

Issues/Programs Quarterly Report

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WXOW-TV Newscasts

News 19 Extra Early Daybreak	Monday-Friday 4:30-5:00 a.m.
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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
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Nightline
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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:

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HEALTH

RECREATION

EDUCATION

POLITICS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE/ PUBLIC SAFETY

COVID

SOCIAL JUSTICE

1. "GOVERNMENT"
10-1-21 THROUGH 12-31-21

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:33 10/1/21 5AM

Slug: FUNDING BILL

The federal government will avoid a partial shutdown for the time being as President Biden signs a last-minute resolution. While debate continues over suspending the country's borrowing limit. Both the senate and house passed a measure that would fund federal agencies and programs until December third originally. A move to raise the debt ceiling was tied to the funding legislation but was removed in order to gain republican support. If the borrowing cap is not addressed by October 18 treasury secretary Janet Yellen said the country could face an economic recession.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:38 10/4/21 10PM

Slug: HATCHERY

The project to turn the building at Riverside Park's north end into a multi-use facility takes a step forward this evening. The City Plan Commission approved the rezoning of the building tonight with a six to one vote. This step changes what's now an empty building from a public-semi-public district to a commercial district which would allow it to become the multi-purpose beer garden, wedding venue, and AirBNB owned by the city and rented by Hatchery LLC. As with previous meetings around this riverside property people expressed concern over a private company purchasing an area mostly used by the public. But parks and rec said this will only make it better. "If there's an opportunity to tie offering a great opportunity to the tax payer while also help financially improve a park facility to me that's a win win and we're going to keep moving forward." The proposal heads to the judiciary and administrative committee tomorrow. That meeting at six p-m at the southside neighborhood center.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:17 10/5/21 6PM

Slug: ROAD WORK

Starting tomorrow road maintenance will begin on Losey Boulevard from State Road to Ward Avenue. Drivers are advised to watch for changes in traffic patterns and use caution when driving through the area. Weather permitting contractors plan to have work completed by the end of the week.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
1:29 10/6/21 MIDDAY

Slug: CITY BUDGET

Ever wish you had a say in how our city spends its money? In Eau Claire, residents now have the chance to do just that as the city becomes the first in Wisconsin to take part in a process called participatory budgeting. McKenna Alexander explains what that looks like and how you can get involved. "The City of Eau Claire, I think as many of us know, is very progressive and very open to new ideas and we're hoping that this now becomes a model for other cities in the State of Wisconsin and we're looking forward to moving that forward." A model built on democracy has made its way into the city of clear water. Tuesday night, Eau Claire residents got the chance to learn what participatory budgeting - is all about. "For us, inclusion and equity are the primary goal to be able to outreach to a lot of diverse communities in Eau Claire that generally do not have a voice in terms of how our budget money is used." Here's how the process works first city officials recruit volunteers to get involved. From there, volunteers come up with project ideas on where they think funding should go. Next, they develop those ideas into formal proposals that are presented to city leaders. Then next spring, the best proposals will be selected through a city-wide vote. "What we're hoping is that all community members begin to believe that they are participating in their local government and that they can continue to participate." If you weren't able to attend last night's meeting, head to wqow.com for information on how to get involved.

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:29

First Aired:
10/7/21

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5PM

Slug: RIVERSIDE EXPANSION

At the La Crosse judiciary and administration meeting Tuesday Concerns about two resolutions requesting zoning changes for Bethany Lutheran's proposed Riverside transitional care facility expansion. The proposal involves building up to modernize and increase the number of rooms to accommodate single occupant living. Right now, residents are doubled in each presenting a challenge to manage communicable disease. So, they want to re-zone the location allowing building height up to 10-stories. "The proposed building is total of four stories current zoning allows us to build three really it's gonna have a flat roof an then you got some elevators that will rise above the roof so we need about an extra 8 or 9 feet above what the current zoning allows us to do." Riverside's neighboring residents expressed concerns zoning to r-6 would allow for high-rises similar to those nearby Like the eagle crest facilities. The resolution moves to the full council with no recommendation but with a request that the city attorney addresses possible legal exceptions or variances to the current R-5 that would allow for just the expansion only.

Time:
:26

First Aired:
10/8/21

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MIDDAY

Slug: HOUSING PROGRAM

A new course is helping high-risk renters in Eau Claire become successful tenants the program is called the Eau Claire landlord support program also known as ready to rent. It was created by the City of Eau Claire, community table, and other local groups. The program includes four two-hour classes that teach renters the skills they will need to be better tenants such as financial management and tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities. "A few years back we had a homeless consultant come to Eau Claire, and one of the groups was tasked with how best to engage with area landlords, and this was one of the ideas to support landlords in renting to individuals who might be considered high risk." Chaput says she has received positive feedback from landlords so far. The next class runs from October 19th to October 22nd 10 a-m to noon.

Time:
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First Aired:
10/11/21

Shows:
6PM

Slug: PARKING PROFIT

The City of La Crosse releasing its 3rd quarter parking utility report showing an increase in downtown employee parking permits that increase counts employee permits sold. It's up from 5 to 13. The report also shows an increase in daily parking permits sold in downtown parking ramps. La Crosse Mayor Mitch Reynolds says this shows a steady increase in traffic. In the La Crosse downtown area as businesses make a comeback from the pandemic. "It's where a very large chunk of our population not only lives but works so it's great to see those parking permits going up that is an indication that there are businesses on the way back and I expect to see more of that in the future as well." Downtown parking permits are still available. To purchase one, go to the City of La Crosse's website.

Time:
:44

First Aired:
10/12/21

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6PM

Slug: COUNTY BOARD

La Crosse County wants more input on how to spend the nearly 23 million dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act. News 19's Joe Minney is here to help understand what the county is looking for. Joe? Thanks, Dustin. While the cities of Onalaska and La Crosse decide what to do with their respective portion of ARPA funds. La Crosse County has six key areas they believe this money could go towards. Those six areas are affordable housing, childcare, environmental sustainability, equity, infrastructure and local economy and tourism. Currently the county has a survey on its website for citizens to rank these options in order of priority and weigh in on potential project ideas. One county board member says there's a lot that can be done with the ARPA money. "This is like a little gift you might say to the citizens of La Crosse County to help the citizens out in a total aspect that it will help them in the future also just not today but in the future." So far, a little over 1400 responses have been

submitted and according to Mr. Pogreba these funds will be prioritized by the survey results and Dustin these funds have an expiration date this survey is key for the county board to know what it's citizens really want these funds to go towards and with the federal deadline There's no time to put it on a referendum for the next election. The ARPA survey is on the county's website right now at www-lacrosse-county.org. Deadline to complete the survey is this Wednesday.

Time: :37 First Aired: 10/14/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: CITY COUNCIL

In a 12-1 vote this evening the La Crosse common council approves rezoning for the building at the north end of Riverside Park. The move now allows a commercial entity with a few of the options floated so far, including a wedding venue or beer garden to lease the building owned by the city. Opponents had raised concern over such a business disrupting the tranquility of the park and with the process itself a sentiment echoed by the lone no vote from council member Andrea Richmond who said the park board should not be negotiating leases before adequate legal notice is given. Even with the vote There's still plenty of work ahead. "This is not a done deal as far as what happens with the fish hatchery building. This is just providing more options in my opinion. I do agree that we could have done better as an organization in how this has been handled, and I think we can use this as a learning opportunity to do better in the future." Council president Barb Janssen saying the issue now goes back to the park board to address what will actually go in the building with opportunity for discussion. Any lease will then go back to the city council for its approval before being finalized. As for the rezoning of the Bethany Lutheran Riverside transitional care facility to accommodate single occupant living spaces the city council voted 9-4 to refer the issue for 30 days to consider a conditional rezoning to accommodate concerns raised by neighbors. The proposed expansion will add a four-story extension to the existing building. Neighbors worry a straight zoning change would allow for a much taller extension in the future.

Time: :37 First Aired: 10/15/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: OCT CHILD TAX

Today Millions of US families will receive their forth enhanced child tax credit payment. The IRS says it's sending out checks that average four-hundred-28 dollars. Columbia university researchers think the first two payments lifted more than three-million kids out of poverty. Unfortunately, the IRS says it's hard to get the checks to low-income families that didn't file taxes in 2019 and 2020.

Time: :25 First Aired: 10/19/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: FORT MCCOY

Fort McCoy sharing today that it supported the training of more than 116-thousand troops on post this year nearly doubles the number of troops trained at Fort McCoy in 2020. Officials say the major jump is due to the fact that training was scaled back during the height of the covid-19 pandemic. With covid-19 mitigation measures still in place the fort says it managed to bring training levels back beyond 100-thousand troops.

Time: 1:30 First Aired: 10/20/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: ABORTION BILL

Republicans in the state senate meanwhile approve a set of abortion bills. Capitol bureau chief AJ Bayatpour takes a look at the new requirements one of the bills would place on both women having an abortion and the clinics that provide them. On a string of party line votes senate republicans pass four abortion-related bills. One bans the state from giving Badgercare money to abortion providers, another outlaws abortion on the basis of sex or disability. Under another bill abortion providers have to ask and report how many abortions a woman has previously had, how the abortion was paid for and the reason for the abortion. Democratic senator Kelda Roys of Madison, who recently gave birth, says they

are questions the state has no business asking. Pro-life groups say it can better inform future efforts to prevent abortions. The bill also would also have the state start reporting which hospitals and clinics performed abortions. The bills will go over to the assembly where they could get a vote as soon as next week. However, should they reach Governor Evers' desk, it is all but certain he will veto them.

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

Slug: FISH HATCHERY

The La Crosse parks board will meet tonight to discuss a lease agreement for the fish hatchery building in riverside park. This comes after some community members objected to development plans to create an event center in the building. Earlier this month the La Crosse common council approved rezoning the building for commercial development. The proposed lease would be with hatchery LLC. The agreement includes an event center overnight room rental and outdoor patio space. The nine-year lease includes a minimum rent payment to the city of 26 thousand four hundred dollars each year for the first four years. Rent would increase after that time. We 'll have an update this story. Tonight, at ten.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:34 10/22/21 10PM

Slug: PHONE DIALING

Currently folks in Wisconsin can place a call to any number in the same area code without dialing the area code. Starting this Sunday people in Wisconsin will have to dial all 10-digits for local numbers, affecting both landlines and cellphones. All calls will now require the area code and the seven-digit phone number. All of Wisconsin's six area codes and more than two dozen other states are making the switch to 10-digit dialing. The federal communications commission establishing '988' as the new nationwide phone number for suicide prevention and mental health is prompting this change.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:24 10/24/21 10PM

Slug: CARP

State and federal wildlife agencies are removing invasive carp from the Mississippi River. Crews will use netting and herding techniques to drive the fish from a large area of water into a small zone to make it easier for them to be removed. The work starts tomorrow (Monday) and wildlife agents say the work will not impact traffic in the main channel. In April, crews removed 34 silver carp from pool number 8.

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:33 10/25/21 6PM

Slug: SANDHILL CRANES

The international crane foundation is opposing a new state bill which would authorize the hunting of sand-hill cranes. State senate bill 2-60 would authorize the hunting of sand-hill cranes to combat crop damage. Currently- farmers affected by the cranes must apply with the government in order to hunt the species. The foundation opposes this bill because they believe a hunt would not solve crop damage as advertised. Sand-hill cranes are a successful recovery story over the last 70 years. However, the IFC said potential over-hunting could threaten a thriving species. "Places like Madison or Milwaukee, some of our cities are starting to see cranes as well as in our rural areas and I think that's been good for wildlife viewing, good for the state. And we want those birds to keep spreading around and being back in people's lives all over the state. So that's part of our hope, that we can come up with a real solution." Beifuss says a possible solution would be a chemical deterrent on crops to prevent the sandhill cranes from destroying vegetation during critical growth periods. The population of sand-hill cranes is estimated to be around 40 thousand in Wisconsin.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:51 10/26/21 10PM

Slug: FIRST RESPONDER

Members of the Wisconsin State Assembly honor emergency workers across the state today as part of First Responders Appreciation Month. La Crosse representative Jill Billings recognizing Officer Joel Miller of the La Crosse PD as her pick for First Responder of the Year. Serving in the department since 2006, officer Miller was one of the first neighborhood resource officers, the first victims' services officer and first community resource officer. Representative Billings says he is "truly representative of the best values and qualities we need for law enforcement officers." Similarly, Viroqua representative Loren Oldenburg named Westby EMS squad president Kevin Dean as first responder of the year. Representative Oldenburg thanking the licensed critical care paramedic and dean of Western Technical College's Health and Public Safety division for his "selfless commitment" to the community.

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10/27/21

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6PM

Slug: BIKE BRIDGE

The City of La Crescent will break ground in a few days for a bicycle bridge that will span Highway 14/61. Accommodating both pedestrians and bicycles, it will provide a safe way to cross the highway and open the community to a whole new way to explore the area. Starting at the dead end of 1st Street it crosses over to a spiral ramp that descends slowly on the other side. This bridge is phase 3 of a four-phase project and it has been a long wait to get to this point. "We're really excited about this project because, first of all, it really started back in the late 80's and early 90's when we tried to improve a connection between La Crosse and La Crescent for bicyclists and pedestrians." Funding paperwork for the project started in 2007. "We have been patiently waiting for the opportunity to have this bike ped bridge in place and that connects us to not only our wagon wheel trail down below here in La Crescent but also to La Crosse." A major step in connecting both banks of the Mississippi it also connects the La Crescent community. "A big component of it is that it is right downtown, so the portion of the phase will be connecting to Walnut Street from First Street and that will allow direct access to our downtown businesses." "We have a brand-new hotel. We have some great businesses here in town and we have an event center and by connecting all of those things it just improves our daily living." The first part of the construction will be to set concrete pads on either side. "The bridge itself is going to be fabricated off-site and they'll move it in and set it so the span that goes across the highway will just appear overnight." And when it's complete it won't be just a conveyance across the highway, it will be a destination. "We're excited to see what the trailhead might look like. We know that we have a beautiful vista, we have benches, we're gonna have a fix-it station. It's gonna be place where people can stop and pause and take a break. Making it part of our community bike shop, it's just perfect all around us." The mayor met with the contracting crew today to finalize the build plan. It's projected to be completed this time next year and it's expected to have minimal impact for the highway traffic.

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10/28/21

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5PM

Slug: REDISTRICTING HEARING

Lawmakers in Madison listening to residents about the re-districting plan. The current plans would continue solid republican majorities in place for another 10-years. Republicans drew the current maps in 2011. Democrats claim the maps give republicans an uneven advantage in representation. Republicans drafted the new map proposal released October 20th. Of the lawmakers to speak so far, assembly speaker, Robin Vos. "The drawing of legislative boundaries is a legislative duty. The Peoples' Maps Commission is an attempt by Governor Evers to circumvent the constitutional duty of the legislature for political gain under the guise of political fairness." Republicans hold a 61-38 majority in the assembly and a 21-12 advantage in the senate. The governor has already told republicans he won't sign what they've put forward.

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Slug: BALDWIN ON BUDGET

President Biden leaves the US at time where his agenda hangs in the balance, Senator Tammy Baldwin says priorities have already started to shift. The trimmed-down framework still aims to combat climate change, while lowering costs for working families in child care programs, housing, and healthcare. But according to Baldwin discussion is waning toward pharmaceutical products and whether democrats can rescue a provision that could allow Medicare to negotiate with companies to lower costs. She also wants paid family and medical leave back in the plan. "Every industrialized country has some sort of paid family and medical leave. We're behind. When you have to take time off because a loved one is dependent upon you and needs your care, and that's not compensated, you're less likely to have that loyalty to your employer, oftentimes it results in job loss." Baldwin also said the loss of two free years of community college is a 'disappointment' and a 'failure'. Despite the drop in costs, new provisions and scope of the build back better budget, democrats are trying to push the plan through a process called reconciliation which would permit the budget to clear the senate with only democratic support.

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11/3/21

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MIDDAY

Slug: WI DRUG TAKE BACK

Wisconsin led the nation in collecting *unused drugs on national drug take back day. It was held in late October. Across the state's 300 collection sites law enforcement agencies say they collected more than 57-thousand pounds of prescription drugs. The goal of the effort is to provide a responsible way to dispose of the medications and educate the public about potential abuse. The next statewide drug take back day will be held in April 2022.

Time:
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First Aired:
11/4/21

Shows:
6PM

Slug: ARPA MONEY

The City of La Crosse is hoping to use federal funds to rent temporary shelter for those experiencing homelessness in our area. The finance and personnel committee will vote on a measure tonight- to spend up to 700-thousand dollars towards renting a space for the unsheltered population in La Crosse - specifically those living in Houska Park. City officials say they have not yet chosen a location - but are communicating with local hotels and other area properties. Still, Mayor Reynolds says the city will continue to look for a more long-term solution. "The biggest issue that we have in La Crosse right now is we just don't have enough housing and part of that is just the incredible demand on the housing that we do have, and that comes from having a huge college age population but there are other factors there as well. So, we can add housing and that can be part of the long-term solution." Reynolds also said the city plans on hiring a homeless services coordinator to address things that happen from day-to-day among the unsheltered population

Time:
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First Aired:
11/9/21

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6PM

Slug: MARTINEZ

We now know the superintendent of La Crescent Hokah schools is on paid administrative leave. The board president says any additional action against Eric Martinez will take place following an investigation by the district. You may recall Martinez was arrested early Friday morning on two misdemeanor charges Domestic assault and disorderly conduct. He was released without any cash bond but must follow certain conditions. Martinez returns to court on December seventh.

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First Aired:
11/10/21

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MIDDAY

Slug: BUDGET

Out of seventy-two Wisconsin counties La Crosse is officially the fifth cheapest in which to live when it comes to county property taxes. At Monday night's county board meeting. The 2022 budget was set and approved, bumping La Crosse down from the sixth to the fifth lowest county tax rate in the state. Board chair Monica Kruse says it's a nice surprise Especially after another chaotic year navigating the covid-19 pandemic which required the county to hire more people. "It was crazy and we were thinking

that we were going to be in much worse shape than we are. I think what has been helpful is the money that has come in from the feds the cares money and stuff like that but we have an amazing financial team and they are very good at ferreting out low rates." Kruse adds that receiving federal dollars prevented the county from having to dip into county taxpayer dollars.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:29 11/11/21 10PM

Slug: LAX CITY COUNCIL

Tonight, the La Crosse city council meets to decide whether to allocate money from the American Recovery Plan Act toward finding shelter for those currently living at Houska Park. Following a closed-session discussion. The council approved the matter by a unanimous vote with one abstention from district 10 council member Rebecca Schwarz. The passage now gives the city discretion to use 700-thousand dollars of the federal money allocated to the city to fund temporary winter shelter and operations.

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1:15 11/12/21 5PM

Slug: SEWER

The cities of Onalaska and La Crosse have reached an agreement on sewer services that will have long-lasting and positive economic and environmental impacts in the region. The agreement was approved by council representatives from both cities this week. It will lead to sewer rate cost savings for both La Crosse and Onalaska and ensure that a decades-long partnership supporting the wastewater treatment plant in La Crosse will continue for at least the next generation. It will also provide for smart and sustainable growth in both communities. Through a release Onalaska mayor Kim Smith says in part. The agreement means the sewer utility is eligible to use the state's clean water loan fund for Ongoing upgrades and improvements to the wastewater treatment plant, providing access to a very low interest rate and principal forgiveness grants. This will save the utility and therefore rate payers an estimated \$900,000 annually in debt service costs. La Crosse Mayor Mitch Reynolds says the agreement creates a model for regional cooperation. A two-year, \$60 million upgrade to the La Crosse waste water treatment plant got underway this spring. When complete the plant will be completely powered by gas generated from the waste that is treated on site. Upgrades also factor in the need to treat future potential contaminants.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:36 11/15/21 MIDDAY

Slug: Evers WORK GRANT
NEW AT MIDDAY -

Governor Evers and the department of workforce development announcing twenty-million-dollars in grants including a few local recipients. The funds are supplied from the American Rescue Plan Act and is meant to help Wisconsinites who had jobs affected by the pandemic. The west central Wisconsin workforce development board which includes counties in the Eau Claire area are expected to receive two million dollars. Western Wisconsin WDB is set to receive 1-point- 5 million dollars. The initiative is also meant to focus on training for positions featuring labor shortages such as truck drivers and child care.

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:41 11/16/21 10PM

Slug: POT BILL

A bipartisan bill in the Wisconsin legislature seeks to find middle ground on marijuana At least when it comes to penalties for possession. Under the plan sponsored by republican rep. Shae Sortwell and democratic Sen. Sylvia Ortiz-Velez. The state penalty for possessing up to 14 grams of marijuana would be reduced to a \$100 civil forfeiture. Current state law makes first-time marijuana possession a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail. Local governments are currently allowed to establish their own penalties for possessing small amounts of cannabis. But the

new proposal would require communities to enforce fines between \$100 and \$250, along with up to 40 hours of community service.

Time: :40 First Aired: 11/18/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: MILITARY FAMS

The US military is giving service members a helping hands this holiday season. With inflation increasing the prices of essential goods. The department of defense is introducing measures to help cash-strapped families. They are temporarily increasing the housing allowance in high-price areas and expanding the lodging reimbursement where there are housing shortages. It's unclear how long these measures will be in place. Defense secretary Lloyd Austin is giving pentagon officials 90 days to create a strategy to address food insecurity. According to Feed America 125-thousand active-duty service members have trouble putting food on the table. That's nearly 10 percent of the active-duty force.

Time: :31 First Aired: 11/24/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: UFO REPORTS

The pentagon announcing a plan to streamline the way it looks into reports of UFO sightings. The defense department plans to create a centralized group to standardize the process for reporting those incidents in the military and other government branches. Earlier this year, the US intelligence released a report about more than 140 sightings, mostly by navy pilots. Officials did not find evidence of anything out of this world but the report concluded those objects - most of them unexplained may pose a national security threat.

Time: :21 First Aired: 11/29/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: REGISTER OF DEEDS

Governor Evers appointed a new La Crosse County register of deeds today Robin Kadrmias is set to fill the role in January of 2022. Her responsibilities will include handling all documents authorized by law and significant to the community. Kadrmias is set to replace Cheryl McBride. She has served as the chief deputy register of deeds since 2015.

Time: :37 First Aired: 12/1/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: FACEBOOK/META

Meta formerly known as Facebook is drawing the attention of world governments. Today- Facebook whistleblower Francis Haugen is set to testify before a congressional sub-committee. The hearing will potentially influence lawmakers as they examine law changes for the governing of tech companies. And as congress debates the future of tech-regulation, one world government is already moving against the company previously known as "Facebook." UK regulators ordered "meta" to sell the search engine "giphy" over concerns of pushing a rival out of the market. "Meta" continues to use multiple social platforms to develop a digital world known as a "meta-verse."

Time: :32 First Aired: 12/2/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: CHAMBER HOMELESS

In an effort to address homelessness in our community the former La Crosse area chamber of commerce building could have a new purpose. Using federal covid relief funding La Crosse County in collaboration with the City of La Crosse hopes to purchase the building to house staff and centralized services and in the parking lot next to it eventually build transitional housing. The building is currently up for sale with a price tag of more than \$2 million dollars but would provide what the county calls a long-term solution to combat housing insecurity. "And with the ARPA money it is just an opportunity for city and county government to utilize money in a way that it doesn't only help the people who are unsheltered it helps the entire community and this really is a county issue because this will help everybody

when people are not sleeping on the streets or trying to live on the streets it's helpful for our entire community." The Econo Lodge on La Crosse's north side is currently helping to serve as a temporary winter shelter for people with nowhere else to go. The city allocated 750-thousand dollars of federal relief money to cover that service.

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12/3/21

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Slug: CITY COUNCIL

This week the City of Eau Claire began accepting nominations to fill five at-large city council positions. Katrina Lim breaks down what you need to do if you want to run. The upcoming spring election in Eau Claire has several races on the ballot relating to county, school board, state, and at large city council spots. If you'd like to run for one of the five at large council seats, you'll need the following: Carrie Riepl "there's a declaration of candidacy that will need to be filled out, a statement of economic interest form, and then also nomination papers. On those papers, you will need to go throughout the city and have qualified voters sign off your sheets indicating that they want you to run for council." You also need to be a qualified elector of the City of Eau Claire, which means you need to be at least 18 years old, be able to vote, and live in the city. Carrie Riepl "the last at large election we did have a primary because there were more than twice the number of candidates to be elected, and that was actually the first time that we had to have a primary in at least 20 years." With so many people interested in the previous election, council president Terry Weld is hopeful we'll see a lot of candidates again. Terry Weld "I'd love to see 11 or 10 or 12, 15 candidates or more. I think it's good for our community, it's healthy. It's an exciting time to lead and to serve right now with all the things that are going on right now in the City of Eau Claire." The last day to file nomination papers is January 4th. Election day is April 5th of next year, and if necessary, a primary will be held on February 15th. That was Katrina Lim reporting. Current city councilman David Klinkhammer says he will not be running for re-election in the spring due to personal reasons. Councilwoman Kate Beaton says she does plan on running again and councilwoman Catherine Emmanuelle has not yet decided. We have not heard back from the other two at large council members at this time.

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12/6/21

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10PM

Slug: FIRST RESPONDERS

Another new bill signed into law today is designed to protect first responders and highway workers who stop along the highway. It creates a new emergency response zone within 500 feet of an emergency vehicle that has its emergency lights on. The bill also stiffens penalties for drivers who hit people working in these areas.

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12/7/21

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10PM

Slug: DEBT CEILING

Senate leadership reaches a deal to raise the nation's debt ceiling. Majority leader Chuck Schumer and minority leader Mitch McConnell have agreed to a one-time process that would allow democrats to raise the debt ceiling on their votes alone. Congress would have to specify the exact dollar amount likely more than 30-trillion dollars and the fast-track process could only be used until January 15th. The legislation still has to pass in the house and get 60 votes in the senate.

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12/8/21

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Slug: LAW OF MONTH

And as snowplows get put to the test this week the Wisconsin state patrol's law of the month puts the focus on plow safety. Drivers are reminded to give snowplows the space they need to get the job done. In Wisconsin alone there were almost 34-hundred crashes involving snowplows in the past ten years. Four people have died and 533 were hurt. All state patrol says could have been prevented with

careful driving. They say many crashes between snowplows and other vehicles happen when a plow is rear-ended often by a driver going too fast for conditions.

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Slug: HINTZ LEAVING

Elsewhere around the state capitol Democrats will be looking for a new minority leader. Oshkosh representative Gordon Hintz says he's stepping down from the leadership position on January 10 saying he wants to devote more time to his legislative district and his family Including two kids under age five.

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Slug: SENATE DEBT

The senate votes to raise the national debt limit into 2023. The treasury secretary had warned the debt limit could be reached tomorrow. Republicans insisted democrats should take responsibility for raising the limit on their own so congress passed legislation to create a fast-track process that allows democrats to raise it on a party line vote.

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Slug: BARRETT

Milwaukee mayor Tom Barrett is one step closer to becoming ambassador to Luxembourg. His nomination has been approved by the senate foreign relations committee having been nominated to the diplomatic post by President Joe Biden in August. It's not yet clear when the full senate might take up a vote on the nomination. Republican senator Ron Johnson saying today he's called upon his fellow republicans in the senate to support the nomination saying he wishes Barrett the best in his continued public service. Barrett was first elected mayor of Milwaukee in 2004.

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Slug: AIRPORT FUNDING

Congressman Ron Kind announcing allocations today for a number of western Wisconsin airports as part of the federal infrastructure bill. Representative kind says about 4-point-3 million dollars out of more than 39 million allocated to the state will go to airports in the third congressional district. La Crosse regional airport set to receive the lions share roughly 1-point-3 million for improving runways Sustainability And the terminal. Chippewa valley regional will get the other significant slice of the pie with stevens point Sparta-Fort McCoy Viroqua and black river falls all receiving grant funding.

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Slug: EVERS EVENT G

Governor Evers is awarding 27-million dollars in grants to area event venues with half a million coming to locations in La Crosse six venues and event organizations in La Crosse are set to receive grant money with these five receiving the most. Shenanigans of Wisconsin is set to receive 200-thousand the La Crosse Performing Arts Center will get over 100-thousand dollars, Pump House 93-thousand dollars, JDLC LLC over 72-thousand dollars, and the Concordia Aid Society is awarded 63-thousand dollars. About the grants, Evers' statement said in part "These businesses play a critical role in building a strong economy as they bring people together from all over the state and country for weddings, family reunions, business conferences, and so much more." These grants were funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

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:19 12/22/21 6PM

Slug: ROADS

Representative Ron Kind says Wisconsin will see nearly 997-million dollars in 2022 to improve roads and bridges. This money allocated from the infrastructure law signed in November and is expected to repair Wisconsin highways, bridges, improve public transportation and expand broadband access to rural communities.

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Slug: EVERS

Looking back on the year that was Governor Tony Evers recently sat down with Dustin Luecke for a virtual interview. Here's a small sampling of what they discussed. Gov. Tony Evers, thank you so much for joining me today. Thanks Dustin. To say 2021 has been a challenging year as we now look back with resurgences of covid, with an election still being challenged more than a year out and with local school boards being targeted for partisan issues, what do you look at being successes this past year? I just have to say in general here whether it was the tornado at Boscobel or the deaths that happened in Waukesha or the pandemic itself, I'm just so amazed--not amazed, I've lived in Wisconsin my entire life, but what it's done is reaffirmed the goodness of the people of Wisconsin. All those things you mentioned are difficulties, and we've had other difficulties across the state, but people care about each other, care about their neighbors. When things get tough, it's not republicans vs. Democrats, it's the people of Wisconsin. That said, I would also say Dustin, one of the things I'm most happy about is this was a year of broadband in the State of Wisconsin. We've been able to bring broadband to an additional 300,000 homes in the State of Wisconsin, which is really an extraordinary year, lots of good work to make that happen and also 19,000 businesses that did not have good affordable broadband, so we met that goal and we're very happy about that, but at the end of the day it's about our people of Wisconsin, their resilience, really, really impressive. A community of our own is one of 50-plus communities dealing with issues of resilience of their own with contaminated water due to pfas. That's been a big issue we've talked about this past year. We've seen some federal assistance; we've seen some state assistance. What are some of the other avenues the State of Wisconsin is pursuing for long-term remediation of this? That's a great question, and the number one thing--the number one thing that frustrates me on this issue is the fact that we have trouble even setting standards for pfas in the State of Wisconsin. It gets blocked by various reasons, but we need to set standards so we know what the expectations are so we know how we can remediate. There are ways we can deal with this, but we can't get the basic things done. We're really working hard to set standards similar to every other state in the union, so we know when remediation has to happen. In the meantime, we'll continue to provide people with water--bottled water and other types of water, but that is not the answer. We need standards, and we need remediation. There's going to be a cost involved with that. But we are in the best budget position we've ever been in the State of Wisconsin. Remediation should not be an issue that should just get dumped on locals. Remediation should not be an issue that just gets dumped on locals. This is something the state has to put in place and help out with, but at the very beginning, we have to have a standard whether it's 20 parts per trillion or whatever, we have to have standards so that we know when to remediate. Our thanks to Governor Evers for his time. You can see the full interview including what the governor thinks of a republican authored bill on UW-reciprocity over at wxow.com or on our news app.

2. CRIME & COURTS

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Slug: LAX MAN CONVICTED

A La Crosse man with a history of drunk driving will spend 66 years behind bars for a crash that left two people dead. 59-year-old Albert B Shores was responsible for crash near the Wisconsin Dells that left two people dead and two injured, back in 2018. Shores had a blood alcohol content above the legal limit and used cocaine the night before. The crash resulted in shores seventh drunk driving offense.

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:37 10/5/21 6PM

Slug: RITTENHOUSE

A judge refuses to throw out a weapons charge against the young man accused of shooting and killing protesters in Kenosha last summer. Kyle Rittenhouse faces charges for shooting three men two of whom died during the protests in the wake of the Jacob Blake police shooting. The defense argued a technicality about the firearm charge because Rittenhouse was 17 at the time of the shooting. Judge Bruce Schroeder upheld the charge but says he might reconsider. Rittenhouse says he acted in self-defense. The judge has yet to decide if expert testimony on self-defense and use-of-force will be allowed at the trial which is set to start on November first.

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:40 10/6/21 10PM

Slug: FED AGENT

Tonight, the suspect is dead, the federal agent recovering after being shot in Racine now the center of a federal investigation. Around seven this morning Racine police say agents with a US marshal's task force attempted to serve a warrant to a man wanted on assault and gun charges. They say as the officers approached the home, someone opened fire, hitting the agent in the shoulder. Officer retreated and police say didn't shoot back. Police then immediately put the neighborhood on lockdown. Authorities say after some negotiations with the suspect, several children and adults left the home. Following what may have been flash bangs or smoke bombs, police found the wanted man, and say he took his own life.

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:27 10/7/21 6PM

Slug: HOGENCAMP/FULLMER

Two La Crosse men are facing charges for possessing child pornography. Both appeared in court for a bond hearing today. Investigators received tips for both Jeremy Hogenkamp and Grant Fullmer from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Both allegedly downloaded illegal images that were traced back to their private devices. Hogenkamp was convicted in 2011 for the same thing. He remains in jail on a \$2,500 cash bond. Fullmer he was released on a \$5,000 cash bond.

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:33 10/8/21 6PM

Slug: BAD GUY

A Sparta man remains in jail on a ten-thousand-dollar cash bond facing felony charges of receiving stolen property. Seth Arttus was arrested this week in connection to a theft back in early September. According to the criminal complaint, Arttus was working for a contractor and allegedly used his access to a home to steal three rings Later pawning them at a local shop. The value of the rings was determined to be just over \$10,000. In addition to these latest charges, Arttus is facing three other open cases including felony charges of methamphetamine possession and forgery.

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:34 10/11/21 6PM

Slug: CRIME CORNER

A La Crosse man with 10 open cases including three different felony assault charges was back in court today. Corey Johnson was arrested on Friday after allegedly attacking his girlfriend. According to the criminal complaint, the woman at one point was picked up by the throat and thrown to the floor. At today's bond hearing, Johnson was charged with repeater designations for both strangulation and felony bail jumping. Other charges include witness intimidation and battery. Due to the number of outstanding cases as well as failure to appear in court. Judge Scott Horne set a cash bond at \$2,000.

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:34 10/13/21 MIDDAY

Slug: TEENS DEATH CHARGES

Investigators are referring charges to the Dane County district attorney against the driver accused of causing the crash that killed three teenagers in Middleton. The Dane County sheriff's office says 30-year-old Eric Mehring of Madison was drunk and speeding when he hit a car with Simon Bilessi, Evan Kratochwill and Jack Miller inside. The crash sent their car into a cornfield, where it caught fire. The sheriff's office is recommending numerous charges including second degree reckless homicide and homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle. Mehring is still in the hospital eleven days after the crash.

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:23 10/14/21 6PM

Slug: OWI ARREST

A La Crosse woman remains in jail after being charged with a possible 5th OWI. According to the Wisconsin state patrol, Ashely Gingrasso was stopped this morning around 7:30 a.m. near mile marker one along interstate 90. The report says her car was unable to stay in its lane. After the trooper conducted a sobriety test, Gingrasso was placed under arrest. A bond hearing is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon.

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Slug: WINONA PASTOR

A former Winona pastor has been sentenced to nine years in prison after pleading guilty to second degree sexual conduct with a person under the age of 16. Rick Iglesias had been the senior pastor at pleasant valley church. In exchange for his plea agreement three other felony charges against him were dismissed.

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:41 10/15/21 6PM

Slug: POTERUCHA

Mayo Clinic Health System doctor Joseph Poterucha remains in the La Crosse County jail on a 25-thousand-dollar bond. The 40-year-old faces at least one charge of first-degree sexual assault of a child under the age of 13 the criminal complaint shows the victim told investigators Poterucha touched her under her clothes earlier this week. Poterucha made a full written statement to police denying what the victim said.

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:29 10/19/21 6PM

Slug: LOFTUS PLEA

A western Wisconsin man pleads guilty to a misdemeanor charge related to the January 6th breach of the US capitol. 53-year-old Kevin Loftus of Eau Claire entered the plea today during a virtual appearance in a Washington DC US district court. Loftus reached the deal with prosecutors pleading to the charge of parading demonstrating or picketing in a capitol building. Which carries up to six months in prison. The agreement does not recommend a sentence Which will be handed down on January 31st.

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Slug: PARKLAND

Also in Florida, accused Parkland shooter Nikolas Cruz, who's charged with killing 17 people and injuring 17 others in 2018, pleads guilty today with no conditions. Prosecutors still plan on seeking the death penalty but this would spare families of the victims from enduring a likely lengthy trial. Officials say Cruz returned to Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school over a year after expulsion armed with a rifle, shooting, and killing 14 students and 3 staff members. 17 others were injured.

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Slug: NOOR

The former Minneapolis police officer who fatally shot and killed a woman who called 911 in 2018 sees his sentence reduced today to fewer than five years in prison. Today's sentencing comes just over a month after the Minnesota supreme court tossed out Mohammad Noor's third-degree murder conviction, saying there wasn't enough evidence to prove the charge. Instead, Noor was re-sentenced on his conviction for second-degree manslaughter, a lesser charge. Mohamed Noor, convicted of shooting and killing Justine Ruszczyk "Your honor, I just want to say that I'm deeply grateful for Mister Damon's forgiveness. I'm deeply sorry for the pain that I've caused that family. And I will take his advice and be a unifier, thank you.' Noor was originally sentenced to 12 and a half years in prison and will receive credit for time served.

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Slug: MAJOR HARRIS

We now know that three-year-old Major Harris died of a gunshot wound and Harris' death has officially been ruled a homicide. Harris' body was found in a dumpster Thursday afternoon one week after his mother. 25-year-old Mallery Muenzenberger was found murdered about four miles south of where her son was found. The suspect in the case, Jaheem Clark, took his own life the following Sunday. The family of Major's father speaking to the media today asking for answers. "There is more to this story so I am just here to put out a call for those of you who do know something, have a heart. Think if it was your child, if it was your nephew, if it was your family member. Now is not time to keep that street code of no snitching, now it's time to tell." The La Crosse County family of Mallery Muenzenberger and Major Harris releasing another statement today regarding this tragic news. "We again want to thank everyone who has helped in the search. We also want you all to know how much your thoughts and prayers have touched us. Our family is heartbroken and devastated beyond belief. We had so much hope for the return of our beautiful Major, that was shattered yesterday." The statement goes on to say "The outpouring from the community both in the La Crosse area and Milwaukee has been tremendous and appreciated. Please pray for all of our families and that justice is served for those involved in this heinous tragedy."

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:31 10/25/21 10PM

Slug: RITTENHOUSE

Continuing coverage as the trial approaches for Kyle Rittenhouse. A judge hears arguments today over whether use-of-force experts can testify at the 18-year-old's trial. Rittenhouse's attorneys want testimony from an expert to bolster their case that he acted in self-defense. Prosecutors argue that person's expertise is in police, not civilian, use of force, and therefore isn't relevant. Rittenhouse is charged with homicide for shooting three people killing two during unrest in Kenosha last August. His trial begins November first.

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:22 10/26/21 6PM

Slug: GODFREY

A convicted felon is back in La Crosse County jail with a \$5,000 cash bail. Earlier this week police arrested 22-year-old David Lee Godfrey on felony charges of 2nd degree sexual assault. According to the criminal complaint, Godfrey's victim was asleep, only to wake up to his attack. Godfrey's previous convictions took place in 2018 and 2019. His next court appearance is set for November 1st.

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Slug: OVADAL VERDICT

A jury in Madison finds a former EMT and Badger football player not guilty of sexually assaulting a patient in an ambulance. A 64-year-old Janesville woman testified Tim Ovadal put his mouth on her breast during a 2019 ambulance ride between Janesville and Stoughton hospital. The woman had a blood alcohol content of point-37 and was going to a detox unit. On-board video of that ambulance ride shown to jurors included no improper actions. Ovadal says his nightmare is now over. "I just want to get back to my wife and kids and just be a good father and good husband, that's all I care about. And thank the lord for getting me through this." Prosecutors argued the on-board camera was blocked from seeing the crimes and that Ovadal's DNA on the patient went beyond what his medical care would have produced.

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Slug: BLUEBABY

La Crosse police arrested two people and cited one in connection with the destruction of the hatched baby sculpture. The face of that sculpture was discovered stolen early September 12th Then found on king street the next day. Police continued investigating and with help from community members who came forward Police identified people they say are responsible for the damage and theft. Police arrested 21-year-old Caden M. Boge on charges of theft and possession of stolen property. Also arrested 19-year-old Matthew J. Reich. Reich. Arrested on charges of criminal damage to property and receiving stolen property. 22-year-old Victoria I. Rodewald received a citation for possession of stolen property.

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Slug: CHASE

Town of Campbell police say an arrest has been made in connection with a high-speed chase from Holmen to French island in June. The US marshal service arrested tommy I. Martin in Milwaukee. He's facing pending drug charges there. Once those cases conclude He faces extradition to La Crosse for the high speed chase which began on highway 53 in Holmen after a report of erratic driving. The driver led authorities to i-90 Eventually leaving the interstate at exit two Making his way up and down lakeshore drive. At one point The driver nearly struck a Holmen officer who was deploying spike strips And two Campbell squad cars. Law enforcement called off the chase after the vehicle broke through a fence and re-entered the interstate. Later that day The vehicle was found abandoned in La Crosse.

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Slug: SCOTUS GUNS

For the first time in more than a decade the supreme court is hearing arguments on a significant second amendment case. At issue, a New York law that requires a resident to prove they face a "special or unique danger to their life" in order to get a license to carry a concealed pistol or revolver outside of their homes. The case was brought forward by an affiliate of the national rifle association. It argues the law makes it almost impossible for an ordinary citizen to obtain a license because the standard is so broad and left to the discretion of the licensing officer. The second circuit court of appeals ruled in favor of New York.

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Slug: HOUSEHOLDER

A La Crosse man is in jail Having violated probation Now facing a felony charge for stalking. The criminal complaint claims Travis Householder left threatening phone messages targeting the family of an employee at a company from which he was fired after only two weeks. The complaint notes the victim did not want to press charges hoping to get the 38-year-old into treatment for alcohol use. In addition to the repeat stalking offenses Householder's jail record also shows a charge for resisting or obstructing an officer.

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:21 11/5/21 5PM

Slug: MARTINEZ

The superintendent for the La Crescent-Hokah school district Arrested early this morning. Eric Martinez was booked into the Houston County jail early on misdemeanor charges of domestic assault and disorderly conduct. Martinez appeared in Houston County court this afternoon. La Crescent city attorney Skip Wieser asked for a \$2,000 cash bond for his unconditional release.

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:28 11/8/21 10PM

Slug: THOMPSON

The trial begins tomorrow for the man charged in a 2019 killing on the northside of La Crosse. Shavonte Thompson is charged with first degree murder for allegedly fatally shooting 18-year-old Javier Hall in November 2019. He initially fled the area but was arrested on January 10th of 2020 by US Marshalls in Peoria, Illinois. Thompson was returned to La Crosse where he remained in jail on a one-million-dollar cash bond. Jurors were chosen today. The trial begins tomorrow morning at nine.

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Slug: THOMPSON VERDICT

Shavonte Thompson faces up to life in prison Now convicted in the 2019 shooting death of 18-year-old Javier Hall today. The jury deliberated about 90-minutes Before finding Thompson guilty of first-degree intentional homicide. On Tuesday Thompson's cousin testified that Shavonte was the only person to leave the vehicle in a north La Crosse alley the night of the shooting Before he heard two gunshots. District attorney Tim Gruenke says finding witnesses is difficult in any case - but even more so when it involves family. "In this case you have a family member that they love. There's a lot going on and they don't want to be the one to testify against him, so people were reluctant to testify which is always understandable. In this case it was a little more difficult than most given the seriousness of it. But I think got enough people to testify to give the jury a picture of what happened." Judge Gloria Doyle scheduled sentencing for Thompson in January.

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Slug: DIBBELS

A La Crosse man is back in front of a judge with eight other open cases still pending. Thirty-four-year-old Dayton Tibbels appearing in court today on charges including possession of methamphetamine. According to the criminal complaint, police were called to Houska Park yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon where Tibbels was found smoking methamphetamine in a parked car. Tibbel was placed under arrest immediately. In addition to today's charges, Tibbel's has a long list of misdemeanor cases dating back to July including two domestic assaults. He was released today on a \$1,000 signature bond.

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Slug: CENTRAL THREAT

La Crosse police say they've arrested a 17-year-old today for the threat of violence made against central high school. Police say the teen Who we've chosen not to identify due to age Sent the threatening messages from another person's email account. Classes did resume today After the school district sent a note to central families Thursday saying the threat made by a student Wednesday night has been "resolved." Police say the teen was arrested on charges including disorderly conduct and terrorist threats.

