services. The food bank money would let pantries use state dollars to buy food directly from Wisconsin producers. The director of feeding Wisconsin says demand at food banks is up between 50 and 80 percent across the state. As for meat programs, the state farm bureau says small processors have been vital to keeping up production during the pandemic. The proposal also expands an existing program providing mental health care access to farmers. Debi Towns from the farm bureau federation says a couple of additional items she wants to see get significant funding in the upcoming two-year cycle...are rural broadband, which she says would help small rural businesses. She also would like to see an emphasis on road funding, which is often a major debate during budget season in Wisconsin.

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Slug: WOLF ZONES

Wisconsin will end its statewide wolf hunt tomorrow after hunters neared their limit in the first few days of the abbreviated. Half of the wolf harvesting zones in the southern part of the state will close tomorrow morning at 10 The rest will close at 3pm tomorrow afternoon. The Wisconsin DNR says in just two days hunters killed 82 of the 119 gray wolves that the DNR allowed to be taken.

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Slug: COYOTE KILLING CONTEST

Right now in rock county a billboard pushing against coyote-killing contests is stirring up conversations. A rock county woman has purchased billboard space on highway 14 calling for a ban in southern Wisconsin. The tournaments are sponsored by taverns often involve coyotes and award prizes for the highest kill totals. Opponents say they amount to animal cruelty. But one woman who has hunted coyotes for almost a decade and often participates in coyote tournaments says the contests help keep the animals from preying on livestock or pets. Supporters of a ban say traditional hunting is enough to achieve wildlife management. A handful of states have bans.

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Slug: MN DEER

A new study returns some troubling results white tail deer across Minnesota are being exposed to dangerous pesticides. The Minnesota DNR asked hunters to submit deer spleens to be examined for the study. Nearly 800 spleens were collected across the state and about 61 percent of the samples indicated exposure to pesticides. The chemicals found are usually used for insect control in homes, gardens, yards, and crops. Wildlife officials say the levels of pesticides found should not impact deer meat. The Minnesota DNR is planning additional sampling this fall and is exploring future research options on pesticides in wildlife.

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Slug: WATER QUALITY

With a rapidly expanding world population the importance of freshwater is only growing and some of the world's best water research is happening right in our back yard. News 19's Warren Sears learns more about a program at UWL that centers around aquatic issues. Water covers about 71 percent of the earth's surface but only 3 percent of that is freshwater. So according to UWL the future is water That is why the state of Wisconsin has formed a freshwater collaborative partnership with all 13 public universities. It hopes to train the next generation of water professionals. La Crosse is in such a unique position because of the abundant freshwater we have around here. Current research underway includes work with invasive species microplastics in the water the floodplain forest and so much more. According to the united nations over 78 percent of jobs worldwide are somehow dependent on water So figuring out ways to navigate water cleanliness and manage pollutants is a crucial step in the coming years according to the university. Thanks Warren. Over the next 5 years the UW System hopes to have over 1000 students studying water science and 600 new jobs in the water science field.

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Slug: DNR PRESCRIBED BURNS

With temps warming back up in the badger state the DNR is holding prescribed burns at its properties across the state over the next few months. Fires can help wetlands prairies and other areas thrive. Periodic burns can remove dead grass and improve space for wildlife and allow more space for vegetation to grow. Wildlife officials say local fire departments will be notified ahead of time.

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Slug: BATS

White nose syndrome is a devastating disease for bats that caused a rapid decline in population. That is why it is now illegal to kill them unless you are in immediate danger. When the weather dramatically changes like we have seen recently the bats can become more active. Often times finding their way into homes and other buildings through small cracks. If you have bats the coulee region humane society wants to remind you how to safely remove them.

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Slug: WOLF BOARD

Following concern over how it handled the abbreviated wolf hunting season last month The Wisconsin DNR is looking for volunteers to serve on a new committee on wolf management. Reporter Addison Van Patten tells us what that would entail. During the February wolf hunt the harvest quota was exceeded by 82-percent concerning some in the state. and with another hunt just months away there is a lot of questions to be answered. The existing plan was last updated in 2007 but now the DNR is hoping to have volunteers from ag, advocacy, hunting background and more make up a committee to help with the decision making. That includes figuring out how many wolves should be harvested. The DNR says these recommendations will be a balance of scientific and socially supported ideas. Applications must be submitted by march nineteenth. The committee will begin working in June, and a finalized plan can be expected in spring of 2022. Dr Prehn says the biggest question in his opinion is how many wolves that are actually out there once is determined, many decisions will follow.

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Slug: SAVE POLLINATORS

Conservationists say pollinators Bees butterflies' wasps and moths Sleep through the winter under the leaves and snow in gardens and they do not wake up until May so gardeners should hold off on tending to their gardens. Experts say raking, digging and prepping gardens too early could hurt the pollinators.

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Slug: WMN IN CONSERV

A new program launches to support and serve the growing number of female farmers and women managing land in Wisconsin. It is called Wisconsin Women in Conservation, a three-year program led by groups like the Wisconsin farmers union. According to the USDA's 2017 census of agriculture, 35 percent of Wisconsin's producers are women that is a sixteen percent increase from the previous survey in 2012.

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Slug: CONTROL BURN

Do not be alarmed if you see smoke coming from near the bluffs over the next few months. Controlled burns will be happening now through may as weather allows. The fires are a way for the city to increase seed-to-soil contact for plant species as well as help recycle nutrients from burned soils back into soils along the trails as a way to preserve those paths. During the burns multiple trails around the community will be closed including the upper Hixon Trail and Miller Bluff the first burn set for Miller Bluff tomorrow.

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Slug: ASIAN CARP

Last spring there were over 50 invasive carp captured in pool 8 of the Mississippi River. This prompted action from many local environmental agencies. News 19's Warren Sears spoke with the Minnesota

DNR about a new project that hopes to remove the carp from the area. The Minnesota DNR is partnering with Wisconsin DNR, US Geological Survey and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct an extensive carp removal. According to the DNR we have captured both silver and grass carp in the area and they will be using a new method called the modified unified method to extract as many as possible. This new method essentially combines netting and herding techniques like electro fishing and underwater speakers to comb through a large body of water like the Mississippi River. Carp numbers are some of the largest documented in the state but the DNR says there are no signs of spawning yet so this effort is to extract the carp before they start reproducing and growing rapidly. This project begins April 5th and will likely run 7 to 12 days. The DNR wants you to know that there will be temporary closures on parts of pool 8 during that time frame.

4. "COMMUNITY EVENTS" 1-1-21 THROUGH 3-31-21

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Slug: ROTARY LIGHTS

In La Crosse, the Rotary Lights display in Riverside Park is coming down. It provides a lot of enjoyment and the food and money donations collected help a lot of people. They are still working to determine those totals But volunteers say the generosity exceeded expectations News 19's Rylie Kyhn explains why it was a big year for the lights display when set up for Rotary Lights began president Pat Stephens predicted it would be a banner year for them and he was absolutely correct after over a month of food and monetary donations coming in volunteer coordinator Sarah Dahlke says they reached their goal seven days before they even closed they do not have a final total yet because they still have donations coming in the display is being taken down now but Dahlke says they are grateful for everyone that came out to see it and made donations she says for the community to find a way to give so much in such a tough year is truly amazing although display takes over a month to set up.. It is taken down in about six hours it is over now but they will be back next year and hopefully for many more to come Rotary Lights has around three thousand volunteers between their set up and take down process Dahlke says not a single person from Rotary Lights receives compensation for their work and it is heartwarming to see so many people giving their time and effort for this event volunteers say final donation totals should arrive within a week or so. In the meantime, they send their sincere thanks for your generosity.

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Slug: EAGLE SCOUT

An Eau Claire teen is among the first female eagle scouts in the country. Felicity bosk from our station in Eau Claire Explains what it took to reach this milestone. It takes 21 merit badges to be an eagle scout. Maddy Branco has 36. Maddy also completed a community service project by building picnic tables for the flying eagles ski club another key part to being qualified to be an eagle scout. she like tens of thousands of other girls joined scouts BSA when they began admitting girls in February 2019. she was inspired to join largely by watching her brothers and what they got to do in the scouts and in a classic sibling rivalry she wanted to out-do them. This winter hundreds of girls nationwide are going before their local board of review and being recommended to the national council to become eagle scouts. Maddy's recommendation ceremony took place Thursday something that Chippewa Valley council president says is exciting to see. Being among the first female eagle scouts in the organizations hundred plus year history is not something lost on Maddy who says she hopes more children can learn the skills scouts BSA teaches. In February Maddy and hundreds of others will be officially confirmed as eagle scouts but on Thursday afternoon she was able to be recognized by the local scout leaders and got a big hug from her very proud mom the Boy Scouts of America first announced that girls would be allowed to join the organization in October 2017.

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Slug: BALFANY

Local musicians continue to find ways to connect with their audience. The La Crosse jazz orchestra is hitting a high note when it comes to virtual offerings. They have now released a third music video since last September. Each member of the orchestra records an individual part from home. Greg Balfany mixes the sound. Bass player Karyn Quinn edits the video. Here is a sample of Too Marvelous for Words. You can see and hear the three songs the orchestra has recorded since they began this project last fall by finding this story on our website.

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Slug: ROTARY

When set up for Rotary Lights began last fall President Pat Stephens predicted it would be a banner year. That proved to be true Reaching their donation goal seven days before they even closed, they do not have a final total yet because they still have donations coming in but volunteer coordinator Sarah Dahlke says for the community to find a way to give so much in a tough year is truly amazing. Another amazing task Today's tear down Which took six hours for a display months in the making. They have around three-thousand volunteers between set up and take down Helping make the season magical for many.

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Slug: ELLSWORTH PACK

A western Wisconsin woman could be entering the hall of fame! the Packers *fan* hall of fame that is. Jeanne Beardsley of Ellsworth is one of ten finalists in the running to become the Packers 2021 fan hall of fame winner which recognizes lifelong, diehard cheese heads. Beardsley makes the trek across the state for each home game and when the Packers are on the road, she has known for bringing the party back to Ellsworth.

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Slug: ROTARY

Rotary Lights has reached their donation goal and they did it 7-days before they closed. They do not have a final total yet because they still have donations coming in but a volunteer coordinator says it is truly amazing for the community to find a way to give so much in a tough year. Another amazing task This year's tear down Which took 6-hours for a display months in the making. They have around 3-thousand volunteers between set up and take down Helping make the season magical for many.

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Slug: FROSTY

One of the most unique weather phenomena I've experience since I've been in the coulee region what we call rime ice is looks very similar to what many know as hoarfrost but they differ in the way they are created rime ice forms when super cooled water which is liquid water below freezing freezes on contact with a cold surface so liquid to ice in many cases rime ice is a result of freezing dense fog like we have seen recently hoarfrost is formed when water vapor turns to ice without passing through the liquid phase generally hoarfrost forms on clear, cold nights with sufficient moisture here's a look at some of the 300 pictures we received yesterday thank you all so much for sending them in the closeup pictures show the needle like structure of this rime ice and the wide shots just look so pretty with all the ice in the trees Fences bird feeders trees Christmas lights you name it if you have a good eye for the outdoors and love to take pictures or just look at them join our WXOW weather photography Facebook I am not sure if you're in it yet but over 200 people share their views from their community sunrises sunsets snow pics it really is a cool page thanks Warren one more fact about rime ice It is much less dense than clear ice or glaze ice and causes virtually no damage to trees or power lines

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Slug: FINDING HOME

The marine credit union foundation continues to give back to the community and one of their most successful ventures is the finding home program in La Crosse. It is a free 12-to-18-month program designed to help families get in to home ownership that do not qualify for it anywhere else. Hein says the foundation is looking to expand the finding home program to communities beyond La Crosse. If you are interested in participating in the program You can email finding-dot-home at marine c-u dot com. You can also search marine credit union foundation online or call Hein at the number on your screen.

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Slug: CONVEYOR

The WAFER food pantry not only supplies the community with food they have come up with a unique way to keep them safe during the pandemic. News 19's Lindsey Ford shows you how the pantry has adapted during tough times. WAFER food pantry is rolling in the new year on a conveyor belt how it works is people can pull up into the parking lot around the back of the building give their information to staff at the window then pull forward to receive their fresh produce and canned goods off the conveyor belt. In the past volunteers say people had to stand outside in line between 30-40 minutes before they received their food. Volunteers say this is a great way to limit access to people while adding the convenience of getting the food they need. In La Crosse, Lindsey Ford WXOW News 19 the structure and conveyor were funded by feeding Wisconsin and Channel One Food Bank in Rochester and some cares act funding.

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Slug: ASHLEY ARTS

Ashley for the arts announced a new act today for their 2021 festival little big town will headline on Saturday August 14th at 10pm They join Foreigner, Toby Keith, and Switchfoot for this year's event which runs from August 12 through the 14th. Find ticket information on our website.

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Slug: TREMPEALEAU

Repairs now underway at the Trempealeau village hall. Three weeks ago, a car went through the wall of the building into the Trempealeau museum. The Trempealeau community heritage society runs the museum and keeps it in tact over the winter while it is closed interim president Steve Kiedrowski says they now have their work cut out for them today their goal was to move everything away from the damaged wall so repairs could begin on an important part of their history Kiedrowski says they are hoping to take a negative event and put a positive spin on it by increasing their membership numbers they are offering free memberships for the first year right now If you would like more information about how you can join Visit our website at Wxow.com

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Slug: HAWK REMEMBERED

The body of a Wisconsin air national guard pilot who died in a training exercise last month has been returned home the 115th fighter wing gave a hero's welcome home for Captain Durwood Hawk Jones unit members saluted as the hearse drove by to the funeral home Jones was killed when his F-16 fighter jet crashed in Michigan's upper peninsula Community members were also invited to line the streets and pay their respect Jones leaves behind a wife and two kids.

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Slug: KYW 1/13

For more than 50 years Eagle river has hosted one of the most anticipated winter sporting events in the Midwest and 2021 will be no exception. In this segment of know your Wisconsin Andrea Albers takes a look at what is in store for this year's world championship snowmobile derby. After a year full of uncertainty, there is one Northwoods winter tradition that fans can still look forward to. The 58th world championship snowmobile derby will be held in eagle river January 14th through January 17th at the world championship derby complex. Racing officially kicks off Jan. 8th with the vintage world championship snowmobile races, culminating with the main event the following weekend. The event will also feature motorcycle and UTV racing, as well as kick off the badger state winter games with the lighting of the ceremonial Olympic torch by 1971 and '72 world champion Mike Trapp and now you

know your Wisconsin! For more information about this year's world championship snowmobile derby go to derby-complex.com.

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Slug: LCT

With the pandemic many things have suffered among those the performing arts. The La Crosse community theatre has had to re-invent itself to bring art to the area. News 19's Lindsey Ford is here with us and tells us how the theatre's new executive director is doing so. Lindsey? Jase Sullivan, the executive director for the La Crosse community theatre tells me that with the great news regarding our nation's progress with administering vaccines that is one step closer to welcoming patrons back to the theatre. They have hosted a drive-in show at Altra credit union and even an online virtual video on demand show called miracle on 34th street but he says it is not quite the same adding that inviting people back inside the theatre could involve a number of things wearing mask, social distancing or both. The La Crosse community theatre has also formed an HR committee consisting of community members, HR specialist and members of the board and staff to create a new sexual harassment policy thank you Lindsey the La Crosse community theatre is also working to improve diversity in the performing arts. We will give you more details on that tonight at 10.

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Slug: TOYOTA

Local news now and Toyota of La Crosse helping customers to shop local. It is part of what they call Toyota La Crosse cares. The car dealer bought 15-thousand dollars in gift cards from Downtown Mainstreet. Each customer who purchased a vehicle from them in December Received a 500-dollar gift card. The dealer's general manager says in part "so many families and businesses find themselves facing great uncertainty right now, and the donation to Downtown Mainstreet ensures some help and promotes businesses that really need a boost from all of us." since 2016 Toyota of La Crosse cares has raised more than 100-thousand dollars for community causes through quarterly donations.

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Slug: MAYO DONATE

Mayo Clinic Health System donating as well. Almost 7-thousand dollars to food pantries across southwest Wisconsin. Family medicine physician Ben Dilger says "this year There is a greater need for charitable giving to food pantries and other charitable organizations due to unemployment and underemployment and that need will continue now and the months to come. Food pantries in Arcadia, Caledonia, La Crosse, Prairie du Chien, Sparta and Tomah received donations.

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Slug: NEW DOG

A family in Blair had been searching for their missing dog for over a year and a half They had started to lose hope until a couple came to the rescue last night. That is Sara Larson of Blair Her family lost their dog Buddy over a year and a half ago. They did everything to try and find them and last night a couple returned their Buddy, the golden pup so happy and Sara even happier to be reunited.

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Slug: WAFER VANDAL

Authorities are working to determine who vandalized the WAFER food pantry Mobile pantry last weekend. Someone removed and took the vehicle's catalytic converter. Here are some photos of the truck. WAFER staff say this is the second act of vandalism in two months. It is disappointing because the WAFER mobile pantry is used to deliver food to people who are going through a variety of struggles.

For example, delivery helps those without cars and people who are otherwise not mobile. The repair cost so far is more than 2,000 dollars WAFER can provide 4 meals for each dollar. Therefore, WAFER used \$2,000 to repair the truck instead of providing what would be 8,000 plus meals for families in the area. If you have any information please contact local law enforcement.

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Slug: RIPTIDE ABUSE

When you think of really big animal rescue groups you might think of peta, the a-s-p-c-a or the humane society of the united states. But a La Crosse program is receiving national recognition for its work rehabbing severely abused animals. Second chance to shine takes tough cases where there is little or next to no hope for the animal. We have to warn you that some of the video you are about to see is graphic. How a dog like Rippie can still smile is a mystery. At roughly 9 months old he was left for dead in the woods near St. Paul tied to a tree with no food or water. La Crosse trainer pam culver says this type of abuse is hard for many of us to hear. The zip tie that was on his face was down to the bone so there was a lot of cleaning that needed to happen there the issues with the back leg, it was maggot infested and needed to be amputated. Eve runs fun fur pet's doggie daycare in La Crosse. Her expertise and passion for pets carried over to rescue and out of all the agencies equipped to work with Rippie, The St. Paul rescue contacted her. While there are so many good people who would never abuse an animal there are even more who say, as a society, why should we worry about animals? Should not we put people first. Melissa has the perfect answer. It has been very heartening in the last few years entities like the FBI down to local and state law enforcement have started to take animal cruelty much more seriously recognizing its connection to other crimes. and recognizing that a person who could do something so cruel to an animal like riptide needs help and intervention and really needs to be prevented from harming others both animals and humans in the future. Eve and pam might have different reasons for getting involved in animal rescue but they certainly have the same reason for never giving up on dogs like Rippie. He makes you smile. I mean how can a dog go through what he went through and we see it all the time and they come out happy, loving, playing in the pool. You know just you are doing good stuff. and that makes it all worthwhile. Right, bud. Authorities in St. Paul do not have any solid leads in the case but they do have some new information. If you're wondering if Rippie is up for adoption he is still enrolled in eve's second chance to shine program and when they feel he is ready, he will go back to rescued pets are wonderful in St. Paul.

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Slug: WAFER EVENT

Every month WAFER food pantry's mobile pantry serves 280 families. For the past 3 years, the mobile pantry has been stopping at 19 different sites going out as Far as Mindoro. The areas typically are typically low-income communities where there is a lack of transportation and senior living sites. Every food package contains meat, dairy, fresh produce, and bakery items.

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Slug: MLK

Viterbo University made a lot of changes to how they celebrate m-l-k day the college canceled classes and added thirty service projects. They say it is a change resulting from the social justice movement we saw over the summer Organizers say they wanted to be more authentic and focus on Dr. King's "service" pillars by volunteering at places like the warming house and salvation army. The school also hosted an art-show and panel of Mariel boatlift refugees .the panelists of immigrants who fled from Cuba in the eighties. Shared their stories and musical talents. Viterbo staff hope they have started a new tradition in our area. The art exhibit will stay open for another month at the fine arts center. Organizers are planning an even bigger event for next year Pending any health restrictions.

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Slug: RAK FOREVER FUND

The La Crosse public education foundation has reached \$300,000 out of their \$400,000 goal for its random-acts-of-kindness funds to La Crosse public schools. These funds allow school staff to provide support, discreetly, to children in need no questions asked. The principal for each school controls the funds. Teachers have noticed children who need clothing, money, food, school supplies along with other needs across 15 schools. The total cost for the RAK program is nearly \$30,000 per year and spending has been increasing.

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Slug: WEINERMOBILE

The Oscar Meyer Weinermobile is in town! It arrived in La Crosse yesterday and it is currently in the home two suites parking lot. Drivers Ashley and CJ. say they are excited to be here and want to meet as many people as they can. You can see what events they already have planned as well as request them to come to an event using their website. Ashley and CJ. say the smile they put on people's faces is more important than ever. They say they will be visiting nursing homes and they are working with meals on wheels to create a project as well. They are currently looking for the next round of drivers. If you are interested you can visit our website.

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Slug: LOTTERY DRAW

The mega millions jackpot drawing is tonight. It is the second largest jackpot in history estimated to be eight hundred and fifty million dollars. This is the longest running jackpot ever. No one has won since September of 2020. Winners are drawn every Tuesday and Friday. Kailey Bender from the Wisconsin Lottery says the odds of winning are always the same and they typically see people do quick pick. While mega millions is making history so is Powerball. It is worth seven hundred and thirty million right now. This is the first time in history both are over 700 million and they combine for 1-point-85 billion. The Powerball drawing is Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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Slug: SAL ARMY CHECK

And the Mayo Clinic Health System donated \$15,000 to the La Crosse Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign. Because of this donation and additional community support, over \$28,000 has been set aside for the mental health initiative for 2021. For a number of years, the Sal Army has provided a psychiatrist to meet and work with the emergency shelter residents.

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Slug: SLED

The hills of Myrick Park are alive with the sounds of sledding and a new addition a free sled library is making that a little more accessible. The non-profit "hike it baby" created the wooden structure to help kids enjoy outdoor fun That is about more than just the sledding itself. Miller also said that the team at Wis-Corp and Myrick Park made placement of the sled library possible. Sled donations are also welcome.

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Slug: HANK AARON

And a passing today from the world of sports. Baseball legend Hank Aaron died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 86. We will have more about his record-setting pro career with the braves and brewers coming up in sports. But before all that Aaron's career took root in western Wisconsin. Originally from

Mobile Alabama an 18-year-old Aaron played for the Eau Claire Bears at Carson Park in 1952. This is video from a visit there years ago with former governor Jim Doyle. A plaque outside the park commemorates Aaron's time with the class c minor league team Including his auspicious start hitting two run scoring singles in his first two at bats on June 14. Representative Ron Kind sharing this image and a statement on Aaron's passing today that reads in part "I am deeply saddened by the passing of hank Aaron I've never met a person who was a better ambassador for the game of baseball and for the goal of equal opportunity for all our citizens." kind went on to say he is praying for Aaron's family as they deal with the grief of his loss.

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Slug: DREWS CREW

COVID-19 shortened the high school hockey season, but it provides some perspective especially when it comes to understanding that playing is a privilege. For the Aquinas co-op there is an even greater source of understanding about that freedom as News 19's Declan Levy and photographer Travis Judell have the story. It sounds like a typical night in the Onalaska Omni Center but it is not. This is Drew Evenson. As a captain of the Avalanche his job is to lead his guys. But that took on a whole new meaning right before the season started. Happy, healthy and hockey, that is what drives Drew. Receiving the news was far from easy especially given what he was working towards. His health has shifted and his relationship with hockey has changed but his happiness has flourished and hockey is the root of it. Drew's supporting cast or Drew's Crew as they are calling it is fueling his fight making the Avalanche no longer his team but his family and that transition of support was a breeze on this night. The avalanche plays their biggest rival, Onalaska. The Av's rep their new look together for Drew but it is not just his team. It is the whole hockey community and on this rivalry night. Onalaska says we are with Drew too. It is not Drew's sickness that makes him an inspiration, it is Drew. Reporting on strength Declan Levy WXOW News 19 Thanks Declan. Drew says his treatments are going well. He has a bright future as he has been accepted into the University of Minnesota and as of right now the doctors say he'll be able to attend in the fall but treatment will continue for the next three years.

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Slug: CHALLENGER ANNIV

Today is NASA's annual day of remembrance honoring the members who lost their lives while furthering the cause of exploration and discovery and it was 35 years ago today since the fatal challenger explosion. On this day in 1986 the space shuttle broke apart 73 seconds into flight. Seven crew members were killed including Christa McAuliffe who would have been the first teacher in space. A retired teacher from Tomah was also a finalist in that teacher in space project. He says people are fascinated by space travel and bigger developments are on the horizon. Scheckel says the idea of space travel may be growing in popularity due to events such as the space-x launches this past year and the all-female spacewalk in 2019.

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Slug: MN GAMESTOP

A Minnesota man is among the many people on reddit who helped propel the Gamestop stock to new heights but instead of keeping the money Reporter Dave Schuman shows you how the young man is paying it forward. Let us break down that sentence from Hunter Kahn. GMA is the symbol for Gamestop stock. On the moon means it went way up last week. Hunter cashed in big on that, but the better feeling He has talking about was using his money to donate six Nintendo switches and games to children's Minnesota hospital. Hunter's post on reddit about his donation, has more than 175,000 up votes or likes. He is comfortable on reddit, the home of the online forum called wall street bets, that helped propel Gamestop stock to its dizzying heights. The rally resulted in many amateur investors like hunter beating wealthy hedge funds at their own game. U of M business and law professor Paul

Vaaler says the Gamestop story shows the power of the internet. But can this populist investing movement sustain itself? Despite his success Kahn has no plans to work in finance. He is an engineering student who says he wants to build spaceships for Elon Musk.

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Slug: FIREFIGHTER

The La Crosse fire department honored their firefighter of the year virtually today News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares why he was given this award and what it means to him the award is given to a firefighter based on nominations from other people that work at the station. Assistant fire chief Jeff Murphy says Brian Stein is the epitome of a leader and he has the heart of a teacher. He says Brian is truly a rock star and they could not have made a better choice Brian has been a part of the station for twenty-five years and he had no idea until today he was receiving the award. He says it is humbling Chief Murphy says Brian represents the La Crosse fire department in the best way Brian thanked his peers and expressed his gratitude for the career he has had so far. This is a huge honor within the fire department and congratulations to Brian.

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Slug: GROUNDHOG JIM

This morning we learned that Punxsutawney Phil is predicting 6 more weeks of winter. But now we are hearing from Jimmy the sun prairie groundhog who did not see his shadow this morning! Jimmy offering a more favorable prediction that spring will arrive early this year. Sun Prairie's 73rd annual groundhog's day event going virtual due to the pandemic. Jimmy could be on to something. Because Punxsutawney Phil has only been right 50 percent of the time in the last 10 years.

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Slug: ROSA PARKS

A designated seat on all MTU busses on which no one sat. Designed to mark Transit Equality Day and Rosa Parks' birthday. Parks refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery Alabama bus in 1955. It had a significant impact on the civil rights movement. The MTU bus seats contained a poster, flower, and information about Transit Equality Day. MTU director Adam Lorentz says support from drivers, community and city has been outstanding and he says Park's refusal to leave her seat had a greater impact than she probably ever thought it would. Lorentz says he hopes to use this day to educate about the global effect of Rosa Parks decision.

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Slug: FIRE HERO

Kids tend to look up to super heroes but sometimes they become one by taking action in a time of crisis. News 19's Lindsey Ford is here with us now and tells us about a 6-year-old local boy named Liam who got the opportunity to help save the day. Lindsey? That is correct earlier in the year on January 20th to be exact Liam Cochrane who attends Emerson elementary school woke up to what he tells me a "funny smell" in his house. Liam did not realize that what he smelled possibly saved his family's lives.

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Slug: FANCY SHELVES

A Winona woman is building connections with the community near and far which is difficult to do during a pandemic but News 19's Marcus Aarsvold learns how she has collecting crafts created by her grandfather in La Crosse. Decades ago, after a long day working at Trane company, Sally Mathews grandfather Harold Mathews would come home, build "fancy shelves" then her Grandma Betty would

sell them out of their Avon Street gift shop. Some of the crafts still hang in La Crosse homes today. By day Sally repairs computers at Winona State, by night she connects people to memories, a passion inspired by her craft connection to her grandfather who passed away before she got to meet him. The Crescent Moon Crafts also connect Sally to her father's poetry and thanks to the internet Sally can make another connection, buying back a memory her aunt gave away a long time ago, building a bond separated for now until they can reunite in person in the future, Marcus Aarsvold News 19. If your family has one of these shelves and you want to connect sally would love to hear from you! You can find her email on our website wxow.com.

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Slug: WAFER

WAFER food pantry is doing what it can to continue to help all families put food on the table A service for which many of their patrons tell us they are thankful. Today that effort included some extra protein. All patrons with an active account with WAFER received 30 pounds of meat for their household today. Volunteers helping place the food no-contact-style inside people's vehicles. WAFER is offering two complete food packages per month through May of this year. Volunteers say they help out because they feel its just the right thing to do. WAFER staff say they are committed to serving the community as best they can throughout the pandemic. To find out how to help or utilize WAFER's service Just search WAFER over at wxow.com.

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Slug: ASHLEY 4 ARTS

Ashley for the arts introducing their first ever Thursday night headliner! The Marshall Tucker Band will kick off the big weekend taking the soldiers walk stage at 8 p-m on Thursday August 12 Ashley for the arts will run August 12 through the 14 at Memorial Park in Arcadia. Tickets for the entire weekend are still just \$20.

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Slug: WAFER KIDS

Some area kids paying a trip to the WAFER food pantry today. To celebrate their 100th day of school students at Great River Montessori set a goal of collecting 100 items to donate to WAFER. They ended up exceeding that goal collecting over 150 items. This afternoon the kids got to deliver the items and take a tour of the food pantry. The kids planned a similar event last year but it was canceled due to the pandemic. They say they are happy they finally got to make the trip this year.

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Slug: BURNS PARK

Calling all local artists now is your chance to leave your mark on a local park. The Downtown Neighborhood Association is looking for artists to paint the mural wall at burns park in La Crosse. These murals will be between 35 and 40 square feet and anyone is welcome to submit an idea. The association said vibrant artwork will be the final touch on the burns park project Proposals are due by May 14. To find out how to submit your design ideas you can visit our website at wxow.com.

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Slug: WISCORPS

WisCorps continuing to provide area kids with an educational opportunity. The nature school day camp program gives young kids the chance to learn more about the basics of science and nature. They choose a different theme to focus on each week. and this week's theme is weather. Members of WisCorps say the lessons at the camp have been effective.

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Slug: WSU-DONATE

Winona state university is about to enhance its community presence due to some generous donations but to better understand the impact News 19's Dave Solie takes us back about 5-years When Winona state received another donation. It is known as the Laird Norton building, once serving as the corporate headquarters for the Laird-Norton company. Named for two families in the lumber business instrumental in the development of the city. About 5 years ago Members of those families donated the building to Winona State university, a building that features natural light and a grand staircase as you walk through the entrance. The hand rails are wood supported by wrought iron with intricate patterns, a beautiful space that will become The Laird-Norton center for art and design. Because along with providing office and classroom space the university has additional grand plans for the building consistent with this structural work of art. Winona State president Scott Olson says the project is possible in part Because of another donation. The largest gift the university has received more than 5-million dollars. Galleries Named for the generous donor Maynard "Mo" Weber. Mister Weber graduated from Winona state in 1950. Some of the featured works in the galleries will come from Mo's father Max. Max was an artist, a famous artist. Roger Boulay explained that cubism Is a style of art that explores how you show a three-dimensional world on a two-dimensional surface. Among other styles Pablo Picasso engaged in a cubist period. As it turns out Picasso and Max Weber developed a friendship. In what will become the reception area of the Laird-Norton center for art and design Boulay shared some of Max Weber's work. This painting Is an example he says of neo-cubism. But you can describe it as integral to this story. Because this piece of art helps define part of Mo Weber's life. It also helps to explain his gift, his love for Winona State university and the university's love for Maynard Mo Weber. Tomorrow night we'll look more closely at Max Weber's football painting because it will help you better understand "Mo" while explaining in a broader context his historic gift as you may have guessed Mo's donation goes beyond the art gallery and we'll tell you who else will benefit from Mister Weber's generosity.

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Slug: FISH FRY

Lent means fish fries are in full force at least as much as they can be during the pandemic. The first of these popular fundraising events take place tomorrow and reporter Megan Kernan gives us a look how one parish plans to dish it out Pandemic style. Last year's Lenten Friday fish fries happened at the start of the pandemic when the restaurant industry was severely restricted to takeout and curbside options only. Wisconsin's safer at home order was issued on March 25th of last year This year while restrictions have been eased and coronavirus cases are dropping many restaurant owners continue to focus on takeout and curbside. Megan standup "volunteers for the St. Edward fish fry say on a normal year they'll serve around 550 people for dine in and take out" St. Edwards parish fish fry in Mackville switched to carry-out only and is now offering contactless pick-up. Volunteers at St. Edward have been prepping since Wednesday for the to-go orders starting tomorrow. All proceeds will go to the religious education programs of St. Edward parish and school. For those craving the Lenten favorite the diocese of La Crosse has what it calls a "fish frynder" tool on its website. The only one locally running every Friday during the season is at St. Patrick's parish in Onalaska.

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Slug: SENIOR CENTER

And a northside senior center sees a real boost thanks to a matching donation from the a cappella singing group the Coulee Chordsmen. They are matching 10-thousand dollars in donations to the Harry J. Olson Senior Center to help with maintenance little by little. Many of the donations came from the members who spend their free time here themselves Including the Chordsmen. Just a few

examples the center provides a "lending library" supplies for creative works like coloring and puzzle building as well as a large facility to practice Tai Chi. It is open to those ages 50 and older.

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Slug: FEBJEFFERSON

Time now to meet this month's Jefferson Award winner. When Lu Pertzsch began volunteering at a nutrition site in Holmen, she provided assistance once or twice a week. But that changed, Dave, when the pandemic hit, along with so many things. Lu stepped up offering to help her friend and nutrition site manager Sue Prinsen prepare meals for delivery. something she does now. Monday through Friday. Not unlike this building That used to be a grocery store. But to Lu it was not really a job. Something Lu truly enjoyed and later passed to her children who would come with her as Lu delivered meals. So, when she retired Lu volunteered Serving meals to seniors in Holmen. Sue Prinsen is the manager at the nutrition site where Lu volunteers. Lu was scheduled to volunteer a day a week but typically she is there a lot more. Lu's been doing that about 15 years at the site Where her enthusiasm for helping others truly makes a difference. All that stopped when the pandemic hit. but Lu did not. but It was a challenge. Despite the challenge the people who once came to the site. Still relied on the service. But as Lu told her children it is nice to help people. Not only the people who rely on the food but Lu and sue Who help one another. So, Lu continues a tradition that began with packing eggs in her father's store. It was fun then and it is fun now. But There is even more to it and she has not alone. It is probably fair to say she made her father's heart feel good she makes her friend Sue Prinsen feel good as well as all the other people she has touched something Lu Pertzsch does because it is nice to help people. Photographer Travis Judell and marketing director Brittay Rau contributing great work on that story by the way. Lu told us If you really want to help someone, if you want to volunteer, you can find the time and while what she has doing now is important, she and Sue cannot wait until the seniors return to the nutrition site and they told us the seniors cannot wait either. Thanks, Dave. If you know someone who makes the community a better place through their volunteerism Please consider nominating them. Just go to our website hover over "community" at the top of the page and click on "Jefferson Awards."

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Slug: BANGOR FANS

After a tough and unusual season Bangor fans were excited to be in attendance today at the game. News 19's Rylie Kyhn talked with a parent to hear their take on what it did for the players. The Bangor girls played in the semifinal at the La Crosse center this afternoon and many parents and friends of players were in attendance. While still being socially distanced and masked. Fans were able to enjoy the game together. Many sported Bangor state bound sweatshirts and rally towels. Some even had candy stripe overalls on to show their support for the cardinals. One parent was just happy to be able to support the team. Freit says that the Bangor community makes it a great place to live and the support at the game just shows how much they care. Whether it be a sporting event or family situation, she says you can always count on the community to have your back. Bangor fell to Mineral Point today but we congratulate them on a tremendous season.

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Slug: RENTAL PROTEST

La Crosse community members frustrated with relationships between landlords and renters held a peaceful protest on the northside today. News 19's Marcus spoke with protest organizers. Marcus why does this group feel like living conditions for some La Crosse renters are not safe? Protestors say they have had to deal with run-down buildings and harassment. Specifically. They want better treatment from landlords. Tori ray says "river city rentals" landlord threw out her friend's belongings after he passed away Protesters say it is just wrong. Ray says this is not her first negative experience with landlords. she wants local government to take action to and hold landlords accountable. In the

meantime, ray says she'll continue to share her concerns on social media and more protests are likely. Ray says the landlord did apologize and even donated to a go-fund-me to help but then took it back when she said the protest was still happening. We called and emailed river city rentals asking for an interview. The only response we got was from the landlord on Facebook who said, "no comment" If you need information on the City of La Crosse's landlord policies. You can find it on our website, wxow.com.

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Slug: FOOD DIS DAY

Nearly 50-thousand households come close to financial insecurity in La Crosse County according to the hunger task force. In an effort to help those homes put food on the table the Hunger Task force and salvation army are furthering their partnership to help solve this issue they have created food distribution days This morning volunteers helped fill boxes filled with a variety of items liked canned peaches, stew and stuffing The goal is to alleviate some of that stress families may be experiencing families can stop by the salvation army warehouse from 3-5 pm on the first Friday of the month, starting this Friday...There is no registration...anyone is welcome Distribution takes place in a drive-thru format

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Slug: Luther SPIRIT

The Luther Boys Basketball team is headed to the WIAA state tournament for the first time ever. Last season they made it to the sectional semi-finals but the day after the game everything was called off and their season was cancelled. Head coach Brad Schaper says this year it is about finishing what they started coach Schaper says this experience is something the boys will always remember. He has built a wall outside his classroom in honor of the season they have had it has each game with full stat sheets and final scores throughout the school lockers are decorated for players and he says the students are bubbling with excitement.

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Slug: VET TRIP

Two years after an emotional return to Vietnam as part of an old glory honor flight a veteran in the Green Bay area is trying to organize a similar trip and as jeff alexander reports, he is encouraging his brothers in arms to join him. Like many of the 52 veterans who returned to Vietnam with old glory honor flight in 2019, Keith Hess was hesitant and since that emotional journey back to where he served, Hess has had a desire to return. So, Hess contacted a military tour company and is now trying to round up 20 to 25 fellow Vietnam vets for a two-week trip back to Vietnam next February. with a group that size, the cost per person would be just over \$4,000. Hess, who lives in berlin, says the deadline for him to organize the trip is mid-April, and so far, he has six commitments. As for the cost, Hess says it is hard to put a price on peace of mind. If you are a vet or know someone who would like to contact Hess You can contact us at news at wxow.com.

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Slug: RECOVERY

The coulee recovery center re-opened its drop-in center. It was closed for almost a year. They have sponsored small, socially distanced meetings and with covid numbers decreasing executive director Cheryl Hancock says they feel comfortable re-opening this part of the center. Masks and physical distancing are required But she says this is crucial for many people in recovery. The drop-in center is open seven days a week. Monday through Saturday from four p.m. to eight p.m. On Sundays it is open twelve p.m. to seven p.m.

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Slug: TOM THIBODEAU

The La Crosse area chamber of commerce names a familiar face as its person of the year but like so many of us Tom Thibodeau has had to face the changes of this new virtual reality and despite a change in delivery his message and where it comes from goes back more than 50 years. He is described as compassionate community-minded and now more connected than ever. A man known for his message. Tom Thibodeau is finding ways to continue to share that message in the new virtual tradition. Even when that place is in front of a screen. It is a love that cannot be stopped Neither by virtual nor physical setbacks. While tom's impact resonates through whatever conduit he channels it. His work is powered by those of the closest connection. Thanks to our team Photographer Travis Judell and Jake Anderson for editing. Tom was honored tonight as part of the chamber of commerce's 153rd annual meeting held virtually.

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Slug: MN 2ND BEST

US News and World report is ranking all 50 states based on a number of metrics and by the numbers Minnesota is number two. At the top Washington state which the report ranks in the top ten for infrastructure Education Economy Fiscal stability and health care. They are still dealing with murder hor- nets Right? Minnesota ranked in the top ten for infrastructure and opportunity. The rest of the top five include Utah New Hampshire and Idaho. Wisconsin is 8 Iowa is number 12 But the Hawkeye state takes top honors for opportunity.

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Slug: SENIOR CENTER

As the covid-19 pandemic hits the year mark People are looking for ways to reconnect. For senior populations hit hard by loneliness Community centers will be vital. News 19's Lindsey Ford shows us why the Harry J Olson senior center is a treasure in the La Crosse community Especially during this time. Donna Wavra the executive director for the Harry J. Olson senior center tells me there are two big reasons why senior center exist and why more are needed firstly Wavra explains she is spoken to many health professionals and they have noticed when seniors come in for their routinely check-ups they were malnourished. Mayo clinic doctors say senior malnourishment stems from a variety issues because of the pandemic meals are not being served at the center but Wavra says a meal program will be in places when its safe to do so the center provides tai chi classes, puzzle building, a "lending library". and more importantly conversation Currently the center is only open two days a week and allows 10 seniors at a time. Wavra says right now the Harry J Olson board is raising funds to buy the center from the city Majority of the funds come from members but also from the Coulee Chordsman, the La Crosse community foundation, and other generous donors in La Crosse Lindsey Ford WXOW News 19. The latest data from the US census bureau show about 17 percent of the La Crosse County population is over the age of 65. To learn more about the Harry J Olson senior center and its programs visit our website at Wxow.com Along with other additional resources to help seniors.

