

Issues/Programs Quarterly Report

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

WXOW-TV Newscasts

News 19 Extra Early Daybreak	Monday-Friday 4:30-5:00 a.m.
News 19 Early Daybreak	Monday-Friday 5:00-6:00 a.m.
News 19 Daybreak	Monday-Friday 6:00-7:00 a.m.
MidDay**	Monday-Friday 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
News 19 Live @ 5pm	Monday-Friday 5:00-5:30 p.m.
News 19 @6pm	Monday-Saturday 6:00-6:30 p.m.
News 19 @10pm	Monday-Sunday 10:00-10:35 p.m.

Public Service Announcements

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

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

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

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

GOVERNMENT

CRIME & COURTS

AGRICULTURE

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

HEALTH

RECREATION

EDUCATION

POLITICS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE/ PUBLIC SAFETY

COVID

SOCIAL JUSTICE

1. "GOVERNMENT"
7-1-21 THROUGH 9-30-21

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:46 7/2/21 5PM

Slug: JOBS

The US economy added 850-thousand jobs in June, adjusted for seasonal changes. That is far better than economists expected and it is an indicator that job growth is accelerating. It was the biggest monthly jobs gain since August 2020 when the economy added 1.6 million jobs.

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:31 7/6/21 MIDDAY

Slug: POP UP GOV

You have heard of a pop-up shop, but what about pop-up government? An Eau Claire city council-woman is beginning a series of pop-up events this summer to connect you to city leaders. The idea came to Eau Claire out of Green Bay and it aims to make city government more approachable and available at events that already have a lot of foot traffic. Eau Claire city councilor Jill Christopherson sees it as an opportunity to get feedback and insight into what people want to see happen in the city before the issues are brought before council. Each week, the pop-up events will center around a question for residents to ponder and discuss. This will continue throughout the summer. Locations will include Owen, Carson, and Phoenix parks, as Well, as the Festival Foods farmers market on North Clairemont.

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:27 7/13/21 10PM

Slug: CITY PLANNING

Cuts are coming to the city of La Crosse's capital improvement plan. The city's five-year forecast has \$109 million dollars in project requests but only a little over \$88 million dollars to fund those projects. It is up to the mayor and council members to determine which economic development projects benefit La Crosse the most. One example, the county historical society's cultural and historical "destination" museum project in Riverside Park. The mayor says he is all for it. Although the current La Crosse Area Heritage Center Museum on Main Street contains hundreds of exhibits, a destination museum with large galleries could display the thousands of exhibits still in storage.

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Slug: GOOSE ISLAND

A temporary road closure will impact traffic into and out of goose island campground tomorrow. A release from La Crosse County says the closure will last from seven to five on Wednesday only allowing BNSF to complete "critical repairs" to the railroad crossing. The campground and store will remain open and emergency vehicles will have access if needed. However, anyone on Goose Island during the day tomorrow will have to remain there or leave prior to 7 a-m.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
2:10 7/14/21 5PM

Slug: INFRASTRUCTURE

President Biden met with senate democrats for a lunch on Capitol Hill this afternoon. he made his case for the democrats' \$3-point-5 trillion-dollar proposal for so-called "human infrastructure". It would go alongside a separate 600-billion-dollar bipartisan deal to fund roads and bridges. a key group of democrats announced they have reached an agreement that will not require republican votes. In a rare presidential visit to Capitol Hill President Biden meeting with senate democrats to hash out any sticking points so his infrastructure priorities can move forward. The president's visit comes less than 24 hours after an influential group of senate democrats announced a 3.5 trillion-dollar budget spending agreement to fund President Biden's "human infrastructure" agenda. Priorities like expanding

Medicare to cover dental, vision and hearing aids left out of a bipartisan plan. There's also money to address climate change and fund other safety net programs for families. Senate majority leader Chuck Schumer saying the plan would give middle class and working people a break. Democrats say the plan is fully paid for but have yet to release any details. In a 50-50 senate, they hope to use a process called reconciliation to bypass republicans who are balking at the price tag. The agreement is just the first step in what democrats acknowledge is a long and bumpy road ahead. It is still unclear how many senate democrats are behind the agreement. but also in question how they plan to retain GOP support for the bipartisan deal to upgrade and repair roads and bridges. As democrats try to use a dual-track approach to pass both plans. President Biden is also trying to get some buy-in from local officials He's meeting with a bipartisan group of governors and mayors to detail the importance of his plan.

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Slug: Evers INVESTMENT

Governor Tony Evers is rolling out a multi-million-dollar investment in employment programs. Reporter Annie Krall heard from the governor and other economic leaders about the benefits of his new initiative and where some say it is falling short. The new funding will support non-profit organizations like African Heritage Incorporated which has a goal to develop better professional pathways for African American students in northeast Wisconsin. Some hopes for the future are high thanks to this grant especially from those who have already been helped by the programs Evers is investing in. However, not everyone is as excited and, in a press release sent after the governor's announcement the WMC went on to call on the governor to take the following actions: end the \$300 federal pandemic-related unemployment benefits, fully fund a statewide talent attraction campaign, invest targeted funds in stem education and technical training for Wisconsin's youth.

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Slug: CHILD TAX

Starting today working parents should start seeing money from the IRS appear in their bank accounts monthly. It is a part of democrats expanded child tax credit plan under the umbrella of the American Rescue Plan. Couples filing jointly who make up to 150-thousand dollars or single filers that make up to 75 thousand should receive 300-dollars a month for kids under 6 and 250 for kids aged 6 to 17. Both congressman Ron Kind and representative Jill Billings say the federal funding should help offset the high costs of quality childcare. This child tax credit expires at the end of 2021. but both Kind, Billings, and childcare educators want it to become permanent. The workers at "Sprout Childcare" say they do not have a choice but to raise the cost in order to maintain the quality of care. So, if families get help from the government, then they say they can keep their staff and maintain safe environment so parents can go back to work with peace of mind.

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7/17/21

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Slug: FIRE STA #4

The City of La Crosse Capital Improvement Planning Commission met to discuss the 5-year forecast for capital projects. Speaking with Mayor Mitch Reynolds earlier this week Fire Station #4 is near the top of the mayor's public safety priorities. Newly designated as a historical landmark Fire Station #4's north La Crosse location will still get the upgrades it needs to service that area but the mayor says that changes had to be made to make it work. The new station is budgeted so funding will be spread out over 2022 and 2023 fiscal years. Mayor Reynolds projects bidding will begin in 2022 with a targeted completion goal of 2023.

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Slug: CANADA BRDR

After the country banned foreign visitors for nearly 16 months Canada is finally opening its borders. Officials say vaccinated Americans can head north of the border starting August 9th. International travelers can enter starting September 7th. Unvaccinated minors under 12 entering with parents or guardians will not have to quarantine anymore and fully vaccinated travelers will not need a post arrival covid-19 test unless they have been randomly selected at the border. The new regulations stipulate anyone who is not vaccinated cannot enter the country.

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Slug: DWD

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development continues to talk about the employment challenges faced by businesses in the state. As we've reported Governor Tony Evers announced a \$130 million dollar workforce investment last week to help businesses and job seekers. There are three different grant opportunities to choose from as well, as services to get people back on their feet. Michelle Tressler, co-owner of hinterland brewery which hosted this latest discussion, says their focus right now is to increase wages, train employees and improve employee retention.

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Slug: POLICE OVERSIGHT

We're learning more tonight about what's next for police oversight in La Crosse County. As reported, the resolution to create a committee to study what La Crosse County needs in terms of police oversight is back before the Criminal Justice Management Council. The main sticking point, Sheriff Jeff Wolf approached the county board last week and the CJMC this week stating law enforcement wants to be part of the solution as long as the problem itself is defined. He also feels no oversight is needed as it already exists within the sheriff's department and the county's municipality police and fire commissions. District Attorney Tim Gruenke however says the intent of the resolution is to bring in law enforcement representatives and experts along with community advocates representing marginalized populations in the county. Gruenke expects it will likely take a month or two as the council makes the requested refinements to send it back to the county to move forward with it.

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First Aired:
7/24/21

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Slug: MINNESOTA PAY RAISE

Thousands of state employees in Minnesota would get a raise and a new paid holiday if labor contract agreements are finalized. Minnesota's two biggest state employee unions have reached agreements with negotiators from Gov. Tim Walz's administration. If approved by union members and the legislature, employees would get a 2.5 percent base wage increase in each of the next two years, add Juneteenth as a paid holiday. The agreement would also hold health care premiums for employees stable.

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7/26/21

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Slug: SPECIAL SESSION

Governor Tony Evers is calling the republican-controlled legislature into a special session tomorrow. The goal is to increase funding for public schools and higher education. The budget provided more than 100 million-dollars in funding for schools, but if republicans sign off on Evers' new proposal, 240 million-dollars will go to general education, 200 million-dollars will go to special education and 110 million-dollars will be dedicated to higher education and the UW System.

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Slug: CIVIL AIR

And for young people interested in aviation the Civil Air Patrol offers an upcoming session on their cadet program. Cadets must be between the ages of 12 and 16 and enrolled in the 6th grade or higher. Those in the program learn about not only aircraft, but they also pick up leadership skills and more. The next informational session is next Monday August second. to learn more about the patrol visit caplacrosse.org.

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Slug: DOG BILL

A new bill would allow dogs in more Wisconsin businesses current state law prohibits all-businesses that sell food from allowing dogs on site with a few granted exceptions including restaurants with outdoor dining spaces. Sponsors of the bi-partisan bill say this one is aimed at hardware stores and outdoor outfitters. One Wausau resident says she agrees with the proposal. The proposal has already made it through the state assembly but the senate has yet to vote on it.

Time: :18 First Aired: 7/28/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: INFRASTRUCTURE BREAKING

We have breaking news about the one trillion-dollar infrastructure bill. Senate republicans and democrats have reached an agreement on several outstanding, negotiation issues and are planning to move forward with the vote. Senate democratic leader Chuck Schumer said a test vote could occur as early as this evening.

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Slug: PD PROMOTIONS

The La Crosse police department now has a new assistant chief of police. Longtime La Crosse police department officer Jason Melby was promoted to assistant chief of police in a ceremony at the Black River Beach Center this afternoon. Melby is a 27-year veteran of the department serving in many different offices within the department throughout his career. He says he is excited for this new role and hopes to keep serving his community to the best of his ability. also being promoted today, officer Phillip Martin. Martin will now be the captain of police.

Time: :24 First Aired: 7/30/21 Shows: 5PM

Slug: BIDEN WILDFIRES

President Biden held a virtual meeting with impacted governors today including Minnesota's Tim Walz. At the meeting, Biden heard the requests for federal assistance in the fight with governors saying the current supply of resources are becoming unable to contain the size of the wildfires. Governor Walz thanked the president for addressing both wildfire and drought concerns. Right now, 75 percent of Minnesota is considered to be in a severe drought or worse as of the US drought monitor.

Time: :22 First Aired: 8/2/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: BRIDGE WORK

Starting today, drivers and pedestrians will need to take extra care when traveling on Copeland Avenue. Lane and sidewalk closures will be taking place to work on the bridge over the La Crosse River near Festival Foods in La Crosse. Traffic will be down to one lane both ways while the first half of the bridge is repaired and construction is expected to continue until late September.

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Slug: AUTOPSY

In the Coulee Region triple homicides are rare and the investigation process involves a lot of work that people don't always think about, which can be stressful when people want answers. One of the investigation teams is the La Crosse County medical examiners and they're office is short staffed. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold is here to explain why this process takes a while. Marcus? It's a hard job. It takes a lot of schooling and everything is backed up now because of covid. Medical examiner Tim Candahl says since the pandemic they've dealt with 300 more cases than they usually do each year. Medical examiners don't do the extensive work of a forensic pathologist. The closest forensics lab is Rochester Minnesota but they're in charge of too many cases and they're over an hour away. Candahl says regular pathologists get paid more money with less schooling. Before the autopsy can happen Candahl and his team take pictures, gather evidence, then transport the body. La Crosse County DA's office agrees. Gruenke says it takes longer now to get all the evidence to build his case. Despite a lack of staff missing one detail could change everything in a homicide case. Not making more work because it is case closed. Candahl says though it's only July they've already seen 500 cases this year. Heather, he says the case increase is caused by more deaths involving covid, suicide, and drug overdoses. and I know the triple homicide was a first for him, even after 35 years in the business. Any update on that? Not yet, the final autopsy results usually come back after three months. Thanks, Marcus. Candahl says if they're office is every completely booked up. They try to turn to funeral homes for extra help but even those offices and workers are back logged as well.