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Slug: KOSKOVICH

A La Crosse man is arrested over the weekend, with seven open cases still pending against him. According to the criminal complaint John Koskovich is charged with methamphetamine possession and felony bail jumping. He was arrested Saturday after allegedly shoplifting from a local Walmart. While being transported to jail, police discovered he had tried to leave a bag of methamphetamine in the back of the squad car. In addition to these latest charges, Koskovich faces seven other cases including a march 2020 felony charge of 2nd degree sexual assault. He was released this afternoon on a \$1,000 signature bond. His next court date is set for next week.

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Slug: LIONEL

A La Crosse man in court today, charged with knowingly violating a domestic abuse order. Lionel Silvera Zaldo appeared in court for a bond only hearing. Back in May Zaldo pleaded guilty to a similar charge. Today the state said they were still working on his current charges including a justice support services violation. Silvera Zaldo has three prior convictions for battery, back in 2007, 2011 and 2020. At today's hearing he was issued a \$500 signature bond but remains in jail on his sanction's violation.

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Slug: EMMONS

A Winona man in court today facing second degree murder charges after a stabbing incident back in September according to the criminal complaint, 38-year-old sean michael emmons stabbed a person in the leg after finding him in bed with his girlfriend. The victim did not seek out immediate medical treatment - and later died from the injury. Bond for emmons was set at 300-thousand dollars cash. His next court appearance is scheduled for November 29.

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Slug: SPARTA STORY

A Monroe County jury finds a 39-year-old man guilty of homicide in the fatal shooting of Anthony Koopman. Michael Hartmann was found guilty of one count of 1st degree intentional homicide as well as one count of attempted armed robbery and multiple drug charges. You may recall it was in June of 2020 when Koopman was shot in an attempted armed robbery at a home in Sparta. The convictions came after a five-day jury trial and just under three hour deliberation.

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Slug: RITTENHOUS

Rittenhouse had traveled to Kenosha in August 2020 During protests related to the police shooting of Jacob Blake. Testimony revealed Rittenhouse said he was there to protect property and provide medical aid. During the evening He shot 3-people Killing two and wounding one. His lawyers argued successfully Rittenhouse acted in self-defense. On day 4 of deliberations. Seven women and 5 men finding 18-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse not guilty on all 5 counts. Rittenhouse visible shaken and in tears as the decision came in. Hugging one of his defense attorneys. Demonstrators outside the courthouse as

the news broke. The teenager was 17 years old last August when he shot 3 people, killing 2 of them. During protests over the police shooting of Jacob Blake. Rittenhouse claimed he acted in self-defense but prosecutors said he had intent to kill, painting him as an active shooter who provoked the crowd. Lead prosecutor Thomas Binger speaking out after the verdict saying: 'The jury which represented our community in this trial has spoken.' Outside the courthouse- law enforcement remain on standby to deal with any fallout from this not guilty verdict but so far, it's been peaceful. Reena Roy, ABC News, Kenosha Wisconsin.

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Slug: SUSPECT

Five killed Four dozen injured. And now police have one suspect in custody a man who had been in jail just five days earlier Out on a bond the Milwaukee County DAs office is now calling a mistake. Reporter Hillary Mintz explains as eyewitnesses recount what unfolded. "He was going quite fast." Richard Laux was watching his son a niece in the Waukesha-South Band when a red SUV came barreling down main street. "Through the parade the left side of my vision. I see this car come through the red SUV. On the south side of the street. So opposite where my son was Went through the band and the spectators." His family was okay, but the manhunt was on. "Police presence down the street was huge." Laux says the suspect Daryl Brooks drove through his backyard ditched the SUV and took off. "Traveled through to the neighbors there and went around over the stumps and then ran around went around the corner." These Carroll University students saw the beat-up SUV with a bullet hole through the windshield and called police. "Cops were here like right away and they kind of like told this week had to stay inside." Online court records showed the 39-year-old Milwaukee man's been in and out of jail since 1999 charged with 16 crimes before the parade. He had two open felony cases in Milwaukee County one from July 2020 when police say he fired shots at people after a fight and illegally possessed a gun as a felon. Bail was set at \$1000 but due to a pandemic backlog, the DA's office says they couldn't ensure a speedy trial and bail was reduced to \$500 which he posted in March. Earlier this month police say he ran over his child's mother with his 2010 maroon ford escape at a gas station near Appleton and Capitol. He posted \$1,000 bail for that case and was released just last week. Now in an unusual admission the district attorney's office says the bail was quote inappropriately low and quote the bail recommendation in this case is not consistent with the approach of the Milwaukee County district attorney's office toward matters involving violent crime nor was it consistent with the risk assessment of the defendant. The Milwaukee DA's office says this is now the subject of an internal investigation to figure out how that low bail was set. Meanwhile Brooks will make his initial court appearance tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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Slug: LAW CREEK LAW SUIT

The school district of fall creek is seeking to dismiss a lawsuit filed against them over covid-19 mitigation efforts. Filed in October, the lawsuit alleges the school district failed to create reasonable covid-19 mitigation protocols. The fall creek school district is asking for the lawsuit to be dismissed stating contracting covid-19 does not violate a student's constitutional rights.

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Slug: HITMAN

A website that started as a joke is responsible for thwarting another murder-for-hire plot. Liz Kreutz reports how the creator of rentahitman.com is working with law enforcement to catch criminals who aren't in on the joke. Bob Innes: "so I brought some show and tell." In a quiet park in Fairfield Bob Innes: "Nevada police department, cases from Indonesia." Wearing dark sunglasses to partially protect his identity. Bob Innes: "Here are some emails she had submitted." Bob Innes showed us his pages, and pages, of printed out emails. Bob Innes: "this is just a lot of solicitations from people around the world." Innes has been getting these messages for over a decade from all sorts of people

hoping for some help. Liz Kreutz: "How do you describe yourself?" Bob Innes: "Cyber Crusader is, yeah, I'm the webmaster of rentahitman.com, your point and click solution." Yes, Innes runs rentahitman.com. A website he launched in 2005 when he started a business. Bob Innes: "It was a play on words. 'Rent' as in hire us, 'hit' as in web hit, visitor, traffic, analytics, that kind of thing." The business soon fizzled but the site took on a life of its own. When Innes checked the email attached to the website a few years later he had hundreds of unread messages with several dark requests. Bob Innes: "what is the best way to handle it?" The game-changing one came in 2010 from a woman named Helen. She wanted three family members murdered. Bob Innes: "I responded back with a very simple email. Do you still require our services and would you like me to put you in contact with the field operative? And she responded, 'yes.'" Innes forwarded the messages to law enforcement. And Helen was ultimately arrested. Bob Innes: "so, that was the case that really started it all." Since then, Innes says he's prevented 150 murders. Just this month, a 51-year-old woman in Michigan plead guilty to attempting to use his website to hire a hitman to kill her husband. This despite several indications that the website is a sham. Bob Innes: "there's several red flags on the website. There's a banner ad, it opens up a new browser window for the internet crime complaint center that's run by the FBI." Liz Kreutz: "it seems like a lot of these people aren't very bright." Bob Innes: "No, low-hanging fruit. They're not rocket surgeons, you might say." And despite multiple news reports written about the website, Innes says the requests still keep coming. Some are hoaxes but some, very real. Bob Innes: "it's scary because they walk among us. I mean, I've had cases out of Lake County, and Stockton and LA. I'm working on a case right now with the la county sheriff's department. It really makes you wonder about who is out there. Are they your neighbors? Are they your business associates? You never know." Thankfully, bob Innes is here to try to stop them. Ninety percent of the requests to the rent-a-hitman website are hoaxes. But the other ten percent are forwarded to the authorities.

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Slug: HIGHSPEED CHASE

A Rochester man is awaiting extradition back to Wisconsin after an incident in Trempealeau County on Saturday police responded to a home on highway 54 in the town of Gale around 10 o'clock Saturday night. The person calling 911 said a man later identified as Jeremy Martin. Made threats of violence to people at that home and during the call. Martin tried to force his way into the home. The homeowner fired a gun which caused Martin to run away. Later deputies saw a suspicious vehicle in the area that took off at speeds exceeding 90 miles an hour as they tried to make a stop. Authorities identified the driver as Jeremy Martin who crossed into Winona and took off on foot. He was arrested and booked into the Winona County jail. The Trempealeau County sheriff's office says they're referring his charges to the Trempealeau County district attorney's office.

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Slug: PARINS

A Genoa man is released on a 15-hundred-dollar signature bond charged with felony battery after an incident outside of a downtown La Crosse bar. According to the criminal complaint, La Crosse police arrested 27-year-old Mark Parins the third who admitted to police that he had been in a fight, but said the victim pushed and punched him. Police say video surveillance showed only Parins doing the punching striking the victim 15 times. In addition to felony battery, Parins faces charges of disorderly conduct. He has three prior convictions on similar charges dating back to 2020. His next court date is set for next week.

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Slug: POTERUCHA

A plea of not guilty and a waiver of the preliminary hearing this week for a local pediatrician charged with sexual assault of a child. You may recall that Joseph Poterucha was arrested in October. Court documents show the 41-year-old Poterucha faces three counts of 1st degree assault sexual contact

with a person under the age of 13. These charges not related to care of his patients. His next court appearance is set for April 7th. He remains out of jail on a \$25,000 cash bond.

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Slug: PEGGS SENTENCE

Altoona's former superintendent will spend eight years behind bars for possession of child pornography. Yesterday afternoon Daniel Peggs received his sentence which includes eight years in prison followed by ten years of supervised release. The judge in the case determined eight years so that supervision will continue until his children are adults. The judge also added that there is no evidence that Peggs was a pedophile or that he used his position to groom students. The former superintendent is due to report to prison on January sixth.

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Slug: KOSKOVITCH

A La Crosse man back in court for a bond hearing. His latest arrest added to eight other open cases. John Koskovich was arrested on Friday. The current La Crosse County jail roster shows him currently facing charges of battery, disorderly conduct as well as felony bail jumping. The 30-year-old involved in other cases this year including felony counts of strangulation, possession of methamphetamine and repeated bail jumping. Today in court a signature bond request was denied. Koskovich remains in jail on a \$2,500 cash bond. His preliminary hearing will be later this week.

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Slug: DAMION

A La Crosse man faces 14 different charges including nine connected to domestic abuse. Thirty-eight-year-old Damion Haynie making his initial appearance today. The criminal complaint notes Haynie faces domestic abuse modified charges of disorderly conduct, battery and bail jumping. Court records also show he has nine other open cases dating back to 2014. He currently remains in jail on a \$5,000 cash bond.

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Slug: GRUENKE

La Crosse district attorney Tim Gruenke will serve as a special prosecutor to help decide whether to file charges against a former Wisconsin police officer. Gruenke and Milwaukee attorney Scott Hansen will examine the reopened case against Joseph Mensah who shot and killed Jay Anderson Junior after discovering him sleeping in a park after hours in 2016. Anderson was one of three people Mensah killed during a five-year stint in the Wauwatosa police department. Prosecutors initially opted not to charge him in any of the deaths but reopened the case this summer.

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Slug: SCOTUS TX

The US Supreme Court is leaving a controversial Texas abortion law in place but it is keeping the door open for more lawsuits. The court left in place the state law banning abortions after around six weeks of pregnancy. But the justices also said abortion providers can challenge the law in federal court. The opinion does limit which state officials can be sued. That could make it difficult for providers to resume providing abortion after six weeks of pregnancy. The case now heads back to a district court for further proceedings, opening up the possibility that the law could soon be suspended.

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Slug: THREAT LAW

Threats of violence are happening in schools across the country Including here locally. So, what can be done legally if a student threatens a school's safety? That's the question Marcus Aarsvold looks to answer with the help of legal experts and school administrations. Yes, the state can take legal action but it depends on the case. If the district attorney's office is going to press charges. First, they look at student's age Family situation and their history. There's been a number of school threats throughout district attorney Tim Gruenke's time in La Crosse County But few have warranted legal action. Tim Gruenke: "It's more of a try to scare people, a try to get attention, trying to get back at someone and things like that. We still have to address it and take it serious but we've had very few that have gotten to a point to actually use a weapon." When credible threats come through Students 17 and older will be charged as an adult Ages 16 and below it depends on the severity of the threat Gruenke says homicide or attempted homicide would easily see adult charges but anything less It varies. Tim Gruenke: "If it gets below that it's a little bit harder to charge them as an adult and you might need the court's permission to do so. It involves the child's psychological makeup, the seriousness of the charge, any history that they have and factors like that." Most likely they'd see 'disorderly conduct' charges for harassment Bomb scares Or terrorist threats. Tim Gruenke: "These days especially with recent events in Michigan you can be rest assured schools and police are going to be reacting very quickly, being very cautious and applying whatever laws we can make sure that we can keep people safe." In September The West Salem school district caught a red flag early on. Ryan Rieber: "Thankfully we have a very good relationship with our school resource officer and the West Salem police department and so we're able to have quick conversations with them if something were to come through or if they would get wind of something or vice versa." It's usually up to the schools whether or not they think charges are necessary but most of the time. Gruenke says it's all about attention. Tim Gruenke: "We try to get students the help that they need. It's usually actually a cry for help or a fit of anger that's resulting from some other disfunction in their lives. We've had very few true threats where someone actually had access to a weapon and intended to use it." Gruenke says West Salem, Onalaska, and other La Crosse County schools are at the ready and have handled any attempted threats well. But he says it's still important that parents Teachers And the community pay attention to any red flags.

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Slug: ARSON ARREST

The man accused of setting a house fire on La Crosse's northside makes his first court appearance this afternoon. Brandon Helke is charged with arson and mistreatment of animals among other counts. The criminal complaint shows police were initially called to assist in a house fire just after 1 o'clock Wednesday morning in the 2000 block of Onalaska avenue. Further investigation found Helke, who lived in the house, was involved in a fight just prior to the fire. The report also says Helke later admitting to a friend "I started my house on fire." Two dogs in the home died. Helke remains in jail on a \$10,000 cash bond.

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Slug: FRAC MINE RULING

A state appeals court says no to a proposed frac sand operation in Monroe County. Atlanta-based "meteor timber" has been working since 2016 to gain permission to build a 75-million-dollar frac sand plant and rail loading facility on a property that includes a hardwood swamp. The Wisconsin department of natural resources granted the company a permit to fill the wetland in 2018 but courts have subsequently blocked it.

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Slug: HOLMEN ARREST

A La Crosse County judge setting a six-figure bond for the man suspected of a drive-by shooting in Holmen that injured one person. During Wesley Dollar's appearance today the district attorney's office

says more time is needed in putting together the criminal complaint. A complaint filed in October of this year saw the 31-year-old charged with two felony and two misdemeanor counts Including possession of a firearm by a felon. The previous complaint also noted dollar's seven prior convictions. Holmen police chief Shane Collins says officers responded Saturday to a home on Cliffview Drive for a shot's fired call. Their investigation showed someone drove by and fired one round into the residence. The state requested a cash bond of \$50,000 for dollar. Judge Scott Horne however, raised the bond amount to \$100,000 cash. Dollar remains in the La Crosse County jail.

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Slug: GENE PURCELL

Prosecutors have charged a former Fitchburg city council candidate in connection with the July death of Wisconsin public media director, Gene Purcell. Purcell was a graduate of the UW-La Crosse. He worked in commercial radio before focusing on public radio. He served as manager of WLSU in La Crosse Before becoming the director at the Wisconsin educational communication board in Madison. In 2018 Purcell became the director of Wisconsin public media. The Wisconsin state journal reports prosecutors charged Shawncia Youmas with homicide by negligent driving. According to a criminal complaint Youmas' vehicle collided with Purcell's motorcycle near the Wisconsin public broadcasting building in Madison July 27th. Data from the air bag control module in her car showed she was traveling nearly 65 mph seconds before the collision. The speed limit was 30 mph.

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Slug: PRIEST

A former western Wisconsin catholic priest avoids jail time after being convicted of sexual assault of a child. Charles Richmond was the former chaplain of McDonell Central high school in Chippewa Falls and a priest at St Mary's Catholic Church in Viroqua at the time of the accusations. Wednesday he was sentenced to 12 months' probation by judge James Isaacson. Richmond originally was charged with repeated sexual assault of a child a felony he took a plea deal last month, diminishing his charge to a misdemeanor. According to the criminal complaint, while the student was in high school, Richmond touched her inappropriately on multiple occasions. That victim speaking out in court yesterday. "Charles Richmond has taken years off my life, I no longer have the ability to look pleasantly back on my high school experience. I have lost the ability to trust others around me, even the simplest things throw me into emotional distress such as the smell of black coffee, which he drank every day, the green trucks which he drove and anything related to the catholic church. Richmond had been at the school for two years and left the Chippewa Falls area before charges were filed in 2020, four years after the assault took place. Richmond will serve 12 months' probation and cannot have contact with the victim or her family nor minor females, unless approved by his probation agent. Richmond is not ordered to register as a sex offender.

3. AGRICULTURE 10-1-21 THROUGH 12-31-21

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Slug: TREE PLANTING

It may be a surprise, but now is actually the best time to plant your trees! Garden experts say fall tends to have a better success rate for growing trees than other times of the year. In terms of watering a new tree, a down to earth garden center official says it depends on the weather. During a warm fall, watering a new tree is recommended every couple of weeks, and during a cooler fall, a tree requires less frequent watering. All importantly, though, a tree should receive a deep watering around its roots before the ground freezes to make sure there is consistent moisture around the root system during winter. "By planting now, you are going to water, but in the spring time when all that snow melts, you are going to take advantage of all that free moisture. As that snow melts, instead of having to wait for the ground to dry out to plant in the spring, you're taking advantage of that spring thaw and being able to get that saturation around the roots in the spring time." Polzin recommends deciduous trees such as maple trees and oak trees be planted during the fall.

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Slug: CRANBERRY

As Wisconsin continues to lead the way in cranberry production new this year a state research station. Reporter Mckenna alexander takes us to Black River Falls for a look at the work that goes into growing the tiny fruit with the big impact. Tom: "I think this facility is a real good example of an industry and a group of farmers coming together and working in partnership with the university, land grants institutions and with congress members to create this facility for the growers for the next generation." Bought in 2017 from a well-known family in the industry UW Madison, UW extension, the USDA and other organizations all formed a partnership to renovate these plots into the research facility that's providing both opportunity and education. Tom: "Is there anything about cranberry growing that you think might surprise people? They don't grow in water. That's the biggest one." Tom: "We put on a light flood, four to five inches and then we drive through the beds with harvesting equipment, strip the fruit off the vines. Cranberries have four air pockets in them so they float. Then we raise the water level so it's above the tops of the vines. We corral the fruit into a large boom and then we use a machine that pumps them out, cleans it, loads them into trucks and then they go up to the receiving station in Tomah where they're cleaned and put in freezers and then processed throughout the year." Mckenna: "At the Wisconsin Cranberry Research station, industry leaders tell me these marshes here are considered small, only producing." Tom: "About fifty thousand pounds of cranberries this year and that's, we want to produce maybe about two and a half times that on this property." Considering Wisconsin produces 60 to 65 percent of the nation's cranberry crop, it makes sense that a number so large is considered so small within the industry. And the status of being the largest producer includes a certain level of authority. Tom: "In Wisconsin we also say they don't grow in bogs, we say they grow in marshes, they grow in bogs out east, here they grow in marshes. What's the difference between them? 'We think they're marshes, they think they're bogs but we grow sixty percent of the crops so we think we're right.'" Lochner says this summer, between ten and twelve projects were conducted at the facility researching common growing problems, such as genetics, pests, and nutrient management.

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Slug: AG TOURISM

Agriculture tourism is becoming a bigger industry in Wisconsin Having increased by 30 percent since 2018. News 19's Joe Minney takes a look at how family farms are changing the way they approach the consumer. "Today's consumer really wants several things one they want to outside, out of doors they want to connect with their local farms they want to see where their food is coming from, they want to meet the people producing their foods they want to have an experience" Farms focusing on creating

an experience and sharing it with folks can be enjoyable for both. "Agritourism is a fun business we get to work with people we get to share this beautiful patch of land with the people they love coming out here we have kids out here running around they remember the first time they get to pick apples." Creating a good product along with a great experience gives the tourist something to remember. "For instance, here's a traveler from California that just come had no clue about this place and they stop in they said, 'never seen anything like this, it's beautiful here' you know we want to create that we want to create that thing, draw the people in to give them a good product that's part of this whole thing" Involving the customer helps keep the family farm going too. "It's always been family you know it's really what it comes down to and it's fun to see families come here with smiles on their face " And making smiles is good for business. "We're a small family run business we go year to year if we make our farm payment and they let us do this again next year that's a win." In Centerville I'm Joe Minney, News 19. Agriculture contributes 435 thousand seven hundred jobs to Wisconsin's economy 11 percent of its total employment and provides nearly 105 billion dollars to the badger state's economy.

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Slug: BABY STURGEON

The US fish and wildlife service aims to work with others to conserve protect and enhance both flora and fauna for all people to enjoy. The Genoa National Fish Hatchery is doing just that with baby sturgeon. News 19 photojournalist Travis Judell shows you how. We are actually stocking the rest of our lake sturgeon out to the State of New York. The majority of them are going to waters that connect to the St. Lawrence River which has historically strong sturgeon population. We have 7000 lake surgeon that are roughly 7.1 inches long. We found out that is kind of a key link to make sure that they have great survival in the wild. We're trying to bring we work cooperatively to restore lake surgeon. Lake sturgeons are threatened or endangered in 19 of the 20 states they are originally found in. That's due to a lot of different factors which can include overfishing, pollution, and the restrictions of them to their spawning habitats by building dams and things. New York has some pretty good sturgeon waters again they just need a little help to get their recruitment up to back to the historic levels. Kind of a wonder of modern-day technology so to speak on how we can get them out that far in the same water that we started out with 18 hours earlier so it's quite a process and we have some good biologist that are going to take care of them and monitor the oxidation and ammonia levels to make sure that they stay in the healthy range and we've had some really good luck with it so far. You try to keep the fish in the water as much as you can just to try to reduce the amount of stress before the long trip because the long trip will be stressful for them anyway so just try to minimize as much as we can so that they can be healthy and maintain their health even after restocking. We call sturgeon our legacy fish, it's something that's going to live on long past our careers the fish actually mature anywhere from 20 to 25 years of age and they can live up to 150 years of age so it's kind of a cool to be able to pass it along to future generations generation" 7,000 lake sturgeon off to New York and headed to the waters of the Saint Lawrence River. It's about an 18-hour non-stop trek for the sturgeon and those with the Genoa Fish Hatchery say they are relieved to hear when the crew arrive safely.

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Slug: SALT WISE

Before winter sneaks up on us the City of Onalaska is showing off its snow and ice equipment that reduces salt pollution. A coalition called "Wisconsin Salt Wise" co-sponsored the event. The group works to reduce salt pollution in our lake streams and drinking water from winter road clearing. Onalaska officials say they are committed to changing out their current fleet of plows for those that can attack storms with four different options of brine and salt combinations which they say is much safer for the environment. "What they actually do is put down salt brine before the storm. So, by putting salt brine before the storm, it actually works like oiling your skillet before you cook so you prevent that bond from forming between the snow and the pavement and when the plow comes through the snow can come off." Wisconsin salt wise says not only does salt brine work faster when clearing roads but it also saves money while benefiting the environment.

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Slug: PUMPKINS

It's easy to spot the signs of pumpkin season on doorsteps around the area. With pumpkin crop shortages and rising prices News 19's Joe Minney explores two local pumpkin patches that provide the full farm experience. "These next three weeks are kind of our peak for pumpkin patch season the closer you get to Halloween then people are starting to think 'oh, you know we want to get our pumpkins, we want to carve.'" And it's not just about getting a pumpkin. "You can come and get your pumpkin and go into a corn maze and just create some memories with your family, your friends go play some activities for a little while." "It's all the things that come with going to find your pumpkins we'll have families that will stay for four hours there's enough to do then the kids will play and they're happy and they'll just you know they'll keep finding something new to do." Petting farm animals Sliding down culverts to playing on bouncy tires and hamster wheels farm fun is everywhere. "The experience is just what I want to provide to them they don't have to drive far they don't spend a lot of money and they can spend a whole afternoon out here having a good time with each other." It's a lot of work making a destination for other families to visit but it has its benefits too. "This is more of a hobby for me most of the time and knowing that your hard work that you spend 12 months out of the year planning and creating and working for is paying off for just that one memory for that family." It's a ton of work we get really tired every year laughs so every time we wonder if it's worth it you get comments from folks that have been here, you'll get a thank you thank you for being open thank you for doing this thank you for giving us a place to go that's what it does for us." In the coulee region I'm Joe Minney News 19. Family farms providing destinations like these contribute tourism dollars to the state's nearly 105-billion-dollar agriculture economy While also diversifying income streams for the farms themselves, not to mention creating those lasting memories.

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Slug: HAPPENING 2

Climate change is bad for human health and the impact is getting worse. That's the finding of the annual "lancet countdown" report. It tracks forty-four metrics and finds drought will affect food production and spread pathogens. The report shows severe weather is also a danger. It says floods, droughts and storms affected more than fifty million people during a six-month period in 2020.

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Slug: FARM REPORT

The farm community is in the thick of harvest season but the Department of Agriculture's latest report shows supply chain issues make for precarious picking. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold joins us now. Marcus, what's the main concern for Wisconsin farmers? Hey guys! Soy bean season is done and now it's on to corn, which usually doesn't start until November, so they're ahead schedule which is great. But the challenge is if equipment breaks down they're stuck. Shane Goplin: "This time of the year it's full steam ahead!" At Shane Goplin's Osseo farm the toughest part about this harvest season isn't the crop itself, it's the backorder of equipment. Shane Goplin: "I've never really experienced a year like this where in farming we know we're always going to have breakdowns. If I knew what was going to breakdown that'd be easy and I could order it ahead of time but sometimes things fail and it's unexpected." A simple loose screw could cause a major pause in production if they can't order parts because of the pandemic backlog. Kaitlyn Davis: "Every little bit can have an impact and they're definitely being a little more cautious and maybe not revving those tractors nearly as high or just being very careful to do inspections before going out and harvesting." It's affecting farmers everywhere Shane Goplin: "I've heard of people where it's as simple as they had a tire fail on a combine and they are not able to replace that tire. So, it's a little higher stress." Plus, any unexpected rain could cause major setbacks if it breaks equipment or halts production. Shane Goplin: "Yeah, because you never know what mother nature's going to bring so we're just going to try to keep on harvesting as efficiently

as we can." But so far mother nature's treated farmer's well. Kaitlyn Davis: "Just because we've had warmer weather and it's a little bit more than we were at last year. We've just had more days to be able to work the fields and get out there and drier weather has definitely certainly helped out with that." Farmers are also worried about the price of their seed for next year. The economic backlog could double the price they have to pay. But Heather and Dustin, the cost of their equipment and seed is out of their control so the farmers I spoke to say they will just stay tough and keep focusing on having a good crop. Thanks, Marcus.

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Slug: INVASIVE CARP

As we've mentioned, invasive carp species are currently being removed from the Mississippi River in La Crosse. News 19's Miller Hyatt gives you an up-close look at the process. Something smells fishy in La Crosse, literally. Carp have invaded a portion of the Mississippi River near La Crosse and this week the Wisconsin DNR is working with the Minnesota DNR, the US Geological Survey (USGS) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to remove the carp and conduct studies and analysis on them. Reports of invasive carp came through from commercial fishermen and by that they were kind of alerted to the fact that were in pool eight on the river and this method that they are using today has been used in different bodies of water so they decided they would try this here on the river. That method is called the modified unified method, which is a series of nets that block the movement of fish. This is the second time this method has been used in Wisconsin or Minnesota waters. During the first carp removal effort in April, thirty-four silver carp were captured in pool eight. By a process of trial-and-error folks at the USGS and other agencies have found that this is the most effective way and in fact they went to Asia where the fish are native and found out how the local folks capture them and this is based on that approach. So, you know if you have something new and you have no idea how to deal with it you go to the people who know how to deal with it and that is how it happened and this is a result of those communications and techniques that are proven to work. Unfortunately, they didn't catch any carp today or yesterday, but many native fish were caught. The native fish that were captured were measured, weighed, and released back into the water. Officials says they are hoping to catch them as their work continues this week. For WXOW News 19, I'm Miller Hyatt. Results from the search and removal effort will be reported once follow-up analyses are complete. There will be no impacts to commercial or recreational boat traffic on the main channel of the Mississippi River.

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Slug: POTATO CROP

You may think of Idaho when talking about potatoes, but Wisconsin actually ranks third in potato production in the US. The state produced 28-point-7 million hundredweight of potatoes in 2019 Only behind Idaho and Washington state and a local packaging company potato king says that's even more impressive since Wisconsin's crop tends to come from family growers rather than more corporate operations While industry experts say badger state farmers still produce a wide variety. "Wisconsin actually has a very diverse industry, we have a lot of egg growers for the chipping potato industry. We raise potatoes for McCain foods, which is a frozen processer. They make French fries and tater-tots and hashbrowns and all those wonderful products. And then we also have what we call table stock production, which is what you buy in a grocery store." Potato King is a family-owned business that supplies 85 retail stores with produce.

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Slug: GOATS

If you travel near Cashton, you may have noticed some goats wandering around the organic valley of fices. Don't worry they are not lost these little guys are helping clear out different plants and even invasive species 65 goats are currently munching up buckthorn and weeds A spokesperson with the company says this is the most organic way of controlling invasive species. The goats are unharmed while

eating. This type of work with goats is becoming even more popular. We've previously reported that City of Wausau used goats to help clear out areas. The goats at organic valley will finish their work this weekend.

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Slug: MARSH

The La Crosse River marsh is in the midst of a multi-year restoration project. Covering over 1,000-acres It's the largest wetland in the watershed and serves as a natural habitat for many species. with the city's growth It's been a target of development. The goal of the project is to keep the marsh healthy and usable for recreation. "It serves many, very important functions. One of them, perhaps the most important is a hydrological function of storing storm water. Letting that water settle out here, flow out slowly, and some of the sediment and impurity settle out before that water joins the Mississippi River." To learn more about the marsh restoration project You can tune into a webinar tomorrow night at 6:30. A link can be found over at wxow.com.

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Slug: GREAT LAKES

Climate change is showing itself in the great lakes this year the Chicago Tribune says summer and fall evenings are not cooling down sufficiently heading into winter. This has caused the surface temperatures of the great lakes to remain higher than average. Warmer conditions can produce more lake effect snow which would typically be diminished by lake ice. Higher surface temperatures can also invite harmful invasive species and algae bloom to the state's lakes.

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Slug: GUN DEER

The Wisconsin DNR is analyzing the data from this year's nine-day gun hunt that ended on Sunday. As News 19's Dani Smith explains It was a quiet couple days in the woods for many. Wildlife officials calling this year's gun deer hunt quiet "Quiet can be taken both ways as it relates to being peaceful and smooth." "But quiet also in terms of harvests numbers didn't match up to last year" In fact, hunters bagged almost 8-percent fewer deer than they did in 2020. "We ended up with a slight decline in buck harvests this year, about 1.3% overall" "And then our antlerless harvest was down about 13%" Experts say there could be a number of reasons for the decrease including a shift in interest. "Right now, we're almost at about where half of our total state deer hunting population participates in archery or cross bow hunting all well as firearm hunting" Pritzl added. There are still plenty of opportunities for hunters to harvest a deer during muzzle loader and late bow season. "It's really important to just wait and take stock after all of the seasons have concluded and the numbers are added up." Still, Wisconsin remains a hunting hub for people across the country. As non-residential license sales actually increased. "People from all around, every state in the union, as well as around the world, come to Wisconsin to deer hunt." The DNR says they've seen an increase in first time hunters. Specifically, those who didn't grow up hunting and want to try a new hobby. "It's a great opportunity to put a protein source on your plate, spend time with friends and family, and spend time outdoors." In La Crosse, Dani Smith News 19. The DNR reported a total of 6 injury incidents during the gun hunting season one of them fatal. All of the injuries reported this year were due to an unintentional gunshot.

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Slug: MVC

The Mississippi Valley Conservancy says it's picked up another stretch of land along Highway 16 near the Viterbo baseball field. The conservancy will take over 44-acres total Which it says the property will open for hiking and other activities However the primary goal is protecting habitat for the benefit of

local wildlife. Funding comes from the Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and the Paul E. Stry Foundation.

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:19 12/6/21 MIDDAY

Slug: HAPPENING 2

Higher prices for feed, and a major drought are making it tough for milk farmers in California to stay in business. According to the wall street journal, some farmers have already shut down, moved, or changed to growing other crops. The state is expecting more dry weather this winter, which has officials concerned about water supply.

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Slug: DRIFTLESS BILL

A bipartisan group of representatives including Ron Kind Iowa republican Ashley Hinson and Minnesota democrat Angie Craig introducing today a bill to preserve the driftless area. This measure replaces an act passed in 2012 that expired in 2017 and wasn't renewed and would use five million dollars to recommit the us department of agriculture to manage woodlands, prairies and cold water streams in the region.

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Slug: FARM INFLATION

Inflation's impacts are far-reaching and one place you'll see them is your grocery bill. That means the people growing your groceries will also be affected. Just looking at the most important meal of the day from October to November, breakfast sausage prices rose by two-point seven percent and donuts jumped by three-point five percent according to the consumer price index. As for inflation's impact on farmers the director of dairy policy analysis at UW-Madison says he thinks the rise in inflation is not a pandemic blip and could change farming labor moving forward. "I think that one of the things we are going to see, with the kind of wage inflation we have, is that people are going to invest in labor saving technology, and at the farm level that means automation. Honestly, inflation at these levels we haven't seen for 40 years." Stephenson says he thinks people are going to struggle with rising inflation for some time and it will need to be dealt with by the federal reserve's monetary policy.

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Slug: DEER BAITING

A ban on feeding and baiting deer is now in effect for Clark and Jackson counties due to a deer in Eau Claire County testing positive for chronic wasting disease back in November state law requires that the DNR puts bans on counties or portions of counties within a ten-mile radius of where an animal tested positive for CWD or tuberculosis. Baiting makes deer congregate unnaturally around a common food source which makes it easier for sick deer to infect others. This new ban is in effect immediately and will last for two years. A ban has already been in effect in Eau Claire County and will now be renewed for three more years.

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Slug: FARM PRICES UP

Farmers now warning that food may get even more expensive. Fertilizer prices have more than doubled in the last year, thanks to worldwide shortages of key chemicals. Some farmers say they're being forced to shift away from corn and wheat and plant crops like soybeans that don't need as much fertilizer.

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Slug: FARM TECH

Chippewa County residents will have an opportunity to cultivate their farming skills alongside some of the more innovative farmers in Wisconsin and from around the country. Chippewa County was selected to host the 20-24 farm technology days. This is the second time in 20 years that Chippewa County will host farm tech days the last being in 2004. Farm tech days is the largest outdoor agricultural event held in Wisconsin annually. Chippewa County officials estimate up to 30-thousand people may be in attendance which could make a large economic impact.

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Slug: RIVERWATCH

Safety first has some university students volunteering their time to make sure others have a safe Oktoberfest. Riverwatch is a collection of students from all three universities, UW La Crosse, Viterbo and Western Tech. Their mission is simple, keep people safe. "Riverwatch is just a few people coming out and walking up and down Riverside Park, and we're redirecting intoxicated or lost people away from the river so that they don't end up in the river." Riverwatch patrols take place every weekend, but for Oktoberfest an extra group is added. They plan to be out this weekend between the hours of 9 p.m. until 3 a.m.

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:19 10/4/21 10PM

Slug: LADIES LUNCH

The celebration has now drawn to a close but not before one last prost. The Ladies Day Luncheon celebrated one more day of Gemutlichkeit at the Waterfront Restaurant and Tavern in downtown La Crosse. The sold-out crowd enjoyed food, music, and entertainment surrounded by former Mrs. Oktoberfest and the current royal family.

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:23 10/5/21 6PM

Slug: VETS EVENT

Helping veterans get through the emotions they may experience with the recent events in Afghanistan that's the focus and purpose of Operation Deal and Heal. The event happens this Saturday at the Coulee Recovery Center thanks to a collaboration between the recovery center and the La Crosse Area Veterans Mentorship program. Organizers say it aims to connect with vets and let them know they are not alone. "So, I think just being able to be present and experience life. We don't want people to be shut down and isolated. And this event is going to encourage one, that camaraderie because we're going to have vets from all different eras here. And being able to share those stories is so important. Or for the people who are maybe not comfortable sharing their story yet, they'll see that it's possible." The event is Saturday from noon until 4 pm and all are welcome to participate in some or all events. No registration is required but organizers ask that you do wear a mask inside.

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Slug: SUNI MURAL

She's a Minnesotan who made a mark on the world stage. Now many are looking up to Olympic gold medal winner suni lee in a new mural on Saint Paul's west side. Joe Mazan gives us a view. It's a larger-than-life mural with a larger-than-life Minnesota. Saint Paul artist MK painted America's sweetheart and Olympic gold medal winner Suni Lee on a west side building. Last week Suni tweeted out a photo of the mural writing "Oh wow, so beautiful, thank you for all your love." Cheu and Choua Lee own the building. They've hired local artists to paint murals on the wall in Suni's honor. The couple isn't just a Suni fan, they're family. Here we can all look up to Suni. Suni made her mark on the world and on this wall. Suni is now on Dancing with the Stars. Her grandparents think she'll win and bring home the mirror ball trophy.

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:53 10/7/21 5PM

Slug: COFFEE COLLAB

October is domestic violence awareness month so New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers hope you'll have some interest to learn about the effects of domestic violence and support victims of abuse.

"This was an idea that one of our advocates came up with after seeing the lack of resources in our community for the folks that we serve when it comes to legal issues. So often times paying a retainer fee or other court fees - attorney fees are a barrier for a lot of people that we serve. So, our hope in this collaboration is to get some new partnerships and reinvigorate some existing partnerships with attorneys." Signs of domestic violence include isolation, financial abuse, heightened fight or flight responses, depression and anxiety and a withdrawal from social situations. You can learn more at nhagainstabuse.org.

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:18 10/8/21 6PM

Slug: MCCOY SEWING

Thanks to donations some of the Afghan people living at Fort McCoy are sewing new clothing. Using sewing machines donated by sewing machine project in Madison, Afghans have been sewing with the help of task force McCoy volunteers. They have been using new and gently used fabrics that were donated by a group in Madison.

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Slug: CMN RADIO

Children sharing their stories of courage highlight the return of the children's miracle network radiothon. This Thursday and Friday people can tune in to Midwest Family Radio stations like Z-93 95-7 the rock or classic hits 94-7 among others and meet the c-m-n heroes and their families Sharing stories about the medical challenges they're facing. It's going to be a great opportunity for locals to learn more about CMN Hospitals and how we help local kids and families because all of the money raised will stay here in this community helping local families and local kids of course. The phone lines open at 6 a-m Thursday morning. Donations can be made by calling 800-853-6889 Or by going online We'll have a link to donate as well as that number again over at wxow.com this evening.

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:24 10/14/21 10PM

Slug: DONUTS

A local police officer Takes to an unusual tactic to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research. For UW La Crosse officer Dave Pehl Wearing a pink tutu is an annual tradition. He spends one day each October collecting donations for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. A donation means a donut cupcake and some coffee. It also gives Pehl an opportunity to share his connection to the cause. "So, I'm here in honor of my mom who was diagnosed in 1982. And it was the early detention and some of the very beginning technology treatments and research that saved her life. She was a 30-year survivor." Dave's daughter Madeline joined him today. Over the past several years Pehl says he's raised about \$2,000 dollars And Awareness.

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Slug: ANGEL TREE

The Salvation Army is again providing an opportunity to help area children in need. Registration is now, open for it's an annual tradition called "The Angel Tree." After identifying the needs of area families Gift requests are placed on a tag that anyone can take to purchase and return to the Salvation Army. This year trees will stand in 2 locations Wal mart in La Crosse and at advance auto parts. "This is a very important program for the Salvation Army last year we helped 476 families 1636 individuals and 955 angels and so with that number of people being held and affected it's important for the community to help support us like they always have." Donors and sponsors can also play the role of 'Santa Claus' and adopt an angel for a family in need.

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Slug: LGBTQ

Today is National LGBTQ Center Awareness Day, a day meant to highlight the resources and activities available to the community. In La Crosse, "The Center" works on behalf of the l-g-b-t-q community to promote education and equality. Representatives of the center speak with schools, businesses, and government officials to increase understanding of human sexuality. The organization also provides support groups and social events aiming to create a welcoming space for all. "We also have support groups, anywhere from youth to parents to transgender and gender non-conforming individuals and general support for people who are newly out or just needing you know somebody to talk to." "The center" has been operating in La Crosse since 2004 and Alesha Schandelmeier added that many people still don't know the building exists and an awareness day may help connect resources to the people who need support.

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Slug: TOWER DISPLAY

Viterbo University brings a memorial to campus to honor those who have lost their lives in the war on terror. The 'Remembering our Fallen' towers tribute memorial includes 34 tribute towers with photographs of more than five thousand men and women. The memorial is set up in the Assisi Courtyard and will close with a blessing at five p.m. on Sunday. "The opportunity for our community but the La Crosse community and all the surrounding communities and the elementary age students and the high school students to come through here and just really witness this bravery, these heroes and this American history right in front of them, it's very powerful." Viterbo interim president Rick Trietley urges anyone who visits the tribute towers to keep learning about those who gave their lives and share their stories to honor the fallen.

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Slug: GOOD DRIVE

And to try to address some of the ongoing food insecurity in La Crosse the Hunger Task Force and Agropur are asking for donations this weekend. On Saturday people can drive up to the parking lot near Barnes and Noble at the Valley View Mall and drop off non-perishable food items from 10 to 1. Monetary donations will also be accepted. A recent study from the United Way of Wisconsin found that more than 40% of La Crosse County households are nearing financial insecurity, while 11 percent live in poverty.

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Slug: TEAL PUMPKIN

There's a way you can help kids with food allergies enjoy trick-or-treating this year. All it takes is a teal pumpkin at your doorstep. The teal pumpkin project started in 2012 to create a safe, inclusive trick or treating environment for kids with food allergies. According to the Eau Claire City County Health Department and Family Resource Center in Eau Claire, about one in every 13 kids has a food allergy that's approximately two kids in every classroom. "There is a small group of kids, and it is growing in the United States that are allergic to candies, and might not be able to participate, we just want them to be able to participate in Halloween like everyone else." Jennifer Eddy suggests some non-food gifts people can hand out on Halloween include small toys, bouncy balls, and colored pencils.

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Slug: JEFFERSON AWARDS

Well, it's that time again, to introduce you to another outstanding volunteer in our community. The Jefferson Award is a national award recognizing people that go above and beyond to give back. The efforts of the volunteers range from things like helping their elderly neighbors to organizing a food drive for people in third world countries. The premise of the Jefferson Award is always the same, it's not

about what you do, just that you do something to help others. Tonight, we introduce you to Karen Dieringer, a woman doing a lot with the little extra time she has. You know the saying, if you want something done, give it to a busy person. Well, Karen Dieringer is that person. The Jefferson Award winner works two jobs and any extra time she has is spent here sorting clothes for kids. I think every kid deserves to have clean clothes and deserves to be able to dress like the other kids do and not stand out because they're wearing the same clothes 3 x's a week or 4x's a week or their clothing is dirty. Karen volunteers at the Trinity Lutheran Clothing Closet. It's actually more like a store. Only the families using it, don't pay. Just pick out what they need. In 2010 the Clothing Closet was started at Franklin School in a small closet. But that small closet couldn't fill the clothing need. The Clothing Closet is now about 10 rooms. And still, Karen says there are people who just don't seem to get it. and that quite, frankly, gets on her nerves. You need to open your eyes and look around. Maybe you're not paying attention to what's going on in our community but anybody who thinks that there aren't families in our community that are struggling just isn't looking around. Karen speaks from experience. When I was a young parent, we really struggled financially and so I know what that's like to feel judged and I know what that's like to feel judged on what you have in your grocery cart. And that's why she works extra hours and extra hard to give back. I don't ever want someone else to feel that way so we really try to treat our kids and our families with respect and let them know we care that their circumstances have nothing to do with the kind of person they are so that shouldn't affect how their kids are dressed or what they have. At the closet, there is no judgement, just a friendly returning the favor kind of feel. And the looks on the kids' faces are proof it's about more than clothes. I know that there have been times in my life where I've struggled and had hardships and it was you know I know what it feels like when you feel like no one cares about you and I know what it feels like when people do care about you. I think, that's why we need to have empathy for each other and be connected. Karen's life of service extends beyond the clothing closet. For years she served as a casa volunteer, a person who advocates for a child who is no longer in the care of their parents but with an end goal of reuniting the family. Mission accomplished. Karen's casa kid is not only surviving she's thriving and so is her mother, but the woman also who nominated Karen for the Jefferson Award. Karen says the Clothing Closet needs a lot of things throughout the year but right now they need winter coats and they always need new underwear and socks. If you don't have any kids' clothes to donate, Karen says you can help sort clothes or make a monetary donation. Contact information will be attached to this story on our website.