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Slug: CATHEDRAL RENO

The blessing signals the start of a busy future for both the building project itself and the effort to fund the fix, an effort that calls on spiritual strength from many sources. A prayer of thanksgiving from mon- signor Richard Gilles Rector of St. Joseph the workman cathedral Who arrived at the mother church of the diocese of La Crosse as it was covered in scaffolding Amid a global pandemic. a man of faith Mon- signor Gilles admits a moment of humanity. Could he lead a capital campaign to ask members of 160 parishes across the diocese to help raise 6-point-one million dollars All through donations and a matching grant from the diocese. Gilles said it started with more than a million-dollar push from

cathedral members. The belief is in a project that will ultimately seem invisible. As lead architect It is Stephen Mar-pohl's job to make sure the repairs to the limestone facade and the underlying structure blend into the unique neo-gothic design of the building dedicated nearly 60 years ago in what will be a very visual process. Mar-pohl says building tech has greatly improved in the last 60 years but they still face a tall order especially considering at 217 feet the spire towers as the tallest building in the La Crosse area. and tallest from Minneapolis to Davenport Iowa. A balancing act Not just on the scaffolding surrounding what Mar-pohl calls a world-class exterior. But also, on the interior Fixing water stains Flaking gold leaf and chipped flooring elements. An undertaking appropriate for the year Pope Francis dedicated to St. Joseph. Monsignor Gilles says he draws strength from the spiritual serendipity. As he works to encourage generosity from a faith community that spans 15-thousand square miles. Where Gilles continues to pray for the project ahead. Thanks to photographer Travis Judell for his work on that story. The plan is to complete all of the construction by December Coinciding with the end of the pope's year of St. Joseph. You can monitor the progress from a live stream on the cathedral's website. We will have a link to that and ways to donate over at our website wxow.com.

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Slug: THEATRE INTRO

It has been a little over a year since the world health organization officially declared the coronavirus outbreak as a global pandemic. So much happening in that span of time from shutdowns to the vaccine rollout but here is what was happening on this same day last year. The white house announced that the European travel ban would be extended to include the UK and Ireland. The CDC released guidelines recommending that events consisting of 50 or more people be canceled or postponed and Wisconsin governor tony issued an order mandating the statewide closure of all public and private schools. By this time in 20-20 Broadway was already dark and as News 19's Allante Walker tells us There were also some quick changes happening to the local arts scene. Before realizing the severity of covid 19 Many of us were just living our normal lives and doing the things we enjoy. For me That is theatre. It is what I minored in during college and I always love getting back on stage when I have the chance. At this time last year, I was a part of a very special show which just so happened to be the last live theatrical event in La Crosse. Romance family dynamics math and mental health Just a few themes of the Pulitzer prize winning play 'proof' which opened to audiences last February at La Crosse community theatre. with 13 performances down and only two shows remaining the covid 19 pandemic was waiting in the wings and put an end to proof's grand finale. Despite the shutdown of theatres from western Wisconsin all the way to the middle of Manhattan artists says the show must go on. Life imitates art in UW La Crosse's latest play called "influence". Based on a popular Moliere piece This production which takes place fully on zoom revolves around a couple maneuvering the world of social media. This shows just the latest part of the shutdown saga for the student actors. But they say where There is a will and There is wi-fi There is a way to make it all happen and as thespians continue to wait for live theatre to return, they will continue to do what they have been doing for the past year, create work that matters cultivate new skills and keep the arts alive. If doing an entire play over zoom is not impressive enough How about this? The director of influence wrote this entire show over the span of just a few weeks and here something else the UWL theatre department can brag about. It was recently named the best theatre program in Wisconsin. For factors such as quality of faculty Variety of curriculum and performance opportunities. Thanks, Allante. Influence will be streaming on demand through Friday. We have information on how to watch on wxow.com. As for La Crosse community theatre They are planning to safely reopen with two youth academy productions this summer one of which will be at the Riverside Park bandshell. More details will be released next month.

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Slug: LAC FOOD BOXES

The La Crescent food shelf will offer USDA "Farmers to Families" food boxes later this week. On Thursday starting at 4:30 Boxes are available for pickup at the La Crescent food shelf located at 436 6th street. They will distribute 160 boxes Thursday and another event will happen in both Caledonia

and at the La Crescent food shelf on Friday. The limit is one box per household and the box usually contains a mix of dairy, produce and meat. The La Crescent food shelf is open for curbside pickup on Wednesdays from two to five pm and the second Saturday of each month from 9 until noon. To learn more about the food shelf...you can find this story on our website.

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:20 3/17/21 10PM

Slug: LUTHER COLLEGE

A special honor tonight for Luther college's central campus. The college in Decorah Iowa is now officially on the national register of historic places. The designation of a historic district includes the campus's original 32 acres of land 24 buildings and nine outdoor sculptures. It is the result of an effort more than three years in the making.

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Slug: VOLUNTEERS

After a long year...Mayo Clinic Health System volunteers are returning to work. They have a variety of jobs from transporting patients and lab tests throughout the hospital to assisting nurses and doctors. Many have not been able to return since the pandemic started. Pat Thompson has been a part of the staff for six years now and she returned just a few weeks ago. she says part of their job is also making the patient feel more comfortable. Thompson says for her it is about giving back and she is grateful to be able to help again.

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:18 3/19/21 5PM

Slug: SPIRIT OF AMERICA

A La Crosse man and his love of photography Resulting in another published work. David Marcou has captured images for decades. His subjects include simple street scenes and everyday people. He also enjoys capturing moments at public events. His creative process all begins with the pictures he snaps every day. Marcou includes that photography in a collection of books he calls "Spirit of America." There are 235 publications in the series. You can find some of his books in La Crosse at pearl street books to find David's contact information with this story at wxow.com.

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Slug: NASA PARK

Groundbreaking of a new playground today signified the beginning of something unique in Monroe County. Butts park in Tomah will soon have an area that kids and parents of all abilities will be able to enjoy. This will be only one of a hand full of playgrounds in the region that is accessible for those with a disability. A lot of careful thinking has gone into this design, things you might not think about. Funding has largely come from Tomah community support and a couple of large donations from organizations like Mayo Gunderson and a few others. They hope to have the entire playground built by memorial weekend.

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Slug: ROTARY LIGHTS

The 2020 Rotary Lights One of the most successful displays in its 26 years and today Checks for the organizations and non-profits who helped set it up. Just short of 300-thousand food items collected in the park this year. That is nearly 50 thousand more compared to recent years. More than 3,000 volunteers helped create the display. Rotary Lights president Pat Stephens says plans for next year's display are already underway and he says You can expect another stunning show.

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Slug: LIFESAVER

Some much-deserved recognition this evening three good Samaritans. Madisyn Irwin, Laura Collins, and Angie Sonnenfeld received a Life Saver award from the La Crosse fire department for coming to the aid of a YMCA member that suffered cardiac arrest and collapsed at the Y back on March first. The three immediately jumped into action providing care until first responders arrived. Thanks to their heroic efforts the gentlemen who collapsed survived this medical emergency. The department hopes sharing this story will encourage more people to learn life saving techniques like CPR.

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Slug: PANDEMIC RELIEF

The La Crosse Community Foundation is providing another round of pandemic relief for local non-profit organizations. The program is designed to provide funds to nonprofits that have lost significant revenue because of covid-19. Nearly all charitable organizations that serve la crosse county are eligible to apply. Last year the foundation created a survival grant program for non-profit organizations that were at risk of closing permanently. Now they are turning their attention toward helping area organizations re-build and recover from the pandemic.

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Slug: SAL ARMY

The hunger task force is partnering with the Salvation Army to distribute food to those in need. The organization are hosting a drive-thru food distribution day. That will happen on the first Friday of each month. The next one is set for Friday, April 2nd. Food boxes will be distributed at the Salvation Army warehouse from 3 to 5 pm. Anyone in the community is able to come and pick up a box.

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Slug: JA

In a continued effort to spotlight people who are multiplying good in their communities. We are introducing you now to our most recent recipient of the Jefferson Award. By the numbers it is easy to see how a small school district just south of Prairie du Chien has benefitted from such good. 900 service hours, 600 lives impacted, 45-hundred dollars saved all thanks to one man. Andrea Albers with photographer Travis Judell takes us there. If laughter is the best medicine Evan Kleinow should have doctor in front of his name. Instead, Evan's title is volunteer camp counselor and he prescribes things like fresh air and time spent with a fishing pole. And by now his commitment is non-negotiable. River Ridge is a small school district and without Evan's involvement, the camping program might have been cut. His volunteer hours have saved at least 45-hundred dollars. If anyone should know it is Mrs. Petrowitz. She met Evan a long time ago. She was his 6th grade teacher the year he was a first-time camper. Evan explains it simply. He says to be a part of something that is worthwhile makes you feel good. Congratulations to Evan! If you know a volunteer who is making a positive difference in your community consider nominating them for a Jefferson Award. Just look under the community tab on wxow.com.

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Slug: BEYOND WORDS

Twenty-twenty was a hard year on many people from isolation to even losing a loved one to COVID-19 Catherine Hinz founded beyond words company a few years ago after personally struggling with grief she wanted to find a non-traditional way to let loved ones know you are thinking of them Heinz Hinz started her business creating ****focused care packages**** she says typically if you know someone who is struggling you can hug them or sit down and have a conversation but this year that has not been possible which is why a care package can go a long way each pre-designed package has a different focus. They all have items inside to support mind, body, and spirit but you can also create your own if you know someone struggling with grief in this hard time. You can visit our website for information on how to send one yourself.

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Slug: SAVING TIPS

If you do not have any financial resolutions for the new year you may want to start as 2020 was a surprise for many when it came to financial troubles. Reporter Victoria Saha has tips on how to save up in 2021. Money, it controls so much of what we do. and if 2020 taught us anything it is to be prepared for the worst. Millions of Americans filed for unemployment last year some not having anything saved up. Tony Liddle says start off with a thousand dollars in your emergency fund and if you received the last two stimulus checks you should already have that. Your emergency fund should be completely separate than your "other savings fund" let's say you make 11 dollars an hour put away 11 dollars out of each 5 working days you get 55 times that by 52 and you easily have more than 28 hundred dollars saved up in a year and for those facing a pile of credit card debt Liddle suggests making at least the minimum monthly payment to try to keep your credit rating as high as possible.

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1:54 1/6/21 10PM

Slug: MN-WALZ

Starting next Monday Minnesota restaurants and bars can start serving people indoors again. Governor Tim Walz says the COVID-19 spread is slowing enough so it is safe. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold gets reaction to the news from a local restaurant owner. Kaddy's Kafe owner Lori Kadlec is cautiously optimistic about being able to serve fifty percent capacity indoors again. she says carry out orders have helped the business survive so far. But to endure the lock down. The family-owned restaurant had lay off employees and take out payment protection plan loans. Kadlec says survival is toughest for businesses bordering Wisconsin. A state without any indoor dining shutdowns. The stress of the unknown motivated her to write governor Walz a letter Asking for consistency. Governor Walz says as long as people wear masks when they are not eating and socially distance from others outside of their groups Restaurants should be able to stay open. After two shutdowns. Kadlec simply wants to move forward and bring them back for good in La Crescent. Marcus Aarsvold News 19 under the new guidelines starting on January eleventh. Restaurants can serve 50% of their capacity indoors. with up to 150 people. Only six people per table and each table should be six feet apart. Masks are required when not eating or drinking and restaurants need to close at ten p-m. Walz also says as more and more people get vaccinated the state can start opening up even more. Movie theaters. Bowling and other indoor entertainment businesses can open too at twenty five percent capacity.

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:27 1/7/21 5PM

Slug: UHAUL

A popular moving company is taking over the old Kmart location on La Crosse's southside U-Haul has purchased the property at 2415 state road They are plan is to open a temporary retail showroom with a limited stock of moving supplies like boxes the company is still in talks with the city zoning commission over self-storage and U-Haul truck and trailer sharing Once they get the approval they plan to renovate the property to create this full service facility.

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Slug: LOTTERY

Lottery fever is heating up ahead of a pair of big drawings this weekend. The mega millions and Powerball combined jackpots are nearly at one billion dollars. The odds of winning either are relatively slim Of course Let alone winning both. Tonight's mega millions drawing is for a jackpot of 510 million. The Powerball Drawn tomorrow Is at 470 million. Wisconsin has seen 18 Powerball jackpot winners since 1992 The latest being a pair of friends from the Menominee area who split 22-million dollars in June of this past year.

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Slug: DONATIONS

After the season of gift giving is over. It seems to be out with the old and in with the new as second-hand stores are seeing an increase in donations News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares just how important those donations are from closet clean outs to home remodeling. Goodwill and habitat for humanity restore have seen large amounts of donations after the holidays while goodwill has seen an increase in apparel donations habitat for humanity restore accepts different items like furniture and large appliances. Typically, things goodwill cannot take but no matter where or what you are donating the importance remains the same reporting from Onalaska. Rylie Kyhn News 19. Both goodwill and habitat for humanity restore encourage people to donate items they do not use anymore rather than throw them away. You never know who you can help with just a simple donation.

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Slug: KWIKTRIP

A big honor for Kwik Trip and Kwik Star convenience stores, the company honored with a Glassdoor Employees Choice Award. Kwik Trip is ranked 79th on the national list. That award is based on the input of employees who choose to provide anonymous feedback by completing a company review about their job, work environment and employer. Company CEO don Zietlow says "we take our culture at Kwik Trip very seriously and always want to be known as a great place to work. We are delighted that the comments on Glassdoor were so positive that Kwik Trip is now in the national spotlight for being a top workplace. This is quite an achievement." Kwik Trip has stores in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa where it is called Kwik Star. Tonight at 6 You will hear from a very enthusiastic Kwik Trip customer.

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Slug: COVID& BUSINESS

Businesses across the nation have been impacted by the pandemic News 19's Rylie Kyhn tells us how things have changed and how those changes could become more permanent whether its small and local or a large corporation every business has been forced to alter the way they do things throughout the pandemic from employees working remotely to reducing capacity in buildings. Many had to adapt to keep business running as usual the longer these changes last. Experts say it may be the new reality Zygarlicke says it is likely that businesses will continue with this platform. Both Zygarlicke and Christa Kiersch, an associate professor at UW La Crosse, agree that working from home could become more common Kiersch says while this could become the new norm. Research has proven that people actually work better from home. Kiersch says that before the pandemic only about

seven percent of Americans worked from home now. Anywhere from forty to fifty percent are working remotely she predicts that after the pandemic. The number will be somewhere in the middle but no matter what. The way business is done may have been changed forever Kiersch says while people are starting to accept remote work as an option she does not believe it is a golden solution.

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Slug: BUSINESS IMPACT

Better broadband is likely to be needed as experts say the shift toward working from home may become more permanent even after the pandemic ends. UW La Crosse associate professor of management Christa Kiersch says before the pandemic about seven percent of Americans worked from home. Now forty to fifty percent are working remotely. Kiersch says research has proven that people may actually be working better from their homes. Kiersch predicts that after the pandemic. The number will be somewhere in the middle of seven and forty five percent working from home.

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Slug: TAKEOUT DRINKS

Many of us have been enjoying meals from local restaurants at home since the pandemic started but some have been missing the tradition of dinner and drinks. Jennifer Kliese has you covered on the new effort to allow restaurants to sell more carryout alcohol. After almost a year of pandemic losses restaurants like black bear inn are doing what they can to stay open. Kate Derosa, whose family owns the cottage grove business says they have tried to pick up sales by offering carryout drinks ingredients for their Wisconsin favorite the old fashioned. Now the Wisconsin restaurant association is working with lawmakers on a bill that would allow more businesses to sell premixed, individually portioned drinks for takeout requiring a seal to avoid risks on the road. The effort that is passed in other states could go a long way for restaurants that have lost so much. The restaurant association is also looking at the possibility of a measure to approve delivery of alcohol, too, which is not allowed right now. Industry leaders say it appears there is support among lawmakers for these proposals.

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:15 1/15/21 10PM

Slug: RIVOLI

Some good news for moviegoers in La Crosse. The Rivoli Theater in downtown is now open. Masks and social distancing will be required under the cinema safe guidelines according to the Rivoli website. They are planning to show tomorrow's Packers game on the big screen.

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Slug: REALTY STATS

With the pandemic throughout the year, home has never become more important. One big reason is people are having to work more from home, need a space for their child's schooling or having expand to an office space. Realtors say supply is tight and demand is high Driving up prices. In fact, data from the Wisconsin realtor's association show the median price rose more than eleven percent in 2020. For the year home sales were up about 7-point 3 percent statewide in Wisconsin. In December alone sales rose more than 22 percent over December 2019.

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Slug: POWER-SNOW

When we think of manufactured snow, we typically think of a ski hill but what happens when a power-plant and the right weather conditions amplify the process? Monday morning the radar lit up in portage, Wisconsin with this plume of snow that formed and drifted east all the way to the lake front. It brought anywhere from one and half inches in Columbia county to a Dusting for some. The alliant

energy power plant is at the epicenter of the plume. Edward Beattie is the operations manager at the rock snow park. Similar to the smokestacks which produce steam that act like the fine mist we see from a snow machine. The steam then interacts with cold air that transforms into ice crystals that then stick together resulting in snow. Though there are similarities there is at least one difference between manmade snow and mother natures.

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Slug: WIND FARM

La Crosse's Dairyland power cooperative strikes a deal that will provide 16-thousand homes with renewable energy. Dairyland is agreeing to purchase power from the Tatanka Ridge Wind Farm in South Dakota capable of producing about 155 megawatts of power. The agreement brings a little more than 51 megawatts to Dairyland's network. The cooperative's CEO called the agreement a valuable addition to their resources saying it "supports our transition to a lower carbon future."

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Slug: CENTURY LINK

Gundersen Health System announcing today it is purchased part of the century link building in downtown La Crosse. Online records show Gundersen paid current owners the weber group five and a half million dollars for part of the facility. The weber group bought the building for eleven million dollars in 2019. The building opened in 2001 and served as a headquarters for century link until 2011. Gundersen's CEO said in a statement today plans are still being finalized but they are excited to "expand investment in downtown La Crosse."

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Slug: PACK TIX

With limited fans and the Packers not allowing season ticket holders to transfer their tickets ticket brokers say they are missing out on a big market leading up to the NFC championship game. Jeff alexander explains what that is doing to a normally bustling secondary market. and with the NFC championship set for Sunday at Lambeau, ticket king is again on the sidelines. In a non-COVID year - it would be a much different story. Loftus has no doubt fans would be shelling out big bucks to see tom brady and the Bucs take on Aaron Rodgers and the Packers. As for the super bowl, should the Packers win, Loftus is not sure yet if ticket king will be in the ticket game, but he says fans that get their hands on one will not only pay a lot, but be very lucky.

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Slug: POWERBALL WIN

Someone in Maryland has won the fourth largest Powerball jackpot in its history. Powerball says one winning ticket for its jackpot was sold in the state. That jackpot ticket is worth more than 731- million dollars. No one has claimed the prize yet but the ticket holder will have the choice between taking payments over 29 years or a lump sum pay-out of around 546-million dollars. Someone else in Maryland bought a ticket that did not win the jackpot but won two million dollars. The mega millions jackpot is more than 900-million dollars. That drawing is Friday night.

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Slug: NFL HEATERS

The Green Bay Packers are just one step away from going to another super bowl. They have a lot to prove in Sunday's game against the buccaneers after falling to Tampa Bay in week 6 and coming up a game short of the Super Bowl last season. News 19's Allante Walker shows us how a local company is working to keep the Packers winning streak hot. The Green Bay Packers are on fire coming out

victorious in their last 7 games and in Sunday's NFC championship an Onalaska company is helping to heat up the frozen tundra *off* the field. L.B White specializes in creating products for agricultural purposes. But the company continues to add warmth to multiple NFL stadiums and hospitality tents with their heaters as well as at other sporting events. It is the spark of creation all L.B White employees can get behind no matter what team they are rooting for. Providing an extra layer of protection for the green and gold as they continue their quest for a fifth Lombardi trophy In Onalaska Allante Walker WXOW News 19. Locally You may have spotted L. B. White's heaters outside of tents at Rotary Lights in La Crosse. and keep your eyes peeled for one of their heaters at the NFC championship game this Sunday. Kickoff is just after 2 o'clock.

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Slug: JOBS NUMBERS

The state today also releasing preliminary jobs numbers for December and it shows an increase in the unemployment rate both statewide and in all 72 counties. La Crosse County's December rate of 4-point-3 percent up from 3-point-7 But still below the statewide rate of 5-point-3 percent.

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Slug: GM

General motors plan to become carbon neutral within the next two decades. The automaker made the announcement today After president Biden signed those executive orders this week designed to deal with climate change. g-m said it will focus on offering zero-emissions vehicles by 20-35. the company's 27-billion-dollar plan is to transition to battery electric vehicles or other zero-emissions technologies by sourcing renewable energy. g-m said it will offer 30 electric vehicles and plans to have 40-percent of all US models run on battery by the end of 20-25. as for its manufacturing plants those will be powered by 100 percent renewable energy by 20-30 in the US and 20-35 abroad.

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Slug: EXPLORE LAX NEW

La Crosse's tourism bureau Is putting down permanent roots in the city. Explore La Crosse has acquired the property at 123 7th street south in downtown Expecting to move its operations there this spring. it is current base of operations the building on the north end of Riverside Park Is owned by the city. finance chair for explore La Crosse Chris Roderique says investing allows the agency to both invest and build equity as well as contribute to the tax base. once the building is paid off the money used for the space will be used to further promote tourism.

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Slug: GARDEN

La Crosse is earning some national recognition for a recent mixed-income housing development. News 19's Lindsey Ford explains. The Audrey Nelson award is a national competition that recognizes outstanding community development projects and programs across the country and the grand terrace apartments located in La Crosse are one of six locations across the U. S. to receive this national recognition. Garden terrace is a 50-unit apartment building that supports mixed income to support affordable living. 15 of the units are set aside for veterans who have experienced homelessness. In addition to the project there is a community center and green house, with shared space with the hunger task force's Kane Street Community Garden. This project started back in 2016 and it has come a long way. The developer for the project is impact seven inc., a nonprofit affordable housing developer. In La Crosse Lindsey Ford WXOW News 19. The city also says that garden terrace is partnered with the Tomah VA medical center as they provide case management services to the veterans living there.

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Slug: GAMESTOP

Wall street currently riding waves of volatility Triggered mainly by young, amateur day traders sending shares of the struggling game retailer, "Gamestop" skyrocketing. Reporter Hillary Mintz spoke with a Wisconsin teen in on the action. 16-year-old Shorewood high school junior Ben Patte took 50 bucks from a Christmas gift and bought stock in the video game store "Gamestop". A wave that rocked wall street. Thanks to amateur investors like Patte, Gamestop's stock soared. Known as short-selling, hedge fund investors bet on Gamestop and several other companies to tank. They borrow shares to sell them, if the price goes down, they can buy them back at a lower price and pocket the difference. Instead, the novice day traders made the stocks skyrocket and those on wall street lost big time. Kevin Spellman, director of the investment management program at UW-Milwaukee, expects these high stock prices will eventually drop back to reality. As for this young man, he is still in the game and apparently it paid off.

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Slug: AIRPORT XRAY

Milwaukee's Mitchell international airport hoping a high-tech upgrade pays off in the security screening process. Today, the t-s-a showed off the new x-ray scanners that are in place at security checkpoints. the scanners create a 3-d image that t-s-a officers can zoom and spin on screen. As well as automatically detect explosives, including liquids. In addition to the x-ray scanners, the airport now has 7 new credential identification units to verify who is boarding the planes Meaning passengers will no longer have to hand over their ID or boarding pass, which will reduce touch points for flyers and workers during the pandemic.

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Slug: LEGAL ADVICE

A group of lawyers is offering free legal advice to small businesses in Wisconsin affected by the pandemic. The services are being provided through the state bar of Wisconsin business law section and Marquette volunteer legal clinic. Topics include finance and lending, insurance claims, tax, and real estate, among other matters. The free consultations are available on Fridays starting *this Friday. We will have a link over at wxow.com.

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Slug: SNOWMOBILE

Snowmobile sales are up twenty percent this year .the international snowmobile manufacturers association attributes the success to global pandemic. It is convinced some thinking about getting a snowmobile to actually buy one News 19's Marcus Aarsvold joins the newcomers for a test drive Plus learns which is more popular. Buying used or new? Used sleds do not last long at rod's ride on powersports the pandemic pushed people on the fence about snowmobiling Over the hill. It is all outdoors Socially distant and you can stay in La Crosse. Fresh snow brings new sledders to the trails Which the Wisconsin DNR says could be dangerous. Nineteen people died snowmobiling in Wisconsin last year. To stay safe. Snowmobile with people who know the trails Stay below 55 miles per hour at night and makes sure your equipment is up to code. Then enjoy the brisk but fresh outdoors. A new perspective in La Crosse Marcus Aarsvold News 19. New snowmobilers can purchase trail passes at ace hardware or online at the DNR's website. Once there you can also take the mandatory safety course before hitting state trails.

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Slug: UNEMPLOYMENT

The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits dropped to 779-thousand last week but that is still an historically high. and when you include the almost 350-thousand self-employed and gig workers who filed for assistance the total number is 1-point-2 million workers for the week. It adds up to a job recovery picture that is still in deep trouble.

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Slug: FINALLY

NASA wants to put humans on mars by 2035 and it is looking at ways to make that happen. A Seattle-based company. Ultra-safe Nuclear Technologies, has proposed its own solution, it is suggesting sending people to mars using a "nuclear thermal propulsion engine." Ultra-safe believes we could get to the red planet in just three months on a nuclear-powered rocket. NASA believes it could take a crew at least nine months by current means but nuclear power has its dangers. For example scientists will have to stabilize the uranium fuel a rocket would need for use and there is the risk of radiation exposure.

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Slug: BRENINGEN SALE

In business news Morrie's auto group announcing today it will acquire the Brenengen dealerships. The deal brings Brenengen's six western Wisconsin locations into a partnership that includes founders don and Cheryl Brenengen and the company's existing management team. Since 2016 Morrie's has brought 10 locations under its company umbrella through five transactions. A statement from Morrie's called the deal a natural transition for the groups because of shared community values. Brenengen had been active in charitable giving including the boys and girls club in West Salem and our Tools for Schools Wward.

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Slug: LAX BIZ

The north La Crosse business association is continuing to make waves in the area with its 'get on living safely campaign.' The campaigns' goal is to encourage people to get off the computer and stop shopping from nationwide conglomerates and focus their money into purchasing items from local businesses. Nick Roush the president of the north La Crosse business association believes that local businesses are part of the ecosystem and makes communities stronger. See all of the shops involved and find a link to help support them on our website.

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Slug: LOVE and CANDY

With Valentine's Day right around the corner local shops are ramping up their production. News 19's Warren Sears joins us now and Warren these shops told you they could use the extra boost in sales right now. That is right, after a tough year for small businesses some are going to see a little relief thanks to Valentine's Day, I made some stops downtown to see what a local candy and flower shop are up to. There are no doubt small businesses are hurting after the last year we have had. But many are optimistic for the upcoming weekend Assistant manager at the Pearl Rebecca Holman says there is something special about this holiday Another Valentine's Day must have, flowers, and Monet floral is looking to add a bit of color to that special someone's day Now let us talk favorites. As far as chocolates go, the pearl said their dipped strawberries, chocolate truffles and turtles take the prize. and for flowers, you guessed it! Both stores are having Valentines specials and the pearl is continuing its hand dipped strawberries starting Thursday. Lots of good stuff for sure and heather, for those wondering at home, yes, I am still single, so just throwing that out there. Alright thanks Warren, according to a website called smarty. Valentine's Day is the fifth most popular day to shop and over 50 percent of Americans will be buying Valentines gifts this year.

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Slug: WIND ENERGY

While love is in the air So too is a milestone for Xcel Energy. As of the beginning of this year Xcel stands as one of the first providers in the country to produce 10-thousand megawatts of wind capacity. That achievement the company says is powered by 10 new projects Including those in the upper Midwest which alone can power two million homes each year. By the end of this year Xcel estimates 31-percent of its capacity will come from wind-turbines. More than 44-hundred megawatts of that will be from projects owned and operated by Xcel. The company says it is now more than halfway to its goal of reducing carbon emissions by 80-percent by 2030 and going carbon free by 2050.

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Slug: FURNACE

Living in the Midwest we depend heavily on our furnace to keep ourselves warm. But what about if you run into some problems. Experts at Cary Heating and Air Conditioning say now is the time to check your vents outside and remove and snow that may be clogging them as a blockage could lead to a carbon monoxide buildup, a couple of warning signs if There is moisture on the floor near the furnace. They say you will want to call an expert and if your furnace is not maintaining the temperature you have set in the house it is another indication your furnace needs repair.

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Slug: TAX PREP

Today is the first day the IRS would begin collecting 20-20 tax year returns...This year your return may be a little more complicated if you experienced any changes because of the pandemic. Tax season is here. and tax preparers are ready to crunch the numbers on your 2020 returns CPA Tylor Katze is dialed in But for us laypeople things could get tricky thanks to the covid-19 pandemic. But There is time to organize a plan. and get some questions answered. Here are a few things you need to know: Un-employment payments *are taxable on the federal level. and often at the state but it will depend on your tax bracket and income. Stimulus payments are *not taxed. and if you did not get one yet You can get it on your return as a refund. For those who picked up a second job. You could owe more...And full-time employees working from home. Likely cannot deduct their home offices. Dan O'Brien and Katze say while the changes seem straightforward. There have been a lot of them, and you could miss something. If you really want to get the most of your tax return. Ask an expert. Right now, it is unclear if the IRS will extend tax season like it did last year, so it is best to start getting things together now for the April fifteenth deadline, especially if you want help from a professional.

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Slug: AIRPORT ADVICE

A sign that some things are getting closer to normal. The La Crosse regional airport today reminding travelers to make sure they are getting to the airport early enough. The airport director said in a statement today that while demand is still low There are enough travelers returning now that late arrivals could cause issues. The airport advising all travelers to show up at least an hour before their flight leaves 90 minutes if they need to check a bag.

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Slug: RECIPE CONTEST

A national contest from general mills supplies a central Wisconsin restaurant with an extra five grand.

"Jennings and Company" in Wisconsin rapids was one of 10-winners in the general mills "neighborhood to nation" contest taking home \$5-thousand dollars for their "slip-sliders away" burgers on a biscuit bun. General Mills is running a second part of the contest you can visit the restaurant's Facebook page and vote for their recipe the one with the most votes wins a \$5-thousand-dollar donation to an area foodbank.

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Slug: ALCOHOL BILL

Meanwhile Some contention among state advocacy groups over a bill in its early stages that would allow the online sale and delivery of alcohol. Joshua Peguero breaks down what is in it and why it is already facing some stiff opposition. David Malcolm opened Zambaldi beer more than a year ago before the pandemic shut much of the world down Malcolm says he would sell his beer online if he could. It is currently prohibited in Wisconsin. Assembly bill 71 is hoping to give businesses the chance to sell alcohol online and allow its delivery. The Wisconsin Grocer's Association supports the bill and says it is the way of the future. As the proposed bill reads alcohol retailers could make online or phone sales and then deliver it or have a third-party do it. It prohibits selling alcohol to someone who is intoxicated and the buyer must verify they are at least 21 years old by scanning their ID to ensure it is real.

Time: :15 First Aired: 2/20/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: DIAMOND SALES

Diamond retailers we spoke with say diamond sales are up since the pandemic began. The Crescent Jewelers manager says it may be because people are spending more time at home, she says more time at home means more time with loved ones and more sales for them. Along with rings McIlvaine says necklaces and other pieces are selling briskly too. Crescent jewelers have been in La Crosse since 1914.

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Slug: BARSTOOL FUND

A Readstown restaurant is getting financial help from an unusual resource News 19's Marcus Aarsvold joins us now to tell us how grant money from barstool sports is helping put the family business back in business. Hey Marcus! If you are not familiar. "barstool" is a sports and pop-culture media company that posts a lot of videos on twitter and Instagram they have also got a covid-19 small business relief fund that Kickapoo corner's owner Dionne Cary is set to receive. Dionne says she is applied for all of the government funding she can with not a lot of luck So she saw this option online and decided to go for it filming her own virtual tour of the place on her phone after twenty-five years of business she says it'd be a big loss for the small village of fewer than five hundred people if she shut down for good. Dionne says barstool's creator facetimed her to tell her Kickapoo corner would receive funding and that she will get five thousand dollars monthly for up to a year. The only rule was her staff stay employed which they have been this whole time. But with fewer hours. That is a requirement for any small business to receive this "barstool sports" funding...which. According to their website. Is two-hundred-and-eighty businesses in throughout the US and tonight at ten we will tell you how Kickapoo corners is trying to recover from the pandemic and something else.

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Slug: GROCERY WORKERS

Throughout the pandemic A number of people have continued providing a and important service. Despite significant health concerns, health care workers and teachers are among them. So are supermarket workers and today is an opportunity to say "thanks." Because today the food industry association designated Supermarket employee day. One local worker says it is appreciated after a

challenging year. Throughout the country the association says more than 40-thousand individual stores sell food and grocery items.

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Slug: WIAA IN LAX

The La Crosse center is making final preparations to host the WIAA girls State basketball tournament this week. News 19's Lindsey Ford explains why it is a win-win situation. The WIAA Girls and Boys State Basketball tournaments are the biggest events the La Crosse center is going to have since the shutdown back in March of last year. Terry Baur with downtown Mainstreet says downtown stores did great financially this December because of the holiday shopping and gift certificate purchases. Kate Peterson Abiad the assistant director for the WIAA says the journey these young athletes went through to get to state champs is nothing less than amazing Peterson Abiad has over 25 years of women's collegiate basketball coaching in La Crosse Lindsey Ford WXOW News 19 the center worked with the county health department to allow about 1,000 people to enjoy the games in person. The arena normally seats 6,000 people but you can catch every game by tuning into WXOW 19 this weekend. Details of the schedule coming up later in sports.

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Slug: FURNITURE SUPPLY

Many businesses have been impacted by the pandemic. The furniture industry is no exception. News 19's Lindsey Ford gives us some perspective on how both large and small furniture companies are tackling a supply chain challenge the pandemic has caused issues for large, and small furniture companies Rick Boyer owner of the local store Boyer's Budget Furniture knows a thing or two about the supply and demand Boyer says He has noticed more and more people fixing up their living space Boyer says He has noticed an increase in certain furniture item sales with customers Ashley Furniture says when it comes specific furniture sales they say even with the pandemic it varies in La Crosse Lindsey Ford WXOW News 19. Ashley Furniture says so far so good and they have not noticed a demand for any specific furniture items from customers.

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Slug: RESTAURANTS

Local restaurants are preparing for more business with the tournament in town. Buzzard Billy's, just east of the La Crosse center will continue strict covid protocols but they are excited for the customers. Assistant general manager Heather Young say their preparations include more staff on hand. Young says she hopes being a host of the tournament will continue to bring people to the La Crosse area and business to the local places.

Time: :24 First Aired: 2/26/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: WIAA PROD

Taking a look behind the scenes, a lot of effort goes into putting on the WIAA broadcast, especially this year, for the first time games are being played at two different locations. La Crosse and Oshkosh to make those broadcasts happen. A separate camera crew and satellite truck is set up in Oshkosh That footage is then sent back to La Crosse where the fine details are added to give fans the best viewing experience. News 19's very own Scott Emerich also behind the scenes in La Crosse. Commentating on games as they happened across the state in Oshkosh.

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Slug: RECYCLING

For the past 11 months, Wisconsinites have not only been working from home but shopping from home as well. It is no surprise then that curbside recycling is on the rise. An Eau Claire recycling company called earthbound environmental solutions say they have seen a 10 to 20 percent increase in requests for special pickups, specifically cardboard. Owner Jamie Pappas says the uptick is because residents are ordering more packages and people are moving more. Generating a lot more material to recycle. Officials from Boxx Sanitation in Eau Claire say from January 2020 to January 2021, they had a 200-ton average increase in recycling. That is nearly double their volume increase from the year before.

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Slug: HOUSE SALES

One sector that has actually thrived during covid is real estate specifically the residential side of things. News 19's Warren Sears learned more about why the housing market is so hot right now and has some things to keep in mind if you're looking to buy. Dustin just for scale a local realtor told me that in 4 days they showed one specific property 48 times...with 11 offers. Experts are calling it a huge sellers' market and I learned why with extra time at home due to covid 19. Houses are a hot ticket item across the country and specifically here in the coulee region on top of that people are hoping to take advantage of current financial benefits. While it is a sellers' market buyers are not getting the short end of the stick a market that has piqued the interest of many first-time home buyers. Loan experts offered us some advice for those looking. He also said keep that credit score up and do not show a history of late payments a bulk of the competition lies in the first time home owner type houses they told me those that generally fall between 200 and 225 thousand. Experts say to sit down with a loan officer if you're unsure of your financial plan...they also told me way too many people bite off more than they can chew and try and get houses way over budget. Thanks Warren local realtors expect interest rates to nudge up a little bit this year but still stay down on the lower end.

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Slug: SOUL OF NATION

Tonight, ABC begins its six-episode special called soul of a nation it is the first broadcast network news magazine show of its kind putting black life front and center. You will see familiar faces like Sterling K. Brown, Danny Glover and John Legend telling stories playing music and speaking on topics in ways you have never seen before. You can watch the prime-time series 'Soul of a Nation' every Tuesday night at 9. The first episode airs tonight right here on ABC.

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Slug: U-HAUL

The City of La Crosse Responding to U-Haul's announcement That it is no longer proceeding with plans for the former k-mart. You may recall, the company said in January it would purchase the building. They had set up a temporary sales room for moving supplies and said they were working with the city about rezoning to allow self-storage and truck and trailer sharing. The city director of planning says. Besides staff participation in the Bluffside Neighborhood association meeting with a U-Haul representative. There have not been any city meetings on this issue and. An application and plans were never submitted to the city for review. We continue to recognize the former Kmart site as an important redevelopment opportunity for mixed- housing and commercial use to compliment the neighborhood and adjacent amenities.

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Slug: XCEL CARBON

Xcel energy says it is made a big step toward their goal of reducing carbon emissions to zero by 2050.

Since setting this goal in 2005 the energy company has now reduced emissions by more than fifty percent. A spokesman for the company says the carbon emission drop is largely thanks to a transition to wind power. He says in the upper Midwest in 2020, 21 percent of Xcel's energy came from wind power and they plan on increasing that amount moving forward. From 2019 to 2020 Xcel says it reduced its carbon emissions in the upper Midwest by 20 percent.

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Slug: SAUCE

A staple on grocery store shelves in Wisconsin for decades disappeared about two years back without warning. Reporter Jeff Alexander shows how a pair of friends brought back a beloved brand. In the state of Wisconsin, they have been the king of seafood and tartar sauces forever. Until it was not in 2019 - and shoppers - not happy. They - meaning a multi-billion-dollar company that wanted to move away from regional brands - even the hot sellers. Enter Dave Allen and Ted Kranick - two friends with decades of experience in the food industry, who actually worked with the brand. A year ago, the two formed jumps start foods and on April Fool's day, they purchased the Hoffman house brand, the original formulas, and the rights to the original bottles. They also revived Bennetts Chili sauce. The first shipments arrived last fall to grocery stores around the state and since the Dave and Ted have not looked back and they especially enjoy hanging out in the store aisles where their products shelved. While they figured they came across a slam dunk opportunity to resurrect the brands, the response has caught them off guard.

Time: 1:50 First Aired: 3/8/21 Shows: 6PM
Slug: TRAVEL TRENDS

Safe to say many people are itching to travel as more and more people get the covid-19 vaccine. News 19's Warren Sears spoke with representatives from the La Crosse airport and a local travel agency and shares their perspective on the recent travel boom. On any typical year people ramp up travel as we head into spring and being stuck at home for a full calendar year due to covid-19 has only emphasized that desire for many. Even though the demand is starting to rise the La Crosse regional airport says travel is still slightly down from a typical year. Regardless a huge increase in air traffic from 2020. The current CDC recommendations still urge people to avoid traveling but local travel consultants say tickets are being purchased quickly. In La Crosse Warren Sears News 19. As you just heard covid protocols like social distancing and mask wearing are required at all times to fly. With the increase in passengers the La Crosse airport still urges you to get to the terminal an hour to hour and a half before takeoff.

Time: :26 First Aired: 3/8/21 Shows: 10PM
Slug: JOB FAIR MAP

The Department of Workforce Development is rolling-out a new-interactive tool to connect people with jobs and opportunities in your area the new directory provides links and information for work-force programs by county the programs come from Wisconsin technical college system local workforce development boards and other partners. Whether it is a virtual workshop or a job connecting service it makes help accessible from the privacy your own home. The majority of in-person services are limited but are still available. The website will also offer easy access to making appointments for in-person help to access the new directory visit Wisconsin job center dot org slash directory.

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Slug: MOPEDS

As the weather starts to warm people are itching to get outside Some take to their motorcycles while others enjoy the simplicity of a moped, the demand for which News 19's Warren Sears found out, is pretty high right now. The desire for a moped is high just like pretty much anything to do with the

outdoors college town slower speed limits and plenty of gorgeous views make La Crosse a hot spot for two wheels. Not to mention they are incredibly fuel efficient I wish my car got that another thing to add mopeds are fully street legal in La Crosse mopeds are required to stay on the street follow speed limit signs and must stay off local trails...now let's talk safety. Scooting around town Warren Sears News 19 local inventory is low at stores but new shipments are expected in the next few weeks. They range in price but buyers can expect to spend a few thousand dollars on a new model.

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Slug: BUILDING DOWN

A familiar and historic La Crosse building is no more. Best described as "the building at the bottom of Cameron Bridge" It was originally purchased in the late 1800s. Before its demolition It had been eligible for local historic landmark designation and the heritage preservation commission had named it to their 10 most endangered historic buildings of 2021. Numerous car crashes over the year took their toll on the structure Leading up to today's demolition.

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Slug: CITY BREWERY

A spokesperson for the La Crosse based city brewing company says it will continue to be headquartered in La Crosse under a consortium of investors purchasing the company. A release from the company says the deal is expected to close in April and brings with it a 630-million-dollar investment to grow the company part of which involves operating a facility in California acquired from Pabst brewing company. Back in November 2019 It was announced Pabst would move its production to city brewing facilities from 2024 until 2040. Additionally, when the sale is finalized next month. CEO George Parke the third plans to retire Promoting chief operating officer Ross Sannes to the top leadership role. Sannes says of the move "thanks to George's leadership and unrelenting commitment to the city business over the last 20 years, as well as the hard work from the talented city team, I am confident that city is poised to grow along with our customer partners and capitalize on the current trends in the alcoholic beverage marketplace."

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Slug: LL LAX CENTER

A big part of the La Crosse center construction project is complete. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold takes us inside the building for a St. Patrick's Day ceremony marking a milestone for those involved in the project. So, this ribbon cutting ceremony was a time for them to celebrate a few of the parts of the La Crosse center that are done and get a look at the north hall. Now within the north hall they have four separate rooms the arena entrance and they also celebrated completing administrative offices. Senator Brad Pfaff spoke as well as mayor Tim Kabat. Kabat thanked the tax payers for the sacrifices they have made to make this building happen. Kabat continued that this investment will pay off for the City of La Crosse That it'll double Triple and even quadruple the investment that people put in. People were also talking about how more seating in this arena will make La Crosse even more competitive. Now their hopeful that this whole project will be done by November because it is not entirely over yet. Thanks Marcus. Tonight, at ten hear how each part of this project helps the La Crosse area chamber of commerce work to get our local economy out of the pandemic.