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:21 8/4/21 6PM

Slug: POLICE PROMOTE

La Crosse police promote one of its own to work as an investigator on a new unit. Whitney Hughes becomes the first investigator to join the department's newly formed community resource unit which is designed to help in mental health crisis situations. Investigator Hughes says she's looking forward to not only change the stigma of mental health but also decriminalize it. "It's a completely different way of policing that I feel like our department has embraced for a long time and now we're just really bringing it to the public and showing what we can do as an agency." The unit will work with community organizations to better address the needs of those suffering from mental health issues and investigator Hughes says she's looking forward to making those connections.

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:49 8/5/21 MIDDAY

Slug: Evers PRESCRIPTION

A plan to lower prescription drug costs in Wisconsin was revived by the governor during a stop in Wausau. "We know that too many Wisconsinites are having to make tough decisions between paying their bills and getting lifesaving medications." Republicans stripped it out of the state budget. but now Evers and democratic legislators are introducing the plan as stand-alone legislation. The governor said it's time for what he called "bold solutions" to lower out-of-pocket costs for consumers. The plan would create a review board to establish prescription drug spending targets for the public sector and limit prices. Additionally, it would increase funding for free clinics, cap copayments on insulin at \$50, and create a new office to regulate the pharmaceutical supply chain. However, the legislation's prospects look dim since the GOP already deleted it from the budget.

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:26 8/6/21 10PM

Slug: CAL WATER GRANT

The City of Caledonia stands to see an upgrade to its drinking water infrastructure to the tune of more than one and a quarter million dollars. The grant from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority will allow the city to construct a new water main and wellhouse, make wellhead improvements as well, as install a natural gas generator. State senate president Jeremy Miller says the 20-year loan will save local taxpayers almost 12-thousand dollars in interest.

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8/7/21

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Slug: Evers POLICE BILL

And Governor Evers also signed a new bill yesterday establishing a uniform use-of-force policy for police across the state. The new regulations state officers can use force based on the circumstances of each situation taking into account whether the suspect is fleeing or resisting arrest. The bill states deadly force is a last resort. Originally it also included measures that required police to intervene if they saw another officer using force illegally. However, assembly republicans removed this provision at the request of the Milwaukee police union.

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Slug: CLERK

A special swearing-in ceremony for the new Clerk of Courts Kelly Goyette. She was appointed to fill out the remaining term of current Clerk of Courts Pam Radtke. Friends and family of Goyette watched as she took the oath of office this morning, a role that's she feels ready to take over with four years of experience in the office. "I feel like the skills I've built, being involved in the local Jaycees as Well, as the careers that I've had throughout the community, I've always been vested in this community and this is just another way to give back to the community." Goyette takes over for Radtke who is retiring after 43 years. Her term expires in 2023. The Clerk of Courts works closely with the five circuit judges on carrying out daily court actions. The clerk also works with jury trials. All five judges had to come to an agreement to select Goyette. She begins her work today.

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Slug: HOTEL

Wisconsin's hotels expect to receive 70 million dollars of federal covid-19 relief money. Governor Evers says grants of up to two million dollars went to 888 lodging businesses around the state to help offset losses resulting from the pandemic. The money comes from the 140 million dollars designated for tourism and entertainment from the American Rescue Plan. So far, more than 11 million of that has gone to movie theatres, 12 million to live-event venues and businesses, and 8 million to summer camps.

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Slug: INFRASTRUCTURE

The long-awaited bipartisan infrastructure package meant to fund roads, bridges, broadband and other federal construction projects across the country has finally passed the US senate less than twenty minutes ago. After weeks of negotiations, delays, and procedural hurdles the bill passed with 19 republicans joining democrats. ABC's Faith Abubey has the latest from Washington where lawmakers still have a lot of work to do. A significant show of bipartisanship on capitol hill now pushing one leg of President Biden's two-pronged approach to infrastructure in congress. Several republicans joining with every democrat in the senate giving final approval to the \$1.1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure package which includes 550 billion dollars in new spending. The plan sets aside 110 billion dollars for roads and bridges, 39 billion for public transit and 65 billion to expand broadband internet. The bipartisan plan now heads to the house where speaker Nancy Pelosi says democrats won't take up the measure until a companion budget spending bill also clears the senate. Monday senate democrats unveiling that 3.5 trillion-dollar budget blueprint, hoping to fill it with progressive priorities like money for social safety net programs left out of the bipartisan plan. Details include universal pre-k, free 2-year college tuition, expanding Medicaid to cover dental, vision and hearing aids and resources to address climate change. Senate democrats plan to pass that bill using a budgetary tool called reconciliation that requires only 50 votes to pass. but it won't be easy, they'll need all 50 democrats in the senate and almost all in the house to back the effort. Republicans say the package is too expensive and will increase the risk of inflation. So, what's next? The senate begins work on the budget spending bill. They're hoping to be done sometime in September and send that too to the house. Faith Abubey, ABC News, Washington.

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Slug: CUOMO RESIGNS

And we have some breaking news from moments ago, Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York is resigning. The news comes amid numerous sexual harassment allegations. The third-term governor was hailed for his covid-19 response during the early days of the pandemic He denied reports and resisted calls for resignation until now. You can follow this breaking news on our websites and social media platforms.

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Slug: LT GEN DANIELS

Lieutenant General Jody Daniels makes a historic achievement as the first woman to be head of the US Army Reserve. Daniels has over 37 years of military service and she's worked her way up the ranks to become a strong leader. General Daniels is very familiar with this part of Wisconsin. Her last position as the 88th readiness division commander is headquartered at both Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and Fort McCoy. but now she's in command of more than 200,000 soldiers and civilians in five territories. Daniels's says she appreciates the role and understands the weight of its responsibility. "It's nice to be able to sort of take advantage of my three stars and say, 'what can I change for the army reserve to help those junior soldiers have a great experience' So it's kind of empowering also I've complained about things now I get to be the one to help fix them." The general's big focus is on retaining those in the reserves. She says she can do that by helping employers understand the dynamic of having a soldier as part of their workforce.

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Slug: LAX CAPITAL PROJ

The city of La Crosse's 5-year capital projects plan was approved at last night's plan commission meeting. Some of the biggest items include: 11.8 million to improve parts of South Avenue, 5.5 million for runway improvements at the La Crosse Regional Airport, 4.5 million to improve parts of La Crosse Street, 3.8 million for a new fire station, and 3 million in wastewater treatment facility upgrades. The 51-million-dollar plan will now move to the next stage of the budgeting process.

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Slug: HYDRO LAW

A new Wisconsin law authored by Viroqua state representative Loren Oldenburg allows the DNR to create permits for projects that help with flood mitigation. News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares the importance of this newly signed law. Before this bill was signed into law last week everything had to go through the federal government. Representative Oldenburg says this is a way to speed up getting general permits on smaller projects that help mitigate flooding and restore some of the watersheds. A Vernon County conservationist says since two-thousand and seven, they have had repeated large rains and coon valley in particular has been impacted greatly. He says the passing of this law is so important because these heavy rains aren't going away. They are grateful for the work of representative Oldenburg and the Wisconsin Wetlands Association. They listened to us about our challenges for getting DNR permitting for some of this very important work which reduces erosion, helps with flood mitigation, helps with trout stream restoration." He says the challenges they face seem to be every year and as the dams get older. They need to reduce the erosion and impacts of flooding. This law he says is a tool in the toolbox to help them do that. Representative Oldenburg says this bill had bipartisan support and it will help with the flooding and it won't change much for landowners unless they want a permit.

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Slug: COMMON COUNCIL

The La Crosse City Council approving this evening memorandum of understanding resolution between the La Crosse School District and police department for school resource officers. The council passed the resolution with a vote of 10 in favor and none opposing, two council members abstained. The memorandum agreement officially started on July 1st with new modifications now in place. "So, our plan is a result of that review, was to reduce our SRO force from 5 to 3 for this upcoming year and then from 3 to 2 for the following year. We intend to continue on that trajectory and continue to evaluate that program as we move forward." Before tonight's meeting, Engel presented an informational session on the districts long-term facility planning. He presented several scenarios including the possibility of a consolidated high school, turning the current high school buildings into middle schools.

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Slug: CENSUS

New data from the US census show some changes in the upper Midwest. We already knew both Wisconsin and Minnesota grew by just enough to keep their current congressional delegation. Today we learned Minnesota is growing more diverse. It's white population dipping from about 83 percent in 2010 to just over 76 percent in 2020, with the state's black population increasing by about two percent. Wisconsin also seeing a growth in diversity and urban areas. Madison saw the biggest population growth at 15 percent.

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Slug: AFGHANISTAN

The security situation in Afghanistan continues to deteriorate as the Biden administration still plans to wrap up its troop withdrawal from that country by the end of the month. ABC's Faith Abubey has the latest. About three thousand US troops quickly heading back into Afghanistan in an aggressive push to remove a number of US embassy staff as Taliban fighters close in on the nation's capital city of Kabul. The pentagon refusing to call the mission an evacuation. The Taliban now just 80 miles away from the capital. Overnight violent clashes south in Kandahar Taliban forces now taking over Afghanistan's second largest city. US officials telling ABC News Taliban forces could take control of the country's capital itself within weeks. The militant group has already captured three major cities in the last 24hrs and at least 15 provincial capitals in one week. Earlier this week, President Biden saying he does not regret the decision to quickly withdraw American troops from Afghanistan by the 20th anniversary of the September 11th attacks which is the reason we entered the country. Fear and desperation now among Afghan interpreters and others who benefited from the US military presence there as the Taliban now controls more than 2/3 of the country. Here in Washington, GOP leader Mitch McConnell, who opposed the troop withdrawal under a deal done by former President Trump is also slamming Biden's decision. Overnight, house speaker Nancy Pelosi asking the administration to brief congress on the developing situation. Faith Abubey, ABC News, Washington.

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Slug: EVICTIONS

A federal judge in Washington DC says the revised eviction moratorium can continue for now. Today's decision comes after various landlords asked the court to block the extension enacted last week. The matter is complicated because when the supreme court voted to allow an earlier moratorium in a five-to-four vote. Justice Brett Kavanaugh said he wouldn't uphold it past July 31st. but federal judge Dabney Friedrich cited an existing order by an appellate court from a previous round of litigation in her decision indicating although Kavanaugh said he wouldn't uphold the moratorium again, that statement cannot be combined with dissenting votes from the earlier case to create law. The landlords are expected to appeal the decision. The White House does note issues with the legality of the extension but says it will give time to disburse more of the money set aside for rental assistance.

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Slug: FORT MCCOY

The defense department now saying 22-thousand Afghan refugees will come to two US bases including Fort McCoy near Sparta. Overnight the Taliban has taken control of the capital. Afghan citizens including interpreters and those who assisted the US military during its 20 years in the region are trying to make a desperate escape. As of 2:30 this afternoon flight operations reopened at Kabul airport. Gary Reid who runs the DOD Crisis Action Group confirmed during today's Pentagon briefing that 22-thousand interpreters and their families will be housed at Fort McCoy and Fort Bliss in Texas. Reid says other bases may be identified as needed. Pentagon spokesperson John Kirby says he expects 5-thousand people could be evacuated on 20-30 daily flights. Our requests made to the fort have been redirected to the Department of Defense.