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Slug: MUENZENBERGER

The family of Mallery Muenzenberger is asking for her son, Major Harris to be buried with his mother. Muenzenberger was killed nearly two weeks ago in Milwaukee. Her son, Major Harris, was found dead a week later. The Milwaukee County medical examiner told our Milwaukee affiliate an autopsy shows Harris was likely killed around the same time as his mother. Muenzenberger's family held a small, private ceremony for Mallery. Major's father, Carlton Harris, junior wants to bury him in Madison. In a statement, Muenzenberger's family said "We will continue to hold on to the hope that Carlton Harris makes the right decision as he originally announced to the world, to allow this child to be buried beside his mother. They added "We pray for justice to be served for both of these beautiful souls."

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Slug: TRANSLATOR

When Operation Allies welcome began one of the primary challenges was communicating with Afghan evacuees. Some spoke English, but still, there were so many language barriers getting in the way. Thankfully, among the ranks there was someone who could help. News 19's Heather Armstrong introduces you to an army translator working to make things a little easier for those so far from home. It's hard to imagine picking up and leaving everything behind with just a few days' notice, then landing in a foreign country only to be bombarded with paperwork and instructions that you can't understand. That's where an American soldier named Sgt Mohammed Jamil comes in. Translating Farsi to English

is an easy task for Sgt Mohammad Jamil, but it is certainly the most rewarding. We started from the most basic stuff. Don't smoke inside the building. There is 911 if you need medical assistance. Sgt Jamil's looks get a lot of attention because he's an American soldier but he's from Afghanistan. My ethnicity is Hazara and there are different ethnicities in Afghanistan. Pashtun, Tagik and then there is Hazara. which is me and our people. This isn't Jamil's first time working as a translator. For years he worked alongside American troops in Afghanistan. It's the reason in 2014 he had to leave. I was lucky enough to fly in a very calm and civilized way. I flew commercially without any issue and within the first 9 months I got my green card because I came under SIV which is special immigration visa so my experience was better than them. And that's part of the reason he feels so inclined to pay it forward, that and he says English isn't easy. It took me 7 years to learn it. So that's why I never spent 7 years to learn one language but so far English was the most difficult language I've learned. Like when an Afghan talks to me, they constantly tell me how I can learn English like you. And on top of the language barrier, Jamil says imagine putting yourself in the shoes of the Afghan people, starting over. They understand the life. They understand that they are in the United States and they are learning everyday about the American culture, about everything. A culture and country that has been very good to him. And he's hoping they'll do the same for his Afghan brothers and sisters. One thing that everyone should know is they are still educated people. They understand everything. Maybe when we do something here. They might do the same thing differently in their home country but they understand the life, they understand they are in the United States and they are learning every day about the American culture. Just be patient with them. They have potential. We have doctors, we have musicians who all will be here to support American society. Be helpful, be nice. Another thing that makes Sgt. Jamil stand out, I'm told volunteers for hours beyond his lengthy 12-hour shift and that's to make sure every question is answered and everyone gets the help they need and sergeant Jamil is based in Colorado. This role that he came to Fort McCoy for is a volunteer position. Thanks, Heather. By the way, Sgt. Jamil doesn't just speak Farsi and English. He speaks 7 languages.

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Slug: DAIRY QUEEN

Dairy Queen locations all over the country are sharing proceeds from blizzard sales today with Children's Miracle Network hospitals. Our local restaurants are part of this miracle treat day and all of the funds raised locally Goes toward helping families in our area pay for their kids' medical needs. No matter the illness or injury. "This is an amazing fundraiser. Dairy queen here in western Wisconsin and southeastern Minnesota over the years has raised, not only through miracle treat day, but some other fundraisers with us well over \$300,000 just to help kids, that are in our 25-county service area. So those dollars, those coins, they add up. And I think this is such a fun way to help kids." That money raised helps pay for medical equipment, food at the hospital, therapies and even architectural changes to accommodate a child's special needs.

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Slug: HOMELESS VETS

For some veterans Housing insecurity brings its challenges. That's why a number of programs work collaboratively to meet veteran housing needs in Tomah. News 19's Joe Minney has the details. Tomah Veterans' Assistance Foundation has been helping vets since 1994. "Our mission is to assist veterans in need and so initially we were helping the veteran that was homeless or at risk but over the years we found that the need now that is not being covered by other organizations is permanent housing." And they aren't alone. Tomah VA's HUD-VASH office works to connect veterans to available resources. "We partner with our community agencies every day and all the time to make outcomes for the veterans in our program successful." A veteran facing housing insecurity needs more than just a roof over their heads. "The homeless veteran they have more need for the understanding of kinda what they've been through what they're going through still because just because they're coming to us from the VA and getting into permanent housing doesn't mean that their needs are taken care of completely." HUD-VASH coordinators work with landlords like the VAF to continue servicing the veteran

past housing placement. "One of the things that really great about our program that differs from let's say community programs is that we offer long-term supportive services like case management." That support involves educating the community too. "There's a lot of stigmas sometimes that comes with being a veteran whether that's the idea that maybe you have PTSD or substance abuse or some sort of mental health and so our program does a lot of outreaches to really mitigate that stigma." "We're very familiar with the issues that our veterans are facing and we are more than happy to give them that chance where they aren't getting at other places." Together providing a service for those that served. "We have seen fantastic success stories in our program where individuals just needed some of that assistance that advocacy from the program and the community and now, they're in the community serving and giving back as well." "You know it's drilled into us when we go through boot camp you have each other's back and I think that's what helps carry on even past the service time." In Tomah I'm Joe Minney News 19. The VAF provides 16 housing units while helping veterans apply for hud-vash rental assistance vouchers. Besides vouchers HUD-VASH case managers help connect veterans to support services such as health care, mental health treatment and substance use counseling.

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Slug: JOE

The "Joe Was Just Joe" Foundation is bringing back its annual fundraiser this year to help support the organizations' goal of saving lives after the loss of Joe Clements to suicide in 2008 "we have saved nine lives, that we can document, through our work through the foundation. That's nine families that have not had the pain, and angst, and sorrow. And moving forward, I believe strongly that we will be able to save more lives, and that's why we continue to do this." The eleventh annual fundraiser will be held from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. this Sunday alongside the packers-chiefs game. It will be hosted by Schmidt's on 3119 State Road in La Crosse and will include a silent auction, raffle, and the restaurant will donate twenty percent of proceeds to the foundation. Over the years, the annual fundraiser has helped the foundation raise over 130-thousand dollars to area organizations and scholarships. Clements says he expects another full house this year. Coming up, a reminder of those who came before. "They're part of a continuum that stretches back that far." What they found in Madison's Lake Mendota when we come back.

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Slug: BELL RINGING

A Salvation Army tradition begins next weekend. They're displaying their angel giving trees November 12th and they're looking for volunteers to help with more than one thousand bell ringing hours through the holiday season. Just two hours of bell ringing can provide food for a family of four for a week. The organization wants to fill slots for 20-inside and outside locations throughout the La Crosse area. "The holiday season is-is here basically. We are really excited to be ringing bell to be providing for the community. Bell ringing starts on November 13th this year. So, we are really excited" The money collected from bell ringing also goes toward year-round case management services and sheltering and the money helps the angel giving tree and Christmas food baskets. You can go to our website at wxow.com for sign-up information.

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Slug: UNITED WAY

The great rivers united way is looking for volunteers to help decide which programs in the region will receive funding. The great rivers united way accepts grants every two years and this year they are looking for roughly 100 community investment volunteers to review program applications. The role requires 11 - 14 hours reviewing those applications.

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:35 11/9/21 10PM

Slug: REFUGEES

Historical and recent perspectives highlight a panel hosted by La Crosse's three colleges focused on people seeking refuge in western Wisconsin. News 19s Marcus Aarsvold spoke with one of the panelists an Afghan guest Of Fort McCoy and joins us now with his perspective. Yeah, Javed Hamid Kakar feels quite lucky to be one of the 120-thousand people rescued from Kabul. He remembers seeing countless others waiting day after day near the airport with no such luck. most of his family joined him on the journey but he says their biggest worry is for people like his brother who are still in Afghanistan. "I will thank the American people and the US army who helped us come here. And we will ask that they please help our families back in Afghanistan to be evacuated or to resettle outside of Afghanistan to the US or other countries." Javed says they're anxiously awaiting resettlement because they've no way to make money for family still in Kabul. In the meantime, he says life at Fort McCoy is quote "wonderful." Dustin, Javed's actually a journalist like you and I. and his work sharing the truth and working with the US to help in Afghanistan be more progressive is one of the connections that helped his family escape. Thanks Marcus. This was the third panel the colleges hosted and tomorrow we'll hear from one of the grad student organizers about what it takes to put this together.

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Slug: ENCHANTED FOREST

Local Menard's stores are hosting a drop off site for toys during the holiday season. Partnered with the La Crosse Jaycees, Menard's is welcoming the donations of new and unwrapped toys to help families in the area. "Every year we partner with the La Crosse Jaycees as a Toys for Tots pick up or drop off location. Its located right up in the front of our store, goes through November 30th. And what we do is, we partner with them so that children who are from less fortunate circumstances can enjoy a great Christmas." Menards has been decorating areas of the store as an enchanted forest as a way to bring the holiday spirit to families for over fifty years.

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:14 11/11/21 5PM

Slug: VETERANS DAY

Local veterans and spectators observing this special day a 21-gun salute and the playing of taps during a ceremony outside American legion post 52 in La Crosse at eleven a-m. For many it was a chance to celebrate their service together "we honor all of the living veterans today. Those who serve not only in war but in peace. Those who signed the dotted line and pretty much committed them to whatever their country wanted them to do." Veterans then making their way to Viterbo University's courtyard To raise the prisoners of war flag.

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:22 11/12/21 6PM

Slug: GIVING TREE

Holiday decorations continue to pop up around the area and at least a few serve a greater purpose. The Salvation Army's angel giving trees are now on display at both the La Crosse and Onalaska Walmart locations as well as advance auto parts. Anyone stopping by can pick up a tag and shop for gifts indicated on the tag or use the Walmart online registry for good to shop from home. "It'll tell you what kind of size clothes they wear, t-shirts, pants, socks and things like that, and also maybe a wish list item for that kid also that you can pick out something that's special for them." For any families who have not yet registered but would like to benefit from the Angel Giving Tree program You can still sign up until November 19 by calling 608-782-6126.

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Slug: RED KETTLE

The Salvation Army kicking off the Red Kettle campaign this weekend by bell ringing at festival foods. The money raised from bell ringing accounts for one third of the Salvation Army's budget, funding

things like emergency shelter and meal programs. The Salvation Army hopes to raise two hundred and fifty thousand dollars through this season Red Kettle campaign. You can find information about volunteer opportunities on their website.

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Slug: RSVP

To help people keep warm this winter A handcraft open house is happening at the coulee region retired and senior volunteer program otherwise known as RSVP. Local non-profits can drop by their La Crosse location to pick up free items for their clients that are in need. Mittens, slippers, hats, and Afghans are available, all made by RSVP volunteers Who have put in thousands of hours to create thousands of items. "So, if you're in need, definitely get in touch with one of those organizations or you probably already are. The La Crosse County ADRC, those type of places, and then they will get items for you." Kinstler says there are more handcrafted items than ever before because volunteers have been at home during the pandemic. More than a thousand were given out yesterday alone and tomorrow is the last day of the open house from 8 to 4. Appointments must be made beforehand.

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:27 11/18/21 5PM

Slug: UNITED WAY

A generous donation from a local company is helping community members in need. Dakota supply group in La Crosse recently collected 130 pounds of personal care items. Working with great rivers united way Those items were delivered to various clients Including the new reach center in La Crosse designed to help people struggling to maintain housing. While the holidays are often a great time of giving the need for personal care items can sometimes be overlooked. "Personal care items are something we don't always think about and it's such a basic necessity that a lot of people struggle to have. Especially during the winter time when you see homeless, homelessness rates spike and people really struggling outside who don't have access to affordable housing." Some of the items collected and dropped off include soap Toothbrushes and baby items like diapers. From the reach center Supplies will go to other united way funded partners including the YWCA, Couleecap and the Salvation Army.

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Slug: SPARTA TREES

A fundraiser in Sparta aims to upgrade some popular parade vehicles. The Masonic Lodge in Sparta is hosting the "Feztival of Trees" raising money to buy new miniature cars used by Zor Shriners essentially the fundraising arm of the freemasons in area parades. "we've got little cars we've been driving in parades since 1969. And the cars were used when we got them. And they're now 57 years old. We spend more time fixing them than we do driving them. So, we have new cars ordered already, but it's got a pretty hefty price tag on it so we need to raise some money to help." This is the first year the event is happening locally, even though the Shriners have been doing "festival of trees" nationally for some time. Admission is three dollars and free for everyone under twelve. The display is open until Sunday.

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Slug: FIRE EVENT

A grant is making stoves smarter and safer for residents. In the Shuh-Mullen homes on La Crosse's northside. Thanks to a FEMA grant and a collaboration between La Crosse's fire department and housing authority, 550 housing units are getting smart burners. The burners are replacing all current coils on the stoves in each home. The temperature limiting devices help prevent cooking fires from starting something more common than people might realize. "The number one reason that these cooking fires happen is because of unattended cooking. So, people put something on the stove top. Kids get in the way, life gets in the way, their phone gets in the way, they leave the kitchen and then they're

not there to smell that oil starting to look like it might catch and then they come back and they have a fire on their hands." The final installation of the smart burners come at the perfect time. According to nationwide data Thanksgiving and Christmas are the two leading days of the year for cooking related fires.

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Slug: HELPING HANDS

A local Facebook group lends a helping hand this thanksgiving holiday. The group "everyone needs a helping hand" boxed up 100 thanksgiving meals for families who otherwise might not have one to cook at home. "Our mission is basically to help the community with resources that they need "a lot of it is helping the families that are in need whether it be children or adults. The group itself isn't just for thanksgiving or Christmas, we do things all year. The group now has over 7,000 members and when we started and there was only about 20 so it's grown a lot in the last five years." The everyone needs a helping hands Facebook page was created in 2016 and it's open to anyone to join.

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Slug: POLICE PKG

For more than a year The La Crosse County board has been working to improve the relationship between people of color and the police a process that many feel is taking too long. The latest debate is deciding whether or not it should be an 'oversight' or 'advisory' committee. Marcus Aarsvold breaks down the difference. And looks at where the process now stands. Some people say that La Crosse is decades behind when it comes to the relationship between police and the people that live here. Tracy Littlejohn: "La Crosse is starting to see a greater diversity and so La Crosse needs to progress to embrace that, promote it and accept it. Be inclusive of everybody and understand that everybody needs and deserves to have the same respect." Tracy Littlejohn is sure of one thing the new committee needs to be diverse. Tracy Littlejohn: "we have a lot of very amazing people of color in this community. I'd love to hear their voices more." Some community members don't think an advisory committee has enough power over the police but in order to make any progress. The board says they need to meet law enforcement somewhere in the middle. Monica Kruse: "if I don't make everybody happy, I at least want people to be clear that this was a thoughtful process not excluding anyone, not targeting anyone." But before La Crosse PD gets on board, they want assurance the group isn't anti-police. Chief Shawn Kudron: "if the committee simply wants to focus on divisiveness, it'll be a struggle to have anything productive come from the efforts of the committee and their relationship with local law enforcement." Sheriff jeff wolf: "we still don't know exactly what the problem is and that's what this committee is going to look at. What the scope of their duties are going to be and hopefully it's progressive in that we can make many improvements in avenues related to policing in our community." But Kruse says holding police accountable is nowhere near. Being anti-police. Monica Kruse: "there are those people who feel that if you're critical of the police than obviously you must hate the police so I do see some potential controversy along those lines but hopefully with the work this committee does those kinds of fears will hopefully be alleviated." Littlejohn agrees that an advisory committee is the best route. Tracy Littlejohn: "I just don't see it as oversight I see it as a community relations type of thing. I really would love to see a lot more people of color starting to take the advantage of being asked to the table because of their skills, their experience and their knowledge to be able to provide those perspectives." Once the board picks people for the study group, then they'll have one year to decide on what the permanent committee will look like.

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Slug: LIGHTS OVER NS

The north La Crosse business association welcomed friends and family for the twelfth annual lights over north La Crosse. Families could enjoy live Christmas music by Tom Conrad and the La Crosse girl choir while enjoying complimentary cookies and hot cocoa or taking pictures with Santa and Mrs.

Claus. Neighbors and families kept warm by the bonfires kids could roast marshmallows or decorate cookies in the pavilion "I think what this event means the community is -if there's one thing, I learned the past year is that we need each other and connection, community is so important and so a chance for folks to connect with each other. Just feel the environment - everybody's smiling and having a great time because we need each other and it's so great to see that." The community get-together featured the newly lit Christmas lights in north La Crosse and ended with fireworks over the river.

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Slug: GIVING TUESDAY

Tomorrow's "Giving Tuesday" prompts special attention to charitable donations. The La Crosse Community Foundation helps filter money to organizations that need donations survive. They say it's been even tougher for nonprofits to stay open during the pandemic. "So, I would encourage folks to think about what areas they're passionate about. If you're passionate about having a vibrant arts community support some of those non-profits. If you're passionate about having excellent outdoor recreation available in our community there's a lot of non-profits who serve in that area." You can find the right organization for you through our website wxow.com.

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Slug: ASHLEY ANGELS

Ashley furniture is doing its part to give back to families in need this holiday season volunteers known as "Ashleys Angels" spent the day shopping in Winona Filling carts with clothes Food Blankets and special gift requests for over 300 kids from 18 different school districts in our area. These "angels" say it feels good to help out during the holiday season "Well the holidays is definitely a time to give back and as a mom I know how exciting the holidays are and if I was ever in a situation where I was in need during this time of year I would appreciate the help sell making sure to provide that where we can is a great feeling." The Ashley's Angels organization has generated over 3 million dollars in donations and benefited more than 20 thousand children across four state locations since it began in 1997.

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Slug: SAL ARMY

By now you've likely seen them at the entrances of your favorite stores Salvation Army bell ringers are back in full force this holiday season. News 19's Heather Armstrong joins us live from festival foods in the village to remind us how shaking those little sleigh bells can be a big help. Every year there are people in need and add the pandemic the stress, job loss, increase in drug and alcohol use because of the stress and we've got a lot of people hurting. Let's not forget there are so many families struggling to get by from no fault of their own. They always say it can be any one of us in that situation. The Red Kettle campaign is the Salvation Army's largest fundraiser during the year and accounts for about one-third of the annual budget. The money donated helps fund day-to-day services also funds the emergency shelter and meal program supporting families through holidays through angel tree (gift for youth warm coats, toys, holiday food box) They also have a voucher program for anyone in the community if someone is financially struggling, we would be able to provide them a voucher to the Salvation Army thrift store for things including but not limited to warm clothing and bedding. You can ring at Walmart, Woodmans, Walgreens, Festival. You can do it with groups. Shifts are 2 hours. You can break it up with friends, family, coworkers do 15-minute increments. I spoke with another representative from the Salvation Army and I said what do you want me to get out there most and she said that we need bell ringers. If you can't donate money please volunteer. So how do you do that? Go to register to ring.org or register to ring.com and if you can't drop anything in the kettle or maybe you been to the store a few times already that week, that day and you already made a donation no one knows or is judging you. But since it's the holiday season and we've all had a rough year don't slouch down or try to sneak by just say hi! Thanks Heather. An added incentive to donate to the kettle this Friday and

Saturday is that it's a match day. Logistics Health and "Optum Serve" will match what's collected in the kettle each day.

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Slug: BISSEL GRANT

The holiday season is getting into full swing and gifts are on a lot of people's minds Especially cute and cuddly gifts. The coulee region humane society is teaming up with Bissel pet foundation for a campaign starting today to help clear shelters. Nothing screams the purrfect holiday gift better than a furry friend Especially as local shelters are overwhelmed. "We haven't caught a break yet. We still have tons of kittens. We have cats that are coming in pregnant so they'll be available after they've gone through our foster program. Just kind of everything when it comes to age, color, personality. We've got it all." And now there's even more of a reason to be tempted when you can save a few bucks Because the coulee region humane society is participating in the Bissel pet foundation grant this year. Cats are just 5 bucks Select dogs are \$25 and all small animal fees are waived. "With this grant opportunity it is allowing us to reduce adoption fees, still Bissel will reimburse us some of that money so we're still getting them out there into great homes. All our normal practices still apply, but we of course with that reduce in adoption fee. We're hopeful that will bring in more people." While a kitten makes for a cute present Taking care of one is no walk in the park. "It's like having kids. You need to be able to provide what the cat need." Food Vaccines And toys just to name a few. "With age, things happen and you need to get them in. Dentals as they get older. They need bloodwork done to make sure everything is functioning properly so those are kind of the bigger ones as they age, but with pets sometimes they're unpredictable so anything can happen and you may need to take on some emergency expenses depending on if they got into something they shouldn't during the holidays or they chewed up some ribbon and got it stuck in their intestines. All things not fun but really need to be addressed with a veterinarian." (Shorten-it feels long reading) Local shelters don't want to scare you away but every animal deserves the right forever home. "It's not a novelty, it's not something that you just have and forget but it's so worth it. It's so worth it having that companion." A commitment that can be worth it if you are ready for it. The campaign goes until December 20th. If you aren't ready to bring home a pet full-time There are ways you can support local shelters Like being a foster parent or continuing to donate. For more information you can find this story on w-x-o-w.com.

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Slug: WI STORIES

Some of their stories are now easier to access with modern technology and this year is of special significance for the family of three brothers who lost their lives that day. Rhoda Ziesler is no longer around to tell her own story. But it lives on at the Wisconsin veteran's museum. Kevin Hampton reads from her diary. The nurse from Manitowoc describes thinking it was a drill at first. Her description of the attack made headlines. And through modern technology it's easier than ever to access an interview she did too. For Mary from New Glarus, it's the dialogue she recalls with her father. He was a sailor stationed in Hawaii but was sent to California before the attack after contracting malaria. This year December seventh means even more for the family of the three barber brothers from New London. All three died aboard the USS Oklahoma. While the day lives in infamy the stories here are meant to last an eternity. Hampton says the museum's ultimate goal is to try to collect a portrait of every Wisconsin veteran Including those who served recently.

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Slug: DONOR

At a time when blood supplies nationwide are at their lowest A La Crescent woman earns a very special thank you for her efforts. 99-year-old Arlene Schumacher was honored today by the American Red Cross for her many years of donating blood Amounting to a total of 96 pints. That's 12 full gallons. Arlene's daughter says finding a way to help is just something you do. "You always help people and my

mom and dad were the ones that helped everyone and so it was her way of giving back to the community for those who needed it. So, I myself have given blood and I've also given plasma, so it's carried on." The recognition includes a special certificate and pin for her many years of donating and her message to anyone who is considering giving blood but maybe nervous? It's easy enough, you just sit there, and they feed you something afterward.

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:21 12/9/21 10PM

Slug: SANTA VISIT

Santa still making his rounds Today sharing a virtual visit with American Family children's hospital yesterday before the pandemic - Santa would arrive by fire truck to the children's hospital. But the last two years called for a change of plans. This year the kids got to talk to Santa at the north pole using iPads and afterwards received some early Christmas gifts.

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:17 12/10/21 5PM

Slug: LOUIE

Louie Ferris A lifelong La Crosse resident and constant advocate for all veterans Has passed away. Ferris lived in the same northside home all his life. He was a Korean war veteran. Over the years His efforts and enthusiasm resulted in memorials established at veterans' freedom park. "Louie was just kind of that guy. When Louie would come in the office, he'd chat with everybody, say hi to everybody all the way through city hall. He knew everybody, you only had to meet Louie once and he would always talk to you. He was just one of those guys. He was a really good guy." This past September Ferris presided over a dedication ceremony for a WWII monument. He said at the event. "I thrive when it comes to making sure veterans will not be forgotten." We won't forget Louie Ferris.

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:31 12/13/21 6PM

Slug: TRANSLATOR

Over the weekend at the army-navy football game A familiar face at Fort McCoy received high honors for his work in Operation Allies welcome. News 19 viewers may remember we shared sergeant Mohammad Jamil's story back in October About how he helped Afghan refugees through serving as a translator at Fort McCoy. Sergeant Jamil was instrumental in helping Afghan refugees adapt to their new life in western Wisconsin and America and in honor of his self-less commitment, Jamil was recognized for his service to the nation and those in need.

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Slug: CITIZEN AWARD

Some special recognition tonight for two men who've gone above and beyond for the French Island community. Town of Campbell police chief presenting Jeff Foellmi and Gary Simenson with citizen service awards. For Simenson It recognizes 55 years of service to the community as a police reserve and fire department volunteer as well as director of emergency management and a drive that shows no signs of slowing down.

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:21 12/15/21 10PM

Slug: FREKING AWARD

A special event this morning at the Bethany St. Joseph care center, the announcing of the Iverson Frekking Ecumenical awards. This year marking 35 years of the recognition award this year honoring three people after a community-wide call for nominations. Each person cited for fostering and promoting ecumenical work while reflecting a positive commitment to the coulee region. "Working with the different congregations and denominations to fight hunger, to fight homelessness, to work for working together, to end divisive conversation to find ways to work together." The other two recipients of

today's award include the Franciscan spirituality center director Audrey Lucier and former Blessed Sacrament principal and current education program coordinator. At Viterbo University Kay Berra. The award is named in honor of late catholic bishop Frederick Freking and the late Carl Iverson of the Lutheran faith, reflecting on service to others across all faiths.

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Slug: MARSH LAND

A moment of celebration earlier today 26 years in the making. The southside neighborhood center hosting a group of citizens that first banded together back in 1996 to convince the state that building a roadway through the La Crosse marsh was not a good idea. Those efforts that continued over two decades were officially rewarded yesterday. The projects commission now moving to improve and update existing roads. "You know it just feels great to, to be able to persevere all this time and to get to this point. The working hard, the fighting for what's right and what's fair and equitable and just and that's a lifelong, not just a one time." The new planning also includes using special projects funding to improve intersections as well as increase bike and pedestrian accommodations.

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Slug: HABITAT

A Winona family has been waiting nearly two years to move into their new home, working closely with habitat for humanity in Winona They can finally see the finish line. "When we first picked the Skappel family, we picked a home that would fit for them" This home is going to be a place where they will have their own bedrooms, they will have space to live together" The new home built to accommodate the Skappel family with a backyard that their four kids and two foster babies can enjoy. "It's a four-bedroom, two bathroom house - fifteen hundred square feet and it is energy efficient" Local organizations like churches, colleges, and St Charles high school volunteered over three thousand hours to build this new home. "It's a home that was built with a lot of love and a lot of different hands and its really a community project. In true habitat for humanity culture the family worked alongside volunteers to build their dream come true. "They really have put their own sweat labor into this house too and so I think it is going to really feel like their home, it's going to feel like they did help built it" But building the fifty second habitat home in Winona has not been an easy task "It was a tricky year with covid to be able to be doing what we do because we bring a lot of people together to do a project like this." The pandemic put the Skappel family's dream on hold. But they didn't give up. They're very patient. And I think it's probably going to be something that stays in their family for lots of generations. They can build on this and they can look back on these years and see how it really started a new chapter," News 19's Crystal Flintrop and Dani Smith collaborating on that report. Habitat hopes to have the Skappel family moved in shortly after the new year.

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:19 12/21/21 5PM

Slug: SAL ARMY

The final days of the Red Kettle campaign are here. The familiar holiday sound of bells and the sight of the Red Kettles ends Christmas eve afternoon. The annual bell ringing campaign makes up a big part of the annual budget for the Salvation Army. The La Crosse area and surrounding communities have again shown their great support. "I think that there's been a feeling of positivity throughout the community. I think people are happy to see our bell ringers out there. It means Christmas is here. And it's been a good Christmas season. People are out shopping. People are happy. Even though we don't have the snow to put us in that extra mood I believe the Christmas spirit is here." Hellstrom adds that the kettle campaign has thus far collected around 80% of this year's goal. Volunteers are still needed and if you're interested you can sign up at their website, salacrosse.org.

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Slug: HOMELESS

Members of the La Crosse community taking part in a special memorial last evening. The Homeless Person's Memorial Day remembers and honors those unsheltered and formerly unsheltered who've passed away this year. From burns park, a walk to Cameron Park, where the names of 28 persons were read aloud, a candle lit for each one. Organizers say it was a time to reflect on those passed as well as helping those still in need. "But honestly it comes down to patience and support, being willing to listen to somebody, share their story and their experience and being willing to listen with an open mind and hearing their experience and the applying however you may be able to help and sometimes that's just a friendly ear but sometimes there's more that you might be able to do to help out." Cou-leecap organized the evenings event. La Crosse Mayor Mitch Reynolds taking part in the ceremony, making an official proclamation recognizing Homeless Persons Memorial Day.

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Slug: HORSE SENSE

A local non-profit says it's struggling only able to serve about 60-percent of its clients right now So horse-sense is turning to the community to help with a holiday donation match campaign. The therapeutic horseback riding organization in coon valley works with adults and children of all abilities as well as veterans and they say they're still feeling the effects of a huge financial hit from the covid-19 pandemic. Executive director Sammi Hall shares how donations translate to better health for their riders. "Horses are amazing creatures because they're like little mirrors, right. So, they'll reflect and mirror back what you're feeling. So, if you show up to a lesson maybe frustrated or really excited or maybe angry, the horse will kind of respond accordingly to how you're feeling so it's really helpful in practicing mindfulness and being present in the moment with the horse." Hall says money raised will help with overhead expenses as horse-sense is closed in the winter. The holiday donation match campaign has currently raised just over eleven thousand dollars. And a donor has offered to match donations dollar for dollar up to fifteen thousand.

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Slug: CITY OF ANGELS

A family in Blair, Wisconsin says the holidays aren't a happy time for everyone especially if you've experienced loss around the time so they've come up with an idea. This is the City of Angels. A few years ago - Julie Wheeler started collecting the names of family and friends who have passed away. Soon Julie had collected hundreds of names and had to expand her annual display. So, they've come up with an idea. This is the city of angels a few years ago - Julie Wheeler started collecting the names of family and friends who have passed away. Soon, Julie had collected hundreds of names and had to expand her annual display. So far, the display shows the names of 993 people who have died. You can add the names of family or friends who have passed away to the list by visiting Julie's city of angels Facebook page.

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Slug: SB HALFTIME

Pepsi, the NFL and Rock Nation have revealed the performers for next year's super bowl halftime show and instead of just one- or two-star musicians there will be five! It's an epic line-up that includes Doctor Dre, Kendrick Lamar, Eminem, Mary J- Blige and Snoop Dogg! They will perform in the new So-Fi stadium in Inglewood, California home to both the Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Chargers. The Super Bowl will be held on Sunday, February 13th.

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Slug: GAS PRICES

Gas prices have nearly doubled this year - and they could continue to rise this winter experts say the increase is partly due to high demand with people traveling more. That plus natural disasters like Hurricane Ida shut down natural gas production across much of the country. One expert says it will take a collective effort to help bring prices back down. "A couple of weeks ago we actually saw the president beg OPEC to increase oil production and send more oil to us, this is something we can easily do at home. Whether it's coming from the gulf coast or from midwestern states, the Appalachian basin or even the Dakotas. Increasing the supply domestically we help reduce costs here." Individually Chris Ventura says people should be conscious of their driving habits.

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Slug: FLOWER SHORT

Florists are running out of flowers, the culprits, weather and a whole lot of matrimony. According to the wedding report, it is estimated there will be one point 9 million US weddings this year and 2.4 million in 2022. "We typically are able to manage it, but with everybody rolling over, we've had all these existing brides and a lot of them actually wanted the same wedding weekend." Brent Steltzer says recently there has been more of a demand for certain wedding flowers such as white roses. He adds weather across the country has also played a role in the shortage.

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Slug: TOP 4 GLAZERS

A Kwik Trip favorite is onto the final four in Wisconsin's coolest thing made competition glazers the popular donuts from Kwik Trip have advanced to the semi-finals. Over 135-thousand votes have been cast in total throughout the contest. Also in the final four, Caterpillar's electric rope shovel, Mercury Marine's outboard engine, and a navy crane from Broadwind Heavy Fabrications. Voting will start today and ends October 14th at noon.

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Slug: SEPTEMBER JOBS

The US economy has hit a roadblock in its efforts to recover since the pandemic. The Bureau of Labor statistics released the latest jobs report Friday. Employers only added 194-thousand jobs in September. It is the second-straight month where the economy added fewer jobs than expected. Jobs growth also dramatically slowed down in August. Despite the disappointment the unemployment rate dropped point-four percent. It now sits at four-point-eight percent.

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Slug: GROCERY

Speaking of workers, the state's grocery lobby says a shortage is to blame for some of the in-store shortages we're seeing. Some of the country's largest food companies are telling grocers they have limited quantities but the head of the Wisconsin Grocers Association says price increases at the checkout register are being driven right now by food efforts to try to attract workers. "A job that may be paid \$14 an hour pre pandemic, it's maybe paying 16 or 17. Now, because we need the people to come to work and they're not coming at when they used to. That's driving prices up not just at the grocery store, but up another supply chain." Brandon Scholz says while the pandemic has proved difficult for both grocers and customers. He expects the supply chain issue is only short term.

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Slug: REMOTE WORKERS

As the pandemic continues Some workers are still looking for ways to work in the office but away from large groups of people. Mayo Clinic Health System Franciscan Healthcare created a brand drop-in new space at the professional arts building. Those who want to work remotely can use private rooms, meeting spaces, and workstations. "So, we took an old floor that was all cut-up over the years into various offices and cubicles and we opened it up, brought in all this natural light, brought in an environment where it is easy for people to engage in a safe, socially distanced manner. I think people are really going to love the fact that they can now re-engage with their colleagues back here on our La Crosse campus." The drop-in center also offers amenities such as printing, scanning, and copying.

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Slug: CAREER FAIR

As workforce issues continue dozens of local employers make connections with UW La Crosse students at a career fair. Job recruiters fielded questions in their as students navigated the room seeking information. Businesses and organizations not only highlighted current job openings but they also aimed to grow interest in career opportunities students might not know existed in their companies. For UW-L Career services reps say they're glad to have the fair back on campus in-person. "All majors are able to find opportunities today we love having employers on campus so students can talk to them directly about opportunities they might have this is both for internships which would be during the school year or the summer and then full-time opportunities as well." Freshmen to seniors could find information on jobs while trying to fit their majors and minors into potential careers. UW-L's next fair is set for February 23.

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Slug: AMERICA ON STRIKE

Now to a developing story. Happening now, ten thousand John Deere workers are on strike. Other possible strikes could impact Hollywood and healthcare. ABC's Reena Roy has the latest. As the clock struck midnight. More than 10 thousand John Deere workers walked off the job. Protesting in Iowa Kansas and Illinois. The vast majority of the union rejected a contract offer earlier this week. "We want to let them know that they can't continue to take our money and take our money and take our money." Workers argue even as the company's profits grew by 61-percent in recent years and their CEO's salary grew by 160-percent during the pandemic. They say their pay has actually been cut. John Deere released a statement saying in part it remains committed to finding a solution with its workers. "We want to reach an agreement with the UAW that would put every employee in a better economic position." Similar scenes could soon unfold across America including in Hollywood. 60-thousand film and t-v crew members could hit the picket lines Monday. Over what they claim are unfair working conditions. "Our hours are really grueling and we need not just rest between the work days but over the weekend but an actual meal break during the day." In California and Oregon 24 thousand nurses and other health care workers at Kaiser Permanente voted to authorize a strike over pay and better working conditions. At Kellogg's cereal plants workers have been on strike for more than a week saying hours are

too long. Upset over 7-day work weeks. "Our number one priority is to get back to the negotiations table and reach a contract so our employees can get back to their jobs and their lives." 4.3 million Americans. Nearly 3 percent of the workforce left their jobs in August. Many looking for better pay and conditions. Experts say some left because of fear of covid. Because of the lack of workers right now. Along with high shipping costs. And a major commercial backlog Americans are seeing less items on the shelves and they're paying more for things like diapers and new cars. All of this ahead of the holiday season. Reena Roy ABC News New York.

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Slug: SMALL BIZ LOAN

Local small businesses owners learned more about grants and loans this morning. It happened at "The Event" venue on Main Street, a number of organization leaders attended to provide assistance to possible applicants. "There's a ton out there and it's really hard to expect businesses to be aware of everything that's out there, but there's lots of resources and where ever you start all of us are connected together so if you call the city or the chamber or the SPDC we're going to refer each other around so they can really get the help that they need." Welty says another way to connect Talk with other small business owners. Anyone who's gone through the process of loans and grants Can offer advice and assistance.

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Slug: POSTAL JOB FAIR

The US postal service in La Crosse is looking for some help for the upcoming holiday season. At a job fair today at its state street office the postal service told prospective employees it can offer competitive wages and good benefits but those who work for the post office say the relationships are what make the work rewarding. "The post office is not only great for job security but the friendships and go to far to say the family of employees that we have to work together and get the job done help deliver everything we need to for the American public it's just very rewarding." The job fair will continue tomorrow from nine to three.

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Slug: NEW GLARUS

A well-known southern Wisconsin brewery is back open for business more than a year after shutting down. New Glarus Brewing Company had shut down its tasting room and bier garden toward the beginning of the pandemic. The company was able to continue brewing, but a big part of the business relies on visitors. New Glarus chose to see the glass half full during the closure. The brewery reports, it was able to keep all of its workers fully employed. For us, it was all about the employees. Taking care of the employees making sure they had 40 hours, healthcare, and then taking care of the demand when the demand switched from on premise and here at the gift shop to then packaged beer. Now, those workers will get to directly serve customers again. Taps will flow Monday through Friday from 10 am to 5 pm With the possibility of expanding those hours in time.

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Slug: RECORD COMPANY

When the covid-19 pandemic started, a couple from Chippewa Falls decided to start a vinyl records business out of their basement. Izabella and Eric Warner opened their custom vinyl record business, Vinylus. last March. The couple customizes seven-inch, 10 inch and 12-inch vinyl records. "Records are kind of made to be played in public, and that gives it sort of a different experience for the users, whereas headphones are immersive and their private and you are in your own sort of mini mindscape listening to the music, not really sharing in that experience with anyone." While the process of cutting

and producing a vinyl record can be meticulous, eric says vinyl can offer a unique listening experience.

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Slug: HOME SALES

September's home sales in the coulee region are down 8-point-6 percent from September last year but it's not for the lack of buyers. High demand for homes and limited inventory has become the new normal. News 19's Joe Minney shares some reasons why. According to Wisconsin Realtors Association there is still strong demand for homes. "Most new listings get a lot of activity right away. The first several days there'll be multiple showings, sometimes 10, 20 or more. We had situations real recently here there's over 10 offers on a property." Although this time of year sales usually slow down there's still an availability of homes issue. "To compare to historic normal, we're still below normal inventory, so yeah, it's still tight inventory and more buyers than there are sellers." And it's affecting certain price ranges. "There's a problem with housing affordability cuz the cost of new construction is so much that there's limited inventory especially in the lower price ranges." Home builders know those building costs firsthand. "There's a few multiple things that drove the price increase. One was covid obviously people there weren't as many people working." But builders were working as folks took advantage of the time off. "People were sitting at home 'hey, let's build a house, rates are really low.' That helped quite a bit and they couldn't keep up with demand so when demand got to be so high and they were way, way behind on production, costs went up." Costs have only come down recently. "The price hasn't gone right back to where it was when this all started but it's a lot better than it was say spring this year." In Onalaska, I'm Joe Minney News 19. The Wisconsin Realtors Association reports that economic lockdowns in the first half of 2020 depressed home sales, leading to a surge in sales the second half of 2020. Demand has led to increased sale prices too. The median home price rising 6.6% from an average of \$229,000 to \$245,000 dollars.

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Slug: NURSING SHORT

Wisconsin hospitals are dealing with a nursing shortage. UW Health says the problem is only expected to get worse in the next year. Nationwide, the American Nursing Association anticipates 1-point-1 million nurses will be needed to replace those who are retiring. UW Health says it has hired around 3-hundred nurses in the last two years, but the pandemic is complicating the issue. "Nursing, again, is a very, very empathetic profession. But because of that, we take a lot of our emotions in inwards. And navigating the suffering that people are dealing with on a daily basis has been a struggle." Right now, UW Health has more than 34-hundred nurses on staff, with around 3-hundred openings.

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Slug: LABOR SHORTAGE

So where are all the workers? A question you've probably heard at some point in the last month or two. When it comes to understanding the labor shortage, experts say it's a complicated issue historically, when recessions hit the US economy, labor markets are slow to recover. And the return to a normal economy has left consumer demand outpacing the supply of workers. One expert says there are several factors keeping workers from entering the labor force. Laid-off workers changing industries, covid concerns, child care. And jobseekers spending more time searching for a perfect match. "There's been a lot more saving than normal, I'll show you that in a moment. So having that extra cushion encourages job seekers to search more, right, and try to find exactly the job that they want to not to just take the first job that they have. And that's slowing this down in a very kind of irrational and incentive-driven way." According to Ruhl, there are about one-point-three jobs nationally for every one unemployed person and roughly 3.2 million more job openings exist today than the 2019 average. Industries hit hardest by the pandemic like restaurants have the most job openings.

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Slug: XCEL INCREASE

Xcel Energy is looking to raise electric rates to build more infrastructure to connect renewable power sources. The Minneapolis based company has filed a request with the state's public utilities commission to boost rates by about 20 percent over the next three years which it says would generate 677 million dollars. That would mean the average residential customer would pay 15 to 21 dollars more each month over that three-year span.

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Slug: HAPPENING 2

The US has issued its first passport with an "x" gender marker. Anyone applying for a passport or consular reports of birth abroad can mark an "x" gender if they identify as non-binary, intersex, or gender non-conforming persons. Previously applicants would need a medical certification if their self-selected sex marker didn't match the sex listed on other official identity documents.

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Slug: LOCAL SHORTAGE

Taking a look at local EMS services on this national First Responder's Day. Tomah's ambulance operation runs two trucks 24hrs a day 7 days a week. News 19's Joe Minney joins us now to explain how Tomah is able to maintain that service. Like many EMS departments. EMT's in Tomah work a 48-hour shift with 96 hours off and each ambulance uses a two-person crew. Those crews support a population of 19,000 people over 500 square miles. In order to do that the Tomah area ambulance service requires a large pool of EMT's. The department hires full-time technicians from where they can with some EMT's working from West Salem, Wisconsin Dells and Richland Center. Part-time EMT's are also used to fill in vacancies but some smaller communities aren't able to keep up with the demand. "Some volunteer EMS agencies are struggling to have that coverage and to be able to provide that truck or even a second truck you know when it's needed and you know having to ask for mutual aid from larger or neighboring departments to fill that void." And deputy chief Robarge says that the state has shortages everywhere. And volunteer departments can't compete with wages and benefits like a municipality can. Thanks, Joe. Robarge also says that they're fortunate to have the manpower that they do have knowing other municipalities have open vacancies as well. Tomah ambulance service is also working on adding a 3rd truck and crew for 24hr availability to help out neighboring departments and ensure area coverage.

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Slug: RESTAURANT

The final day for a downtown favorite. What began as a country kitchen 61-years ago Became the king street kitchen 15 years back now closing up shop for good. Today happened to be a little busier than normal for the popular spot that Earl Zumach started. His son, Darren, eventually took it over and Darren's sister Dawn has worked there 46-years. "My family I've got here working here all these years and all the customers. I have seen four generations of people go through here " "I'm sad that they'll be gone but I'm happy that they're moving on with their life. We've been friends with the Zumach's a long time." The restaurant was sold to an Eau Claire area bank that plans to build a branch on the site. As for the sale the family says it was just time.

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Slug: SHANGHAI BISTRO ROBOT

A local restaurant has turned to robotics to help serve food. Jonny 5 pleasantly beeping "Please take your food." Jonny 5 the robot started serving food at shanghai bistro in Eau Claire last Friday. Like

many restaurants during, and even before the pandemic, shanghai was shorthanded. After having a hard time hiring, owner Henry Chan turned to robotics for help and leases Jonny for roughly a thousand dollars a month. Jonny has three cameras as well as sensors and Lidar, or 3D imaging. Henry Chan "the food is getting to the table faster. If the server is loaded down, they'll be able to spend more time with the table, refill that drink so the customer is not waiting. If they're getting a check or talking to a customer, and there's another table and the food's sitting in the kitchen dying under the heat lamp, that won't happen because we're just going to put it on Jonny. Jonny's going to run it out to the table." Chan emphasized that Jonny is just an assistant and is not meant to replace anyone's job and he adds Jonny is just the beginning. He plans to order a couple more robots, including one that can host.

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Slug: WI TOURISM

One of the industries hardest hit by the pandemic showing a sign of new life. September data from the US travel association show Wisconsin saw its first growth in monthly year-over-year spending compared to 2019 a year that was the state's best on record. In 2020 the 17-billion-dollar industry dropped 22 percent and while the state directed more than 200-million dollars in federal money toward tourism 2021 is still expected to be a down year.