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Slug: BARS RESTAURANTS

This year has been unlike any other for the tourism and hospitality industry. News 19's Rylie Kyhn visited a restaurant and a bar to find out how much they struggled in the last twelve months. After the country was shut down a year ago. The survival of many small businesses and restaurants was in question and even after things began to open back up. The struggles continued. I talked with

managers at Bodega Brew Pub and Soulas Cuisina and learned that the shutdown was just the beginning of challenges and little did they know it was going to be a long year Soulas Cuisina, a Greek restaurant in downtown La Crosse was set to host their grand opening on March 15th, but a few days before everything was shut down. The hardest part they say was keeping the doors open and the lights on. The community ordering takeout and delivery is what got them through. Employees at Bodega Brew Pub say it was scary for them too but now a year later. Both places say things seem to be looking up. They say they are happy to see that most small businesses survived the last year and tough times they experienced. Both managers say they are looking forward to this summer and hopefully seeing more people out and about enjoying the downtown area. Both places say they are optimistic an outdoor seating ordinance as well.

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Slug: LUMBER SHORT

The national association of home builders reports lumber prices have skyrocketed during the pandemic as demand for building continues. An Eau Claire based building company says lumber prices are up at least 100 percent. Michael Arnstad says before covid, he was paying 10 or 12 dollars per sheet, and now he pays around 20 dollars a sheet. He says that can easily add an additional 15 to 20 thousand dollars when building a home. The shortage is partly to blame on mills operating with reduced staffing. As for demand, Arnstad does not expect it to wane anytime soon. Despite the higher lumber prices, Arnstad believes there will still be a lot of activity this summer for building.

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Slug: SMALL BIZ YEAR LATER

We shut down one year ago, an abrupt change compared to a familiar routine, and it altered the way we lived went to school, socialized, and worked. A challenge for everyone including, of course, business. News 19's Rylie Kyhn spoke with two business owners to ask about their experiences and How the future looks. Running a small business is a daunting task and if you add in a pandemic. It seems virtually impossible but drift mercantile and river city hobbies are surviving and even coming out of the last year stronger. I talked with both businesses about what they have faced and both say the uncertainty was the scariest part Azia Peterslie co-owns Drift Mercantile with her sister. They realized after they were forced to close in March that covid-19 was going to be around longer than expected. They worked to implement safety protocols to open back up Peterslie says their busy months are the spring and summer. So, when the pandemic hit right as business was supposed to pick up. There was a lot of unknowns. The one thing that has gotten them through is the local support. Just a few blocks away, River City Hobbies actually saw an increase in business over the last year. They also typically hold events which they have not been able to do. While these two small businesses struggled in different ways, they were both greatly impacted by covid-19. They both say they are looking forward to getting back to some sense of normalcy and they are excited for the future and what is to come. As I believe we all are. Thanks Rylie.

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Slug: KWIK TRIP

Kwik Trip will hold another round of open interview day this week on Wednesday. March 24th from 10 am 6 pm individuals 16 and older can walk into any store and receive an interview. This includes Kwik Trip, Kwik Star, and Tobacco Outlet Plus stores. Applicants are encouraged to apply online before the event and Kwik Trip says they are looking for individuals who are hardworking, dependable, and possess their core values and Kwik Trip says they are looking to hire for part time, full time, and leadership roles.

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Slug: GYMS COVID

After a tough year just trying to stay afloat local gym membership numbers are on the rise again. News 19's Warren Sears takes us to the Dahl YMCA to see how things are going after closing and losing members local gyms are finally starting to come back relatively strong. Local EMT and member of the Y Kellan Doberstein said the gym has been his release from working on the front lines. He has been back at the Y since it reopened while working out with a mask is an inconvenience for some, the Y says it is the safest thing to do right now but could change as soon as more people get vaccinated. Working on that post-pandemic bod in La Crosse Warren Sears News 19. with increasing volume comes increasing hours as well, both Dahl and Houser branches are now open from 7 am until 6 pm on the weekends.

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Slug: DRIVER

A legend on the field, Packers' Hall of Famer Donald Driver takes a step in a new direction. It is a father son project that reporter Aisha Morales shows us, wants to help people get a fresh start with a fresh set of kicks. Donald Driver's decision to partner with Moral Code, a leather footwear company, came from his love of shoes, but also his desire to empower others through fashion. As a bonus it is a project, he has taken on with his 17 CEO of Moral Code, Mark Kohlenberg, is from the Green Bay area. He said, "Donald didn't come to us with a desire to put his name on a product, Donald came to us really with a need to help people." In partnering with driver and his son, the company is committed to contributing to the Donald Driver Foundation supporting career development initiatives for under-privileged kids and families. So often a professional wardrobe is a financial burden. Each shoe driver worked on with his son has a carefully selected name (Discover, Thrive, Passion, Purpose), all with a message that will help someone put their best foot forward. As a humanitarian, Driver says he hopes to empower future generations, particularly in the black community for years to come.

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Slug: UNEMPLOYMENT

The latest unemployment numbers for Wisconsin show the state is holding steady. Preliminary reports from the DWD show Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.8 percent for February. Far below the national rate of 6.2 percent, it remains higher than the rate of 3.3 percent last February just before the pandemic hit. Wisconsin lost 1-thousand private-sector jobs in February and is down about 130-thousand jobs for the year.

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Slug: UNEMPLOYMENT

Rudy's drive in is open. It is an 88-year-old tradition. They say all orders are packaged to go but you may stay and eat in your car or sit at one of their 12 picnic tables. If you call ahead, they will have your order ready when you arrive but they say make sure you talk with someone, do not leave a message. Covid-19 protocols will continue until conditions change. Rudy's is open tonight until 10 p.m. Regular hours daily are 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.

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Slug: COCKTAILS TO GO

Wisconsin residents will now be able to legally order cocktails to go Governor Evers signed the bill today but it will not take effect until after it is published on Sunday. The law allows for mixed drinks and glasses of wine to be sold to go as long as they have tamper-evident seals. The drinks can be sold for pickup only not delivery. Supporters say the law will help businesses struggling during the covid-19 pandemic.

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Slug: FT. MCCOY

A new report shows Fort McCoy's impact to the local economy increased this past year. Despite the pandemic halting training efforts for months a release from the US Army facility in Monroe County shows it rallied in the later part of the year, overall contributing one-point-five billion dollars to the economy, up from one-point-one eight billion in the 2019 fiscal year. About 25-hundred people worked at Fort McCoy in 2020. Only 509 are considered military personnel.

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Slug: HOMES SALES

You could start to see more "for sale" signs in your neighborhood. The Wisconsin Realtors Association says home sales are on the rise, the number from February up about 5.5 percent from the same time last year. Low mortgage rates continue across the state as the demand for single-family houses rose during the pandemic. That is caused the average home price to jump about 13 percent to 215-thousand dollars in Wisconsin.

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Slug: BABY NAMES

A look now at the names topping the lists for local newborns. At Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse Adalynn and Kennedy tied for the top spot among girls with last year's top name Charlotte tied with Rgan for second most popular. Leo was number one for boys this year. Mason and Noah tied for second with Bennett as third on the list. 52 percent of babies born at mayo this year were boys with June the busiest month for deliveries. At Gundersen Health System. Charlotte took the top spot. Evelyn and Nora in a tie for second with Isla third most popular. Jackson or Jack the most popular among boys born at Gundersen followed by Oliver. Wyatt and Grayson tied for third. Leo also making the list at Gundersen in a tie for fifth.

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Slug: BABY NEW YEAR

Gundersen Health System in La Crosse shared with us their first special delivery of the new year. Kayne Laxton, born to Sierra Kramer and Seth Laxton at 12-21 this morning. The parents say they were not expecting a New Year's baby but are enjoying the new year with the new child and both mom and baby are doing well. Gundersen says it saw a record year for deliveries in 2020 with 16-hundred-96 newborns with a near 50-50 split between boys and girls. 34 sets of twins were delivered and one set of triplets. The most popular names at Gundersen were charlotte for girls and jack or jackson for boys.

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Slug: RESOLUTIONS

A new year comes with new opportunities and new resolutions News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares tips to help you reach your goals this year without added stress many people use new year's resolutions to motivate themselves to achieve their goals in 2020. It seemed that even if you started the year off strong it did not really matter because everything was pushed aside in order to focus on a bigger task at hand. Slowing the spread of COVID-19 life coach Anna Slaback says she typically sees resolutions like exercising more and eating healthier..but it goes further than just physical health. she says while new year's resolutions are good in theory. They can cause added stress. Doctor Elizabeth Cogbill says do not put too much pressure on yourself for not achieving your goals in twenty-twenty although twenty-twenty was different and harder than expected. Twenty twenty-one offers a fresh start whether you are picking up a new hobby or getting back in the gym remember to take it easy on yourself, achieving your goals is a marathon, not a sprint. For more tips from both Slaback and doctor Cogbill you can visit this story on our website.

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Slug: WORKOUT TRAINER

If working out is a part of your new year's resolution, here's someone who can help you out Fitness trainer Jeff Rogers of Eau Claire will be releasing a free exercise series called "move more " Rogers says these 15-minute videos will involve full body workouts that you can do from home, at the office, or anywhere these free workout videos will also have original music by several big artists including Eau Claire native Justin Vernon. The first one comes out this Sunday.

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Slug: DOG FOOD

In more news now the food and drug administration is warning about high levels of aflatoxin in some pet foods after 28 dogs reportedly died. The food containing the toxin has been identified as certain sport mix products manufactured by Midwestern pet foods. According to the FDA aflatoxin is produced by a type of mold. It can grow on grains used as ingredients in pet food and can cause illness or death in pets when consumed. Pets poisoned by aflatoxin can display symptoms that include, jaundice, loss of appetite and vomiting. Pet owners can report suspected illnesses to the FDA online at fda.gov and we are just learning that talk show host Larry King has been hospitalized with COVID-19 We plan to have more on that in our 10pm Report.

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Slug: MAYO VISITS

Mayo Clinic Health System has updated their hospital visitation protocols. One designated person is allowed for COVID-negative inpatient and outpatient visits and that individual must be 16 and older. No visitors for COVID-positive patients. Mayo health officials will allow what they call 'compassionate exceptions'. Those exceptions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, including births and end-of-life care, among other special circumstances. Mayo clinic is helping patients stay connected to family by supplying iPad for virtual calls. Gundersen Health System has similar visitor policies in place Now allowing one visitor for COVID-negative patients a day but that has to be the same individual for each visit.

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Slug: GUND VISITS

Both local healthcare providers are now allowing limited visitors. At Gundersen Health System One visitor is allowed for COVID-negative patients a day and that has to be the same person for each visit. COVID positive patients are not allowed any visitors. But there are expectations and exceptions to COVID negative patients. For example, if a COVID-negative adult is nearing the end of life up to three people can visit at one time and up to 6-persons per day. If a COVID-positive person is nearing the end of life one support person over the age of 18 per day can visit.

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Slug: DONATION TIX

The American Red Cross is in need of blood donations and if you donate you could win something big anyone who gives blood or platelets this month will be entered to win super bowl tickets for next year's big game in LA the Red Cross and the NFL have teamed up to encourage people to donate blood especially if they have recovered from COVID-19 and if you donate between now and January 20 you will be entered a 65-inch tv and 500 dollars cash

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Slug: RADON SAFETY

Radon is an invisible, odorless gas that can enter your home through cracks and crevices in the foundation. The La Crosse County health department says that one in ten homes in the U. S. has high levels of radon but in the coulee region one in three homes have high levels. They say radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking and in a year that many people spent more time at home than even. It could have negative effects. The health department recommends that you test for radon using a kit that you can buy for just ten dollars. You leave the kit in your home for two to five days and then send it if. Your results will come seven to ten days later.

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Slug: MAYO MRI

Some non-COVID medical news. The mayo clinic in Onalaska is making room for a state-of-the-art diagnostic tool. The healthcare facility announcing an expansion for greater m-r-i scanning capabilities. The 4-point-9-million-dollar project includes a scanner That is twice as powerful as conventional m-r-i scanners and according to a release from mayo Is the "optimal technology for musculoskeletal, abdominal, prostate and brain imaging." construction is expected to begin in the spring with the new facility operational in early 2022.

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:23 1/8/21 10PM

Slug: SLEDDING

A blanket of snow and mild winter temperatures mean the perfect mix for kids taking to the sledding hills but could it be a recipe for disaster? Dr. Alicia Zolkoske at children's Wisconsin says she was one of six providers dealing with sledding injuries this past Monday Saying she treated nearly 10 fractures alone. she says the severity of injuries varies As do the ages of those involved. Best advice? Dr. Zolkoske also recommends avoiding hills with a lot of trees or obstacles. she says it is still good to get out and have fun.

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Slug: FIERCE

With kids spending more time than ever online during the pandemic A Wisconsin advocacy group has a new resource for parents. January is human trafficking awareness month and fierce freedom Based in Altoona Launched what it is calling its 'fierce parenting' program online. It is a series of weekly five-minute videos uploaded over the next twelve months. Each month will tackle different topics like what exploitation looks like preventative steps parents can take and what to do if your child has already experienced sex trafficking. There is a cost for the program of twenty-five dollars a month or two hundred fifty for the year. More info over at wxow.com.

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Slug: POWER

A sustainability effort from the university of Minnesota is providing the city of La Crescent with a three-thousand-dollar grant in order to install level two electric vehicle charging stations located next to the event center and hotel. with the installation of these stations the clean energy resources team hopes to promote low-carbon transportation options. They also want to educate drivers on the lower operating costs associated with electric vehicles by providing charging options within the city. The charging stations are now open for anyone that would like to use it.

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Slug: COUNTY AIR

Some buildings around La Crosse County now have a unique way to help fight the COVID-19 virus a *global plasma solutions ion air purifier* has been installed in 4 county buildings the air purifier cleans the air by emitting charged atoms into the building ..which then attach to viruses and bacteria and eliminate them county officials say this is another tool in the toolbox against COVID-19 a *global plasma solutions ion air purifier* has been installed in 4 county buildings the air purifier cleans the air by emitting charged atoms into the building ..which then attach to viruses and bacteria and eliminate them

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Slug: PED DIABETES

Over the course of the pandemic Health official say there has been a rise in type 2 diabetes in pediatrics. This is partially due to less people choosing to seek medical care right now. If your child is

experiencing increased thirst Frequent urination Weight loss or fatigue these could be early signs of both type 1 or type 2 diabetes and they suggest you call your doctor right away.

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Slug: MIRACLE BABY

Shortly after Jenny Hougom gave birth to her son Lucas. He was diagnosed with a rare virus in newborns that attacked his liver. He needed a lifesaving transplant So they did what any parent would do Desperately searching for a donor. A difficult task but through social media a friend from high school. Christina Wettstein saw their post looking for a donor So she got tested and turned out to be that match. Wettstein says there was just something special about Lucas. The Hougoms say if they did not have a living donor like Christina Lucas would not have made it. It has now been a year since Lucas received his transplant. Jenny and Tyler say they have so much gratitude for Christina and the doctors who have done all they can for their family. More from this family's life-saving journey coming up tomorrow.

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Slug: FROSTBITE

And if you do get outside this weekend, doctors want to remind you frostbite is a constant danger, even if temperatures are not sub-zero. With COVID-19 this year, some might think they are being safer by enjoying drinks on an outdoor patio but stay bundled and try not to drink too much.

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Slug: FARMER HEALTH

Farmers, producers, and families in the ag industry now have a place to go to connect with other farmers through the state's department of agriculture's Wisconsin farm center. It will host online support groups starting next month. The farm center says the idea came about before the pandemic and was supposed to be a way for farmers to meet in person and talk about challenges in the ag industry. The *online* support groups have a benefit it is convenient and farmers on the zoom call can be anonymous. The sessions will be led by a fellow regional farmer in your area, and a mental health counselor. Farmers will need to pre-register for the online sessions on the DATCP Wisconsin farm center website. A link to that over on our Facebook page.

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Slug: PFAS

In response to ongoing concern about pfas chemical contamination in parts of French Island Mayor Tim Kabat says He has working to reassure those living in the affected area Saying the city's mitigation efforts have gone above and beyond what the DNR has asked of them. But pfas exposure goes well beyond Well water. Kabat adds the groundwater problem of concern is likely due to the firefighting foam used at the airport and that was federally mandated by the FAA. The EPA says the sort of exposure linked to health problems takes time as the chemicals accumulate in the body and groundwater is just one source. common household items like those with Teflon and some food packaging are other notable offenders. As of January twentieth, the city already tested 125 wells at 122 properties sixty-five are below proposed DNR standards and forty-five are above standards with fifteen samples still pending. in an update today the expert studying the issue outlined the next steps. Mayor Kabat says they will continue to keep people as informed as they can about the ongoing study and response.

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:21 1/26/21 10PM

Slug: SCREEN TIME

Pediatricians are asking parents to be mindful of the screen time their children are getting right now. since many kids are attending school virtually it is extra time looking at a computer, tablet, or other device. doctors say it is not so much about tracking screen hours as it is about making sure your kids are still getting enough sleep and getting enough exercise.

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:23 1/28/21 6PM

Slug: COVID CAVITIES

A new study finds sixty-two percent of Wisconsinites have delayed their dental check-ups due to COVID fears and Wisconsin dentists say they are worried by these numbers. Experts predict since offices safely reopened in May. The percentage in Madison is much lower and while he has seen recent worsening in dental issues, he discussed the reality of seeing an influx of patient's post-pandemic. Dr. Tepe says it is safe to go to the dentist and there have been no confirmed transmissions from dentists or dental staff in the office to patients statewide.

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Slug: PAIN PILLS

As doctors have warned people may feel mild side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine, but health experts say trying to ward off those symptoms by taking pain relievers beforehand could negatively impact how well the vaccine works. A study published in the peer-reviewed journal of virology says nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs can reduce the production of antibodies and make your inoculation less effective. Doctor Jennifer Strong with Marshfield clinic Menomonie says although more research is needed, she also agrees that taking pain relievers does not allow antibodies to form as easily. Doctor strong says it is okay to take pain relief medication after getting vaccinated but recommends avoiding so if you can. she says alternatives to pain killers include using warm packs or ice packs, drinking lots of fluids, and resting.

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Slug: ADDICTION PART 2

2020 saw 37 drug-related deaths in La Crosse County and growing appetite for substances fueled by the pandemic. tonight News 19's Mike Beiermeister is digging deeper into some of the steps being taken or considered to help people afflicted by addiction. La Crosse County has utilized a variety of treatment options from office care to intensive outpatient treatment, and recovery homes but no true full recovery center Building a brand-new treatment facility could cost millions of dollars But Alliance to Heal coordinator al bliss believes the community could pursue an easier solution. A navigator who serve as a guide to help people ready to seek the appropriate type of treatment Both bliss and dr. Eberlein say the key to helping someone with a substance abuse disorder is getting them help when they are ready... Bliss believes this would cost a fraction of the price of a new center and provide people help right when they need it La Crosse County has also taken advantage of the Narcan direct program which allows community agencies to prescribe this lifesaving nasal spray to people at risk for an opioid overdose free of charge The La Crosse medical examiner's office reported that death's would be up 150 percent from 2019 had Narcan not been available. But Narcan does not always save lives and the overdose review fatality team analyzes those deaths by interviewing family and accessing other information to search for early warning signs. Davis and her team relay that information to local schools to help educators look for these cues and work to intervene. Now, the biggest question for 2021 will this deadly trend continue and how will the pandemic influence that trend. Dr. Eberlein believes things are already starting to turn around but the more important question may be how will we as a community change the way we react to someone struggling with substance abuse In the meantime leaders like dr. Kelly will continue to work to connect people to the treatment they need and help them find their footing again Dr. Kelly added that she'd like to see more people choose a career path in substance abuse treatment to help drug and alcohol addicts find the right remedies. and if this

inspired you or someone you know to share their story overcoming addiction to help others we are here to listen. Reach out to us at wxow.com.

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Slug: CANCER DAY

Today is world cancer day and you would be hard pressed to find someone who has not been impacted in some way. Tonight, Reporter Sarah Thomsen shares a Green Bay mother's message of hope. Yet That is where wife and mother of two, Paula Wilde, found herself in October. Two weeks later she had surgery. That same month her best friend also fighting breast cancer lost her fight. Paula Wilde, cancer fighter while she has an amazing support team COVID has forced Paula to physically go through the toughest parts like surgery *alone But she does not want that to discourage people from keeping their routine screenings or from checking out something that does not seem right. It is why she has stepping way out of her comfort zone today to share her story. Physician assistant Nick Grimm sees cancer from the other side his wife is a survivor and he spends every day treating patients fighting skin cancer. Paula credits a persistent radiologist for spotting what could easily have been missed. They urge others to take their lessons to heart no matter what day the calendar reads.

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Slug: HEART DISEASE

Many people wearing red today to call attention to the importance of heart health. News 19's Allante Walker joins us now Sharing a La Crosse woman's story of how COVID-19 can amplify cardiovascular issues. For the 57th year in a row We are observing February as American heart month. Heart disease remains the greatest health threat in the US Killing over 655-thousand people each year. We often hear of people being rushed to the e-r because they fail to recognize the warning signs. and while some genetic factors remain out of our control Health officials say heart disease can be prevented. They say the key to taking care of your heart is maintaining a good diet. Getting up and getting active can help lower your chances of poor heart health. You also want to avoid smoking and heavy alcohol consumption as that can contribute to heart disease. "keep track of your numbers in regards to your weight your blood pressure cholesterol and then get some guidelines or recommendations on what to do to improve those numbers. So, in this month of February when we are celebrating Heart Month, I want people out there to take their heart health seriously and do prevention." Throughout the pandemic Many people have avoided going to the hospital to check out their heart health. But Dr. Ljioma says that if you are experiencing chest pain the hospital is the safest place for you to go. and today is National Wear Red Day, raising awareness about heart disease in women. 1 in 3 women die from heart disease each year. One woman in La Crosse is currently recovering from heart disease Though her symptoms were a little rarer. Teresa Hebarlain joins the near 6-percent of people who are battling heart disease after first testing positive for COVID-19. At the time, her heart was only functioning at 30-percent. But now she has doing workouts at mayo clinic twice a week and taking control of her heart health. "I feel that doing these things that I do here are really making my body stronger. I am noticing I am not really doing much on balancing because I never did balance well one foot but I see it is improving a little bit so whatever I am doing here is making me a whole healthier person I feel. Today Hebarlain heart is working at 50-percent. she is reminding all of us to eat our veggies, go on walks and really take care of our health. And at 86 years young she says that she wants to take dance classes once the pandemic is over to keep her heart running. For more resources on how to keep your heart healthy You can find this story at wxow.com.

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Slug: COLD WEATHER

Subzero temperatures on the way into the weekend with not much warmup during the day. But after so many months stuck in the house Some still want to find ways to get outdoors. News 19's Lindsey Ford spoke to Gundersen health officials on how to stay warm outside. Gundersen health officials say

frostbite is an injury that happens when a person's sensitive areas of the skin is exposed to cold temps. Frostbite starts to occur when there is a "pins & needles stinging sensation" in the ears, fingers, toes and nose. Skin can turn dark blue or gray. Gundersen health experts say the best way to prevent frostbite is to dress in layers. The base layer should be moisture wicking, the second layer of clothing should be wool or cotton lastly the top layer should be a repellent of wind and wetness. Snowboarder Mariah Michner says she knows all about layering. Michner believes there is no such thing as bad weather just bad clothing she says people can enjoy cold weather as much as they do warm weather layering is key In La Crosse Lindsey Ford WXOW News 19 Health officials say if you skin becomes dark blue, gray, or yellowish to seek medical attention immediately because that is a big indicator that frostbite has started to settle in.

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Slug: SAL ARMY COLD

Back in La Crosse not only are they dealing with the extreme cold the county health department confirming to News 19 an outbreak of COVID-19 among the homeless population. They say they are working actively to offer safe housing options to limit the spread. They do note, all who are affected are safely being sheltered. The salvation army says it is standing by to help. it is open to anyone who needs a warm place to stay Regardless of COVID-status to reach out at 782-6126 Saying they and local partners can provide shelter.

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Slug: POLLEN

And if you feel like the cold months bring some relief from what seems like an increasingly long allergy season New research suggests climate change might be to blame. A study published in the peer-reviewed journal proceedings of the national academy of sciences shows current pollen seasons kicked off 20 days earlier and lasted 10 days longer than they did in 19-90. They also bring 21 percent more pollen.

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Slug: MASK PAIN

Those feeling a little pain from wearing a mask may not be alone. Health care workers Factory workers and teachers often have to wear masks for long periods of time which is leading to doctors seeing more patients with neck Back and jaw related pain due to wearing a mask. The common factor of this pain Masks that are too tight Compressing nerves in your face and neck so it is important to find a face covering that fits correctly.

Time: :44 First Aired: 2/11/21 Shows: 6PM
Slug: PFAS

An attorney representing nearly 130 French Island residents has served pages of notices to the City of La Crosse for allegedly playing a role in water contamination. The claim states that these private wells have been tainted with chemicals known as pfas Which has been linked to cancer and birth defects. The chemicals are believed to have originated from what the city says is FAA mandated firefighting foam used at the airport That spread downstream through the groundwater. The city is currently studying how widespread the problem is and considering long term mitigation efforts as it works to provide bottled water in the short term to those affected. The attorney says it is likely that many more people on French Island have been affected by water contamination. The notices are asking for a permanent supply of clean water and to receive compensation for loss of property value as well for people who have medical issues linked to drinking pfas-contaminated water.

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Slug: FLU CASES

After health officials had prepared for a twin pandemic of flu and covid New data show there have been very few flu cases across Wisconsin. UW-Health had seen more than 1-thousand positive tests for influenza by this time last year. Today there has been just one. This dramatic decline is welcome news and health officials credit the precautions people are using to stay safe from covid-19 are also working to prevent influenza.

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Slug: HOME HEALTH

Gundersen Health System is extending their level of patient care by bringing hospital-level treatment into their homes. They are partnering with Contessa, the leading operator of home hospital care with a strong history of high satisfaction to make this program happen. They say it is intended to allow them to care for patients in the comfort of their own home which is overall a more healing environment for them to be in. Hospitalist Stephanie Carroll says it is a unique combination between at home and virtual care. They are also sent with nursing support and therapies as needed. The clinician then sees the patient daily virtually to check on them. Their goal is for the program to be up and running by this spring.

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Slug: DOB MENTAL

A coalition of law enforcement, health, and state officials has unveiled new recommendations they say can improve how Wisconsin responds to mental health crises. Attorney general Josh Kaul says the key is to reform emergency detention in the state. Right now, Wisconsin has one statewide facility in Winnebago County that counties use for emergency detention if no other inpatient psychiatric beds are available. The coalition says that system has been strained for years, so we need to divert more cases away from it. Plus, law enforcement and patients spend hours traveling across the state to get there. So, they are recommending additional funding for more regional crisis stabilization facilities as well as peer support programs and when emergency detention is necessary, they'd also like to create a template that would speed up the medical clearance process. All of the proposals do require legislative approval.

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Slug: SLIPS and FALLS

As for the sub-zero temps we have been seeing Health professionals say salt is not going to cut it when it comes to preventing a slip and fall. Instead, they advise spreading sand out on your driveway and sidewalk and before you walk outside mayo clinic physicians recommend making sure the area is well it Wear footing with proper traction and always take a cell phone if possible. Bottom line Physicians say even if it is just a quick trip to get the mail Never run outside in your slippers or sandals. Any fall could cause serious damage Including head injury.

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Slug: MOBILE CLINIC

A small But still significant percent of the area's population remain without health coverage. La Crosse County's 2018 compass report shows a range between five and 17 percent uninsured in La Crosse and surrounding communities. There is currently a free clinic in the city and tonight we are learning how A collaborative effort will soon fuel a way to bring the clinic closer to all those in need. On the 900 block of ferry street an unassuming building Opening its doors to provide free healthcare to between 500 and 600 people each year. Executive director Jason Larsen says the St. Clare health mission's goal is to offer the same quality healthcare to the uninsured or underinsured as they would find at any

hospital or clinic but in the tradition of their patron saint Volunteers do so humbly. Even those in the highest echelons of leadership. As health care and economic concerns are in focus more than ever. The mission wants to offer more outreach for its services and to get that goal going. A well-known "wheel" opened the door of opportunity. In a show of that continued collaboration Area rotary clubs partnered up to reach out to a number of agencies to ask. For St. Clare health mission, the answer is a mobile clinic. The vehicle will contain two fully functional and confidential exam rooms Diagnostic equipment and pharmaceutical capabilities. That all comes at a cost...For a free clinic that saw it is operating budget skyrocket this past year from 300 thousand to 475 thousand. Larsen says a mobile clinic would have been a dream two or three years down the road, had they relied on the grants and private donations that fund the mission. Rotary's fundraising opportunity makes the math a lot easier. Here's how: They are working to raise \$80,000 through the rotary works foundation. The nine area clubs are then teaming up to apply for a grant from rotary international that will triple the total. The catch is these grants are usually for projects local clubs take to other countries. Perhaps it should not be surprising communities both home and abroad wants to rally around the mission. After all, when Larsen recently reached out to see about getting a deep freezer for covid-19 vaccines. The open-door policy Working both ways to move the mission forward. There is no timeline yet for when the actual vehicle will be outfitted and ready to roll. You can learn how to donate to projects like this by finding this story on our website. For now, those without insurance can visit the St. Clare health mission Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7 each week.

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Slug: MAMMOGRAM

Some patients are experiencing swollen lymph nodes after getting the covid-19 vaccine. Now, health officials are concerned this could be mistaken for a potential breast cancer diagnosis. The vaccine can cause swelling under the arm where the shot was given. This side effect has raised questions about whether screening mammograms should be rescheduled but experts are advising patients not to delay a cancer screening or treatment dr. Robinson notes that they are not seeing lymph node swelling in every woman that has the vaccine.

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Slug: SCREENING BILL

A new bill introduced in Madison wants to expand newborn screenings to test for a deadly neurological disease. State senator pat Testin joined the Cushman family in Wisconsin rapids today who lost their son Collin in 2019 to "Krabbe" disease. It is a rare disorder that affects the brain and nervous system. It has no cure but if it had been screened for at birth there would have been treatment options to allow Collin to live much longer senator Testin says the only real hurdle is getting people to know about Krabbe disease and expects the effort to pass quickly through the state legislature.

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Slug: THANK A RESIDENT

This week Gundersen Health System is honoring individuals working towards a career on the front-lines. Friday is Thank a Resident Day will celebrate the work residents and fellows do to provide care for patients and for contributing to culture of education. There is a combined total of 100 residents and fellows across Gundersen locations. The director of medical education at Gundersen in La Crosse says these workers are often unsung heroes Especially throughout the pandemic. Gundersen will show their appreciation to residents and fellows on Friday with public announcements as well as individual gifts and treats.

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Slug: VAX REGISTRY

Just as new groups become eligible for a vaccine. Wisconsin launches its own covid-19 vaccine registry. The state-run program is a one-stop-shop for people seeking vaccinations. It allows people to see when they are eligible for a vaccine and allows them to schedule a vaccination appointment. A health department spokeswoman says the website will be operating by the end of the day.

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Slug: PFAS ISSUES

The water contamination concern on French Island continues with neighbors looking out for neighbors and trying to come up with temporary solutions that are easy for everyone. PFAs is short for a very long chemical name. The DNR recently discovered it in some of the airport wells. The chemical itself stays in the ground in residue that originated in firefighting foam. As the snow melts people in the Town of Campbell are worried about dangerous chemicals seeping into their wells. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold spoke to a resident who says she has concerned about the water issue. But mostly....about how some of her elderly neighbors are getting by. Marcus? Suzie black has lived in the Town of Campbell since 1973....everyone knows her. Due to the recent pfas scare, she says she has trying to stay away from using faucet water but says it is not easy....especially for some of her older neighbors. Suzie black is sick of waiting. Black's house was not included in the city's well-water study so she plans to pay 425 dollars to test it herself. For now, black is choosing to use bottled water for most things...but still...says she has lucky. A closer pickup spot, like summit elementary is what black is proposing. Summit was not included in the study either Until the results come back both black and the school will take necessary precautions and for Black that even includes the water, she gives her cat. we have reached out to the City of La Crosse she says initially they did not include it because her house is far enough away from the airport where the pfas was found. Her main hope now is that the Town of Campbell and La Crosse will make access to bottled water easier for everyone in the area. Thanks Marcus. For more stories about the pfas issues in our area...you can find stories related to this on our website wxow.com.

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Slug: COLON CANCER

March is national colon cancer awareness month colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the u-s. Anyone can be diagnosed with this type of cancer, regardless of age or gender. Doctors say younger generations actually have a higher risk of developing colon cancer due to obesity and high alcohol consumption and because of the pandemic, they say it is too early to know if There has been an uptick of colon cancer diagnoses because many people are avoiding going to the doctors. Doctor Singh says patients should start getting screened at age 45. However, if you have a family history of colon cancer or notice any bleeding you should get screened a lot sooner.

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Slug: WATER QUALITY

With a rapidly expanding world population the importance of freshwater is only growing and some of the world's best water research is happening right in our back yard according to UWL the future is water. That is why the state of Wisconsin has formed a freshwater collaborative partnership with all 13 public universities. It hopes to train the next generation of water professionals. La Crosse is in such a unique position because of the abundant freshwater we have around here. According to the united nations over 78 percent of jobs worldwide are somehow dependent on water. So, figuring out ways to navigate water cleanliness and manage pollutants is a crucial step in the coming years according to the university.

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Slug: TICKS

The warmer weather means ticks are active so health officials have some tips. Three types of ticks are in the area deer. Wood and in rare cases lone star ticks. Deer ticks can transmit disease in as little as 48 hours after latching onto your skin. So, if you are outside, perform routine tick checks especially behind the knees, ears, under your arms and scalp line. Check your children and pets too.

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:38 3/5/21 5AM

Slug: MASS VAX

The health department says AMI expeditionary healthcare will be running the clinic and administering the shots. They plan to give two hundred a day to start and eventually hope to get up to one thousand each day. Find registration and screening information on our website.

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:36 3/5/21 MIDDAY

Slug: WI CASES

As some states race to relax restrictions or reopen completely health experts are warning against acting prematurely and possibly causing another spike in new covid cases. Let us take a look at the latest covid numbers here in Wisconsin. Nearly 680 of the newest tests came back positive on Thursday. To date more than 64-hundred people in the state have died because of covid 19 and over 2.6 million tests have come back negative. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have seen more than 12-thousand positive cases in La Crosse County over 11 thousand in Eau Claire County and more than 7-thousand in Chippewa County.

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:28 3/8/21 6PM

Slug: SUMMIT

The La Crosse school district is releasing new information about pfas testing at Summit elementary. The school is not in the area of interest for concern but they tested their water out of an abundance of caution. The lab tested for 18 compounds. Only two compounds were present at barely detectable levels. A message from the school district reads "the well water at summit environmental school is safe for drinking. The district will continue to monitor water quality moving forward."

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:33 3/9/21 10PM

Slug: VAX NEW MOMS

A new study says the covid vaccine may help breastfeeding mothers pass some immunity to their baby. The research is still in the early stages and has not been confirmed by the CDC. A nurse with Aspirus Health says there really is not enough data yet to confirm or deny whether the vaccine is passed through lactation, nor is there enough data to speak to the impact a vaccinated mother breastfeeding can have on a child but she does not believe the vaccine is a risk. The report by med archive tested 6 women and found significant levels of the vaccinated antibodies in breast milk. she also explained that women should not let the lack of research on breastfeeding be a deterrent from getting the vaccine. But ultimately mothers should do whatever they feel most comfortable with regarding getting vaccinated when it is available to them.

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Slug: LONELINESS

Social distancing measures are meant to reduce the spread of covid-19, but a new mayo clinic study finds they have also created, or aggravated, certain wellness concerns. To measure social relationship changes during the pandemic, researchers compared survey results from nearly 2-thousand patients who completed a questionnaire back in 20-18 and again during the stay-at-home orders throughout much of the US in May 2020. Doctor Pravesh Sharma with the mayo clinic who co-authored the study, says on a positive note, there was an increase in emotional and logistical support and a decrease in

perceived hostility. On the flip side, the team found a large decrease in friendships, and women reported higher levels of loneliness during the pandemic compared to men. Doctor Sharma says if we were to ever have another pandemic in the future, the study shows we need to prepare for a potential rise in anxiety and depression and have better screenings to help address these issues.

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:25 3/12/21 6PM

Slug: OPIOID SUMMIT

Today the Alliance to Heal partnered with Viterbo University to host a virtual opioid and behavioral health summit the event brought over 120 professionals and community members to learn more about substance abuse disorders and treatment options. The topics included the cycle of addiction. The stigma of addiction and some recovery stories organizers say an event like this brings together multiple organizations to help those in need. This event was free and open to the public if you missed it additional resources can be found at the Alliance to Heal's website on your screen.

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Slug: LTC VISITS

For the first time since September La Crosse County long term care facilities can allow visitors inside, this per the centers of disease control guidelines last Thursday. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold is at Bethany St. Joes on the south side. Marcus What do these looser restrictions mean to the staff and residents? It means people can finally hug their loved ones and as Karen Bell explains this is essential for her husband that lives here. Less restrictive guidelines mean Karen Bell's kids can finally come with her to visit their dad Leroy. Leroy's been battling Alzheimer for 13 years and the pandemic kept Karen from getting to see him. Thanksgiving was her first holiday a part from Leroy in 58 years. Leroy is a retired pastor. and she says her faith got them through the dark times this year. Decreasing case rates and increasing vaccinations make it safe for people to hug and hold their loved ones again Also boosting the staff morale. Reaching the light at the end of the tunnel Together. Leroy was napping when I got here so we did not get to speak with him but Karen says it has been great to take him outdoors when things opened back up. and even though staff says outdoor visits are still safest. The weather might make that difficult this week. Well good thing visits can happen indoors now. Thanks Marcus. When it comes to community vaccinations. Since long-term-care residents are so vulnerable to covid. The CDC recommendations that fully vaccinated individuals can be together without masks does not apply yet but doctors say as more people get the vaccine that becomes more of a reality.

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2:31 3/18/21 10PM

Slug: VOLUNTEERS

After a long year volunteers from Mayo Clinic Health System are returning to work. News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares their excitement and why their roles are more important than many people realize. Tim walls has worked as a volunteer discharge and recovery transporter for five years now. Before covid he says volunteers had free reign of the hospital. But when the pandemic started, they were not able to be in the building. and now that they are returning things are different. Volunteers like Tim. Are more important than people realize. Elieen Doyle has been a volunteer for nineteen years. she tried to come back to work in May but realized she was not ready. Pat Thompson has been a part of the staff for six years now. She says she missed the socialization aspect. she says part of the job is making patients feel more comfortable. They all say they are just grateful to be back. Reporting from La Crosse, Rylie Kyhn News 19. All the volunteers say they are just happy to be able to help.

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Slug: AFFORDABLE

You can still register for the affordable care act thanks to a deadline extension. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid moved the deadline to August 15th. The extension will give people more time to sign up or change their insurance, in light of the increased subsidies from the covid-19 relief law.

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Slug: DNR REPORT

Our top story once again per and polyfluoroalkyl substance contamination on French Island. In cooperation with the DNR, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has now issued a drinking water advisory for residents there. News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares what she learned from members of the DNR today about that advisory. The Wisconsin DNR says they are not taking over what the city is doing, rather they are supplementing the investigation to help residents impacted by the pfas contamination. The DNR says all well samples that they have been provided by the city have detections of pfas except one from those samples and others that residents have taken. The DNR and DHS are aware of one-hundred and eighty-five different wells on French Island with contamination. The DNR says that the City of La Crosse is the party responsible for taking actions to resolve the situation. The next steps include further testing of wells which the DNR will conduct and they say it could take up to ninety days for results. These samples will help them determine what the solution the funding for this project is coming from the DNR. They say they have funds available when there are unknown situations in which contamination has occurred. It could be two hundred the DNR has created a website for the town of Campbell and French Island residents. It has information and updates residents can subscribe to about the ongoing investigation...and a form they can fill out for alternative drinking water. They say their ultimate goal is to find a solution for these residents.

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Slug: MINUTES IN MOTION

Gundersen health system's minutes in motion begins today. It is the 15th year of the community-wide six-week challenge designed to help people become more active. Activities include most anything from stretching to workouts designed to increase your heart rate. The goal is to stay active for 30 minutes a day and log 1 thousand 260 minutes by the end of the challenge. Registration is open and you are eligible to win prizes. You can find more information and exercises on our website.

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Slug: PFAS LATEST

The city says it is working to help French Island residents who cannot drink their tap water because of pfas. These chemical compounds do not break down. They are linked to increased cancer risk and experts say they have spread into the island's wells from special firefighting foam mandated by the FAA for use at the airport. La Crosse mayor Tim Kabat saying today he is requesting more testing and safe water supply from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The city's also petitioning the FAA for a waiver to stop using the aqueous film forming foam that contains per and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The Town of Campbell board had asked the mayor to make that request ahead of a federally mandated deadline of October of this year. One board member tells us they wish mayor Kabat had sent this letter sooner but it is better late than never. Mayor Kabat says the city has not delayed and it takes a while to make a waiver request.

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Slug: BOWL

Those seeking an indoor New Year's Day tradition made their way to several restaurants around the area. One popular sports bar Howies hosted a handful of college football fans. People were spread out throughout the establishment Enjoying some burgers or wraps, having a couple of drinks, and watching the game.

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:16 1/2/21 6PM

Slug: MT. LA CROSSE

Perfect conditions to hit the slopes over at mt. La Crosse earlier today snow and smiles filled the hill as people took advantage of the outdoors safely Jill and Jeff Dickson have been going to mt. La Crosse with their family for over twenty years. They say it has plenty to offer the Dicksons say it is a good place to go to take your mind off everything and the snow offers a therapeutic escape now masks are required and only one skier is allowed on a chair lift at a time unless you live in the same house mount La Crosse is currently open seven days a week for people to enjoy

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Slug: SMASHED BEARS

The Wausau fire department getting in on the "Packers-Bears" rivalry. They posted these "before" and "after" pictures of quote "the Packers dismantling the Bears" in yesterday's game spirits are certainly high with Green Bay locking down the top seed in the post season.