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Slug: AFGHANISTAN

President Biden addressing the nation ahead of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. Biden, doubling down on his decision to end the 20-year war. ABC's Ike Ejiochi is in Washington with what's next President Biden, flying in early from Camp David to tell the nation, he stands behind his decision to bring US troops home. Biden: I will not repeat the mistakes we've made in the past. After 20 years I've learned the hard way that there was never a good time to withdraw US forces. The president acknowledging the chaos on the ground in Kabul bearing some responsibility, calling the exit far from perfect. This morning frantic efforts to get people out of Kabul are underway. The Taliban controlling the one road leading into the airport, stopping everyone who approaches, letting only foreigners pass. Pentagon spokesman John Kirby confirming almost a thousand more troops are now helping secure the airport for more evacuations from the city, bringing the new total to about 35-hundred troops with more coming in the next few days. Gen. Taylor: These flights lifted approximately 700 to 800 passengers and we can confirm 165 of these passengers are American citizens, the rest are a mix of SIV applicants and third country nationals. Reports of at least seven deaths so far. Scenes of people desperately trying to flee the city, this photo, showing a military C-17 reportedly carrying 640 men, women and children. Overnight the Taliban issuing a general amnesty across Afghanistan, advising women to take part in public life, a move many Afghans feel will be short lived. Here at home the president facing sharps criticism. Minority leader Mitch McConnell, questioning the president's decision. McConnell: I think the president felt strongly about this obviously. He overruled his own military leaders to do it, and he owns it. John Kirby, Pentagon spokesman: it's not about overruling his military leaders or other advisers. He is given options. He is given the pros and cons for each option and then it's up to him to decide. Democrats also calling for answers. This morning, the head of the senate intelligence committee, Mark Warner, vowing to investigate why the US was not better prepared for a worst-case scenario. So far, the state department says 2000 people have been evacuated from Kabul. The US is prioritizing American personnel and citizens.

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Slug: FT MCCOY REFUGEE

An estimated 22-thousand refugees are projected to arrive in the US from Afghanistan. Fort McCoy is identified as one of the installations to receive a portion of those refugees. News 19's Joe Minney is here with details, Joe, about how Fort McCoy has a history of housing refugees. What can they anticipate happening? Right Heather, some folks might not remember but Fort McCoy and the surrounding community around Sparta have gone through this before forty-one years ago, refugees fleeing from communist Cuba were brought to Fort McCoy to be processed so they could legally enter the United States. Those refugees were composed of thousands of families and criminals released from Cuba's prisons fled to America. Unfortunately, those refugees were cast in a negative light as many Americans felt all Cubans were criminals. So, when they arrived in Wisconsin the initial reception was cold and language barriers prevented many from getting to know them. Now, with Afghan refugees on the

way, learning from the past may help make this time around a smoother process. "Try to consider what life was like for the folks who arrive here. They're not coming here under good circumstances. I mean this is a crisis, so learning empathy right away and not having to have many years pass, 40 years pass, until you meet somebody who was actually there to learn empathy." 14-thousand Cuban refugees were at Fort McCoy in the five months they were there. It was difficult as the post was overwhelmed almost right away, but the hope is the Fort McCoy community is better prepared to welcome those who helped military personnel while deployed in their country. and Heather, even though there was apprehension at first a lot of folks in the Sparta community and Coulee Region opened their homes to sponsor 500 people and some of them still reside in the area. I was in Sparta last year when the Monroe County local history room and museum open their 40th anniversary Cuban refugee exhibit. There were many stories of what it was like for those part of the Mariel Boat Lift, or Marielitos as they are called, who came to Wisconsin.

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Slug: Evers FARM

Wisconsin farmers can rest assured that help is on the way again. Governor Evers announced more federal assistance in the fall. The governor visited the Peters Farm in Coon Valley today to talk about why this will happen. He says the pandemic disrupted the supply chain hardest for farmers, hurting their important work. It's fifty-million-dollars total and depending on the farmers' needs they can use it for whatever they want. "To pinpoint the money makes it, it takes it away from farmers for what they really need it for so I think that's a great idea just to spend the money on what you need." This is the second round of help for farmers since the start of the pandemic but Evers says he believes farmers are the backbone of Wisconsin and this extra money will help keep their farms from going under.

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:26 8/18/21 5PM

Slug: CAPITAL IMPROVE

The La Crosse Plan Commission approved the city's capital projects plan last week. The plan includes 11.8 million to improve parts of South Avenue. 4.5 million to improve parts of La Crosse Street 3.8 million for a new fire station and nearly 3 million in wastewater treatment facility upgrades. The 51-million-dollar plan will now move to the next stage of the budgeting process.

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2:17 8/19/21 MIDDAY

Slug: AFGHANISTAN

In his first interview since Afghanistan's fall to the Taliban President Biden tells ABC's George Stephanopoulos a chaotic withdrawal was inevitable, a change in tune after the president said last month a Taliban takeover at this pace was unlikely. The president defensive when asked about the images showing frantic scenes at the Kabul airport as tens of thousands try to flee the country. Officials say they've evacuated 7,000 people but up to 15,000 Americans and at least 65,000 Afghans are still waiting to get out. The president not ruling out that US troops could stay past the August 31st withdrawal deadline. A new AP-NORC poll conducted during the Taliban takeover finds 6 in 10 Americans said the war in Afghanistan was not worth fighting. Elizabeth Schulze, ABC News, Washington.

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:41 8/20/21 MIDDAY

Slug: LAKE HALLIE CHIEF

The man in charge of protecting Lake Hallie from crime for over a decade is hanging up his holster at the end of the month. Police Chief, Cal Smokowicz is retiring after 12 years. Smokowicz began with the department in 2009 but began his law enforcement career back in 1982. He says that over the past four decades only for four years did he not have at least two jobs. Even now, he works part time as an officer for the Town of Melrose police department. Smokowicz says that a lot has changed over the years especially with technology and what is expected of the police. but even if almost nothing on

his equipment belt is the same as when he started, he says people and what it means to serve is the same as always. "There's been a lot of changes, a lot of challenges. I've enjoyed it. I'd do the job all over again even with some of the conflicts that are taking place today. Y'know taking a step away is hard however it's time to pass the torch." August 31st will be the official last day for Chief Smokowicz. Though there will be some overlap while training incoming chief Ed Orgon. After Smokowicz plans to move to Jackson County and work on creating a campground.

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Slug: CAMPBELL

The DNR and Department of Health Services have approved extending the water advisory for the Town of Campbell. The state is providing more than 1-thousand homes on French Island bottled water after it was determined that the groundwater was contaminated with pfas. If you're a resident you don't have to do anything to continue receiving bottled water. You will, however, receive a letter from the DNR with additional information. A Town of Campbell release provides information from Curtis Hedman from the DHS. "DHS recommends that this health advisory remain in effect as originally written while French Island area stakeholders pursue sustainable long-term alternative water solutions for island residents. DHS and DNR can continue to review French Island pfas data as it accumulates and periodically assess the need for interim area-wide pfas health advisory revisions in the future." A public listening session including your questions is scheduled for September 9th at 6 pm through Zoom. They'll send a link before the meeting. DHS and DNR can continue to review French Island pfas data as it accumulates and periodically assess the need for interim area-wide pfas health advisory revisions in the future".

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Slug: AFGHANISTAN EXIT

Evacuations and the exit deadline are creating an urgent situation for President Biden and Americans still in Kabul. ABC's Julia Macfarlane has the latest. Just over a week left before the deadline for withdrawal from Afghanistan evacuations from Kabul stepping up as new threats emerge to Americans and Afghans trying to escape. President Biden addressing the nation, warning of possible threats from ISIS, with thousands of us citizens, and tens of thousands of Afghans who helped the US, still needing to be pulled out every hour counts. As the clock ticks toward next week's deadline the British Prime Minister is expected to call for an extension at tomorrow's virtual G7 crisis talks on Afghanistan. but it's a proposal that's been swiftly rejected by the Taliban. The pandemonium outside the airport not letting up as thousands of Afghans gather by the airport gates. The chaos and confusion make it a dangerous place to be. A NATO official confirming at least 20 people have died in and around the airport since last Saturday. Julia Macfarlane, ABC News, London.

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Slug: COUNTY MONEY

The La Crosse County board voted down additional money for the Lake Neshonoc dredging project. The board had a request for an additional 500-thousand dollars. News that the dredging ahead of schedule offered an opportunity for an extension of the work done at an added cost. "So, when you have a contractor on site, you're not gonna send him away because you don't want to spend another \$50 to finish that door frame you know, you pay the \$50 to have, finish that doorframe. I use the example of chip sealing our roads. We maintain our roads we're maintaining that lake by doing this." A lengthy discussion included questions about future funding and dredging as Well, as conservation methods but again, the vote for additional funds failed.

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Slug: AFGHANISTAN

President Biden is standing by his August 31st withdrawal deadline from Afghanistan citing amid growing security risks in Kabul. The white house says about 19,000 people were evacuated from Afghanistan in the past twenty-four hours. but thousands are still trying to leave the country. ABC's Elizabeth Schulze has the latest from Washington. With less than a week until President Biden's withdrawal deadline the clock is ticking on evacuations in Afghanistan. The president resisting pressure from top US allies and lawmakers from both parties to extend the timeline for evacuations but admitting it's contingent on the Taliban cooperating. Biden says every day on the ground in Afghanistan presents a greater risk US troops citing the possibility an offshoot of ISIS could attack the Kabul airport. The Taliban says it's now blocking Afghans from leaving the country. Thousands are still desperate to flee, waving their papers near the airport gates. The White House says 19,000 more people were evacuated from Kabul in the past 24 hours, bringing total evacuations to more than 82,000 since August 14 but it's increasingly clear many will be left behind. One Afghan interpreter in hiding moving his family multiple times a day to escape the Taliban. Two members of congress are facing pushback for secretly traveling to the Kabul airport during the evacuation efforts. House speaker Nancy Pelosi is telling lawmakers not to go to Afghanistan for obvious security reasons. Elizabeth Schulze, ABC News, Washington.

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:18 8/28/21 5PM

Slug: PASSPORTS

Getting a passport is taking longer than you might realize. The current wait times for first time applicants is around 5 months. You can get your application at the post office. In La Crosse, passport application forms can be picked up in the lobby. La Crosse's office also offers taking your passport photo.

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1:00 8/30/21 6PM

Slug: FT MCCOY UPDATE

In time, more than 10-thousand men, women, and children may get processed through the fort before relocating across the country. That's according to figures released by both the department of defense, along with state and local officials and agencies. A source at Fort McCoy responded to some of our questions to help provide a better understanding of what's happening right now inside the fort. When it comes to day-to-day life the Afghan guests are free to conduct their lives as they desire. The source says it's common to see some folks jogging or walking in the morning for exercise. Women are washing clothes and hanging them on clothes lines for drying. Kids are playing with a soccer field available for games. Places of worship with prayer rugs are available to accommodate religious needs and dining facilities are open for meals and culturally appropriate food is available. The Afghans are asked to wear masks. The fort says they are being tested for covid-19 and will receive covid-19 vaccinations. You can read the full update on wxow.com.

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:30 8/31/21 MIDDAY

Slug: PETER RINDALL

This week marks the first week on the job as Eau Claire County's district attorney for Peter Rindal and he says he has big plans in his new position. Rindal says the shift into his new role has been 'smooth' as the office has been in transition mode long before the appointment process was finished due to former DA Gary King's absence in house. As we've reported king resigned earlier this month after reports of sexual harassment and drinking on the job. The present change has made Rindal think of what could be next for the office. I'd really like for us to be known statewide as an office that is very efficient, very responsive to both the public and law enforcement and really focusing resources on serious cases that warrant the most resources. Rindal went on to say that he wants the county's most sensitive and severe cases to leverage trial resources versus cases that can be dealt with by means like plea negotiations. Rindal will serve as d-a- until an election in 2024 which he already told Governor Evers that he plans on running in.

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Slug: FD GRANT

The Town of Campbell fire department will get a much-needed equipment upgrade thanks to grant money. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant from FEMA provides fund for the fire department to upgrade their self-contained breathing apparatuses which are used on nearly every call. The department stands to receive over one-hundred-and-thirty thousand for the upgrade saving money for the town taxpayers. "Well, we're very thankful to FEMA for picking us for the grant. As a volunteer fire department, whenever we can save money for everybody else by receiving these grants, and updating our equipment, and keeping our firefighters safe, we are grateful." Shown here is an outdated self-contained breathing apparatus Which will be replaced with the FEMA grant.

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Slug: Evers REFUGEES

Here at home, Governor Tony Evers Announcing donation opportunities for people looking to help Afghan people staying at Fort McCoy the Evers administration is working with a number of organizations including team Rubicon and catholic charities in La Crosse to help individuals and families currently staying at the fort with very few personal items. They are looking for clothing for men Women and children diapers Wipes and baby formula, hygiene items like soap Deodorant and toothpaste plus Things like reusable water bottles Hats and backpacks.