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Slug: MERINGUE

A local baker is back at it on the food network this weekend. Jen barney, the owner of meringue bakery, competed in "holiday wars." The accomplished bake is now on her fifth show in five years. "Holiday wars" features elaborate cake designs of various shapes and sizes. It is a timed competition and barney describes feeling the pressure and having to jump right in. "The stress is horrible, it's -I will say this is the hardest competition I've done to date. And I've definitely needed a massage and maybe some therapy after this show, it was pretty intense." Before the competition, barney touched up on her sugar and chocolate work. Season three premieres on Sunday at 8 p.m. on the food network.

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Slug: KYW-BEER DISTRIBUTION

Sports bars are part of so many Wisconsin traditions. In this segment of know your Wisconsin, we visit "the bar" in Green Bay - just steps from Lambeau Field. We've had a great relationship with dean distributing. Ever since I got into the bar business, they were one of the first distributors to reach out and ask what we needed to help be successful. You know, they provide signage. They provide tap specialists, when needed. Being across from Lambeau Field, we definitely have to bring in more products for game days. So, getting a tap trailer from dean distributing is very crucial. The way I see it, the relationship with all tavern owners, it's a partnership. A lot of tavern owners have really good ideas. So sometimes we just need to listen and help them out. And if they're successful, we're successful. Not only do Wisconsin's beer distributors manage products, but they also partner with local taverns to raise money for safe ride programs and other charities. And these relationships are built to last. Ken was our driver when I started in '88 and right away, we had a real good relationship with dean distributing. The dean brothers were great to work with. And then as Kenny became the gm, you know, that relationship continued. It's kind of stayed the same in the sense that, if we ask for some help, they're always there. Whether it's helping a charity event, whether it's trying to build an event on our own, whether it's a huge packer game that we got to get ready for. You know, they've always been there to help us. .and now you know your Wisconsin! Next time you're at a local sports bar or gameday tailgate, remember: Wisconsin's beer distributors have helped prepare those locations for a safe, fun, successful event!

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Slug: PACK STOCK

The packers sixth-ever stock sale started this morning. Each share costs three hundred dollars plus a handling fee of 35-dollars and the packers are poised to make 90-million dollars to support Lambeau Field concourse renovations and video boards. Just three hours into the stock offering--10 million dollars' worth had been sold. The organization says if all 300 thousand are purchased-- it may offer more-- similar to what happened in 2011. Officials remind fans that owning stock in the packers is *not like stocks you trade on wall street shares do not earn dividends and are not tax deductible.

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Slug: DEER HUNT TIPS

Wisconsin deer hunters looking forward to the start of the gun deer season tomorrow. News 19's Joe Minney shows how that's upped demand on retailers. At Theisen's in Sparta hunters are doing their last-minute shopping today they're getting ready for the gun deer season opener on Saturday they're looking for ammo and weapons but mostly they're just trying to get those last-minute supplies. "It's where it's getting pretty slim picking here, ammo wise. It's really hit and miss a lot of customers seem to know when we're getting our shipments, we did just get some in .243 this morning but that's almost halfway gone already and we got it at 8 o'clock this morning" Blaze orange gear is also running in low supply and hunters from all over are coming in looking for gear and to get registered. "Anybody and everybody non-residents residents I know for a fact yesterday I sold probably 5 or 6 non-resident and did at least a dozen resident yesterday up front so we do sell our hunting licenses here as well." Customers like Gary and his wife Shannon came in for their licenses as hunting for them is a family event. "Deer hunting has always been a family thing my dad took me when I was younger. Started when I was 8 years old and I'm excited I get to take my oldest daughter this year she'll be 8 so just kind of excited to get in the woods and be with the family." Wisconsin DNR is reporting harvest numbers at or above the five-year average which is something Gary and Billy can attest to. "It was a good bow season I'm a bowhunter too and there's plenty of deer out there." "I saw a pretty nice buck on my way to work he was tending 3 or 4 does so I think there is gonna be a lot a lot of nice bucks shot opening weekend this year." Hopefully this gun deer seasons this year is very successful for the hunters. In Sparta I'm Joe Minney News 19. The DNR expects 486 thousand hunters this gun deer season.

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Slug: WRA NUMBERS

New at midday the Wisconsin realtor's association released numbers on the state's housing market for October and while sales and supply are down, the average costs for homes are going up. The data compares October 20-21 with the data from October 2020. In October 20-21, sales across the state were down 12-point-3 percent from a year ago. The average number of days on the market dropped 18-percent to 68 and the median cost for a single-family home rose over seven percent from last year. With western and central Wisconsin house prices rising nearly thirteen percent. One representative said fewer homes for sale will keep Wisconsin from having another record-setting year.

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Slug: NIKINANA

A good bet is to shop local and downtown La Crosse now boasts a new option that keeps the giving going. Nikinana is a resale shop that opened in April on the corner of 5th and main streets with a special mission in mind. The store features new and used clothing as well as books Shoes And other various unique items. For each item purchased money is donated to provide financial resources to local immigrants seeking to work legally in the United States or gain immigration status. "It makes me feel very happy because I am here, I have an opportunity to stay here and do the things I want to do and help my community help my community and even help my community way back in Nigeria I know that because I can be able to help them if I'm doing pretty well here." The word Nikinana means "we are one" and the shop's open Monday through Saturday from 10 to 6.

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Slug: INFLATION

A lot of families are feeling safer and ready to get together in-person for the holidays this year after skipping last year. However, skyrocketing food prices could have an impact on those gatherings. This pandemic economy's hurting food portions for families across the US and in La Crosse. Economists say the price of food inflates with a drastic increase in supply and demand. So, food pantries like wafer find it harder to help the high number of families in need. "We hear from our patrons, 'I had to reduce. My Foodshare dollars ended.' so we've been hearing a little bit about that." Upcoming events like rotary lights could help feed more families. So for now they're waiting on holiday resources to feed people their holiday meals.

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Slug: FARMLAND VALUATION

A survey of Midwest farm bankers found Wisconsin farmland values are up 10% from the same period in 2020. A farm appraiser says the rise in land values is driven by strong commodity prices, and demand from non-farm buyers. The federal reserve bank of Chicago surveyed 151 bankers in their district, which includes Iowa and parts of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. Compared to the third quarter of 2020, bankers reported that land values were up 18%.

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Slug: TREES FOR SALE

A local quilt and flag store has transformed their business into a one shop stop for all your Christmas needs. Until products run out. Nelson Flag and Display is selling locally grown Christmas trees, wreaths, garland. Though flags and quilts can still be bought this time of year glass ornaments, gnomes, and any other holiday decoration can be found in the store. "Absolute favorite part of the whole business is to see somebody that they remember when they were a kid and got their tree and they want to have their children have the same experience and it's really, it's great for me to be a part of that, you know and be able to share it with them a little bit. It just makes it all worthwhile." Molstad, who has been selling Christmas trees alongside his father since the late sixties said that even neighbors get involved by playing Christmas music out of their garage.

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Slug: KWIK TRIP

As a result of too many people driving off without paying for gas Kwik Trip is making a change to the way you pay at the pump. Starting on January third Buying gas at Kwik Trip stores will be pre-pay with cash or card or pay at the pump. A Kwik Trip spokesperson says the change allows employees to focus on in-store customers Instead of spending time monitoring the pumps. Diesel stations separate from the main fueling area Will continue to offer pay-inside options.

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Slug: VIRENT

The first ever passenger plane powered by fuel and corn showing what could be the future of the airline industry. A united airlines plane flew on the new fuel with passengers along for the ride. The plane operated on sustainable fuel and is groundbreaking for the travel industry. Virent in Madison is producing the game-changing fuel which burns 35 to 75 percent cleaner than regular fuel and is made of all kinds of sugars. "The corn syrup is the most readily available source to get the technology deployed today. But long term, we see things like woody biomass, corn, not edible parts to be really the true

holy grail of renewable fuels." Virent says nothing needs to change for vehicles to adapt to this new type of fuel. However, refineries need to be built to accommodate this new fuel which could take years.

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Slug: CHRISTKINDLMARKET

And tomorrow, lazy monk brewing in Eau Claire will be returning Christkindlmarket. The Christmas market will go from noon to four and will feature eighteen local vendors. For kids, there will even be a chance to get pictures with Santa from two to three.

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Slug: MERRY MARKET

Over in Minnesota the Town of Hokah welcomed visitors from the area for its third annual merry market fifty vendors were spread out on main street plus two indoor locations selling items such as Honey Wood art, Christmas decorations, everyday household items and walking sticks. "You know it just means people kind of forget about their small towns and small-town shopping and bringing them here and having them remember how important their local community is and their hometown. It means a lot." when organizing the holiday fair Jergenson only had three stipulations. The items being sold had to be homemade, home grown or a home business.

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Slug: EVERS MONEY

Several La Crosse businesses are set to receive thousands of dollars to off-set pandemic losses after covid-19 kept their crowds at home Governor Evers announced a new round of grants to help organizations keep drawing tourists to the State of Wisconsin. The La Crosse Loggers and Rivoli theatre each were awarded grants. Rivoli received 45 thousand dollars and the La Crosse loggers received 200-thousand dollars and team president Chris Goodell indicated where that money may go.

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Slug: LHI CHANGE

A name change today for a big employer in La Crosse. The company that had been known as logistics health incorporated or LHI is now Optum-Serve Health Services. A statement from the owners says the name change reflects "the company's presence as part of the Optum and United Health Group family of companies." adding that despite the name change the mission remains the same. LHI was founded in 1999 by don weber. Optum acquired the company in 2011.

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Slug: STARTING A BUSINESS

As we approach the holidays, many people are focused on their financial goals for the new year organizers at the Wisconsin small business development center say its a great time to take the first steps to launch the business you've always wanted. They offer free classes to help you achieve realistic business goals. Managers at the center want people to feel inspired to move forward with their dreams and understand the resources available to them. A lot of small businesses can feel really overwhelmed as they're getting started. And that's totally normal. So just know that there are a ton of resources available both in Madison community and surrounding areas, as well as across the State of Wisconsin. So, the main thing is, there's lots of partners and lots of supporters and people who are here to help you. They also offer classes for coming up with a business idea and market research. Sessions begin in January.

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Slug: HARLEY

Harley-Davidson is taking its electric motorcycle division public under an agreement with a special purpose acquisition company Harley-Davidson's live wire is set to become the first publicly traded electric motorcycle company. Live-wire has been a part of the motorcycle company for ten years and is now being valued for nearly one-point-eight billion dollars. Special purpose acquisition companies are shortcuts to going public over lengthy, traditional public offerings. The news sent Harley-Davidson stock up 12-percent before the opening bell this morning.

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Slug: DELTA

Delta airlines will continue flying out of La Crosse but direct flights to Detroit will end January 9. Airport manager Ian Turner says changing routes Ongoing changes to respond to the pandemic and travel needs and demand are the reasons for the change. You may remember the Detroit route was first introduced in 2019. Delta will continue flights to Minneapolis.

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Slug: UNEMPLOYMENT

New jobs numbers show a record-tying unemployment rate in Wisconsin. The three percent rate reported by the department of workforce development ties the record low the state saw exactly three years ago. The state rate dropping point-two percent from October and remains below the national number 4-point-2 percent. DWD data also show Wisconsin added about 12-thousand-300 jobs over the month.

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Slug: GAS PRICES

Local gas prices have leveled off after a slight drop. According to the gas buddy web site the price of gas in La Crosse and Onalaska is between \$2.95 to \$3,04 a gallon. Local gas prices are slightly higher compared to Madison and Milwaukee where gas is around \$2.80 per gallon.

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Slug: ECONOMIC GROWTH

A new report this morning shows that the US economy is still on the rise but the omicron variant is casting a shadow over future growth the commerce department stating the economy grew by just over two percent in the third quarter. Growth is point-two-percent higher than experts projected and coincides with a rise in consumer confidence. However, whether or not the growth continues relies heavily on the impact omicron may have on the economy. In the first and second quarter, the economy grew by an average of six and a half percent and the third quarters growth was weighted down by the surge of the delta variant.

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Slug: GIFT RETURN

A crunching of the numbers by MasterCard shows holiday sales rose at their fastest pace in 17 years - with purchasing up 8-and-a-half percent over last year despite supply chain issues. But retailers are now bracing for a whole new rush of holiday shoppers. ABC's Megan Tevrizian has more. This morning round two of the holiday shopping season is underway this time, it's all about those returns. I over buy and then lay it all out and decide what I want to keep. Eriberto Figueroa northeast Philadelphia Presents to my mom. I just buy a couple of shoe sizes and see what fits her. Experts estimating there will be 120 billion dollars of returns this year. The good news, many businesses are offering expanded

return windows. Kristin McGrath/ editor, retail me not.com. This year and last year, due to the pandemic and the increased need for flexibility, we saw those holiday return windows starting even earlier and getting more generous, encompassing gifts that were purchased as early as October. Walmart is expanding its return deadlines up to 90 days after December 26th. Same with target depending on when the item was purchased and amazon is allowing returns through January 31st, for gifts bought as early as October first. And since you can get your refund on an amazon gift card, the person whose gift you're returning will never be notified or alerted. Another option your local kohls accepts amazon returns. Other retailers are also trying to make returns easier for the 30-percent of gifts purchased online annually. Kristin McGrath/ editor, retail me not.com. A lot of cases you can return gifts that were purchased online in-store to a retailer's in-store location. If you're more comfortable with that. So, there's so that can be a lot easier for people rather than having to figure out how to ship a gift back. But if you don't want to return that unwanted gift. Think about donating the item or regifting it. And if you got a gift card you don't want you can sell it online for cash. Megan Tevrizian, ABC News.

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Slug: MN ATV WHEELCHAIR

Hunting season is upon us but for some, getting to a duck blind or deer stand isn't that easy. John Lauritsen shows us how friends and strangers made life a whole lot easier for a Minnesota hunter looking to get outdoors. It doesn't matter what kind of hunting it is, Lance Tebben is all in. Born with cerebral palsy, he quickly developed a love for the outdoors. But if there's one thing holding lance back, it's that his wheelchair wasn't really made for hunting. Guides push him across all kinds of rough terrain. So, they did. A fundraiser to raise money for an all-terrain powered wheelchair took off faster than anyone could have imagined. In a short amount of time, people from across the area donated more than \$13,000. And on Thursday morning Lance finally got his new ride. His new chair runs almost like a snowmobile. On Saturday, Lance will take it on its first hunting trip when he takes part in a deer hunt for people with disabilities. Now, it'll be the guides turn to try and keep up with Lance.

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Slug: CAREGIVER

Caregivers in the community want congress to support the "Build Back Better" plan to improve the quality of care for kids, the elderly and those living with disabilities. People who say they're frustrated with the expensive and low-paying system of care spoke out at a group home Saying when workers leave the care-giving profession for decent paying jobs with better hours There are fewer care options. Katie Walters who cares for her brother living with a cognitive disability says the issue goes beyond politics. "People don't think about this population of people. They see them bagging their groceries, smiling and high fiving them on the street but there's a lot of work and not fun stuff that goes on behind the scenes and a lot of stuff that's needed. It's not there. It's one of those things that if you don't have someone in your life like this you just don't think about all of the logistics of it." The group specifically wants representatives to at least pass the parts of the president's plan that invest in more money for caregivers.

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Slug: DENTAL ISSUES

If your mouth has been sore lately, and you don't know why. You may be clenching your jaw too much - and it could be due to stress. Reporter Brittany Slaughter explains why dentists are seeing more dental issues right now. You may not even realize you're doing it until it's too late. A sore mouth a cracked tooth all caused by grinding teeth which itself is a big sign of being stressed out. It's a pretty stressful environment and we've seen a definite uptick in really just the class of things associated with clenching and grinding like chipped fillings, cracked teeth. Add to that: a pandemic on top of everything - and that wear and tear on your teeth means you run the risk of losing them. All the doctors here have said that quite a bit we have a lot more emergency appointments a lot more frequent ones associated with that type of deal. So? How do we fix it? Start at the source: stress. When we're stressed there's hormones that are released adrenaline and cortisol which we then perceive the environment we're in as dangerous. She said there are signs that you are too stressed: Headaches over or under eating, jitters, and a fast heart rate. Doctor Nichols saying do what you can to calm yourself as often as you can. Sometimes little things like tying for instance a little piece of yarn around your finger and you look down at it and realize okay I have to stop clinching because you don't always realize you are. Stress is common right now and acknowledging when you are stressed and taking steps to help can leave you feeling better mentally and physically.

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Slug: AIR QUALITY

A new DNR report is a breath of fresh air for residents across the state. It shows Wisconsin's air quality has been improving over the last two decades. The annual report illustrates how concentrations of most pollutants regulated under the clean air act have been decreasing in all regions of the state. Experts say Wisconsin continues to meet federal standards for particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, and lead. While the report only shows trends through 2020 Thus not including this year's wildfires Experts say the high marks are thanks to various state and federal pollution control programs. "The greatest reductions are a direct result of cleaner burning and more efficient fuel combustion from things like highway vehicles and electric utilities. Today's cars and trucks are running a lot more efficiently and a lot cleaner than they were 20 years ago." Ways you can help improve your neighborhood's air quality include unplugging gadgets, turning off lights when they're not in use, composting leaves instead of burning them, and keeping your car well-maintained.

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Slug: CYBERBULLYING

Cases of cyberbullying have grown more prominent especially during the pandemic. UW Eau Claire professor Justin Patchin is co-director of the cyberbullying research center. He says research has shown that cyberbullying has been increasing across the United States for the last 10 years among middle school and high school students and he says it has gone up a bit more during the pandemic. Patchin adds that cyberbullying can lead to kids being less likely to attend school and impact their relationships with other friends and family members. "We surveyed 2,500 middle and high schoolers this past summer, and, comparing that to our most recent research, we see that cyberbullying behaviors did increase a little bit. We don't know if that is completely a function of the pandemic, or the kind of political culture, but there definitely was an uptick in those that had experienced cyberbullying. For additional resources on how to handle cyberbullying, visit wxow.com.

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Slug: PFIZER 5-11

Pfizer is officially asking the food and drug administration to approve its covid vaccine for emergency use in five to eleven-year-olds. According to the company's trial data A dose one third the size used in adults and children twelve and over produced strong immune responses in children when using the same two-dose regimen as in adults. Pfizer submitted that data to the FDA last month but didn't say until today they're asking for emergency use authorization. The FDA's advisory committee had already planned a meeting for October 26th in anticipation of the request. Pfizer's covid shot is currently the only one that is fully approved for adults 16 and older in the US. It also makes the only vaccine that has been granted emergency usage for eleven-to-fifteen-year-olds.

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Slug: BREAST CANCER

It is breast cancer awareness month and while there are many risk factors that are out of our control there are some things, we can do to help reduce the risk of breast cancer. Joining us this morning from Livea Weight Control Centers is Emily Buechler. Hello Emily, how are you doing? What are some risk factors for breast cancer people may not be familiar with? Things like our age, family history and our sex can increase our risk for developing breast cancer. The older you are, the higher your risk is. If you're a woman or have a family member who has been diagnosed, you're more likely to develop breast cancer. But diet, weight and physical activity can also all impact our risk for breast cancer, and those are things we can control. So, what can we do to reduce these risks? Your diet is very important in helping reduce your risk for breast cancer. When it comes to breast cancer, antioxidants help protect the cells in our body from damage. So, incorporating food high in antioxidants is a great way to help reduce your risk of breast cancer. What should people do to stay healthy if they don't know where to start? Don't do it alone. Find people who can help you and hold you accountable. This could be a

friend or family member or a professional. My best advice is to not suffer in silence. There are people who can and want to help you. This is all great information and we really appreciate your time today. Thanks, Emily! Again, there are resources out there and it's always advised to check with your doctor if you're concerned about anything.

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Slug: CDC HEALTH

A new report from the CDC details the covid-19 pandemic's impact on mental health. The report says anxiety and depression symptoms corresponded with the average number of daily covid-19 cases across the country. A u-w health psychologist says it's also important to be aware of any changes to how a person is functioning and make a plan to get help to address that. "First and foremost, people need to recognize what's going on with their emotional health that if they're experiencing those symptoms, they need to be honest with themselves." The report adds that levels peaked during this past December and January.

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Slug: MEASLES

The Wisconsin DHS providing an update on the measles outbreak at Fort McCoy. Health officials say there were a total of 22 confirmed cases of measles among Afghan refugees staying at the fort but no community transmission has been identified. Meaning that the source of the measles outbreak is not spreading outside of Fort McCoy's temporary shelters. Authorities say there are currently zero active measles cases at Fort McCoy.

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Slug: BLOOD DRIVE

With the Red Cross saying the need for blood is critical right now La Crescent's Prince of Peace Lutheran Church hosted an appointment only drive from noon to six. The blood drive exceeded its goal of 51 appointments with 54 made today. It's holding another drive on December 9th at the same time.

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Slug: BINGE DRINKING

A new report from the CDC found about one in six adults say they binge drink. About a quarter of them say they do it at least once a week. Binge drinking is defined as consuming five or more drinks in one sitting for men and four or more drinks in one sitting for women. The CDC says this kind of alcohol consumption can increase the risk of disease and even death. Researchers suggest that more regulations and taxes on alcohol could curb some of the excessive drinking.

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Slug: DRUG TAKE BACK

Wisconsin's Department of Justice wants people to be aware of a coordinated prescription drug take back effort across the state. The La Crosse County sheriff's office will be hosting a take-back event this Saturday from nine to noon at the health and human services building. The idea is to cut down the amount of drugs that could fall into the hands of those who might abuse them. "Wisconsin has always been a leader in collecting well over sixty thousand pounds of prescription annually from these department of justice take-back days that they help pay for." There are a number of items not allowed including illicit drugs Needles and aerosol cans. The full list can be found by finding this story at wxow.com.

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Slug: BREAST CANCER

This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, health officials want people to start conversations about breast health for both women and men. Breast cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers among US women and much rarer for men, it still exists and can be deadly. But experts say fewer people are dying of breast cancer every year thanks to improved cancer screenings and treatments. "The therapies we have are less toxic, the surgeries and radiations that we do, the local therapies that we offer people are less aggressive than previous. And it turns out more people are cured and less people are dying of breast cancer." Doctor Bloom also said because the pandemic prevented many regular check ins with health providers. Cancer screenings are more important than ever this year.

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Slug: NO POLIO

When it comes to eradicating another infectious disease, local Rotarians share how vaccines have helped nearly wipe polio from every corner of the earth. Members of La Crosse's clubs meeting today ahead of world polio day on Sunday. Rotary International and its partners began fundraising for polio eradication projects in 1988 now having successfully reduced debilitating polio infections by 99.9 percent. It's an achievement that reminds older generations of their childhood experience of getting vaccinated. "I can remember growing up in La Crosse. My parents saying you can't go to the pool this summer you can't go to the county fair this summer. We are self-isolated, social distancing was the norm when I was a young child. I received my polio vaccine I remember distinctly when I was in kindergarten in 1955." The CDC notes no cases of polio have happened in the United States since 1979. This year, only two cases of polio have been reported worldwide, both in the regions around Pakistan and Afghanistan.

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Slug: DRUG TAKE BACK

Drop-off points will accept prescription and over-the-counter medication as well as ointments, patches, inhalers, medicated creams, and vials, even unused pet medications. They're also taking vaping devices or e-cigarettes with the batteries removed. La Crosse County is hosting a drive-through from 9 a.m to noon at the La Crosse County Health and Human Services building.

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Slug: HEALTHY HALLOWEEN

But Halloween night is still a week away and after last year's candy collecting was trimmed down because of the pandemic. It promises to be a very active night in most neighborhoods. That means drivers must be alert for little ones. An injury prevention specialist at UW-Health says parents should help their kids make decisions on a costume that will be safe and help the child to be easily seen by drivers. "Some of the costumes might be wearing are a little bit darker so maybe by having some bright colored costumes, reflective straps, bright candy bags glowed on sticks, or necklaces all those things make children just a little easier to see." Eithun says parents should make sure their child's outfit is not too long to avoid tripping, and parents should choose face paint instead of masks that could make it difficult to see. She does, however, say it would not be a bad idea for children to wear face coverings and to again practice physical distancing to avoid covid.

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Slug: HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Employee shortages across the medical community are being felt in healthcare systems across the country. Locally hospitals and clinics say they're doing what they can to meet the needs of the community while leveraging the decreasing supply of workers. News 19's Joe Minney has the details. Prior to the pandemic the medical workforce struggled to keep up with the rising demand for healthcare. Covid

has only added to that struggle. "The last two years have absolutely changed the environment of our workforce." Fewer young adults are choosing medical occupations and those that do are facing medicine that wasn't in their textbooks. "What's happening is these poor students are coming out of graduation, they're not prepared to see what they're seeing. It's a very different healthcare environment. Our patients are more ill than they've ever been." And the dwindling supply of new workers is adding to the growing departure of older ones. "Between the first surge last fall and this current surge we're in. If people were close to retirement or maybe on the fence of whether they were going to retire, they're retired." Baby boomers requiring greater medical services while the same generation is leaving the workforce is creating a silver tsunami of demand. "That workforce of the past is not going to come back we are going to have to be creative. We're going to have to figure out how to do things differently." Challenges health systems are facing aren't deterring their commitment to medical care. "So, they are doing anything and everything to make sure they have the healthcare workforce necessary to meet their communities' needs." With fewer people it's still business as usual, in an unusual circumstance. "We're still running a vaccine clinic, we're still testing, we've got many people that are stepping up and performing duties outside of what they were hired to do." In La Crosse I'm Joe Minney News 19. To combat the slow replenishment of workers healthcare systems like Gundersen say they're working with colleges and universities to promote new medical students. While the Wisconsin Hospital Association is streamlining the certification processes through legislation.

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Slug: SEASONAL DEPRESSION

If you feel down more than usual lately, experts say you might be experiencing seasonal affective disorder. A behavioral care therapist says seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, is a type of depression that normally starts in the fall and continues into the winter months. Sara Biddle says changes in the season reduces sunlight and can disrupt the body's biological clock as well as decrease levels of melatonin and serotonin, which play a significant role in our mood and sleep patterns. Signs of SAD include loss of appetite, sleeping too much or having difficulty falling asleep, being agitated, sluggish, or having thoughts of suicide. However, there are ways you can boost your mood. "We can also use bright light therapy or a dawn stimulator to help with the changes in light. We may also want to talk to our doctor because it's normal to have some days where you feel down, but if you feel down for days at a time and you can't get motivated to do activities that you normally enjoy, you might want to see your doctor for medication, therapy, or a vitamin change." Biddle also suggests getting out in the sunshine, avoiding alcohol, and taking a vacation or staycation.

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Slug: MICROPREEMIE

Health care workers have been a lifeline for many of us during this pandemic but they're not immune from needing that same care. Netasha Clifton says covid-19 is always at the forefront of her mind in her work as a lab tech with SSM health. Last year she gave birth to her daughter I-nia I'nyeah four and half months before her due date. I'nyeah weighed just about a pound. After six months in the NICU she was allowed to go home but her mother says bringing home a micro-preemie during the pandemic was stressful. "I'm dealing with covid and then I'm making sure that I take all precautions so that I don't bring anything to her. I don't even think she was weeks old. And then we ended up catching pneumonia. I'nyeah celebrated her first birthday this July and doctors say she's pretty much a healthy baby.

They hope to have her completely off oxygen by her second birthday.

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Slug: LOCAL SHORTAGE

In Tomah EMT's work a 48-hour shift with 96 hours off and each ambulance uses a two-person crew. Those crews support a population of 19 thousand spread out over 500 square miles which requires a

large pool of EMT's. The department has to hire full-time technicians from where they can with some EMT's working from West Salem, Wisconsin Dells and Richland Center. Part-time EMT's are also used to fill in vacancies but some smaller communities aren't able to keep up with the demand. "Some volunteer EMS agencies are struggling to have that coverage and to be able to provide that truck or even a second truck you know when it's needed and you know having to ask for mutual aid from larger or neighboring departments to fill that void." Robarge says volunteer departments can't offer the wages and benefits of a municipality but acknowledges that they are more fortunate than most municipalities who have more unfilled openings. Tomah ambulance service is also working on adding a 3rd truck and crew for 24hr availability to help out neighboring departments.

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Slug: BONE MARROW

Alfredo Diaz, a young, Hispanic boy is hoping for a life-saving bone marrow donation. The donor's genetic makeup needs to be as close to Alfredo's as possible - but less than half of Hispanic patients are likely to find a stem cell donor on the "be the match registry." We take a look now at Alfredo's journey as well as an ABC colleague's generosity. Nine-year-old Alfredo Diaz is in need of a bone marrow donation. Registered donor and ABC News producer Armando Garcia recently matched with a recipient in need. Individuals ages 18-40 can join the "be the match" registry by texting save alfredo to 61474 or visiting my.bethematch.org/savealfredo and a swab kit can be mailed to your home.

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Slug: AFGHAN VACCINES

Afghan evacuees at Fort McCoy Complete a second vaccine clinic as part of Operation Allies welcome. Late last month. More than 11 thousand Afghan people took part in immunization portion of the immigration processing requirements set forth by the centers for disease control and prevention. Fort McCoy is vaccinating against covid-19 as well as measles, mumps, rubella, and other illnesses. The first mass vaccination event in September vaccinated 97 percent of the Afghan evacuee population at Fort McCoy.

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Slug: FLU SHOT

Following a virtually non-existent flu season last year Wisconsin is seeing an increase in flu numbers already this year. At least 29 cases of flu Compared to 7 at this time last year. While this is a notable increase It is still below the yearly average for early November. The Wisconsin department of health services is not anticipating another low year for flu cases. They are encouraging you to get a flu shot. "so to what extent are we going to have influenza season? We just don't know. We're hoping it's going to be a mild season, but we have to be prepared. Get people vaccinated for this potentially, very serious disease." Influenza and covid-19 have similar symptoms and the DHS recommends vaccination against both. The flu season tends to peak in late January and early February.

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Slug: STROKE PATIENT

For some people having a stroke comes without warning. For a softball pitching coach living in Sparta, it came as a rude awakening one morning in August. Ron Sloan stood up from bed on Monday morning August 30th he immediately lost all feeling in the left side of his body Instinctively knowing he was having a stroke. Ron's wife called 911. An ambulance to La Crosse a clot busting drug followed by an airlift to mayo clinic in Rochester. Ron survived a blood clot in a vein leading into his brain. After some tests the 64-year-old was sent home just 2 days later with a blood thinner prescription in hand. It was only at a follow-up appointment later that Ron learned how lucky he really was. "The nurse come out talked to a couple other people in the waiting room finally come over to me and said you know you're

ready to come back when I got back, she goes 'I'm sorry. I didn't think you would be the one because you had such a severe stroke I thought you'd be in a wheelchair' so for me to be walking talking not in wheelchair very fortunate" Only a few months later Ron's recovery could be considered miraculous as most of the feeling on his left side has returned. Mayo clinic doctors say it was likely the EMT's and medical staff in La Crosse's quick action and giving him a clotbusting drug.

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Slug: MEASLES WARNING

Right now - the CDC is issuing caution after 22 million babies missed their measles vaccinations. This is the largest increase in two decades- brewing the perfect storm for outbreaks of the virus to occur. The spotty red rash is among the most contagious of viruses - experts say it travels by touch, surfaces - and air - lasting up to two hours on its own. According to pediatricians, measles shots are generally given at the 12-month check-up and again between the ages of 4 and 6. The measles were declared eliminated by the US due to the vaccine in 2000, but now, 21 years later - outbreak of the virus is growing. Now what we're seeing is that people have been missing their well-child appointments, and so they're missing their vaccines, and so we're at a greater risk of measles outbreak now, because we have just fewer vaccinated people. Other symptoms of the measles include high fever, cough, runny nose and watery eyes. The pediatrician says the rash begins at the head and works its way down.

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Slug: CANNABIS PREGANCY

Pregnant women who use cannabis may be making their children more susceptible to stress and anxiety. A new study highlights how cannabis is favored by many as a substance that reduces anxiety but research finds it may increase anxiety, aggression, and hyperactivity among children of women who've used cannabis. The study examined the impact on placenta genes, along with early childhood behavior of more than 300 mother-child pairs. These findings she says Underscore potential "long-term impact on children."

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Slug: OVERDOSE

We've known since the pandemic began that overdose deaths have risen significantly in the US More than 100-thousand deaths caused by overdose already recorded in 2021. Experts say this sad milestone means drug deaths have surpassed deaths caused by car crashes and the flu. News 19s Marcus Aarsvold spoke with local experts And Marcus the death toll still high here but trending downward. Gundersen health system predicts we'll see about thirty-five deaths Seven fewer than last year's total which was forty-two. Though numbers are still higher than pre-pandemic times. Emergency medical physician dr. Chris Eberlein says Alliance to Heal's Narcan training sessions and the work of the coulee recovery center really makes a difference for those battling addiction. The next thing they're working on is opening a detox center for immediate help Then after that people can find recovery and employment through resources readily available. "Hopefully at some point we can get them sober and back out of danger from their addiction because long term the rate of death for these patients is extremely high and the only way to really prevent that death is to get them into recovery." Doctor Eberlein says enemy number one is fentanyl. But Dustin, he thinks over the next five years those numbers will go down because La Crosse is a resilient community and with more in-person Narcan and addiction trainings More people talk about and destigmatize how important getting help is. So true thanks Marcus. They haven't set the specific date yet but alliance to heal will meet in December to fully analyze the numbers and get community input for ways to help drive down deaths in 2022.

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Slug: SUBSTANCES

Grief is different for everyone but for those who've lost loved ones to drug and alcohol abuse the pain can cut a little deeper and it's something the Coulee Recovery Center and Franciscan Spirituality Center want to improve. "A Complicated Loss" is the name of a new grief support group they've started specifically for people who've lost their parents, siblings or partners to drug or alcohol abuse. "The questions that we ask are very open ended and people can share as they want or they don't have to. It's not required and we're not trying to move someone from a place of grief to feeling a lot better and to be cured. That's not how grief works." It's an eight-week program starting Wednesday December first. From five to six-thirty p.m. It's just five dollars to participate.

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Slug: UW MOUTHGUARDS

A partnership among a number of universities including the UW School of Medicine and the NFL looks to tackle head injuries using a mouthguard. Researchers will collect data from high-tech mouthguard sensors currently used by the Badger football team to measure the impact of on-field collisions. That data will help inform the league's approach to reducing injuries and head impacts overall. The program is part of ongoing research between the league and UW. Earlier this year the university received a four-million-dollar grant to study the prevention and treatment of hamstring injuries for elite football players.

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Slug: LIVING WILLS

The holidays are a time when family and friends gather which means it's also a good time to talk about a health care power of attorney - also known as a living will. Dr. Maisha Robinson with Mayo Clinic says this time of year is a good time to talk about what you'd like to have happen if you get sick and are unable to make medical decisions for yourself. "You want to select somebody, no. 1, that knows enough about your medical situation to be able to make decisions in the context of those conditions. No. 2, you need to select somebody who is actually going to be able to carry out your wishes." It's also important to name someone who can act quickly. Talking about your desires while you are healthy is vital. Talk with your family and your doctor to make sure everyone is on the same page. To complete a health care power of attorney you can speak to your health care providers or consult an attorney who can help you understand and complete the document.

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Slug: PFAS PUBLIC INPUT

Without a clear-cut answer to the PFAS water contamination problem, Wisconsin water advocacy groups continue to meet and try to come up with more ways people can protect themselves. There was a virtual opportunity for the public to get involved this evening. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold tuned into the Midwest environmental advocate's webinar via Zoom. Marcus, what did you learn? I learned that even though the PFAS problem seems daunting, environmentalists believe people can make real change when it comes to ensuring clean drinking water through everyday decisions. Drinking water advocates say Wisconsin consumers need to hold companies accountable if they use PFAS compounds to make non-stick pans, water proof clothing or firefighting foams. Scott Laeser: "It's time to find alternatives. It's time to stop using this stuff because if you do, you're going to have to clean it up. We need those very basic standards in place." They understand it can feel overwhelming for people not versed in scientific law. Scott Laeser: "What can I do? I can't march up to DuPont or Tyco and insist that they stop using PFAS compounds tomorrow. But there are some things that we can do. Obviously, the standards that we're discussing tonight are really important to show public support for because we need to get those through." Town of Campbell supervisor Lee Donahue agrees more community members need to push Congress and the federal government to make stricter rules. Lee Donahue: "It's such a difficult situation right now with only having advisories, recommended numbers and recommendations. There isn't anything codified into law and that's really where we need to move." Advocates

urge a proactive approach not only when it comes to pushing for legislation but also when making purchases to protect your health before it's at risk. Scott Laeser: "we need to start to understand that this stuff is not just another jar of whatever that they can mix into their manufacturing process and benefit from the properties that it gives that product without being aware of the health consequences associated with it." These environmental advocates say it really starts with sharing your stories. It's crucial to the complicated water quality issue because it might fade away if people don't talk about how, it impacts them. Okay so what about cleaning up pfas contamination that already exists? Did they talk about that? That's another part of their legislative goals. So, they're advocating for the pfas part of the federal infrastructure bill passed recently to include remediation. Two opportunities to share comments or concerns with the d-n-r. One is Wednesday at 10 am. Another is Friday December 10. You can register through this story over at wxow.com.

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Slug: ICU BEDS

Hospitalization rates in western Wisconsin have gone up over the past two weeks. Specifically, Mayo Clinic health system says they've seen 25-percent increase in covid patients. This can leave some worried about hospital capacity, especially with reports that intensive care units are full. News 19s Marcus Aarsvold looked at data and spoke with mayo clinic. Marcus - they say it's busy but not full capacity yet, right? Correct. So, it takes a bit of digging to look at but here's the best way to explain it. The Wisconsin hospital associations website shows that there are zero ICU beds immediately available in western Wisconsin. You can see their chart here and it just updated at three-thirty this afternoon. Hospitals update this chart every day so it changes. Then when you look at the department of health services website you can see that as of today (Wednesday) it says 96-point-three percent of ICU beds in are in use. So why does mayo say they've still got room? Their chief of staff explained that hospitals report having zero ICU beds because they cannot take in patients from areas outside of those that they serve. So if hospitals are over capacity in other parts of the state and they're looking to transport patients. Mayo in La Crosse cannot take those patients in because they're saving ICU beds for people in our area. Though it's definitely a smaller number than normal People in our community don't need to worry right now. But they should take steps to protect themselves. "I wouldn't recommend that somebody is checking on a daily basis for hospital capacity. I think the more important thing in the pandemic is to take care of yourself and try to avoid needing to be in the hospital. So certainly, as you've heard over and over getting vaccinated helps prevent hospitalization." Dr. Krien says most of mayo's covid patients are unvaccinated Heather. He also says almost all who need ICU attention are unvaccinated thanks for explaining Marcus. Mayo also says when it comes to the omicron variant. They'll have more information on the vaccine's efficacy against it in the near future.

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Slug: FLU IN COLLEGE

DHS is also concerned about increased flu activity and large outbreaks have been reported among college and university students in the Midwest including in Wisconsin. In November, the CDC issued an advisory through its health alert network saying there is increasing seasonal flu activity in the United States especially among young adults and in college and university settings. The CDC says college and university students consistently have the lowest flu vaccination coverage every flu season in the US.

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Slug: SHOVELING SAFETY

Clearing snow is a part of living in Wisconsin, and there are ways you can stay safe while shoveling. EMS division chief Jared Thompson with Wausau fire says to warm up by doing some light stretching before heading out into the cold. He adds a good tip is to push the snow if you can rather than lifting it with your back and also take breaks during shoveling. "We've had a number of - even cardiac arrests

while residents are shoveling. So be paying attention to - if you're developing chest pain or becoming fatigued, take a break." If you keep feeling weak even after a break, call 911 immediately. You should also wear multiple layers and stay hydrated while shoveling.

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Slug: CHILD CARE

The rising costs are forcing many families in Wisconsin to make difficult choices. Ward Jolles looks at how child care providers in Wisconsin are navigating the financial hurdles of the pandemic, while still giving kids the best care they can. When asked what word would describe the past year childcare provider Laura Viney said: "Stressful. Just because it's my job to keep everyone safe and healthy." Viney owns learning tree and playland childcare in Stoughton. They just raised rates on families by 4%. A lot of people think you made a lot of money in childcare, but there's a ton of overhead costs as far as staffing and mortgages and cost of food and supplies, and you know, all that kind of stuff. So, it just helps us breathe a little bit better. Viney says pre-pandemic she was paying about \$500 for kids' food each week. Now she's forking over more than a thousand dollars. She's also increased wages to maintain staffing. Families are feeling the effects too. "Parents are really making a lot of sacrifices, it says a lot of what they're having to do to afford this." Robert Bruce is senior writer for the online personal finance website the penny hoarder. A survey of parents by the site revealed more than a third said they had to choose between childcare and paying for gas Utility bills and credit card bills. The daycare costs, whether it's pandemic, some of its pandemic related, but honestly, it's been building now for a few decades. And I think it just is showing that childcare costs are definitely out of control. Viney says all she asks for right now is patience and understanding. Everyone has bills to pay. I still have to pay my staff. I still have to pay mortgages. So I think that's the biggest thing that people don't understand.

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Slug: BLOOD DONATE

A 99-year-old woman is being hailed for her selfless donations Arlene Schumacher is a resident of La Crescent's Springbrook village and she's being honored by the American Red Cross for her many years of donating blood, a total of 96 pints to be exact! According to her daughter, her decision to donate blood was an easy one "she would have an appointment she'd say I'll be back in 15 minutes. She was back in 15 minutes because it only took her 5 to give her blood. She did it because she wanted to, not because she had to." An area director of the red cross presented Arlene with a special certificate and pin for her many years of donating. Family and friends also celebrating the occasion with coffee and cupcakes. That survey also found that many parents across the country have been dependent on child tax credit payments from the government and those tax credits are scheduled to end on December 15th.

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Slug: FLU SHOTS

Wisconsin has the attention of the CDC when it comes to flu shots. The health agency looked at data from 11 states or jurisdictions to see if more people received flu shots during the pandemic. While the number increased for teens and adults, data show it dropped significantly for young children. The study shows a nearly 14 percent drop in babies 6- to 23-months old and a nearly 12 percent drop in 2- to 4-year old being vaccinated for influenza last year. "I looked at all the 2-year-olds, and it was a shocking number how many of our two-year old have not been immunized for influenza. It was a very high number," The CDC cites a few possible reasons for the drop in vaccinations: people being concerned they could contract covid just by going to a doctor's office or kids just not getting their regular wellness visits in the first place But also parents thinking kids masking, social distancing and virtual schooling is decreasing their overall risk of getting the flu. Data from the Wisconsin state lab of hygiene show a jump to more than 400 positive flu cases in the first full week of December.

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Slug: UW HEALTH

Virtual doctor visits have become more common during the pandemic and now that includes virtual visits to the intensive care unit. Many rural hospitals in Wisconsin have very little ICU space. And sometimes lack expertise to care for patients. The latest wave of covid-19 patients being admitted to ICU's is causing even more of a strain. So, to help out UW-health expanded the use of their e-ICU program where nurses and doctors monitor and provide care to patients across the state. "We can see what the nurses are seeing at the bed side, we can see on the monitor right by the patient. So that information comes to us and we are able to use that to help take care of their patients and give them the added benefit of experts in critical care that they may not have at the facility to help them support the care of their patients" Officials with UW Health say the e-ICU has helped care for about 1,300 covid-19 patients since the beginning of 2020.

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Slug: AFGHAN HEALTH

Since August Tomah's Gundersen Clinic and Fort McCoy have worked together providing health care to Afghan guests. News 19's Joe Minney spoke with medical team members who share how they're trying to help. The health and well-being of Afghan guests were one of the first priorities upon their arrival at Fort McCoy. Almost 200 of the first Afghans to arrive were pregnant women and a few were ready to give birth right away. Partnering with Tomah Health's labor and delivery staff, a midwife assisting in the first birth wasn't sure what to expect during that first delivery. "I'm very exuberant, very excited about childbirth, obviously I've been doing it for quite a few years and I was like "ok, I don't know how that excitement's gonna translate to their culture" the next day when I came in to do rounds on the mom and baby, they were on the phone with their family from Afghanistan and I didn't understand a word they said but I knew they were so excited to be here and to have to a had a safe delivery with a safe you know a healthy baby, healthy mom." Lyn added that even though language barriers and cultural differences were obstacles to overcome in the beginning the human experience of having a child is universal. That common ground made it easier for doctors, nurses, and midwives to connect with those moms and dads. Thanks Joe. Since the hectic first days of operation allies welcome Care for Afghan guests has become more routine the past few months. The Gundersen Clinic treats Afghan patients at their facility while working closely with the medical staff at Fort McCoy and Tomah Health next door.