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Slug: SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

Although we have got a nice blanket of snow Those eager to get out on snowmobiles will have to wait just a little longer this winter season. The president of a western Wisconsin snowmobile club says the number one reason we cannot open the trails now is because we still do not have enough snow. He says In Eau Claire Much like they are around the region. Many trails are on private property and unless There is at least a foot of heavy snow they are not going out in order to protect the landowners' property as well as themselves. He says some do not often realize the work that goes into grooming the trail system. Dan says that snow cover here in the coulee region is similar to that in the Chippewa Valley right now.

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Slug: MOSINEE BREWING

Creating change in the community can come in many different forms and several Wisconsin organizations are coming together to do so in the form of beer. The be amazing organization Mosinee brewing company and village crossing gas station in Kronenwetter are teaming up to a create newly designed cans of MBC's Honey Blonde Ale. From each 6-pack purchase two dollars from the MBC and a portion from Village Crossing will go towards be amazing's efforts to allocate money to people who do not have enough to carry out their own projects. According to all three organizations involved This is simply a way to give back.

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Slug: DELAKIS TRAINS

Eau Claire native Paul Delakis wants to follow in his father's footsteps and study optometry. But that could take a backseat to swimming in the Olympics. As Nick Tabbert explains He has swimming with some of the biggest names in the sport to try to make a splash. Paul Delakis is surrounded by speed and a pool full of rising stars Delakis has made multiple trips to the prestigious gator swim club in Florida swimming side by side with his idols and mentors. Multiple times a day for hours at a time the goal is to represent team USA in the rescheduled Olympic games the Olympic trials are now in June in Omaha Delakis plans to compete in the 100- and 200-meter freestyle events Delakis is currently in Columbus Sharing his training experiences with his Ohio state university teammates a three-time all American. Delakis learned last week He has the chance to cap his collegiate career with big ten and NCAA championships Delakis is pushing himself physically and mentally and He has essentially doing it blind it is been nearly a year since his last competition Ohio state's first meet of the shortened season is next weekend in Columbus. Delakis is striving for three wins at the big ten championships.

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Slug: SLEDDERS

Even without much snow on the ground sledders are still taking advantage of the conditions These youngsters decided to hit up the sledding hill near forest hills golf course in La Crosse. As you can see, staying active is all part of the fun when getting outside today a blanket of snow and mild winter temperatures mean the perfect mix for kids taking to the sledding hills like we just saw But one health official says it is also about staying safe if you or your children decide to go sledding this weekend dr. Alicia Zolkoske at children's Wisconsin says she was one of six providers dealing with sledding injuries this past week saying she treated nearly 10 fractures alone. she says the severity of injuries varies as do the ages of those involved. Best advice? Dr. Zolkoske also recommends avoiding hills with a lot of trees or obstacles. She says it is still good to get out and have fun.

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Slug: RODGERS JEOPARDY

Can't get enough Aaron Rodgers? You might want to tune into jeopardy! Sometime soon. The Packers QB says He has going to be guest hosting the quiz show as part of the series of interim hosts following the passing of longtime host Alex Trebek last November. Greatest of all time winner Ken Jennings began the rotating hosting duties on Monday. Rodgers was a celebrity jeopardy winner in 2015.

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Slug: VIRTUAL PRACTICE CUT

Every high school team in the region are back to in-person practices. Before now Teams did their best to work to stay game ready. Reporter Declan Levy provides some perspective. About those virtual practices. Before there was this returning to the court is a major plus for the Red Raiders but it was the virtual practice where they laid the ground work central totaled 25 zoom practices Junior Quinn Service did not complain, did not sit on the couch. No, he got to work and now, he and his teammates agree It already feels like it is paying off Central totaled 25 zoom practices .This is a central team that won 25 games last year. The only thing that knocked them out at the end of the season was the lock down. They still have tons of talent on the roster So for coach Todd Fergot He and his staff adapted Whether it be via zoom or not His guys are ready for the 2021 season It is a privilege being back on the hardwood and they will not forget that and we will see if those zoom practices have been paying off. Central's first game of the season will be tonight against La Crosse Logan.

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Slug: STURGEON

The sturgeon spearing season starts next month and the DNR is letting people know about some of the changes this year all the registration stations are now drive-thru and they will be at boat landings

and city parks another big-difference is how the spearers will register their sturgeon. There were more than 12-thousand licenses sold for this up-coming season.

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Slug: FREE FISH WKND

The Wisconsin DNR also with a reminder This Saturday and Sunday is a free fishing weekend in Wisconsin. Anglers will be allowed to fish any body of water where there is open season January 16-17 Without a license or trout stamp. All other fishing regulations like the size Limits and type of fish you can keep Still apply. The DNR advising anglers to follow COVID distancing guidelines and remember that no ice is 100-percent safe. They recommend checking with local bait shops for ice conditions in the area. and always make sure to tell someone where you might be going.

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:33 1/15/21 10PM

Slug: CT PACK FAN

It is about a thousand miles from Connecticut to Green Bay. Around 800 as the crow flies and it is a journey a lifelong Packers fan from the east coast would not miss even without a ticket. Joe Dombrowski is not among the roughly 9-thousand lucky fans attending tomorrow's playoff game. But he still wanted to be in Tittletown for gameday. He says He has followed the Packers since 1968 and has been to 20 plus games Including four times in a single season. Dombrowski says even though he will not be inside the hallowed halls of Lambeau There is no place like Green Bay. Dombrowski says he plans to celebrate safely and be in town for the NFC championship game If his prediction proves true.

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:33 1/18/21 6PM

Slug: SKATING LANE

Anyone looking for a new way to get outside for some physical activity this winter might want to consider this. Skating lanes are becoming a popular activity for adventure seekers. One place you can do this is on Lake Neshonoc in West Salem. Where a multi mile skating lane has been cleared by volunteers. The skating lane traverses the lake and is free and open for the public to use and if you cannot make it out to West Salem There are also skating lanes available on the marsh behind Myrick Park Providing a great way to get outside and enjoy all our area has to offer. The outdoor recreation alliance is also working with the city to get approval to maintain and groom the skating lanes on the marsh and as you can see the marsh also features a ice hockey area and many trails that connect the city with the bluffs

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Slug: LAKE GENEVA ICE

This morning tickets went on sale for the ice castles at destination Geneva national this weekend. The interactive experience had to get even more creative this year and include COVID-19 precautions. There will be mandatory masks limited capacity increased sanitation of high touch surfaces and one-way markings on tunnels and crawl spaces.

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Slug: SLED

A simple new addition to Myrick Park Just made winter fun a little more accessible. A free sled library is now in place, made possible in part by the La Crosse branch of Hike It Baby. The non-profit is dedicated to helping get young children outside and enjoying outdoor fun. the wooden structure holds several different sleds, all for use by anyone free of charge. Myrick Park's hills, mother nature's snow and gravity do the rest. Miller also said that the team at Wis-Corp and Myrick Park made placement of the

sled library possible. the hope now is that the community will embrace some free sledding and sled donations are also welcome.

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:25 1/27/21 10PM

Slug: GARAGE SESSIONS

Live music is returning in a slightly adapted way. moon tunes will join forces with La Crosse local's garage sessions to bring you live local shows in the comfort of your home. Them coulee boys kick off the offering on February 12 that show is ticketed at ten dollars. The next 6 online concerts after that are being offered free of charge but are labeled as tip what you can to help get these bands back on their feet. Our website shows how to attend and a full list of bands performing in the series.

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:23 2/1/21 6PM

Slug: CWD NUMBERS

The Minnesota DNR says chronic wasting disease in deer is on the decline test results from the 2020 hunting season confirmed just 22 cases of CWD. All within current disease management zones the majority of these positive samples coming from the south east part of Minnesota the department says they will continue sampling for c-w-d across the state to enhancement their knowledge about the disease.

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Slug: OWL CENTER

While it is easy to get caught up in the negatives of the COVID 19 pandemic Some have actually seen positives outcomes in the past year. While the International Owl Center in Houston Minnesota is a hands-on experience the executive director says they have actually drawn a huge global crowd by shifting much of their experience online. it is a new platform they are anxious to keep growing they are still doing in person visits they are just limited and ask you to reserve your spot ahead of time.

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Slug: HOKAH SNOW SHOE

Students at St Peters Catholic School in Hokah had a fun way to get outside today as a part of Catholic School's week students strapped on snow shoes and took to the trails. teachers say this was a great way to get the students outside and introduce them to a new winter activity that they can all do in a COVID safe way and of course a new and fun activity for the students.

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Slug: WOLF HUNT LAWSUIT

A national hunting group filed a lawsuit today to force an immediate start to Wisconsin's wolf hunting season right now the Wisconsin DNR is planning a wolf hunting season that will begin in November the lawsuit accuses the DNR of violating statutes that require them to implement a hunt wildlife official say the wolf season is still set to begin in November.

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Slug: SUMMERFEST

With the goal of having more potential attendees vaccinated Summerfest is rescheduled for three weeks in September once again. That is of course what happened last year Before it was ultimately canceled Costing the organization 10-million dollars and draining reserves. But the president and CEO say they have a long-term plan in place and are not going anywhere. Summerfest president and CEO Don Smiley says postponing Summerfest in Milwaukee again during the pandemic comes down to

herd immunity from COVID-19. and that was not going to happen for a June 24th festival start. Retired Milwaukee firefighter and Summerfest fan Frank Alioto supports the delay. A September Summerfest will face competition from the return to school and football. Smiley says Milwaukee weather does not leave another option.

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Slug: ASHLEY 4 ARTS

Another name has been added to Ashley for the Art's 2021 lineup! Clare Dunn will take the main stage at 4 p-m on Saturday August 14th Ashley for the Arts will take place August 12, 13 and 14 at Memorial Park in Arcadia. Tickets for the entire weekend are currently 20 dollars.

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:24 2/9/21 10PM

Slug: N WI STATE FAIR

Plans are moving forward for the 2021 northern Wisconsin state fair. Applications recently opened for paid staff and volunteers for a number of positions at the fair. Officials are also looking to hire non-profits to work jobs and earn money for their organizations. The fair's director says they plan to hire more staff than usual this year to take care of tasks like sanitization and monitoring social distancing. Other protocols like capacity restrictions and mask requirements have yet to be determined. The Fair is currently scheduled to run July 7th through the 11th.

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Slug: SENIOR OPEN

Wisconsin will be picking up another major event in the golf world. "Sentry World" in Stevens Point will host the 2023 US senior open. The 43-rd playing of the event will be the first for a course that previously hosted the USGA's Girls junior championship in 2019. The big benefit of looking two years down the road. The anticipation of being able to welcome 75-thousand spectators to central Wisconsin. Not only are they expecting to host thousands of people but also television coverage of the event will introduce millions around the world to the Stevens Point area. The flowers on the signature hole 16 likely to be a gift to viewing audiences.

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:29 2/11/21 6PM

Slug: WOLF HUNT

A judge has ordered the state department of natural resources to start a wolf hunt this month rather than wait until November. Wolves were removed from the federal endangered species list in January and Wisconsin law mandates the DNR run a wolf season from November through February. The department had planned to start the season this November but a national hunting advocacy group filed a lawsuit to force an immediate start. Now a Jefferson County judge has ordered the DNR to hold the season this month.

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Slug: CAMP RANDALL

U-w Madison is planning on having fans back in the stands at Camp Randall this fall. The university sharing the news in a video this morning thanking season ticket holders for their support throughout the pandemic. UW athletic director Barry Alvarez says they want to get fans back into the stadium but there is still a lot up in the air. Season ticket information will be available soon.

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Slug: SKI JUMP

After years of planning and building Western Wisconsin will showcase a new ski jump facility. The flying eagles invitational begins Saturday at Mount Washington where junior ski jumpers will get the chance to test the new 55-meter-jump towering over Eau Claire's west side. The million-dollar-plus-project has been ongoing for three years and tens-of-thousands of volunteer hours have been put into creating the state-of-the-art jump. Crews say the jump will be safe and ready for this weekend's competition but finishing touches will be added this spring. This weekend's event will be livestreamed this year and we'll have a link to watch on our website.

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Slug: WHEEL-CURL

The team u-s-a wheelchair curling team is preparing for the next Paralympic games Just one year from now making a stop in central Wisconsin. Reporter Addison Van Patten caught up with the team in plover with players spread across the country, in person practice was not an option so they got creative Utilizing zoom just like everyone else. They believe the muscle memory is only the second half of the battle. The Olympic qualifiers have been postponed twice. Forcing the team to restart their training program multiple times but as they focus on their headspace, the obstacles have made them tougher. In a little over a month, they will be on the qualifiers. When they get there? The team will next compete in Finland where they will work to complete for a spot in the 2022 Beijing Paralympic games.

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Slug: BBB VACATION

As covid-19 metrics continue to improve. Many people are once again getting bitten by the travel bug. While the CDC still does not recommend traveling. The Wisconsin better business bureau has released recommendations for how to travel as smartly and safely as possible during the pandemic. The b-b-b says to research any travel restrictions and keep your plans flexible in case regulations change. Experts also suggest looking into travel insurance and what it can help you cover. Even how you get to your destination can help keep you safe. The bureau says it is better to go by car, than by plane. Right now, of course, the bureau recommends traveling with disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer Also wearing a mask.

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Slug: WIAA

And a reminder that the WIAA Girls basketball state tournament begins tomorrow as does our complete coverage from start to finish. As for local hopefuls, the Aquinas Girls team will play at 10:45 Friday morning in Oshkosh. If they win, they go on to play at 8:15 Friday evening. The Bangor girls also playing at 12:25 Friday afternoon That game will be at the La Crosse center. If they win, they go on to play at 6:35 Friday evening also at the La Crosse center on Saturday Onalaska tips off at 9-05 a-m in a semifinal. The division two championship at 6-35 Saturday night. All of the games will air right here on WXOW 19 beginning tomorrow morning at nine. Coverage will be streaming online at wxow.com Or on the magic of march app.

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Slug: WIAA

However, you watch The WIAA Boys state tournament features local talent this weekend. Wauzeka Steueben kicking off action at 9-05 Thursday morning at the La Crosse center. The winner plays for the title at 7 that evening. In division four Onalaska Luther will play its semifinal on Friday morning at 9-05 Also at the La Crosse center and the Onalaska hilltoppers are the top seed in division two. They will face Xavier Saturday morning at the La Crosse center. You can watch the games right here on WXOW 19 Or streaming live at Wxow.com and on the magic of march app.

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Slug: ONA SPIRIT

Onalaska sent both their girls and boys basketball teams to the WIAA state tournament this year. News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares what this means to the students and school last weekend the Onalaska girls basketball team played in the semifinal game at the La Crosse center on Saturday morning. This Saturday the boys will play in the same early morning semifinal game against Appleton Xavier. I talked with two senior student athletes about how cool the experience has been in their final year and what it means to have fans in the stands. The last time both the boys and girls' teams went to the state tournament was in 2016 and Landon Peterson was an eighth grader. Now in his final year at Onalaska. He will have the chance to cheer on both hilltopper teams at the biggest points in their seasons. Peterson says being able to support the teams in person has been awesome and girls' basketball player Molly Garrity says. That energy from the crowd is crucial. To have both teams go to state in the same year is a big deal Garrity says it is something they will always remember. The girl's team lost Saturday morning in the semi-final game but Garrity says whether the teams come home with a gold ball or not...it is special to just see their names on a banner in the gym. Friday they will have purple day to show their support for the team but they say it is hard to hold a big event to celebrate because of the pandemic. They do however hope that if the boys come out with a win, they can find a way to celebrate. The Onalaska boys will play on Saturday morning at nine oh five at the La Crosse Center. You can watch that right here on News 19.

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Slug: TRAILS

This time of year, is hard on local hiking and walking trails. Overnight temperatures drop below freezing causing the ground to harden. During the day, the sun warms the ground and leaves a wet and slushy trail. The La Crosse parks department Asking you to avoid these wet trails. To prevent future damage Officials say Avoiding the trails now means fewer trail closures in the future.

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Slug: SYMPHONY

The La Crosse symphony orchestra returns to a hybrid offering with its concerts this weekend. It is called "heroic expressions" and there will be two performances for a health guideline limited crowd at Viterbo one at 3-30 and the other at 7-30. In-person tickets are sold out but you will be able to live stream the concert. They will be the symphony's largest crowd in over a year. The live stream will not be available until 7-30 on Saturday evening. You can purchase tickets for that on the La Crosse symphony orchestra website.

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Slug: LUTHER

Two high schools in Onalaska, three teams went to the state basketball tournament. Onalaska Hilltoppers girls last week. The Hilltopper boys play tomorrow and Onalaska Luther played today. News 19's Declan Levy is here with the highlights. It has been quite a year for Onalaska Luther the Knights come into the tournament with just one loss on the season That is because of their big front court Isaiah Lairsh and Gavin Proudfoot Both standing at 6 foot 7 and they went to the hoop early. Proudfoot to Lairsh Backing his way in and a little help from the rim. It is back and forth to start. Late in the half it is Proudfoot He has their leading scorer Great footwork and goes up strong Luther down one to the one seed but the prairie school's Antwan Nesbitt. He has their leading scorer and what a move. Nesbitt goes up and under for the basket and to close out the half. The prairie school went running. That is Asan-Jay Hunter getting the and one Hawks on an 11 to 0 run and that continued in the second. Back door cut. Nice pass and hunter with the basket Nesbitt kick to the corner. The Knights fall 46-61.

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:20 3/8/21 6PM

Slug: TRAILS CLOSED

A reminder to avoid some walking and hiking trails in La Crosse. Hixon Forest, the gateway, Mathy Hass and the Dobson Tract are all temporarily closed. Right now, the trails are wet and muddy making them more susceptible to damage. City officials are asking trail users to visit the City of La Crosse website for more information on closures.

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Slug: GIRLS HKY WIN

This past weekend, state basketball was not the only championship playing out in Wisconsin. The coulee region stars girl's hockey team lighting the lamp to victory on Sunday with a 6-2 win over the central Wisconsin team. The path to the u14 championship included wins over the Madison mavericks as well as Hayward. Congratulations to the girls who finished the season with a 43-3 record.

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Slug: ELK HUNT APP

Applications for the state of Wisconsin's 4th elk hunt are open now it is scheduled to take place in the fall. The department of natural resources board will decide on a quota by the end of May which will determine how many licenses are awarded. Officials with the DNR say thanks to conservation-efforts the herds are looking good this year. Officials say this is a once in a life-time opportunity. Hunters who were approved in previous years will *not* be approved this year.

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:18 3/10/21 MIDDAY

Slug: TRAILS CLOSED

City officials are reminding the public to *avoid* some walking and hiking trails in La Crosse five trails are temporarily closed due to wet and muddy conditions that make them more susceptible to damage city officials are asking trail users to visit the City of La Crosse website for more information on closures.

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Slug: TENNIS COURT

The City of La Crosse is considering building a year-round tennis facility at Green Island Park and city officials are looking for public opinion on the matter the new indoor facility would expand the number of activities the park would be able to offer for adults and children year-round. City officials say they are ready to move forward on the project with help from the community find out how to share input on the project at our website, wxow.com

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Slug: IDITAROD

Our return to winter fitting considering the Iditarod sled dog race wrapped up today in record fashion. A pandemic shortened race ended with Dallas Seavey taking his fifth title matching the most by any musher. A record previously held alone by Willmar Minnesota native Rick Swenson. It is Seavey's first-time racing in the Iditarod since being cleared of a 2017 opioid controversy But at age 34 it is not expected to be his last. Seavey's winning time of 7 days, 14 hours, 8 minutes and 57 seconds was more than three hours clear of the second-place finisher.

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Slug: OSCARS

A record-breaking year for women when it comes to Oscar nominations. Announced this morning 70 women have received 76 total nominations. This year's nominees also different due to a significant lack of blockbuster films. Besides a few big budget movies like "Wonder Woman 1984, Mulan, and Tenet" streaming service originals make up more than half of best picture nominees. Late actor Chadwick Boseman received a posthumously nomination for his work in Ma Rainey's Black Bottom. You can see the Oscars Sunday April 25th right here on WXOW-19.

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Slug: POLISH FEST

Wisconsinites will have to go another year without the familiar sound and sights of polish fest. reporter Hannah Hilyard explains why organizers felt it best to cancel for a second year in a row. The music, the food, the culture polish fest knows how to draw a crowd, a problem in a pandemic. Polish center of Wisconsin executive director Jeff Kuderski announced Tuesday no 2021 polish fest. Other festivals started to cancel like Festa Italiana. or postpone like Summerfest. Polish fest has no definitive plans to reschedule this year.

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Slug: SPECIAL OLYMP

Right now, Special Olympics Wisconsin is taking the pledge of inclusion and they want you to consider it too. Over the past year we have all felt a little lonely and that feeling is a familiar one for some people with disabilities who are often left out. The "Spread the Word Inclusion" campaign is working to bridge that gap in schools and communities across Wisconsin. They are hoping to get 500 pledges for inclusion by the end of March.

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Slug: BADGER TIX

The NCAA Men's basketball tournament is back after last year's pandemic hiatus. Some tournament sites are allowing up to 25% capacity, but officials in West Lafayette Indiana are only about 1500 fans will be allowed to watch each game in person About 12-13 percent. That lack of supply has driven up demand. A local ticket broker says two days ago Badgers tickets were around 250 dollars. They have dropped a bit but remain among the most popular draws of opening weekend. Badgers' fans looking for a quick getaway should know some hotel rooms are still available in the area.

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Slug: TRIALS CLOSED

Outdoor enthusiasts looking to enjoy the Blufflands will have to wait. Natural surfaced trails around the area will be temporarily closed. That includes Hixon and Upper Hixon as well as The Gateway, Mathy, Hass and Dobson Tract. The La Crosse Parks Rec and Forestry Department urging caution because wet muddy trails are more susceptible to damage and erosion which can be difficult and costly to repair. Paved and gravel paths will be open.

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Slug: TENNIS COURTS

Wednesday evening saw another public meeting to discuss plans about an indoor tennis facility at Green Island Park. The new facility up for discussion would include 6 new indoor tennis courts along with the 13 outdoor courts. If you missed last night's meeting you have one more chance to share your input. The final public meeting is tonight from 6 until 8 at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center or you can connect through a Zoom call, a link to which you can find at wxow.com.

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Slug: TRAILS

Thanks to the mild outlook a few more la crose area natural surface trails are now open for use. The Gateway, Mathy Tract and Upper Hixon Forest trails are now open. The Hixon Forest and Hass and Dobson tracts remain closed for now. These temporary closures are to prevent damage to trails more susceptible to seasonal freeze-thaw and wet conditions.

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Slug: ROCKFEST

Rockfest is back! Organizers announced the festivals full line-up today featuring more than 65 bands. Headliners include Rob Zombie, Staind and Snoop Dogg. You can buy tickets now for the three-day show July 15-17 in Cadott. A Rock Fest line up is over at our website.

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Slug: CINDY MARTEN

A UW La Crosse alum will soon join Joe Biden's administration. Cindy Marten is Mister Biden's nominee for the US deputy secretary of education. Marten earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from UW La Crosse. Since 20-13 Marten has been serving as the superintendent for the San Diego unified school district. Her alma mater releasing this statement saying, "Marten has had a remarkable career as a teacher Principal and superintendent and we look forward to seeing how she will use her talents to serve our nation's schools."

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Slug: LAX SCHOOLS COVID

Kindergarten through second grade students start in-person learning tomorrow. and while some might choose to stay virtual this semester Others are anxious to be back. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold spoke with faculty as they prepare. Marcus how are they feeling? They are excited. Based on the Harvard research model with COVID protocols in place they say when the doors open tomorrow. They are ready for it. Principal Laura Huber has had enough of empty classrooms the school installed protective barriers where needed and students will not switch class. But they will be required to wear masks at all times but it beats the alternative. Middle school principals agree. Middle school principals agree. Kitzerow says students will be screened for symptoms daily. But most importantly there is one way to make in-person learning safe and consistent. Learning together After three-hundred-and-twenty-one day's apart teachers say they are excited but they also say it is going to be hard not to hug their students tomorrow it is a small sacrifice they are willing to make just to see their faces. and the faculty says if any students test positive, they will go through the same contact tracing and quarantine process that the community does.

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Slug: ONA SCHOOLS

Students in the Onalaska school district are back in the classroom. Elementary students will be attending classes in person every day. The middle and high school are starting the semester in a hybrid format with 2 days in the classroom each week. Students and staff members are wearing masks and following social distancing protocols. The school district says they will continue to follow guidance from the Harvard global health institute to determine when students will be able to attend classes in person every day.

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Slug: FIRST DAY SCHOOL

Bobcats were welcomed back to Southern Bluffs Elementary school. Today was their first day in person! News 19's Lindsey Ford gives us a look at how things went this morning. So, the children are kind of the heartbeat of a school house every year we have a theme, so this year's theme is 'just be', just be respectful, just be responsible, just be safe, just be kind, just be bobcats, just be compassionate There are a lot of things we can 'be! I think teachers are excited, they are happy to have kids here, there is an art to teaching that will now be in full bloom that they have students here, there are things they will be able to recognize to see and address that is harder to do when you are on a screen. There is just like those subtle nuances that happen in education. We have a lot of new protocols which is asking a lot of everybody and parents were great about it this morning as they dropped off their students, we are doing all we can to educate kids in a really safe way in person. So, we are excited for

that. For today only kindergarten, first and second grade were welcomed back. On Monday everyone will be back which means early childhood all the way to 5th grade.

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Slug: YOUTH REAX

A busy day in one Wisconsin classroom with a real-time lesson in government as the inaugural events were unfolding. Reporter Tony Galli explains. As that transfer took place Students at Prairie du Sac took on the roles of statesmen and women debated legislation they train for civic life on a historic day. Junior Emma Kinnamon says she knows the stakes are high. These potential future leaders are concerned but optimistic.

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Slug: ENGH SINGS

The pandemic is affecting the way most everyone Does everything. music is an example. many musicians and people associated with that business have become creative to continue their work. For example, Greg Balfany and the La Crosse jazz orchestra are releasing songs on their YouTube channel. each member records a part. then it is edited into the larger piece of music. At Westby high school the choir director has turned to the computer to keep performing. Peter Engh has shared his student's talents on Facebook. He has even performing some of his own songs. He has also been hosting virtual choir lessons online for students who cannot attend in person. his students tell him it has been almost therapeutic to be able to sing with classmates who they consider family. Tonight at 6 you can hear more for Engh and his students.

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Slug: GET PAC

Elsewhere Gale-Etrick Trempealeau's new performing arts center is now open for student use. The school district approved a 10-million-dollar referendum back in 20-19 For the nearly 30-thousand square foot addition to GET high school. the new center is equipped with stadium seating, one-of-a-kind architectures, and state of the art technology giving the community something to build excitement. Students are back at GET high school for in person learning but due to COVID it may be some time before the district holds any public performances in the new space.

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Slug: PP HUNGER

Before the pandemic, 11 million children lived in homes that struggled to have enough food. Since March of last year that number has jumped to 18 million. News 19's Dani Smith tells you how a new study reveals one important factor that plays a role in increasing a household's risk of going hungry. No job No savings equals a hard time trying to put food on the table but some people are struggling more than others. In fact, one in five black and Latino households with children are food insufficient. A recent survey from the census bureau found 19 percent of Latino households with children and 22 percent of black households with children sometimes did not have enough food to eat Experts point to racial disparities in unemployment, housing and healthcare as the leading factors in the summer of 2020. About 1 in 7 black and Latino workers were unemployed compared to 1 in 10 white workers. Latino and black households were also more likely to have no access to healthcare, fewer savings assets and faced housing hardships Families can look to food banks or federal assistance programs such as the supplemental nutrition assistance program, or SNAP, for help getting food on the table. Children who live in food insufficient households are at higher risk of health, academic, behavioral, and emotional problems than those who lives in households that are not food insufficient.

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Slug: SCHOOL STUDY

A new study of Wisconsin schools Published today by the centers for disease control and prevention Found in-person learning to be safe even during times of high community spread. The study examined 17 schools in south wood county that utilized consistent mask wearing. Smaller group sizes and quarantines following exposure. it found a total of seven COVID-19 cases over 13 weeks Among more than 48-hundred students and no reported cases among about 650 staffers. the study's author Dr. Amy Falk from Aspirus Doctors Clinic in Wisconsin Rapids notes that even with the limited spread among students There was no transmission to or from staff members.

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Slug: WEST SALEM ART

March is Youth Art Month and you might think well it is only January but the students at West Salem middle school have been busy preparing some of their finest work. Middle school art teacher Mrs. Hemker said that this is always an exciting time of year she has many students getting recognition for their work even entering it into regional and statewide competitions. Hemker says the contests add some extra fun during a tough year. The middle schoolers have their own art gallery and have placed some of their work on the walls of public buildings in town .

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Slug: FVTC TRAINING

Veterans looking to start a new business or expand their current one can get a little boost in doing so thanks to an upcoming offering from Fox Valley Technical College and a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. Reporter Jeff Alexander explains how it works and how it is already helped. Benjamin LaCount's environmental consulting business has him working on a wetland mitigation project in Suamico. He credits Fox Valley Tech's innovation accelerator for veteran's program for getting his business on track. LaCount went through the free, three-month program in 2019 that includes a \$1,000 grant upon completion. Since launching the program in 2017, Fox Valley Tech has assisted 52 veterans. Fox Valley Tech still has openings for its upcoming programs that start in February and March.

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Slug: TOOLS-4 SCHOOL

If you are a teacher and want to apply for the Tools for Schools grant go to wxow.com/tools. Seven hundred and fifty dollars was given to Ann Suttie's kindergarten class at Melrose-Mindoro Elementary school today. Thanks to our sponsors one local teacher is chosen each month of the school year to receive our Tools for Schools grant to help boost stem skills during the pandemic. Each student now has their own Lego set to use. The grant money is provided by our sponsors Brenengen Auto Group, River Bank and Dependable Solutions.

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Slug: MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle schoolers are back in the classroom at logan middle school it is a hybrid method so some are in-person while some stay remote. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold learns why parents are not too concerned with COVID-safety as they are with something else. Eighth graders are back in Mrs. Sparks classroom at logan middle with preventative guidelines in place parents are not nervous about kids catching COVID. They are worried about their kids adjusting socially. It has been 10 months since mason's daughter stepped foot into a classroom. The principal says it is understandable that there would be some anxiety about returning to school. This time students will travel in groups or cohorts in order to limit the students they come in contact with throughout the day. To help with that transition they

students will participate in ice breakers to get to know the group they will travel from class to class with. Mason agrees Reporting from the classroom Marcus Aarsvold. News 19 Under this hybrid model. Middle schoolers are in-person two days a week and virtual the rest of the week.

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Slug: UWL SCHOOL YR

The spring semester at UW La Crosse is underway News 19's Lindsey Ford shares how students have been adapting to new changes and informs us about campus COVID protocols. Students and faculty have undergone many changes this year because of the pandemic but one change that sticks out this year is there will be no spring break Chancellor Joe Gow says this is to prevent people from traveling in large groups and possibly spreading the virus This year there will be in-person classes Dillon Allar a UW La Crosse student says He has benefited from online classes but excited about in-person learning. Gow says they have protocols in place if a student were to have a positive COVID test. Allar says it's been a struggle for everyone but is hopeful for this school year in La Crosse Lindsey Ford WXOW News 19. UW La Crosse is currently a site where anyone in the community can get tested for the virus. Gow says he is working hard to see if they can get medical professionals to administer COVID vaccines on campus.

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Slug: OWL CENTER

While it is easy to get caught up in the negatives of the COVID 19 pandemic some have actually seen positives outcomes in the past year Like the international owl center in Houston Minnesota News 19's Warren Sears took a trip to the owl center today and said they have actually received a large amount of support from all over the world The international owl center practically bases its existence on in person and hands experiences That is why this has been an interesting year for them due to COVID-19 In the blink of an eye that online programming took off attracting owl enthusiasts in the area and around the globe A new platform they are anxious to keep growing even after the pandemic The City of Houston usually hosts an annual owl festival while that won't happen this year some of the old traditions still will The owl center has received over 2600 pieces of owl artwork for the competition spread out through over 50 countries Helping keep the spirit alive for this small town staple Having a hoot in Houston Warren Sears News 19 The owl center is also finalizing plans for a new building just a few blocks away from its current location They hope to have the new owl center up and running by 2025

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Slug: NATURE CAMP

Many think of nature camp as being a summer activity but WisCorps is proving otherwise. News 19's Warren Sears is here to tell us more about their day camps for kids even in the dead of winter Warren. Dustin the nature school day camp program gives young kids an opportunity to learn more about the basics of science and nature It also provides them a distanced social setting something kids are severely lacking during the pandemic. A program that started in September WisCorps nature school day camp is able to offer these young kids structure socialization and a rich learning experience This science and nature based camp has a weekly theme like survival strategies prehistoric times weather and so much more WisCorp staff said the 4 to 6 year old are at the perfect age to start admiring the environment we live in They also said kids from all background will enjoy and benefit from the program The camp is Monday through Friday from twelve thirty to three thirty and right now they have plans to continue at least through may and likely will expand to another session They are social distancing the best they can limiting touching of materials and masks are required Something I definitely wish I had growing up! Thanks Warren There are still plenty of spots left and this camp runs in weekly intervals Find this story on our website to learn how to sign up.

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Slug: YOUTH OF THE YEAR

The Boys and Girls Clubs of La Crosse announcing two members who share an honor youth of the year. A committee chose them after evaluating their club involvement challenges, they have overcome and what the opportunity that comes with youth of the year would mean for them. You may know, along with the recognition comes a scholarship to Viterbo University. Club development director Nicole Brei says the scholarship became a reality when Glenna Temple became Viterbo's president. Brei says Temple mentioned how wonderful it is to have youth walk through the doors of the Mathy Boys and Girls Club located on the Viterbo campus and then be able to walk through the doors of Viterbo as a college student. Nathaniel Powell will have that opportunity. he joined the club when he was 5-years old. at 10 He was diagnosed with stage-four-cancer. Powell says the diagnosis at such a young age made him grow up fast. but he says the club helped him to realize that he has still a kid. Powell says he is excited to attend Viterbo. He wants to major in business administration and participate in track and field. After college he plans to start a business. Tonight at 10 you will hear from the other recipient Rebecca Strittmater.

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Slug: NURSE STUDENTS

As if the medical field could be any more challenging Viterbo University's nursing students are not only tasked to finish up school work but also to get their clinical hours in News 19's Lindsey Ford is here with us to tell us more about the challenges these future medical professionals are having. Lindsey? That is correct I spoke to one of Viterbo's nursing students and he tells me that staff has been great in regards of making connections with Mayo and Gundersen to get students the clinical hours they need. Clinical hours is time accumulated when a nursing student works with a medical professional. Owen Hellwig a senior at the Viterbo's nursing school tells me that one big change that's happened because of the pandemic is face to face meetings are not as common as he and other students have been working a lot through telehealth Owen Hellwig tells me that he decided to pursue a career in nursing because he wants to help people who are going through difficult times and Dustin, you know, good luck to all those students who are perusing a career in medicine thanks Lindsey Viterbo University's nursing school has roughly 500 students enrolled this year.

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Slug: MARDI GRAS

Despite the ongoing pandemic the local Mardi Gras group is finding a way to say "laissez les bons temps rouler" at least to an extent. Without the usual festivities you see here from last year just before the pandemic They are hoping to let the good times roll with a fundraising event called masquer-aid. Its large raffle and proceeds go straight to the classroom the coulee region Mardi Gras typically helps the Aquinas Catholic Schools raise money through a series of events like parades festivals and costume balls. The grant program had 25 thousand dollars in place for the 2020 2021 school year. The masquer-aid efforts go through March 31st. Find ways to give over at our website.

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Slug: RIVERHAWKS

After years of controversy La Crosse Central high school now has a new nickname and mascot the school teams will now be known as the Riverhawks. Central chose to drop their red raiders nickname in the fall. The final decision on the new Riverhawks mascot was made based on a number of surveys that went out to students and staff over the last few months.

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Slug: WISCORPS

WisCorps continuing to provide area kids with an educational opportunity. The nature school day camp program gives young kids the chance to learn more about the basics of science and nature. They choose a different theme to focus on each week and this week's theme is weather. Meteorologist Warren Sears made a special appearance at the day camp Explaining the importance of weather.

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Slug: WALZ SCHOOLS

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz announcing plans today to allow middle and high school students to return to classrooms as soon as Monday, citing progress against the pandemic the governor expects all schools to have some form of in person learning in the next three weeks. Governor Walz adding that the state is "beating this thing" administering 100-thousand vaccine doses each week. Minnesota and Wisconsin both with between 12 and 13 percent of their populations with at least one dose.

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Slug: NASA MARS

Last July NASA launched their perseverance rover with the goal of landing on mars. Today that rover has landed on a patch of an ancient river delta. UWL planetarium director Bob Allen says the big question they are searching for is 'has there ever been life on mars? While they have completed missions in the past Allen says this one is bigger and more extensive. Allen says as discoveries are made the more, we will learn about solar system and life within it. The rover will begin collecting samples over the next few weeks but those samples won't actually return to earth until picked up by a future mission.

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Slug: VITERBO SMU

Saint Marys and Viterbo universities have formed a new partnership. News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares what that means for the schools...but mostly, the students. This afternoon presidents from Viterbo and Saint Marys universities signed a credit transfer agreement in order to benefit students attending the catholic universities. The partnership is meant to be a pathway for students at both schools to expand their access to learning opportunities towards a master's degree in different programs like servant leadership and business intelligence. The universities want to be seen as partners rather than competitors and both presidents are eager to work together. Both presidents say this is just the beginning of their partnership, especially in these hard times. They say finding ways to serve their students fits their mission of creating connections in education and growth for personal and professional transformation. Thanks Rylie. The agreement takes effect in the fall of twenty twenty-one.

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Slug: SNOWSHOE KIDS

Some West Salem 5th graders went on an outdoor expedition in Sparta today. News 19's Lindsey Ford shares with us what these young explorers learned. West Salem kids are spoiled about three times year they get to explore outdoors. and during the colder months they get to learn about winter active animals Ones that hibernate and migrate. Each trek through the snow leads the kids to a station to learn about a new animal the kids learned a lot and had fun. Some kids could not decide what they found interesting teachers say the pandemic has been hard for them and they know harder for kids. In Sparta Lindsey Ford WXOW News 19 in addition to making a fire after their long day of exploring. The kids also enjoyed some hot cocoa and axe throwing.

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Slug: CHILI

More than 200 schools and sites across Wisconsin have registered for the annual chili lunch. It is part of the Wisconsin department of ag, trade and consumer protection's way of promoting farm to table food. The chili ingredients must come from locally sourced meat. Vegetables and other products. The key ingredient for Holmen high school's chili is locally raised pork Avery Bailey is a junior and a FFA member at Holmen. Wisconsin schools had the option to use the official "Wisconsin chili recipe" or come up with their own. Holmen created their own.

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Slug: HYBRID HOLMEN

Area schools are slowly finding ways to work back to in person learning. Holmen high school started out in an all-virtual setting and now they are currently in a hybrid learning model. Principal Wayne Sackett says everything is working out well and they are now focusing on their next phase to student learning Which is working hard to get students back in the building five days a week. The hybrid model means half of their student body is physically at school two days a week and the other half is here the other day a week and then virtual. It's not broken up by grade level but parts of the alphabet.

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Slug: FREE LUNCH

Since the pandemic began four in ten children live in homes struggling to meet expenses. Because of this the school nutrition association has provided free lunches for students since last August. SNA national president Reginald Ross says research shows nutrition is crucial to success in the classroom, which is why continuing this program permanently is so important. After personally working in the cafeteria. Ross has learned that's where some students are fed most nutritiously so continuing these free lunches are crucial.

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Slug: TOOLS

They have the tools and now they will have the materials thanks to our Tools for Schools grant. Lewiston-Altura high school is this month's winner of our one-thousand-dollar grant thanks to our sponsors Brenengen Auto Group, Dependable Solutions, River bank and the Board Store. the construction trades class will use the money to purchase materials for the students to build a playhouse and the project will benefit them long after the build is complete. This month we awarded one thousand dollars thanks to our four sponsors, Brenengen Auto Group, Dependable Solutions, River Bank, and the newest sponsor the Board Store. If you are a teacher and want to apply for the Tools for Schools grant go to wxow.com/tools.

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Slug: SUMMIT WATER

A water sample from summit elementary school on French Island is now on its way to be analyzed. Last week the principal sent a letter to families noting that despite no evidence of elevated levels of pfas contamination in wells near the school the school's well will be tested. In the meantime, they say students and staff will have access to bottled water. The school expects the results in about 10 days.

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Slug: TEACHERS NEXT

When it comes to prioritizing the vaccine among teachers the state is not yet releasing the criteria it is using but they are sharing some of the data that factors into the decision. Our Milwaukee affiliate looked closer into that data and found that it means Milwaukee public schools will be at the top of the list Even though it remains one of the only districts in the state That is still entirely virtual. The school

nurses association adds that no districts were ready to start vaccinating today. La Crosse schools say they will prepare a clinic for teachers this week. Sauk County, which is about half the size Says it is hopeful to start vaccinating teachers by the 8th or 15th. Right now, the state is not factoring whether teachers are in the classroom ranking vaccine priority.

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Slug: PP CHILDCARE

Finding the perfect daycare for your child is not easy and now the pandemic has made it even more complicated. News 19's Dani Smith has more on what you can do to give your child the best start. The covid crisis has put an enormous strain on moms and dads with jobs. In a recent report, 75 percent of working parents said they currently have a child at home while they work and half who have not returned to work cite lack of child care as the reason. Researchers surveyed 1,000 parents and compared the way parents rated preschool programs to how experts measured the quality. Results showed parents tended to rank the programs as high-quality when the researchers did not. Also, most parents reported finding child care through family, friends, or local public schools and did little comparison shopping. As covid has complicated the communication process, the researchers suggest that parents seek out written information from more than one preschool and request a virtual tour. You may also want to ask about class size, the center's social distancing guidelines, sanitation practices, and the policy if someone contracts the virus. Most parents in the study looked for warm teachers, a safe environment and support for academic growth. Researchers suggest parents should inquire about opportunities for children to be physically active.

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Slug: K-12 SCHOOLS

Governor Evers is considering ways to help Wisconsin students catch up after a year of virtual learning one option being considered allowing school to open earlier next year but that would require a change in state law. Previously the legislature has stopped attempts to change school start dates due to pressure from the state's tourism industry that backs having students available to work summer jobs up until September. Still Evers said today the early start is something that may have to be done temporarily.