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Slug: FORT MCCOY

We are learning there are now more than 8-thousand refugees from Afghanistan being temporarily housed at Fort McCoy. A spokesperson for the base says today there are in fact nearly 88-hundred Afghan people staying at the post. That number has nearly tripled in just one week. Officials say the military base has the capacity to host up to 13-thousand people and nearly 14-hundred soldiers are supporting the Afghan people as they are resettled across the country.

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Slug: BALDWIN

Senator Tammy Baldwin Along with two democratic members of congress Representatives Ron Kind and Mark Pocan toured the facility and learned more about the overall situation from the military brass in charge. News 19's Joe Minney joins us now just back from the press conference and Joe What did they say they found out today? A lot of Wisconsin pride was evident as lawmakers applauded the humanitarian response from communities across the state donating needed items for the Afghan guest at Fort McCoy. The other common to take away similar to the republicans when they visited was a high confidence in the government agencies and soldiers working at Fort McCoy and how they're taking care of business professionally with the processing operations at the post. also a number that was thrown out 98% of the Afghan refugees that wanted to leave Afghanistan have left according to what the lawmakers have been told today. The current number of Afghan guests at Fort McCoy that number is now considered classified So they are not releasing that total number however they still are saying that the max capacity is 13000 but they did not rule out that That number could be expanded with additional resources. "Their preference is to try to get reunited with family who may already be over here. That's understandable. Let me just say again as a representative of this area, just how proud I am of the entire community embracing these Afghan refugees at a time of need, stepping up with donations, an unbelievable amount of donations from private citizens. We're doing it well. We're doing it the Wisconsin way." also Representative Ron Kind reiterated that it was a humanitarian responsibility to bring Afghan refugees to the US. He says bringing them here is morally and ethically the right decision. Thanks Joe. As soon as this weekend Many of those being screened at Fort McCoy could start resettling around the country.

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Slug: ROBERT E. LEE STATUE
New at midday-

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Contractors for the State of Virginia just took down the towering statue of Robert E. Lee in Richmond. The removal comes a week after the state supreme court ruled that democratic Governor Ralph Northam could order it taken down. First fencing went up around the 12-ton statue, as crowds gathered. and people cheered and chanted as the statue came down. The sculpture will be cut into three pieces for transport. It will be stored at a state facility until a decision is made about its future. Richmond was the capital of the confederacy during the civil war. The lee statue had been standing since 1890.

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Slug: ARPA

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How would you spend \$23 million to make La Crosse County even better? That's the question the county wants you to answer. to weigh in, the county is asking you to complete a survey and share your thoughts about how to distribute the 22.89-million-dollar allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act. "We have had several meetings as a board just to talk about area spending and we have narrowed it down to five areas of spending." Kruse says the county board has identified priority areas for funding including sustainability Housing and childcare.

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Slug: GRANTS

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In Minnesota, the Department of Employment and Economic Development awarded more than 19-million dollars for projects in small cities. Hokah will receive 721-thousand dollars for property owners of homes and business to make improvements. The grant application was successful due to the partnership of CEDA and SEMCAC, small city development program specialists. Once construction projects are complete. The town pays the contractors and then submits the invoice to receive re-imbusement. Hokah's mayor says the funds will go to good use. "Each person got a letter in the mail and they had to fill it out explaining what they thought their property what kind of shape it was in what they'd spend the money on to improve it, you know, roof, windows, doors, siding, stuff like that." Once preliminary environmental surveys are complete Construction could begin in spring of 2022.

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Slug: FISH HATCHERY

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Some people in the La Crosse community are worried about the future tenants at the old fish hatchery in riverside park. Right now, it's an empty building that the city owns and they're gutting it for a potential leaser to take it over. "Hatchery LLC" is the planned leaser though no official transaction has happened yet. Some neighbors worry they'll turn it into an air-b-n-b, wedding venue and beer garden. The community brought up a long list of concerns at tonight's public input meeting. They don't like that it would offer alcohol indefinitely as opposed to only during a festival. Or that they'll remove parking spots from the already busy area. "I'm 80 years old. I'm not going to walk from my house at 17th street or shuttle to go to the park. I like to drive down there, take my book, sit by the river, and enjoy the peace and quiet and now they're going to have. He says, 'oh we're not going to have loud music.' Well, excuse me This is La Crosse I love loud music in the right place!" Hatchery LLC says the venue would follow strict city ordinances and that they'd close the bar when the sun goes down. In fact, the potential leasers don't even want to call it a "beer garden" or "wedding venue" at all. They say it'll be another multi-purpose space that's available for anyone. "It's not a beer garden it's a patio that people can relax in. It's not Oktoberfest every weekend. It's an enjoyable space just like the whole park is just a tranquil vibe that everybody can enjoy." Though at times the conversation got tense at the meeting.

Walleser says they're enjoying the process and they plan to adjust to the community's quote "realistic concerns". There's another public input session planned for Monday from five to six p-m at the south side neighborhood center.

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Slug: KLEEFISCH

Former Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch announced her campaign for governor today has just officially launched her campaign for the state's top job. Kleefisch served eight years alongside former governor, Scott Walker. In her campaign launch video, out this morning Kleefisch labels Governor Tony Evers as weak and says she is ready to back police and fight special interests. Right now she is the best known republican to enter the race and winning the governor's office is a top priority for state republicans who have been in political battles with Evers over the last year. The republican primary for the governor's race will be held next August.

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Slug: WHEELCHAIR

In Winona, Community members who use wheelchairs are frustrated with accessibility in the city even calling some aspects dangerous. Kurt Stolpa says parking is also top tier issue. He says people who use a wheelchair to get around need two parking spots One to actually park in and the other to get out of their car, something lacking at some city facilities. Stolpa also says Holes in the sidewalk make it challenging to get from place to place. Kurt Stolpa: "Or they've got a lip on them. If you don't spot it and stop in time you're flipped out of your chair. and that's how I bent my chair because I didn't see one that caught my one cast-wheel and it flipped me right out of my chair." Mayor Scott Sherman wants to make a change and with Stolpa's input, prioritize the right projects. "We're all neighbors, friends, we all shop at the same grocery stores, and we're all members of this community. That's really important for everyone to work together to try and help the situation so that it does become less of an issue." Mayor Sherman plans to meet with Stolpa this week and then connect him with the city's public works director and city engineers for their input.

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9/14/21

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Slug: FORT MCCOY

The state department is still contact tracing the people fleeing Afghanistan for exposure to measles. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold phoned into the press conference with operation allies welcome relocation task force. Marcus homeland security says they knew this illness is more prominent in Afghanistan and could cause a pause in flights? They say the first positive measles test came back last week since they started contact tracing. Officials say most who had close contact with positive cases came back negative but they're still waiting on a few results. With high levels of measles in Afghanistan the CDC helped test and vaccinate refugees overseas and the ones who tested positive in the United States.

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Slug: TREASURER

Wisconsin's state treasurer stopped by Emerson Elementary in La Crosse today Bringing with her a big check. Sarah Godlewski and state Senator Brad Pfaff paid the visit to highlight the importance of school libraries. Back in March Godlewski announced that the common school fund would be distributing \$39 million to public school libraries. La Crosse schools today receiving just over \$311,000. "If we didn't step up and help provide the resources for libraries to buy their books and technology it would be tax payers. and right now, we know we can't simply afford to raise taxes and so our role in continuing to provide for strong distributions is in the best interest of Wisconsin and we will continue to do that." School libraries receiving funds can use them to purchase more books. As Well, as e-books, hotspots and other technology.

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Slug: AFGHAN RES

The La Crosse County board passing a proclamation meant to welcome Afghan refugees to the coulee region. While it's just a symbolic gesture, two board members proposed it at their monthly meeting last night. Board chair Monica Kruse says they board wants to make the transition as smooth as possible for any refugee who might make La Crosse home, she says she is aware that some community members have concerns and are assuming the Afghan refugees are criminals or that they're not grateful for to be in the United States. Kruse adds that this proclamation will help with those concerns "That we're trying to be a welcoming community to people of all ethnicities. This is just one more example of that and if these people would decide to stay here, I think it would add to the fabric of our community and that would be a great thing." Last night the proclamation was passed unanimously.

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Slug: AFGHAN RES

A bill advances at the state capitol that would raise the age for buying tobacco to 21. The senate's public safety committee passed the bill Thursday. While a number of health organization support the measure the Wisconsin cancer action network is opposed to the bill. They say it doesn't go far enough to regulate vaping products the same way as other tobacco products. "We don't think raising the minimum sales age to 21 achieves any of the intentions we would have as a public health organization, which is to reduce youth access to these products." The cancer action network says it wants the state to start licensing vape shops saying that would make it easier to enforce compliance with a new legal purchasing age. The tobacco age is already 21 under federal law but advocates say states should also modernize the language in their laws. So far, 39 other states have passed laws raising the tobacco age to 21.

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Slug: REDISTRICTING

Meanwhile A divided Wisconsin supreme court agrees to hear a redistricting lawsuit supported by the republican-controlled legislature instead of requiring it to start in lower courts like most cases do. Today's 4-3 ruling siding with the Wisconsin institute for law & liberty's case that the court should prepare to draw the map if the governor and legislature cannot agree. A similar case brought by democrats is moving forward in federal court.

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Slug: INFRASTRUCTURE

In just four days the federal government is set to shut down unless congress passes a funding bill at a time the US. is facing a potential debt crisis. At the same time, democrats are trying to iron out their differences to pass the bipartisan infrastructure bill and the larger so-called human infrastructure package. and President Biden says he's confident it can all get done. In a make-or-break week for President Biden's agenda a stalemate in congress is threatening the US. economy. Tonight, senate republicans are set to block a house-passed bill that would avert a government shutdown and raise the debt ceiling. Democrats say congress has historically raised the debt limit on a bipartisan basis. Adding it's about paying bills the US. government already owes including trillions of dollars in debt accumulated under the trump administration. The gridlock over the debt limit could have dire consequences for American workers and businesses even the global economy. Without legislation to raise the debt ceiling economist Zandi says the US. risks losing nearly 6 million jobs and being unable to make payments to millions of Americans for their social security and Medicare benefits and pay salaries to members of the military and without a funding bill the federal government will shut down at midnight

Friday. With those two deadlines looming democrats are also racing to get the votes to pass the \$1 trillion-dollar bipartisan infrastructure bill and the president's broader \$3.5 trillion budget bill. House speaker Nancy Pelosi has set Thursday for a final vote on the bipartisan infrastructure bill Elizabeth Schulze, ABC News, Washington.

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9/28/21

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Slug: GOV SHUTDOWN

Late last night. Senate republicans blocked a bill that would have avoided a government shutdown and raised the debt ceiling. Funding expires Thursday Democrats say they'll try again this week. This comes as democrats are also trying to press ahead with President Biden's agenda. They hope to trim back his 3-and-a-half trillion dollar "Build Back Better" package. A house vote on a 1-trillion-dollar infrastructure bill has been pushed back to Thursday a clear sign that house speaker Nancy Pelosi needed more time to get the votes to pass the bill.

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Slug: SHUTDOWN

A crisis has been averted on capitol hill. Democrats came together with republicans to reach a deal to avoid a government shutdown. Meanwhile, tense negotiations continue over President Biden's domestic agenda as West Virginia senator Joe Manchin finally publicly indicating what he wants to see in the multi-trillion-dollar social spending bill. On the hill, a bipartisan group of senators voting to fund the government through early December. A vote that came just hours before the deadline with one hurdle out of the way. The focus now shifts to President Biden's ambitious domestic agenda. Speaker Nancy Pelosi still promising a vote on the senate's bipartisan infrastructure package to rebuild the nation's roads, bridges, and broadband internet today. But progressive house democrats are vowing to defeat the one trillion-dollar package unless moderate democrats in the senate also agree to a larger 3-point-5 trillion-dollar spending bill that combats climate change, provides universal pre-k and childcare and lowers the cost of prescription drugs. The group blaming Senators Kyrsten Sinema and Joe Manchin for putting both bills at risk. Today, Senator Machin finally publicly revealing some of his demands. House democrats responding that Manchin's offer still wasn't enough for them to vote for the infrastructure bill but they are ready to negotiate. Both Senator Manchin and Senator Sinema revealed today that they have privately been communicating with leader Schumer that they would not support a 3-point-5 trillion-dollar bill, along with other concerns and priorities they have with the package.