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Slug: PHARMACY VAX

A year after the first covid-19 vaccines were administered in our area. Joe Minney shares how the pharmacy field has had an increased tempo ever since pandemic related workforce shortages in the pharmacist field have led to an increased workload while also asking for additional covid support. "The roles of the pharmacist they've always kind of been the same but components of the role have been more elevated." Pharmacists and pharmacy techs are administering vaccines a lot more now as 2020 u-w pharmacy graduate Patrick Holland quickly learned. "I basically started a couple months after they came out and I mean it was there was a lot I mean there was a huge demand for it so it was definitely very busy." Pharmacists are working longer hours like other frontline workers in large health systems and in small communities. "I really feel for pharmacy colleagues working in the community that their pharmacy offers vaccines and there is not as much demand for the vaccines but if somebody comes in wants to get it you fit them in." "We actually offer all three vaccines you know the Johnson & Johnson, the Moderna and Pfizer and actually the kid Pfizer as well so it's been a lot to handle and juggle all that but I think we're doing a great service to the community I think it's important." On top of covid vaccine support Holland still fills prescriptions, provides consultations, and administers flu shots which can still be gratifying. "You get to work with patients everyday just today we had somebody come in

and thank us for all we do and wish us Merry Christmas I really enjoy it I think it feels great to be a part of the community and help them out I mean you can't ask for much more than that." In Tomah I'm Joe Minney News 19 and with vaccines being available in almost every community Wisconsin state official issued an advisory this week urging people to layer the covid-19 shot with masks and testing As they expect the omicron variant to cause a rapid increase in activity.

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Slug: GUNDY

Gundersen health system is making a major investment in their tri-county hospital in Whitehall spending 51 million dollars to build a brand-new facility ground breaking for the new 68-thousand square foot building will happen in March. Officials say the new hospital will have private rooms for patients. An improved trauma unit and a Heli-pad for emergency situations. "This building is being thoughtfully planned out very efficiently so that we have less space that's not being used for patient care." Officials are hoping to have the project complete by July of 2023. Once the new hospital is finished the old building will be torn down

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Slug: SAFE DRIVE

This stretch that includes Christmas and New Year's is considered the most dangerous time for drivers for a few reasons. First - there is an increase in impaired driving. As more people attend holiday parties. Plus, days are shorter this time of year. Meaning most of our driving is being done in low-light conditions which can also increase your chance of drowsy driving. "If you see some of the signs of drowsiness. If you feel your eyes getting heavy or your nodding or you can't remember the last couple miles you've driven. Then find a safe place to pull over, if you can take a rest for 20 minutes or so." Reich says another factor in accidents this time of year is speed which officials say - has become a greater problem during the pandemic.

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Slug: EC FILM FEST

Western Wisconsin becomes a hub for film fans this weekend. The Pablo Center in Eau Claire is hosting the Eau Claire international film festival. The event features 45 documentaries, narrative features, and short films from Europe to South America as well as a documentary short that features the viewpoint of an African foreign exchange student navigating life at UW-Eau Claire. Tickets are still available. The Pablo Center does require masks and proof of vaccine or negative covid-19 test.

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Slug: ZIP LINES

One of La Crosse's most unique parks is about to receive a new addition starting tomorrow, construction will begin on zip-lines at the All-Abilities Trane Park. Ziplines are one of the most popular features at parks across La Crosse which is why they are being added to the park. Construction is expected to be completed in four to six weeks and will be a new addition to an already popular destination "people love the park, they like all the activities that are here. I don't think kids ever run out of - every time they come there's something new, they didn't do last time they were here. It's been over the top busy, it's been a really great addition to our park system." Flottmeyer said the zip-lines will be safe for all to use. Outside of Trane Park, pickleball courts are another planned addition, with construction beginning in the next couple of weeks.

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Slug: BOY MASTADON

A 6-year-old boy noticed something on the ground while on a family walk in Michigan last month. It was giant a mastodon tooth. Appropriately enough he found it at the at the Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve. Megan Woods has more on the discovery. Julian Gagnon: I just felt something on my foot and I grabbed it up, and it kind of looked like a tooth. At first, they thought it was your standard rock and given the name of the nature center maybe even a dinosaur tooth. But after a quick google search, they realized it belonged to a mastodon. Julian Gagnon: at first, I thought I was going to get money. I was gonna get a million dollars. So, embarrassing right now. But that's not what happened next. Researchers at the u of m museum of paleontologists confirmed the family's hunch. Not only that it is a rare discovery. Just ask the people at U of MS Museum of Natural History. Abby Drake: Honestly, I'm a little jealous, personally, because mining fossils is something that I wish I could do every day. They have a pretty rare exhibit on mastodons and while it is known as the state's fossil finding what's left of them is hard to come by. Abby Drake: it's hard to be preserved as a fossil when an animal dies, most of the time it is scavenged. Julian's dad wanted to throw the tooth back but both Julian and the nature center believe a valuable lesson can be learned from all of this. Amanda Felk: the great thing about nature is you never know what you're going to find, and that even if you are an expert, it doesn't mean that you're going to be the one to find things. That's what makes this so incredible. Mastodons date back to 12,000 years. And this discovery is a nod to both history and the future. Julian Gagnon: I really wanted to be an archaeologist, but I think that was a sign that I'm going to be a paleontologist.

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Slug: DUCK HUNT

According to the Wisconsin DNR this year's duck hunting seasons in both the northern and southern parts of the state - are setting records for hunter turn out. Officials say duck hunting is gaining popularity in Wisconsin and it is quickly becoming one of the top destinations for waterfowl hunting in the Midwest. Wildlife experts say there are a few things that make this area a prime hunting ground. "There in

Wisconsin, when you think about it, we have 5 million acres of wetlands and 15 thousand lakes. We are bordered by two great lakes, the Mississippi River, and the largest cattail marsh, the Horicon Marsh, this side of the Mississippi. So, we have a ton of resources, a ton of wet lands, a ton of places where these waterfowl can be." Finger says a recent study by the Wisconsin DNR showed duck hunters who scouted wet lands before opening day were 3 times more successful than those who did not.

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Slug: DISABILITY HUNT

The Wisconsin DNR's annual gun deer hunt for hunters with disabilities has come to an end. But its impact remains Reporter Evan Denton spoke with one hunter about what the event means to him. Matthew Morse says he looks forward to the annual gun deer hunt for hunters with disabilities. "The camaraderie. Just talking with the people, getting to know them better. Just being in the outdoors. We are just all happy for each other. Morse participates with the field of dreams disability hunt program in Rice Lake a program that has been around since 2006. None of us get paid a penny to do this. It's out of the goodness of our hearts. To see the participants, their eyes, there are tears that come. It's priceless. The last hunt we went on, I just looked over at one of our other board members and guides and said, 'this is why we do what we do.' Field of dreams aims to fund the entire hunt for each of its participants from travel to taxidermy and guns. To get these individuals out during our normal November hunt, it would be very difficult because everyone wants to hunt. Creating this separate nine-day gun hunt in early October. It's easier to find people to help, and to give their time to assist. A lot of our participants have been dealt a bad deck of cards. Things have not gone all their way in their life. Our hope is that we can take them out of that for even just a moment, a day, three evenings that we get them out hunting. They can forget about all the stuff they've been going through and actually have fun. I'm ecstatic most of the time. Even if they ask me ahead of time to do a hunt or whatever, I'm there. They don't have to twist my arm that hard." Morse said he ended up harvesting a doe. Both he and Van Gilder say they're looking forward to next year's event.

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Slug: GEESE MIGRATION

Some just avoid the cold weather altogether like Canada geese currently making their way south with a quick pit stop in the Green Bay area. Some took to this lagoon at a waterfowl preserve. Experts say many of the geese are just passing through-but others have been there all season, building nests, and raising young in northeast Wisconsin. A local expert says migrating geese typically stay a couple days in the area before heading south to wintering grounds in places like southern Illinois, Kentucky, or Tennessee. "They're able to find obviously open water to go to, food and stuff like that. So, they're not really moving in big numbers yet, but they're starting to flock up and they're getting ready to make that push." About a million geese make their way to and from Canada every year. With a good tail wind, they can reach speeds of up to 70 miles an hour.

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Slug: HALLOWEEN MOVIES

The Halloween season is upon us and so comes the return of a popular, horror movie franchise Halloween Kills premieres at Marcus cinema in La Crosse this evening. The newest movie is the twelfth film in the series - which has spanned forty-years. While this R-rated film is intended for mature audiences, it's not the only feature of Marcus theater's Halloween spirit. Movie-goers will be able to see a wide range of films and may win some spooky prizes. "We also have a family movie, Addams Family Two, that's out. You know, a little bit for everybody. We're also offering boo bingo so there's an opportunity to win a boo soda, and some other fun activities. We have coloring sheets as well for the families." The first showing of "Halloween Kills" is tonight at 7 o'clock.

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Slug: BRIDGE REBUILD

Hiking continues to be a popular activity in the coulee region. However, some bridges are in need of repair. UW-La Crosse ROTC students took things into their own hands by rebuilding a bridge on the Oak Trail, a part of the lower Hixon Trail system in La Crosse. Construction itself took just an hour to complete. The longest part, they say, was taking the wood three-quarters of a mile down the trail to the building site. "This is just a great opportunity to get to bond with my classmates and really give back to the community and like it. Col said earlier, we use those trails a lot, so it's really nice to be able to give back in a capacity that we utilize often so." Students use this trail during the northern warfare challenge, an annual competition involving ROTC programs from across the US that come to La Crosse during the winter.

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Slug: SUPERSTAR

And a programming note tomorrow night ABC's superstar series profiles Robin Williams, one of the world's most beloved comedians. The hour-long special will document the triumphs and struggles in his journey from stand-up comedian to movie icon and tomorrow during our midday show starting at 11 am. ABC entertainment contributor Chris Connelly will join us for a preview. The special itself airs tomorrow night at nine right here on WXOW 19.

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Slug: CURLING CLUB

Speaking of ice changes could be coming to Veterans Freedom Park in the form of a new curling facility. Tonight, the Parks Board of Commissioners approved the concept and location for a new curling club and recreation facility on the French Island Park. The La Crosse Curling Club pitched the idea to build the facility on what's now a gravel area next to a recreational field and the parks board unanimously agreed. Curling is currently at Green Island Ice Arena but that facility is mainly for hockey and their skates add ridges to the ice and for curling it needs to be smooth. Club president Chris Hofland making a golf analogy, comparing what they do now to putting in a pasture. "With our own facility we would be able to offer curling to many more residents in La Crosse but we also want to offer it to the schools. We hope to start middle schoolers and high schoolers in curling." He says the curling club will foot the bill to build the facility, not the taxpayers, through grants and private fundraisers. But the city will eventually own it. In the lease agreement, which has yet to be approved, the curling club will pay utilities and use it in the winter months and the community can use it in the summer months. Hofland adds that the facility will provide a much-needed shelter in a well-used park during severe weather.

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Slug: WOLF UPDATE

A Wisconsin judge sides with wildlife advocates blocking the state's wolf hunt which was set to begin in just two weeks. Dane County Circuit Court Judge Jacob Frost issued the temporary injunction as part of a lawsuit to try to invalidate a state law allowing for the annual seasons. The advocates brought the suit after the state DNR board ignored calls to cancel the fall season following the season in February that saw hunters exceed the agency's quota by nearly 100 animals. A hunting advocacy group has already called for an appeal to the state supreme court.

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Slug: PUMPKIN CARVING

Looking for a family, friendly activity this weekend? How about carving a pumpkin and one expert, pumpkin carver Shannon Engel, gave us a rundown for Carving 101. Engel says there are 5 steps to carving a pumpkin: Choose a medium-sized pumpkin with a smooth surface. Find a pattern that fits

your pumpkin size, and one based on your skill level. Cut your pumpkin from the bottom first so that you have a place to stick a light source and removed the seeds and guts. Put your pattern on your pumpkin by using tape. Trace lines or poke the holes of your design and hang on to the pattern once you finish it. Carve your pumpkin! And let the saw do the work, and if you want to save your pumpkin Engel says keep it cool.

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Slug: BEAR HUNT

The DNR sharing early results from Wisconsin's 2021 black bear season saying hunters harvested just over 38-hundred bears, a major decrease from the record breaking 43 hundred taken last year. Wildlife officials say this year's numbers are similar to both the 2018 and 2019 harvests.

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Slug: ALL STAR

Wisconsin only has one athlete representing our state at the upcoming "YMCA Miracle League All Star Game" in Houston Texas, and that baseball player is from Holmen. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold ran the bases with Matthew McGarry as his teammates sent him off with a scrimmage. Marcus, he's an athlete with a cognitive disability but he's much more than that. Matthew's a devoted friend and teammate. You can tell he's competitive but compassionate and the YMCA staff and local athletes prepared him well at tonight's game. Yeah, he runs the bases well, but Matthew McGarry cares more about seeing his teammates and meeting new people. Matthew McGarry: "I'm really excited. I like to play with friends and I like to be outside when it's nice out." Soon he'll meet miracle league athletes from all over the country. Elaine McGarry: "it's hard not to cry actually, haha. I'm just so proud of him. Miracle league actually helped him develop an interest in sports." It's a passion built over ten years of game time at miracle field in Onalaska. Elaine McGarry: "This is a place where kids with disabilities can actually play baseball at a young age because a lot of that they wouldn't even get that chance until high school. So, it was just a wonderful opportunity so if you have a disability, you can come out and play sports, learn the sports, and meet friends. He just loved it." And Matthew aims for the fences. Matthew McGarry: "I like hitting home runs." From Onalaska to Texas his team cheers Matthew on. Elaine McGarry: "I'm just so proud of him. He just very excited to meet other people, go to Houston, Texas and ride on a plane." A new adventure to celebrate his birthday. Matthew McGarry: "I hope I do good." You heard that right. Tomorrow night it is Matthew's 19th birthday! So, he's celebrating this weekend, then following weekend is all start game in Texas. Dustin, I think almost everyone at the YMCA knows his name and face so he's the best person to represent our state. What a fun way to send him off. Matthew, happy birthday from everyone at News 19! Have so much fun.

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Slug: FIELDOFDREAMS

For the last two summers, western Wisconsin featured its own field of dreams. News 19's Sam Dunnum shares the story of how one local family stepped up to the plate to keep baseball in their life as covid shut-down sports across the country. A year away from America's past time the 2020 season of major league baseball kept fans at home and stadiums empty. So, one family in Holmen, brought the stadium to them. "It started at the beginning of quarantine, I was kind of bored around the house, started building one didn't work out." "I said Aaron if you're going to make a whiffle ball field, why don't we make a replica of a major league baseball park." And they decided to build a replica of a worshipped ballpark in their own backyard "Boston's Fenway Park is one of the cathedrals of baseball." Complete with a scaled down version of baseball's tallest wall "the green monster." Ready for hitters to challenge it. "I was shocked, he told me about it and then I come here and they pretty much had it all built up and ready for me. I was excited because we could spend a lot of time here and a lot of fun nights here." They built Holmen's field of dreams, for fans to return to America's past time. "Playing whiffle ball with the boys and just having parties." "It gives me an excuse to be a kid again." And again

when a new season begins. "I'm a sophomore in high school so I probably only got a few more years left of really being able to be around this place for a while. So, I'm just hoping to get as many games as we can over the summers." Reporting in Holmen, Sam Dunnum News 19. The Ploszay family will tear down the replica field for the winter however, they're already thinking about making target field, Wrigley Field, or Am-Fam Field for next summer.

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Slug: WI GUN HUNT

Wisconsin's gun deer season opens up November 20th the DNR's initial estimates show this year's expected harvest is at or over the 5-year average in most parts of the state. But before you put on that blaze orange. News 19's Joe Minney is here with some helpful reminders. Yes, thank you anticipation is growing for the nine-day hunt and folks are making final preparations. But checking the DNR's website for new information on chronic wasting disease should be part of those preparations. Gun deer season is approaching and before you head out into the woods, hunters are reminded about CWD sampling and testing. "A map where you can find all the sampling locations is available on our DNR website check that map regularly especially leading up to the 9-day gun deer season and some locations will be added for sampling." Submitted samples are tested and entered into the DNR database for tracking purposes but the state hasn't decided to test for covid-19 yet. "We do visually screen those lymph nodes for any kind of clinical signs for like tuberculosis for example so that visual screening is done across the state but otherwise we are just collecting these samples for chronic wasting disease testing." And remember hunters should wait for test results before your harvest hits the dinner table. "It is a recommendation even from the CDC and our state department of health as far as not consuming venison from a deer that test positive and that is the same recommendation that we provide on our website as well." The DNR says following all deer population management rules will help control the spread of CWD. "I also want to give a reminder about hunters being aware of baiting and feeding regulations in their county that information gets updated if there are additional CWD positives detected either in the wild deer population or in farm raised deer." With over 876,000 hunters expected this year participating in the sampling effort keeps the disease under control and deer hunting in Wisconsin possible for future seasons. In La Crosse I'm Joe Minney News 19. The DNR offers four ways to submit samples for CWD testing. You can use self-service kiosks, take your deer to cooperators, such as taxidermists and processors or you can ask DNR reps in your county to help. There's even an at-home kit you can get where you take the lymph nodes out yourself and send them in. That sounds fun, right? Thanks Joe. The DNR says license sales are comparable to last year. Expecting approximately 220 thousand to be purchased the week prior to the hunt.

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Slug: PACKER GAME

To begin we'll get into the showdown at the not-yet-frozen tundra in green bay. Scott Emerich joins us now with the details on the game. Hi Scott. Joe, this is a series that the home team has dominated of late. And the packers made sure it stayed that way today. Although this was not your typical packers win. A cool and sometimes snowy Lambeau Field today. Aaron Rodgers back from his covid issues but it was the defense that led the way. 3-0 packers in the 3rd quarter with the seahawks driving but Russell Wilson is picked off by Kevin King in the end zone, one of the biggest plays of the day. The offense piled up a lot of yards but not a lot of points. They finally put it away with a pair of AJ Dillon touchdowns in the 4th quarter. 17-0 packers improve to 8-2 on the season. "It's so important to win games in different fashions in this league and I thought our defense really carried the night. Definitely did some good things on special teams and on offense. Any time you hold an opponent to zero points, especially one led by a quarterback of that caliber, that's a pretty good night." Joe, I'll have more reaction from the packers coming up later in sports. Back to you. Thanks Scott. We'll catch up with you here in a bit.

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Slug: GIRLS HOCKEY

La Crosse's hockey community achieving a milestone over the weekend as they unveiled their first 10 and under girls' hockey team. The team came about thanks to a 25-hundred-dollar grant. River city youth hockey president Matt Hansen says this is just another indication of the rapid growth in girls' hockey throughout the region. The La Crosse team is part of a co-op with Onalaska and West Salem coulee region stars. Hansen says there will be some travel required for games but the grant will help with some of that cost.

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Slug: take a hike

And as it happens Tomorrow Is national take a hike day. There are more than 60-thousand trails in the US national trails system. Some of them are almost 200 years old and track the footsteps of explorers like Lewis and Clark. Hiking is great exercise that can burn up to 550 calories per hour.

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Slug: DEER STAND SAFETY

With gun deer season kicking off this weekend. The Wisconsin DNR is reminding hunters that tree stand safety is just as important as gun safety. News 19's Dani Smith explains how proper precautions can save a life. Thousands of hunters will head into the woods this weekend. Four out of five of those hunters will use a tree stand. But there's a risk to hunting up high from the tree tops. Wildlife officials say these accidents are easily preventable. Another tip. Keep three-points of contact on your tree stand at all times. If the worst does happen and you suffer a fall from your stand. Whether it's your first time in the woods or you're a seasoned hunter. In La Crosse, Dani Smith News 19. And the tree stand manufacturers association offers a free online safety course on their website. The Wisconsin DNR also has a number of helpful resources on their website.

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Slug: CARLIE CONCERT

Singer-songwriter and Onalaska native Carlie Hanson is coming home Set to perform for the first time ever in the area. News 19s Marcus Aarsvold talked to the young performer about what people can expect when she takes the stage at the cavalier theater tomorrow night. Marcus? They can expect the longest setlist she's ever done, 19 songs. Carlie's a big star. Taylor swift featured one of her songs on a playlist and she's already played venues like radio city in New York but she's never played for here in La Crosse. So, her friends will get to see her plus she told me for a very close family member. This is also their first time seeing her rock the crowd at the Cavalier. "My dad hasn't actually seen me. This'll be his first time ever seeing me so that's going to be a trip. That's going to be so I don't know. Interesting. She says it's going to be a nostalgic but also emotional night. She used to work at McDonald's here in town so some of those co-workers will be there and it's just full circle for her to finally be showcasing her dreams back at home. Thanks Marcus. It's at the cavalier theater in La Crosse starting at eight p-m tomorrow night. Tickets are fifteen dollars online now and eighteen at the door.

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Slug: OPENING DAY

It was a busy and successful weekend for many Western Wisconsin hunters. Our own Mike Beiermesiter met up with a special guest who hit the woods for opening day of the gun deer hunt. We're about to head out to Elroy to meet up with an avid hunter who just turned 80-years-old. Let's see if he was able to get a deer. Our photographer Roger Stafforoni loads up the car and we roll out. Enroute to Elroy we throw on the orange and go to meet our guest. Former Governor Tommy Thompson just turned 80 but he still moves like it was his first-time hunting. Let's the crunch the numbers that's 1951.

"Opening day is always you look forward to it because you are going to be out in the woods. You're going to see nature up fresh in your face. The UW System interim president doesn't load up the rifle anymore he leaves that to his children and grandchildren. Mike: what's your favorite part about hunting?" Beanie: "it's just when we find the deer and the satisfaction of actually getting the deer, and you feel so happy when you shoot it and get it." "This is a tradition. A rite of passage for Wisconsin to learn how to deer hunt and I love teaching it and passing it on and love doing it with the hunters here" An outdoor sport that Thompson wants to continue sharing, all while helping control the white-tailed deer population. "We're not seeing many young people that want to get into hunting, so to get 2 out of my 9 grandchildren is very special." A special opportunity to share time with family and friends during this annual season. Tommy: that's what it's all about, and the camaraderie and be safe and that's the Wisconsin way and I love being a part of it. Mike: we're heading back now but Tommy told me before he left that he wants to see even more of his grandkids get involved to continue that passion with this time-honored tradition. In the car on the way from Elroy Mike Beiermeister News 19. In 2020 nearly 900 thousand hunters took part in the annual 9-day hunt and the Wisconsin DNR is predicting a similar turnout for this season.

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Slug: WI DNR HUNT

Wisconsin wildlife officials say hunters bagged fewer deer on the opening weekend of the gun season - than they did last year. According to the DNR hunters shot more than 85-thousand deer about 14-thousand fewer than last year's opener - that's a decrease of 14-percent overall officials say the decrease could be due to more hunters trying out bow hunting. "We've had a shift in more participation in the archery and cross bow seasons and that harvest has been growing and so a portion of that if you were trying to interpret what it meant this weekend, is mitigated by harvests that have happened prior to the nine-day season" Overall hunters have registered more than 179-thousand deer so far this year.

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Slug: AXE GAME

Wisconsin has won seven straight games marking the team's longest win streak since opening the 20-19 season. The badgers are in a position to win the big ten west title with a win over rival Minnesota on Saturday. For the players, there would be nothing sweeter than winning the axe game for a spot in Indy. "I'll tell you all that matters is that axe. That's all that matters. I mean I'm really proud of this team and what we've done. But I mean not looking too far ahead. It is axe week. It's the most important week of the season and really that's what we are looking for. Thanksgiving week, hanging out with the guys, being here, can't really go home, you're with the guys here, preparing to play for the axe, and preparing to play for the big ten championship. I mean what else can you ask for."

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Slug: SOUND OF MUSIC

For the first time since December 2019 main stage musicals return to La Crosse community theater with an all-time favorite, the sound of music. Community members take on the roles of maria and the von Trapp family Belting out the beloved songs of this Rodgers and Hammerstein (Stine) classic. La Crosse community theater continues its tradition of local actors and high-quality productions. For some of the younger actors in this case, it's a first-time experience. "I only actually started theater five months ago. This is my first big show and my first big role ever. It's been phenomenal. These people they, there is nothing like live theater. The people you bond with them in such a way that you don't bond with anybody else. You guys are a team." Performances of the sound of music begin tomorrow and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. The show runs through December 19th and audience members are required to wear masks in the theater.

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Slug: ORA TRAILS

Celebrating the one-year anniversary of the gateway trail system, La Crosse parks and recreation welcomed community members to the grand opening of a connector trail. In a partnership with Ora trails, the half mile long trail was planned with the main purpose of safety. Connecting alpine inn to the compass south trail, hikers won't have to worry about traffic alongside bliss road. "I always say that even a foot of trail is cheaper than a foot of curb and gutter. So, its expensive when you compare it to some things but it's actually a great investment for a community and we get huge returns on these investments because really, it drives people into our community and it makes such a high quality of life for all the folks who live here in La Crosse." The new connector trail is a part of the completed six miles of trails within Grandad Bluff Park. Visitors to the park can hike the easy labeled trail with the stroller, bike, or snowshoe in the winter. The outdoor recreation alliance also thanks its supporters for donations made on Giving Tuesday. Thanks to matching donations They brought in more than 53-thousand dollars.

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Slug: MT LAX SNOW

Mother nature providing a little help to the snow-making process out at mt. La Crosse. The ski hill's general manager saying today crews have been working around the clock making snow since early Monday morning. They hope to have one run open by this weekend. "About early November we get the guns out and get ready to go. Anytime the temperature maintains a low 20 degrees for any length of time, we hook them up and we get going. It takes a lot of water and of course it takes cold dry weather." Darcie Breidel adds that as long as the area doesn't see any rain later this week Mt. La Crosse will open from 10 until 4 p-m both Saturday and Sunday.

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Slug: NUTCRACKER

A timeless tale taking the stage tonight at the Viterbo Fine Arts Center. The La Crosse dance center is presenting its 32nd annual production of the nutcracker ballet. The Christmas favorite tells the story of a girl named Maria the Gift of a Nutcracker Doll and a magical dream and this year You can attend in person. "The dancers are so excited, there is so much energy in the theater right now as we rehearse and in the dressing rooms, so we are embracing the change to be able to connect with the La Crosse community again in this way presenting this wonderful holiday tale." The nutcracker ballet opens tonight at 7:30 p.m. Additional shows Saturday and Sunday at 2pm. Tickets still available by contacting the Viterbo box office. If you go You need a mask in the theatre.

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Slug: LSO

The La Crosse symphony orchestra welcoming audiences for two performances featuring Katherine Weber a soprano who performs in Europe Back home for an old-world holiday. "It's been something I've wanted to do since I was a child, my grandparents and my parents used to take me to the La Crosse symphony. And as a kid you just always want to be that person. I always want to be the dancer; I want to be the singer onto the stage." Weber joins music director Alexander Platt and the La Crosse symphony orchestra both Friday and Saturday night at 7-30 p-m in the Viterbo Fine Arts Center. Find tickets by going to LaCrossesymphony.org.

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Slug: COUNTRY BOOM

Some big news for country music fans already looking forward to next summer. Country boom in West Salem - announcing their 2022 line up for their three-day festival July 7th to Saturday July 9th. On

Thursday night. Blackhawk will take the stage as part of a 90's throwback night then Friday. Up-and-coming artist Russell Dickerson will perform and finally - the brothers Osborne headline Saturday night's show. Country boom organizers say we can expect a full lineup very soon. Tickets for country boom are on sale now over at [country boom dot com](http://countryboom.com).

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Slug: KYW SKIJORING

If you're a dog person and enjoy cross country skiing, then you'll get a kick out of this. In this segment of know your Wisconsin we learn about "skijoring," a unique way to enjoy the winter landscape with your pup. Although you may have never heard of it before, this winter activity has been around for hundreds of years! And here in Wisconsin, it's gaining popularity both as a sport and a fun way experience our world class snow trails. Skijoring - or "ski driving" - involves a cross-country skier being towed along by a dog, or a team of dogs on a harness. The skier produces thrust with their skis and poles, while the dog adds additional power by running, pulling, and responding to voice commands. (melissa) it can be from just relaxing – you go out just to exercise with your dog – to a serious sport, where every skate and every pull you're doing during the race makes a difference. But there's also the fun, where you can just go out with your pet dog, and that bond and that exercise you're doing together is amazing! Recreationally, any enthusiastic dog that wants to run down a trail and pull can participate, since the skier can provide as much power as needed and since it requires only minimal harnessing equipment, it's an accessible way for both cross-country skiers and pups to enjoy exercise in the great outdoors. And now you know your Wisconsin! If you're interested in going skijoring, look for dog-friendly parks that have multi-use trails. And if you'd rather watch, there's also a number of skijoring races that take place throughout the state.

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Slug: SLEDDING

Several kids and a few adults took advantage of the snow at forest hills golf course in La Crosse earlier this afternoon. It was cold but they were well prepared and ready for the challenge of sledding. "Well, we're sledding, I'm having so much fun. I get to go off a lot of jumps, you get to, if there's steep hills you can go really fast on sleds, it's not like I'm gonna die so sometimes I just do it." The kids quickly conquering the challenges of sledding. The biggest challenge, the long walk back up the hill. More good sledding days ahead with continued cold expected the rest of the week.

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Slug: MKE SCHOOLS

Out of the 12 thousand 600 evacuees the federal government says about 4 hundred will resettle in Wisconsin and the Milwaukee public school district is preparing to welcome evacuee students. An English as a second language teacher says they're educating staff on the cultural background of the students, as well as updating translation services and creating a cushion in class size to ensure space for them. "They need to feel welcomed and safe in that environment before they can receive all this information about science and history and all these things." The district says it has not been told how many students to expect.

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Slug: WTC APPRENT

Western technical college officially opening its doors to the newly remodeled "Apprenticeship and Industry Training Center" this afternoon with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The former grocery store has been transformed into a state-of-the-art facility offering large classroom areas for apprenticeship training as well as a large student lounge space. The building is fitted with new equipment throughout which provides students the opportunity to work hands on with the latest technology in the workforce. Western president Roger Stanford says apprenticeships are a great opportunity for students entering the workforce. "This is just a huge deal for workforce in our region, skilled trades in our region. The respect that our society has on trades today is incredible and if you don't respect the trades, I just think you missed the boat. We need these people in our workforce and these are great jobs." The building also features lab spaces that are designed to mimic a real-life work environment.

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Slug: SBOARD

During this school board week in Wisconsin two local districts address the drastic differences they've faced when it comes to working with the community. Much like the issues across the country we've seen issues in our area but not much in the La Crosse or Winona districts. The school boards in both cities say safety and civility are top tier issues for them and the parents with whom they work even when they don't agree. In Winona School board chair Nancy Denzer says the community supports Or at least "respects" the district's mask mandate. "Our goal is not about what's going on in the world but we have students and staff who need us to really create a safe and clean environment for them and that's what we're doing." Denzer says they'll relax safety measures when covid spread isn't as high as it currently is. According to the CDC.

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Slug: OPERATION NEXT WTC

Western technical college is offering a new certification program for Wisconsin National Guard and reserve members. It's called operation next and it's designed to build on a military member's experience with accelerated curriculum training for advanced manufacturing career fields. News 19's Joe Minney took a tour of the western classrooms and has more Joe? Thanks, Dustin. Operation next is actually a hybrid certification program blending virtual learning with real-world hands-on learning. Joining forces with a d-o-d supported manufacturing innovation institute called lift WTC and Lab Midwest created a self-paced Technically focused training course and credentialing initiative. Funded by the DOD Manufacturing Engineering Education Program. The course is open to Wisconsin military personnel plus their spouses and dependents. The initiative's goal is to benefit service members in any stage of their military careers.

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Slug: UWL PLAY

UW-La Crosse will open its theatre season next weekend with an original piece that shares the stories and experiences of 9-11. Severe clear September 11 from memory to history is a collaborative work that saw u-w-l theatre students and faculty pour over hundreds of interviews Testimonials Reports And transcripts to recreate the fateful moments in New York Pennsylvania and Washington DC now 20 years later. It's an undertaking the shows director and co-writer called both emotionally draining and rewarding. "There's only so many of those stories you can read before it starts to affect you emotionally. So, we also looked for stories that were positive, stories of joy, stories of triumph from the day as well to realize there was more to this event than just the tragedy of it. There are the stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things in devastating and dangerous circumstances." Severe clear opens October 15 and runs two weekends in UW-L's Toland theatre. Ticket sales begin Monday at one p-m.

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Slug: BOARDING SCHOOL

One of these schools operated in northern Wisconsin for nearly forty years, converting Native American children into a culture separate from their own. There were at least ten of these schools across Wisconsin including the one in Lac du Flambeau but most have been torn down. Each year, the school held roughly 150 children, some possibly less than the age of five until it closed in 1932. Today, the building is now being used to teach tribal members their culture, language, and art.

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Slug: UW SYSTEM AT 5

The University of Wisconsin System celebrates its 50th anniversary today. Then governor Patrick Lucey signed legislation merging the state's two systems of public four-year higher ed on October 12, 1971. Over the years the system has grown to become one of the largest in the country with about 165-thousand students a year at two research universities 11 comprehensive universities and 13 branch campuses as well as an extension office in every county.

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Slug: WILD ABOUT LUNCH

This week is national school lunch week and News 19's Miller Hyatt tells us how exciting it is for both staff and students at one local school. Students and staff at Sparta Meadowview middle school are getting wild about lunch this week. It's national school lunch week, which aims to open up conversations about healthy school lunches in an exciting way. "It's just a fun week, and I'm really just proud of everybody coming together you know were just a bunch of women who just want to make a difference in these kids' lives one meal at a time." The kids' favorite food option is pizza, but they make plenty of other meals. "We do a wonderful chicken alfredo, our spaghetti meal, our turkey and gravy, all the bigger meals too, they seem to like. I don't think a lot of kids get those meals at home and so for a lot of them the school meals are the only meal of the day, so we try to make them as good as we can." Balloons and other decorative items set the theme for this week's national school lunch week, wild about lunch. Students even had prizes in their lunch boxes and coupons for free items. For WXOW News 19, I'm Miller Hyatt. President John F. Kennedy established national school lunch week in 1962 to emphasize how important it is for children to have healthy meal options in school and how it impacts them in a positive way.

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Slug: NEW UW BLDG

A 20-million-dollar donation will make a new building on UW-Madison's campus a reality. The new college of letters and science academic building will be named Irving and Dorothy Levy Hall. It will bring together the department of history and nine other academic departments and centers that are currently spread out across campus. It will replace the aging humanities building which has had structural concerns. Construction will begin in 2023 and is expected to be completed in 2025.

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Slug: UNITY DAY

October is National Bullying Prevention Month and to call attention to the cause students at Onalaska high school organized a "Day of Unity" today. The goal of the day is to bring together young people, parents, educators, businesses, and community members to emphasize the message that bullying is not acceptable and that all students deserve to be safe in school, online and in the community. Onalaska students wore orange today to raise awareness and they want to remind people to simply "be kind". "Having Unity Day is a good way to show others that they are not alone and just to bring awareness for one day could change someone's whole week which could change their whole month which could change their whole year so it's really about spreading awareness and letting people know that everyone goes through these things and that it is really important to be as kind as you can." Students from the Ujima Club, Art Club and Students for Dialogue and Social Change Club also created this "Unity Tree" with each leaf sharing a message of kindness. Every single member of the Onalaska high school community is represented on the tree.

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Slug: PEACE TREE

Meanwhile some DeSoto students age old wisdom from members of the Menominee tribe, who challenged those at a peace tree ceremony to take notice of problems and issues within the community or society as a whole and reflect on a way to peacefully make changes like native people did centuries ago. "What we want everybody to know from the Menominee people. We want them to know that we are reaching out because we think we have some good things that we learned through history that were not so good but we changed them and made it better. And when you look at some of the stuff with the climate change, a lot of these young people they get it. They understand it. That there is some climate change even if you don't believe in it completely, there is some. And they want to do something about it." At that time six conflicted Native American tribes in the Wisconsin region were brought together with peace talks. The tribes buried arrowheads at the base of a white pine tree, which symbolized a political and cultural union.

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Slug: SCHOOL SURVEY

Parents and community members who live in the school district of La Crosse should have received a survey in the mail recently, focused on feedback for its facilities with an eye toward cutting down its building maintenance costs. News 19's Joe Minney spoke with the superintendent to learn more about what they're hoping to hear. A survey sent out to the residents of La Crosse will shape long term planning for the community's educational facilities. "Our district has been experiencing declining enrollment for a number of years, even decades and that has changed our revenue limit over time." And the district sees increasing maintenance costs from aging buildings. "We've got five buildings that are over 80 years old and with that comes about 30 million dollars in deferred maintenance." And now the public has to make a choice. "We can invest 30 million dollars into aging buildings or we can look at how we can consolidate and become more efficient and use those dollars in ways that also create room for other things." "There's a number of ways to do that." "We can consolidate existing buildings. We can close certain buildings if need be and we can build and modernize things that meet our needs now and in the future." The survey is a conduit for the community to provide their thoughts. "I think that as folks fill out the survey. We really hope they understand the conditions we are under. We really need to

know what they think is possible, what they think is best." The survey's results will form the foundation for the next steps. "If we were to go to referendum for something in the future. We know that it only happens with our community's support and so for them to be honest and really let us know what they think it's crucial for us to be able to move forward successfully." In La Crosse I'm Joe Minney News 19. The survey closes on November 8th. Results will be presented to the school board with the hope of sending out another survey in the spring based on those results and based on responses a referendum may go out next fall.

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Slug: ESPORTS

Western Technical College opened its new e-sports facility to host local gaming tournaments but Cavalier Arena will also connect players to the growing world of e-sports. Over 3,000 miles away, the super bowl of esports is happening in Iceland and is being broadcasted to millions of viewers worldwide. Here in Western Wisconsin, esports have lacked spaces designed to participate in the multi-billion-dollar industry until now. "When we made the announcement that we were starting an esports program, having an esports gaming facility on campus, ever since that point we've had constant communication and interest." "Today was the official opening of the esports arena, we had the ribbon cutting ceremony for it." Cavalier arena at Western Technical College opened today and it's a local spawn point into the world of esports, equipping players with high-level gear. "Xbox, Playstation, and then we have twelve computers, ten gaming computers, ten gaming computers." "We have Rocket League, Valorant, Overwatch, three variations of Call of duty." So, what is esports? "Normal sport, just a little bit different." It's organized, competitive play with the playing field happening within video games. "Our student's athlete as a method to be able to compete and remove the barrier of the physical piece from your traditional sports." The new space will help western tech's program level up. "It really cements the team and what we're trying to achieve." "They have a chance to be able to earn a national championship as a national junior college athletic association esports division." And if you're not looking for competitive play, it's a place to just for the love of the game. "We really try to tailor towards every student here that is here at western whether they are new or experienced at gaming." "We can build a community, people can have/make friendships and bond over a hobby that they enjoy." Sam Dunnum, News 19. Western Tech's e-sports teams end their regular seasons on November 19. The space will continue to host tournaments and gatherings for the campus.

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Slug: MASK DUCT TAPE

A 13-year-old student at McNeel intermediate school in Beloit says a teacher put duct tape around his head because he pulled his mask down. The student says it's hard for him to breathe comfortably with masks. Sometimes he'll pull it down to catch his breath but this time the 10th grader says his teacher reacted. "She got clearish yellowish tape, pulled up my nose or pulled up my mask up to my nose and taped the tape around my head five, five times." The student's parent says he hasn't been contacted by the school or district but he did contact the Beloit police who say they are investigating. The school district did not return a request for comment.

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Slug: SCHOOL TEST

Wisconsin's state student assessment results are in showing a positive trend in the La Crosse school district. Despite pandemic disruptions during which almost all school scores declined from 2019 the La Crosse school district says students test above the state average When it comes to reading, social studies and math. Administrators credit the teachers and students for their flexibility with digital learning forced upon them and note some positive developments. "It really changes how we think about the systems that we have in our district and what we do for parent teacher conferences and other things." Dr. Lichucki says they next plan to converge their digital and in-person curriculum for students who

learn differently and focus their efforts on making learning more equitable for students of all backgrounds. Students and families will see their specific scores on their report cards issued later this month.

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Slug: STUDENT LAND PLAN

Seventh grade students at Lincoln Middle in La Crosse are putting on their city planner hats Wrapping up a month-long project coinciding with national community planning month. The vacant space at the corner of Saint Andrew and George Streets is currently being developed by 360 real estate for housing but a portion of the lot is a blank slate for ideas. News 19's Joe Minney is here to share how students' perspectives give city planners a unique source of inspiration. Joe? Thanks, Dustin four groups of students presented their plans to Mayor Mitch Reynolds and fellow classmates for their urban planning curriculum project. Fifteen groups of three in the school's community connection pod participated in this project. Each group surveyed the former Trane plant 6 site and generated their own take on what should go there to benefit the city. City planners collaborated with the class throughout the month and got the chance to understand their perspectives. "We have to think about all different age groups and you know we don't always do that and especially with children they're probably the least likely to show up to these public meetings so being in the classroom really is really helpful and it's also really enjoyable for me. This is one of the highlights of my year." Kuhlman says all the groups plans were displayed in the hallways of the planning and development department. Board members were able to evaluate them for their merits and how well they incorporated commercial and residential features. And Dustin this is a true learning experience for the class mixing social studies, art, math, history, and public speaking while encouraging students to work together. Thanks Joe. This is the eleventh time students at Lincoln Middle have done this project. In past years, 7th-graders have created plans for riverside north, k-mart, and valley view mall.

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Slug: KINDNESS RETREAT

Not a typical Friday at central high school Instead sharing feelings Building trust and promoting kindness became the lesson plan. News 19's Joe Minney is here to explain how a little song and dance can help build character. Joe? Thanks, Dustin Central high's gym was rocking with a focus on inspiring positive relationships between students. After 20 months of interrupted social development with quarantines and virtual classrooms Hintgen Elementary is helping their students reconnect with a kindness retreat. A chance for students to lean on each other central high school hosts a fun filled day focused on building relationships. Group activities were aimed at giving students tools to develop interpersonal skills. By using kindness kids learned to be heroes for each other and to create a positive school environment Getting to know their classmates on a new level these students can take their boomerangs of kindness back to the classroom. Hintgen principal Amy Oliver says this retreat has been transformative for students in previous years It has a big impact on the overall school community and climate and Dustin principal Oliver believes the kindness retreat helps students want to be at school and that they can feel supported in an environment where they can be engaged learners. Thanks Joe. Educators Central's link crew and youth frontiers facilitators led today's retreat Which also serves as a leadership building experience for link crew mentors.

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Slug: HIGHER EDU

The leaders of La Crosse's three colleges, meeting virtually to talk a number of topics. UWL's chancellor Joe Gow, Viterbo's interim president Rick Trietley and Western Tech's president Roger Stanford shared how they are navigating things like recruitment, enrollment., and covid-19 prevention. All saying they are taking an active approach to keep student enrollment up. "If you look at the State of Wisconsin, we are expecting a significant decline in high school demographics in the second half of this

decade. So, I think all of us have to look forward and figure out what other student markets are out there that we want to start recruiting for." All three of the college leaders thanked their faculty, students, and the La Crosse community for helping their facilities function safely and effectively this year.

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Slug: CENTRAL THREAT

The La Crosse school district says there's no longer a danger to students following a threat of violence made via email last night. The update from the district this afternoon says it took immediate action after learning of the threat made by a student Closing school today and beginning an investigation with La Crosse police. School officials thanking families for their flexibility adding that while the police investigation continues classes will resume as "the threat to student safety has been resolved."

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Slug: COVID SCHOOLS

More good news on the academic front the latest report card from Wisconsin's department of public instruction shows about 95 percent of districts at least met expectations last year Despite the pandemic. The report covers four priority areas Including academic growth and preparing kids for post-secondary education. Rated on a five-star scale 399 of the states 421 total districts earned at least three stars Including La Crosse. Locally Onalaska Holmen and West Salem all exceeded expectations Earning four stars. You can find a link to your local district by finding this story at wxow.com.

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Slug: LA CRESCENT

Following a series incidents Culminating with a physical altercation within the La Crescent-Hokah school district nearly fifty parents and community members gathered at tonight's school board meeting to call for action on student safety. After hearing parents' concerns the school board discussed ways to curb bullying within the district like additional personnel in the hallways outside of class Student Hall monitors and educating students, parents, and faculty on how to report bullying. The victim of the incident that led to tonight's discussion Who chose to speak with us with her parents' consent Says while she's found peace at another school, she hopes speaking out will help others. "Well, my little sister does still go to school here, she's in middle school, and I hope that the bullying gets better and I want things to get better for her and all the other students here." The school board set a tentative date of December first for a town hall meeting to talk with the community more about long-term solutions with the community further.