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Slug: ETHICS

The D.B. Reinhart Institute at Viterbo is hosting a Facebook live tomorrow night as part of its ethics in leadership lecture series, the focus conservation, and the environment. The goal of the series is providing thought provoking lectures and conversations for students and the community. Tomorrow the keynote speaker is J-Drew Lanham, a professor of wildlife ecology from Clemson university. Richard Kyte, director of the Reinhart Institute says they want to inspire the next generation with environmental curiosity. He says it is important to give these lectures to teach people about how to fall in love with and study the land.

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Slug: UW-FALL SESSION

UW Madison chancellor Rebecca Blank says a normal fall semester depends on the pace of vaccinations blank says the university hopes to vaccinate all faculty and staff before the spring semester ends. Students who have not been vaccinated by the start of the fall semester should get an opportunity to be vaccinated on campus.

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Slug: VITERBO

Across town Viterbo University is expanding its academic offering with a handful of new programs and degrees. Those include a Bachelor of Science in computer science A masters in school counseling and a Master of Science in community medical dietetics, Among others. Viterbo president Glenna Temple says the university is all about meeting the needs of students, keeping up with the competitive job market. Temple adds that the programs will also aim to keep workforce talent in the area. The expanded offering is part of the university's strategic plan to add value. Established in 1890 Viterbo University currently has 40 academic programs.

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Slug: SCHOOL FUNDING

School districts across the nation have put extra funding towards keeping kids safe in the last year News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares how much one school district has spent and what they are now asking. The school district of Holmen has created an executive summary with information about the financial impact the pandemic has had on their schools. I talked with Julie Holman, director of finance and operations who said it is hard to put into words just how difficult the last year has been for them. she says many schools are already working hard to identify the impacts it has had on student's learning. For them as a district. They have had to spend extra money on p-p-e and cleaning supplies. They also had an assessment of air quality done in all buildings to ensure there are adequate air exchanges. Because of this extra spending Holman says they are asking state representatives for an increase in funding the school district of Holmen along with other school districts in La Crosse County formed the coulee region virtual academy to give families an option that is 100 percent virtual. with that comes extra staffing as well as extra funding. When it is all said and done Holman says they anticipate spending one point two million dollars on pandemic mitigation, staffing and keeping everything safe and running in both a virtual and in-person environment. Holman says they were anticipating an increase in enrollment before the pandemic but instead they lost over fifty students this year so this funding is crucial.

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Slug: UW BRIDGE

The UW System announced new funding for a program designed to help incoming students prepare for college. They are known as summer bridge programs and while they differ at each university. The idea is the same helping students succeed when they enter college. In 2020 UW System schools helped 1-thousand 189 students with the transition. The proposed expansion of the program would provide support to an additional 1-thousand 410 students and access to the program is more important than ever given the challenges students face. Because of the pandemic. The UW System will provide 1-point-3 million dollars to support the bridge program expansion. The system will seek reimbursement and ongoing support for this program through state and federal sources.

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Slug: MN CAMPUS

Winona state university is planning a return to on-campus operations this fall the university has been operating in a hybrid mode with both online and in-person classes. w-s-u plans to have 70 percent of classes in person and 30 percent of classes will remain hybrid. The university says they are confident about reopening due to the availability of vaccines in Minnesota. Today the university of Minnesota also announced a full return to on-campus operations this fall.

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Slug: SWEET FEET

Former badgers running back turned super bowl champion James White and his wife Diana are starting a scholarship program for underprivileged students. The "Sweet Feet Foundation" will allow

students to continue their education and pursue their future aspirations with financial resources and proper mentorship. The foundation's main goal is to cover the costs for education by providing scholarships for students who cannot afford to go to college. White plans to offer one scholarship for a student to attend the university of Wisconsin. He is currently a free agent and the state journal says he plans to also offer a scholarship in the state he plays next.

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Slug: PP AUTISM

Parents of children with disabilities face all kinds of challenges. Many times, moms take on the bulk of child care responsibilities at the expense of their mental health. A new study shows how dads can help. News 19's Dani Smith explains. Being a mom of a child with a disability is a 24-seven job and it can take its toll. One study found 50 percent of moms of children with autism had elevated levels of depression. Now covid is adding extra stress. A recent urban institute report revealed many of the services and programs to help kids with disabilities have been reduced or completely eliminated. A new study shows fathers play an important role in supporting a mother's mental health. Researchers examined a sample of 3,550 children and their parents. They found moms of kids with autism reported fewer symptoms of depression when fathers read regularly with the child as early as nine months old. Additionally, the scientists say dads may lessen a mother's depression when they engage in consistent, responsive caregiving, such as soothing a child when they are upset. While they might not eliminate a mother's stress entirely, this research shows a father's actions can help relieve a mother's stress. Some other ways moms of kids with autism can reduce symptoms of depression include. Finding a support group with other parents, journaling to relieve stress and seeking respite care for your child so you can get a break.

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Slug: STUDENT HERO

Students at Irving Pertzsch elementary in Onalaska receive the super hero treatment today the school hosted their first super hero day. Students donning costumes and masks to celebrate and the kids were treated to a parade thanks to their teachers and multiple community partners like the police department and the La Crosse Loggers baseball team. School officials say the kids deserve recognition for rolling with the punches throughout the pandemic. School officials say it was great to see the excitement in their students. They hope to continue the tradition of super hero day for years to come and say it is always rewarding to recognize students.

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Slug: IN PERSON LEARNING

As more school districts resume in-person learning, medical experts are sharing helpful tips for families to get back on track. Research shows in-school transmission of covid-19 is uncommon when proper safety precautions are taken, like wearing a mask, frequent hand washing and keeping a safe social distance. A medical expert with UW-Health says a return to in-person learning will benefit kids in more ways than one. Doctor Demuri said some of those additional benefits include improvements in kids' physical and mental health.

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Slug: SCHOOLS

The CDC providing new guidance about distancing in schools from 6 feet to 3 for children. Recent studies show transmission of the coronavirus in schools is uncommon when the protocols are followed. The CDC still strongly recommends face coverings and frequent hand washing but the reduced physical distance allows for a little more flexibility in larger districts. La Crosse schools are looking at April 6th for a full return for middle and high school students.

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Slug: PP LANGUAGE

About 22-percent of school children in the US speak no English at home and starting school with no English skills can be a challenge. News 19's Dani Smith has details about a new intervention program helping children build their language skills. For some Spanish-speaking children, preschool may be the first-time children are immersed in another language. For some Spanish-speaking children, preschool may be the first-time children are immersed in another language. Preschoolers placed in a Spanish-English intervention group had better vocabulary and storytelling skills in both languages than those who did not receive the bilingual storytelling intervention spencer says even if parents are not proficient in English, they can still use oral storytelling in their native language to build up their child's language skills. Use complex words, long sentences and tell stories from your own culture and experiences. Then ask kids to retell the stories in their own words. According to the department of education. Only 63 percent of students who learned English as a second language graduate from high school compared to the national rate of 82.

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Slug: MED SCHOOL

Students of all ages have made adjustments as they navigate through the pandemic, that task taken up a notch for students pursuing a career in medicine. For the 3-point-2 percent of applicants who get accepted into Mayo's medical program. They typically go through a wide array of clinical experiences during that 4-year program. However, covid is forcing some classes and labs to change but the medical students are rolling with the punches. There are approximately 100 students across Mayo's 3 medical school campus locations.

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Slug: SRO CONTRACT

The School District of La Crosse announced this morning they are suspending a new school resource officer agreement with the la crosse police department. The school district citing recent examples of online harassment from a local police union towards Joella Striebel for their decision. Striebel resigned from the criminal justice management council based on a since deleted Facebook post by the union. Police chief Shawn Kudron has since spoken with the union about the effects of those comments in December. The school board reduced the number of SROs in the district over the next two years and form an SRO advisory committee. The school district declined an interview. You can find their statement at wxow.com.

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Slug: TOOLS 4 SCHOOL

Time now to meet this month's Tools for Schools grant winner. Leah Justin is a kindergarten teacher from north woods international school. She now has one thousand dollars for her classroom thanks to our sponsors Brenengen Auto Group, Dependable Solutions, River Bank, and the Board Store. Her students are back in class after learning online for most of the year and she is using the money to get the students up and moving. Leah plans on purchasing a balance beam for her kids and other sensory materials for them to go through an obstacle course in the classroom. The grant would not be possible without our four sponsors. To apply for our Tools for Schools grant visit wxow.com/tools to enter to win.

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Slug: CDC STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

A new survey published by the c-d-c shows remote learning is taking a toll on children's mental health.

The survey taken during the pandemic shows nearly 25-percent of parents whose kids received virtual instruction reported worsened mental and emotional health in their children. Parents of kids in remote learning say their children were less physically active, spent less time outside, and less time with friends. Wisconsin's outgoing superintendent of schools says it is imperative kids are back in the classroom. The CDC recently released guidance for K-through-12 schools to safely re-open for in-person learning. The new survey indicates some kids may need a lot of help re-adjusting.

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Slug: LA CRES HS BLDG

The pandemic may have taken students out of the classroom last year but it also gave the all clear for construction at La Crescent-Hokah schools. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold got a tour of the new facilities and joins us live now. Marcus, I have seen bright lights at the elementary school from outside but what is it like inside???? Honestly, it's brighter inside than it is outside. Those LED lights, plus a ton of windows is meant to give students a brighter look at books rather than screens. The new media center might be empty now but come April fifth staff is setting it up for students to return from spring break. K4 principal Jeff Copp helped design the classrooms with teachers to make learning malleable. Elementary school construction is slated to finish by October. While the secondary school should be set in September says principal Steve Smith operating more securely with only one access point making it safer inside the secondary school. The project updated art, shop, STEM classrooms and new facs kitchens. Brighter futures for in-person life lessons at La Crescent-Hokah schools. Principal Smith says overall the project costs roughly twenty-three million dollars. Dustin compared to what it looked like a year ago it is a whole different world inside. Certainly, looks that way. Thanks, Marcus. Principal Smith says it is worth it for community tax payers too because the new kitchens and common areas will be open for the public's use in the near future.

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Slug: VITERBO-WSU

Viterbo University and Winona State University announcing plans for spring graduation. Viterbo will host two outdoor commencement ceremonies at Copeland Park on Sunday May 16. Graduates will be issued a limited number of tickets for guests to allow for social distancing. Winona State taking a hybrid approach on May 7. The university will hold an in-person name reading ceremony where students will still walk across a stage. Speeches will be virtual.

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Slug: VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Last year the pandemic forced parents and children in in La Crosse to attend school virtually from home. Some students liked it are deciding to re-enroll in the Coulee Region Virtual Academy or CRVA for another year. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold explains why some of these students and families want to stay at home. The district says it is all about independence and flexibility. Some students like that they can decide when to go to class which is why the district opened enrollment for CRVA. It's for kindergarten to twelfth grade. It is the same degree on a college application and there is no extra cost. Curriculum director Michael Lichuki says next year the academy will work much like during the pandemic except now if CRVA students need extra help they will have more options. Enrollment expands to other parts of Wisconsin. You do not have to live in La Crosse. You could live in Arcadia or Green Bay and still attend CRVA. Thanks Marcus. The open enrollment deadline for the 2021-2022 school year is April thirtieth.

Urging republicans to turn out tomorrow Despite remaining at odds with georgia's republican secretary of state over how November's election was run. Earlier today President-elect Joe Biden returned to the state he narrowly won Campaigning for challengers jon ossoff and raphael warnock. As well as the likely legislative success of any policies he hopes to enact. Republican wins would give them a 52-48 majority While wins by both democrats would split the senate evenly with vice president-elect Kamala Harris serving as the tie-breaking vote. Already A record three million georgia voters cast their ballots in these races during the three weeks of early voting.

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Slug: ELECTORAL

Counting the electoral college votes is typically a ceremonial process. But it is recently become a point of contention with some members of congress planning to object to the results. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold tuned into a meeting of the national task force on election crises Taking a look at why. It is more contentious than usual because we have the sitting President Donald Trump tweeting that Vice President Pence has the power to reject election results. The national task force explained that legally the VP's role in the joint session is purely ceremonial and He has in charge of opening the physical votes and sharing what people already know. That Joe Biden won the election. "article two section one of the constitution states. The president of the senate shall, in the presence of the senate and house of representatives, open all the certificates, and the votes shall then be counted." the task force went on to say that constitutionally. Pence does not have the power to reject any votes that the president says are fraudulent. La Crosse political analyst Anthony Chergosky says that now .Pence is in an awkward position because He has been asked to do something He has not allowed to do. Chergosky says only members of congress can object to the electoral college votes and a few republicans will try. In order for an objection to qualify .it needs to be a written document signed by at least one senator and one member of the house. Given what we know now about the senators and representatives planning to object This is not likely to change the outcome. Chergosky predicts it will make the joint session last longer than usual but that it will not impact Biden's victory. It is worth noting in 2017 and 2001 house democrats objected to the results with no senate sponsors. Two democratic senators joined a challenge to Ohio's result in 2005 But the objection was soundly defeated.

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Slug: KIND

3rd district representative Ron Kind held a virtual press conference today from the Capitol. While kind says he was disappointed in the actions of those rioting He says he was not surprised but says this serves as a wakeup call to keep democracy intact. Kind added that this moment offers a time for leaders and people to reflect on what kind of democracy we want and what kind of country we have.

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Slug: LAX DEM REAX

We also spoke this evening with La Crosse County's new democratic party chair. William Garcia took up the position on January first and says While the party is focused on promoting its candidates for the next election Today's events show a need to stand firm in beliefs while working toward a stronger civil discourse. News 19 did reach out to La Crosse County republican party chair Bill Feehan but have not yet heard back.

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Slug: LAX MAYORAL CANDIDATES

And voters in La Crosse now know all of the candidates in the running for mayor. Ten candidates will vie to fill the mayoral seat as current mayor Tim Kabat declined to run for a third term. A February

primary will narrow the field to the top two candidates, the spring election set for April 6th. A breakdown of city council races can be found on wxow.com.

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Slug: STATE O STATE

Governor Evers says many of the challenges faced in 2020 will likely continue in this new year. During the 26-minute virtual address The governor at times criticized the republican legislature for not taking action Highlighted three main challenges he wants to see addressed. Governor Evers calling on the state to invest 200-million dollars to increase broadband access in the state as part of the 2021-2023 budget As Wisconsin faces a projected 373-million-dollar budget shortfall. As part of that budget the governor also wants to see the legislature draw voting maps publicly. While taking people's input into account.

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Slug: TESTIN

Senator Testin says He has disappointed with the governor's tone at times casting blame on the republican legislature Calling on Governor Evers to speed up the state's vaccine rollout. Senator Testin added a note of hope for cooperation as the senate did pass an amended COVID-19 relief package on a bi-partisan 29-2 vote today. The governor has said he would sign the bill if it passed the assembly in its modified form.

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Slug: BILLINGS

A bipartisan vote for the COVID relief package not finding as much traction in the assembly. Representative jill billings says one specific faction has decided to stall the process. 96th district republican representative Loren Oldenberg adding a note of hope toward bipartisanship on broadband and unemployment but says he has disappointed with the governors response toward small business saying "I know firsthand the issues that many Wisconsin small businesses are facing. This is a dire situation and cannot go unaddressed."

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Slug: ACT 10

Former governor Scott Walker said on social media the visuals of the US capitol brought back memories the historic crowds who rallied in response to the bill known as act 10. Tonight Jennifer Kliese has you covered on why those who responded to act 10 rallies say There is no comparison. Former governor Scott Walker said on social media the visuals of the US capitol brought back memories the historic crowds who rallied in response to the bill known as act 10. Tonight, Jennifer Kliese has you covered on why those who responded to act 10 rallies say there is no comparison. Tens of thousands swarmed the state capitol in early 2011 to protest a new governor's plan to balance the budget. Former capitol police chief Charles Tubbs says his team developed a security and response plan immediately arresting 16 people in the next month. Joe Parisi a state representative at the time says There is no way to compare the violence in d-c the purpose starkly different than act 10 demonstrators protesting an end to collective bargaining. Still there were tense moments and threats to lawmakers that led to criminal charges. Madison's acting police chief Vic Wahl says officers did not feel threatened but did learn to deal with handling a massive crowd. Tubbs feels an open dialogue with protesters and a police mission of nonviolence helped keep the peace. Hoping a focus on respect can keep violence out of Wisconsin.

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Slug: IMPEACH

Ten republicans crossed party lines voting with democrats in favor of impeachment. However, the congressional delegations of Wisconsin Minnesota and Iowa all voted with their party majority on the issue. The final vote was 232 to 197 impeaching President Trump for high crimes and misdemeanors for his role inciting the violence at the Capitol one week ago.

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Slug: MAYOR CANDIDATE

Candidates for La Crosse mayor have a little more than a month to prove to voters why they should be one of the top two advancing to the general election. The field of ten will be whittled down on February 16. As we continue to profile the candidates Tonight, we meet Joe Konradt who brings a business and financial background to the table having worked in banking for over 30 years. Konradt most recently worked with the La Crosse community foundation Local law enforcement and the United States Department of Justice to raise money to provide all law enforcement agencies with body cameras to promote greater transparency. Konradt says he hopes to bring new leadership to the city that his family has called home for many years. The primary approaches again on February 16. You can find profiles for most of the candidates on our website wxow.com. The top two will advance to the general election for mayor on April 6.

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Slug: RON KIND

Among those voting in favor of impeachment Congressman Ron Kind who says two parties matter today. and He has not referring to republicans or democrats. But rather, the party of constitutionalists or insurrectionists. Kind says the former believes in the rule of law. The latter does not. In fact, he says "they are prone to inciting violence in our community and it's going to be a determination for each of us to make in the coming days of whether we can be a party of constitutionalists or a party of insurrectionists." and going forward The senate will now take up a trial to convict the president on the impeachment charges. Republican majority leader Mitch McConnell saying that will not likely happen until after inauguration day. If the senate votes to convict That would prevent President Trump from holding federal office.

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Slug: GREENE

Georgia republican congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene says she will try to impeach president-elect Biden. she plans to file articles of impeachment January 21st Biden's first full day in office. Greene made the announcement last night on the cable news channel News-max tv. She also wrote on twitter that she will file articles of impeachment against Biden for abuse of power. Greene won her house seat in November. she is known for espousing conspiratorial views including those promoted by the conspiracy group Q-Anon.

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Slug: KEMP

After serving eleven years in the United States Navy a La Crosse man now wants to serve as the city's next mayor Zebulon Kemp graduated from Logan High School and is one of 14 siblings in his family, Kemp currently manages a local bar and restaurant and says he'd like to make a difference at city hall. Kemp says that his top three priorities include helping local businesses continue to operate, solutions to help end homelessness and finding a way to lower property taxes. The primary election is February 16th. The top two candidates will be on the April 6th ballot. Profiles for all ten candidates are now on our website.

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Slug: POLITICS

2020 was an incredibly busy political year but republicans and democrats are already preparing to make an impact on the next election cycle. Victoria Saha shows how political organizations are making their voices heard throughout Wisconsin and in D.C. The democratic party of Wisconsin is already gearing up for 2022 releasing an ad calling for Ron Johnson to resign after the Capitol hill riots. The republican party of Wisconsin saying fingers should be pointed at democratic leaders as well. The political tv ad is running all throughout Wisconsin and is also making its way to our nation's capital. Back here in our area the Minoqua Brewing Company Superpac raised 32 thousand dollars to put three digital billboards on highway 29 and business 51. Focusing on Tom Tiffany and Ron Johnson congressman Tiffany responded to the billboards by telling news 9 in a statement " I support free speech and respect everyone's opinion. I would ask the same standard be adopted by big tech and the media." Bangstad is hoping to have these digital billboards running at least until inauguration day. Senator Johnson was also approached for this story but did not respond.

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Slug: T GUNDE

The former West Salem superintendent is looking to make more of an impact on education by running for Wisconsin's state superintendent of public instruction. As more students in the state return to in-person learning Troy Gunderson pledges to advocate for educators by pushing the government to move them up on the COVID-19 vaccine priority list as soon as possible. Over the past few months he has visited 70 schools in Wisconsin to learn about their needs Gunderson says research proves that it is not kids spreading the virus But rather adults not following the rules. Gunderson is among seven candidates for the state superintendent position. The primary election is February 16th. The general election is April 6th.

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Slug: MN VOTER ID

Fresh off an election That is seen an unparalleled level of scrutiny A Minnesota senate committee takes up debate on a proposal to require voters to present photo ID to cast a ballot similar to what is in place in Wisconsin. Proposed by republican senator Scott Newman Those in favor frame it as a way to increase confidence in the election system. Senator Newman saying during the debate today however He has bringing the bill at the request of his constituents Not because of any allegations regarding the 2020 presidential election. The democratic secretary of state voicing strong opposition Saying it could disenfranchise "hundreds of thousands of eligible voters." And a DFL senator from Minneapolis shared a more specific concern. The bill faces an uphill battle in the Minnesota legislature. While republicans do have a majority in the senate There is significant opposition from democrats who control the house and executive branch.

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Slug: MANUFACTURE

The name of the game is COVID-19 right now. That is part of what representative Ron Kind said today during his participation in a weekly program sponsored by the state's largest business association Wisconsin manufacturers and commerce. Kind says vaccinating to a level that creates immunity to the disease will require the help of the business community. Kind says along with vaccinations There are additional opportunities for bipartisanship this session. That includes infrastructure. Kind says the republican-controlled Wisconsin assembly did not vote on a measure to repeal democratic Governor Tony Evers' mask mandate. Rebuilding Wisconsin and the country are long past due.

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Slug: ASSEMBLY

The republican-controlled Wisconsin assembly did not vote on a measure to repeal democratic Governor Tony Evers' mask mandate. The decision today follows criticism from the state's health, school and business leaders along with a concern the move would jeopardize more than 49 million dollars in federal food assistance. Vos says he believes the assembly would vote at some future date to repeal the mask mandate.

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Slug: CAMPAIGN SPENDING

And we are learning today the four campaign committees in the state legislature spent a combined 12-point-1 million dollars on the 2020 election. The report from the Wisconsin democracy campaign shows this year's spending easily beats the previous record 8-point-4 million set in 2018. Here is how it breaks down: the republican assembly committee spent the most at about 5 million followed by the assembly democratic committee with 3-point-14 million. The senate republican committee spent 2-point-3 million and the senate democratic committee spent 1-point-6 million.

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Slug: SCHNEIDER

The spring primary elections are underway and La Crosse mayoral candidate Samuel Schneider held a press conference discussing his candidacy in front of the lax center. Schneider discussed how if he is elected he would voluntarily take a \$30,000 pay cut from the mayor salary to help people who have been negatively affected by COVID. Schneider says he would donate this money to local charities. Schneider says the charities he would donate this money too is yet to be determined. He is looking for input from the La Crosse residents.

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Slug: ASSEMBLY

Wisconsin's assembly is now planning a vote for tomorrow to end the state's mask order. The senate voted to end the requirement last week the state senate passed the resolution last week but the assembly delayed its vote over concerns that repealing the governor's emergency order would result in Wisconsin losing about \$50 million a month in federal food assistance. Assembly speaker Robin Vos says republican controlled assembly will pass both an amendment to the COVID-19 relief bill to address that and the joint resolution repealing the order which will require another vote in the senate because it is not a bill. It neither requires Governor Evers' approval nor can he veto it. The governor does still have the ability to issue another emergency order.

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Slug: MASK VOTE

The republican controlled Wisconsin assembly voted to repeal the governor's mask mandate this afternoon. About an hour later. The governor signed another emergency order requiring face coverings in public places. The Wisconsin supreme court is considering a case that could settle the issue. Assembly speaker Robin Vos had said the vote was not about masks. It was about challenging the governor's ability to issue the orders without consent of the legislature. Through a release the governor says in part we know that wearing face coverings can save lives and prevent death. We know it is supported by science and the CDC and we know it is supported by more than 40 statewide organizations and the 72-percent of Wisconsinites who agree face coverings should be worn in public places.

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Slug: MASK SUPPORT

54 state organizations registered against a resolution ending Wisconsin's mask order. none have registered in favor. those in opposition include the state's Medical Society, the Hospital Association, Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin, The Madison and Fox Cities Chambers of Commerce and the Rural Schools Alliance. Other groups who voted in favor of keeping the mask mandate included the Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance and the Wisconsin Council of Churches which includes more than 2-thousand congregations from more than 20 different Christian traditions.

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Slug: REACTION

94th district representative Steve Doyle among those expressing disappointment in the assembly's action Saying the assembly did not live up to its potential to do good for the state. representative Doyle says in part "the combination of eliminating a requirement to use one of the most effective tools. Against the virus coupled with the refusal to compromise in any way, shape, or form regarding the COVID-19 omnibus relief bill is unbelievably disappointing, and what is more, it is dangerous." 70th district representative Nancy Vendermeer of Tomah meanwhile says the assembly's action serves as a function of government Keeping the executive branch in check by adhering to state law that reads. A state of emergency shall not exceed 60 days, unless the state of emergency is extended by joint resolution of the legislature the executive order may be revoked at the discretion of either the governor by executive order or the legislature by joint resolution. Representative Vendermeer saying in part. There is a pending case currently with Wisconsin supreme court related to the governor's position that He has able to endlessly continue emergency declarations for the same reason with allegedly differing circumstances, but I believe the statutes are clear.

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Slug: WEC

The Wisconsin elections commission says voters who plan to vote absentee in the February 16th spring primary should return their absentee ballots as soon as possible. Wisconsin's chief election official Meagan Wolfe says absentee ballots must be returned by 8 p-m on election day or they will not be counted and voters should mail their ballots back one week before the deadline in order for it to arrive on time. Wolfe also said the elections commission is expecting low voter turnout, which is typical for a February election, a reminder that ten candidates are on the ballot for La Crosse mayor. Visit Wxow.com-slash-mayor to learn more about each of the mayoral candidates. One-on-one interviews with each candidate are coming soon.

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Slug: TIM DALE

While the vote to proceed needed just a simple majority the vote to convict the former president for inciting an insurrection will take 67 votes. Based on today's vote it appears that democrats will not have enough votes to convict the president on the impeachment charge but Tim Dale says there is a lot to be politically gained and lost. There is another reason democrat want to continue the process. Because Dale says a conviction although unlikely would bar Mister Trump from running for office again.

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Slug: MAYOR INTERVIEW

Next Tuesday voters will help reduce the field of La Crosse mayoral candidates from ten to two. News 19's Mike Beiermeister shows you where to go to learn more about these candidates so you can make an informed decision with such a large group of candidates vying to call themselves the next mayor of La Crosse, we hear at WXOW want to help you learn more about these people over the past two weeks

we have been conducting interviews, asking these folks about their top priorities, what they believe is the city's most urgent economic issue, and their assessment of community relations with policing in La Crosse. You can watch their interview or read a summary of their responses by heading to [Wxow.com slash mayor](http://Wxow.com/slash/mayor). If you requested an absentee ballot make sure you return that as soon as possible Polls open at 7:00 a.m. next Tuesday In the studio Mike Beiermeister News 19 The top two vote-getters next Tuesday will move on to the spring election which takes place on April 6th.

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Slug: BALDWIN IMPEACH

Turning now to the senate impeachment trial of former president Donald Trump. the first full day of arguments focusing on what happened after the president told his supporters to quote, "fight like hell" from outside the white house. many marching then to the capitol Some committing acts of violence and destruction. the president's defenders say his words were just figures of speech...but those prosecuting the case say those words spurred a real threat. This is Trump's second impeachment trial but democratic Wisconsin senator Tammy Baldwin says there is a key difference this time around. Wisconsin republican senator Ron Johnson commented to the Associated Press that the trial is going to be tedious and that the two sides would be better served to make their case quote, "in a couple hours and be done with this."

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Slug: ABSENTEE VOTE

In-person absentee ballot hours continue at La Crosse city hall for those choosing to vote in the February 16th spring primary. It runs through tomorrow. Please remember to use the designated voting entrance on the north side of city hall. You also have the option to use the green drop box.

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Slug: MARKUSSEN

With less than a week before the primary election, La Crosse mayoral candidates continue to promote their plans if elected into office. This morning Vicki Markussen shared her first 100 days plan, calling it a recovery of lives and livelihoods for La Crosse. Her five-part plan included getting city hall in order, Especially with the anticipated changes of members this next election cycle. Markussen is one of 10 candidates for La Crosse mayor. You can learn more about her thoughts along with the other 9 people running by visiting our website, go to [Wxow.com slash mayor](http://Wxow.com/slash/mayor).

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Slug: IMPEACH

In Washington the senate's second impeachment trial of former president Donald Trump is coming to a swift close. Mr. Trump's legal defense team had 16 hours under the time allotted but used far fewer to make their case that the president was not responsible for the actions of those involved in the capitol riot on January 6. Sixty-seven votes are needed to convict the president on the charge that he incited a riot and while a few republicans are expected to join democrats and independents voting to convict Senator Johnson is among the majority of his party likely to vote against the charge. Closing arguments are expected tomorrow with a vote possible by tomorrow evening.

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Slug: VOTING TIPS

If you are heading to the polls for tomorrow's spring primary election here are a few things to keep in mind. Already registered voters are reminded to bring an acceptable form of identification such as your driver's license or passport. If you are not already registered...you can register at your polling place.

Polls will be open from 7 am until 8 pm and officials say safety wise this primary will look the same as November's presidential election. Tomorrow's primary election will feature the La Crosse mayoral race and the state superintendent race. The primary will narrow the field to the top two candidates who will then square off in the spring election set for April 6th.

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Slug: LAX VOTING

Right now, 13 polling locations are open in La Crosse and all eyes will be on a few big races in the city. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold is live at district eight's polling place. Marcus how many voters so far? we have seen voters since doors opened here at the coulee recovery center this is for wards thirteen Fifteen. Seventeen and eighteen. we have got two big races on the ballot. One is for state superintendent with seven candidates. Former West Salem super troy Gundersen is one of the candidates vying for that role. Then La Crosse's mayoral race is the other big-ticket item on the ballot with 10 candidates one south side voter knew the ballot well and says she wants to see a mayor who pits the community ahead if their career. Some La Crosse voters say getting a new mayor is a big deal and it is something people should seriously think about before they decide not to vote though it only takes a few minutes. Voters wish more of the community participated in primaries others wanting to vote have until 8 pm today. If you have already registered you just need a driver's license or passport. Thanks Marcus. The top two mayoral candidates will move on from this primary and face off in April.

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Slug: BUDGET PREVIEW

This as we have reported coinciding with Governor Tony Evers presenting his two-year budget proposal. Dubbed the Badger Bounceback we now know a significant part of the plan focuses efforts on pandemic recovery. The governor calling for an expansion of Medicaid and more affordability for prescription drugs. He has also expected to announce tonight plans to invest in the state's business community when he speaks tonight at seven, we will carry the governor's address on our website and social platforms.

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Slug: MAYORAL

The City of La Crosse voted and narrowed down the mayoral race between candidates Vicki Markussen and Mitch Reynolds. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold spoke with the candidates. Marcus what is next on their agendas? Both candidates say next up is talking to the voters who turned out but did not vote for them. Here is how they plan on getting more support. Mayoral candidate Vicki Markussen has a specific goal for her first 100 days in office. Mitch Reynolds is the manager of local business; whole trees and He has taking a more flexible approach. When asked what separates the candidates from one another Both say That is not their concern. Their concern Is the people of La Crosse. Both candidates are super thankful for the voter turnout. They have got 48 days to sway voters their way until the general election on April sixth. Thanks Marcus. Tonight, at ten learn how the two candidates plan to be a voice for the underrepresented in the city.

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Slug: WI PRIMARY TURNOUT

We are learning that turnout in Wisconsin's spring primary was just a tenth of what it was three months ago in the presidential election. Election officials were expecting low turnout In the end, just 325-thousand people voted. That is about 7 percent of the voting age population in the state. In La Crosse County 6,658 votes were cast for Tuesday's primary local election officials say most recent comparable year was 2013 when 11 mayoral candidates were on the ballot. That final count is unofficial until it can be reviewed by the municipal board of canvassers.

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Slug: ABSENTEE

Republican leaders are offering early thoughts on a set of bills circulating at the capitol That would put new rules in place for absentee voting and the use of indefinite confinement Which lets people vote absentee without showing photo ID. Capitol bureau chief AJ Bayatpour examines what the bills include and why Dane County's top election official is speaking out against them. On Tuesday, assembly speaker Robin Vos says it is too soon to take a firm stance on each of the six election bills circulating at the capitol. The bills would require photo ID for all absentee ballot requests...included people who are indefinitely confined. People seeking indefinitely confined status would need a doctor's note. Those voters would have to re-apply every two years. There would be a standard, statewide application for absentee ballots separate from the envelope people used last fall and it would restrict events like Madison's "democracy in the park" so that people could only drop off absentee ballots, not apply for them. Dane county clerk Scott McDonell says the bills are built on a suspicion...that stems from unfounded claims of widespread voter fraud. Republicans say it is about being thorough and re-assuring voters. For some context, the state supreme court blocked McDonell last spring from telling voters they could claim indefinite confinement status during Wisconsin's original stay-at-home order. McDonell argued he was alerting voters who could not get out early in the pandemic of their right to vote. These current bills are gathering co-sponsors by Monday before they would then see committee hearings.

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Slug: RANKED VOTING

Wisconsin legislators are pushing for a change in the way we elect people to power through "ranked-choice voting" which proponents say could make politics less extreme. Political experts say ranked choice voting changes the way candidates' campaign. Because voters would give a ranking to each of the candidates Instead of choosing just one. If one candidate gets 50-percent of the vote the race ends but if not The candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated from contention and those who ranked that candidate first have their second choice votes redistributed to the remaining candidates and so on Until a candidate does hit 50-percent. If it sounds like its more involvement on the voters' part It is. The proposed bill would only apply for federal elections for US senate and congress. It is co-sponsored by both democrats and republicans. Including representative Tony Kurtz from Wonewoc.

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Slug: OTHER BILLS

Meanwhile republicans in the legislature are proposing several new bills that would put new restrictions on how absentee ballots go out...and how they are processed. The four bills put forth today are in addition to the six released earlier this week. Republican senators Alberta Darling and Duey Stroebel today confirmed all ten of them in a release. One of the bills would ban local clerks from correcting or filling out missing information on a voter's absentee ballot request. Another would restrict how cities are able to use drop boxes to collect absentee ballots. One of the other bills that surfaced today would create statewide standards for election observers. During the last election...observers for the Trump campaign said they were not able to get close enough during the recount to see ballot applications clearly. The other bill would mandate the creation of a new single statewide absentee ballot application. Democrats say these bills would only create more hurdles for voters and governors Evers would veto them should they pass.

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Slug: KIND-POCAN

More liberal members of the democratic party are calling for the senate to override the rules maker who said a wage increase cannot be part of the bill. Capital bureau chief AJ Bayatpour has reaction from two of Wisconsin's congressional democrats. with differing approaches. The issue of raising the minimum wage is not divisive among democrats...but the idea of ignoring the senate parliamentarian is congressman Mark Pocan wants democrats in the senate to vote on a bill that includes raising the minimum wage to 15 dollars an hour by 2025. His colleague from western Wisconsin, representative Ron Kind calls for patience. Republicans are expected to all vote against the bill saying it spends too much money on pork. Pocan argues senators should have to take an up or down vote on a version with the 15-dollar minimum wage. While the raise would happen through annual increases over the next five years Kind prefers the order come from Madison. It is all a glimpse at how democrats will try to govern with the slimnest of advantages. The deadline for the relief bill to pass is March 14. That is when the current round of federal unemployment benefits expires.

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Slug: MAYOR DEBATE

The pfas issue likely to be among the topics in tonight's mayoral debate. Candidates Mitch Reynolds and Vicki Markussen will face off in a virtual debate at 7 p-m. The debate is being moderated by lee rasch from leader ethics of Wisconsin. There will also be an opportunity for the public to ask questions in real time at the end of the debate. It can be streamed on the La Crosse local Facebook page and their YouTube channel.

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Slug: JOHNSON

Senator Ron Johnson is standing by his effort to delay the vote while offering an apology. Senator Johnson raised an objection yesterday that led to senate clerks having to read the 628-page-bill aloud in it is entirety which he says took roughly eleven hours. Johnson apologized saying he felt bad for the clerks but says he requested the reading because he did not have a hard copy of the full bill and he wanted to review it before moving to vote quickly. Senator Johnson did receive a copy of the bill during the reading and remained on the floor throughout the process. The two-term republican also responding today to questions whether he would honor a pledge made in 2016 not to seek a third term Calling that his preference for now but adding he may not announce plans for up to a year.

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Slug: SCOTUS WI CASE

The supreme court is declining to hear an appeal from former president Donald Trump's lawyers challenging election results in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin state supreme court previously ruled against their claims the election was fraudulent. Trump had claimed Wisconsin's elections commission implemented illegal absentee voting drop boxes and compelled poll workers to improperly correct absentee ballot witness certificates. The supreme court appeal represents the last court petition brought by the former president's lawyers.

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Slug: IA VOTING LAW

New absentee voting limitations are now in effect in Iowa. Today governor Kim Reynolds signed the bill that reduces early voting days from 29 to 20 and closes polls an hour earlier on election day. In a statement the republican governor said "these additional steps promote more transparency and accountability, giving Iowans even greater confidence to cast their ballot." Democrats in the state are criticizing the bill as voter suppression threatening litigation.

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Slug: STIMULUS

The one-point-nine trillion-dollar covid relief bill is now headed to President Biden's desk for his signature but before the signing Wisconsin congressman Glenn Grothmann faced criticism for his comments about a provision in the bill that expands the earned income tax credit for single people. Grothmann did clarify his comments to the Milwaukee journal sentinel saying he was referencing a document that has since been removed from the Black Lives Matter website that redefines the idea of family to extend beyond the traditional nuclear unit. The house did ultimately approve the bill along party lines with a lone democrat voting against it. The president is expected to sign it Friday. The package includes direct payments of up to 14-hundred dollars for individuals making up to 75-thousand dollars and for couples making up to 150 thousand. 14 hundred for each dependent means a family of four stands to receive 56-hundred dollars. Based on the timing of the previous two payments Recipients with direct deposit could start seeing payments as soon as next week. The white house has not issued a specific timeline.

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Slug: CALLS FOR RON JOHNSON

Senator Ron Johnson is under fire for his representation of what happened during the capitol insurrection. Earlier this month on a conservative radio show Johnson said he was not concerned about the insurrectionists because they were supporters of the former president but he said would have been worried if they had been Black Lives Matter or antifa protesters. When asked for comment Senator Johnson doubled down saying "out of 7-thousand 750 protests last summer associated with leftists 570 turned into violent riots that killed 25 people and caused 1 to 2 billion dollars' worth of property damage. That is why I would have been more concerned."

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Slug: REYNOLDS

A local neighborhood organization announcing their support for a candidate in La Crosse's mayoral race the livable neighborhoods group announcing this morning in Poage Park their endorsement of mayoral candidate Mitch Reynolds. The group opposes the north south corridor road expansion in La Crosse. They say their endorsement recognizes Reynolds as the candidate who directly says no to the highway project and it is options. This past year the La Crosse city council passed a resolution requesting the Wisconsin department of transportation to remove the project from its list of major highway projects. Reynolds' opponent Vicki Markussen has also come out in opposition to the corridor project. And last week Markussen issued a statement saying she would not seek organizational endorsements Saying in part "my supporters represent the great diversity of this city and believe in what I do that by uniting and collaborating, we can make La Crosse a better place to work, live and play. This is an opportunity to cut through divide."

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Slug: MARKUSSEN

Speaking today at the La Crosse regional airport Mayoral candidate Vicki Markussen vowed to take action on pfas contamination. Markussen laid out actionable steps that fall in line with much of what the town is requesting Including providing access to clean water to all immediately stopping the use of the aqueous film forming foam establishing relationships with the Town of Campbell expanding testing around the site of the 1970s plane crash that occurred on the northwest side of the island and identifying best practices from other municipalities for long-term solutions. Markussen says if elected this is a top priority for the full plan laid out by Markussen. Find this story on our website.

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Slug: MAYOR DEBATE

Tonight's debate Hosted by WXOW along with the league of women voters and Wisconsin public radio WLSU touched on a number of topics including a measure of contention brought up by Mitch Reynolds in his opening statement. Reynolds says his supporters have been the target of online intimidation. A point both candidates addressed throughout the night. As for some of what the candidates would like to see if elected mayor Markussen says she will "hold the line" on property taxes. When it comes to homelessness Markussen says she trusts the nonprofit groups like the Coulee Collaborative to end homelessness to take the lead on solutions. She also said tonight she does not support a road through the La Crosse marsh but does want to continue talks with the DOT about better north-south access. Reynolds says he unilaterally supports ending the north-south corridor talks as any solution would encroach into either the marsh or neighborhoods. His idea to ease the tax burden is through growing affordable housing to change the city's assessment and in that vein, he supports a housing first plan when it comes to homelessness. Providing stable long-term shelter as a way for people to then tackle their basic needs. Public safety also weighed heavily as candidates offered differing views on how the city under their leadership would fund safety services. You can see the entire hour-long debate now through election day Over at wxow.com.

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Slug: ABSENTEE VOTING

In-person absentee voting begins today for the 2021 spring election happening on April 6. On the ballot, the race for La Crosse mayor, La Crosse city council races and the state superintendent race. Anyone eligible to vote may request an absentee ballot. It must be turned in no later than 8 p-m on election day. If sending it by mail ballots should be mailed out one week before election day in person voters will need to bring a valid Wisconsin ID.

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Slug: STATE SUPER

The only statewide race on the upcoming ballot is for that of state superintendent of schools. Both candidates Jill Underly and Deborah Kerr visited La Crosse today. News 19's Rylie Kyhn met with them to discuss their plans if elected. Jill Underly met with supporters outside the Coulee region educators building to hand out buttons and yard signs. She expressed that her main focus is promoting early childhood education and supporting public education. Her opponent Deborah Kerr met with supporters in Riverside Park expressing her goal to re-open schools, saying they are the safest and most important place for students to succeed. Jill Underly's school district has been in-person learning since the beginning of the school year. She says while they have the staffing and safety resources to do so. Other school districts do not which she says the state could do a better job of providing.