2. CRIME & COURTS

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Slug: WALTER

An Onalaska man accused of strangling his girlfriend appeared in La Crosse County court Thursday. Benjamin Walter faces four domestic abuse charges in connection with strangulation, battery, disorderly conduct, and damage to property. According to the criminal complaint Onalaska police responded to a call from a child saying his mother's boyfriend was choking her. Walter left the home but police found him a short time later. Walter faces additional charges of possession of THC and cocaine. He is in the La Crosse County jail on a probation hold. His next court date is set for July 8th.

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:21 7/6/21 6PM

Slug: JOHNSON & NEVE

A bond hearing today for two young women facing several charges, including stealing a dog. Brandi Johnson and Kristina Neve were booked on charges of burglary, criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct, and theft of a dog. Both were released on 1,000-dollar signature bonds in addition to a no contact with victim order. Their next court appearance is August 3rd.

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:19 7/13/21 6PM

Slug: ARSON GUY

The La Crosse man charged with starting a fire in his condemned home last week was back in court today. Patrick Pedretti failed to show up for his initial appearance on Monday and was later taken into custody on a warrant. Pedretti's initial appearance has been moved to tomorrow. He's in jail on a twenty-five-hundred-dollar cash bond.

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:32 7/13/21 10PM

Slug: MELROSE GUY

A man from Melrose now faces charges related to the January 6 insurrection at the US capitol. Joshua Munn was arrested today on a number of charges including knowingly entering a restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and disorderly conduct in a capitol building. He also faces charges for demonstrating or picketing in a capitol building. According to the criminal complaint the arrest comes after a tip the FBI received about members of the Munn family at the capitol on January 6. Seven people died during and after the incident.

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:41 7/14/21 MIDDAY

Slug: PEGGS PLEA DEAL

A former Western Wisconsin school superintendent now has a plea bargain with federal prosecutors. According to a letter filed with the courts by the US attorney's office, Dan Peggs has agreed to plead guilty to a single charge of possessing child pornography. Last year Peggs, the former Altoona superintendent, was charged with multiple child sex crimes, including sex trafficking a minor, and production of child porn. The charge he agreed to plead guilty to carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison. but prosecutors have agreed to recommend that the judge give Peggs the maximum *reduction in his sentence for his acceptance of his responsibility. Court records indicate a plea hearing is set for next Tuesday.

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:51 7/15/21 6PM

Slug: HALDERSON NEW

Criminal charges upgraded as more remains are found in the continuing investigation into Bart and Krista Halderson's disappearance. As reported, authorities have positively identified human remains found in rural Dane County as Bart Halderson. Right now, they're working to identify more remains found yesterday while also working to determine a cause of death. At the moment Krista Halderson is still considered missing. Authorities have also upgraded the potential charges their son Chandler faces in his father's death. The criminal complaint now charges 23-year-old Chandler Halderson with first-degree intentional homicide, hiding a corpse, mutilating a corpse, and providing false information in a kidnapping. He was originally booked into the Dane County jail last week at that time, charged only with providing false information. Chandler Halderson's bail has now been set at one million dollars.

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Slug: CARTER

The Minnesota man accused of killing his pregnant girlfriend and her two-year-old daughter in their apartment last September pleads guilty today. Renard Carter initially pleaded not guilty back on April 23rd. Under today's agreement, Carter agrees to plead guilty to second degree murder in the death of Keona Foote, toddler Miyona, and Foote's unborn child. The 23-year-old victim Keona Foote was born and raised in La Crosse having graduated from Central High school in 2016 before moving to the Rochester area. Her memorial page noted her greatest joy was her daughter Miyona. Carter's sentencing date has not yet been set.

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Slug: KOSKOVICH

A Mindoro man with a backlog of felony charges is back in La Crosse court. According to the criminal complaint, John Koskovich broke a "no contact" order after meeting up with and later assaulting a former girlfriend with a baseball bat. Koscovich is charged with felony bail jumping as Well, as misdemeanor domestic abuse. Koscovitch has several open cases dating back to March of 2020 including felony charges of child abuse, strangulation, and 2nd degree sexual assault. He currently remains in jail on a one-thousand-dollar cash bond.

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Slug: HOSTAGE LADY

A West Salem woman remains in La Crosse County jail tonight on a \$100,000 cash bond. Lori Ann Holton was arrested back in April by state troopers in Virginia on a bench warrant. This past January when Holton was charged with kidnapping, false imprisonment, and several other charges in a bizarre series of events in West Salem, Holton allegedly held an elderly man in his home against his will through lies, intimidation, and physical abuse. Today in court, judge Todd Bjerke noted that Ms. Holton was to be held without release until seen by judge Eliot Levine. Judge Bjerke set bond at 100-thousand dollars cash.

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Slug: ELEX CHARGE

A second person in Wisconsin now faces fraud charges stemming from the election. The man who cast two absentee ballots in November's election is charged with four felonies. This is one of only 27 cases identified by Wisconsin election officials and referred to prosecutors out of more than three million ballots cast in the state, which President Biden won by a little more than 20-thousand votes. District attorneys have said they will not pursue charges in 18 cases including 16 in La Crosse who listed a UPS store as their address.

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Slug: OPIOID SETTLE

Wisconsin stands to get about 400 million dollars as part of a proposed 26-billion-dollar national settlement against opioid companies. Attorney General Josh Kaul announced the share of the settlement today, a settlement that calls for pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson to pay up to five billion dollars and the three biggest distributors to cover a combined 20-point-7 billion. Johnson and Johnson have agreed to stop selling opioids as part of the deal which also creates an independent organization that will track the amount sent to health care providers and localities.

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Slug: TRANS ATTACK

La Crosse's mayor is urging a change in state statute following an attack on two young people who identify as transgender. 40-year-old Travis Crawford faces a charge of substantial battery as well, as felony bail jumping for the incident at Copeland Park this week. The criminal complaint alleges Crawford came upon the teens in an area enclosed by trees accusing them of having sex. The teens told police they were just "tickling each other." After one of the young people who identifies as male repeatedly told Crawford to leave, he allegedly punched the teen and kicked him in the face while he was on the ground. District Attorney Tim Gruenke telling News 19 today that despite an inquiry by La Crosse police, a hate crime modifier has not yet been applied to the case. As Wisconsin state law reads a hate crime applies when the perpetrator chooses a target "in whole or in part because of the actor's belief or perception regarding the race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry of that person." Gruenke saying the sexual orientation in this case does not cover transgender or non-binary but he is looking into it. In today his statement issued Mayor Mitch Reynolds called the attack appalling adding "but we should extend our indignation of this attack to our state lawmakers who choose inaction on outdated state laws over justice. to those lawmakers, I urge immediate action."

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Slug: VANG IN COURT

A judge sets bond at 50-thousand dollars for the 26-year-old Eau Claire man accused of shooting and killing a 14-year-old teen. In an interview with police, Austin Vang said he was wrestling with Marwan Washington, who is his girlfriend's brother, in the hallway before shooting the gun at Marwan. In the complaint, Vang said he messes around with his gun all the time and he pulled the trigger at Marwan claiming the gun is never loaded, and thought it was unloaded this time. When Vang learned he was going to be arrested, he said he deserves whatever punishment he'd get and asked if he would ever see his two children again. Court documents say Marwan was living in Milwaukee and moved in with his sister and Vang around 4th of July weekend. Vang is due back in court on Tuesday for a preliminary hearing. If he's convicted, he faces up to 65 years in prison.

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Slug: JAN 6 COMMISSION

Another republican will join Wyoming congresswoman Liz Cheney in the democratic led investigation of the January 6 capitol breach. Despite criticism from his party's leadership today Illinois republican Adam Kinzinger says he's doing his duty. Four capitol police officers are expected to testify with new video evidence when the investigation begins tomorrow morning.

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Slug: RIVERA HEARING

A judge in Iowa hears arguments today on whether to grant Cristhian Bahena Rivera's request for a new trial in the 2018 murder of Mollie Tibbetts. Rivera's defense attorneys filed a motion linking Tibbetts' murder to 11-year-old Xavior Harrelson, who went missing in the same county. Rivera was found

guilty in May of killing 20-year-old mollie Tibbetts and is facing a life sentence. He was originally scheduled to be sentenced last month but that was delayed because of Harrelson's disappearance. Today an inmate described a conversation with a fellow prisoner that the defense hopes gives Rivera a chance at a new trial.

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:27 7/28/21 MIDDAY

Slug: AVERY TRIAL REJECTED

The man at the center of "Making a Murderer" Steven Avery has been denied a new trial. Just this morning the Wisconsin court of appeals rejected the request for a new trial or a hearing with new evidence. Avery is currently serving a life sentence for the murder of Theresa Halbach. Avery's attorney requested new claim consideration included allegations of insufficient scientific evidence and ineffective trial counsel. Avery appealed earlier and those were also denied.

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:36 7/28/21 6PM

Slug: PEARSON

The La Crosse man charged in the Houska Park homicide remains in jail, still unable to secure a lawyer for his defense. David Pearson Jr is charged with second degree reckless homicide in the June 28th stabbing death of Cameron Baker. Pearson was taken into custody the next day. According to court records, while qualifying for a public defender a conflict of interest has the office seeking an outside attorney. Since then, 52 attorney contacts have come back declined. Today judge Scott Horne explained the situation to Pearson and scheduled the next court date for August 11th. Pearson remains in jail on a \$500,000 cash bond.

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:27 7/28/21 10PM

Slug: HALDERSON

Chandler Halderson faces the prospect of standing trial for killing his father and dismembering his remains and for covering up the disappearance of his mother. In waiving his right to a preliminary hearing, the 23-year-old affirmed to the judge no alcohol, drugs or prescription medication were clouding his judgement. Halderson also told the judge he is of sound mind. The Dane County district attorney says any additional charges hinge on the recovery of more evidence.

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:39 7/29/21 6PM

Slug: SET UP

The La Crosse County sheriff's office saying today the man with the alias "Kush" Nya Thao fired the shots that killed Peng Lor, Nemo Yang, and Trevor Maloney in the early morning hours of last Friday with a gun given to him by Khamthaneth Rattanasack. The sheriff says the victims were allegedly killed over a 600-dollar debt. The 33-year-old Thao and 41-year-old Rattanasack are now in the La Crosse County jail on charges that include first degree intentional homicide. Authorities apprehended Thao at a home in Wausau around 1:45 this morning. Rattanasack was arrested in Amherst last night at 8:30 after a short pursuit. Both are expected to make court appearances tomorrow afternoon.

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:37 7/30/21 5PM

Slug: HOMICIDE FRI

We start with this afternoon's bond hearing for the two men charged in the triple homicide just one week ago in the Town of Hamilton. Judge Scott Horne setting bond at one million dollars cash each for both Khamthaneth Rattanasack and Nya Thao. The prosecution asking for the seven-digit sums due to the nature of the felony charges. Accused of shooting and killing three men at Romskog Quarry on July 23 according to the account of an eyewitness. The defense attorney who appeared on behalf of Thao for the bond hearing only argued for a lower amount because of both his past experience with

Thao in court proceedings and his client's poverty status. "The allegations are certainly serious, but bond is not intended to be a one size fits all, and simply because he's charged with first degree intentional homicide, doesn't mean a one-million-dollar bond is appropriate for an indigent defendant." In the end Judge Horne agreed to set bond at one million dollars for each man due to the allegations and both Thao and Rattanasack's criminal history. Both will appear in court again on August 13 as they work to find lawyers to represent them for the duration of the case.

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Slug: TIBBETTS

The man convicted of murdering Mollie Tibbetts will face sentencing not a new trial. Judge Joel Yates issued the ruling today against Christhian Bahena Rivera, a former farm worker who came to the US illegally as a teenager. A jury convicted Rivera of first-degree murder in the 2018 slaying of the University of Iowa student. Sentencing was set to take place last month but the judge postponed it to allow Rivera's defense to present a new theory about who killed Tibbetts, tied to the disappearance of an 11-year-old boy not far from where Tibbetts was killed.