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Slug: TOOLS

This month's Tools for Schools winner wants to put more books in the hands of her student's 3rd grade teacher Jayne Emerson is November's Tools for Schools winner. Emerson is a first-year educator at blessed sacrament in La Crosse. She wants to introduce her students to more series so they can get hooked on reading. "They start with a character and then it develops and develops and there is a story line and then as it gets more intense and complex it really gets them excited and you feel like you're going on a journey with them." Tools for Schools wouldn't be possible without our sponsors Brenengen Auto, the Board Store, Dependable Solutions, and River Bank who help support these teachers and their projects. "It's a joy any time you can help kids and their education. I had a son that was here 38 years ago and I come in here and it still looks the same as when he was a youngster so it just gives you a really good feeling to help kids along on their way to education" To apply you can go to our website wxow.com/tools.

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Slug: AQUINAS

A big welcome home for the Aquinas football team after they won the division 5 championship at Camp Randall. The Blugolds brought home the first state championship since 2007 after a tough game yesterday with Mayville. Aquinas defeated Mayville 28-26. "I said to these guys two things before we took the field. I said I love you and how much do you love each other and man was that powerful, that bond was powerful - don't tell me that didn't make a difference." Family Friends gathered in the gymnasium this afternoon to celebrate the achievement.

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Slug: GROW

Grow La Crosse's third kids cooking challenge is gearing up the challenge is a competition to see all the creative ways kids can use healthy, fresh ingredients. The young chefs receive mystery ingredients with which they must create their own recipes. "This is just a really good opportunity for families to work together to explore ingredients they may not be used to and just broaden their horizons. It's a great way to get kids to try new foods and give them confidence and pride in the recipes they create." The mystery ingredients can be picked up at the grow Greenshouse on December second, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. To participate, you must be 18 and under and register on grow La Crosse's website. Four creative cooks will be crowned on December tenth.

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Slug: ASHLEY DONATION

A pair of western Wisconsin school technology programs have reason to give thanks to Ashley furniture. The manufacture awarding more than 144-thousand dollars to districts near its advanced manufacturing facilities around the country Two of them being arcadia and GET. The money will allow the schools to buy vex robotics equipment which allows k-12 students to build their own robots using snap together pieces and then apply age-appropriate basic coding to make it come to life.

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Slug: 2021 RIVER DAY

Living along a river like the Mississippi can bring the threat of flooding but this season flowed quietly Meteorologist Alyssa Triplett explains how even with our summer drought conditions Some important adaptations help protect your favorite river activities. "This summer has been the lowest I can remember." A dramatic turnaround from the floods 2019 this past river season did not meet historically low levels however, little to no sight of flooding made the Mississippi a big attraction. "If you're a person that likes to hit the sand bars this would have been the perfect year for sand bar, get togethers" A common sight during low river stages. "What happens is - it's just like if you leave your smoothie out for too long, everything settles out during low flows we have really slow water and the sand, silt and all the particles in the water get a chance to settle and that's why people were noticing more sand dunes" Drought conditions from northern Minnesota to our neck of the woods contributed to the low river level season - but commercial and recreation continue due to the lock and dam system. "These structures are used primarily today for commercial but also private individual recreation, all of that would be very difficult if the river was maybe 2 or 3 feet in depth and this might have been the case this last year especially and that's what the dams are for - they are for those low flow years." Lock and dams are in place from St Paul through St Louis, dropping nearing 400 feet creating a staircase of water.

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Slug: GOV EVERS

The governor started in Milwaukee and finished his day at Holmen high school this afternoon. Holmen expects to see five-hundred and forty-four thousand dollars out of a 110-million-dollar allocation from

the federal cares act. News 19s Marcus Aarsvold was with the governor as he toured Holmen's fine arts center. Marcus what's Holmen planning for the funding? It's going to help with continued covid mitigation and helping improve student and staff mental health. There are no strict guidelines so they can use this money for whatever they need. Holmen admins say it'll help immensely with things they didn't budget for in pre-pandemic society. So proper cleaning disinfectants Ventilation systems and HVAC improvements. It's a new building but they'll still need extra help keeping it clean. It's all to keep students in the classroom Which then schools say improves students' mental health. "It's going to be an ongoing expectation on my part and I think just about any leader in this room that the social and emotional struggles of Wisconsin and our nation have incurred is going to be ongoing and deep seeded and we have to deal with that up front." The school plans to use the funding to add mental health counselors to the staff. Dustin, the counselors will also support teachers' mental health because they say the extra stress of the never-ending pandemic has continued to take its toll on them. So, Marcus with money going to a number of local districts Why did the governor pick Holmen as a focus today? He said it's because it's one he hadn't visited in a while. It's one of Wisconsin's best districts and a highlight of the western part of the state. Thanks Marcus. Holmen was one of the few districts locally to exceed expectations in the Wisconsin department of public instruction report card released last month.

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Slug: SCHOOL SURVEY

When it comes to a recent survey on La Crosse schools A majority of those who responded Favor consolidation. The district releasing the results today showing of the 46 hundred plus responses from more than 25-thousand surveys it sent out 71 percent say they support the districts plans to reduce costs and improve efficiency. Here's a breakdown of the numbers. About 79 percent say they support going from 3 middle schools down to two and 55 percent favor merging central and logan into one campus Compared to 24 percent who said no to the idea. Of those who favor one high school campus 42 percent say they'd prefer a consolidated high school Compared to 11 percent who prefer housing two high school units in one building. 17 percent support option while about 30 percent say they need more information. Superintendent Aaron Engel calls the results encouraging in a statement adding "our community understands the challenges we are facing with declining enrollment and aging buildings and has given us a clear sign to keep exploring all options to right-size our school district facilities." The district will use these results to hone the plan before sending out another survey to help shape options. You can find the full survey results by finding this story on our news app free to download on both apple and android devices as well as at wxow.com.

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Slug: SCHOOL GRANT

The La Crosse public education foundation awarding nearly 50-thousand dollars in grant money to area schools Including Northwoods international. News 19's Miller Hyatt takes a look at how they're putting that money into action. Teachers and students at north woods international elementary school in La Crosse have faced many challenges during the covid-19 pandemic, but with those challenges come rewards. "Last year during the pandemic we did some pe classes in the classroom, we weren't able to use the gym. And one of the days we ended a little early and we started dreaming up how to do like a playground restoration and what that might look like" And that dream is about to become reality. North woods have been awarded a \$7,000 grant to build a walking path loop. This is the first step in a student designed outdoor classroom, prairie garden and loose parts play area. This grant is just one of many awarded to La Crosse public schools. "We see a vast variety of different projects, again funding for this round was anywhere from \$250 to \$7,000. So, we encourage any new creative, innovative ideas. We really support grants that promote equity, diversity, and inclusion. So, we just encourage people to apply." Westphal says she's excited about what the money means for not only the school. But the students. "We are definitely going to need some shovels and were going to need seeds for prairie plants." Let the work begin. In La Crosse. Miller Hyatt. WXOW News 19. The La

Crosse public education foundation awarded the grants to projects and programs designed to improve reading skills, promote physical activity, share the Hmong culture, increase accessibility for students with physical disabilities and more.

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Slug: LA CRESCENT

After a recent spike in bullying La Crescent-Hokah schools hold a unique community meeting for parents to share their concerns with the faculty. News 19s Marcus Aarsvold sat in to see what the community thinks is causing this. Marcus there's a common theme here, right? Right. Parents and staff say the problem stems from social media. The meeting worked as a roundtable event so parents would sit at one table, discuss what the problem is, then move on to a different table to hear different perspectives. The top tier issue for parents is understanding how constant phone access and doom scrolling can change their children's behavior for the worst. "We feel like we don't have a lot of resources because this wasn't something we dealt with when we were young and so that's definitely a theme of, we want to be able to get a better handle on this, set some ground rules, help children understand the limits, dangers, and why this isn't healthy for mental health, relationships and communication." Teachers and administrators notice that social media flames bullying fires and kids can't escape it when they leave school because the comments continue on Facebook, Twitter or Tik Tok.

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Slug: UW SAT/ACT

Today UW System leaders will vote on whether to extend an exemption to ACT and SAT test requirements for two more years. In years past All freshman applicants had to send their scores with their applications but the system suspended that requirement for in spring of 2020 as the pandemic worsened. The UW System extended the suspension to include all 2022-23 applicants, following a national trend among colleges.

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Slug: TUITION

A new bipartisan bill in the state assembly would give the university of Wisconsin system authority over tuition reciprocity with Minnesota. The legislation would also let UW campuses keep additional revenue from students paying Minnesota tuition rates, revenue that is currently deposited into Wisconsin's state budget. Reciprocity agreements between Wisconsin and Minnesota have been in place since the 1970s and have allowed students to attend colleges in their neighboring states while paying in-state tuition. The agreements are currently negotiated by Wisconsin's higher educational aids board. The assembly bill introduced by republican representative Shannon Zimmerman would give UW System officials authority to renegotiate reciprocity agreements with Minnesota.

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Slug: RECIPROCITY

Another bill under consideration would see a reciprocity change between Minnesota students and Wisconsin colleges that could amount to more money for schools like UW-La Crosse. News 19s Marcus Aarsvold looked closer at the sort of impact this change could have. Between Minnesota and Wisconsin some say state colleges deserve all the extra money provided through tuition reciprocity right now It goes to a general's state fund. Shannon Zimmerman: "sometimes common sense isn't always common in government." River falls representative Zimmerman says Wisconsin schools draw Minnesota students in So Wisconsin schools should see all of the money. Shannon Zimmerman: "the bottom line however is it's not being used in the manner in which it was being paid." UW-La Crosse chancellor Joe Gow agrees. Joe Gow: "the intent of the legislation is to give the campuses like ours more of the revenue that comes from this transaction so that would be a very wonderful thing and we're very grateful to

see that they feel the need to help us with those funds." Both say UW-interim president Tommy Thompson is on board. Joe Gow: "some of the chancellors along the river have spoken at hearings and of course President Tommy Thompson is always advocating very strongly on our behalf." Shannon Zimmerman: "Tommy had indicated that this would be strongly supported from the UW System I mean this is to me it's just a win-win. Obviously, there's a hole within the general fund but I'm a firm believer that in an 87-billion-dollar budget I promise you there's some fat that can be trimmed." He thinks both sides of the isle will also join in So schools could see dollars next semester. Shannon Zimmerman: "I expect it to be supported in a bipartisan way and get passed into law. And UWL would benefit a lot of Gow says 11% of the UW-I student body is from Minnesota. Joe Gow: "these negotiations would be very important in establishing how much money changes hands between the state and the university system." In La Crosse Marcus Aarsvold News 19. This bill would only affect reciprocity with Minnesota students coming to Wisconsin and it doesn't affect any of the other tuition agreements at u-w schools. The reciprocity bill still needs to make it through the executive session in January. It would then have to pass both the assembly and senate and get governor Tony Evers' signature.

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Slug: UWL GRAD

Over the weekend students from across western Wisconsin celebrated the end of a chapter and the beginning of the next. At the La Crosse center UW-La Crosse students celebrating graduation for the winter class of 2021. Two commencement ceremonies taking place Sunday.. With seven hundred undergraduate and graduate students being recognized for their achievement

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Slug: SOLAR SCHOOL

The La Crosse school district and a group called Solar on La Crosse schools (SOLS) sponsored an event today highlighting the benefits of solar learning and grassroots fundraising. The winter solstice event happened at northside Coulee Montessori. Solar on La Crosse schools (SOLS) celebrated their successful fundraising by providing solar oven learning tools and announcing the winner of the SOLS solar sweepstakes fundraiser. "Solar on La Crosse schools, we focus mostly on fundraising for some of the larger systems to really offset fossil fuel use, but we also want to make sure that we're prioritizing renewable energy education." They hope to do a major rooftop installation at northside Coulee Montessori next spring.

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Slug: STUDENT LOANS

Good news for those stressing about paying student loans You'll have more time. President Biden announced today another extension to the pause on federal student loan payments which will now go through may first. Interest rates have also stopped adding up and collections on defaulted debt have been put on hold.

think it should be open to the press." Milwaukee mayor Tom Barrett said today he's confident this investigation, like previous challenges, will find no wrongdoing in that city's election process.

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:19 10/7/21 10PM

Slug: SENATE VOTE

The US senate averts a possible economic disaster by approving a temporary lift on the federal borrowing limit. Known as the debt ceiling the move allows the country to avoid default and pay for the spending that's already accrued. The vote raises the limit on new borrowing by nearly half a trillion dollars until early December.

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:28 10/8/21 10PM

Slug: KLEEFISCH

The republican frontrunner in the race for Wisconsin governor Declines to say whether she would sign a bill that would allow lawmakers to overturn election results. Back in December two Wisconsin republican state lawmakers joined a lawsuit arguing state legislatures should have the final word on certifying election results. Capitol bureau chief AJ Bayatpour asked Rebecca Kleefisch today If she were elected governor Whether she would sign a law giving legislators that power. "I haven't seen any bill language even pertaining to that, AJ, so I think it would probably be awfully premature for me to comment on a bill that hasn't even been drafted nor an idea that I've heard floated." In Arizona a republican lawmaker put forward a bill allowing the legislature to take away election certification powers from the secretary of state. The legislative session there ended without the bill receiving a vote. You can see the full interview with Kleefisch on Capital City Sunday this Sunday at 9 here on WXOW.

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:53 10/11/21 6PM

Slug: KAUL ELEX

Criticism coming from both sides aimed at the 2020 election investigation headed by Wisconsin assembly speaker Robin Vos and retired state supreme court justice Michael Gableman. Today Republican representative Janel Brandtjen issued a letter saying she disagrees with the current subpoenas issued in the probe as they grant immunity to the Wisconsin mayors summoned to testify. Representative Brandtjen is calling for a more expansive investigation. Meanwhile, state attorney general Josh Kaul today calling for an end to the investigation entirely. Saying the republican legislature isn't even on the same page. "Now the legislature has an absolutely appropriate role in reviewing election policies and procedures and deciding how to proceed, but what they are not, a criminal investigative agency." Kaul says district attorneys are taking appropriate action against the few cases of voter fraud that have been uncovered.

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:37 10/13/21 10PM

Slug: RICK KLEIN

As more candidates target the 2022 elections and fundraising grows Western Wisconsin faces an uncertain political future. Rebecca Cooke is the newest candidate vying for the seat currently held by representative Ron Kind Who announced his intention this summer not to run again for the third district seat. Cooke joins state senator Brad Pfaff and Brett Knudsen as democrats in the race Derek van Orden is running again as a republican for the seat he narrowly lost in 2020. Regardless a new face will hold kind's seat for the first time in over two decades. ABC News' political director says that will have a ripple effect felt across the country. "Congressman Kind won one of the narrowest races in the country last year, he is one of the very few members of congress on the democratic side to represent a trump backing district. He was going to be targeted regardless and now this is a huge republican pick up opportunity. Of course, it's going to be impacted by redistricting which is an additional wild card. But people like congressman Kind are a vanishing breed in Washington and the democratic party, and I know a lot of democrats are sorry to see him go."

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:26 10/14/21 5PM
Slug: KIND

Retiring US representative Ron Kind is endorsing state senator Brad Pfaff in the race to replace him. Kind's endorsement comes a day after another democrat Rebecca Cooke announced that she would enter the race. Kind says Pfaff's roots in the district make him "a champion for farmers, small businesses, workers and western Wisconsin families." Republican Derrick van Orden is running for the 3d district seat. Kind narrowly defeated him in 2020.

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:27 10/19/21 6PM
Slug: WALZ RUN

Governor Tim Walz officially launching his campaign for a second term today. The democrat says he made the tough calls necessary beat back the covid-19 pandemic and revive the economy. The former 1st district congressman won office in 2018 on a theme of "One Minnesota" a slogan he's using again for 2022 but the divide in Minnesota has grown since he first ran over the unrest that followed the death of George Floyd and the governor's stance on the covid-19 pandemic. A stance that included requiring masks in public spaces, temporarily shutting down bars and restaurants, and now vaccine incentive programs. One political science professor with Winona State University says these choices may factor into the race but republicans still face a challenge. "As the pandemic and covid became more politicized I think you saw that in his declining approval rating. I'm not sure that would necessarily harm him in terms of a statewide election, possibly being because in terms of statewide elections in the State of Minnesota it has been a long time since a republican has won a statewide election. I think we would go back to Governor Pawlenty and senator Coleman." So far, at least six people are vying for the republican nomination to run against Walz Including former senate majority leader Paul Gazelka and state senator Michelle Benson.

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:26 10/20/21 5PM
Slug: REDISTRICTING

Wisconsin's legislative republicans releasing their plans for redistricting today, setting up a vote early next month. This comes the same day a commission created by Governor Tony Evers released revised maps after criticism of the initial plans. The legislature does not have to consider the commission's maps but they could still be considered in court. Two redistricting lawsuits are pending, one in the state supreme court the other in federal court.

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:29 10/21/21 5PM
Slug: RICK KLEIN

And earlier today, ABC News political director Rick Klein joined our midday program to discuss how he believes Joe Biden will approach the American people during his town hall on CNN later this evening. "This is about a president now that is going to try to take the sale directly to the American people. He did it in his hometown of Scranton, Pennsylvania yesterday, I'd expect he does it in this town hall as well. Explainer in chief, trying to tell people what this means and what the urgency is, because he's got to get the public on board if he's going to get congress and the democrats in congress to go along."

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:40 10/22/21 6PM
Slug: 2020 ELEX

One of two reviews of Wisconsin's 2020 election is now over with findings that a republican legislative leader says show that voting in the state is "safe and secure." The report from the non-partisan legislative audit bureau did however make a number of recommendations. One example, the audit recommends the elections commission should issue a rule, which would need legislative approval, saying

whether local clerks could fill-in missing information on absentee ballots or allow drop boxes. State senator Robert Cowles co-chair of the legislature's audit committee says he hopes the report leads to bipartisan fixes to the issues identified but made the comment praising Wisconsin's election security.

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:37 10/25/21 6PM

Slug: ELEX AUDIT

Wisconsin's senate majority leader wants another look at the 2020 election after the nonpartisan legislative audit bureau released its report last Friday. In its sampling of more than 14-thousand absentee ballots. The review found four instances where someone may have voted twice supporting the few cases of fraud that have already been uncovered. The report however did make 30 recommendations for the state elections commission to uncover and 18 possible legal changes for state to consider. Senate majority leader Devin Lemahieu says the senate elections committee will look into the election administration in the wake of the findings.

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2:00 10/26/21 10PM

Slug: ASSEMBLY

We're getting a look at what we can expect from the third investigation the Wisconsin legislature will launch into the 2020 election. Chippewa Falls senator Kathy Bernier who chairs the senate's elections committee and will oversee this review invited capitol bureau chief AJ Bayatpour to her office detailing her main concerns. The word of the day as senate republicans began their review of the 2020 election is 'promulgate.' That's a fancy word for establishing a rule. One of the key recommendations from the nonpartisan. Legislative audit bureau's review of the election was that the Wisconsin elections commission needs to promulgate rules for things like drop boxes and whether clerks are allowed to correct mistakes on absentee ballot applications. Senator Kathy Bernier will lead this review; she says getting the elections commission to set rules and not just guidance is key. The chair of the Wisconsin elections commission board, who is appointed by democrats, says she sees that as handing lawmakers' power since they have the ability to strike down rules. Bernier says she also intends to bring in the clerks from Madison, Milwaukee County, and little Suamico. She wants to know why they did not turn over ballots to the auditors. Those clerks have said they were following federal guidance that you can't hand over custody of ballots to an outside party. Bernier says she's skeptical of that argument but wants to have both the auditors and the clerks be able to come in and answer questions about what exactly happened during the audit.

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:21 10/27/21 MIDDAY

Slug: YUDES FOR LT GOV

New at MidDay, another candidate entering the race for Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor. Eau Claire's Kyle Yudes will be throwing his hat in the ring. The constitutionalist and founder of recipes for freedom group joins a growing field of candidates. Current Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes will vacate his position and is currently running for US senate.

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:44 11/3/21 5PM

Slug: MARQUETTE POLL

The new Marquette law school poll finds that incumbents in Wisconsin face a challenging environment just a year before the election. For senator Ron Johnson 38% say they would vote to re-elect him. 52% would vote for someone else. 10% say they don't know or decline to answer. Evers' job approval stands at 45% while 46% disapprove. When last measured in August 2021 50% approved and 43% disapproved. For Johnson 36% have a favorable opinion. 42% have an unfavorable opinion. 22% say they don't know enough or don't have an opinion. In August Johnson was viewed favorably by 35% and unfavorably by 42%.

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Slug: REDISTRICT

Republicans in the state senate approve their party's proposed voting maps, redrawing Wisconsin's districts for the next ten years. Capitol bureau chief AJ Bayatpour has you covered on the last-ditch effort from democrats That not everyone in the party supported. Democrats say the maps senate republicans passed Monday simply firm up the advantage they gave themselves ten years ago. Senate democrats try unsuccessfully to pass their own maps as an amendment. Republicans question why the dems did not take up the maps from the people's maps commission, which Governor Tony Evers put together. One democratic senator Lena Taylor of Milwaukee votes against both the democratic and republican maps saying they deny fair influence to voters of color. The fair maps coalition, which helped throw a "partisan pizza party" outside the capitol says packing together minority districts could come at the expense of competitive maps. The state assembly will take up the maps on Thursday. The GOP majority is expected to pass them. From there, Governor Evers is all but certain to veto them, leaving the issue at the hands of the courts. Legal challenges are pending at both the state supreme court and in federal court.

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Slug: DEB MCGRATH

Now officially less than one year until election day the democratic field is growing for Wisconsin's 3rd congressional district seat currently held by retiring representative Ron Kind. Former army captain and CIA officer Deb McGrath announcing her run today from her hometown of Menomonie. McGrath will run as a democrat and is the daughter of former US congressman Al Baldus. McGrath will face other democrats already in the race Onalaska senator Brad Pfaff. Eau Claire business woman Rebecca Cooke and US navy veteran Brett Knudsen in the party's primary next August. Derrick van Orden and Denise Hurlless have announced bids for the republican ticket.

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Slug: UWL VOTING

A new report shows voter turnout among UW-La Crosse students was up in 2020, the institute for democracy and higher education data show nearly 68-percent of UW-L students voted in the 2020 presidential election That's up 3-percent from the 2016 election. The study also found that 77.5-percent of UWL students registered to vote and of those who registered. 87.6-percent cast a ballot.

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Slug: RON KIND

Representative Ron Kind stopped in La Crosse earlier today to discuss Biden's new infrastructure deal and how it will affect Wisconsin. Kind was joined by state senator Brad Pfaff at the La Crosse regional airport. The two celebrated the investment being made on Wisconsin infrastructure. A release indicates 5-point-2 billion dollars will be invested in highway programs with nearly 841 million seeking to provide safe and clean drinking water. The bill also features significant investments in public transportation and bridge maintenance as well as increased investments in cyber-infrastructure and charging stations for electric vehicles. Representative kind sharing how some of that will be used right here. "Including an additional twenty million dollars for pfas projects. That's on top of the money that we passed in the American rescue plan, that state and localities can use for clean water and pfas clean up. So, this will be a compliment, to what's starting to take place here in Wisconsin." Appearing at a La Crosse veterans day ceremony Former navy seal and current g-o-p candidate for the third district seat Derrick van Orden took issue with the bill's price tag.

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Slug: KLEEFISCH WEC

Republican candidate for Wisconsin governor Rebecca Kleefisch filing suit against the state's elections commission. Kleefisch's lawsuit alleges among other things that the commission broke the law in late March 2020 Issuing guidance to local clerks to consolidate polling places in the April 7 spring election. That measure coming in response to the emerging covid situation. State law requires polling places to be established at least 30 days before an election.

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Slug: REDISTRICTING

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers vetoes the republican-drawn legislative plans Setting up a showdown in court. After republicans and some democrats Took issue with the maps created by Evers' own commission The GOP passed its district plans through the legislature per state statute. The governor calling those maps "gerrymandering 2.0" vetoing those bills today. There are two lawsuits currently pending One at the state supreme court Another in federal court That will now decide the state's voting districts for the next decade.

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Slug: WI REDISTRIC

The Wisconsin supreme court ruling today on Wisconsin's voting maps. After Governor Tony Evers vetoed the maps drawn by the GOP controlled legislature The court's conservative majority voted 4-3 to make as few changes as possible to the maps drawn and enacted by republicans ten years ago. Democrats have argued the maps heavily favor republicans and should be drawn from scratch and supporters of that idea have a lawsuit pending in federal court Which could still play a role in the ultimate outcome. Federal judges agreed to let the state lawsuit play out first.

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Slug: GABLEMAN

One of the investigators former state supreme court justice Mike Gableman has brought in to investigate the November election. Is the leader of a group that sued to keep the results from being certified? A spokesperson for Gableman's team confirming that Ron Heuer one of the team's investigators. Heuer is the president of the conservative Wisconsin voters alliance. One political scientist says that's a concern. Since Gableman's work is supposed to be nonpartisan. "It appears that his investigation is mostly spending time with fringe groups or ideologues who have objected to the election and are contributing to his work in a partisan way." Recently released expense reports and receipts also show Gableman is sharing his team's office space with a pair of conservative law firms. Gableman is expected to appear today before the assembly's elections committee.

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Slug: EVERS CHISHOL

Sixteen Wisconsin lawmakers signed a letter calling on Governor Evers to relieve the district attorney who set bond for Darrell Brooks last month, brooks drove an SUV into the Waukesha parade killing five, injuring around sixty-five days after posting bail. Milwaukee County DA, and democrat, John Chisholm set bond at one-thousand-dollars a sum which he has now called "inappropriately low." While the d-a has ignored calls to resign, republican lawmakers now turn to Evers for Chisholm's removal. However, Evers can only relieve a county da if a local taxpayer writes a verifiable complaint none of the signing lawmakers are residents of Milwaukee County.

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Slug: CLIMATE ACTION

Members from several organizations gathered on the UWL campus today to call on the university to address climate change citizen action of Wisconsin student activists and other concerned citizens Rallied for the university community to begin the transition to 100-percent clean energy. In their eyes It is a necessary step to limit climate change. The small crowd featured speakers and individuals urging action before they say it's too late. "Even in my short life, I can see dramatic changes in the quality of weather phenomena, that we're seeing in the middle of our country. And with this evidence, even personal anecdotal, it has to encourage us to realize, we are not sort of gotten to the worse place." A previously released statement, state representative Jill Billings said the university has taken great first steps but can still do more. Suggested solutions include the creation of a sustainability coordinator and to formulate a comprehensive climate action plan.

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:25 12/14/21 10PM

Slug: ISLAM VOTE

The house also voting on an anti-islamophobia bill introduced by Minnesota democratic representative Ilhan Omar. The bill would create a special envoy to combat prejudices against Muslims and the religion of Islam around the world. It comes after republican representative Lauren Boebert made anti-Muslim comments about representative Omar. Republicans decried the bill, saying it lacked definitions and could be used for a wide range of actions.

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:33 12/15/21 5AM

Slug: 2024 RNC MKE

The City of Milwaukee has submitted its bid to host the republican national convention in 2024. The application includes more than 200-pages and highlights the city's access to lake Michigan Entertainment venues Festivals And more. Visit Milwaukee CEO Peggy Williams Smith said it also cites the city's experience preparing to host the democratic national convention in 2020, an event that became mostly virtual due to the coronavirus pandemic. Visit Milwaukee, the city's convention and visitor's bureau received an inquiry from the republican national committee in October.

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:21 12/17/21 10PM

Slug: HER LT GOV

Some possible history at stake for the Hmong community as another candidate enters the race for Wisconsin's lieutenant governor. Peng Her CEO of the Hmong institute in Madison will join a crowded field of democrats seeking to replace Mandela Barnes who is running for US senate rather than seek a second term. Her is seeking to become the first Hmong statewide official.

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:32 12/20/21 5AM

Slug: GUN LEGISLATION

The ninth anniversary of the Sandy Hook school shooting is prompting organizations and lawmakers to take a closer since then there has been steady support for increased background checks for gun sales. Three different Marquette law polls between 2016 and 2019 found support was between 80 and 85 percent. Right now, Wisconsin requires those checks anytime a licensed firearms dealer sells a gun but not for private sales including those over the internet. As legislators prepare for the next session, speaker Robin Vos says any such bill will not come up in the assembly. "I don't know why we'd take a process that works pretty well and expand it when there really have been very few incidents where people follow the law because if you're breaking the law, you're already gonna break the law whether there's a background check or not. I think most people accept that there's a background check when they buy a weapon at fleet farm or some other place. The idea that we couldn't just take that measure, which we've seen in other places, would have a positive impact is pandering to the gun lobby." According to the Gifford law center which is a group that favors stricter gun laws 21 states and

the district of Columbia require background checks on any type of gun sale. Eight of those states require all sales to be done through a licensed dealer if the original seller is an unlicensed individual.

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Slug: EVERS

Governor Tony Evers sat down with me for a virtual one-on-one interview Taking a look back at the year that was and a look ahead to 2022 Including. How people can vote with confidence in an upcoming election year Despite ongoing reviews of the 2020 vote. The governor continuing to stand by the process While also telling the legislature where he stands on the state's voting laws. "There was a fair, safe election, and we've proven that time and time again. This is just really unfortunate. The bottom line that I tell the people of Wisconsin is my goal is to make sure our election system is fair and safe and that every eligible voter has a good chance of casting a ballot. That's what democracy is about and we'll continue to fight for it. I've already vetoed six bills that came out of some of these studies, some of these investigations and some of these audits. But at the end of the day, I will continue to veto bills--and republicans know this--that make it more difficult for people to vote. We should be encouraging people, not discouraging people, and frankly discouraging people in two ways. One is making unfounded claims about the last election, or by putting bills on my desk that make it more difficult for people to vote. I will veto those bills." We'll feature more of my chat with the governor tonight at ten Including what the state is working to do to solve a big water problem in our area. And after shifting Wisconsin's state of the state address online earlier this year due to the ongoing pandemic Governor Evers plans to return to the capitol building for the speech this upcoming year.

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Slug: YEAR ENDER

With 2021 coming to a close We're taking a look back at the year that was in politics as fierce partisanship lingers more than a year after voters across the country cast their ballots. ABC's Karen Travers has a recap. President Biden campaigned on a pledge to turn the page from the from the America First Agenda of the Trump administration. In Europe in June, the president promising allies. The United States is back. The final stop of that first overseas trip a highly anticipated meeting with Russian president Vladimir Putin. "Important to meet in person - so no mistake about what I wanted to communicate. I did what I came to do." President Biden went ahead with his plan to withdraw us troops from Afghanistan before the 20th anniversary of the September 11 attacks. But the withdrawal was chaotic--and soon turned deadly. 13 American servicemembers killed in a terror attack at the Kabul airport. These American service members who gave their lives It's overused word, but it's totally appropriate, they were heroes. Heroes who have been engaged in a dangerous, selfless mission to save the lives of others. The investigation into the January 6th insurrection continues. More than 700 people charged with crimes for their alleged roles in the riot. More than 100 convictions so far. A house committee is digging into actions and statements by former president trump and several of his closest allies "Mr. Bannon's and Mr. Trump's privilege arguments do, however, appear to reveal one thing. They suggest that president trump was personally involved in the planning and execution of January six, and this committee will get to the bottom of that." President Biden started his term getting solid marks from Americans. But as he nears the end of his first year in office, an ABC News-Washington Post poll found the president's job approval at a new low - just 41 percent. Look at every other president, the same thing has happened. That's not why I ran. Karen Travers ABC News Washington. Historical polling data from Gallup shows president trump's approval rating around 40 percent at the end of his first year and President Obama's around 50 percent at the end of his Both having fallen from when they took office.

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Slug: WI LEGIS

A top republican on the Wisconsin legislature's rules committee wants to use publication to invalidate guidance given by the state's election commission. State senator Steve Nass wants the commission to codify the guidance given to local clerks in 2020 expanding the use of drop boxes for absentee ballots. He also wants to see publication of the 2016 guidance that allows clerks to correct mistakes in witness addresses on absentee envelopes both of those measures by early February. If the commission complies the rules committee could overturn that guidance.

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Slug: HURRICANE DRONE

Here is a crazy sight NOAA flew a drone over 50-foot waves and into winds of over 120 miles per hour to get inside of hurricane Sam to capture this footage. The drone is helping collect data on the weather patterns on hurricanes for helping to predict future storms. Hurricane Sam is currently on a path that will miss the US east coast.

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:42 10/4/21 6PM

Slug: BUGGY FATAL

Two people are dead and three others are critically injured - after an accident involving an Amish buggy in Grant County. Deputies responded to the crash on Highway 35 near Highway 81 in Beetown at about 9:30 p-m Sunday. Officials say a 33-year-old Lancaster man was traveling westbound in a minivan when he rear-ended the buggy. All five people in the buggy were thrown from it. Fifty-two-year-old Linda Miller and 12-year-old Daniel Miller were pronounced dead at the scene. 50-year-old Mervin Miller, 14-year-old Nathan Miller and 7-year-old Rachael Miller suffered life-threatening injuries and were taken to a local hospital and later transported to university hospital in Madison. No word on their condition at this time.

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:33 10/5/21 6PM

Slug: HOUSE FIRE

A La Crosse woman is found dead in her home after a fire Monday evening. The La Crosse fire department responded to the home at 432 South 22nd street at around 7:50 last night after a report of a smoke detector sounding and the smell of smoke coming from the residence. When crews entered the home they found that there had been a fire inside which had already extinguished itself. They also found the homeowner identified as Peggy Crowley dead in the home. The department hasn't provided any further details but an investigation is underway into the cause.

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:34 10/7/21 5PM

Slug: POWER OUT

Two power outages in the Onalaska area, one major One minor. First, the major outage affecting 22-hundred customers. A fire in a piece of electrical equipment required excel to route around it. As a result, customers lost power. It also caused an issue with a sub-station near Sam's Club, the industrial park, Torrance Casting, Festival Foods are among the business to lose power. Crews restored power after about an hour. A tree falling on a power line caused the minor outage. It happened about the same time as the major outage. That repair made quickly. No injuries as a result of either incident.

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Slug: HWY CRASH

A woman who tried to help out during a crash in Dane County this morning is now fighting for her life. Authorities say she stopped to help a driver who had crossed the center line of highway 69 near the Town of Montrose and hit a power pole. A semi passing by hit a guide wire from that pole, which snapped and hit the good Samaritan. The bystander and driver were both taken to local hospitals - the driver had minor injuries; the women are potentially life-threatening. The semi driver remained at the scene. The highway has since reopened.

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Slug: MISSING GUY

The search for a missing Eau Claire County man has come to a tragic end. Shortly after six p-m last night, searchers discovered the body of sixty-four-year-old Gregory Steinacker in a tree stand. Steinacker had not been seen or heard from since the last week of September. This is video of the search for him that took place north of Augusta where officials searched large sections of the forest land. Steinacker was an avid hunter and was believed to be hunting in the area near his home. No foul play is suspected in his death.

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Slug: WATER LEAK

A water leak in the professional arts building at Mayo Clinic in La Crosse means adjusting appointments for some patients. A mayo spokesperson says the leak happened overnight causing damage to Parts of the first and third floors of the building. Due to the damage patients with appointments in the psychiatry and psychology department are either changing to virtual visits or moving elsewhere on campus for the rest of the week.

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Slug: VIROQUA FIRE

A fire in a large apartment building in Viroqua forces residents there to find shelter elsewhere. It happened at around 4:30 this morning at a 24-unit building at 505 Chicago Avenue in Viroqua. Officials say one apartment was "totally involved" in fire and fire was spreading into the hallway. Viroqua fire and police departments were able to get all the tenants out of the building safely. No injuries were reported. "We had a real aggressive interior attack and within 20 minutes we had the fire contained and out. While all of that was going on we did a lot of evacuations and rescues." The American Red Cross and Vernon County Emergency Management are coordinating temporary housing for residents displaced by the fire. The cause remains under investigation.

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Slug: MISSING UPDATE

Still no sign of Major Harris this evening. The three-year-old was first reported missing on Thursday as his mother, an Onalaska resident, was found murdered in Milwaukee. The statewide amber alert went out on Saturday with still no word why authorities waited two days to issue that alert. Then on Sunday Milwaukee police say the man believed to be responsible for Mallery Muenzenberger's death took his own life. Today, Onalaska police chief Charles Ashbeck confirmed that Major and his mother lived in an apartment complex at the corner of Quincy Street and Sixth Avenue. News 19 spoke with a neighbor who lives in the same apartment building and she tells us something seemed off Friday night when she says she heard a child yelling without being quieted by an adult, something she shared with police on Saturday. "I am hoping they can find him because he's only three, right? Yeah, I have a baby brother and I wouldn't want anything bad to happen to him so I do really hope that they do find him." Lopez says she's lived in the apartment above Muenzenberger for the past six months and had seen her and Major in passing but never spoke with them. Since the investigation into Muenzenberger's death and her missing child is still active Onalaska police chief Charles Ashbeck couldn't say much but he did say a search of the apartment this weekend proved helpful. Chief Ashbeck hopes that sharing this information might prompt people who live nearby to call 911 if they have any information about where major might be.

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Slug: LA CRES FIRE

Closer to home, the La Crescent fire department responding to the city's compost dump for a fire that was out of control. City workers were setting brush on fire when they decided to call for assistance at around 3:40 Monday afternoon. Officials say the fire was knocked down fairly quickly, no injuries and no damage to property

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Slug: SEMI ROLLOVER

No injuries reported despite some stunning video from an interstate interchange in Milwaukee now re-open after a semi rollover this morning. Video shows the 18-wheeler's trailer tipping on its side before the big rig slams into a smaller truck causing it to spin. The highway reopened around 4:30 this afternoon.

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Slug: HARRIS

Three-year-old Major Harris had been living in Onalaska with his mother, last seen October 9th and subject of a statewide amber alert since Saturday. Police say they discovered his body this afternoon in an alley near 35th Street and Rohr Avenue on Milwaukee's south side, about four miles north of where the body of his mother, 25-year-old Mallery Muenzenberger was found murdered last Thursday. In the past 24 hours six arrests had been made in her death. All but two of those people, a 21-year-old and 29-year-old man have since been released. After police shared the update this afternoon people gathered in prayer near where Major Harris was found. What you saw in the circle is the heart of what the community is about and what we are about as a people. We wanted that to be seen. We're hurting so it's hard for us to show it to each other right now. But when we do show love, we show love as you saw in the circle we just had." Harris's father Carlton Harris Junior, who had been in town from West Virginia to help with the search expressed his grief on learning of his son's fate.

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Slug: FIRE RED CROSS

The Red Cross now offering its help after fire crews responded to a late-night house-fire La Crosse. One woman and a dog were trapped in a first-floor bedroom of a home at 615 South Seventh Street. Crews located and safely evacuated both before putting out the flames. A representative from the Red Cross says right now they're helping out those impacted, but they could use a hand in doing so. "A lot of people when they think about a fire, obviously the fire itself is a scary situation but a lot of the hardest part of it comes in the days and weeks after in the recovery phase, so I know our teams will work with some of the great community agencies there in La Crosse to make everyone has what they need in the days and weeks ahead." Justin Kern says when disasters like this happen volunteers are the ones who respond. Those interested can sign up at redcross.org.

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Slug: GOOD SAMARITAN

Sparta police are commending a woman who helped rescue a man who had fallen into a creek Friday night at around 8 pm. Officers were called to Evans-Bosshard Park where a man was partially submerged in Beaver Creek. A woman had been biking in the area when she found the man who had fallen out of his mobility assistance device and into the water. Officers said the woman assisted with the rescue. The man was showing signs of hypothermia and was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

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Slug: DEER CRASHES

Authorities warn to be wary of deer more active around area roadways this time of year. Last year the state patrol said Wisconsin saw more than 16 thousand crashes where deer died with 13 drivers killed. Officials say that deer crashes can happen at any time of the day but most deer activity is in the morning and evening hours. David Ecklor with the Wisconsin State Patrol says this time of year is especially active because of deer mating season. In the late spring and early summer when does are looking for somewhere to give birth and also in the fall in October and November when the rut is kicking off and the bucks are in search of does for mating." Ecklor advises you never try to move the deer if injured and call 911 if you're injured or if the deer is blocking traffic or creating danger for other drivers.

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Slug: DEERE STRIKE

A man in Illinois employed by John Deere for 15-years is dead amid the strike against the company. Police in Milan, Illinois says the man was hit by a car while walking to the picket line near the John Deere parts distribution center. The 56-year-old victim was a member of the United Automobile Workers Union. About 10-thousand Deere workers have been on strike for two weeks over a wages and benefits disagreement with the agriculture equipment manufacturer.

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Slug: MISSING GIRLS

Juneau county authorities say they've found one of three girls who had been reported missing today. They say however they're still looking for 16-year-old Mariah Davis who was last seen at around 6-30 a-m on Halloween In the Camp Douglas area. Police say she may be driving a maroon 2009 Hyundai accent headed toward the Tomah area. Mariah is about 5'4" with long brown hair and hazel eyes. They're also looking for 16-year-old Angelina Starkey. Last seen in New Lisbon last Friday. Authorities have reason to believe Starkey may be trying to leave Wisconsin potentially heading to Tennessee. Angelina is 5'2" with green eyes and medium-length red hair that she may have dyed black. Anyone with information on the girls' whereabouts should contact the Juneau County sheriff's office at 608-847-5649.

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Slug: FLOOD PLAIN

Before flooding breaks its way into homes Emergency managers try to come up with new mitigation tactics. Every ten years planners from Minnesota and Wisconsin meet to bounce ideas off one another at the "flooding knows no borders" conference. News 19s Marcus Aarsvold explains what the group hopes to learn by talking now. The driftless region's beauty surrounded by water isn't always a good thing Sometimes it's even disastrous. Guen Drewes: "in the last ten years we've had a dozen declarations which is crazy that's more than one per year." Wisconsin emergency management officer Guen Drewes responds to flood emergencies and studies their impact and she's just one of the 36 guest speakers at the floodplain conference sharing what they've learned. Doug Kerns: "These are the best of the best when it comes to floodplain issues. They identify large river risk and in the same conversation you're going to identify smaller river risk Flash flooding type of issues." Guen Drewes: "one dry year makes it look like a stream is chilling out but it's not the thing. These events continue to strengthen and they continue to be more intense." Marcus Aarsvold: "even though it's fall and we're almost headed into winter her research on the La Crosse River shows that how it looks now could really impact what flooding will look like in the spring." Guen Drewes: "I mean if we have where we don't necessarily get a lot of snowfall that means when it melts it won't necessarily cause a lot of groundwater issues or runoff issues that way the ground can actually absorb the water rather than having some kind of runoff." But with a number of rivers in our area It's too soon to predict exactly who might see the most damage. Guen Drewes: "one river shows there's clearly an increase in peak discharge and another river shows that it's slowly decreasing over the life of the gauge so it can change from year to year." She says by 2030 she'll have a better idea how to predict exact flooding is going to happen

earlier In La Crosse Marcus Aarsvold News 19. Guen says there are mitigation efforts people who live in high-risk areas can take ahead of time. Individuals and communities can apply for property acquisition buyouts Flood proofing. And elevation grants. Find this story on our website wxow.com to learn how to do so and keep in mind time to do so is limited.

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:16 11/5/21 6PM

Slug: DECK FIRE

The La Crosse fire department - responding to a fire on the deck of a duplex early this morning crews arrived at quickly extinguished the flames at 1328 Johnson Street and both units were evacuated safely. An investigation showed the fire was caused by careless use of smoking materials.

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:32 11/8/21 10PM

Slug: FORT MCCOY REMAINS

An f-b-i public affairs officer confirming to News 19 this afternoon the remains are not believed to be related to any of the Afghan evacuees or active-duty military personnel at the base. A spokesperson from the fort says the remains were found on Saturday by hunters in a wooded area on the post. They notified fort police - who then sealed off the area. Because it is considered federal land - the FBI has jurisdiction in the investigation. The bureau says identification of the body is pending and they're working with the Monroe County medical examiner to do so.

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:29 11/11/21 6PM

Slug: CENTRAL THREAT

The La Crosse school district says there's no longer a danger to students following a threat of violence made via email last night. The update from the district this afternoon says it took immediate action after learning of the threat made by a student Closing school today and beginning an investigation with La Crosse police. School officials thanking families for their flexibility adding that while the police investigation continues classes will resume as "the threat to student safety has been resolved."

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Slug: NAT GUARD

With a verdict in the Kyle Rittenhouse murder trial near. Governor Tony Evers has placed 500 national guard members on standby in Kenosha if requested. Reporter Courtney Sist shows us the mixed reaction to the order. Governor Tony Evers placed 500 national guard troops on standby near Kenosha days ahead of closing arguments in the Kyle Rittenhouse trial. "I appreciate that. I hope that it's over-kill." Joshua Curtis is a manager at Aro Lock and Door in uptown. He remembers the riots that ensued following the Jacob Blake shooting in August 2020. "I got called down for a couple jobs, and I got to see the mayhem down there and everyone boarding up and that was kind of when it hit me how heavy it all was." Buildings are still boarded up from businesses that never recovered. The remains of a charred chair still mark the sidewalk outside his shop. "After the verdict you know, what happens, I don't know, who knows? But I'd like to hope that cooler heads will prevail." Some Kenosha community members and activists believe they will. "We don't want the national guard here." "The community believes that we've done a really good job over this past year of maintaining the peace here despite verdicts we've received in the case of Jacob Blake." The national guard sat outside the courthouse when the judge decided to not charge the officer who shot Jacob Blake. Despite *that decision, the national guard wasn't needed. We asked Blake's uncle what would make the Kyle Rittenhouse trial reaction different "Things aren't so hot and everybody's not wearing their emotions on their shoulder as they were then when they saw my nephew get shot in the back."