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Slug: WI UNEMPLOY AID

Contention in Madison over extended unemployment benefits and the latest stimulus checks. Assembly speaker Robin Vos says they are discouraging people from getting back to work. Capitol bureau Chief AJ Bayatpour explains how Vos is backing up his point and the response from a democratic lawmaker who is also a small business owner. On a call with business owners Wednesday assembly speaker Robin Vos says government benefits are causing companies to have a hard time hiring. Representative Francesca Hong, a Madison democrat and restaurant owner, says it is up to businesses to make people want to work for them. At three-point-eight percent Wisconsin has the ninth-lowest unemployment rate. Vos says he hopes more companies will get back to in-person work by the fourth of July. Hong says that is also an area where the responsibility should lie with individual businesses. Both representatives Vos and Hong have received federal PPP loans.

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Slug: BIDEN PRESSER

In his first White House press conference today President Joe Biden suggested he will seek office in 2024, also making a strong defense of voting rights. Biden saying, he would do everything in his power to halt efforts underway. One of those efforts signed into law just this evening Georgia's governor approving a limit on the time people have to request absentee ballots. Requiring ID for those requests and the president said he would work with lawmakers in the house and the senate to defeat the voting restrictions. He also doubled down on his pledge to see 100 million Americans vaccinated against covid-19 in his first one hundred days, boosting that number now to 200 million.

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Slug: VOTING REMINDERS

You will not need to bring any vaccine card to vote next Tuesday but covid protocol will be in place and you will still need to bring an official form of ID. That can be your driver's license or passport. and if you are not already registered you can register at your polling place on the day of the election. And La Crosse residents be sure to catch our mayoral debate hosted in partnership with the League of Women Voters and Wisconsin Public Radio WLSU on Saturday at 4 right here on News 19. You can watch the hour-long forum at any time on wxow.com.

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Slug: CAPITOL

Four people are dead following Wednesday's chaos at the Capitol three of those were medical incidents, and one woman was shot by police. Critics in both political parties accusing President Trump of inciting the rioters, and now, there are growing calls for Trump to be removed from office even with just under two weeks left in his term. ABC's Andrew Dymburt has more on the aftermath. After a night of lawlessness in the nation's capital congress finally ratifying the electoral college vote cementing Joe Biden's victory, on becoming the next president of the united states. In what is traditionally a purely ceremonial process the joint session of congress was marred by a violent pro-Trump mob who stormed the Capitol. Following President Trump's speech repeating his false claims of voter fraud, the violent extremists followed his instructions. The rioters some have described as domestic terrorists breaching barricades with ease. Even appearing to get help from and taking selfies with some capitol police officers. President-elect Biden blasting Trump and the angry mob that seized the Capitol, but also the law enforcement response. The Trump fanatics stormed the Capitol, confronting police inside the halls of congress, some waving confederate flags, one even making it to speaker Nancy Pelosi's office. Vice President Pence and other lawmakers whisked away by security. Others left hiding in closets and under desks. The attempted coup taking a deadly turn. Four people died 3 from medical emergencies and one woman was shot and killed by police after she was allegedly part of the mob trying to force their way into the house chamber. Police also recovering two working pipe bombs at the republican and democratic party headquarters later safely detonating them. After the dust settled on one of democracy's darkest days a bipartisan group of congressional leaders blaming one person for inciting the chaos: Donald Trump. and now, growing calls from republican leaders to invoke the 25th amendment to remove Trump from office. Just 13 days before his term expires. Capitol police say they arrested 14 people local dc police arresting 52 more. Some of those arrested were carrying illegal guns and weapons according to dc metro police. The department of justice says charges are coming today.

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Slug: ONA FIRE

Firefighters from three departments tried to save a house on 5th Avenue north in Onalaska. No people were home at the time but two dogs couldn't escape and were lost in the blaze. Onalaska fire was assisted by both Holmen and La Crosse departments. Knocking out the fire in about 15 minutes. an investigation into the cause is underway.

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Slug: FIRE SAFETY

With a string of fires this week The La Crosse fire department wants to remind everyone how they can best keep themselves and their families safe. Division chief steven cash says with it being winter people need to make sure there is at least three feet between space heaters and other objects. never leave an oven or stove unattended Also be careful with electrical outlets. La Crosse has many older homes with different wiring and they see fires when overloads happen. Cash says previously it could take up to thirty minutes for a room to be engulfed in flames. Now it could happen in just three minutes. he also suggests making sure carbon monoxide detectors are working and in place on all floors of our home.

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Slug: SPARTA FIRE

We are learning more about a building fire in Sparta last night These are photos from that fire that destroyed one suite and damaged four others 2 cars were also damaged. Chief Mike Arnold says a father and son were in the process of siphoning fuel out of a vehicle using a **pump and spark** from a battery to power the pump. The pump apparently sparked and ignited the fire That father-son duo then called 911. The building is owned by WSR Properties the fire remains under investigation.

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Slug: FROSTBITE

Frostbite is a constant danger during the cold winter months with everyone trying to find outdoor activities because of the pandemic. There are risks you should be aware of to stay safe. Anytime it gets below forty degrees. Frostbite can occur if the temperature is colder. It can happen much quicker there are a few things you will notice if you begin to develop frostbite If you start to see early signs. Lacey says find a warm environment immediately but do not use warm water to heat your fingers and toes because you could burn yourself. She says allow them to warm up on their own but if the skin begins purpling you should seek immediate attention Lacey has provided some tips for how you can prevent frostbite she says keep clothing dry and if you will be working outside consider waterproof boots and gloves keep extra clothes and blankets in your car and add a windproof layer on windy days she also says avoid alcohol in cold weather. It can alter your perception of temperature.

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Slug: LA CRESC CAR FIRE

We begin tonight in La Crescent where fire crews extinguished a car that was fully engulfed in flames as it entered the parking lot of the Kwik Trip near the events center. Firefighters getting that call just after 5 this evening. the cause of the fire is still under investigation Though it is believed to have started due to mechanical issues with the car. the driver who was inside of the vehicle when it caught fire was able to make it out safely But La Crescent police say that person was arrested on a warrant out of Hennepin County. No word yet for what that warrant was issued. stay with News 19 as this story continues to develop.

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Slug: VERNON CRASH

And a Readstown man is recovering after a two-vehicle crash last night. The Vernon County sheriff report shows around 6-30 last night 68-year-old Gary Kalish was backing a semi-trailer into a driveway when it was hit by 75-year-old William Hutchison Heading east on Kickapoo street in Readstown. Hutchison suffered minor injuries and was taken to Vernon Memorial Hospital. The sheriff's department is still looking into what led to the crash.

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Slug: MISSING

A pair of recent high-profile searches for missing teenagers in eastern Wisconsin led to one returning home While another is still out there. Reporter Emily Matesic spoke with police about what goes into investigations like this. Fox crossing police took their ongoing search for 16-year-old Arianna Lytle public yesterday announcing on social media they were looking for the teen who is believed to be with her 20-year-old boyfriend Kyale Washington. So far, and despite Lytle taking to social media herself, saying she is fine police have not been able to confirm that and continue looking for her. Authorities do not believe the teen is in imminent danger, but they do need to find her. Menasha police were conducting their own missing person investigation this week too, after 14-year-old Ja'Shawn "Josh" Thompson's mother reported him missing days after he was last seen. Jeane Latham took to Facebook asking for help in the search for her son. In the Thompson case, police who were working behind the scenes trying to find the teen, found no evidence he was taken against his will and therefore decided to follow leads and tips in their search versus making the investigation a very public affair. Each missing person case is different and the response by law enforcement is fluid. While each investigation is different the goal is always the same to find the person and make sure moving forward, they are safe.

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Slug: SPARTA FIRE

We are learning tonight Sparta firefighters battled a blaze in the cold conditions for about four hours yesterday afternoon. The home on state highway 27 in cataract sustaining extensive damage but thankfully no injuries were reported. Crews responded after the daughter of the homeowner returned from school just after 4 p-m to find the house filled with smoke. she called her father who called 9-1-1. In the meantime, she managed to rescue two dogs from the home. Crews arrived just minutes later to find a fire that the chief says appears to have started in the basement and burned up through the first floor. An exact cause is still under investigation.

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Slug: MADISON THREATS

A sigh of relief tonight in Madison After officers clear two bomb threats Made to 7-eleven locations. Police first heard of a threat to a 7-eleven at state and lake street right by UW Madison's campus around 12-30. Then about an hour later officers were checking out *another threat at a different 7-eleven on park street. Both threats triggered evacuations but no bombs were found and no one was hurt. Madison police are investigating and say they do not have any information to release about a suspect.

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Slug: SCHOOL DRILLS

And while students still need to be prepared in case of an emergency, the pandemic has changed how they practice some important safety drills. At Meadowview elementary school in Eau Claire for example Designated meeting spots are more spread out for emergency drills like for a fire. A state law says that schools must practice drills once a month, but due to hybrid models the school needs to run through the drills twice. For drills like for an active shooter, they still turn off the lights and remain quiet, but the principal says whether it is appropriate to cluster together or try to still social distance is up to the teacher.

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Slug: DOWNTOWN FIRE

A few buildings on pearl street are left with heavy smoke and fire damage today. It started last night at the back staircase of 304 pearl street Which houses the casino bar. The first unit arrived in just three minutes and fifty seconds already finding heavy fire and smoke coming from the first and second floors. Crews used ladder trucks to fight the fire as it spread to the upper floors and surrounding buildings A location which the assistant fire chief says can be challenging for firefighters. Thankfully, no one was hurt in the fire. The building did sustain heavy smoke and fire damage and they are still looking for a cause. Wxow.com has more photos of the fire as it was unfolding Our thanks to those who shared with us what they were seeing.

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Slug: TREMP CO BUS CRASH

Also, in Trempealeau county A driver is recovering after crashing head-on into a school bus. That collision happening just after 7 this morning on State Road 93 near Lewis Valley Road in arcadia. A driver lost control of their pickup truck and swerved across the centerline crashing into the bus. The bus overturned from the impact. Luckily, no children were on the bus at the time. The crash is still under investigation.

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Slug: CPR DEVICE

And a new life saving tool is making its way to the streets of central Wisconsin The Wausau fire department introduced a new automatic CPR device. Paramedics have spent the last couple days learning how to use it. The revolutionary device straps an individual in and performs continual CPR automatically to patients needing cardiac treatment allowing paramedics to treat more symptoms or individuals on a call. The devices are now carried in the city's four-frontline ambulances.

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Slug: SPARTA FIRE

The cold weather also posing a challenge to firefighters in Sparta. On Sunday, a massive shed caught fire off of County Highway A. Sparta chief Mike Arnold says when he arrived the shed was completely engulfed in flames and there were live wires down. No one was hurt but tools and equipment were destroyed in the fire.

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Slug: BUGGY CRASH

Slippery roads causing a crash in Vernon County. The driver of a horse-drawn buggy is recovering from minor injuries after being hit by a car. The collision happened around 7-30 this morning in the town of Clinton. 19-year-old Colby Wyman of La Farge, was headed west on County Road D when a buggy operated by 69-year-old Emanuel Hershberger of Westby had just pulled onto the road going west. Wyman told deputies he was unable to stop in time due to road conditions and hit the back of the buggy. Hershberger had minor injuries but refused medical treatment.

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Slug: BUFFALO SHOOTING

One person is in custody and multiple people are injured after a shooting at a health clinic in buffalo Minnesota. Police say the shooting happened inside the Allina Clinic crossroads campus. The alleged shooter has been identified as 67-year-old Gregory Ulrich. Authorities say he attack did not appear to be an instance of domestic terrorism and there is no continuing threat to public safety.

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Slug: SPEEDING

The Minnesota state patrol is seeing a spike in speed related accidents even though there are less people on the roads. The state saw a 12-percent increase in deaths caused by speeding in 2020. Because of the pandemic, traffic is lighter since more people are working from home and authorities say what is shocking is that a lot of drivers are not just going a bit above the speed limit...they are getting clocked going 100 miles per hour. Minnesota public safety officials have now launched a traffic enforcement and awareness campaign to address the issue.

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Slug: FIREFIGHTING IN COLD

Temperatures set to plunge below zero again tonight and emergency crews could be sent out at a moment's notice when a fire starts which leads to challenges and increased health risks on the scene. News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares how two fire departments battle both the flames and sub-zero temps. Sparta area fire district chief Mike Arnold is entering his fifty third year of service. All those years have taught him that firefighting in extreme temperatures has serious challenges. Just Sunday they had to put out a shed fire in below freezing temps. Onalaska fire department lieutenant Corey Yonkovich says there is a big risk when it comes to the bitter cold. This means keeping firefighters warm is crucial, but as soon as their equipment becomes wet. It is a problem while it has its challenges. It will not stop

them from keeping the community safe. Reporting from La Crosse, Rylie Kyhn News 19. This time of the year fires can start from space heaters and other warm things inside your home both fire departments say make sure you check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to keep everyone in your life safe.

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Slug: WINTER STORM

We are not the only ones dealing with brutal winter conditions. Millions of people are without power as cold and snow cover much of the country tonight. Wintry sights today from Lafayette Louisiana Birmingham Alabama and in Galveston Texas this afternoon 95-percent of people were without power. Health officials warn In situations like this Be extra cautious of carbon monoxide poisoning. They urge people not to use gas ovens Stoves or grills to warm up. and be careful to make sure a cars exhaust is not blocked and of course never turn it on in a closed garage. Carbon monoxide poisoning kills 400-thousand Americans each year.

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Slug: PLANE CRASH

Two people are dead after a plane crash in Rock County this morning officials say the plane had taken off from the southern Wisconsin regional airport and believe the pilot was trying to return to the airport when the plane crashed about a mile south of the airport near the Rock River. The Rock County sheriff's department says the plane had reported a problem to the airport tower before losing contact. Both of the people killed were inside the plane at the time of the crash. Authorities are waiting to release the names of the victims until the families are notified.

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Slug: INDEPENDENCE

Multiple fire crews responding to a fire at s-and-s wood products in independence today. The fire broke out around 10am fully engulfing one of the buildings on the property. Departments from Arcadia, Trempealeau, Whitehall, and Blair assisted the independence fire department in putting out the blaze. The structure was a total loss and a cause has not yet been determined.

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Slug: OVEN FIRES

This week La Crosse responded to two oven fires and the cause residents used the self-cleaning function. La Crosse fire say the self-cleaning option can reach 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit which is an issue because common cooking oils like olive oil can ignite at 700-degree Fahrenheit. Local fire fighters say if you encounter an oven fire Never open the oven door because the oxygen will feed the fire. The best thing to do is turn off the oven and call 911 even if the fire self-extinguished. Fire officials say many manufactures are steering away from high-heat cleaning to a water steam feature. Microwave fires are similar to oven fires if one occurs keep the door shut, turn off the microwave unplug it and the fire should self-extinguish.

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Slug: MISSING WOMAN

Onalaska police with an alert tonight Asking the community to keep an eye out for a woman missing since Valentine's day. A post on their Facebook page says they are looking for Crystal Reschke noting that she is not in trouble but was last seen this past Sunday concerning her family and friends. Reschke is 5-8 with brown hair and blue eyes Driving a black Pontiac G-6 with Wisconsin plate AJF-2302. Anyone who knows where she might be should call Onalaska police at 608-782-7575.

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Slug: BOAT SINKS

A recovery effort happening in the port of Milwaukee to recover the port's ice-breaking tugboat. A port worker discovering the vessel Dubbed the harbor seagull Underwater this morning around 5-30. No word yet what caused the boat to sink. It was last used to clear ice from the Kinnickinnic River on Saturday. Crews will start pulling it from the water tomorrow morning.

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Slug: FIREFIGHTER

The Cornell area fire department is rallying behind one of their own after a firefighter was shot by a gun that discharged due to heat from a fire and ended up in the hospital. Reporter Katrina Lim tells us how it happened and what the department will do differently going forward. On February 19, a stray bullet hit Cornell firefighter Justin Fredrickson in the stomach because of heat conditions, not because of the intentional actions of a person, in the Township of Willard near Sheldon. Marc-on shooting sales manager Joe Anderson says even though an accident like this is very uncommon, it is still possible if the gun powder ignites inside the casing. Fire chief Dennis Klass says for future fires, they plan to ask homeowners if there are any firearms in their home so they can cool down that area right away. In the meantime, Fredrickson has gone through three surgeries due to the incident.

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Slug: MISSING GIRL

The Holmen police department is asking for your help in locating a missing girl. Authorities are searching for the girl you see here Mariah Ernst. she was reported as missing or runaway over the weekend. This is the second time Ernst has been reported missing having also been reported missing in October of 2019 before being found. Contact the Holmen police department with any information.

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Slug: HOUSEFIRE

A house fire sent firefighters rushing to La Crosse's north side this weekend. It happened just after noon on Saturday on the 300 block of rose street. Rescue teams found evidence that a significant fire had occurred inside the residence but it had been out for some time. The tenants said they had not been at the home for an extended period before discovering the fire. No injuries were reported and the incident is currently under investigation by the La Crosse fire department .

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Slug: CAR VS SEMI

A fatal vehicle crash in La Crescent today. It happened on highway 14 near north 2nd street. A car and semi involved. According to the Minnesota highway patrol the passenger in the car, an 84-year-old woman from Caledonia, died in the crash. The driver of the car was uninjured and the semi driver had non-life-threatening injuries. More information on this story as it becomes available.

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Slug: ICE RESCUE

Two people are okay after falling through the ice on the black river. The La Crosse fire department responded yesterday near Lauderdale Place. Crews found fishing gear near an empty hole in the ice where it appeared someone had fallen through. They used underwater cameras and dove under the

ice. Interviews with neighbors revealed that two people fell in but got out and left the area. The fire department eventually met with the two people who fell in and confirmed the story.

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Slug: RESOURCE CENTER

Multiple community organizations are coming together for two new projects in La Crosse. The y-w-c-a received a 1.4-million-dollar HUD grant from the state to fund two new projects in the community. The first is a day resource center to give people tools to address housing instability. The other project is a runaway and homeless youth shelter which will be the first of its kind in the La Crosse area. If you would like to help. Make a donation and you can do that by going to the YWCA's website or follow the link on the bottom on your screen. and for the homeless shelter project go to blacklax.org/donate.

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Slug: MOTORCYCLE AX

A motorcyclist is injured after a crash this afternoon at Losey Boulevard and La Crosse Street. Traffic turning onto Losey came to a sudden stop when a car attempted a U turn. A motorcycle hit the rear of a car, ejecting the rider. They were taken to a local hospital that person's condition not known at this time. A second motorcycle made contact with the first, but that driver was not injured.

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Slug: SNOW

A number of crash reports from around the area a semi reported jackknifed this afternoon on I-90 west of Nodine plus a handful of spinouts punctuate the need for caution. Snowfall started in the immediate La Crosse area early this afternoon Picking up in intensity and creating slick conditions on area roads. The plows are busy this evening.

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Slug: PFAS UPDATE

The Town of Campbell continues to press the City of La Crosse for expanded private well testing and safe drinking water for all of its residents. At issue, the ongoing groundwater contamination from chemical compounds known as pfas which when ingested over time are linked to adverse health effects like cancer and reproductive issues found in some common household items. These compounds are prominent in federally mandated firefighting foam used at airports. The town sent the city another letter this week urging the airport to request a waiver to convert all of its foam to non-pfas foam before an FAA deadline of October. The town also requesting the city cease use and show all of the foam has been safely disposed Provide safe drinking water to all residents and municipal facilities and test each well in the town. Mayor Kabat responded to News 19's request for comment today saying He has sent a letter to the state DNR citing the steep costs the city has faced in providing testing and water to the area currently being studied. Kabat writes that until they receive a response from the DNR "we continue administering well testing and review and our consultant the OS group continues their work on the investigation and findings." The mayor added that there was no update on the city's lawsuit against the manufacturers of these chemicals. A town board member told News 19 the mayor has not contacted them about a potential meeting.

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Slug: MINDORO FIRE

Winds were part of the challenge as firefighters battled flames at the black pearl lounge and north bend canoe rental in north bend Saturday. According to Melrose fire chief Tim Kunis, the fire started from a nearby firepit that spread due to high wind. The Melrose department was assisted by both the

town of Farmington and Black River Falls. The Wisconsin DNR says La Crosse County's wildfire risk is "very high." The DNR says sixty percent of all wildfires happen in the spring. There were thirty-six fires in Wisconsin Saturday that burned five structures. The DNR's map shows counties in "very high" danger in dark orange and counties in yellow are "high" danger zones.

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Slug: LAX FIRE

No one is injured after house fire this afternoon near La Crosse's downtown area. Fire crews arrived at the building on 10th Street between Cass and Main. Rescue crews arrived to find flames coming from the home. They quickly extinguished the flames. There were no injuries to report but there was significant damage to the home. One tenant will have to relocate but the fire department says all other tenants can keep living in the building. The fire remains under investigation.

facilities around the area Hillview had to severely restrict visitors due to its high-risk population. A second wave of vaccinations for staff and remaining residents will take place in early February.

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Slug: MAYO/VAX

A first round of vaccinations also making its way to Prairie du Chien today. News 19's Lindsey Ford joins us now with what sounds like something That is been a long time coming. Lindsey? The health professionals there tell me the Pfizer COVID vaccine is the first step to regaining normalcy for not only staff . But ultimately the community. Health officials around the nation and right here in the small river town of Prairie du Chien believe Tuesday was a day to mark in the history books. Nurses and physicians at the clinic received the Pfizer COVID vaccine Family physicians say they are used to being close to families and believe the vaccine will help bring back normalcy. Health officials say the vaccine will not only protect themselves but their patients who are the community. Prairie du Chien Mayo Clinic staff tell me they would like to give a special thanks to staff at the La Crosse mayo clinic location for administering the vaccine injections Health officials also tell us that they will be more excited once the Pfizer COVID vaccine is available to the general public.

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Slug: COVID PLASMA

Doctors at UW Health say the continued spread of COVID-19 means There is still a critical need for convalescent plasma donations Convalescent plasma is plasma from the blood of people who have recovered from COVID-19 That blood has been authorized to treat people who are currently fighting the virus in the hospital a UW health doctor shares why people who've recovered should highly consider donating If you have had COVID and fully recovered you can donate your plasma Both doctors suggest signing up through the American red cross' website They will get you in contact with somewhere to donate.

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Slug: HALF-DOSE

There is national speculation about cutting COVID vaccine doses in half to avoid a shortage. but That is not something Gundersen Health System in La Crosse is considering at this time. Both the Moderna and Pzizer vaccine require two full doses and the FDA now warns that anyone who receives one dose must get the other. A local vaccine expert with Gundersen hopes the arrival of a single dose vaccine will alleviate some concern about possible shortages. The Johnson and Johnson vaccine also does not require ultra-cold refrigeration which Dr. Naik points out will allow for easier shipment and storage.

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Slug: COVID BILL

New at five the republican controlled Wisconsin legislature is at odds over a coronavirus relief bill The state assembly passed the legislation today but the senate GOP leader says his chamber plans to oppose it Even if the GOP controlled senate were to pass the COVID relief bill, Governor Evers said he would veto it The legislature has not passed anything pandemic related since April.

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Slug: AREA MAP

The Brown School of Public Health model showing that Crawford County is the only one in our viewing area below the severe risk threshold for COVID-19 La Crosse County now sits in sixth for daily new cases per 100,000 with 60.5 Wabasha county in sixth for Minnesota with 63.4 cases per 100,000.

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Slug: UW COVID SMASH MID

Students will make their way back to UW campuses this spring thanks to combined testing efforts from the UW System and the US Department of Health and Human Services but reporter Allante Walker shows us how the system is getting creative to keep those efforts moving. Since the fall free COVID-19 surge testing sites at UW schools have been open to the public and interim president Tommy Thompson credits them for slowing the spread of the virus in Wisconsin. Through nearly 35-million dollars' worth of federal funding The UW System has administered over 170-thousand free rapid result tests. Thompson says this puts the Wisconsin idea of impacting people beyond campus borders into action. and to encourage more students and community members to get tested Thompson is getting a little help from none other than Mr. Manitowoc minute. In this fun video Thompson and comedian Charlie Berens tell Wisconsinites that together we can and according to Berens getting tested and taking safety precautions like wearing a mask is just a Midwest nice thing to do. According to the UW System Those surge testing sites will likely remain open through January 23rd. now Thompson says he wants the UW System to help with the COVID-19 vaccine rollout.

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Slug: WALZ VAX

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz is getting a firsthand look today at the vaccine rollout among first responders. The governor touring the facility where those who are EMS certified in the state are receiving the Moderna vaccine. State health officials estimate this first phase of vaccine rollout. Phase 1A will take most of January but the governor points to the progress already being made in terms of rolling back restrictions. Bars and restaurants can begin serving in-person starting Monday as the easing of restrictions the governor announced this week go into effect. Bars and restaurants can begin serving in-person starting Monday as the easing of restrictions the governor announced this week go into effect.

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Slug: VACCINE HOSPITAL

Whether it is the Pfizer or Moderna COVID vaccine many health officials across the nation are getting vaccinated. News 19's Lindsey Ford gives us an update from Tomah health and Gundersen. Wisconsin is still in group-1a of the COVID vaccine this means frontline health care worker are first priority. So far 200 of Tomah health staff members have received the vaccine it is not mandatory. Tomah staff is encouraged to get the vaccine. Gundersen Health System is encouraging staff to get the vaccine as well. Health professionals explain that two shots must be administered to and individual who chooses to take either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine. Health professionals say they have found hope because of COVID vaccine. Lindsey Ford WXOW News 19 The local Mayo Clinic Health System has done over 1,500 vaccinations so far. It is also not mandatory but it is highly recommended.

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Slug: 1A VACCINE

La Crosse County is beginning the process of getting vaccines to more of the community. It is still in the early phases. So not yet available to the general public. But the health department says it is looking now for organizations with healthcare workers. Outside Gundersen and Mayo Clinic Health Systems. they are asking employers in dental care Chiropractic care Optical care Blood donation and more to fill out a form on their website A link to which can be found on wxow.com.

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Slug: EMS VACCINE

As COVID-19 vaccines distribution continues. More emergency response workers can get vaccinated. this is the second part of the emergency use plan. Called 1B. some e-m-s workers have already been vaccinated and some have not. For example, hospital affiliated paramedics at Gundersen in La Crosse are already about to receive their second dose then in one week. They will be ninety-five percent immune to the virus in this next phase. E-m-s workers with fire and police departments Who are not necessarily on health-related calls all of the time will get their first dose. Eastman says the vaccine distribution to hospital affiliated EMS worker has run smoothly and hopes it can do the same in rural areas.

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Slug: COUNTY AIR

Some buildings around La Crosse County now have a unique way to help fight the COVID-19 virus a global plasma solutions ion air purifier has been installed in 4 county buildings. The air purifier cleans the air by emitting charged atoms into the building which then attach to viruses and bacteria and eliminate them. the air purifiers were paid for by the routes to recovery grant.

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Slug: RURAL VAX

We have heard a lot about the COVID-19 vaccine distribution in La Crosse but not a ton about it getting to rural areas. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold checked in with the Monroe County health department. Marcus how's it going? The health department says it is going well but it is a lot of work. On top of contact tracing and coordinating vaccinations for 1-a emergency use Monroe County health also had a health officer retire so it has been busy trying to fill that position which is one of the main communicators between the state and county. Aka how they apply and get vaccines. as we wait to hear whose all eligible for 1-b vaccinations they ask the community for a little patience. They are not vaccinating people at the Monroe County building in Sparta yet once they are fully staffed and we get through more phases. They plan to do so. Back in La Crosse the city's fire department is almost all vaccinated with the first dose. the division chief says most of the staff wanted it for that extra layer of safety in addition to ppe.

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Slug: JOHNSON & JOHNSON

Good news from Johnson and Johnson about its coronavirus vaccine the company says early-stage trials show it creates an immune response in nearly all volunteers both antibody and t-cell with minimal side-effects after just one dose. the phase three trial will determine how well it protects people from coronavirus. Johnson and Johnson expect to provide additional details later this month.

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Slug: SPORTS UP

After a long ten months sports are finally back within the La Crosse school district News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares what protocols will look like On March twelfth of 2020 central hosted Onalaska for a WIAA sectional game that was the last game the La Crosse school district would hold for the entire year almost exactly ten months later sports have returned Like many other districts masks will be required and benches will be spaced out for social distancing each player and coach will only be allowed two spectators at events but it seems everyone is eager to get started Gilge says they hope to continue the season but if they are seeing positive tests and close contacts with players and coaches. They will have to take precautions with about four weeks left of the winter season The district remaining hopeful that nothing will cause them to have to shut things down.

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Slug: BIDEN

President elect Joe Biden laying out his plan tonight for vaccine rollout and COVID relief. in a 25-minute speech earlier this evening Biden called on congress to pass a 1-point-9 trillion-dollar plan to vaccinate 100 million Americans in his first 100 days in office and provide another round of relief in the form of 14-hundred dollar checks for most Americans. Biden's plan also calls for an increase to a 15-dollar federal minimum wage Likely to face pushback from republicans.

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Slug: ASHBEK

Local law enforcement now beginning to receive its first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. News 19 caught up with Onalaska police chief Charles Ashbeck at Mayo Clinic Health System early this afternoon here he received his first shot of the Pfizer vaccine. Mayo says it will be moving its vaccine clinic next week to the staff gymnasium at the corner of 11th and Ferry Streets.

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Slug: DHS VACCINE

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers extending his order recommending masks another 60 days today. the order was set to expire next week. Governor Evers says the continued COVID mitigation efforts help ensure the success of vaccine distribution but the governor sharing some frustration with getting additional doses from the federal government. Evers says the Trump administration had said it would release the stockpile reserved to help speed distribution Finding out today there was no reserve when that promise was made. By the numbers, another 32 deaths linked to the virus in Wisconsin today Including a La Crosse County resident as reported by the department of health services. Minnesota reporting 33 additional deaths among them A resident of Fillmore County between the age of 80 and 84.

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Slug: LETTER

Governors Tim Walz Tony Evers and Gretchen Whitmer sent a letter to health and human services secretary Alex Azar expressing their frustration with the Trump administrations COVID-19 distribution Yesterday the administration said they had no more vaccine to releases which contradicts what secretary azar said last week The governors urged the administration to purchase as many doses of the vaccine as possible so states can get more shots in arms in the coming weeks Walz and eight other governors sent their first letter last week to secretary azar requesting the federal government distribute millions of the vaccine that they believe are currently being held back by the administration. The governors said this in their latest letter.

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Slug: ALUM TESTER

A UWL graduate helped pioneer COVID-19 testing in Minneapolis. Khadel King helped scientists progress through the pandemic In a department he never imagined he'd be a part of. King knew he loved the science behind lab testing in a hospital after three months working in toxicology at Hennepin Healthcare in Minneapolis. The pandemic hit and the molecular lab needed king's help to develop saliva-based COVID-19 Testing. The lab went from three employees to fifteen with the high demands so now Khadel is back on the toxicology floor and now applying to med schools all over the country.

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Slug: MN VACCINE PLAN

In Minnesota, Governor Tim Walz is announcing a vaccine pilot program. The governor says the state will open nine community sites this week to vaccinate adults over 65 including teachers, school staff and child care workers. the program expands the rollout beyond the first high-priority group that includes Healthcare workers and long-term care residents and staff, who began receiving doses last month. this announcement comes after the governor criticized the federal government for Uncertainty over the supply of doses.

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Slug: LAX SCHOOLS COVID

Kindergarten through second grade students start in-person learning today and while some might choose to stay virtual this semester Others are anxious to be back. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold spoke with faculty as they prepare. Principal Laura Huber has had enough of empty classrooms. The school installed protective barriers where needed and students will not switch class. But they will be required to wear masks at all times but it beats the alternative. Middle school principals agree. Longfellow students return on February first for a hybrid schedule Two days in person and three virtual. Kitzerow says students will be screened for symptoms daily. But most importantly, there is one way to make in-person learning safe and consistent. Learning together After three-hundred-and-twenty-one days apart and the faculty says if any students test positive, they'll go through the same contact tracing and quarantine process that the community does

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Slug: GROCERS VACCINE

After the vaccination subcommittee announced that grocers had been taken out of phase one b's vaccination play. Just this morning the state sub-committee revised their recommendations to include that group again Nick Hansen, co-owner of Hansen's IGA in Sparta says many wrote letters urging the committee to change their mind and it seems their efforts worked for the last ten months grocery store workers have fought through the stress of getting sick from seeing thousands of customers each day but today they are so grateful to get the news that the committee changed their mind Right now the state is still in phase one a but they are a little over halfway done experts say that even after most people are vaccinated. Many safety precautions will still remain in place until the numbers start to go down and the spread is contained

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Slug: VACCINE

Following the 65-and older announcement Monday Gundersen Health System says they received a high volume of excited calls they want to reassure everyone that they are distributing the vaccine as efficiently as possible. Right now, they say the biggest challenge is staffing for vaccinations and the volume they have to distribute they currently have two vaccine sites, one in La Crosse and Onalaska and want to ramp up as early as next week they have opened about 3-thousand appointments and last night Sent 7-thousand invitations to patients. the best way to schedule a vaccination they say is through a program called My Chart. They are asking for patience during this time because while it is exciting, they are doing it as efficiently as possible.

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Slug: SURGE TESTING

The surge testing site on UW La Crosses campus that was originally scheduled to close today will reopen to the community at the beginning of February after the university secured additional resources. Surge testing on campus began in early November and has provided thousands of free tests to students and community members. today the university announced it would restart the program on February 1st after it received another batch of test kit from the UW Department of Health and Human

Services allowing for testing to continue through the beginning of April. The testing site is located on the 3rd floor of the cartwright center and is free and open to the public. The site will be closed next week to allow students to return to campus.

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Slug: MASKS

Despite that and the ongoing vaccine distribution efforts. local health professionals continue to encourage everyone to follow the health recommendations. Doctors from Gundersen health keep suggesting people wear a mask in public spaces. doctors say wearing a mask has proven to stop the spread of the virus. and a reminder We do have a wealth of information and links under the COVID-19 tab on our website wxow.com. Coming up at 10 We'll learn more what it's like for doctors working in long term care facilities.

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Slug: 1B VAX DHS

The next group of people who can receive the COVID-19 vaccine has officially been announced. This is priority group 1-b. and the Wisconsin department of health services says it makes up six-hundred thousand people in the state. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold tuned into the DHS virtual update Marcus when does this 2nd part of the rollout start? The tentative start date is march first which means anyone in these categories can fill out the interest form then wait to schedule an appointment. Right now, they are working to prioritize educators. Boys and girls club staff public transit drivers plus people who work in the food industry from farmers and their employees to grocery and convenience store workers since this group is so large Some might ask well why not just make it available to everyone? well the DHS says That would overwhelm a system they say is starting to work. DHS says they are pushing the federal government for more vaccines every day. and they think by march first. not all but most of the 65-year-olds and older will be vaccinated and they will be ready for 1b Marcus, this estimate is based on what evidence? Well, they say over 105,000 Wisconsinites got vaccinated last week already and they anticipate an even higher number this week and the weeks to follow. Thanks Marcus despite an increase. DHS asks that people who are not in this category Who do not work in public service and can easily socially distance they ask you wait to get the vaccine until more is available.

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Slug: UW HEALTH COVID

Early February 2020 the first positive case of COVID 19 was confirmed in Wisconsin Now as we fast forward almost one year 535 thousand cases have been reported in the state News 19's Warren Sears spoke to doctors from UW Health System and shares their thoughts on working almost one whole year in the pandemic The first Wisconsin COVID case, confirmed on Feb 5 2020 it was among only the first dozen in the entire country After a whirlwind of a year UW Health doctors reflect on the struggles and even triumphs of this pandemic One of those major struggles through it all Dr. Pothof said came as a major surprise to him Pothof also said many other concerns quickly followed lack of testing a lack of PPE and a lack of hospital beds but as of late there have been some major strides in the state Now doctors say the vaccine distribution is top of mind for many and morale is climbing For News 19 I am Warren Sears Now doctors said that they are anxious to see how quickly the vaccines can be distributed because of the threat of new variants of the virus in the us and if the vaccine will remain effective for those new strands

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Slug: ED STUDY

We're following up today on the study conducted by a Wisconsin pediatrician Shows schools in Wisconsin safely held in-person classes during times of high Community COVID spread. The results show

among 17 schools in south wood county, Wisconsin just seven Students tested positive due to classroom exposure. Dr. Amy Falk A pediatrician in Wisconsin rapids Looked at 48 hundred students and 654 staff in the 17 K-12 schools investigated from September to November of 2020. data showed that more than 90 percent of students wore masks. The protocols have not changed. the CDC is encouraging frequent hand washing, social distancing, and wearing a mask to slow the spread.

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Slug: COVID

Local medical professionals say there are no clear records of the virus causing long-term heart issues. Mayo clinic health professionals say the vast majority of people with COVID 19 will not have cardiac issues. it comes with a caveat however The CDC says There is still no clear data on the long-term effects of COVID-19 because this disease has only been studied for a year now. More extensive research in the years to come will bring more definitive answers.

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Slug: COVID-VACCINE

This comes as many express frustrations scheduling limited appointments online and health officials say they are limited by the supply available. News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares an update on the phase 1-b rollout locally. Gundersen Health System says this week vaccine roll out has gone as expected however, for both Gundersen and Mayo the challenge they are facing is supply and the unknown that goes along with it While Gundersen says their appointments are fully booked for the first dose. They have open appointments for the second dose. Both Gundersen and Mayo stressed the importance of the second shot as it is part of the regimen. While they both say they have seen some side effects in patients with the second dose. They have been very minimal. Reporting from La Crosse Rylie Kyhn News 19. Both Gundersen and Mayo say they are committing to the online scheduling process asking for family members to help out those who might not be as tech-savvy and above all urging patience as they work to get vaccines out as efficiently as they can.

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Slug: 1 YEAR COVID

Exactly one year ago today the state's first COVID-19 case arrived at UW Health in Madison in the form of a patient with symptoms, who needed help. Back then lab samples were sent to the CDC in Atlanta. Georgia and the sample came back positive on February fifth at the time, it was only the twelfth confirmed case in the country and now medical officials are looking back at all they have learned throughout this pandemic and they certainly got their answer. In the last year 941 patients were hospitalized at UW Health, the highest single day hospitalization was 90 patients.

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Slug: EVERS-DHS

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers continuing to stress masks and distancing as effectively helping slow the spread in the state. The governor equated repealing the order mandating mask use to getting rid of speed limits in the state. The state senate approved a joint resolution last week to overturn the order. The assembly delayed its vote after learning that ending the order would cost Wisconsin food assistance but says it will still take up the matter.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:30 2/2/21 MIDDAY
Slug: GUNDERSEN VAX

Gundersen Health System will provide more than 4 thousand COVID vaccinations across its system. A release from the provider says the doses available are just a fraction of what is needed to vaccinate

those invited at this time. It does have limited appointments available from Wednesday through next Tuesday February 9th at its Onalaska clinic. Gundersen will also begin contacting those who called to schedule an appointment after receiving a letter. They ask for continued patience as they receive new supplies each week.

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Slug: MAYO COVID

Mayo clinic doctors anticipate in the next few weeks they will start doubling COVID-19 vaccinations at their clinic in La Crosse. this means they'll go from 500 daily to 1,000. But it still depends on how much the state allocates to us. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold participated in the hospital's virtual forum today Marcus mayo answered a lot of community questions one being effectiveness. Is the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine better? Health officials say they get this question a lot They say There is no significant difference between Moderna or Pfizer effectiveness just the temperatures they are frozen and stored at. Mayo emphasizes when it is available Get whichever you can. The clinic says they are almost done with phase 1A and making their way down 1B. They are thinking by summer vaccines will be widely available. We know about 70-80% of the community needs to be vaccinated for "herd immunity" Marcus when did they say we could be at that point? I know some people feel like this date keeps changing and changing but the panel says it is likely by the end of 2021 Thanks Marcus mayo says patient should check-in online through the hospitals portal to see when they could schedule a vaccination date others Mayo patient who do not use the internet will receive a letter when it is their time.

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Slug: WEAR YOUR MASK

Since the beginning of summer last year t-s-a has required domestic and incoming international travelers to wear a mask when traveling. president Biden has further promoted this requirement through executive action. News 19's Lindsey Ford joins us now with more details about how these guidelines are being implemented. Starting yesterday TSA will continue to require individuals to wear a mask at TSA airport screening checkpoints and inside of the airport and the president's executive orders extend beyond airports the federal face mask requirement extends beyond the nation's domestic network of airports It includes passengers and crewmembers flying aboard airplanes operated by domestic and foreign air carriers with inbound flights to U. S. ports of entry as well as ground transportation such as passenger rail, bus systems, and over-the-road bus companies. La Crosse's airport director agrees with the protocol to keep the virus from spreading. The requirement to wear a mask at airports and public transportation systems will remain in effect until May 11th of next year. Failure to comply with the mask requirement can result in civil penalties. Thanks Lindsey, and tonight at 10 travelers share their thoughts as mayo clinic doctors say masks are more crucial than ever to prevent an extra carry-on as virus mutations are now emerging around the world.

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Slug: MASK SUPPORT

In fact, 54 state organizations registered against a resolution ending Wisconsin's mask order. None have registered in favor. those in opposition include the state's Medical Society, The Hospital Association, Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin, The Madison and Fox Cities Chambers of Commerce and the Rural School's Alliance. The Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance and the Wisconsin Council of Churches which includes more than 2-thousand congregations from more than 20 different Christian traditions also both supports keeping the mask mandate.

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Slug: VAX MYTHS

As COVID-19 vaccinations continue throughout the state. Some may be hesitant to get the vaccine because of misinformation circulating on social media. An expert with UW school of medicine is working to de-bunk some common COVID-19 vaccine myths. Professor Ajay Sethi says one major misconception is that that parts of the coronavirus are used in the vaccine COVID-19 vaccine. Sethi says this is a common misunderstanding but simply not true of the approved shots. Other myths are that the virus will alter dna or make women infertile a myth Sethi says was created to undermine vaccination efforts. Sethi says patients should communicate with trusted medical professionals for the most accurate information.

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Slug: LAX VAX

The health department also held it is first COVID-19 vaccine clinic over the weekend the county provided about 100 doses in three hours for people currently eligible. they say they will plan more of these clinics Depending on when doses arrive and how many they receive. So far, the health department says approximately 18,000 doses have been administered in La Crosse County.

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Slug: DHS

The DHS says they are continuing to grow Wisconsin's vaccine program. As of today, the state has vaccinated almost eight hundred thousand people. That is about 14-percent of the state's population. So far, one in three adults sixty-five and older have received their first dose. They say the more people they can vaccinate the more effective the prevention will be. When it comes to vaccine administration Wisconsin's numbers have risen over the last few weeks. State officials say despite promising numbers the threat of the virus continues Masks and vaccinations are keys to stopping it.