Time: :38 First Aired: 8/4/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: HIGH SPEED CHASE

A man is in custody after officers say he led them on a 28-mile high-speed chase across parts of three counties. 23-year-old Frederick Clements of Mindoro was arrested Tuesday afternoon after the chase that hit speeds of 110 miles per hour. It started when a Pepin County sheriff's deputy tried to stop him for speeding. The chase was called off for safety reasons but resumed when his small pickup truck was observed speeding again in Buffalo County but was called off again before entering Alma. Clements was again spotted speeding and the pursuit resumed. A tire deflation device was used and deputies arrested Clements. He is in jail and could face felony charges

Time: :30 First Aired: 8/5/21 Shows: 5PM

Slug: EVICTION LAWSUIT

Right now, a group of landlords and real estate companies are suing over the Biden administration's new eviction moratorium. This new moratorium leaves out areas where covid-19 transmission is considered low but it still covers about 80-percent of all US counties. Attorneys for the plaintiffs filed an emergency application calling the policy unlawful. Even President Biden admitted it might not hold up in court, saying the idea is to delay evictions until people who are behind on rent, can receive help. This is also going to be a temporary solution regardless and a longer-term solution will require legislative action, but his message to anyone who's been a passionate advocate is that he shares their concerns, he shares their commitment, he wants renters to be able to stay in their home and that's why we took this step over the last few days." The supreme court upheld the CDC's original eviction moratorium. but Justice Brett Kavanaugh said congress would have to act to extend it.

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Slug: LEGAL CHALLENGE

And when it comes to the legal question of whether companies can mandate a vaccine the short answer is yes, they can do so. As Dr. Harter mentioned, there are exemptions for health and religious reasons but with a growing number of companies like Facebook, Disney, and the Mayo Clinic all requiring inoculations, a local attorney shares why that's okay under the law. "At this point in time, our courts have upheld the right for employers to mandate vaccination. There's been some challenges along the way, there's even been at time some legislative action. But, at this point, our courts have said employers who want to mandate vaccination, can do so. They can also ask, of course, for some type of proof of the vaccination." Supreme Court rulings dating back to 1905 have upheld vaccine mandates in previous pandemics but smith also expects legal challenges to continue.

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:54 8/5/21 6PM

Slug: CRAWFORD

The La Crosse man charged with attacking two transgender teens at Copeland Park will now face a hate crime modifier, the enhancement added today, and it comes after Travis Crawford was charged with substantial battery and felony bail jumping for the incident at Copeland Park on July 20. The criminal complaint alleges Crawford confronted the transgender couple at Copeland Park, accusing them of stealing his bike and calling them derogatory names. When told to leave Crawford reportedly punched and kicked one of the people in the face. District attorney Tim Gruenke initially told News 19 he was unsure whether Wisconsin law would allow a hate crime charge. The amended criminal complaint today shows the charge is filed under the statute's sexual orientation category. Because the battery charge is a felony the hate crime modifier means Crawford could face an additional five years in prison and up to 5-thousand dollars in fines if convicted.

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:22 8/6/21 MIDDAY

Slug: HIT and RUN

An Eau Claire woman is behind bars after a hit and run crash sent a bicyclist to the hospital. Eau Claire County authorities arrested Barbara Wiedenbeck Wednesday for hit-and-run causing injury. They say evidence at the scene, and calls from people, led to the arrest. The sheriff's office says Wiedenbeck hit the bicyclist Tuesday evening on County Road HHI just south of Cleghorn.

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:32 8/6/21 6PM

Slug: MONROE CO

A Milwaukee man expects to spend the next 46 and a half years in prison on charges related to a home invasion and sexual assault of an elderly woman. The Monroe County district attorney says 22-year-old Bobby Clayton was sentenced on Thursday, having pleaded guilty in May to third degree sexual assault, aggravated battery, and burglary for a January 2018 home invasion of a 76-year-old woman. Clayton physically and sexually assaulted the woman then stole her vehicle. Authorities arrested him in Juneau County after Clayton crashed the stolen vehicle.

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:51 8/6/21 10PM

Slug: ROBBERY SENT

A federal judge sentences a La Crosse man to nine years in prison for armed robbery and a weapons charge. US district judge William Conley handing down the sentence today to Kenneth Lawson who pleaded guilty to the charges back in May. Authorities charged Lawson for robbing a La Crosse apartment on June 21st last year with a loaded handgun. Police say Lawson attacked the apartment residents during which time the gun fell from his waistband. The male victim and Lawson struggled for the weapon. Eventually the victim able to make sure it wasn't loaded before returning it to Lawson who fled with a FEMA le associate but left his phone. Police used the phone to identify Lawson, locating the gun, which he was not allowed to have due to prior felony convictions, a few days later in his apartment. The judge also sentencing Lawson to three years' probation following his federal prison term.

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:32 8/10/21 5PM

Slug: DOMINION

Dominion voting systems filed a 2-billion-dollar lawsuit in DC district court today. The claim lists One America News Network, its president and CEO, and 2-on-air personalities as defendants. Dominion claims the conservative news network made false claims on-air about its ballot tallying products that damaged its reputation. The company also cites a film OANN aired made by My-Pillow CEO Mike

Lindell claiming the 2020 presidential election was stolen. Dominion previously sued Lindell along with Trump lawyers Rudy Giuliani and Sidney Powell.

Time: :28 First Aired: 8/10/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: BREIDEL

A La Crosse man remains in jail on a \$50,000 dollar cash bond charged with 8 different felonies stemming from a domestic incident. Joshua Breidel made his initial appearance in court this afternoon. According to the criminal complaint, on August 4th he beat, threatened, and intimidated his girlfriend, leading up to him chasing her and firing a gun. The 33-year-old Breidel was arrested the day after, in possession of a gun as well, as wearing body armor. His next court date is set for August 25th.

Time: :32 First Aired: 8/13/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: ASPSETER

A Sparta man pleading not guilty to homicide charges in Monroe County court. 36-year-old Thomas Aspseter faces one count of first-degree intentional homicide and two counts of attempted first degree homicide. The criminal complaint alleges Aspseter used an axe to kill his 87-year-old stepfather Bernard Waite in the Town of Sparta. Aspseter broke into Waite's home and attacked three people after they returned from a family reunion in Waukesha. Aspseter is in the Monroe County jail with a one-million-dollar cash bond. He faces life in prison if convicted.

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Slug: EVICTION

A federal judge upheld the Biden administration's revised moratorium on evictions today. That decision came after landlords asked the court to block it. It's complicated because when the supreme court voted to allow an earlier moratorium in a 5-to-4 vote Justice Brett Kavanaugh said he wouldn't uphold it past July 31st. The new moratorium is an extension of that earlier one. Federal judge Dabney Friedrich cited an existing order by an appellate court from a previous round of litigation in her decision. She indicated though Kavanaugh said he wouldn't uphold the moratorium again. That statement cannot be combined with dissenting votes from the earlier case to create law. Friedrich advised the challengers they can appeal her decision.

Time: :36 First Aired: 8/13/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: BAD GUYS

The two men accused of a triple homicide last month return to a La Crosse County court today. Khamthaneth Rattanasack and Nya Thao are charged with 1st degree homicide in the fatal shootings of Peng Lor, Nemo Yang and Trevor Maloney. Today judge Gloria Doyle noted that Thao still doesn't have a lawyer. The public defender's office has yet to secure an attorney after making some 106 contacts in their search. As for Rattanasack, his attorney is requesting more time to work on his client's case. Judge Doyle set a next court date for both Rattanasack and Thao for September 10th. Both remain in jail with one-million-dollar cash bonds.

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Slug: HIGH SPEED CHASE

Two people are in custody after trying to elude police by taking them on a high-speed chase. It happened around 1 am and ended when the driver crashed into a parked truck on the city's northside. Driver Caleb Abbot and passenger Dylan Bingham both appeared in court this afternoon before judge Gloria Doyle. According to the criminal complaint, the suspect's car almost hit a police car, ran through several red lights, and reached speeds of 90 miles per hour. Abbot is charged with a felony count of

fleeing an officer and remains in jail on a \$500 cash bond. Bingham remains in custody on a probation hold.

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:18 8/16/21 6PM

Slug: OWI

A Camp Douglas man is arrested facing charges of a 5th OWI. Wisconsin state patrol says Aaron Joseph Laborde was pulled over just after 2 am in New Lisbon when the trooper noticed signs of impairment. He had Laborde take a field sobriety test. The 34-year-old was then arrested and taken to the Juneau County jail.

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:56 8/17/21 6PM

Slug: FAITH ABUSE

Wisconsin attorney general Josh Kaul is investigating sexual abuse reports involving clergy and faith leaders throughout the state and today he came to La Crosse and shared that over 100 new reports were submitted to his team. Kaul says the goal of this independent review is to make it easier for victims to come forward and he spoke with News 19's Marcus Aarsvold. Marcus, did he say if any of these abuse reports are from the La Crosse community? In a roundabout way, yes. He says of there have been sex abuse reports from each of the five dioceses in Wisconsin whether these reports will turn into substantial cases remains to be seen. His team is taking all reports, so, it could be from last month or from decades ago. Then if any meet the statute of limitations for a prosecutable case, he'll loop in district attorney Tim Gruenke. but that's months away and for now Kaul's team is trying to make abuse reporting less traumatizing than in years passed. "One of the things that they've heard is people expressing gratitude that there's somebody who is taking this call, who is listening to their report, taking it seriously and following up on it as appropriate because in some cases people have struggled with the trauma that comes from assault for years and in some cases decades." When people report that they've suffered abuse the DOJ also refers them to organizations like New Horizons, who then helps find mental, medical, and legal help. "There is a lot of distrust in our government systems in protecting these victims and I think that by showing that we as a service it's free and confidential it does have a connection and a relationship with the department of justice can be really influential and encouraging people to also have that same trust." When Kaul launched the investigation in April the diocese released a statement saying they will work with Kaul and that they'll "Examine the letter of requests from the attorney general when it is received. At that time, we will assess the statutory authority for the requests, as well, as other considerations, like the confidentiality rights of those survivors of abuse whose privacy interests could be impaired by a release of sensitive information to a public agency." News 19 reached out to the diocese today and have not heard back yet. Heather, Kaul says not all the reports are from people in the Catholic Church. Some were other faiths but he did not specify which. Alright, so when will we know exactly who's being accused? There's no deadline yet. He says they're leaving it open over the next few months as new reports keep coming in. Thanks, Marcus. If you are a survivor of abuse, you can call the attorney general's hotline at 1-877-222-2620. You can also find a link to send an email at wxow.com.

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:23 8/18/21 MIDDAY

Slug: R KELLY TRIAL

Opening statements and testimony in the R-Kelly federal trial in New York begin today. The singer is facing racketeering and sex trafficking charges and is potentially facing decades behind bars. Prosecutors claim Kelly led a criminal enterprise comprised of people who helped promote his musical career. Kelly, who was acquitted in 2008 of child pornography charges, denies the allegations against him.

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:31 8/23/21 6PM

Slug: ZIMBRIC

A La Crosse man with 9 open criminal cases ranging from domestic abuse to narcotics possession is released again on a cash bond. Patrick Zimbric was arrested on Friday after police received a call that he had struck a woman and taken her wallet. According to the criminal complaint, Zimbric left the scene but was found and arrested shortly afterward. Charges filed today include felony possession of methamphetamine and bail jumping with additional charges including domestic abuse and disorderly conduct. He was released from jail on a \$1,000 cash bond.

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Slug: KENDHAMMER

A West Salem man convicted of killing his wife in 2016 is back in a La Crosse County courtroom this week. Todd Kendhammer has a 3-day evidentiary hearing before judge Todd Bjerke as part of his appeal process. Kendhammer was convicted in 2017 of 1st degree intentional homicide in the death of his wife Barbara. Jurors failed to believe his story that as the couple traveled down a road near West Salem a pipe fell from a passing truck and smashed through the windshield and struck her in the head. Barbara died the following day at the hospital. In 2018 Kendhammer was sentenced to life in prison. He and his attorney claim that the conviction was based on weak evidence and that Kendhammer had no motive to kill his wife. His evidentiary hearing continues until Wednesday.