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Slug: HUNT DEATH

A family hopes others don't have to experience their tragedy this hunting season After a Waupaca man died officials say he fell from a tree stand. An avid outdoorsman 32-year-old Ryan Giefer's life was cut tragically short on November 3rd. He was found dead after not returning home from bow hunting a pastime his family says he loved dearly. The Waupaca sheriff's department saying he likely fell from his tree stand which was 15 to 20 feet off the ground. While it's unclear if Ryan was using a safety harness the Wisconsin DNR says they can help hunters stay safer when using a tree stand. The message from his family Enjoy the sport responsibly. "We ask that people do it as safely as possible, we know that's what Ryan would want, keep his memory, you know, in your hearts, as you are out there in the nature, and doing something Ryan loved so much." Ryan is survived by his wife, Rachel, and their three children, harper, age 5, 2-year-old griffin, and four week old Millie.

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Slug: OVERDOSES

Since the pandemic began overdose deaths have been on the rise in the US the CDC now reporting more than 100 thousand this year. Locally Gundersen health system predicts we'll see about thirty-five deaths Seven fewer than last year which was forty-two. Though numbers are still higher than pre-pandemic times Emergency medical physician dr. Chris Eberlein says Alliance to Heal's Narcan training sessions and the work of the coulee recovery center really makes a difference. "Addiction is no different. It's another disease process that we have to give them the right tools, resources and be their guide through it. That's really our job as a healthcare provider to work with them and show them the right tools and how to do it. Together we can make a difference." Doctor Eberlein says the next thing they're working on is opening a detox center for immediate help. They haven't set the specific date yet but the alliance will meet in December to fully analyze the numbers and gather community input to keep driving down fatality rates.

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Slug: FIRE EVENT

The heat is on in the kitchen with the holidays approaching Prompting a reminder that cooking fires are the most common fires in a home. News 19's Roger Staffaroni explains how two local agencies are looking to make a change for 500 homes. It's called a smart burner and last year the La Crosse fire department had the idea to apply for a federal grant and set up a safety project. Their goal, to buy enough smart burners to put in all of the housing authority units. "Basically installing, taking out the old coil elements that come in stoves installing temperature limiting technology. So basically, these devices are designed to only get to a certain point so that cooking oils can't reach their ignition temperature. Most of the cooking fires that we see are the result of cooking oils." The next step, asking the La Crosse housing authority if they'd be interested in participating. "It was kind of a no brainer for us. This was technology that we have already been trying to incorporate with the new ranges that we've been purchasing." The FEMA grant was submitted and came back approved. Next, purchasing and installing enough smart burners to replace the current stove top coils. "And here we are now, this is the last phase, the installation project. We've installed about 490 of these so far and 490 individual units throughout the housing authority properties. We initially bought 550 so the last 65 or so will be going in the Shue/Mullen area here. Project complete, every resident now having four new smart burners. Were there any remaining questions or concerns? "We have received phone calls about it, new technology, change in general creates a little bit of havoc but now that they've been using them for the last upwards of two weeks, almost a month now for some of them it's been going well. Roger Staffaroni, WXOW News 19. The completion of the smart burner installation comes at the perfect time. That's because the national fire protection association says thanksgiving and Christmas are the two leading days of the year for cooking related fires.

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Slug: HEROES

Often times First responders are too busy saving lives to take the time and honor their work So the "seven rivers cardiac arrest preparedness and education" Or cape Does it for them. Tri-state first responders use technology to help administer c-p-r Before driving them to the hospital. It's a non-stop line of work Which is why this group is showing its support through recognition. "I know how hard of a job it is and how many people don't survive so I think we need to celebrate the ones that do survive." Tom carpenter says more than 300-thousand people in the US die from sudden cardiac arrest. Tri-state EMT's say the biggest reward. Is saving someone who then goes on to live a happy life.

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Slug: HIGHWAY SAFETY

And as people venture out for the holidays this year authorities are asking travelers to drive safely the Minnesota State Patrol says as you head out remember the basics. Following the speed limit, wear your seat belt, and pay attention and avoid distractions. As the seasons change. The drop in temperatures could change road conditions so be prepared. "This time of year, just put your winter survival gear in the vehicle. Have extra blankets, always make sure your tank of gas is half full or full and have extra blankets and water and just prepare for anything you may need if you are stranded in a vehicle." Christianson says there are typically more accidents over the holidays so remember to move over for emergency vehicles and be cautious in congested construction zones.

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Slug: BLAIR FATAL

One person died in a head-on collision near Blair Friday afternoon. The Trempealeau County sheriff's office said the crash happened just before 5 p.m. on highway 53 just west of Blair. A dodge pickup was headed north on highway 53 when it crossed the centerline and hit a southbound Nissan pickup head-on. The driver of the dodge pickup was not wearing a seatbelt and died at the scene. The driver of the Nissan pickup was wearing a seatbelt according to the sheriff's office and was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The sheriff's office is expected to release names once the investigation is complete.

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Slug: WINTER FIRE SAFETY

Tomorrow marks the start of the busiest time of year for home fires According to La Crosse fire department. They're hoping the community can help them reduce the number of devastating incidents this December to February. News 19's Joe Minney is here to share some of what the department wants people to keep in mind Joe. Thanks, Dustin home fires during the winter season are caused by several sources. Some home maintenance related and others being holiday related. A few examples include chimneys If not properly swept can lead to a buildup of creosote which could ignite in the chimney or restrict smoke ventilation leading to carbon monoxide in the home. Furnaces and other heating systems should be checked regularly to mitigate issues related to airflow or heat production. Also make sure electrical wiring of the home is up to code providing sufficient electricity Space heaters draw a large amount of amps which is why it's best a space heater is plugged into its own separate outlet without using extension cords. Finally, Christmas trees especially natural trees La Crosse fire department says they also pose a few hazards if not properly cared for. "When they get their tree in the house make sure that it's good and watered make sure that they have a good amount of trunk on the bottom so that they can really set it up so it's sturdy set it up in a place that's not near an exit so in the event that something should happen you're able to safely exit the home the tree doesn't encumber that from your family from exiting and to make sure to keep the tree at least three feet from any potential heating source." Fortunately, the city hasn't had many Christmases tree related fires but firefighters say folks using supplemental heating like space heaters cause many fires in the area. And Dustin La Crosse fire recommends folks use holiday lights for their intended purpose lights meant for outdoors

should not be used indoors and vice versa. Thanks Joe. The fire department also says that like holiday lights It's good practice to turn off those space heaters before going to bed and of course make sure you have plenty of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors throughout the home.

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Slug: GREEN WREATH

Now that we're in the winter months Fire departments in the coulee region are participating in the keep the wreath green program. The town of Campbell one of the departments involved is displaying a large wreath decorated with green lights outside the station at town hall. When there's a structure fire, one green bulb will be replaced with a red one serving as a visual measure of fire safety. "So, we're here to try and keep everybody safe and it's just another reminder of the season and it can be a joyous season, but it can also be a very traumatic part if there is a dangerous situation or a fire that happens during the holidays." The wreath will also have one white light bulb signifying firefighters who have died in the line of duty. The national fire protection association says nearly half of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical distribution or lighting equipment.

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Slug: CONDO

We're following some breaking news tonight Officials in Waukesha evacuating a six-story condo building they say is in imminent danger of collapse due to deteriorating structural conditions. The building consists of 48 units and emergency crews managed to get all of those living there out safely.

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Slug: MISSING TEEN

The Campbell police department is asking for the public's help in finding a missing teen girl 16-year-old Ma'iingan Couture - also known as Mya - was last seen on Friday. According to Campbell police - she is Native American, 5 foot 6 inches, and 160 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. Couture was last seen wearing a white and grey hoodie, grey sweatpants, and a green backpack. If you have information on Ma-iingan's whereabouts contact the Campbell police department at 608-783-1050.

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Slug: MONROE AX

A Monroe County crash leaving one person in critical condition. The Monroe County sheriff's office says on Sunday night around 10 a truck driven by Michael Breidenbach of Ontario hit an Amish buggy in the Town of Wilton. The buggy's two occupants John Miller and Ida Yoder Both were transported to a local hospital. Yoder remains in critical condition. The crash is still under investigation by the Monroe County sheriff's office.

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Slug: XCEL ON WINTER

Xcel Energy is also closely monitoring tomorrow's winter system. In order to respond to possible power outages safely and quickly. They are also providing tips to keep you safe tomorrow. First stay away from downed power lines. Second. Keep natural gas meters clear of ice and snow and lastly. If you are using a space heater, never leave it unattended, and make sure all cords and plugs are in good condition. To stay informed on possible outages. Xcel recommends you sign up for outage notifications through their website.

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Slug: SCHOOL CLOSING

Here's the list of schools as you can see the closings are across the area. For more details visit the WXOW website and in the Eau Claire area similar story. Schools all over the area are closed and you can head to the WQOW website for more details. And the closings will continue to scroll on the bottom of your screen.

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Slug: XCEL

After a brief power outage impacted much of West Salem and Bangor Xcel Energy telling News 19 this evening a transmission line was tripped still no word on how but in about ten minutes the utility managed to restore power.

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Slug: LAX FIRE

One person injured in an early morning house fire this morning in La Crosse. Crews responded to 20-26 Onalaska court about 1:18. They saw heavy flames when they arrived. Crews transported one person to a local hospital for treatment. Two dogs were located One of which died the other went to animal control. The fire department now working to determine a cause.

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Slug: MELROSE DAMAGE

The storm sweeping through our region leaves behind path of damage as the destruction happened in a matter of moments. News 19's Joe Minney spoke with a family near Melrose picking up the pieces after losing part of their home. "Last night it was about a quarter after nine and the sky in the west was all lit up with lightning." National weather service says Melrose Mindoro area was hit hard with straight line winds. "It was ferocious it was the wind was blowing against the windows and the windows were shaking and bowing out the whole house was shaking I heard a big boom and I didn't know what it was and I went to the door leading to the garage and I couldn't believe it the garage was completely gone." "It was scary just looking out and seeing the garage in the front yard uh" Roof trellises and chunks of garage walls were blown hundreds of feet away some pieces farther than that. "People were stopping on the highway and picking up debris and bringing it up here." Winds in the area were estimated to be stronger than 60 or 70 miles per hour. "One entire row of white pine about forty feet tall are gone the trunks are about that round so that big so it really had to be a strong wind to snap those things off." Even if insurance claims process right away recovery from the damage may take some time. (ken) "my major concern now is there's no way I'm gonna get to be able to rebuild the garage this winter and so it's probably gonna be sometime next spring or summer before I can even do anything." In Melrose I'm Joe Minney news 19. Fortunately, no one in the Luchterhand family was injured last night (Wednesday night) Ken says the insurance agents he spoke with today told him it would take some time sending out an adjuster due to many other claims in the area.

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:34 12/17/21 MIDDAY

Slug: CONFIRMED TORNADO

The national weather service has confirmed eight tornadoes touched down near the Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa borders. One was an EF- zero in Lewiston Minnesota. An EF-2 hit just north of Neillsville, Wisconsin and another further north in Stanley, Wisconsin. 32 tornados have been confirmed to have touched down on Wednesday across Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Nebraska. And according to the national weather service's storm prediction center A record was set for a single day in the u-s of at least 55 reports of hurricane-force, thunderstorm wind gusts of over 75-miles-an-hour.

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Slug: COON VALLEY CRASH

One person is dead due to a crash over the weekend near coon valley. It happened Saturday afternoon on US Highway 14 near coon valley around 4 o'clock. It happened on US Highway 14 right around 4 o'clock on Saturday. The driver was traveling east bound on 14 near Cornell Lane when they crossed the center line and struck an oncoming vehicle with 4 people inside. The driver who crossed the center line was pronounced dead on the scene. The 4 others were taken to Gundersen health system by ambulance. A car behind the one carrying the 4 people was also hit but luckily no injuries to report.

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Slug: TREMP FIRE

Three area fire departments respond to a house fire in Trempealeau this afternoon. The Trempealeau Galesville and Arcadia fire departments arrived around 12-30 this afternoon to this house on King Street. The Trempealeau department says no one was at home at the time and no injuries were reported. The cause is still under investigation.

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Slug: ICE RESCUE

La Crosse first responders and dive rescue answered a call in the Town of Campbell for two men stuck out on the ice. A neighbor called in around three thirty reporting two men stuck on the ice next to their ice boat near Edgewater Drive off the western coast of French Island. By the crews arrived. The men were in the process of getting themselves unstuck by using an extension latter to pry the vessel back onto the ice. Though this event ended without need for a rescue It still prompts a word of caution in this early winter season. "Came across a pressure ridge and they ended up finding a weak spot there. Just bear that in mind with all ice conditions - the ice can vary from area to area even in the matter of a few feet it can go from really thick to really shallow or thin." Assistant chief van Lon says that no one was injured and the best ice rescue is when no one has to go into the water to get anyone else out

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Slug: 1-94 CRASH

State patrol says that icy road conditions in the early morning hours are to blame for the multi-vehicle interstate crash in Jackson County, clogging a major artery on a busy day for holiday travel. "You are needed for a massive pile up on the I around the 95 westbound. Reports of multiple fires. Have no injuries yet but multiple fires from the semis." A Wisconsin state patrol spokesperson updating the number of vehicles involved in that crash this morning near Osseo saying about 40 to 50 vehicles and about 20 to 25 semis crashed or went off I-94 around mile marker 96. It happened at 5:45 this morning. Officials say the initial crash involved a semi in the median on fire with two vehicles underneath with subsequent crashes happening near that original scene. Around 20 people were hurt but incredibly No one was seriously injured or killed. This was the scene as state patrol worked to divert traffic off of i-94 after the accident. This is video near Highway 121 in Northfield which is right in between Osseo and Hixton. At this hour the DOT says all drivable vehicles have been cleared but emergency crews are still working to clear the area and the interstate is still closed.

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Slug: WI CAR CRASH

Over the weekend weather conditions led to accidents across the Midwest. One Wisconsin woman involved in an accident with a semi-truck walked away with only minor bruises and bumps. But police say by the looks of the remaining parts of her car--her family should be mourning her. Hillary Mintz has

this story of what people are calling a true Christmas miracle. Wednesday morning just before 9am in Pleasant Prairie Sharon Campbell, witnessed accident "I just heard a bang ." Sharon Campbell looked out her window and saw a car that had just struck a semi-truck. Sharon Campbell, witnessed accident "I called 911 because it was stopping traffic" but from her view she says the car didn't look that bad she had no idea the **other side of the silver Toyota was unrecognizable "what did you make of that? Sharon Campbell witnessed accident "I was just so, I walked over to my neighbors and we were just thankful because she saw the woman walk away." police took these photos of the wreckage up close, stunned while they pieced together the accident. They say despite the roof sheared off and half the car ripped apart, the 47-year-old woman from Illinois walked away unscathed, just some minor bumps, bruises, and scrapes. Hillary Mintz, Pleasant Prairie, WI "Now the speed limit out here in Greenbay Road is 55 miles per hour, police say the truck apparently slowed down to about 10 miles per hour, and the driver didn't realize it until it was too late." police also say the only part of the car that was in fact was the driver's seat which perhaps saved her life. Sharon Campbell, witnessed accident "just so thankful nobody was hurt, especially at Christmas, it's almost like, you know it is truly a miracle that she walked away." a driver likely counting her blessings this holiday season.

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Slug: SNOWPLOW

The d-o-t reminds every driver of the importance of giving snowplows the space they need to get the job done. In La Crosse County The highway department does its best to clear roads quickly Prioritizing the interstate and state highway roads first. During snowstorms Or just after they have passed, slowing down to a safe speed will pay off As road conditions can change abruptly and if you must venture out while plows are still out Remember that road conditions in front of a plow will likely be worse So it is ok to follow behind them at a safe distance but remember Plows often create a cloud of snow that can obscure vision So if you have to pass It is legal But be careful.

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Slug: 1-90 CRASH

A 41-year ole La Crosse man died after a crash during the snowstorm yesterday on I-90 near West Salem. A viewer provided these images of the crash. It happened on east I-90. The car became wedged under the semi-trailer. Authorities closed the east lanes for several hours. Those lanes re-opened about 5 in the afternoon. The driver of the semi was not injured. The name of the driver of the car has not been released. Authorities are investigating the crash.

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Slug: VACCINE FOR KID

A 12-year-old in La Crosse is sharing his vaccination story to serve as an example for other kids his age. Hank Berendes received his first dose of the covid-19 vaccine back on September 9 which happened to be his 12th birthday. He received his second dose of the vaccine at Gundersen Health System this week. Hank and his mother say their family supports the preventative medicine. "I think it will be safer for me because there is a lot lower chance of me getting it and it helps protect my friends and stuff." Hank and his mom hope that sharing their story will encourage parents to get their kids vaccinated when they are eligible.

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Slug: COVID HOLIDAY

New travel guidelines highlight the coming holiday season. The CDC advising people delay travel if not vaccinated. The agency says those who must travel should follow masking and distancing guidelines. While it's still early to tell what case numbers would look like for Thanksgiving and Christmas Halloween is quickly approaching And at least one western Wisconsin health department gives it a green light. "Certainly, trick or treating is a fun activity for kids and it's pretty easy to do in a really safe manner. If you are just trick or treating with your family, staying outdoors, and trying to keep distance from other people who also might be out and about then those are some pretty safe options." Officials recommend that those giving away candy should pre-package the treats and make it 'grab and go' rather than handing it out individually.

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Slug: VAX LIVES SAVE

A new study shows vaccinations possibly prevented thousands of covid cases and deaths across Wisconsin. The US department of health and human services says vaccinations may have helped prevent roughly 55-hundred new covid-19 infections More than two-thousand hospitalizations and 700 deaths among seniors in Wisconsin during the first 5 months of 20-21. Researchers say the report further emphasizes the importance of getting people vaccinated especially among senior populations.

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Slug: COVID PILL

A top Wisconsin infectious disease doctor says she's cautiously optimistic about a pill to fight covid-19 and the promising data to go with it. New jersey-based drug company Merck says its experimental pill could help treat people with covid after diagnosis and the start of symptoms. Dr. Nasia Safdar with u-w health says with little treatment options currently available for people with mild symptoms A pill would boost covid care options. "I view this as, you know, there's various ways that you can intervene in the covid spectrum. So, the most important one is vaccination but nothing is 100% and so some people, as we are seeing, will still get covid and for those people, we need therapeutic options." Data from the trials released So far, show the pill helps reduce death and hospitalizations by 50 percent if taken early enough. Merck plans to submit all its data to the FDA soon.

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Slug: LONG HAULERS

Ten to thirty percent of mayo clinic's covid patients end up dealing with something called "long haul covid" Medical professionals have been studying people who suffer with symptoms well after their

infection and today they shared those findings at a press conference. News 19s Marcus Aarsvold spoke with the director of mayo's covid rehabilitation program and joins us now to tell us more about what they've learned. Heather, we know brain fog is a big struggle for some people who have had covid but today doctors went even further to describe what that means. They say it's a struggle to find words, remember things and what makes it worse is that many people are having a hard time being productive as they head back to the office. Doctors say some patients are still dealing with these health effects more than a year after infection. The best way to avoid any long-haul symptoms is not getting covid in the first place and medical experts say the best way to do that is to get vaccinated but keep in mind you can still test positive and possibly experience long haul symptoms if you're vaccinated. "But it's rare so that's a good sign and in addition the individuals that we have been treating and interacting with they do seem to get better faster than the rest of our population." Another thing about long haulers is they are not going to continue to test positive or spread the virus. Even though they're still struggling with symptoms. Heather, he told me that the delta variant has made long term symptoms worse and overall made the pandemic last way longer than predicted initially. Mayo doctors compare dealing with long haul symptoms to training for a marathon while fighting the flu.

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Slug: VIRUS

At the beginning of the pandemic Children were thought to be less susceptible to covid-19 but a new study shows that's not the case. According to the journal Jama pediatrics Children have had a similar risk of covid-19 infection as adults but they're more likely to be asymptomatic. The actual impact on children is becoming clearer as they head back to school and resume normal activities. The study says it's more understood and established how children, especially young children, can transmit the virus relative to adults are generally less affected by anything severe such as hospitalization or even death. The study reiterates that the role children play in transmitting respiratory infections should be considered in pandemic control efforts Including a need for a vaccine for children.

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Slug: IMMUNITY

More people are seeking covid-19 vaccinations but some are hesitant. One reason A belief that previous infection offers protection. But UW Health experts say covid-19 vaccines are more effective than infection-based immunity. "What we see are many studies starting to suggest that natural immunity may not be all that protective. One study suggests that up to thirty percent who get covid-19 don't actually create the antibodies that would allow them to fight off an additional infection." Data shows that after ninety days of being infected with covid-19, your immunity is waning and with new variants appearing it is strongly encouraged to get a vaccination.

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Slug: CAN/MEX TRAVEL

The US is easing travel restrictions for fully vaccinated visitors from Canada and Mexico. The first phase will start in early November and will allow people traveling for nonessential reasons to cross US land borders if they show proof of vaccination. In January, the second phase begins which will extend the vaccine requirement so it also includes people traveling for essential reasons.

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Slug: DECLINING DEATH

We turn to some good news in the battle against covid-19. The CDC projects deaths and hospitalizations will decline over the next four weeks. The CDC forecast suggests the total death toll will hit at least seven-hundred-forty thousand by November sixth. That's a grim number but it indicates three weeks in a row with lower projections. The agency predicts hospitalizations will decline for a fifth week

in a row but that the case count will stay the same. Vaccinated people are more likely to survive infections and less likely to require hospitalizations. Kids can't get the shots until they're twelve and, the American Academy of Pediatrics says about a quarter of covid-19 cases are among children.

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Slug: UNVACCINATED

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been saying getting the covid-19 vaccine can save your life and new data backs up those claims. According to the CDC unvaccinated adults are 11 times more likely to die from covid-19 than fully vaccinated adults. They also face six times higher risk of testing positive. With the number of covid-19 cases dropping the risk of unvaccinated people dying from the virus has also dropped but the risk of hospitalization among that group has continued to climb.

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Slug: COVID COPS

Covid-19 has become the leading cause of death for police officers since the pandemic began last year according to the officer down memorial page. But around the country some police officers and unions are pushing back against vaccine requirements. In Chicago, the police force is facing a manpower crisis following about 45-hundred officers' decisions not to comply with city vaccine mandates. The use of elective time by sworn CPD officers is now restricted until further notice. That means no vacation, no comp, and no personal days for the foreseeable future. Massachusetts and Washington state have also reported hundreds of officers not complying with vaccination and testing requirements.

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Slug: COVID HEADACHES

Covid-19 causes figurative and literal headaches for all of us. But if you are recovering from the virus, and notice you're still dealing with physical headaches, health experts say you're not alone. Research is still being done to try to understand why its problem for so many people. There are several treatment options, including prescription medications, Botox injections and therapy. A specialist at Cleveland clinic says this kind of covid long-hauler symptom is another reason why it's important to get vaccinated. "Vaccination is a great tool and we already know about it not just in reducing your chance of getting the infection, but it has an incredible effect of reducing any serious illness and long hauler symptoms, even if you were to catch covid down the line." The doctor says if you feel like your headaches are not going away after recovering from covid-19, you should talk to a specialist about treatment.

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Slug: BOOSTERS APPROVED

And we turn now to some more breaking news. After the FDA approved the use of Moderna and Johnson and Johnson booster shots last night CDC advisors met today to discuss whether or not to recommend an extra dose of the vaccines. CDC now recommends a third dose of the Moderna and J&J vaccines joining Pfizer. The government panel of experts has now endorsed extra doses for all three of the vaccines in use. The experts also said today- individuals may choose a different vaccine for their extra dose. It is up to the CDC director to approve or deny the committee's decision. That ruling is expected soon.

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Slug: MIX N MATCH

As the largest vaccination effort in American history continues more people are eligible for booster shots and can choose which one, they want but doctors have some concerns and suggestions. The CDC has now given the green light to mix and match covid vaccines for booster shots because doctors say, "it gives a boost to the immune system." With more people being eligible for booster shots state officials expect to have enough vaccine to meet demand and while experts say you can choose your booster, they caution not to mix initial doses. "The primary series of vaccines should still be the same. So, the first two doses should be a Pfizer or the Moderna product." Wisconsin's Department of Health Services says it supports the recommendation for boosters but it's waiting to give Wisconsin vaccinators the final okay until the CDC publishes its clinical guidance for Moderna and J and J booster shots.

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Slug: FDA KIDS VAX

This as FDA advisers vote unanimously with one abstention to recommend Pfizer's vaccine be authorized for kids ages five to eleven. The committee says the benefits of giving children the shot is greater than the potential risks. However, some of the committee did say they had concerns about giving approval based on a few thousand studies. The FDA is taking the vote under consideration and the CDC advisors will meet next week on the matter. If the CDC director signs off vaccines for the age group could start just a few days later.

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Slug: COVID LATEST

Wisconsin continues its downward trend for rates of new covid-19 cases the statewide 7-day average shows there are 1,825 new covid-19 cases in Wisconsin with deaths related to the virus now at 17 and not much change in the number of Wisconsin residents vaccinated against covid-19. 57-point-7 percent have received one-dose of the vaccine and 55 percent of eligible residents are now fully vaccinated.

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Slug: VACCINE KIDS

Kids ages five to eleven are now eligible to receive what will be a lower dose of the pfizer covid-19 vaccine. The CDC director giving final approval tonight following a unanimous recommendation from the center's advisory committee on immunization practices. Children in the younger age group will receive a smaller dose designated by an orange capped vial as opposed to purple for the larger doses but will still do so three weeks apart. This news comes as CDC data show vaccine rates are increasing across the board. More than 58-percent of the US population Or about 192 million people are considered fully vaccinated.

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Slug: RODGERS COVID

The reports from Lambeau echoing around the country today as the NFL's reigning most valuable player will be out for Sunday's showdown with the chiefs. Aaron Rodgers has been placed in the NFL's covid-19 protocols. Multiple reports say he tested positive for the virus and is unvaccinated. Sports director Scott Emerich is standing by with reaction from the team. Rodgers will not play this Sunday in a much-anticipated showdown. Head coach matt la fleur is not allowed to say if a player has covid But did confirm he was in the league's protocol. They will move on with Jordan Love as the starter this week. "It's unfortunate when you lose great players. Nobody wants that to happen. But the only way you can get through that is for each individual to be at their best. It's the collective effort of everybody that gives you a chance to go out and win a game." under the league's protocol Rodgers must quarantine for a minimum 10 days and cannot return until next week Saturday the 13th if he remains

asymptomatic. I'll have more on this later in sports including some comments from last August from Rodgers that may come back to haunt him. Thanks, Scott. Reports this afternoon also suggest the NFL is reviewing the Packers enforcement of the leagues covid-protocols in light of Rodgers' positive test.

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Slug: DR SUTTON INTERVIEW

With the recent news on kids aged 5 to 11 now able to receive the covid-19 vaccine We want to clear up any confusion or questions about inoculation. Joining us this morning to discuss the recent news is dr. Darien Sutton. Dr. Sutton Good morning we know a lot of parents are ready to get their child inoculated, but there is still a lot of hesitancy I've spoken with parents who are not comfortable vaccinating their kids just yet Some have cited emergency use authorization so what would you say to them right now? For parents who will vaccinate their kids how should parents coach their kids prior to the shot? The vaccine mandate has been politicized heavily but let's look at the science how does a mandate influence this pandemic? Dr. Sutton we appreciate your time this morning Thank you for joining us. Child vaccine doses likely won't be ready until next week in western Wisconsin.

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Slug: SCRATCH & SNIFF

You've heard of scratch-and-sniff stickers. But now that same concept is being applied to detecting covid cases. A loss of smell is a common symptom of covid-19 and a new study shows covid positive patients have more difficulty identifying fruity scents on a scratch and sniff card. Those who didn't have covid were better able to correctly identify scents like lemon Grape Or banana. Scratch and sniff cards could be a cheap and easy way to test for covid symptoms when people arrive at public areas. While it's not 100 percent reliable checking sense of smell could be a good way to find out who may need further covid testing.

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Slug: VIRUS

Nearly half the states are now reporting an uptick in cases. Health officials attribute this latest surge to unvaccinated people and to more gatherings indoors as the weather turns colder. For the first time in months - new covid cases nationwide are on the rise with 22 states reporting a surge in infections. Hospitalizations up in fourteen states - from Colorado to Michigan to Vermont. Low on ICU beds - some hospitals are rationing care. Health experts say this latest surge is fueled by unvaccinated Americans, waning immunity from the vaccine and colder weather as more people gather indoors. Officials in Colorado and California are now encouraging every adult to get a covid booster though US health officials haven't given it the o-k. Many are still resisting the shots altogether. Overnight during an anti-vaccine mandate protest at the golden gate bridge - at least five people were injured in a car crash. More than 107 million Americans remain unvaccinated. Matty Ahkeah was among them when she got covid - she's now on a ventilator struggling to breathe. The CDC reports the daily death toll from covid in the US is hovering around 1,000 new deaths every day. Elizabeth Schulze, ABC News, Washington.

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Slug: SCHOOL VACCINE

The school district of La Crosse Citing continued high case rates is messaging families encouraging them to vaccinate their children with the new pediatric covid-19 vaccine. The school district also announcing a partnership with the La Crosse County health department to host covid vaccination clinics at two of the district's elementary schools. Those clinics will be at Hamilton and northside elementary schools on November 19th and 22nd respectively and will be open to anyone who would like to attend.

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Slug: VAXUP

The UW System has selected 70 students across 11 universities to receive scholarships from the "vax up" campaign in celebration of the campaign's result. The u-w system tweeted a video of Thompson announcing the results to school mascots. Students selected were from universities who participated in the "70 for 70" campaign which awards 70 students from campuses which achieve a vaccination rate of 70-percent or higher. Selected students are set to receive scholarships of \$7,000 they were selected through a random drawing. "And the students were elated, and we have several adaptations Testimonials from students who were just so excited, it brought tears to my eyes. And of course, a lot of students broke down crying because of the emotion, and the feeling so good because they received it." Thompson hoped twelve universities would reach the goal by the end of October, and all but one was able to do so. The UW Madison held its own, separate campaign

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Slug: MN COVID

Governor Tim Walz says teams from the defense department are coming to assist two Minnesota hospitals dealing with a growing wave of covid patients. The governor making the announcement from a trade mission in Finland saying hospital beds in the state are filling up with unvaccinated patients as Minnesota has become one of the worst hotspots for new covid infections. The teams each with 22 people Will arrive at Hennepin County medical center and St. Cloud hospital next week.

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:31 11/19/21 MIDDAY
Slug: BOOSTER SHOTS

The Food and Drug Administration says all fully vaccinated adults in the US can now get a covid-19 booster. Previously, only those who were 65 years or older and adults who were at high risk of getting the disease were eligible. The FDA decided to expand the emergency use authorization, after a phase three trial showed boosters are safe and have an efficacy of 95 percent against symptomatic covid-19. Officials at the centers for disease control and prevention will meet Friday to discuss signing off on the FDA's recommendation.

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Slug: COVID EXHIBIT

A new, virtual exhibit is showcasing the history between covid-19 and past public health crisis. Put on by UW Eau Claire students, the digital exhibit dubbed 'the individual, the collective, and the crisis public health in rural Wisconsin' takes visitors through the early 20th century until today. According to the faculty lead on the project, the goal of the exhibit is to expand on the history and understanding of what constitutes as a public health crisis, while examining responses to the crisis itself Like the 1918 flu pandemic and smallpox outbreaks.

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Slug:OMICRON VARIANT

And as the world waits for more information on the omicron variant. Top officials in the United States say the virus is likely on its way to the United States. President Biden said it will inevitably arrive in the United States as Doctor Anthony Fauci theorizes it may already be here. "Well, it seems to be behaving very much like delta. And you know, the thing about delta is that it replaced the other previous versions of the virus and so I think the concern is, could omicron, now, given the way it's spreading, replace delta and become the dominant variant." Health officials continue to bolster the united states' ability to fight covid-19. Vaccination's treatment and masks continue to prove effective in the ongoing

pandemic and within weeks, vaccine manufacturers will report the effectiveness of their vaccines against the new variant.

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Slug: ANTIVIRAL

F-d-a advisors voted to recommend Merck's covid-19 anti-viral pill. The company is seeking an emergency use authorization for its drug – molnupiravir. The pill would treat covid-19 patients who are at risk of developing severe symptoms. To be effective people would need to take multiple pills Several times a day for five days. According to new data from Merck. The pill reduces the risk of hospitalization or death by 30 percent. That's less than the initial data, which showed the drug reduced the risk of severe disease by 50 percent.

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Slug: MELLER

A Gundersen health practitioner is recommending the same protocols as scientists continue to examine the potential effects of the omicron variant. Infection control specialist Megan Meller it's important to mask in public and even more important getting vaccinated. "You know, the next couple of weeks we'll learn more and more about this variant. But, you know, this is just the next variant. And there could be a variant next after that. And I like to think of the vaccines - I like to compare the covid-19 vaccine to the influenza vaccine. You still might get the flu if you get the flu shot. But guess what? You're going to bounce back a lot faster. You're not going to be sick for as long, as severe, or miss school or child care. The same thing applies to the covid-19 vaccine. As long as you have that vaccine, you're going to bounce back faster and healthier." Meller adds if you're eligible get a booster dose and especially during the holidays Make sure you take care of your physical and mental health.

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Slug: DHS BRIEF

Also, today the Wisconsin department of health services provided information about the omicron variant. The message there are many unknowns. To what extent omicron is spreading depends on a lengthy genome sequencing process. It takes one to two weeks after a positive test to determine if an infected person has the omicron variant. So, even if someone tested positive today it would be a week or two before we know which variant it is and when asked about the severity of omicron this is what a health expert answered. "We do not have the answer to the question: does it cause more severe disease? That's something that we'll- that a lot of scientists are looking at very closely. There's been some anecdotes of the initial cases having not very severe illness, and generally being mild, but I don't think we can count on that being true for the general population." While much is unknown about the omicron variant, the primary virus of concern remains the delta variant. In Wisconsin hospitals. The number of patients who require ventilation to breathe is at an all-time high. While hospital numbers are similar to last year The pandemic is in a different stage now with different strains and younger patients.

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Slug: SUTTON INTERVIEW

Right now, the new omicron variant of covid-19 is top of mind as we head into the holidays. Joining us live to discuss the new variant Dr. Darien Sutton. Good morning, Dr. Sutton. Dr. Sutton we know the variant is already here but there is still a lot we don't know about it? Can you give us a timetable on when we'll have more information on its severity and transmissibility? Some patients who are vaccinated have tested positive for the variant. The president has put into place some international travel bans which is causing some concern especially with the holidays upon us what would you say to folks who are planning to go somewhere either internationally or domestically? How can we protect ourselves right now from this new variant? Dr. Sutton we appreciate your time this morning and thank

you for joining. The new variant has been detected in Minnesota a twin cities resident tested positive for the omicron variant after coming back from New York City.

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Slug: COVID MAYO

As so much still remains unknown Health officials with mayo clinic - meeting virtually today to discuss the covid-19 therapy and treatments available. Doctors focused on new anti-viral pills that treat covid-19 As well as more common therapies for the virus. Like mono-clonal antibodies. Experts say both of those treatments have proven to be effective in treating patients infected with the delta variant and are hopeful they will do the same for the omicron variant. "It is anticipated that omicron will be equally and favorably treated with the existing therapies. I'm talking specifically about the anti-viral remdesivir and the two new oral antivirals that will hopefully be approved in the relative near term." Doctor Badley says the covid-19 pill is still in the early stages of approval - but he's hopeful that it will be a safe and effective treatment.

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Slug: OMICRON

A medical expert from mayo clinic says preliminary omicron data shows the variant is more infectious than the delta variant Which currently accounts for almost all cases in the area. If needed, vaccine manufacturers may have an omicron-version of their vaccines in March at the earliest. However, Health professionals say in the meantime Booster shots are working just as intended. "What this booster does is take you back up to where you were after your second dose. So, if you just got your second dose, you're where you want to be." Dr. Poland also encouraged individuals to wear masks as they're another layer of protection to help prevent spreading the disease.

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Slug: HOSPITAL CAPACITY

With covid-19 omicron variant now in Wisconsin Medical experts are concerned of how it might add to the delta variant surge. News 19's Joe Minney examines whether hospital ICU's will be able to keep up. Statewide rising cases of the coronavirus is creating a burden on hospital ICU's. "As of December 7th, there are 1,630 Wisconsinites hospitalized with covid-19 418 of these patients are in the intensive care units." "Our census wax and wanes hour by hour day by day they have been running in the 80 to 100 percent capacity and we are as quickly as somebody is leaving the ICU, we're bringing more patients into the ICU it's a constant rotation of patients right now." "Only 37 of the state's 1,331 ICU beds were available as of yesterday." Mayo clinic health system is experiencing the same effects saying their "hospitals have been operating at or near capacity for months and over the past week, we have seen increases in the number of covid-19 patients needing care and that number is expected to remain elevated." Hospitals are seeing more acute non-covid related health issues in their emergency rooms as well with many leading to ICU care. "We're seeing people that are coming in with untreated high blood pressure, hypertension, untreated diabetes and those all lead to more severe disease if left untreated." Hospitals also note patients with covid in ICU beds tend to be unvaccinated with mayo clinic health system saying, "the number of unvaccinated patients is five to six times higher than vaccinated" In the current delta surge and impending arrival of omicron medical experts are hoping people get vaccinated to lighten the load on these ICU's along with staying on top of their health in general. "We all need to do which is what we I think we all did a good job of doing prior to this pandemic and that is see your physician regularly if you have a new issue get a hold of your physician or your physician's nurse and talk it through and don't ignore it and don't delay the care." In La Crosse I'm Joe Minney News 19

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Slug: LOST VAX CARD

Those looking to travel amid the continuing covid-19 surge may need their vaccine card but what happens if you lose it? Health officials say there are a few options. The first is to call the provider you received your vaccine from - they should be able to get you a new card. If they can't - you can go to the Wisconsin immunization registry's website to save or print your records. Experts say it's important to take a picture of your card to have a copy close at hand Don't laminate it and never post it on social media.

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Slug: WI DHS

While health experts say delta is the dominant strain, the omicron variant is spreading coast to coast And Wisconsin's strained hospital system is bracing for another surge. The state's department of health services is urging people to take action to limit the anticipated rise in cases. The situation is already critical only four percent of ICUs in the state are available. And these units are being operated by over-worked and under-staffed healthcare organizations. Only nineteen cases of the omicron variant have been in Wisconsin but an anticipated surge could put hospitals in a more dire situation. "And while I respect that vaccination is a personal choice, it is important that everyone understands that our healthcare organizations have been pushed to the breaking point, and it's quite possible that omicron will push us beyond the breaking point." One health expert called on the unvaccinated to "please reconsider" their decision. And when discussing other mitigation efforts, multiple officials urged the public to wear masks while indoors.

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Slug: BIDEN

The president says we should be concerned about the omicron variant but we should not panic. He spoke about his plan to deal with the virus today Including a plea to vaccinate children. "If your children are not vaccinated, please get them vaccinated. If you're a parent, understandably who waited to see how the first shots went with other kids before getting your own kid vaccinated, you can stop waiting. 6 million children in our country ages five to 11 are vaccinated. Get your children protected today, now." He says the un-vaccinated have reason for concern because "almost everyone who has died from covid-19 in the past many months has been unvaccinated. The president's plan includes 10-thousand new testing sites and half a billion free at home testing kits for people who want them. Despite the challenges He said today We are not reverting to March 2020. "So, are we going back to march, 2020? Not this last march, 2021, but march, 2020 when the pandemic first hit. That's what I keep getting asked. The answer is absolutely no, no." The president also provided a message for the holidays. He says, "if you are vaccinated and follow the precautions that we all know well, you should feel comfortable celebrating Christmas and the holidays as you planned it."

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Slug: COVID PILL

Another tool to treat covid-19 earning FDA authorization today. Pfizer's antiviral pill Paxlovid is now approved for high-risk adults and children 12 and older. Studies show it reduces the risk of hospitalizations and death by 88-percent if given within the first five days of symptoms. Pfizer says it is ready to start delivering it in the u-s immediately.

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First Aired:
12/23/21

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6PM

Slug: GUNDY HOLIDAY

When it comes to the pandemic the health system also pleading with the community to help ease the strain on healthcare workers. Gundersen says their facilities are currently at or near capacity - having to treat between 40 to 50 covid patients Adding over 80 percent of those patients are not vaccinated.

Now - they worry what the holidays could mean for already limited resources. "There is going to be a lot of spread of the virus during the next two weeks as people get together with family, have Christmas parties, have New Year's parties. It's pretty well documented with covid, if you want to spread it host a party, host a get together, plan a wedding, have a funeral where everyone is invited and no one wears a mask." Doctor Dolan says if you are going to gather for the holidays. Be mindful of those around you and practice the health protocols suggested for much of the last two years.

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First Aired:
12/27/21

Shows:
5PM

Slug: GUNDY TESTING

Today Gundersen of La Crosse broke their record for the most tests administered in a single day that number was well over seven-hundred and this was the site at their north lab in La Crosse. Lines extended into a nearby intersection where police arrived to direct traffic. While keeping a close eye on their supply of tests Gundersen is limiting itself to 600 tests a day. And last year's holiday season prepared Gundersen for a surge in testing but omicron created a new challenge "we know within the past week or two that numbers have just been kind of increasing pretty rapidly. So, between both of those variables and aspects it's not a complete surprise that we're seeing a large number of covid-19 test appointments today, however, to break a record? Was perhaps unexpected." Buechel also stated it was possible for some individuals to be using the tests as a precautionary tool. Mayo clinic's testing site is also open this week.

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First Aired:
12/28/21

Shows:
6PM

Slug: CDC QUARANTINE

In previous months a positive test meant ten days of isolation. Now the CDC shortening the recommended quarantine time to five days. The agency says due to new science showing transmission happens earlier in the infection Anyone without symptoms can break isolation after five days instead of ten with an additional five days wearing a mask around others. Anyone exposed to the virus should also quarantine five days but those who have received a booster dose of a vaccine do not need to and should instead wear a mask for ten days.

Time:
:30

First Aired:
12/29/21

Shows:
10PM

Slug: FDA TESTS

As testing sites deal with a flood of patients the f-d-a gives two new at-home tests the green light. The administration's new accelerated review program works as part of the Biden administration's commitment to increase access to covid-19 testing. The tests are the first to gain f-d-a authorization through the program which is set to bring tens of millions of new tests per month to the US. The president also committed to buy half a billion at-home tests which will be provided to Americans for free starting in January.

Time:
:31

First Aired:
12/30/21

Shows:
10PM

Slug: AREA HOSPITALS

Today the Wisconsin Department of Health Services placed La Crosse County at a "critically high" level of covid-19 spread. This comes one day after Wisconsin hit more than ten thousand covid-19 deaths since the pandemic began more than 42-hundreds of those in 2021. The CDC measured spread of the disease is nearly six times the threshold for high in La Crosse County with an almost 24-percent increase in new cases over the past week. Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson, Monroe, and Vernon are all in very high case activity. County health officials say regional hospitals are experiencing capacity in ICU and around 90-percent of hospital beds are in use. In a statement the county health department say vaccination Along with testing and masking are our best tools to keep each other safe. The c-d-c notes nearly 70 percent of the eligible population in La Crosse County is fully vaccinated.

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6PM

Slug: INDIGENOUS

Members of the ho-chunk community and beyond in La Crosse say while it's a start indigenous people's day prompts a need for change that starts with education. "Widening the Circle" is a La Crosse group that puts on events specifically to educate our community. News 19s Marcus Aarsvold joins us after participating in their virtual seminar. Marcus What's the biggest challenge our indigenous community members are dealing with now? They say it's trying to live successfully in a western society that has a history of trying to erase their people. While education has improved in recent years. They say we still need more acknowledgement that the trauma ingenious people faced still affect them today. Tracy Littlejohn: "Our existence is not always recognized and that's the hardest part about making anything better." Tracy Littlejohn says recognizing 'Indigenous Peoples Day' is a good start because it brings to light a dark history. Tracy Littlejohn: "the main challenge is people knowing anything. We are called the invisible population for a reason. We don't show up in statistics, our missing murdered indigenous women the numbers are so incredibly high and yet you rarely ever see alerts in the news or the media that someone is missing." Usually there would be more in-person events but as the pandemic continues, they're discussing history virtually. Monique gray smith: "anyone of our senses can trigger us back to a memory our DNA we carry the memory of our ancestors and so sometimes we get triggered by something and we don't exactly know why." But one of the guest speakers Monique Gray Smith says that DNA also includes happy memories still making a difference for young indigenous people. Monique Gray Smith: "I think about if in our cells are the memories of our ancestors, the trauma, then what must also be in here are the memories of the joy of love of how to caretake and be a steward of the land, water, air, of our songs, and the languages. It's all in there we just have to have space to wake it up." Hoping to create a tomorrow where they're seen and heard. Tracy Littlejohn: "when you can be proud to be indigenous and can have a day that's proclaimed where you can say, 'hey! We see you!' that's pretty cool because we're not seen and we haven't been seen." Tracy says they're hoping to take what they learn today and add it to their stories next month because November is "Native American Heritage Month". She hopes this fall and for years to come the community can learn from these stories that might always get the main focus in the history books. Thanks, Marcus. Tracy also shared resources where people can read and hear more indigenous stories. You can find those links at wxow.com.