Time: :27 First Aired: 2/9/21 Shows: 10PM
Slug: VACCINE SUPPLY

As we have reported Gundersen is canceling over 16-hundred vaccination appointments due to only receiving 20-percent of the vaccine supply they requested this week. As more vaccinators like pharmacies are approved in the state and vaccine supply continues to be limited Hospitals are reaching a point where the ability to deliver vaccine is exceeding the supply that they are getting from the state. However, one immunization expert at Gundersen says this is not surprising. Dr. Naik says he expects Gundersen to get a more significant vaccine supply in late March and then ramp up the process going into the summer months.

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Slug: LAX COUNTY LEVEL

La Crosse County covid-19 case numbers are officially down. The coulee covid-19 collaborative says we are out of the "high risk" zone for now. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold learns how being in the "medium risk" could make things a little bit easier for our local businesses. New La Crosse County covid-19 cases are fewer than 25-per-100,000 people-per-day which means we are in the orange. The orange status means the Caledonia street antique mall can let in more than five customers at a time. Owner Joe Schwartz says he will follow the 75% capacity guidelines. Most customers comply but not all. The coulee collaborative says it is too soon to forget your mask. Doing so could cause an uptick and ruin the antique mall permanently, but there is hope. In La Crosse Marcus Aarsvold News 19.

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Slug: COVID VARIANT

Meanwhile, concern is growing over new and more contagious variants of the virus. Local health officials met virtually today to answer questions about these new variants, one expert saying mutations of the virus were expected but should be taken seriously and the only way we can avoid another covid-19 case surge is to continue following safety guidelines. Cases of the so-called UK variant have been found in Wisconsin.

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:22 2/11/21 6PM
Slug: VAX MAP

Today the Wisconsin DHS is launching a new covid-19 vaccine dashboard online It breaks down data by region and by county. Here is a look at the information available for La Crosse County. 17-thousand eight-hundred and 77 people have received at least one dose of the vaccine. That is 15-percent of the total number of people who are currently eligible to get vaccinated in the county.

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:50 2/11/21 10PM
Slug: CDC QUARANTINE

The CDC updating its quarantine guidelines Saying those who have been recently vaccinated do not have to quarantine if coming close contact with someone who has tested positive. It is a big deal Because as infection preventionist Megan Meller says they will not have to worry about missing work. Meller says it is important to note that even after you have been vaccinated Masks are still strongly encouraged because more study is needed to know whether the approved vaccines are effective at preventing the virus and variants from spreading.

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:16 2/12/21 10PM
Slug: VACCINATORS

The professional development nurses at Gundersen Health System are looking for people who want to give the covid-19 vaccine. They have put together a training program using resources from the Wisconsin department of health services to educate those wanting to become a vaccinator. They say at the end of the day it is all about distributing vaccinations to the community as efficiently as they come in and with more hands, they can do it more efficiently. If you have worked in the healthcare industry and are interested in becoming a vaccinator a link to the form you need to fill out is over at wxow.com.

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Slug: MASS VAX

Four-point-one percent of the Wisconsin population has received both covid-19 vaccine doses. The Wisconsin department of health services says until the state gets more mass vaccination clinics. The number of people vaccinated will continue to grow but slowly. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold learns why the process of getting a mass vaccination clinic in. La Crosse County is a lot more complex than people might think. There is one problem That is preventing a mass vaccination clinic from coming to western Wisconsin while the community waits. Health officials at Gundersen Mayo clinic and the health department determine where it could be. Locations like valley view mall UW La Crosse campus and the La Crosse center are potential options the next step is ensuring it is Wisconsin residents coming through the line not people from other states and when it is time for people to get vaccinated planning ahead of time in La Crosse Marcus Aarsvold. News 19 health officials say the federal government has a goal to set up one hundred mass vaccination clinics around the country.

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Slug: CDC COVID TRAVEL

A covid-19 test will not be required for you to fly within the united states. The CDC decided not to recommend tests for domestic air travel. Last week federal officials said they had considered making it a

requirement. For now, the agency will continue to review options for containing the spread of the virus on planes. Even though there is no test recommendation the CDC does not encourage people to travel during the pandemic.

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Slug: MN VACCINES

Minnesota is closing in on a major milestone administering nearly 1 million doses of coronavirus vaccines. The Minnesota department of health says the state's health care providers have administered more than 927-thousand vaccine doses as of Sunday. More 686-thousands of those people have had at least their first dose of the covid-19 vaccine. That is about 12-percent of Minnesota's population.

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Slug: WI DHS

Wisconsin health officials are launching a new online covid-19 vaccine registration system. A number of health departments will start testing the registry next month and a full launch is expected in March. The tool will do a number of things among them. It is an easy way for people to see if they are eligible for a vaccine.

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Slug: UW CAMPUS

The UW Madison is warning students about a recent spike in covid-19 cases. The university sent an alert to students telling them they would be increasing testing to every other day for some students in residence halls - and warning them to take precautions now to avoid campus restrictions. Even with mandatory regular testing Covid on campus this week took a sudden jump. It is just us being young, you know we do not really think about it too much or we do not take it as serious. I am not saying That is for everybody. Students say they are not shocked. Yeah, I have seen on social media people partying and stuff. I cannot tell them not to because they are their own person and we are in college, but yeah it is a concern right now that people are just going out. After positivity rates this month averaged less than a half percent, they suddenly shot up Wednesday ten times that and though they dipped a little today. There is cause for concern. To see a rise like that plus from contact tracing investigations we were learning that students were engaged in gatherings not always wearing masks. So, we felt like before that got any higher it was important to be proactive and put out an alert. That alert came from the chancellor's office late this morning Telling students testing alone is not going to control covid on campus. They need to keep up there by now well-known precautions like mask wearing and social distancing. It is kind of crazy how it is going up so fast. Freshman Abby Cook lives in Sellery Hall, which was quarantined for several weeks in the fall after high positivity rates. She has hoping the spike in cases is not heading that way again. The UW System is working to return to in-person learning for a majority of classes this fall. UW System interim president Tommy Thompson announced his goal for campuses to return classes to at least 75-percent in-person learning.

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Slug: GUNDY VAX

La Crosse's Gundersen Health System sharing today that it will not have to cancel any first dose appointments this week. They had to do so the previous two weeks due to supply. A release from Gundersen says while demand continues to exceed supply, they anticipate administering about 3-thousand first and second dose shots across its system. They say they will give priority to notifying those who had their appointments canceled the last few weeks.

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Slug: LAX CO VACCINE CLINIC

Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin DHS say that 4 additional community vaccination clinics are coming to Wisconsin including one in La Crosse County. Everyone currently eligible for a vaccine will be able to schedule an appointment at the La Crosse County clinic regardless of where they live. The exact location of the clinic has not been revealed but we do know it will be in La Crosse County. DHS says the locations will open within the next two months. The other clinics will be located in Marathon County Racine County with the last one being split between Douglas and Barron County. DHS officials say even though some of these counties have a low population. The state did not want to leave them out.

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Slug: VAX and KIDS

Mayo Clinic Health System says two-point-four million children had covid-19 in the United States over the past year meaning there is still a need for vaccines and Mayo says its clinical trials testing vaccines on children have not shown any safety concerns. When asked about the temporary side effects from the vaccine, doctors say it has been harder for younger adults and therefore younger children. But not enough to cause any permanent harm. This leads them to believe the FDA could approve offering vaccines to children by this summer which would then make it possible to start the process next fall.

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Slug: J&J VAX

The FDA gives the Johnson and Johnson covid-19 vaccine the 'green light' for emergency use. This is different from approving the vaccine for use in the public. A committee will meet on Friday and make a recommendation. If it recommends proceeding Johnson and Johnson has doses ready to be shipped. Rollout is expected to be slow at first as only 3-4 million doses will be released upon approval instead of the expected 10 million. It is the first vaccine shown to have an 80 to 85-percent efficacy in preventing severe disease and death against the South African variant of the virus.

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Slug: U OF M VAX REPORT

And a new report authored by the center for infectious disease research and policy at the University of Minnesota calls on the FDA and CDC to change vaccination guidelines. The report warns the more transmissible UK variant of coronavirus threatens to start a renewed surge of infections in March. The authors suggest speeding up vaccines especially for vulnerable populations by skipping second doses for now. The report also says the FDA should consider authorizing a half-dose of Moderna's vaccine, based on evidence that even half a dose provides good protection at least at first.

Time: :26 First Aired: 2/25/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: MN COVID

In Minnesota Governor Tim Walz says the state will vaccinate 70 percent of the state's seniors before moving on to other groups. During a virtual briefing today, the governor said those 65 and older will get at least one dose of the covid-19 vaccine before the state moves on to the next phase of vaccinations which will include those with high-risk health conditions, and some essential workers. Governor Walz also setting a timeline for this goal. Governor Walz also saying he has high hopes for the Johnson and Johnson vaccine which is being reviewed by an FDA committee tomorrow.

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Slug: VAX UPDATE

Teachers become the high priority group to receive vaccines in Wisconsin on Monday. The La Crosse school district says in its weekly update it will begin vaccine clinics for its educators next week. La Crosse County now at nearly 19 percent of residents with a first dose of either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine still tracking ahead of the nearly 15 percent with a first dose statewide. Houston County Minnesota over 24-percent of the population beginning the program Minnesota's statewide rate at 14.2 percent.

Time: :27 First Aired: 3/1/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: NEW GROUPS ELIGIBLE

State data shows over half of Wisconsin residents age 65 and older have received at least one dose of the covid-19 vaccine. Starting today more people will be eligible to get the covid-19 vaccine in Wisconsin. The next phase includes teacher, grocery store workers, 911 dispatchers and non-essential health care workers. It also includes people enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs mink farmers prison inmates and staff and residents in shared housing.

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Slug: J&J VAX INFO

Shipments of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine are on their way now that the FDA has approved the third covid-19 inoculation for emergency use. Wisconsin is set to receive 47-thousand doses Minnesota expecting 45 thousand this week. So, what makes this third option different from the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines? As of now, the covid-19 vaccine from Janssen Pharmaceuticals, is just a single dose versus its predecessors which require two. Both Pfizer and Moderna have an efficacy rate of about 95 percent. This one is slightly lower. Doctor Matt Anderson of u-w health says this new vaccine will still help prevent the risk of hospitalization and death, and that just a single dose is needed because the process to create it was different. Doctor Anderson says Johnson & Johnson is looking at doing a two-dose trial in the future.

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Slug: TEACHER VAX

The La Crosse school district says it is now working with the county health department to make sure all school employees get vaccinated as soon as possible. That includes teachers, teaching assistants, custodians, kitchen staff and others that work in the building. La Crosse superintendent Aaron Engel says these first steps are important to ensure a safe environment for not only staff but the kids. A vaccination clinic for school staff will be held on Friday and will continue every weekend until all employees are vaccinated. Engel also says they are booking vaccination appointments with local healthcare providers.

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Slug: MASS VAX

The La Crosse County health department announced today that a mass vaccination clinic will open next week in La Crosse. News 19's Rylie Kyhn is here to share details she learned and the importance of the clinic. The La Crosse County health department is teaming up with the Wisconsin department of health services and u-w La Crosse to set up this mass vaccination site for the public. It will be just the second of its kind, in the state. It will be located inside the UWL Cleary Alumni Center and will be open Tuesday through Saturday, each week. The opening day is set for Tuesday March 9th. and we have learned that Governor Tony Evers will tour the clinic, that day. La Crosse County health department says they will be prioritizing appointments for adults sixty-five and older in the first few weeks. After that they will be scheduling anyone who is eligible for a vaccine. The health department says anyone that has already completed a screening and interest form is already on their list and staff will be reaching out in the coming days to schedule appointments the health department says AMI

Expeditionary Healthcare will be running the clinic and administering the shots. They plan to give two hundred a day to start and eventually hope to get up to one thousand each day. They do not have an end date for the vaccine clinic and they say anyone that has the chance to get the vaccine should, as soon as they become eligible If you have not completed the health departments screening and interest form. They say they now want you to sign up on the state's vaccine registry website. You can find that link at wxow.com.

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Slug: TOMAH HEALTH

As La Crosse prepares to open a community vaccination clinic tomorrow Teachers in Tomah are breathing a sigh of relief. Tomah health says it administered the first dose of the Moderna shot to nearly 200 teachers last week Including Warrens Wyeville Elementary principal Tim Gnewikow who says he put his faith in the science to "do his part for the greater whole." Since last December Tomah health says it is administered 27-hundred vaccines.

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Slug: CDC VAX GUIDES

As more people receive those vaccines The CDC says they can reduce some of the measures in place for much of the past year. The agency now saying those who are fully vaccinated can visit others who are also fully vaccinated for small gatherings indoors Without masks or social distancing. The recommendations also allow fully vaccinated people to visit with unvaccinated people from a single family without masks or social distancing if those they are meeting are not at high risk for severe illness from covid-19. Dr Jeff Pothoff with UW Health says he can imagine fully vaccinated people getting dinner together or visiting family members in small groups but he advises against large family gatherings unless everyone is fully vaccinated.

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Slug: CLEARY VAX

A covid-19 vaccination clinic open to the greater community Is now up and running on the UW La Crosse campus. The Cleary Alumni Center hosting just the second site of its kind in Wisconsin affiliated with the department of health services. For now, they are still prioritizing the 65 plus population but health officials say this will help move the process along. Today they vaccinated two hundred people with the Moderna shot. Still health experts say all of the approved doses are effective in preventing death and hospitalization. Right now, they are not accepting walk-ins, so you must schedule an appointment online ahead of time. You can do so through a link on our website or by calling 608-785-6240.

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Slug: WALZ

Minnesota is lifting a number of covid-19 restrictions. Starting Monday religious services will no longer have occupancy limits and all public venues will now be able to open at 50 percent capacity. Governor Tim Walz thanking the state's high vaccination rate for these changes.

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Slug: MORE VACCINE

Gundersen Health System has officially caught up to those canceled covid-19 vaccine appointments we reported on last month Health experts say this week they received twelve-hundred vaccine doses to distribute as they finish prioritizing the sixty-five and older population. Plus, they say with the help of the community vaccination site and Walgreens. The community is getting somewhere.

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Slug: HAPPENING 1

Here is a quick look at what is happening today new data from the red cross is showing that covid-19 antibodies are being found in about one in five blood donations from unvaccinated people. That data is from the first week of march. That would translate to an average of 20 percent of unvaccinated people with antibodies Add that to the 11 percent of antibodies from fully vaccinated people Nearly one third of Americans may have covid-19 antibodies.

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Slug: VACCINATOR

There is a big shift in local health care as retired nurses start taking over vaccination clinics so that health care workers who had to leave their posts to help with the pandemic can get back to their regular duties News 19's Marcus Aarsvold went inside the covid-19 clinic at Gundersen Health System in Onalaska to see how these retired nurses are adjusting back to a busy schedule vaccinating as many people as possible. Marcus? Nurses who worked at Gundersen before seeing the need for more vaccinators at the covid-19 vaccine clinic so they are coming back to help achieve one goal. Keeping people from getting sick. After 27 years away Deb Mahr says slipping back into her scrubs is easy. Vaccinator training only took four hours for deb because she has battled viruses like covid before. Here she explains the vaccine facts to coon valley couple Robert and Elizabeth Bomar. Once they understand It is time for their first dose. The Bomars felt comfortable getting vaccinated even though they know people close to them who do not. Deb says it is her duty to help people feel safe and confident in the immunization process, educating then vaccinating. Deb says so far everyone she helps is excited to get the vaccine. Sometimes they even have their sleeves rolled up before they get to the questions and Dustin, that is what I am seeing up there too. The Bomars have not felt safe seeing their all of their grandkids but now they are scheduling a visit later this spring after the second dose. Thanks Marcus. Health officials understand There is a lot of places to sign up now from Walgreens website to the state's registry and it can get overwhelming so they say take your time Fill them all out and take the first vaccine that you can.

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Slug: NEW ELIGIBILITY

Those 16 and older with pre-existing health conditions in Wisconsin will soon be eligible for a covid-19 vaccine, that will begin on March 22 which is a week earlier than previously announced. Governor Tony Evers says that vaccinations are proceeding quickly so the next eligibility group can be vaccinated sooner. Qualifying conditions for this eligibility group include moderate to severe asthma cancer diabetes high blood pressure down syndrome and having a body mass index of 25 or above. If you are looking to get registered or schedule an appointment you can call 1-844-684-1064. That is the number for the state's toll-free vaccine hotline. Head to our websites for information about online registration.

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Slug: HOMELESS VACC

Family medicine residents from Gundersen Health System vaccinated some of the unsheltered population today. News 19's Rylie Kyhn was there and she shares what she heard from both patients and doctors Physicians do not typically give vaccinations but they learned from nurses last week in order to administer vaccinations today. Gundersen Health System partnered with the La Crosse County health department and places like the salvation army to make this project happen. Will Klein, a resident physician at Gundersen Health System says it is an important step in slowing the spread within the community. They administered the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine Klein says it is a good

feeling to be able to help the community, and he believes that people are doing what they can to protect themselves and others Bhamini Patel helps run the country inn and suites where they are housing homeless people. She says she could not wait for the opportunity to get it. The Gundersen staff traveled to three different places to administer shots today including two hotels that are currently housing people and the salvation army. They hoped to vaccinate about one-hundred people when it was all said and done. with the Johnson and Johnson vaccine now in La Crosse. They say it will help with vaccination efforts especially being just a single shot.

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Slug: GUNDY

Wisconsin is trying to expand vaccine eligibility and get doses into arms quickly as possible. Monday a new group will become eligible and it is happening a week earlier than originally planned. Local health experts say We are still in a race against this virus, as variants emerge. Doctor Naik says early data also shows that the current covid-19 vaccines potentially disrupt transmission. The B117 strain is also known as the UK variant and it was detected in La Crosse County earlier this week. If you are looking to get registered or schedule a vaccination appointment you can call 1-844-684-1064. That is the number for the state's toll-free vaccine hotline. Head to wxow.com for information about online registration. On our website You will also find information about the expanded eligibility that begins Monday which includes people who have cancer, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, and other conditions linked to a higher risk of disease.

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Slug: COVID

The CDC has new guidelines that could help more children return to school reducing physical distancing recommendations to 3 feet but the 6-foot rule still applies everywhere else. Meanwhile As more and more Americans are vaccinated States are rolling back restrictions but health experts are urging caution. As the debate over getting children safely back in the classrooms continues school districts now have new recommendations. The CDC reducing it is distancing guidelines from 6-feet to 3-feet for elementary school students when *everyone* wears a mask. Also applying to middle and high school students except in areas of high community transmission where they must work in small groups or remain 6 feet apart. Still major teachers' unions sounding the alarm on Friday, President Biden visiting the CDC telling staff the country owes them a gigantic debt of gratitude and now as about 30-percent of Americans over the age of 18 have now received at least one dose. and more than 16-percent are fully vaccinated many states are rolling back restrictions. Tourists slowing returning to California as covid infection rates fall across the state. The push to reopen comes amid an urgent warning Dr. Anthony Fauci saying the highly contagious UK variant could be up to 64 percent more deadly and now accounts for up to 30 percent of infections in the us but adds the three authorized vaccines are effective against it.

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Slug: MONROE CO BUILDINGS

Monroe County will end its limited access to a majority of buildings starting April 1. The county made the decision based on the lower number of covid-19 cases in the county as a reason to begin in-person service again. County officials still encouraging you to take proper precautions like wearing a face mask and social distancing inside the buildings. You are also encouraged to continue calling ahead and scheduling appointments. Drop boxes will remain available outside county buildings for making payments or dropping off mail.

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Slug: AZ VAX FACTS

A *fourth vaccine could soon be in the mix in the US AstraZeneca just released results from its phase three vaccine trial. The company says it is *79-percent effective in preventing symptomatic covid-19 and *100 percent effective at preventing severe disease and hospitalization. AstraZeneca's vaccine is currently under trial at UW Health. The lead researcher says its durability makes it a valuable candidate. Researchers in the US trial brought in an independent neurologist to see if there was any association between blood clots and this vaccine. That was the fear in Europe. AstraZeneca can now apply for an "emergency use authorization" from the FDA. and plans to do so in the coming weeks. The shot has already been given emergency use authorization in more than 70 countries and emergency use listing by the world health organization.

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Slug: KIND NEWSER

Wisconsin elected officials say the state is winning when it comes to vaccinating against covid-19 and that La Crosse is contributing to this win. Representative Ron Kind and DHS deputy secretary Julie Willems Van Dijk were in town today visiting the vaccination clinic for the first time. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold joined them at the clinic. Marcus why do they say La Crosse is crucial in this battle?

It is all about accessibility. They say the vaccination clinic makes the process simple to get as many people vaccinated as possible. We see Van Dijk almost weekly virtually but this is her first time touring the clinic at UWL's Cleary Alumni Center. She says seeing the way it runs in person. Safely and smoothly confirms that the team effort between the health department and college is providing care to get us out of the pandemic. When asked if everyone sixteen and up can get the vaccine Van Dijk confidently says for sure at the latest May first and Dustin, she and kind certainly made it seem like it could be even before may first. And did they give a reason why? She says Johnson and Johnson vaccine supplies will rapidly increase in April and may which will move things quicker with one dose. Alright thanks Marcus. La Crosse County health department reps also say over 70-percent of the county's sixty-five and older population received their first dose and 43-percent have got their second shot.

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Slug: MAYO VAX

Minnesota health officials say dozens of fully vaccinated people have contracted covid-19. The state has identified 89 covid-19 cases in people who have received both doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or the single dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine. However, health officials at Mayo say this does not come as a surprise and the vaccines are still working how they are supposed to. Clinical trials suggest that the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are 95-percent effective. Johnson and Johnson's vaccine are said to be about 85-percent effective.

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Slug: WALZ MN

All Minnesotans will be eligible for a covid-19 vaccine beginning Tuesday March 30th. Governor Tim Walz announced the expanded eligibility today citing Minnesota as a national leader in vaccine administration. At today's covid-19 media briefing Walz expressed his excitement. Walz said seniors and those with health condition will remain the state's top priority. As of today, 80 percent of Minnesota's seniors and 66 percent of Minnesota's educators have been vaccinated.

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Slug: PREGNANCY VAX

A new study shows covid-19 vaccines are effective and safe for women who are pregnant or nursing. Researchers in Massachusetts looked at 131 women who received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. 115 of them were pregnant or nursing. Researchers found that after the vaccine they had about the

same antibody levels as women who were not pregnant. They also passed protective antibodies to their newborns. As of March 22nd, 36-hundred pregnant women have either signed up for or received the covid-19 vaccine at Mayo Clinic Health System locations.

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Slug: DHS BRIEF

Everyone in Wisconsin age 16 and older will be eligible to get a covid-19 vaccine shot starting Monday. The announcement comes as Wisconsin leads the nation in terms of using its available vaccine supply. Governor Tony Evers says that means they are vaccinating faster than any other state. Evers made the announcement during today's covid-19 media briefing where he reminded residents to remain vigilant. The governor says supply remains limited so be patient. You can find a link to sign up over at wxow.com by clicking vaccine information. You can also call 844-684-1064 between 7 a-m and 7 p-m to register.

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Slug: COP KINDNESS

One La Crosse police officer shows that treating people with kindness can go a long way. Body camera footage shows officer Conner Hjellming responding to a theft call at the Walgreen store on West Avenue in La Crosse. The suspect intended to steal a hat and gloves because of the cold weather and she did not have enough money to pay for the items. Instead of pressing charges for the attempted theft Officer Hjellming bought the items for that individual. Officer Hjellming has been with the La Crosse police department since May of 2019.

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Slug: BLAKE

The officer who shot Jacob Blake seven times in the back will not face charges. The Kenosha county district attorney also saying today Blake will also Face no charges for the August 23rd encounter. Police were responding to a domestic incident and came into contact with the 29-year-old Blake. Officer Rusten Sheskey was captured on video shooting Blake as he opened the door to an SUV. his children were inside that SUV and witnessed the entire incident. Blake survived the shooting but his family says it has paralyzed him from the waist down. Wisconsin's department of justice says Blake had a knife which was found on the floorboard of his SUV. Kenosha's district attorney says he reviewed 15-hundred pages of police reports and 40 hours of video to arrive at his decision not to charge Heskey. Video of the incident sparked days of protests and rioting in Kenosha upon its release. Wisconsin's governor mobilized five-hundred national guardsmen in anticipation of the DA's decision. The Blake family attorney Ben crump shared the decision on twitter saying they were disappointed in the news but he went on to call for people to raise their voices in peaceful and positive ways.

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Slug: JACOB BLAKE AFTERMATH

The protests some feared would return to Kenosha after a prosecutor decided *not to charge the police officer who shot Jacob Blake Have not materialized. activists say they are moving carefully after extremists stormed the U. S. capitol. Demonstrators took to the streets in Kenosha in August after an officer shot Jacob Blake seven times in the back paralyzing him. Activists' next organized protest is set for Monday.

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Slug: JACOB BLAKE GMA

We are hearing from Blake today in his first interview since he was shot and partially paralyzed by a police officer in August. Since then, the Kenosha County district attorney has announced the officers involved will not be charged. Blake was on GMA this morning recalling the moment he was hit with bullets. You can see more of that interview later tonight, on nightline. Blake has had 36 surgeries and is confined to a wheelchair. he is in physical rehab 4 days a week and hoping to regain his ability to walk. Blake's attorneys will be filing a civil suit against the Kenosha police department.

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Slug: MLK PREVIEW

Viterbo University made a lot of changes to how they celebrate MLK day the college canceled classes and added thrty service projects. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold was on campus Marcus Is this change a result of the social justice movement we saw over the summer? Yes, organizers say they wanted to be

more authentic and focus on Dr. King's "service" pillars by volunteering at places like the Warming House and Salvation Army. The school also hosted an art-show and panel of Mariel boatlift refugees. The panelists of immigrants who fled from Cuba in the eighties. Shared their stories and musical talents .staffers hope they have started a new tradition in our area. The art exhibit will stay open for another month at the fine arts center. Organizers are planning an even bigger event for next year they are hopeful COVID restrictions will be less intense. Thanks Marcus. The MLK celebration wraps up tonight at seven with a Facebook live speech from social justice leader Doctor William Jay Barber it is free to attend No need to register. We will have a link to the presentation over on our website wxow.com.

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Slug: POLICE SURVEY

The La Crosse County board along with its sub committees is considering creating a Community oversight policing committee .and they are getting input from the very people who would staff it, community members. News 19's Lindsey Ford shares with how a public survey is playing a role in its creation and how you can get involved. The La Crosse County criminal justice management council is seeking input from the public through a survey toward a possible formation of a resident police advisory board or resident police oversight board. The criminal justice management council was created in the wake of the George Floyd killing the criminal justice management council was created in the wake of the George Floyd killing. The public survey has already begun and will close on Friday February 5th. In La Crosse Lindsey Ford WXOW News 19 If the community feels it is needed, the oversight committee should be up and running by November.

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Slug: HOLOCAUST DAY

Holocaust Remembrance Day serves as a moment to remember those who died during the atrocities committed by the Nazi regime in world war two. and we are learning tonight how a group of students and staff at UW Eau Claire helped uncover one victim's story. a documentary was recently completed showcasing several students and staff who traveled to Lithuania in 2017 in search of the grave of Matilda Olkin a Jewish Lithuanian poet who died during the holocaust. one professor who led the trip says it was important to take students to the site not only to immerse them in the culture and research but help others remember lost victims and prevent further tragedy. The students located Olkin's resting place using geographical research and equipment and memorialized it for locals to honor her.

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Slug: BLACK HISTORY

A virtual celebration today to kick off black history month the Wisconsin legislative black caucus along with a number of state leaders held the event it included Governor Evers. Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes and representative Shelia Stubbs. The group says the month of February will be dedicated to celebrating black lives and their accomplishments.

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Slug: SUN PRAIRIE

Multiple teachers at a middle school in sun prairie are suspended because of a controversial lesson making its rounds on social media. Administrators at Patrick Marsh middle school are looking into the situation Including why teachers were teaching the lesson in the first place which school officials say was not part of the district curriculum. The lesson tells students a slave has disrespected his master and asks, "how will you punish this slave?" It appears to be talking about the code of Hammurabi, a Babylonian king, with a punishment code thousands of years ago. One mother says her son did not understand that and when he read the question, he told her he thought slavery was over. The district

says staff apologized to the students and their families. The Dane County Boys and Girls Club is calling for a transparent investigation, and a plan developed with white teachers and black families about how to move forward.

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Slug: ROSA PARKS

As a way to honor the woman who helped end segregated seating on mass transit the La Crosse MTU designated a seat in all of their buses today to rosa parks. MTU director Adam Lorentz says support from the drivers Community and city has been outstanding he says parks' actions were more important than people realize and it is important to continue to educate younger generations about the struggle for racial equity.

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Slug: GEORGE FLOYD SQUARE

In Minneapolis, the city is preparing to re-open the intersection where George Floyd was killed the area has been closed to traffic for months and it will remain that way through the trial of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin Who is charged with murdering Floyd. After that the city wants to make the intersection more accessible to vehicles. City officials say they are moving forward with a plan to thoughtfully reopen the intersection. While keeping a permanent and protected memorial as a space for people to gather Minneapolis residents will be the ones to decide what happens to the intersection. The city is sending out a survey over the next few weeks.

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Slug: FILM EVENT

An upcoming local film seeks to engage the community in a conversation about racial bias and privilege. The La Crosse waking up white collaborative will show part one and two of a film called amplifying the voices of black youth and their parents in the La Crosse area. The free online event is happening this Sunday from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. Find out how to register at our website wxow.com.

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Slug: AMFAM EQUITY

In an effort to close equity gaps and drive social impact Wisconsin-based American Family Insurance announces a new initiative called "Free to Dream." The initiative focuses on economic empowerment, education and health equity, climate resilience, criminal justice reform and workforce diversity and inclusion. "Free to Dream" is a 105-million-dollar commitment over five years.

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Slug: VAX EQUITY

Right now, UW health officials are emphasizing the importance of equal vaccine distribution specifically to minority communities. UW Health is prioritizing black, Latino and Native Americans that are 65 and older. Vice president of UW Health says their efforts have helped promote vaccination equity. So far 50 percent of Native American patients, 44 percent of Latino patients and 39 percent of black patients have received at least one dose of the covid-19 vaccine in addition to focusing on equal distribution methods. UW Health says they plan to hire vaccine educators to work with minority patients to help provide support and information on how they can get their vaccine.

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Slug: FLOYD TRIAL

It is unclear if the order could impact the start of the trial which is set to begin Monday. Reporter Nadia Romero shows how fateful moments nine months ago led to a case with worldwide attention. A word of caution some may find the video you are about to see disturbing. May 25th, 2020, the last minutes of George Floyd's life caught on camera. The video and his death sparked protests across the nation and a renewed movement against police brutality around the world. Now, nearly ten months later Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer seen kneeling on Floyd's neck is set to stand trial. With jury selection beginning Monday morning. Chauvin is facing charges of second degree-murder and second degree-manslaughter He has pleaded not guilty. His defense is expected to rely heavily on the argument that he was doing what he was trained to do and on Floyd's toxicology reports, released by the Hennepin County medical examiner. Showing several drugs in his system, including morphine, fentanyl, cannabis, and methamphetamine, though not all of the tests were reliable, the coroner's report said. The judge is allowing the trial to be streamed live to the public. Barriers and barbed wire have gone up in Minneapolis. Fortifying the government center where the trial will take place. Law enforcement and military presence will be heavy. Local activists say they are ready to show up and peacefully protest. Some say they will not be intimidated by the beefed-up security and are criticizing the plans put in place to fortify parts of the city. Others say they will be on the streets keeping an eye out to try to stop things from escalating and turning violent. You can see the entire trial unfold over on our companion network Court TV channel 19-point-4 starting on Monday.

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Slug: LANDLORD TENANTS

Civil lawyers and those who focus on housing equity say the number of evictions were extremely high this past year because the pandemic forced so many people out of their jobs then out of their homes. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold spoke a lawyer about how renters and landlords can improve their relationship. Marcus even in a post-pandemic world. It seems the effects will linger. Yes Dustin, we won't know the exact number of evictions in Minnesota and Wisconsin until the we are out of the woods. Until then lawyers say communication is key eviction is an expensive and scary process Especially during a pandemic. As the country re-opens. Mc Donough predicts the CDC could end it is national suspension on evictions by late march. Minnesota has stricter laws than Wisconsin. Giving renters more power to bargain with landlords. He recommends renters in both states pay what they can and landlords give leeway when they can because adding more evictions could harm the community already crippled by covid Minnesotans looking for legal help can visit law-help-mn.org and if you need help in Wisconsin visit dcf-dot-Wisconsin-dot-gov-slash-covid-19-slash-assistance thanks Marcus. Those resources can also be found at wxow.com.

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Slug: HMONG VAX

In Madison, the Hmong Institute partnered with "Benevolent Specialists Project" to provide around 50 vaccines to the local southeast Asian community. The CEO of the institute says many people in this community are not able to schedule vaccinations due to technological, cultural and language barriers. Right now, DHS data show 8 percent of Wisconsin's Asian population has received a first dose.

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Slug: FLOYD SETTLEMENT

The Minneapolis city council unanimously approved a 27-million-dollar settlement to George Floyd's estate. Floyd died in may when then Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin knelt on his neck as Floyd said repeatedly he couldn't breathe. Following the approval Floyd's brother thanked those who showed solidarity.

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Slug: REBUILDING MPLS

While many around the world protested peacefully this past summer Violence hit some cities hard Including Minneapolis which city officials say saw more than 350 million dollars in property damages. Nadia Romero shows us the ongoing struggle to rebuild. Chauvin's trial a reminder of last summer's unrest. When the lake street area went up in flames including elite cleaners just two blocks from the third precinct owner Pinky Patel estimates nearly a million dollars in damages. Patel says mounting debt and more repairs means pushing back her retirement by ten years. she blames the governor, mayor, and state legislature for a lack of funding to rebuild. The governor's request for federal aid denied. Now He has asking the state legislature for 150 million in his latest budget proposal. A bill to give \$268 million to businesses damaged in the unrest failed. Now it sits before the state legislature for a second time. State senator Patricia Torres Ray represents this district. Despite a projected one-point-six-billion-dollar state budget surplus, Torres Ray says rural lawmakers in predominately white districts may turn their backs on a diverse lake street neighborhood it was not the government but non-profit lake street council that raised 5.5 million dollars for hundreds of businesses giving 25 thousand to elite cleaners. But with Chauvin's trial sparking news protests some are concerned as for the fifth day of criminal proceedings against Derek Chauvin A seventh juror has now been seated. That is half of the total number 12 jurors and 2 alternates required.

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Slug: CHAUVIN

No net change today to the number of jurors seated in the case against Derek Chauvin Even after two jurors were dismissed earlier today after questioning by the judge about last the two dismissed saying they were influenced by the 27-million-dollar sum awarded to Floyd's family last week. Later in the day then Two more jurors were seated One a black man in his 40s Meaning the total remains at nine. 12 jurors and two alternates are needed before the trial can begin on March 29. The judge is considering a request for delay from Chauvin's attorney.

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Slug: HOMETOWN: HOPE

Here in La Crosse two women are working to bridge the racial gap in the community with a new initiative. It is called hope restores incorporated and its mission is to better facilitate services already in place for people who may have trouble accessing them. with an eye toward creating even greater equity the Founders of Hope Restores shared some of the steps we can all take in this latest edition of Hometown Conversations. Encourage those conversations with your kids at home. Start reading books with people who do not look like them. Get them ready for being out there in the real world because those are the kids that are going to grow up with our kids. If we do not start putting some things in place, then it is just going to continue on, what we are trying to fight for. I think That is a really strong place to start. Start at home. Start with your spheres of influence and just challenge yourself to continue to be the idea that thinking we can fix from our perspective. We do not have the same perspective, we have not grown up in the same backgrounds, but I think That is a lot of what we see is the white no it is not going to work. The best thing that works is communicating, talking to people, finding out what they need. They will tell you exactly what they need. That is the best way, going in I would say understanding the disadvantage, too. When you understand that, allow the community to rebuild itself. When you say, how do you want to help. Ask! Ask us what you can do to help. See how you can insert yourself into the movement of change but not controlling the change. Seek to understand, for sure. Seek to understand. To see the entire half-hour chat visit wxow.com/conversations. There you will also find how to connect with Hope Restores. Shy and Mya are offering a covid-safe meet and greet tomorrow morning at 8-30 at their 231 Copeland Avenue location. They will also facilitate a zoom meeting for those who would prefer to connect online. Also, thanks to Bridges Church Downtown for hosting this edition of Hometown Conversations.

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Slug: CHAUVIN

The judge in the Derick Chauvin trial denied a defense request today to delay or move the trial. The motion came from Chauvin's lawyer following the announcement of a \$27 million settlement for Floyd's family. His attorney called the timing of the announcement deeply disturbing and argued that it may have tainted the jury. Attorneys also seated a 13th juror today leaving one more needed for trial. Opening statements are scheduled March 29.

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Slug: ASIAN SAFETY

Last week's shootings in Atlanta Georgia which killed eight people had a ripple effect felt here in La Crosse. People in the Hmong community say an incident like this makes them feel unsafe. Social justice leaders share with News 19's Marcus Aarsvold how the greater La Crosse community can offer support. Mai Lee is just trying to live her life. But Lee says racism against Asian Americans has risen in the age of covid. Cia Siab, her organization. Believes this rhetoric contributes to violent crimes Like the shooting in Atlanta. But DA Tim Gruenke says it is yet to be seen if the shooter is charged with a hate crime. If these killings happened in Wisconsin Gruenke would pursue hate crime charges. Lee says the rest of the community can help Asian Americans feel safe in La Crosse by calling out racism when they see it advocating for her community. As a part of the greater community in La Crosse Marcus Aarsvold News 19. Lee's organization is planning a community healing event for this Friday. Head to wxow.com for details.

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Slug: VITERBO HATE

Viterbo University is looking into another incident of hate messages. This time targeting a student's gender identity. The university posted on Facebook that the message was left on a residence hall door. The post does not identify the person it was meant for out of respect for the student's wishes and due to the ongoing investigation into the incident. In response to the incident executive vice president for student success Rick Trietley said in part "Viterbo University stands in unity and support for the members of our LGBTQ+ community and firmly denounces all forms of discrimination, bigotry, prejudice, and hatred. Hate will never have a place at Viterbo University." This is the second incident of this kind at the university this month. In early March a student had racist messages written on her dorm door.

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6PM

Slug: VITERBO GROUPS

Viterbo University dealing with fallout from a pair of recent hate-related incidents, the latest this week targeting a student's gender identity. News 19's Rylie Kyhn spoke with university president and joins us with how she's planning to address the situation. Glenna Temple says the university has no tolerance for discrimination or hate in any way. The university says not only is the act criminal but completely unacceptable and detrimental to their values, identity, and mission. Temple says the investigation is currently on-going. She says they are sad, angry, and frustrated that they have another incident on campus of a hate statement. Temple says they are caring for those targeted by the messages and following their wishes about what information they share. While she does not want to speculate about anything going on with the investigation. Consequences for anyone involved could lead to expulsion. Viterbo is also holding their third listening session tonight. Their goal with these sessions is to give students a safe place to talk, share their opinions and stories.

Time:

First Aired:

Shows:

:34

3/24/21

6PM

Slug: YWCA

Recent tensions also arising on La Crosse's Criminal Justice Management Council, specifically with former council member Joella Striebel who recently resigned following a Facebook post by the La Crosse Professional Police Supervisors and Officers Association targeting Striebel's personal beliefs. At the 2019 YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women the organization named Striebel Advocate of the Year. The YWCA leadership is now expressing frustration saying the organization stands with community members wanting a response from their public servants including the mayor.

Time:
:40

First Aired:
3/29/21

Shows:
6PM

Slug: CHAUVIN

The trial of Derek Chauvin is now underway, the former Minneapolis police officer is charged with killing George Floyd last Memorial Day. Chauvin has pleaded not guilty to several charges including manslaughter, second- and third-degree murder. Today we heard the prosecution and defense teams lay out their cases for the first time in their opening statements. The state, which has the burden of proving Chauvin's guilt then began making its case against the former officer by questioning witnesses, including the 911 dispatcher who sent police to the scene of Floyd's death and watched the entire process unfold as it happened, shown in new video evidence entered by the prosecution. The trial will focus on exactly how Floyd died. The medical examiner stating Floyd suffered cardiopulmonary arrest, while fentanyl and other drugs were found in his system. The defense expected to make the case that those drugs and his untreated heart condition caused his death not Chauvin.



April 1, 2021

To: Station Management

Re: ABC Television Network First Quarter, 2021 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, 2021
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 Kenneth Moton and Mona Kosar Abdi 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

Kenneth Moton and Mona Kosar Abdi 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
8:00-10:00AM ET / 7:00-9:00AM PT

Sunday
8:00 – 9:00 AM ET / 7:00 – 8:00AM PT

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

GMA3: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Monday through Friday
1:00 – 2:00 PM ET / 12:00 – 1:00PM PT / CT

A one-hour program co-anchored by Amy Robach and TJ Holmes, also featuring other ABC News Correspondents including Dr. Jennifer Ashton, to address the widespread issues caused by the global pandemic and a mix of news, takeaways and inspiration.

THE VIEW

Monday through Friday

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET / 10:00 – 11:00 AM PT

A one-hour talk show hosted by Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar, Sunny Hostin, Meghan McCain, Ana Navarro and Sara Haines features the hottest topics, headline-making conversations, politics, pop culture, celebrity guests and newsmakers, broadcast live from New York.

ABC NEWS BRIEF

Monday through Friday

approx. 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

SOUL OF A NATION

Tuesday (Effective March 2, 2021 thru April 6, 2021 – 6 Part Series)

10:00 – 11:00PM ET

A primetime newscast, the first broadcast network newsmagazine that aims to put Black life in America front and center. The historic six-episode series will present viewers with a unique window into authentic realities of Black life and dive deeper into this critical moment of racial reckoning.

THE CON

Wednesday

10:00 – 11:00PM ET

A Primetime series, The Con, is narrated by “The View” moderator Whoopi Goldberg. The series explores the troubling tales of people taken in by claims and promises that proved too good to be true.

20/20

Friday

9:01 - 11:00PM ET

Note: on occasion, 20/20 will air on another night

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 Amy Robach anchor 20/20.