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Slug: UPDATE MISSING

An update this morning in the search for a missing fire chief. The body found inside a truck in Sawyer County has been identified as Arcadia-Glencoe fire chief Jeff Halvorsen. The confirmation coming from the coroner this morning. Chief Halvorsen had been missing since last Wednesday. His truck was found in the woods near Hayward on Sunday and we now know that the body inside, was Halvorsen. The cause of death is pending a toxicology report but authorities say foul play is still not suspected.

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MIDDAY

Slug: KASKOVITCH

A Mindoro man facing several open cases including abuse and sexual assault charges appears in court for a bond hearing. John Koskovich was arrested on Tuesday night after police responded to a suspicious car parked on a trail near the 700 block of Stonebridge avenue. Koskovich was in the car, along with a passenger listed as a no contact as part of his current bond. According to the criminal complaint, Koskovich is charged with felony bail jumping. There are six open cases stretching from July back to March of 2020. Koskovich was released Wednesday on a \$500 signature bond.

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Slug: DUNKLE

A La Crosse man is facing felony charges of battery against an elderly person. Adam Duenkel made his initial appearance today before Judge Ramona Gonzalez. According to the criminal complaint, Duenkel knocked down and punched an elderly relative. He also poured food on them. Because of the victim's age, the aggravated battery charge is a class H felony. Duenkel was released on a \$1,000 signature bond. He is also forbidden to contact the victim.

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Slug: EVICTIONS

News just breaking this evening the US supreme court rules this evening to block the Biden administration's extension on an eviction moratorium. An unsigned Eight-page decision by a majority of the justices says the only way the moratorium could continue is if it's authorized by congress Adding that

the CDC exceeded its authority preventing landlords from evicting tenants for unpaid rent. Congress imposed the original moratorium which former president trump ordered the CDC to extend several times striking down the Biden administration's extension allows evictions to resume across the country.

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:17 8/26/21 10PM

Slug: CHILD PORN DOG

The Kenosha police department is using a dog detective to help bring child predators to justice. Iris is one of three dogs with child electronic sniffing training in Wisconsin she's one of only a few dozen in the world. Her primary goal is to sniff out hidden devices in child porn cases. "The more we can stop that the less chance that children are going to be exploited." Her trainer, says in her first few months at the department, iris has already helped find evidence in a half dozen child sex offender cases. Iris also has an Instagram page if you'd like to see her in action at underscore k-9 iris.

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:17 8/30/21 5PM

Slug: TIBBETS

To Iowa now and sentencing today in the Molly Tibbets case. The University of Iowa student disappeared three years ago while jogging alone. Authorities arrested Christian Bahena Rivera in connection with her stabbing death. The judge sentenced him today life in prison without the possibility of parole.

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:48 9/1/21 6PM

Slug: CAPITOL RIOTER

A La Crosse County man and national guard member has been convicted of taking part in the January 6th riot at the US capitol. Abram Markofski has plead guilty to a charge of parading, demonstrating, or picketing in a capitol building. He was originally charged with four counts in early May. According to the US. attorney's office, an anonymous tip led the FBI to a friend of Markofski's who admitted that the pair traveled to D.C. and were in the capitol on the day of the insurrection. With cell phone data investigators discovered that Markofski was inside the building for almost 90 minutes. As part of the plea agreement, Markofski will pay the government 500-dollars for damage done at the capitol. The total cost of the damage done to the building that day was just under one-point-five million. His sentencing is set for December 3rd

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:52 9/1/21 6PM

Slug: ALMA BURGLARY

A husband and wife from Alma center appear to have earned the label of "partners in crime" After an attempted burglary, that ended with a SWAT team negotiation. The Jackson County sheriff's office says Aaron and Jolene Lowe were attempting to burglarize a home in the town of Alma on Monday but were interrupted by the home owner. That person called 911 and gave officers a description of the couple which then lead deputies to a home in Alma center where the Lowes barricaded themselves inside. Jackson County's chief deputy says based on Aaron Lowe's history with law enforcement and the possibility he was armed an attempt at peaceful negotiations began. After four hours the La Crosse County SWAT team helped deploy chemical agents into the home Aaron and Jolene Lowe then came out and were arrested. They face charges including burglary, battery and resisting arrest and have been referred to the DA.

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:30 9/1/21 6PM

Slug: CRIME CORNER

A bond hearing today for a La Crosse man arrested sexual assault involving a child. Richard Wainwright was arrested on Tuesday charged with second degree sexual assault of a child and using a computer to facilitate a sex crime. The 58-year-old Wainwright was allowed a signature bond in the amount of \$10,000. Wainwright was also issued a no contact order with anyone under the age of 18. In addition to a ban from all devices with internet access. The state said an official criminal complaint would be issued in three weeks.

Time: :42 First Aired: 9/2/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: SCOTUS TX ABORTION

New this morning. The US. supreme court has formally refused to block a controversial new abortion law in Texas. The decision came late last night in a five to four vote with chief justice John Roberts joining the three liberals. A scathing dissenting opinion from justice Sonia Sotomayor calls the law "flagrantly unconstitutional." The controversial law took effect Wednesday after the high court declined to act on it. The law prevents women from getting abortions after six weeks of gestation Before many even know they're pregnant. It also allows lawsuits against anyone who helps a woman get an abortion. Rights groups see the law as a direct challenge to roe v. Wade, the landmark decision in 1973 legalizing abortion.

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Slug: FAKE VACCINE CARD

Meanwhile Authorities warn of the consequences of using a fake vaccine card. Using a counterfeit vaccination card violates a Wisconsin statute where ' no person may intentionally falsify a patient health care record'. The max fine is 25 thousand dollars, nine months in jail or both and legal experts say one could also face forgery charges. In some cases, those who are faking their vaccine record Could be criminally liable for unintentionally putting other people in danger. You're opening yourself up to increased danger, especially if you put other people at risk, if people who wouldn't normally associate with you, someone who is immunocompromised, and they do associate with you because they think you're vaccinated and they get sick, you could potentially face ramifications from that. Andrew Gunderson adds using a counterfeit vaccination card can be in violation of identification theft if one uses someone else's vaccine card or information to falsify your vaccination status which could be a misdemeanor or even a felony.

Time: :23 First Aired: 9/7/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: SENATE CHARGE

One of the eleven democrats running for Ron Johnson's US senate seat now faces four felony charges for campaign finance violations. Chantia Lewis a member of the Milwaukee city council is alleged to have used more than 21-thousand dollars in donations for family trips and to make rent and car loan payments. Lewis' attorney denies the charges Saying they will seek to have them dismissed.

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Slug: MILW MOST WANTED

A man who's been on the run for 15 years after a fatal shooting in Milwaukee is now on the FBI's ten most wanted list. Octaviano Juarez-Corro allegedly confronted his estranged wife at a 2006 Memorial Day picnic demanding to see his daughter. When she told him to leave Authorities say Juarez-Corro opened fire Killing two people and wounding three others. FBI agents say he has ties to Wisconsin and California but is believed to be in Mexico. The most wanted designation carries a 100-thousand-dollar reward for information leading to his arrest.

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Slug: DOJ SUES TX

US attorney general Merrick Garland says the justice department will sue the State of Texas over a new law that bans abortions after six weeks. Though the US supreme court allowed the law to take effect Garland calls it unconstitutional. This leaves women in Texas, unable to exercise their constitutional rights and unable to obtain judicial review at the very moment they need it. This kind of scheme to nullify the constitution of the United States is one that all Americans, whatever their politics or party, should fear." The Texas law deputizes private citizens by authorizing them to bring litigation against clinics and anyone else who assists a woman in getting an abortion after six weeks but the justice department plans to enforce a federal law that prohibits people from obstructing abortion clinic entrances and making threats against women seeking reproductive health services. Governor Greg Abbott responded to the justice department's move today (Thursday) saying, "we are confident that the courts will uphold and protect that right to life."

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Slug: TRIPLE HOMICIDE

The two men facing charges of first-degree homicide in the triple murder of three men this past July enter not guilty pleas in court today. Both Khamthaneth Rattanasack and Nya Thao remain in the La Crosse County jail, each with a 1-million-dollar cash bond. They are charged with the fatal shootings of Peng Lor Nemo Yang and Trevor Maloney at the Romskog quarry off of County M in the Town of Hamilton near West Salem on July 23.

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Slug: BLUE BABY STOLEN

Right now, in La Crosse an often talked about piece of local art is missing. "Hatched Baby", the statue more commonly referred to as "the blue baby" is missing. As you can see the giant fiberglass egg is still intact, but the entire blue head of the baby has disappeared. La Crosse police are investigating. The art work is on loan to the city from artist Wolfgang Auer of Friedberg, Germany which is one of La Crosse's sister cities.

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Slug: NOAH BETS

A 21-year-old La Crosse man is back in court facing three felony charges after being arrested on Saturday. The criminal complaint shows police responded around four o'clock Saturday morning to a 911 call from a northside La Crosse residence. Officers say they arrived finding Noah Betz yelling, threatening to fight police, and threatening other people in the apartment. He was taken into custody on felony charges of repeater false imprisonment and domestic abuse as well, as bail jumping. In addition to these new charges, Betz has an open case for a felony 4th offense OWI. Betz was released this afternoon on a \$1,000 signature bond.

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Slug: FLOYD CASE

Meanwhile Four former Minneapolis police officers are pleading 'not guilty' to charges stemming from the George Floyd case. Today Derek Chauvin Tou Thao J. Alexander Kueng and Thomas Lane were arraigned on federal civil rights charges. Chauvin is already in prison serving a 22-and-a-half-year sentence for the murder of Floyd during their encounter in 2020. All four ex-officers are also charged with failing to give Floyd medical aid. Federal trial dates have not been set.

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Slug: MN OWI

Numbers show a slight decline in drunk driving arrests during Minnesota's Labor Day extra enforcement. Officers Deputies and troopers made nearly 11-hundred-50 arrests for impaired driving from August 20 through September 6. That is compared to nearly 16-hundred-50 arrests during the same period in 2020. More than 300 law enforcement agencies across Minnesota participated in the campaign which included extra patrols Awareness and education.

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Slug: DUNN COUNTY

Dunn County authorities have named two people they say are responsible for the deaths of four people found inside a vehicle Located in a cornfield last weekend. The Dunn County sheriff says authorities arrested Darren Lee MC Wright in St. Paul last night. Antoine Darnique Suggs is also a suspect but is not in custody. The sheriff says He believes Suggs is in the Twin Cities area. The sheriff says they are responsible for the deaths of 4-people whose bodies were discovered in an SUV in Sheridan Wisconsin. The sheriff's office is looking for information about Suggs whereabouts. They say Suggs should be considered armed and dangerous.

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Slug: BRIAN KRENZ

A La Crescent man arrested in California is now back in Minnesota In the Houston County jail facing several felony charges. Authorities arrested Brian Krenz in connection with threats of violence against Houston County government offices and a private business. According to the criminal complaint Krenz is charged with felony counts of terroristic threats and threats of violence in August. He's in custody on a \$250,000 bond. His next court appearance is set for September 24th.

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Slug: MONROE CO

More than 25 guns and two pounds of methamphetamine Are seized as Monroe County authorities arrest two people in the Town of Sheldon Near Ontario. Operating on a search warrant Police also found smaller amounts of heroin Fentanyl and other drugs Along with the 25 weapons Some of which are believed to be stolen. 34-year-old Gabriel Wilcox and 28-year-old Ember Powell are now charged with maintaining a drug trafficking place With additional charges pending.

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Slug: ELEX INVESTIGATION

The former state supreme court justice appointed by speaker Robin Vos to review last November's election Says he will order clerks to cooperate with his investigation. In a video released Monday Mike Gableman said he expected Wisconsin's nearly two-thousand county and municipal clerks to provide documents or testimony if he asks for it but he implied he would seek subpoenas should clerks reject his request. "It is my sincere hope that Wisconsin election officials will live up to that duty but if they do not, we will use the power afforded to the office of special counsel to compel answers to these questions." Gableman also called on the public to provide tips of either possible law violations or evidence the election was well-run in their community. u-w election law professor Howard Schweber said he worries that request will only invite conspiracy theories.