Time:
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First Aired:
10/11/21

Shows:
10PM

Slug: COMING OUT

Today is national coming out day and a UW-Stout grad has used his animation skills to help those who went through the experience of coming out a chance to feel seen. For those who never had to go through it. He says it serves as a lens into life as a member of the LGBTQ plus community. Augustus Hinton known as Gus came out as gay while in college. He started creating a three-minute animated short called closet combat about a closeted teen back in 2018. Who imagines literally fighting through the challenges he faces? Hinton's work has paid off as closet combat has been accepted into seven different film festivals six in the United States and one in London. "I didn't feel like I had seen something that really represented my high school experience or my experience of being in the closet in high school. I thought well, if I'm going to see this story, I'm going to have to be the one to tell this story." Hinton says combat closet's public release date should be later this month.

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First Aired:
10/12/21

Shows:
6PM

Slug: BIRTH

A pair of democratic Wisconsin representatives introduce what they're calling the birth equity act today. Its legislation designed to disrupt inequities in maternal and child health by supporting black Brown

and indigenous mothers and infants. "Our communities of color are struggling with enough disparities, in terms of health disparities and economic disparities. There is absolutely no reason that we shouldn't be doing everything possible as a state to make sure that every child born in this state, and I do mean every child, has the opportunity to reach their first birthday." A release from representative Shelia Stubbs the bill's co-author says black mothers are five times more likely to die from childbirth or pregnancy and black infants are three times more likely to die before they reach the age of 1.

Time:
:31

First Aired:
10/13/21

Shows:
6PM

Slug: PRISON RATE WI

A new report shows Wisconsin tops the list when it comes to the rate at which it incarcerates black people. The study out today from "the sentencing project" shows one in 36 black residents in the state is in prison. Wisconsin Minnesota and Iowa are also among the seven states where the black, white disparity is greater than nine to one. Nationwide the findings show black Americans are incarcerated at five times the rate of white Americans. The report also finds Latin people are incarcerated one-point-three times as frequently as white people.

Time:
:46

First Aired:
10/14/21

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10PM

Slug: REACH CENTER

A new community resource puts a number of services for La Crosse's unsheltered population all in one place. The "reach service and resource center" opened its doors today in the former Mayo Clinic building on 11th street opened its doors today. Led by the YWCA, Catholic Charities, Couleecap, Independent Living Resources. And the Salvation Army joined forces to make a one stop shop. A hub for those struggling to keep or find housing. Right now, there are dozens of people taking up residence in Houska Park. And once the weather gets colder those people will need to move indoors. The YWCA says there's a lot of confusion as to whether Couleecap or the Salvation Army is the right place to seek shelter. So, by putting all resources in one building Advocates say it's easier to connect. "They come to us and say, 'Hey I can't pay my mortgage I need some assistance.' we can help with that. There are a lot of services that we can provide to families and to members of our community of all ages to prevent homelessness and get folks back into housing." Although today's their first day of business We've been told they've already started connecting people to long term housing. The YWCA says these services are for the people of La Crosse as well as Monroe, Vernon, and Houston counties and it is funded by 1.4 million in grant money.

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First Aired:
10/14/21

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6PM

Slug: BLUE LINE

A small community tackles a big issue for many. The City of Viroqua is having a discussion on diversity centered around the city's police department and its logo. News 19's Joe Minney is here to explain the situation. Joe. Thanks, Dustin. Over the past year Viroqua established a diversity advisory board to examine the city's policies and practices to ensure everyone in the community feels they belong. During a meeting this week discussion turned to the police department's logo - displayed on building signs, police cruisers and uniforms. The logo contains a Wisconsin state outline bordering a black and white US flag with a thin blue line. The phrase evolved from a British regiment in the 1850's known as the "thin red line" due to their red uniforms and formation standing against a Russian cavalry charge. The thin blue line was first used by police in the US in the 1950's But the flag itself emerged around 2014. With recent events like the George Floyd murder and the US capital building riot. The term and the image of a blue lined flag has taken a different connotation. "There is a great deal of local community citizens who believe that police property city property taxpayer funded property should not be used to display any kind of imagery with political messaging .the thin blue line has come to represent a lot of different things to a lot of people and Quite frankly a lot of marginalized groups feel unsafe around that thin blue line imagery." Wilson reiterated the concern is over the logo itself and what it represents .and not about taking a side for or against Viroqua's police department or its officers. The city

council unanimously voted to form the diversity advisory board to ensure the community feels welcome and the city demonstrates inclusivity towards everyone and Dustin this issue is just what Wilson says this board was designed to discover and it's conversations like this the city wants to have so the community can come together. Thanks Joe. The logo discussion was tabled by the board and will be brought up again at next month's meeting. From there a potential recommendation may or may not move forward from the diversity board to the city council.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:45 10/15/21 6PM

Slug: VIROQUA PD

Viroqua's community discussion over controversial police imagery Leading to a change. As we've reported the city's diversity committee had been talking about the use of a black and white US flag with the thin blue line decal on police department cruisers, uniforms, and signage. In response to the community concerns Viroqua's police chief Rick Niedfeldt Says in a release the department will remove the logo.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:34 11/14/21 10PM

Slug: RITTENHOUSE GUARD

To the state capital Governor Evers announcing the activation of Wisconsin national guard troops in anticipation of a Kyle Rittenhouse trial verdict this week. In a statement Friday About 500 guard members will be pre-positioned outside of Kenosha on standby, available to aid local law enforcement in the event civil unrest occurs resulting from the jury's decision. In his statement the governor said, "We continue to be in close contact with our partners at the local level to ensure the state provides support and resources to help keep the Kenosha community and greater area safe."

Time: First Aired: Shows:
1:00 11/16/21 10PM

Slug: RITTENHOUSE

As those conversations unfold behind closed doors Reporter Hannah Hilyard shows us the racially charged clash happening just outside the courtroom. As we interviewed a Kyle Rittenhouse supporter "Knows that when you have to be triggered." A woman interrupted. "I don't give a (expletive) your cameras. So (expletive)" "Can we talk to you afterward?" "Nah, (expletive) y'all! I'm not talking to this crazy (expletive)! How about that? Why y'all talking to her?" "We're trying to get both sides." "Isn't no both sides to this (expletive)! It's murder one." More people crowded in and the shouting grew louder. "You're going to get hurt out here! You're going to get hurt out here!" "Listen guys, it's not about that. It's not about that. It's not about that." This courthouse clash lasted just about 10 minutes with deputies nearby the whole time.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:25 11/18/21 10PM

Slug: MALCOM X

A New York judge today exonerating two of the three men convicted in 19-66 of the assassination of civil rights leader Malcolm X. A 22-month investigation conducted by the Manhattan district attorney's office and lawyers for Muhammad Aziz and Khalil Islam found they were wrongfully convicted for the assassination. Aziz, who is now 83 years old was released from prison in 1985. Islam was released in 1987 and died in 2009.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:21 11/19/21 10PM

Slug: TRANSDAY

The human rights campaign says 46 transgender people were killed in the country this past year alone because of their identity. To mark "Transgender Day of Remembrance" from noon until to two tomorrow "The Center Seven Rivers LGBTQ Connection" is holding a "Chalk the Block" event. They hope it

helps people realize this violence can occur Even close to home. "I see trans kids in here and trans adults every single day and just the thought that we could lose somebody that easily to violence even in this small area is just horrifying." Schandelmeier says the center's goal is to provide clothing for our trans community members. In the hopes that they'll feel comfortable expressing their gender identity.

Time:
:46

First Aired:
11/24/21

Shows:
10PM

Slug: POLICE

For more than a year The La Crosse County board has been working to improve the relationship between people of color and the police a process that many feel is taking too long. The latest debate is deciding whether there should be an 'oversight' or 'advisory' committee. The county board and law enforcement both say an oversight committee would have too much power and there are Wisconsin laws that prevent that from happening in our state. So, an advisory committee would specifically make recommendations to police officers While also providing a safe space for people to share their concerns. Right now, the board is working to form a study group that would then decide who would sit on an advisory committee. Tracy Littlejohn is sure of one thing; the new committee needs to primarily feature diverse voices. "We also come from very resilient communities. We have suffered through a lot and I know that me and just a few other people are not all of the people who are willing to put themselves out there especially if it can do something good for their community, children and grandchildren." Littlejohn adds that she's looked at local policies and agrees that an advisory committee is the best route and while some community members say they don't think an advisory committee has enough power to ensure accountability to make any progress. The board says they need to meet law enforcement in the middle. Before La Crosse law enforcement gets on board Top officials tell News 19, they want assurance the group isn't anti-police. Once the board picks people for the study group. They'll have one year to decide what the permanent committee will look like.

Time:
:29

First Aired:
12/1/21

Shows:
6PM

Slug: RITTENHOUSE FB

Following his acquittal last month Facebook will no longer restrict mentions or searches about Kyle Rittenhouse. The social media giant says Rittenhouse himself will also be able to rejoin the platform if he chooses. Supporters say Rittenhouse was helping protect property during unrest in Kenosha in August 2020 and acted in self-defense when he shot three men killing two critics say he wrongly acted like a vigilante. A Facebook spokesman says the platform will still remove posts that applaud the killings.

Time:
:31

First Aired:
12/2/21

Shows:
10PM

Slug: CHAMBER HOMELESS

The former La Crosse area chamber of commerce building could have a new purpose in the long-term fight against homelessness. Using federal covid relief funding La Crosse County In collaboration with the City of La Crosse hopes to purchase the building to house staff and centralized services and in the parking lot next to it. Eventually build transitional housing. The building is currently up for sale with a price tag of more than \$2 million dollars but would provide what the county calls a long-term solution to combat housing insecurity. "Hopefully what this will do is it will provide a space for a large number of people so that there will be less concerns for people who are homeless" The Econo Lodge on La Crosse's north side is currently helping to serve as a temporary winter shelter for people with nowhere else to go. The city allocated 750-thousand dollars of federal relief money to cover that service.



January 1, 2022

To: Station Management

Re: ABC Television Network Fourth Quarter, 2021 Program Information

Attached is the **Fourth 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 – Fourth 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 Andrew Dymburt 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

Andrew Dymburt 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 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, 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

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

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

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

ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR

Monday through Friday

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

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

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

SUPERSTAR

Wednesday

10:00 – 11:00PM ET

The series features rare footage and intimate details about the mavericks who shaped American culture including Whitney Houston, Kobe Bryant, Robin Williams and more. The series travels deep inside the lives of these icons and features interviews with friends and family who reveal the meteoric highs and the devastating costs of fame.

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)

Whit Johnson, Anchor

Saturday

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

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

WORLD NEWS TONIGHT SUNDAY
ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR (Sunday)

Linsey Davis, Anchor

Sunday

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

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

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

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

THIS WEEK WITH GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS

Sunday

9:00 – 10:00AM ET / 8:00 – 9:00AM PT

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 – Fourth Quarter, 2021

20/20

Friday, October 1, 2021

Fake Heiress

“20/20” reports on Anna Sorokin, known as the “Soho Grifter,” whose story fascinated the world as her cons deceiving New York’s elite unraveled. When Sorokin moved to New York City from Paris in 2013, she decided to be someone else entirely – Anna Delvey. The highest social circles accepted her, believing she was a German heiress worth millions until the facade came crashing down. “20/20” dives into Sorokin’s schemes, including how she pulled them off, her arrest and ultimate conviction of grand larceny and other charges. “20/20” contains ABC News senior national affairs correspondent Deborah Roberts’ interview with Sorokin following her release from prison.

Friday, October 8, 2021 – Season Premiere

Chippendales Murder

“20/20” dives deep into the dark history of greed, paranoia and murder behind the rise of male exotic dance troupe Chippendales, which became an international cultural phenomenon in the 80s and 90s. Steve Banerjee found the success and fortune he always craved when he created Chippendales — but his ambition was insatiable. “20/20” documents the stories of how Banerjee conspired to eliminate those who he believed got in his way, reporting on his own demise.

Friday, October 15, 2021

Two Murders

Following the murder of fourth-grade teacher Mickey Bryan 36 years ago – on Oct. 15, 1985 – fear and shock washed over Clifton, Texas, and local authorities soon arrested her husband, Joe Bryan. Four months earlier another crime rocked the small town: the murder of 17-year-old Judy Whitley, later linked to former Clifton police officer Dennis Dunlap. After Bryan spent more than three decades in prison for Mickey’s murder, key expert testimony about forensic evidence used against him proved faulty. Those close to the case wondered – could the two homicides be linked and could Dunlap be Mickey’s killer, too? In a new two-hour program, “20/20” co-anchor Amy Robach, who’s been following this case for years, sits down with Bryan for his first broadcast TV interview.

Friday, October 22, 2021

Jekyll and Hyde

Robert Bierenbaum seemed to have it all, but just like “Jekyll and Hyde,” he had a much darker side lurking underneath. He was violent and controlling abuser, and his wife, Gail Katz-Bierenbaum, confided in friends she was afraid of him. Although authorities suspected him in Katz-Bierenbaum’s 1985 disappearance from their Upper East Side apartment, insufficient physical evidence allowed him to evade charges for fourteen years until prosecutors discovered a doctored flight log from the day Katz-Bierenbaum vanished, and his lies finally caught up with him. A new two-hour “20/20,” with reporting by ABC News anchor John Quiñones.

Friday, October 29, 2021

Gabby Petito Case

Gabby Petito and Brian Laundrie captured national attention when the two left for a cross-country adventure, but only Laundrie returned. The couple let others into their seemingly happy world via social media, but behind the cameras, a much darker story played out. Laundrie returned to his family’s Florida residence, without his fiancé, and Petito’s family demanded answers about her whereabouts. When Laundrie vanished, the attention intensified as internet sleuths who helped crack the case wide open investigated and theorized. A two-hour “20/20” reports on the horror that unfolded in the beauty of Wyoming’s Grand Teton National Park and the details leading to the discovery of Laundrie’s remains last week, and poses lingering questions about what’s next.

Friday, November 5, 2021

False Confession

How did a bizarre confession derail the investigation into the first murder committed by Keith Hunter Jespersen, the notorious “Happy Face Killer,” and allow him to remain on the loose, killing at least seven more women? A new two-hour “20/20” reports on how after authorities discovered the body of Taunja Bennett in the Columbia Gorge in 1990, 57-year-old Laverne Pavlinac confessed to the police that she took part in the crime. She provided convincing evidence that implicated her and her boyfriend, 39-year-old John Sosnovske, in the murder, and they were convicted and sentenced to life in prison. In a shocking twist, Pavlinac’s confession turned out to be false in an attempt to escape what she described as an abusive relationship with Sosnovske. Juju Chang reports.

Friday, November 12, 2021

Wrongful Conviction

When a scream woke Julie Rea in the middle of the night, she realized her 10-year-old son Joel was missing from his bed. She encountered an intruder and struggled with him as he ran out of the house. When authorities arrived, she faced the unthinkable – Joel was dead and authorities began to focus on her, poking holes in her story about the home invasion. Rea ended up behind bars, convicted of Joel’s murder. When crime author Diane Fanning watched a 2002 “20/20” report on Rea, she soon uncovered information that cracked the case wide open and linked notorious serial killer Tommy Lynn Sells to Joel’s murder. A two-hour “20/20” reports on the case, the events of the tragic night, Rea’s wrongful conviction, and Sells’ startling confession about the crime.

Friday, November 19, 2021

Escape from a House of Horror – A Diane Sawyer Special Event

ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer has exclusive interviews with children from the Turpin family, who authorities found captive inside their California home under harrowing conditions – starvation, in chains, brutal violence – after one escaped and called 911. In the two-hour primetime event, viewers will hear from the daughter who made the emergency call that led to their rescue and her sister who previously attempted an escape — the first interviews from any of the 13 Turpin children.

Friday, November 26, 2021

Pursuit of Justice: Ahmaud Arbery

Over the past few weeks, the world watched the trial of Gregory McMichael, Travis McMichael and William “Roddie” Bryan for the killing of Ahmaud Arbery. The jury ultimately found the three defendants guilty in Arbery’s murder today. In a new two-hour “20/20,” Arbery’s family reflects on his life with his mother, Wanda Cooper Jones, discussing her dogged quest to find truth and justice after the tragedy that changed their lives forever. ABC News senior national affairs correspondent Deborah Roberts reports.

Friday, December 10, 2021

Deadly Shooting: Rust

In a two-hour special, 20/20 delves into the events ahead of the deadly shooting on the set of “RUST” and the pending investigations into what went wrong; and features the Baldwin interview with George Stephanopoulos and new interviews.

Friday, December 17, 2021

Deadly BOEING 737

ABC News correspondent Bob Woodruff and team traveled the world to investigate the deadly Boeing 737 MAX-8 airplane, grounded in 2019 following two tragic crashes that killed 346 passengers from around the world and cleared to fly again in 2020. “20/20” reports on the aircraft’s original controversial flight control software and how it mistakenly sent planes into deadly nosedives, as well as the status of the criminal investigation into Boeing and the criminal charges filed against one former employee. “20/20” investigates. (OAD: 11/20/2020)

SUPER STAR

The new one-hour series features rare footage and intimate details about the mavericks who shaped American culture including Whitney Houston, Kobe Bryant, Robin Williams and more. The series travels deep inside the lives of these icons and features interviews with friends and family who reveal the meteoric highs and the devastating costs of fame.

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Super Star: Robin Williams

This episode will profile Robin Williams, one of the world's most beloved and inventive comedians. The new episode recounts his life through Williams' own voice, describing "the spark of madness" which defined his life. From his early days in the San Francisco Bay Area comedy scene to his meteoric rise on "Mork & Mindy," the one-hour special explores the experiences that made Williams into a one-of-a-kind talent and reveals what gave voice to the characters in his mind.

Wednesday, November 30, 2021

Super Star: George Michael

This episode will chronicle the life and career of legendary pop star George Michael and paint a portrait of one of the most successful artists of all time, who sold over 100 million records worldwide. We see how he reinvented himself from a teenage heartthrob in Wham!, to a global superstar with his solo album "Faith," and later to groundbreaking artist boldly paving a path for future stars. is influential lawsuit against his record company.

ABC NEWS SPECIALS – Fourth Quarter, 2021

Monday, October 18, 2021

The Real Queens of Hip-Hop: The Women Who Changed the Game – An ABC News Special

This special takes an intimate look at the evolution and impact of women emcees and rappers, told by the trailblazing artists who helped create a musical and cultural empire. Featuring an all-female interview lineup, Salt of Salt-N-Pepa narrates the special, along with original spoken word performances by the legendary MC Lyte and an original score by WondaGurl. This one-hour program features new interviews from today's chart-toppers like City Girls, along with pioneers of the '70s like "mother of the mic" MC Sha-Rock and others.

Thursday, December 2, 2021

ABC News Special: Alec Baldwin Unscripted

George Stephanopoulos has the first exclusive interview with actor Alec Baldwin, following the deadly shooting on the set of the film "Rust."

Sunday, December 5, 2021

& Sunday, December 19, 2021 (Encore)

Something's Coming: West Side Story – A Special Edition of 20/20

ABC News presents an event that steps inside the upcoming film "West Side Story," from director Steven Spielberg. The special features interviews with Spielberg, Rita Moreno and other members of the cast and crew; discussions with Puerto Rican actors, artists and journalists on the role this story has had on their lives and the importance of authenticity and representation in film. The special edition of "20/20" takes viewers into the world of "West Side Story" past and present as the iconic musical is adapted for the next generation.

Monday, December 27, 2021

The Year 2021

As 2021 comes to a close, this ABC News annual two-hour primetime special will highlight the biggest moments of a historic year. With the country still fighting COVID-19, a groundbreaking inauguration, the Capitol insurrection, and continued protests for racial justice, 2021 proved to be a year unlike any other in modern-day history. "Good Morning America" co-anchor Robin Roberts anchors.

ABC NEWS SPECIAL REPORTS - Fourth Quarter, 2021

DATE	START	END	LENGTH	TOPIC
Thursday, September 9, 2021	5:00:18 PM -	5:31:48 PM ET	0:31:30	President Biden's Remarks on Vaccination Requirements
	4:00:18 PM -	4:31:48 PM CT	0:31:30	President Biden's Remarks on Vaccination Requirements
	3:00:18 PM -	3:31:48 PM MT	0:31:30	President Biden's Remarks on Vaccination Requirements
	2:00:18 PM -	2:31:48 PM PT	0:31:30	President Biden's Remarks on Vaccination Requirements
Saturday, September 11, 2021	7:00:00 AM -	8:00:00 AM ET	1:00:00	"Good Morning America" (Saturday): Due to the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, "Good Morning America" (Saturday) Aired Live to the Full Network
	6:00:00 AM -	7:00:00 AM CT	1:00:00	"Good Morning America" (Saturday): Due to the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, "Good Morning America" (Saturday) Aired Live to the Full Network
	5:00:00 AM -	6:00:00 AM MT	1:00:00	"Good Morning America" (Saturday): Due to the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, "Good Morning America" (Saturday) Aired Live to the Full Network
	4:00:00 AM -	5:00:00 AM PT	1:00:00	"Good Morning America" (Saturday): Due to the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, "Good Morning America" (Saturday) Aired Live to the Full Network
Saturday, September 11, 2021	8:00:00 AM -	1:00:03 PM ET	5:00:03	"ABC News 9/11 Twenty Years Later: America Remembers"
	7:00:00 AM -	12:00:03 PM CT	5:00:03	"ABC News 9/11 Twenty Years Later: America Remembers"
	6:00:00 AM -	11:00:03 AM MT	5:00:03	"ABC News 9/11 Twenty Years Later: America Remembers"
	5:00:00 AM -	10:00:03 AM PT	5:00:03	"ABC News 9/11 Twenty Years Later: America Remembers"
Tuesday, September 21, 2021	9:57:40 AM -	10:40:48 AM ET	0:43:08	President Biden's Speech to the UN General Assembly
	8:57:40 AM -	9:40:48 AM CT	0:43:08	President Biden's Speech to the UN General Assembly
	7:57:40 AM -	8:40:48 AM MT	0:43:08	President Biden's Speech to the UN General Assembly
	6:57:40 AM -	7:40:48 AM PT	0:43:08	President Biden's Speech to the UN General Assembly

Thursday, September 23, 2021	4:17:44 PM	-	4:21:21 PM	ET	0:03:37	Shooting at Kroger
	3:17:44 PM	-	3:21:21 PM	CT	0:03:37	Shooting at Kroger
	2:17:44 PM	-	2:21:21 PM	MT	0:03:37	Shooting at Kroger
	1:17:44 PM	-	1:21:21 PM	PT	0:03:37	Shooting at Kroger
Monday, October 18, 2021	8:08:48 AM	-	8:10:48 AM	ET	0:02:00	Death of Colin Powell
	7:08:48 AM	-	7:10:48 AM	CT	0:02:00	Death of Colin Powell
	6:08:48 AM	-	6:10:48 AM	MT	0:02:00	Death of Colin Powell
	5:08:48 AM	-	5:10:48 AM	PT	0:02:00	Death of Colin Powell
Wednesday, October 27, 2021	12:00:18 PM	-	12:31:23 PM	ET	0:31:05	"Rust" Movie Set Shooting Press Conference
	11:00:18 AM	-	11:31:23 AM	CT	0:31:05	"Rust" Movie Set Shooting Press Conference
	10:00:18 AM	-	10:31:12 AM	MT	0:30:54	"Rust" Movie Set Shooting Press Conference
	9:00:18 AM	-	9:31:12 AM	PT	0:30:54	"Rust" Movie Set Shooting Press Conference
Thursday, October 28, 2021	11:41:27 AM	-	12:13:44 PM	ET	0:32:17	President Biden's Remarks Announcing the Framework for His Build Back Better Agenda and Infrastructure Bill
	10:41:27 AM	-	11:13:44 AM	CT	0:32:17	President Biden's Remarks Announcing the Framework for His Build Back Better Agenda and Infrastructure Bill
	9:41:27 AM	-	10:13:40 AM	MT	0:32:13	President Biden's Remarks Announcing the Framework for His Build Back Better Agenda and Infrastructure Bill
	8:41:27 AM	-	9:13:40 AM	PT	0:32:13	President Biden's Remarks Announcing the Framework for His Build Back Better Agenda and Infrastructure Bill
Monday, November 1, 2021	10:55:06 AM	-	11:12:43 AM	ET	0:17:37	President Biden's Remarks at COP26 Summit
	9:55:06 AM	-	10:12:43 AM	CT	0:17:37	President Biden's Remarks at COP26 Summit
	8:55:06 AM	-	9:12:38 AM	MT	0:17:32	President Biden's Remarks at COP26 Summit
	7:55:06 AM	-	8:12:38 AM	PT	0:17:32	President Biden's Remarks at COP26 Summit
Tuesday, November 2, 2021	3:13:29 PM	-	3:48:43 PM	ET	0:35:14	President Biden Press Conference in Glasgow
	2:13:29 PM	-	2:48:43 PM	CT	0:35:14	President Biden Press Conference in Glasgow

	1:13:29 PM - 1:48:43 PM	MT	0:35:14	President Biden Press Conference in Glasgow
	12:13:29 PM - 12:48:42 PM	PT	0:35:13	President Biden Press Conference in Glasgow
Tuesday, November 2, 2021 (Broadcast Day - Actually early Wednesday, November 3, 2021 morning)	12:26:43 AM - 12:28:22 AM	ET	0:01:39	Results of the Virginia Gubernatorial Race
	11:26:43 PM - 11:28:22 PM	CT	0:01:39	Results of the Virginia Gubernatorial Race
	10:26:43 PM - 10:28:22 PM	MT	0:01:39	Results of the Virginia Gubernatorial Race
	9:26:43 PM - 9:28:22 PM	PT	0:01:39	Results of the Virginia Gubernatorial Race
Friday, November 5, 2021	11:55:00 AM - 2:00:14 PM	ET	2:05:14	Former Secretary of State Colin Powell's Funeral Service
	10:55:00 AM - 1:00:14 PM	CT	2:05:14	Former Secretary of State Colin Powell's Funeral Service
	9:55:00 AM - 12:00:14 PM	MT	2:05:14	Former Secretary of State Colin Powell's Funeral Service
	8:55:00 AM - 11:00:14 AM	PT	2:05:14	Former Secretary of State Colin Powell's Funeral Service
Saturday, November 6, 2021	9:58:23 AM - 10:33:53 AM	ET	0:35:30	President Biden's Remarks on the Passage of the Infrastructure Deal
	8:58:23 AM - 9:33:53 AM	CT	0:35:30	President Biden's Remarks on the Passage of the Infrastructure Deal
	7:58:23 AM - 8:33:53 AM	MT	0:35:30	President Biden's Remarks on the Passage of the Infrastructure Deal
	6:58:23 AM - 7:33:53 AM	PT	0:35:30	President Biden's Remarks on the Passage of the Infrastructure Deal
Monday, November 15, 2021	3:57:24 PM - 4:26:13 PM	ET	0:28:49	President Biden Signs Infrastructure Bill
	2:57:24 PM - 3:26:13 PM	CT	0:28:49	President Biden Signs Infrastructure Bill
	1:57:24 PM - 2:26:13 PM	MT	0:28:49	President Biden Signs Infrastructure Bill
	12:57:24 PM - 1:26:13 PM	PT	0:28:49	President Biden Signs Infrastructure Bill
Friday, November 19, 2021	1:10:00 PM - 1:27:10 PM	ET	0:17:10	Kyle Rittenhouse Verdict
	12:10:00 PM - 12:27:10 PM	CT	0:17:10	Kyle Rittenhouse Verdict
	11:10:00 AM - 11:27:08 AM	MT	0:17:08	Kyle Rittenhouse Verdict
	10:10:00 AM - 10:27:08 AM	PT	0:17:08	Kyle Rittenhouse Verdict

Tuesday, November 23, 2021	2:21:05 PM - 2:38:22 PM	ET	0:17:17	President Biden's Remarks on Oil Reserves
	1:21:05 PM - 1:38:22 PM	CT	0:17:17	President Biden's Remarks on Oil Reserves
	12:21:05 PM - 12:38:19 PM	MT	0:17:14	President Biden's Remarks on Oil Reserves
	11:21:05 AM - 11:38:19 AM	PT	0:17:14	President Biden's Remarks on Oil Reserves
Wednesday, November 24, 2021	1:32:22 PM - 2:01:27 PM	ET	0:29:05	Verdict in Ahmaud Arbery Trial
	12:32:22 PM - 1:01:27 PM	CT	0:29:05	Verdict in Ahmaud Arbery Trial
	11:32:22 AM - 12:01:23 PM	MT	0:29:01	Verdict in Ahmaud Arbery Trial
	10:32:22 AM - 11:01:23 AM	PT	0:29:01	Verdict in Ahmaud Arbery Trial
Monday, November 29, 2021	11:59:55 AM - 12:22:31 PM	ET	0:22:36	President Biden's Remarks on the Omicron Variant
	10:59:55 AM - 11:22:31 AM	CT	0:22:36	President Biden's Remarks on the Omicron Variant
	9:59:55 AM - 10:22:31 AM	MT	0:22:36	President Biden's Remarks on the Omicron Variant
	8:59:55 AM - 9:22:31 AM	PT	0:22:36	President Biden's Remarks on the Omicron Variant
Thursday, December 2, 2021	1:39:19 PM - 2:13:02 PM	ET	0:33:43	President Biden's Remarks on New COVID-19 Winter Plan
	12:39:19 PM - 1:13:02 PM	CT	0:33:43	President Biden's Remarks on New COVID-19 Winter Plan
	11:39:19 AM - 12:12:59 PM	MT	0:33:40	President Biden's Remarks on New COVID-19 Winter Plan
	10:39:19 AM - 11:12:59 AM	PT	0:33:40	President Biden's Remarks on New COVID-19 Winter Plan
Friday, December 10, 2021	11:24:03 AM - 11:51:17 AM	ET	0:27:14	President Biden's Eulogy for Senator Bob Dole
	10:24:03 AM - 10:51:17 AM	CT	0:27:14	President Biden's Eulogy for Senator Bob Dole
	9:24:03 AM - 9:51:17 AM	MT	0:27:14	President Biden's Eulogy for Senator Bob Dole
	8:24:03 AM - 8:51:17 AM	PT	0:27:14	President Biden's Eulogy for Senator Bob Dole
Saturday, December 11, 2021	5:22:19 AM - 5:24:16 AM	ET	0:01:57	Kentucky Tornadoes
	4:22:19 AM - 4:24:16 AM	CT	0:01:57	Kentucky Tornadoes
	3:22:19 AM - 3:24:16 AM	MT	0:01:57	Kentucky Tornadoes
	2:22:19 AM - 2:24:16 AM	PT	0:01:57	Kentucky Tornadoes

Saturday, December 11, 2021	9:35:18 AM - 10:40:03 AM	ET	1:04:45	Launch of Blue Origin into Space featuring Michael Strahan
	8:35:18 AM - 9:40:03 AM	CT	1:04:45	Launch of Blue Origin into Space featuring Michael Strahan
	7:35:18 AM - 8:40:03 AM	MT	1:04:45	Launch of Blue Origin into Space featuring Michael Strahan
	6:35:18 AM - 7:40:03 AM	PT	1:04:45	Launch of Blue Origin into Space featuring Michael Strahan
Saturday, December 11, 2021	11:01:18 AM - 11:46:48 AM	ET	0:45:30	Kentucky Tornadoes
	10:01:18 AM - 10:46:48 AM	CT	0:45:30	Kentucky Tornadoes
	9:01:18 AM - 9:46:48 AM	MT	0:45:30	Kentucky Tornadoes
	8:01:18 AM - 8:46:48 AM	PT	0:45:30	Kentucky Tornadoes
Wednesday, December 15, 2021	4:01:42 PM - 4:21:53 PM	ET	0:20:11	President Biden's Remarks on Kentucky Tornadoes
	3:01:42 PM - 3:21:53 PM	CT	0:20:11	President Biden's Remarks on Kentucky Tornadoes
	2:01:42 PM - 2:21:53 PM	MT	0:20:11	President Biden's Remarks on Kentucky Tornadoes
	1:01:42 PM - 1:21:53 PM	PT	0:20:11	President Biden's Remarks on Kentucky Tornadoes
Tuesday, December 21, 2021	2:41:29 PM - 3:19:27 PM	ET	0:37:58	President Biden's Remarks About COVID-19/Omicron
	1:41:29 PM - 2:19:27 PM	CT	0:37:58	President Biden's Remarks About COVID-19/Omicron
	12:41:29 PM - 1:19:27 PM	MT	0:37:58	President Biden's Remarks About COVID-19/Omicron
	11:41:29 AM - 12:19:17 PM	PT	0:37:48	President Biden's Remarks About COVID-19/Omicron
Thursday, December 23, 2021	2:30:12 PM - 2:43:17 PM	ET	0:13:05	Verdict in the Kim Potter Trial
	1:30:12 PM - 1:43:17 PM	CT	0:13:05	Verdict in the Kim Potter Trial
	12:30:12 PM - 12:43:15 PM	MT	0:13:03	Verdict in the Kim Potter Trial
	11:30:12 AM - 11:43:15 AM	PT	0:13:03	Verdict in the Kim Potter Trial
Friday, December 31, 2021	2:54:45 PM - 2:58:15 PM	ET	0:03:30	Death of Betty White
	1:54:45 PM - 1:58:15 PM	CT	0:03:30	Death of Betty White
	12:54:49 PM - 12:58:10 PM	MT	0:03:21	Death of Betty White
	11:54:49 AM - 11:58:10 AM	PT	0:03:21	Death of Betty White

THIS WEEK – Fourth Quarter, 2021

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Guests:

- Sen. Bernie Sanders
(I) Vermont
- Dr. Anthony Fauci
White House Chief Medical Adviser
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Rachael Bade
Politico Playbook Co-Author

Topics:

- US Budget Plan
- Covid 19
- Biden's Agenda

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Guests:

- Janet Yellen
Secretary of the Treasury
Exclusive
- Nick Clegg
Facebook Vice President of Global Affairs
- Julie Pace
Executive Editor of The Associated Press
- Maggie Haberman
The New York Times Washington Correspondent

Topics:

- Economy at Stake
- Action's Against Social Media: Facebook

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
White House Chief Medical Adviser
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Diane Swonk
Chief Economist and Managing Director, Grant Thornton LLP

Topics:

- Covid 19: Boosters
- Supply Chain Gridlock

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
White House Chief Medical Adviser
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Bonnie Glaser
Director, Asia Program, German Marshall Fund

Topics:

- Covid 19: Pediatric Vaccines
- US Economic Agenda
- China

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Guests:

- Secretary Pete Buttigieg
Transportation Secretary
- Rep. Adam Kinzinger
(R) Illinois
- Donna Shalala
(D) Former Florida Congresswoman
Former HHS Secretary
- Laura Barrón-López
POLITICO White House Correspondent

Topics:

- Build Back Better Plan
- Politically Homeless
- G20 Summit

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Vivek Murthy
U.S. Surgeon General
- Robert Costa
Co-Author, "Peril"
The Washington Post National Political Reporter

Topics:

- Covid 19
- Infrastructure Bill

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Guests:

- Brian Deese
White House National Economic Council Director
- Sen. John Barrasso
(R) Wyoming
Exclusive

Topics:

- Inflation
- Build Back Better Bill

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
White House Chief Medical Adviser
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Diane Swonk
Chief Economist and Managing Director, Grant Thornton LLP
- Laura Barrón-López
POLITICO White House Correspondent
- Jonathan Swan
Axios National Political Reporter

Topics:

- Covid 19
- Middle America & Inflation

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
White House Chief Medical Adviser
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Sen. Bill Cassidy, M.D.
(R) Louisiana
Exclusive
- Sen. Amy Klobuchar
(D) Minnesota
Exclusive
- Reihan Salam
Manhattan Institute President

Topics:

- Covid 19: Omicron
- Economy & Inflation

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Rochelle Walensky
Centers for Disease Control Director
Exclusive
- Gov. Jared Polis
(D) Colorado
Exclusive
- Vivian Salama
Wall Street Journal National Security Reporter

Topics:

- Covid 19: Omicron

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
White House Chief Medical Adviser
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- William Taylor
Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine
VP, Strategic Stability & Security, U.S. Institute of Peace
- Justin Amash
Former Michigan Congressman
- Deanne Criswell
FEMA Administrator
- Margaret Hoover
PBS' "Firing Line" Host
CNN Contributor

Topics:

- Covid 19
- Crisis Efforts: Tornadoes
- Ukraine's Border

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
White House Chief Medical Adviser
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Rep. Adam Kinzinger
(R) Illinois
- Robert Costa
Co-Author, "Peril"
The Washington Post National Political Reporter
- Rachael Bade
Politico Playbook Co-Author

Topics:

- Covid 19
- January 6th: Capitol Riots

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
White House Chief Medical Adviser
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Dr. Ashish Jha
Dean, Brown University School of Public Health

Topics:

- Covid 19

NIGHTLINE (M-F) – Fourth Quarter, 2021

Friday, October 1, 2021

- Anger in the Skies
- Asylum: Trek to Freedom
- Lil Nas X Covers Dolly Parton

Monday, October 4, 2021

- Stephanie Grisham: Trump Insider Tells All
- The Daughter of Roe v Wade
- Bubba Wallace's Historic Win

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

- Facebook Whistleblower
- Shannen Doherty
- Biggest Bear

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

- Vaccine Mandate: Workers Quitting
- Thailand Eco-Rebound
- Soccer Support

Thursday, October 7, 2021

- Inside the Search
- "Jacinta" – Breaking the Cycle
- Hometown Hero

Friday, October 8, 2021

- Chippendales Murder

Monday, October 11, 2021

- Selma Blair: Living with MS
- Squid Games: Riding the Korean Wave
- Trans Homecoming Queen

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

- Gabby Petito – Cause of Death
- "Thoughts of a Colored Man"
- Canines in Costumes

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

- A Nightline Special Edition – The Appointment

Thursday, October 14, 2021

- Workers of America – Fighting Back
- Workers of America – Andrew Johnson
- Matt Damon & Ben Affleck
- Adele Returns

Friday, October 15, 2021

- 20/20 Special; The Principal's Wife
- Real Queens of Hip-Hop

Monday, October 18, 2021

- Remembering Colon Powell
- Colin Powell – Leah Wright Rigueur & Anita McBride
- Supply Chain in Crisis
- Colin Powell – Rules for Life

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

- Haiti – Brazen Kidnapping
- “Queens”
- Oldie Snub

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

- Manhunt – Brian Laundrie
- Paris Hilton – Youth Treatment Centers
- Def Leppard – Rick Allen

Thursday, October 21, 2021

- Breaking News – Alec Baldwin
- “Race Norming”
- “Dune”

Friday, October 22, 2021

- Do No Harm

Monday, October 25, 2021

- Fatal Shot: New Developments in the Film Set Tragedy
- Tik Tok Burnout: Influences on the Edge
- The Giving Boy

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

- Common Ground
- Dave Chappelle
- Big Tech Underfire

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

- Loaded Gun – Movie Set Shooting
- Drew Binsky – World Traveler
- Yosemite Falls – Roaring Back

Thursday, October 28, 2021

- A Nightline Special Edition - Oil & Water
 - Battle for Line 3

Friday, October 29, 2021

- Gabby Petito

Monday, November 1, 2021

- A Special Edition of Nightline: Children of Climate Change

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

- Youngkin Wins
- Virginia Decides
- Day of the Decade
- World Series Champs

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

- Explosive Allegations
- Climate Crisis
- Historic Firsts

Thursday, November 4, 2021

- The Informant
- "Passing"
- Diwali

Friday, November 5, 2021

- Ahmaud Arbery – A Mother's Pain
- Amazon – Point of No Return
- Cokie "A Life Well Lived"

Monday, November 8, 2021

- Concert Catastrophe
- Scottie Pippen "Unguarded"
- Stand Up for Heroes

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

- Climate Desperation – Guatemala
- Astroworld - Inside the Horror
- Malala

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

- Taking the Stand
- ABC's Climate Crisis – Great Barrier Reef
- CMA Awards

Thursday, November 11, 2021

- A Nightline Special Edition: Keepers of the Land

Friday, November 12, 2021

- Britney Freed: Conservatorship Ends
- Summer of Soul: The Loved Ones
- Niger: 3312 Un-redacted

Monday, November 15, 2021

- Tale of Two Trials
- Julia Child
- Newest Member of Sesame Street

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

- Clock Ticking: Death Row Controversy
- Lady Gaga and the House of Gucci
- Penguin Encounter

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

- Ahmaud Arbery Trial: The Shooter testifies
- Underwater Farms: Combating Climate Changes
- Frida Kahlo Record Price

Thursday, November 18, 2021

- Julius Jones Execution Reprieve
- Mississippi Water Woes: Crumbling Infrastructure
- Malcom X Murder Exoneration

Friday, November 19, 2021

- Not Guilty – Kyle Rittenhouse
- House of Horror
- Found Money

Monday, November 22, 2021

- Holiday Horror
- Fighting Extremism
- Quiet Champions

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

- Seeking Truth – Nikole Hannah-Jones
- Unite the Right – Civil Trial Update
- House of Gucci
- Soaring to Space

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

- A Nightline Special Edition – Justice for Ahmaud
 - A Mother's Pain

Thursday, November 25, 2021

- Breaking Barriers: Disabled Influencers
- Summer of Soul: The Loved Ones
- Real American Cuisine

Friday, November 26, 2021

- Escape from a House of Horrors

Monday, November 29, 2021

- New Variant
- Dr. JHA
- Virgil Abloh
- White House Christmas

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

- Breaking News: MI School Shooting
- Cuomo Tapes
- Mel Brooks
- Josephine Baker

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

- SCOTUS Abortion
- Dr. Oz
- Alex Baldwin teaser

Thursday, December 2, 2021

- Alec Baldwin Exclusive
- The First Wave
- Possum Porch Pirate

Friday, December 3, 2021 (1:07- aprx. 1:36:30 AM ET/12:07– aprx. 12:36:30AM CT)

- Breaking News: MI Parents Charged
- Elizabeth Holmes
- Westside Story

Monday, December 6, 2021

- WI Shooting Folo
- The Watts Rams
- Lions Honor Oxford Victims

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

- A Nightline Special Edition: The Enemy Inside

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

- Ukraine on the Brink
- Immersive Art
- Michael Strahan

Thursday, December 9, 2021

- Crime Wave
- Will Smith
- Bob Dole

Friday, December 10, 2021

- Rust Investigation

Monday, December 13, 2021 (aprx. 12:52 - 1:21:30 AM ET / aprx. 11:52 PM-12:21:30 AM CT)

- A Nightline Special Edition: Deadly Tornadoes
 - The Helpers
 - The Photos

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

- A Nightline Special Edition: Heartbreak & Hope
 - Tornado Aftermath
 - Sisters Give Back

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

- Kentucky – Biden Tour
- Police Shooting – Kim Potter
- Creative Daredevils
- Bell Hooks

Thursday, December 16, 2021

- Exclusive Interview: Lindsey Jackson - Vincent Jackson: CTE diagnosis
- Kentucky Tornadoes
- Kim Potter Trial

Friday, December 17, 2021

- Nikki Addimando: Fighting for Clemency
- Ben Affleck: The Good Father
- Tiger Comeback

Monday, December 20, 2021

- Money to Move
- The Matrix
- Presidential Puppy

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

- A Nightline Special Edition: Delivering Hope: Cierra's Story
- Final Thought

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

- Biden Exclusive
- Santa Shortage
- Tornado Families

Thursday, December 23, 2021

- Breaking News – Potter Guilty Verdict
- Curse of the Chippendales
- Def Leppard – Rick Allen
- Joan Didion Orbit

Friday, December 24, 2021

- Watts Rams
- Julia Child
- Whoopi's 'twas the night before Christmas reading

Monday, December 27, 2021

- Trucker Driver Case
- Nat Geo's The Rescue
- Desmond Tutu

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

- Angry Skies
- Bubba Wallace
- John Madden

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

- A Nightline Special Edition: Afghanistan After the Fall

Thursday, December 30, 2021

- Maxwell Guilty: Annie Farmer Speaks Out
- Money to Move
- Final Thought