NIGHTLINE

Monday through Friday
12:37 - 1:06:30 AM ET / PT

Ju Ju Chang 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

ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR (Saturday)

Tom Llamas, Anchor (thru 1/31/21)

Whit Johnson, Anchor (effective 2/06/21)

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

ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR (Sunday)

Tom Llamas, Anchor (thru 1/31/21)

Linsey Davis, Anchor (effective 2/07/21)

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
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.

NOTE: ABC Sports programs may necessitate the pre-emption or re-scheduling of various news feeds.

ABC NEWS PROGRAMS – First Quarter, 2021

20/20

Friday, January 1, 2021 (9:01 – 11:00PM ET)

Bizarre Murder Mystery

After an early retirement, Tom and Jackie Hawks bought a 55-foot yacht and spent several years enjoying the ocean, using their boat as their primary residence. When they became grandparents, they decided to relocate closer to their grandchild. But as they prepared to sell their yacht to move, they vanished without a trace. A two-hour “20/20” unravels the bizarre mystery surrounding the couple’s disappearance.

Friday, January 8, 2021 (9:01 – 11:00PM ET)

The Dating Game Killer

In this two-hour program, 20/20 reports on killer, Rodney Alcala who, 1968, began a reign of cross-country attacks that spanned more than a decade. He used his good looks and charm to lure his victims. Through first-hand accounts from investigators, victims, eyewitnesses and psychologist, 20/20 reports on the most notorious serial killers of modern times.

Friday, January 15, 2021 (9:01 – 11:00PM ET)

Who Killed JonBenet?

Over 24 years later, authorities are still trying to find the murderer of JonBenet Ramsey. A new 20/20 episode provides insight into the murder and showcases the exclusive network premiere of the video diaries of legendary detective Lou Smit, who was brought out of retirement to investigate. On his deathbed, he requested family members to keep his search for killer alive. 20/20 co-anchor Amy Robach reports.

Friday, January 22, 2021 (9:01 – 11:00PM ET)

New Hampshire Murder Mystery

20/20” reports on a murder mystery that unraveled across the country for over three decades, including details about how cutting-edge DNA technology and a mysterious 5-year-old girl provided crucial clues that helped authorities solve the case. (OAD: 3/20/20)

Friday, January 29, 2021 (9:01 – 11:00PM ET)

While He Was Sleeping

In a new interview with 20/20’s, Scott Falater, whose sleepwalking defense made national headlines in the ‘90s, says he still doesn’t know what happened the night he murdered his wife. Amy Robach reports.

Friday, February 5, 2021 (9:01 – 11:00PM ET)

Tragic Beauty: Ana Nicole Smith

On the anniversary of iconic model, actress and reality star Anna Nicole Smith’s death, “20/20” exclusively features her now 14-year-old daughter, Dannielynn Birkhead, as she visits the most influential places in Anna Nicole’s life for the first time with her father, Larry Birkhead. Featuring reporting by ABC News Senior National Affairs correspondent Deborah Roberts, the two-hour program takes a comprehensive look at Anna Nicole through new interviews with those closest to her, never-before-seen and rarely seen video, as well as material from the ABC News archives.

Friday, February 12, 2021 (9:00 – 11:00PM ET)

True Lies

A new two-hour “20/20” reports on Benita Alexander, a television producer who fell head over heels in love with world-renowned surgeon Paolo Macchiarini while producing a report on his revolutionary new surgery technique. What Alexander thought was a perfect match turned out to be a web of lies. Co-anchor Amy Robach sat down for an interview with Alexander who opened up about how she fell for the whirlwind relationship and was blinded by love.

Friday, February 19, 2021 (9:01 – 11:00PM ET)

Five Weddings & A Murder

After four failed marriages, millionaire and hard-nosed businessman, Ron Rudin, is found shot and dead. Dubbed Black Widow of Las Vegas, Margaret Rudin, is convicted of her husband's murder. Just out of prison, Margaret discusses with 20/20 her desire to prove her innocence in the murder of her husband, after serving 20 years in prison for his death.

Friday, February 26, 2021 (9:01 – 11:00PM ET)

The Gravedigger's Wife

One year ago, authorities arrested Lori Vallow in Hawaii following the disappearance of her two children, later found dead, charging her with desertion and nonsupport of dependent children, and her and Chad Daybell with concealing and destroying of evidence. Now, co-anchor Amy Robach in a new two-hour "20/20" feature, reports from its year-long investigation on details of Vallow's past.

Friday, March 5, 2021 (9:01 – 11:00PM ET)

Twisted Love Triangle

While working at a Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, restaurant, 20-year-old Heather Elvis met Sidney Moorer, a 37-year-old husband and father of three. The two became romantically involved but after Sidney's wife, Tammy Moorer, uncovered the affair, she began threatening Elvis. Elvis vanished shortly after without a trace and is still missing today. A new two-hour "20/20" reports on the shocking details surrounding the twisted love triangle.

Friday, March 12, 2021 (9:01 – 11:00PM ET)

Wrongfully Accused

Bestselling crime novelist Scott Turow ("Presumed Innocent," "The Last Trial") takes viewers through the case that keeps him up at night: the 1996 murder of Angie Dodge, which landed the wrong man in prison for 20 years. After Angie Dodge's brutal murder in Idaho Falls, her mother, Carol Dodge, desperately tried to track down the killer. When a jury convicted Chris Tapp, Carol pushed for the death penalty in an effort to gain justice for her daughter's death. However, when she later gained access to Tapp's confession tapes, she became convinced Tapp was innocent and that her daughter's killer was still at large. Through Carol's tenacious search for the truth and investigative genetic genealogist CeCe Moore's work, DNA evidence connected Brian Dripps to the crime and exonerated Chris Tapp.

Friday, March 19, 2021 (9:01 – 11:00PM ET)

Teen Abduction

In October 2013, 14-year-old Abby Hernandez disappeared on her way home from school without a trace. Nine months later, the New Hampshire teen returned home with a harrowing story of kidnapping, captivity and unspeakable abuse. Mostly silent for nearly five years since she disappeared, Abby tells her story for the first time to ABC News correspondent Deborah Roberts. (OAD: 9/07/18)

Friday, March 26, 2021 (9:01 – 11:00PM ET)

Vanished

Just weeks ago, Don the Lucas was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of his pregnant girlfriend, Kelsie Schelling, who mysteriously disappeared in 2013 and was never seen again. A new two-hour "20/20" dives into the case it's been following for over five years through the eyes of Schelling's mother, Laura Saxton.

SOUL OF A NATION

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

(Series Premiere – 6 Part Series – 10:00-11:00PM ET)

Reckoning

The premiere episode will dive into this moment of racial reckoning in present-day America tackling issues ranging from policing to reparations and segments highlighting the arts and entertainment. Brown, ABC News' Adrienne Bankert, Sunny Hostin, Byron Pitts and Pierre Thomas lead this groundbreaking hour. It will feature interviews with actor and reparations activist Danny Glover, EGOT winner, producer and social activist John Legend, and U.S. Capitol Police Officer Harry Dunn, one of the many officers who defended the Capitol on Jan. 6. Plus, Legend will give a special intimate musical performance.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Next

Marsai Martin, actress and executive producer of 2019 film "Little," guest hosts the second episode of primetime newsmagazine "Soul of a Nation." This episode features the next generation of Black Americans and their unique ability to trailblaze, innovate and live on the cutting edge no matter what they have to overcome. Martin, ABC News' Adrienne Bankert, Sunny Hostin, Zachary Kiesch and Janai Norman lead the hour which follows TikTok influencers as they navigate the popular social media app, unpack the importance of Afrofuturism, detail the history of sneaker culture and explore the story of Miss Lucille Burden Osborne, a woman who grew up with relatives who had been enslaved. The episode concludes with a musical performance by singer H.E.R.

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Faith

"Soul of a Nation" will focus on faith in its next episode with special guest host and six-time GRAMMY Award-winning singer and songwriter BeBe Winans. The episode will look at the state of the Black church, the intersection of faith and abortion and examine the role of forgiveness in the Black community. Winans, ABC News' Linsey Davis, Sunny Hostin, Byron Pitts, Deborah Roberts and David Scott lead the hour. It will feature an exclusive interview with television personality and comedian Nick Cannon, a conversation with Botham Jean's family, and two survivors of the Mother Emanuel mass shooting in Charleston, South Carolina.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Black Joy

Taraji P. Henson guest hosts the all-new episode which explores Black joy. Throughout history, Black people have used humor and music to get through hard times, making cultural or political statements while simultaneously giving others tremendous joy. This provocative episode examines comedy, film and music within the Black community and how each is a vehicle for Black joy/

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Shut Up and ...

Journalist Jemele Hill will guest host the all-new episode that explores activism in sports. The hour examines the historic role sports have played in America's racial reckoning, and the seismic shift Black athletes are provoking in this current moment. ABC News' T.J. Holmes, Sunny Hostin, Kenneth Moton and ESPN's Michael Wilbon Lead the Hour Featuring Interviews With Chris Paul, Carmelo Anthony, Renee Montgomery, UCLA Gymnasts Nia Dennis and Margzetta Frazier and Olympian Dominique Dawes.

THE CON

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 (Season Premiere)

The Fyre Festival Con

ABC News returns with the infamous Fyre Festival and the first televised interview with festival mastermind Billy McFarland since his imprisonment. The first new episode includes more exclusive interviews with former Fyre Festival employees, several festival goers and McFarland's mentor and event producer, Andy King.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

The Royal Con

Anthony Gignac seemed to always dream of being part of the Saudi royal family, the richest in the world. To bring his dream closer to reality, Gignac moves to Miami and perfects the persona of Prince Khalid bin al-Saud. While living a life of luxury and fine dining, Gignac set his sights on a "long con" – an attempt to swindle wealthy Florida real estate mogul Jeffrey Soffer and others out of millions. Everything is going according to plan until Gignac makes a critical mistake – ordering and eating prosciutto at a business lunch, a no-no in the Muslim religion. This one mistake acts as the catalyst to the investigation that reveals Gignac's true identity and sheds light on his elaborate, worldwide con.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

The Psychic Con

Debra, Priti and Ruth each turned to psychics for clarity and answers during difficult times in their lives. Unfortunately, their psychics took advantage of their vulnerability and asked the women for money to remedy a spiritual ailment or problem they identified. Each woman said she became emotionally dependent on her psychic. Faced with escalating demands and after losing tens of thousands of dollars, the women decided to fight back. Each woman sought the help of private investigator Bob Nygaard, a former NYPD officer who now helps people free themselves from the influence of a psychic. With Nygaard's assistance, all three women set out to reveal their psychics as con artists and seek justice.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

The Wine Con

In the early 2000s, a young upstart named Rudy Kurniawan exploded into the world of fine wine, where the rich spend more on a bottle than some people make in a year. He was spending up to a million dollars a month on rare wine at auctions, throwing lavish dinners and becoming the darling of the wine world. He also became the center of one of the most outrageous scams of all-time, conning some of the richest collectors in the world. Kurniawan was celebrated for building a cellar full of the rarest wines, selling many of his bottles for record-breaking amounts of money, but he was hiding a secret. After crossing billionaire wine collector Bill Koch, the dark truth about Kurniawan was exposed. The episode features interviews with Koch, novelist Jay McInerney, Rudy's friend and filmmaker Arthur Sarkissian, and takes viewers around the world with investigators, wine experts and former FBI agents as they uncover lie after lie.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 (Season Finale)

The Hollywood Con

For several years, a person dubbed the "Con Queen" had been pretending to be various high-powered female film-industry executives. She allegedly offered Hollywood hopefuls a dream job with lucrative pay—but with a catch. To secure the job, the workers had to pay their own way to Jakarta, with the promise of being reimbursed. However, on arrival in Indonesia, there was a never-ending carousel of delays and excuses, along with additional cash payments for driver fees, photography permits and more. Ultimately, the "Con Queen" disappeared, leaving the workers out of pocket for the thousands of dollars they spent abroad without a job and dashed dreams.

ABC NEWS SPECIALS – First Quarter, 2021

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 (10:30-11:00PM ET)

Election Night: The Georgia Senate Runoffs – Your Voice Your Vote – An ABC News Special

ABC Chief Anchor George Stephanopoulos will lead coverage joined by ABC News Live anchor Linsey Davis, “World News Tonight” weekend anchor and chief national affairs correspondent Tom Llamas and ABC News’ powerhouse political team, of the Georgia Senate runoff elections and Congress’ joint session to certify the votes of the Electoral College.

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden - A Special Edition of Good Morning America

(9:00-10:25AM ET)

The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden (10:25AM – 4:00PM ET)

ABC News and political team covers the inauguration of Joe Biden as the 46th President and Kamala Harris as the Vice President of the United States on the steps of the Capitol. ABC News will feature Joe Biden’s address to the nation and the world that democracy would endure despite attempts to upend it.

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 (8:00-8:30PM ET)

The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr. - An ABC News Special

ABC News and political team covers the inauguration of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris into office and will provide reporting on the historic moments of the day.

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 (8:30-10:00PM ET)

Celebrating America

Hosted by Tom Hanks, this special will feature remarks from President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris and include remarks and performances from Ant Clemons, Jon Bon Jovi, Demi Lovato, and Justin Timberlake. Through different segments and performances, this program will highlight the strength of our democracy, the perseverance of our people, and our ability to come together during trying times and emerge stronger than ever before.

Friday, March 19, 2021 (10:00-11:00PM ET)

Murder in Atlanta: A Special Edition of 20/20

A live “20/20” primetime special on the aftermath of the Atlanta mass shooting and the increase in anti-Asian American hate crimes around the country. Anchored live by “Nightline” co-anchor Juju Chang in Atlanta and anchor David Muir and correspondent Eva Pilgrim in New York, the special will also feature reporting by correspondent Steve Osunsami and ABC journalists across the country, and will trace the timeline of events surrounding the deadly shootings. The program will also dive into the racist stereotypes perpetuated in pop culture; the recent events, including politicians’ use of racist rhetoric during COVID-19, that have contributed to the rise in anti-Asian American hate crimes; the fear and pain sweeping the nation; activism coming out of the AAPI community; and more.

ABC NEWS SPECIAL REPORTS - First Quarter, 2021

DATE	START	END	LENGTH	TOPIC
Tuesday, January 5, 2021	10:30:00 PM -	11:00:00 PM	ET 0:30:00	"Election Night: The Georgia Senate Runoffs - Your Voice Your Vote - An ABC News Special" (this aired in place of an encore episode of "The Goldbergs")
	9:30:00 PM -	10:00:00 PM	CT 0:30:00	"Election Night: The Georgia Senate Runoffs - Your Voice Your Vote - An ABC News Special" (this aired in place of an encore episode of "The Goldbergs")
	8:30:00 PM -	9:00:00 PM	MT 0:30:00	"Election Night: The Georgia Senate Runoffs - Your Voice Your Vote - An ABC News Special" (optional to MT stations)
	7:30:00 PM -	8:00:00 PM	PT 0:30:00	"Election Night: The Georgia Senate Runoffs - Your Voice Your Vote - An ABC News Special" (optional to PT stations)
Wednesday, January 6, 2021	1:00:00 PM -	2:17:05 PM	ET 1:17:05	Joint Session of Congress to Certify Electoral Votes
	12:00:00 PM -	1:17:05 PM	CT 1:17:05	Joint Session of Congress to Certify Electoral Votes
	11:00:00 AM -	12:17:05 PM	MT 1:17:05	Joint Session of Congress to Certify Electoral Votes
	10:00:00 AM -	11:17:05 AM	PT 1:17:05	Joint Session of Congress to Certify Electoral Votes
Wednesday, January 6, 2021	2:26:08 PM -	6:29:59 PM	ET 4:03:51	Trump Supporters Storm the U.S. Capitol Building
	1:26:08 PM -	5:29:59 PM	CT 4:03:51	Trump Supporters Storm the U.S. Capitol Building
	12:26:08 PM -	4:29:59 PM	MT 4:03:51	Trump Supporters Storm the U.S. Capitol Building
	11:26:08 AM -	3:29:59 PM	PT 4:03:51	Trump Supporters Storm the U.S. Capitol Building
Wednesday, January 6, 2021	6:30:00 PM -	7:00:00 PM	ET 0:30:00	"ABC World News Tonight with David Muir" (due to the events at the U.S. Capitol Building, this telecast was made available live to the full Network)
	5:30:00 PM -	6:00:00 PM	CT 0:30:00	"ABC World News Tonight with David Muir" (due to the events at the U.S. Capitol Building, this telecast was made available live to the full Network)
	4:30:00 PM -	5:00:00 PM	MT 0:30:00	"ABC World News Tonight with David Muir" (due to the events at the U.S. Capitol Building, this telecast was made available live to the full Network)
	3:30:00 PM -	4:00:00 PM	PT 0:30:00	"ABC World News Tonight with David Muir" (due to the events at the U.S. Capitol Building, this telecast was made available live to the full Network)

Wednesday, January 6, 2021	8:00:00 PM - 10:59:59 PM	ET	2:59:59	"Storming Capitol Hill: Democracy Under Fire" (this ABC News special aired in place of the 3 scheduled episodes of "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire")
	7:00:00 PM - 9:59:59 PM	CT	2:59:59	"Storming Capitol Hill: Democracy Under Fire" (this ABC News special aired in place of the 3 scheduled episodes of "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire")
	6:00:00 PM - 8:59:59 PM	MT	2:59:59	"Storming Capitol Hill: Democracy Under Fire" (this ABC News special aired in place of 2 of the 3 scheduled episodes of "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire")
	5:00:00 PM - 7:59:59 PM	PT	2:59:59	"Storming Capitol Hill: Democracy Under Fire" (this ABC News special did not impact the 3 scheduled episodes of "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire")
Wednesday, January 6, 2021	12:06:00 AM - 1:06:30 AM	ET	1:00:30	"ABC News Nightline" (expanded to 1 hour and 30 seconds due to the events at the U.S. Capitol Building)
	11:06:00 PM - 12:06:30 AM	CT	1:00:30	"ABC News Nightline" (expanded to 1 hour and 30 seconds due to the events at the U.S. Capitol Building)
	11:06:00 PM - 12:06:30 AM	MT	1:00:30	"ABC News Nightline" (expanded to 1 hour and 30 seconds due to the events at the U.S. Capitol Building)
	12:06:00 AM - 1:06:30 AM	PT	1:00:30	"ABC News Nightline" (expanded to 1 hour and 30 seconds due to the events at the U.S. Capitol Building)
Wednesday, January 6, 2021 - Broadcast Day (actually early Thursday, January 7, 2021 morning)	3:42:31 AM - 3:45:44 AM	ET	0:03:13	Congress Finalizes Biden's Victory
	2:42:31 AM - 2:45:44 AM	CT	0:03:13	Congress Finalizes Biden's Victory
	1:42:31 AM - 1:45:44 AM	MT	0:03:13	Congress Finalizes Biden's Victory
	12:42:31 AM - 12:45:44 AM	PT	0:03:13	Congress Finalizes Biden's Victory
Thursday, January 7, 2021	1:52:07 PM - 2:36:39 PM	ET	0:44:32	Remarks from President-Elect Biden
	12:52:07 PM - 1:36:39 PM	CT	0:44:32	Remarks from President-Elect Biden
	11:52:07 AM - 12:36:39 PM	MT	0:44:32	Remarks from President-Elect Biden
	10:52:07 AM - 11:36:39 AM	PT	0:44:32	Remarks from President-Elect Biden
Friday, January 8, 2021	2:50:31 PM - 3:21:38 PM	ET	0:31:07	President-Elect Biden Q&A
	1:50:31 PM - 2:21:38 PM	CT	0:31:07	President-Elect Biden Q&A
	12:50:31 PM - 1:21:38 PM	MT	0:31:07	President-Elect Biden Q&A
	11:50:31 AM - 12:21:38 PM	PT	0:31:07	President-Elect Biden Q&A
Wednesday, January 13, 2021	9:00:00 AM - 9:39:59 AM	ET	0:39:59	Opening Arguments of Impeachment Hearings Against President Trump
	8:00:00 AM - 8:39:59 AM	CT	0:39:59	Opening Arguments of Impeachment Hearings Against President Trump
	7:00:00 AM - 7:39:59 AM	MT	0:39:59	Opening Arguments of Impeachment Hearings Against President Trump

	6:00:00 AM	-	6:39:59 AM	PT	0:39:59	Opening Arguments of Impeachment Hearings Against President Trump
Wednesday, January 13, 2021	12:24:14 PM	-	4:59:59 PM	ET	4:35:45	House Impeachment Hearings Against President Trump (Debate/Voting)
	11:24:14 AM	-	3:59:59 PM	CT	4:35:45	House Impeachment Hearings Against President Trump (Debate/Voting)
	10:24:14 AM	-	2:59:59 PM	MT	4:35:45	House Impeachment Hearings Against President Trump (Debate/Voting)
	9:24:14 AM	-	1:59:59 PM	PT	4:35:45	House Impeachment Hearings Against President Trump (Debate/Voting)
Tuesday, January 19, 2021	1:48:55 PM	-	2:03:49 PM	ET	0:14:54	President-Elect Biden's Departure from Delaware
	12:48:55 PM	-	1:03:49 PM	CT	0:14:54	President-Elect Biden's Departure from Delaware
	11:48:55 AM	-	12:03:49 PM	MT	0:14:54	President-Elect Biden's Departure from Delaware
	10:48:55 AM	-	11:03:49 AM	PT	0:14:54	President-Elect Biden's Departure from Delaware
Tuesday, January 19, 2021	5:22:43 PM	-	5:38:09 PM	ET	0:15:26	COVID-19 Memorial Lighting Ceremony
	4:22:43 PM	-	4:38:09 PM	CT	0:15:26	COVID-19 Memorial Lighting Ceremony
	3:22:43 PM	-	3:38:09 PM	MT	0:15:26	COVID-19 Memorial Lighting Ceremony
	2:22:43 PM	-	2:38:09 PM	PT	0:15:26	COVID-19 Memorial Lighting Ceremony
Wednesday, January 20, 2021	7:00:00 AM	-	8:00:00 AM	ET	1:00:00	"Good Morning America" (Live to the full Network)
	6:00:00 AM	-	7:00:00 AM	CT	1:00:00	"Good Morning America" (Live to the full Network)
	5:00:00 AM	-	6:00:00 AM	MT	1:00:00	"Good Morning America" (Live to the full Network)
	4:00:00 AM	-	5:00:00 AM	PT	1:00:00	"Good Morning America" (Live to the full Network)
Wednesday, January 20, 2021	8:00:00 AM	-	9:01:35 AM	ET	1:01:35	President Trump Departs the White House
	7:00:00 AM	-	8:01:35 AM	CT	1:01:35	President Trump Departs the White House
	6:00:00 AM	-	7:01:35 AM	MT	1:01:35	President Trump Departs the White House
	5:00:00 AM	-	6:01:35 AM	PT	1:01:35	President Trump Departs the White House
Wednesday, January 20, 2021	9:01:36 AM	-	10:25:42 AM	ET	1:24:06	"The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden - A Special Edition of Good Morning America"
	8:01:36 AM	-	9:25:42 AM	CT	1:24:06	"The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden - A Special Edition of Good Morning America"
	7:01:36 AM	-	8:25:42 AM	MT	1:24:06	"The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden - A Special Edition of Good Morning America"
	6:01:36 AM	-	7:25:42 AM	PT	1:24:06	"The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden - A Special Edition of Good Morning America"

Wednesday, January 20, 2021	10:25:42 AM	-	4:20:14 PM	ET	5:54:32	"The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden"
	9:25:42 AM	-	3:20:14 PM	CT	5:54:32	"The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden"
	8:25:42 AM	-	2:20:14 PM	MT	5:54:32	"The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden"
	7:25:42 AM	-	1:20:14 PM	PT	5:54:32	"The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden"
Wednesday, January 20, 2021	8:00:00 PM	-	8:30:00 PM	ET	0:30:00	"The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr. - An ABC News Special"
	7:00:00 PM	-	7:30:00 PM	CT	0:30:00	"The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr. - An ABC News Special"
	7:00:00 PM	-	7:30:00 PM	MT	0:30:00	"The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr. - An ABC News Special"
	8:00:00 PM	-	8:30:00 PM	PT	0:30:00	"The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr. - An ABC News Special"
Wednesday, January 20, 2021	8:30:00 PM		10:00:00 PM	ET	1:30:00	"Celebrating America"
	7:30:00 PM		9:00:00 PM	CT	1:30:00	"Celebrating America"
	7:30:00 PM		9:00:00 PM	MT	1:30:00	"Celebrating America"
	8:30:00 PM		10:00:00 PM	PT	1:30:00	"Celebrating America"
Monday, January 25, 2021	3:41:53 PM	-	4:17:48 PM	ET	0:35:55	President Biden Press Conference
	2:41:53 PM	-	3:17:48 PM	CT	0:35:55	President Biden Press Conference
	1:41:53 PM	-	2:17:48 PM	MT	0:35:55	President Biden Press Conference
	12:41:53 PM	-	1:17:48 PM	PT	0:35:55	President Biden Press Conference
Monday, January 25, 2021	6:58:33 PM	-	7:16:14 PM	ET	0:17:41	Delivery of the Article of Impeachment Against Former President Trump to the Senate
	5:58:33 PM	-	6:16:14 PM	CT	0:17:41	Delivery of the Article of Impeachment Against Former President Trump to the Senate
	4:58:33 PM	-	5:16:14 PM	MT	0:17:41	Delivery of the Article of Impeachment Against Former President Trump to the Senate
	3:58:33 PM	-	4:16:14 PM	PT	0:17:41	Delivery of the Article of Impeachment Against Former President Trump to the Senate
Tuesday, February 9, 2021	12:52:41 PM	-	5:15:30 PM	ET	4:22:49	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	11:52:41 AM	-	4:15:30 PM	CT	4:22:49	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	10:52:41 AM	-	3:15:30 PM	MT	4:22:49	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	9:52:41 AM	-	2:15:30 PM	PT	4:22:49	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
Wednesday, February 10, 2021	12:00:00 PM	-	5:43:57 PM	ET	5:43:57	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	11:00:00 AM	-	4:43:57 PM	CT	5:43:57	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	10:00:00 AM	-	3:43:57 PM	MT	5:43:57	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump

	9:00:00 AM - 2:43:57 PM	PT	5:43:57	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
Thursday, February 11, 2021	12:00:00 PM - 4:42:40 PM	ET	4:42:40	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	11:00:00 AM - 3:42:40 PM	CT	4:42:40	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	10:00:00 AM - 2:42:40 PM	MT	4:42:40	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	9:00:00 AM - 1:42:40 PM	PT	4:42:40	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
Friday, February 12, 2021	12:00:00 PM - 3:33:38 PM	ET	3:33:38	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	11:00:00 AM - 2:33:38 PM	CT	3:33:38	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	10:00:00 AM - 1:33:38 PM	MT	3:33:38	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	9:00:00 AM - 12:33:32 PM	PT	3:33:32	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
Saturday, February 13, 2021	10:06:26 AM - 11:11:02 AM	ET	1:04:36	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	9:06:26 AM - 10:11:02 AM	CT	1:04:36	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	8:06:26 AM - 9:11:02 AM	MT	1:04:36	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	7:06:26 AM - 8:11:02 AM	PT	1:04:36	Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
Saturday, February 13, 2021	12:57:14 PM - 4:08:38 PM	ET	3:11:24	Closing Remarks and Final Vote in the Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	11:57:14 AM - 3:08:38 PM	CT	3:11:24	Closing Remarks and Final Vote in the Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	10:57:14 AM - 2:08:38 PM	MT	3:11:24	Closing Remarks and Final Vote in the Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
	9:57:14 AM - 1:08:38 PM	PT	3:11:24	Closing Remarks and Final Vote in the Senate Impeachment Trial of Former President Trump
Monday, February 22, 2021	6:00:20 PM - 6:18:12 PM	ET	0:17:52	President Biden Remarks and Moment of Silence for 500,000 COVID-19 Deaths
	5:00:20 PM - 5:18:12 PM	CT	0:17:52	President Biden Remarks and Moment of Silence for 500,000 COVID-19 Deaths
	4:00:20 PM - 4:18:12 PM	MT	0:17:52	President Biden Remarks and Moment of Silence for 500,000 COVID-19 Deaths
	3:00:20 PM - 3:18:12 PM	PT	0:17:52	President Biden Remarks and Moment of Silence for 500,000 COVID-19 Deaths
Thursday, March 11, 2021	2:07:30 PM - 2:13:57 PM	ET	0:06:27	President Biden Signs COVID-19 Relief Bill

	1:07:30 PM	-	1:13:57 PM	CT	0:06:27	President Biden Signs COVID-19 Relief Bill
	12:07:30 PM	-	12:13:57 PM	MT	0:06:27	President Biden Signs COVID-19 Relief Bill
	11:07:30 AM	-	11:13:57 AM	PT	0:06:27	President Biden Signs COVID-19 Relief Bill
Thursday, March 11, 2021	8:00:00 PM	-	8:28:08 PM	ET	0:28:08	President Biden Addresses the Nation
	7:00:00 PM	-	7:28:08 PM	CT	0:28:08	President Biden Addresses the Nation
	6:00:00 PM	-	6:28:08 PM	MT	0:28:08	President Biden Addresses the Nation
	5:00:00 PM	-	5:28:08 PM	PT	0:28:08	President Biden Addresses the Nation
Friday, March 19, 2021	5:54:17 PM	-	6:03:55 PM	ET	0:09:38	President Biden's Remarks Regarding the Atlanta Shootings
	4:54:17 PM	-	5:03:55 PM	CT	0:09:38	President Biden's Remarks Regarding the Atlanta Shootings
	3:54:17 PM	-	4:03:55 PM	MT	0:09:38	President Biden's Remarks Regarding the Atlanta Shootings
	2:54:17 PM	-	3:03:55 PM	PT	0:09:38	President Biden's Remarks Regarding the Atlanta Shootings
Friday, March 19, 2021	10:00:00 PM	-	11:00:00 PM	ET	1:00:00	"Murder in Atlanta - A Special Edition of 20/20"
	9:00:00 PM	-	10:00:00 PM	CT	1:00:00	"Murder in Atlanta - A Special Edition of 20/20"
	9:00:00 PM	-	10:00:00 PM	MT	1:00:00	"Murder in Atlanta - A Special Edition of 20/20"
	10:00:00 PM	-	11:00:00 PM	PT	1:00:00	"Murder in Atlanta - A Special Edition of 20/20"
Tuesday, March 23, 2021	10:30:50 AM	-	11:13:25 AM	ET	0:42:35	Boulder Police Department Press Conference
	9:30:50 AM	-	10:13:25 AM	CT	0:42:35	Boulder Police Department Press Conference
	8:30:50 AM	-	9:13:25 AM	MT	0:42:35	Boulder Police Department Press Conference
	7:30:50 AM	-	8:13:25 AM	PT	0:42:35	Boulder Police Department Press Conference
Tuesday, March 23, 2021	12:55:48 PM	-	1:08:29 PM	ET	0:12:41	President Biden's Remarks on Boulder Shooting
	11:55:48 AM	-	12:08:29 PM	CT	0:12:41	President Biden's Remarks on Boulder Shooting
	10:55:48 AM	-	11:08:20 AM	MT	0:12:32	President Biden's Remarks on Boulder Shooting
	9:55:48 AM	-	10:08:20 AM	PT	0:12:32	President Biden's Remarks on Boulder Shooting
Thursday, March 25, 2021	1:25:36 PM	-	2:44:40 PM	ET	1:19:04	President Biden's First Formal Press Conference
	12:25:36 PM	-	1:44:40 PM	CT	1:19:04	President Biden's First Formal Press Conference
	11:25:36 AM	-	12:44:33 PM	MT	1:18:57	President Biden's First Formal Press Conference

	10:25:36 AM	-	11:44:33 AM	PT	1:18:57	President Biden's First Formal Press Conference
Monday, March 29, 2021	10:15:33 AM	-	12:23:19 PM	ET	2:07:46	Opening Statements in Derek Chauvin Trial
	9:15:33 AM	-	11:23:19 AM	CT	2:07:46	Opening Statements in Derek Chauvin Trial
	8:15:33 AM	-	10:23:08 AM	MT	2:07:35	Opening Statements in Derek Chauvin Trial
	7:15:33 AM	-	9:23:08 AM	PT	2:07:35	Opening Statements in Derek Chauvin Trial

THIS WEEK – First Quarter, 2021

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
White House Coronavirus Task Force Member
- Stacey Abrams
Founder, Fair Fight
- Susan Glasser
The New Yorker Staff Writer

Topics:

- Covid 19
- Georgia Runoffs

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Guests:

- Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
(D) New York
- Rep. Adam Kinzinger
(R) Illinois
- Sarah Isgur
Dispatch Staff Writer
CNN Political Analyst
- Kara Swisher
“Sway” Podcast Host
The New York Times Contributing Opinion Writer

Topics:

- Riots at Capitol
- Tech’s shutdown Trump
- Impeachment
- 25th Amendment

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Guests:

- Kate Bedingfield
Incoming White House Communications Director
Exclusive
- Rep. Joaquin Castro
(D) Texas
Impeachment Manger
- Rep. Peter Meijer
(R) Michigan
- Karen Finney
Democratic Strategist
CNN Political Commentator

Topics:

- 2nd Impeachment of President Trump
- Insurrection Accomplices
- Inauguration

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Guests:

- Sen. Amy Klobuchar
(D) Minnesota
- Sen. Rand Paul
(R) Kentucky
- Dr. Vivek Murthy
Surgeon General Nominee
- Margaret Hoover
Host, PBS' Firing Line
CNN Contributor

Topics:

- 2nd Impeachment
- Election Fraud
- Covid Vaccine Plan

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Guests:

- Sen. Bernie Sanders
(I) Vermont
Exclusive
- Gov. Asa Hutchinson
(R) Arkansas
Exclusive

Topics:

- 2nd Impeachment
- Biden's First Week In Office
- Vaccine Rollout

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Guests:

- Secretary Pete Buttigieg
Transportation Secretary
- Sen. Roger Wicker
(R) Mississippi
- Sarah Isgur
Dispatch Staff Writer
CNN Political Analyst
- Christina Greer
Fordham University Associate Professor

Topics:

- Covid Relief Bill
- Infrastructure Bill

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Guests:

- Sen. Bill Cassidy, M.D.
(R) Louisiana
- Sen. Chris Coons
(D) Delaware
- Dr. Anthony Fauci
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director

Topics:

- 2nd Impeachment
- 9/11 Commission
- Reopening Schools

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Guests:

- Jen Psaki
White House Press Secretary
Exclusive
- Rep. Steve Scalise
(R) Louisiana
House Republican Whip
Exclusive
- Margaret Hoover
Host, PBS' Firing Line
CNN Contributor

Topics:

- Crisis in Texas
- Biden Presidency
- Covid 19

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
Chief Medical Adviser to President Biden
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Sen. Rob Portman
(R) Ohio
Exclusive
- Sen. Mazie Hirono
(D) Hawaii
- Fred Hiatt
The Washington Post Editorial Page Editor

Topics:

- Johnson & Johnson Vaccine
- Covid Relief Bill
- Republican Party Post Trump
- Saudi Arabia

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Guests:

- Lloyd Austin
Secretary of Defense
- Sen. Joe Manchin
(D) West Virginia
- Gov. Mike DeWine
(R) Ohio
Exclusive
- Anna Palmer
"Punchbowl News" CEO and Founder

Topics:

- Extremism
- Pandemic Economy
- Covid Mandates

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Guests:

- Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
Exclusive
- Sen. John Barrasso
(R) Wyoming
Exclusive
- Janet Yellen
Secretary of the Treasury
Exclusive
- Will Hurd
(R) Former Texas Congressman
- Donna Shalala
(D) Former Florida Congresswoman
Former HHS Secretary

Topics:

- Covid Relief Package

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Guests:

- Alejandro Mayorkas
Department of Homeland Security
- Michael McCaul
(R) Foreign Affairs Committee
- Congresswoman Judy Chu
() Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus

Topics:

- Border Crisis
- Atlanta Shootings

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Guests:

- Kate Bedingfield
White House Communications Director
Exclusive
- Sen. Dan Sullivan
(R) Alaska
Exclusive
- Dr. Ashish Jha
Dean, Brown University School of Public Health
- Margaret Hoover
PBS' Firing Line Host
CNN Contributor
- Ramesh Ponnuru
Bloomberg Opinion Columnist
National Review Senior Editor
American Enterprise Institute Fellow

Topics:

- Border Crisis
- Voting Reform
- Covid 19 Vaccination

NIGHTLINE (M-F) – First Quarter, 2021

Friday, January 1, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- Say Her Name: Breonna Taylor
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Monday, January 4, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Trump Call – GA Official
- Powerhouse Roundtable
- Colorblind Grandpa

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Runoff Latest
- All Eyes on Georgia
- Runoff Roundtable
- Vaccine Proposal

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Special Edition: Capitol Under Siege
 - Capitol Under Siege
 - Law Enforcement
 - Security Questions
 - How Did We Get Here?
 - Witnesses
 - Political Roundtable
 - Senate Shift

Thursday, January 7, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- Siege Aftermath
- Chris Christie
- Political Roundtable
- Capitol Cleanup

Friday, January 8, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- Capitol Incitement
- Trump Twitter
- Lewis Memorial

Monday, January 11, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- Impeachment Crisis
- Interview: Rep. Nancy Mace
- Political Roundtable
- ABC News on HULU – 24 Hours: Assault on the Capitol

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- 2nd Impeachment Showdown
- Political Roundtable
- Thanking Capitol Police

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- 2nd Impeachment
- Rep. Jim Clyburn
- Political Roundtable
- Jacob Blake Preview SOT

Thursday, January 14, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- Jacob Blake
- Roundtable
- Officer Goodman

Friday, January 15, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- Heroes on the Hill
- Mrs. Rogers

Monday, January 18, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- Capitol Latest
- Political Roundtable
- MLK Day

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- Twitter Presidency
- Biden Biography
- Covid Memorial

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- Biden Inauguration
- Political Roundtable
- Inauguration Images

Thursday, January 21, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Biden Pandemic
- Dr. Ashish
- Political Roundtable
- Poet Meets Playwright

Friday, January 22, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- Trump Supporters
- Politics & Fashion
- Hank Aaron

Monday, January 25, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- 2nd Impeachment Trial
- Rep. Joe Neguse
- Dr. Fauci
- Nia Des

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Covid Long Haulers
- Kobe Legacy
- Rescue Dog

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- Strain of Unemployment
- School Safety
- Dr. John Brownstein

Thursday, January 28, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- Special Edition: Being Behind Closed Doors
 - Amie Harwick
 - Women in Danger
 - Cicely Tyson

Friday, January 29, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- Sleepwalking Murder

Monday, February 1, 2021 (12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET)

- Covid Latest
- Covid Roundtable
- Black History Month

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Insurrection Arrests
- Capitol Crime Roundtable
- Bidens Honor Office

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Special Edition: Blindsided: NFL Concussion Settlements

Thursday, February 4, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Divided Country
- Divided by the Virus
- Life in a Day

Friday, February 5, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Anna Nicole Smith

Monday, February 8, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- How do we teach our Kids Now?
- 2nd Impeachment Trial
- Trailblazing Chef

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- New Influencer Capitol of America
- Tuskegee Airmen
- Freedom of Speech

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Only Fans
- Impeachment Trial Roundtable
- Mighty Toddler

Thursday, February 11, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Impeachment Trial
- Marilyn Manson Ex
- Brandy + Whitney Cinderella

Friday, February 12, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Love Con

Monday, February 15, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Impeachment Fallout
- 2-Way Rep Eric Swalwell
- New Norman: Dr. Jen Ashton
- Cicely Tyson Memorial

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Trump: The Reckoning – Hulu Documentary
- Restoring Notre Dame
- Pointe the Way

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Asian-American Hate Crimes
- Praising the Black Church
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Thursday, February 18, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Mission to Mars
- Working Mothers
- Splashy Photo-Bomb

Friday, February 19, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Black Widow Murder Case

Monday, February 22, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Orphaned by Covid
- Capitol Police Officer
- Remembering the Lives Lost

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Tiger Woods
- Bachelor – Trouble in Paradise
- Leap of Faith

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Texas – Picking Up the Pieces
- Sampling Sobriety
- New Fleece on Life

Thursday, February 25, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Free Britney Spears
- Carving a Path – BHM Ice Skater
- UN Secretary General

Friday, February 26, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Flight of Horror
- Sacred Pilgrimage
- Hidden Pioneer

Monday, March 1, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Turning Point: Reclaiming Black Wealth
 - Triple Threat: Vaccine Explainer
 - Triple Threat: Vaccine Roundtable
 - Tears of Joy

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Soul of a Nation: Reparations
- Soul of a Nation: John Legend
- Dolly Parton

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Border Battle
- Dumpster Fyre
- At Your Service

Thursday, March 4, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Stop Asian-American Hate
- LA Businesses
- Double Lung Transplant

Friday, March 5, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- A Nightline Special: Covid
 - Double Lung Transplant

Monday, March 8, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Royal Bombshell
- Meghan and Diana
- Women's Day

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Soul of a Nation – Black Tik Tok Creators
- Soul of a Nation – H.E.R.
- Patient Milestone

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Pharmacy Deserts
- Vaccine Q&A
- Post-Covid Reunion

Thursday, March 11, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Nightline Special Edition: Travel Nurses

Friday, March 12, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- The Firm: Inside the Royal family

Monday, March 15, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Game Stopped
- Taking Stock – Rebecca Jarvis & Arya Hamzelou
- Surprise Concert

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Soul of a Nation
- Historic Splash
- President Biden – One on One

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- ABC News Interview with President Biden
- Happ St Patrick's Day

Thursday, March 18, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Deep Flakes
- Tik Tok Dancers
- Vaccine Doctor Video

Friday, March 19, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Nightline Special Edition: Murder in Atlanta

Monday, March 22, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Boulder Shooting
- Atlanta Shooting
- Miami – Spring Break

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Boulder Shooting

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Crisis at the Border
- Soul of a Nation
- Prince Harry's New Job

Thursday, March 25, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Whiptok
- "Judas the Black Messiah"
- Sesame Street

Friday, March 26, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- 2020 Kelsie Schelling

Monday, March 29, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Eye of the Storm
- Lil Nas X
- Stop the Hate

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Soul of a Nation – Renee Montgomery
- Soul of a Nation – Tumbling Queens
- 250 Handshakes

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 (12:37AM – 1:06:30AM ET)

- Vaccine Mistrust
- Tina Turner
- Dancing Couple