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Slug: INDICTMENTS MCCOY

Two Afghan refugees are facing federal indictments for crimes they are accused of committing while at Fort McCoy. Bahrullah Noori is charged with attempting to engage in a sexual act with a minor and using force against that person. He is also charged with 3 counts of engaging in a sexual act with

another minor. One count alleging the use of force. The indictment alleges that the two victims were under 16. The other person, Mohammad Haroon Imaad is charged with assaulting his spouse. By strangling and suffocating her. A criminal complaint states that because of this incident the spouse and her children were moved into an all-female barracks. Tonight, the two men are being held in the Dane County jail, and are set to appear before a judge, tomorrow. The charges are the result of investigations by the FBI and the Fort McCoy police department. We have contacted a spokesperson at the fort and are waiting for an official response. At the moment, no other details have been released.

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Slug: CHAUVIN

Former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin filed an appeal of his conviction in the death of George Floyd. Chauvin was convicted in April on charges of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter. He was sentenced in June to 22-and-a-half years in prison. Chauvin raised 14 issues in his appeal. They include the district court's handling of the motion to change the venue, motions to sequester the jury during the trial, and the motion for a continuance. He also took issue with the adding of a third-degree murder charge during the trial. The appeal was filed with the state of Minnesota court of appeals.

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Slug: BAR UPDATE

Town of Campbell police say they've now identified a person of interest in a weekend shooting at a bar on French Island. One person suffered a minor leg injury during the incident at the dugout 47 bar on Bainbridge Street early Saturday morning. The man was treated and released from a local hospital. Chief drew Gavrilos calls the shooting accidental and says those involved did not know each other. He says they are not releasing the name of the person citing an ongoing investigation. Chief Gavrilos says the case is now going to the La Crosse County district attorney for possible criminal charges.

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Slug: NEW GLARUS

The CEO of New Glarus Brewing Company is filing a defamation lawsuit against three shareholders who have accused her of cutting them out of profits. Deb Cary filed the suit in Dane County court against the law firm representing the shareholders. It also includes 50 unnamed individuals and media outlets. Carey alleges she was defamed when the law firm issued a release that included quote false implications about her. Including accusations that she withheld and manipulated financial data.

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Slug: FARM CRASHES

Back in Wisconsin, one area family is lending a hand towards preventing deaths on local roads. They live on a county road, where a family member lost their life when they were struck by a truck while driving a tractor. They say they want people to "start seeing farmers" Natalie Sopyla has more. The next time you are cruising down country roads one area family wants you to "start seeing farmers." In 2019 the Wawrzyniec family lost their brother Craig after he was hit by a truck while driving a tractor down a county road. Now over a year later the same issue down that same road, reckless driving and a family friend Carrie Bernitt says enough is enough. The family has put up these signs down the street to remind people to keep an eye out for slow moving farm equipment. They say while a little bit of patience may add a few extra minutes to your commute it can ensure others make it home safely. In addition to a potential crash the penalty for passing farm equipment in a no passing zone is approximately 2 hundred dollars fine.

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Slug: FARM TECH DAYS

Looking ahead to next week, the Wisconsin Farm Technology days event will be in Eau Claire County. People who attend will have the opportunity to learn about the latest improvements and innovations in production agriculture. Huntsinger Farms will host the 67th annual event.-It's the first horseradish farm to do so. According to event officials, 50 thousand to 60 thousand people are expected to visit the farm and nearly 500 exhibitors from 24 different states will be on hand. Wisconsin Farm Technology days runs from July 20th through July 22nd. to learn how to purchase tickets and see the full event schedule, visit wqow.com.

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Slug: WALZ FARMERS

Meanwhile, a worsening drought has Governor Walz asking UW Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack for help. In a letter the governor says he wants the USDA to allow emergency haying and grazing in conservation reserve program areas that are experiencing level 2 or greater drought conditions. This land is normally set aside from production and planting to improve the environment. Walz wrote that the forage is quickly deteriorating on these lands because of the dry weather. If quality feed is not available to farmers, Walz says they will be forced to either purchase hay or sell their animals.

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Slug: GREEN VIOLET

The last known sighting of a green violet in Wisconsin was 1958 but the plant was recently rediscovered in Eau Claire County. DNR biologist Ryan O'Connor spends a lot of time in Wisconsin's natural areas documenting plants and keeping track of unique species. He says on May fifth, he stumbled upon what he believed to be and was later confirmed as a green violet, and not just one of them, but hundreds! O'Connor says the green violet is rare because it needs very specific habitat conditions in order to grow and that it was able to do so in this natural area, because the location has not been impacted by logging, farming, or other development. Just before O'Connor stumbled upon the green violets, he says his six-year-old daughter had written him a note saying, "Dear Dad, I hope you find lots of rare stuff."

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Slug: DAIRY FARM

A unique business model over in Monroe County offering a place to stay and experience what a real family dairy farm is like. News 19's Joe Minney is here to share how one family farm is subsidizing income with cabin rentals. Thanks Dustin. Yes, the family dairy farm has been the backbone of the state's dairy industry for decades. but more and more of these farms are losing ground with rising production costs and the milk prices remaining stagnant. So, to offset costs the Knutson family rents out three cabins to tourists and folks who want to see what a dairy farm looks like. Using Airbnb and other websites, Patty and Glenn book "The Grapevine Log Cabins" to people from all over and most people can't get over how this farm has stayed true to what a stereotypical family farm used to be. Glenn and patty run the farm with their son Cody and his family. Guests are free to roam about and can watch the Knutsons do their morning chores like milking the cows. Some guests have been able to help bottle feed the calves or see calves being born which is a special treat. and Dustin, the Knutsons say that some people from the big cities like Chicago are amazed at how quiet it is or how dark the night sky gets. and some have never experienced a star filled sky either. Thanks Joe. Quite the experience on a farm with 45 cows producing 300 gallons of milk each day.

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Slug: FOOD WASTE

A new report calls on governments and the food industry to set targets to reduce waste. According to the World Wildlife Fund and a UK based grocery chain about a billion tons of food is lost each year in the US and Europe. The authors say 930 tons are wasted by retailers and consumers while the rest is lost in transport, storage, and processing. The study says food waste makes up 10 percent of greenhouse gas emissions or nearly twice the annual amount produced by all cars driven in the US and Europe.

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Slug: KYW BRICKFIELD BREWING

When people think of Wisconsin there are two beverages that come to mind: milk and beer. In this segment of Know Your Wisconsin News 19's Carly Swisher introduces you to Brickfield Brewing and Four Cubs Farm. A dairy farm and brewery that work together to create two of Wisconsin's most famous exports. Like many of Wisconsin's hard-working farmers, Ben Peterson is carrying on the family tradition. and to go along with dairy farming, the Petersons have started a new family tradition over at Brickfield Brewing. and much like Four Cubs Dairy Farm, Brickfield Brewing is very much a family affair. and it's not lost on the Petersons that their passions, farming, and brewing beer, are so quintessentially Wisconsin. and now you Know Your Wisconsin! You can find out more about Four Cubs Farm and Brickfield Brewing by visiting their websites.

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Slug: BEAN GROWERS

One Western Wisconsin company is using billboards to find farmers who want to help them keep up with the growing demand for kidney beans. According to Chippewa Valley Bean in Menomonie northwestern Wisconsin through Minnesota is known as the 'Bean Belt' since beans like kidney beans thrive in the area's sandy soil. Since the demand for kidney beans has grown over the years, so has demand for more acres to grow them. That's why Chippewa Valley Bean is asking for farmers to help out. Growers will have to sign a contract that covers soil, crop rotation and kidney bean harvest.

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Slug: WILDFIRE

Elsewhere in the country nearly eighty massive wildfires are raging right now with nearly three million acres of land that has been scorched so far this year. John Lorinc has the latest. A raging inferno

dubbed "the Dixie Fire" in northern California consuming everything in its path. It's now the biggest blaze burning in California this year and the fourteenth largest in the state's history. and for the people facing its fury once thriving, picturesque places have been transformed into eerie, apocalyptic-like scenes, homes turned to ash and vehicles completely charred through. Now, more than seventy-eight-hundred people are under evacuation orders in northern California after the Dixie Fire merged with the nearby Fly Fire. The Tamarack Fire which has scorched nearly seventy-thousand acres across Nevada and California is endangering wildlife. A burned black bear cub is now recovering at a wildlife care center after being rescued from the flames Sunday night.

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Slug: WALZ DROUGHT

While much of Wisconsin got hit hard by the wet stormy weather much of Minnesota still needs significant rain. In fact, thirteen members of the Connecticut interstate fire crew are headed to Minnesota to help fight wildfires due to the dry conditions. Today Governor Tim Walz visited a dairy farm in Douglas County to see just how the severe to extreme drought conditions in that county have impacted conditions. The latest report from the US drought monitors this week shows at least 75-percent of Minnesota is considered in a severe drought or higher. "You might have a farm one mile away that got that 6/10 of rain that made a difference. You've got families living next to each other where some are really hurting from it and others by luck of the draw got through it. So, I think when we talk about this, don't lump everything together but make sure there are different tools and flexibilities for folks who need it." The governor says visits like this help make decisions about those tools which could include grazing on public lands and altering ditch-mowing management.

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Slug: SHEEP SOLAR

A new idea blends energy and agriculture to power some Minnesota homes. Nokomis Energy has dozens of renewable energy projects and about two hours west of La Crosse one such program involves sheep. Nestled in this quiet patch of unproductive farmland in Waseca there's a clash of old and new. Arlo Hark's flock is hard at work in this now solar garden. They're grazing, essentially mowing the lawn, the land, to help restore a native prairie habitat underneath the panels, part of a growing trend to find a second purpose for land beneath renewables. You can see the difference from the air. The left side? Is mowed. The right? Grazed by Arlo's sheep.

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Slug: MN DROUGHT

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz saying he supports an emergency financial relief package for farmers as most of the is suffering through a severe drought. Walz saying he would support an aid package in a special session next month. This comes after criticism from farmers sorely needing drought relief. Agriculture officials say livestock and specialty crop farmers are hardest hit because their insurance covers less than corn and soybean farmers. State officials saying a new financial relief package could be modeled after previous aid that lawmakers approved after flooding in Minnesota.

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Slug: DAIRY INDUSTRY

For more than a decade Wisconsin has seen the number of dairy farms decrease by nearly half. Bobby Falat shares why the trend is happening and how difficult it is for new farmers to get into the business. In the Badger State the number of farms is continuing to drop as on average for the last 15 years 500 farms are closing their doors. Whether it be from a lack of generational workers "What we're finding is that there's not new generations on a farm that want to go back into that farm so that farm transfer process isn't there because theirs isn't a farm successor or a decrease in how many glasses

of milk you drink. According to the USDA, the average American drank around 247 pounds per year of milk back in the mid-70's. Now, that's down to 146 pounds as recently as 2018, a drop of more than 40 percent. Part of that reason: a variety of milk-alternatives. "A lot more choices that we had in the 1960's and 1970's so the demand for milk is less than what it used to be there's a lot more options out there on the market. One of the biggest hurdles: getting off the ground for aspiring farmers. Whether it be buying the equipment he cows themselves or even finding a place to build, newer farms just can't get their footing. "The simply answer is yes, land prices are a huge limiting factor to new farmers getting in." Of course, dairy isn't just a glass of milk. Consumption of cheese, yogurt and other dairy products have remained mostly the same with fewer cows producing more milk. The question now: if that is enough to keep doors open and milk flowing. Now in spite of the pandemic, dairy experts say that 2020 actually wasn't terrible for the dairy industry, partly due to people being home more. Experts say they won't fully know they impact of until 2022.

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Slug: AG INFRASTRUCTURE

The president of the Wisconsin Farmers Union offering some praise and criticism when it comes to the trillion-dollar infrastructure bill that passed the senate this week. Speaking this morning in a virtual conference Westby's Darin Von Ruden says the bill addresses needs that are much overdue especially considering the impact of recent rain and flooding. He also says the bill will hopefully address the "last mile" when it comes to broadband expansion. His criticism Senator Ron Johnson's no vote on the bill.

"It would be nice if Senator Johnson would really look at what his votes are doing to the State of Wisconsin. We're losing money all the time that should be coming back into the State of Wisconsin, so it's disheartening to see that happen. Meanwhile he's voting for every tax cut for millionaires and billionaires that he can." Senator Johnson defended his position on the infrastructure bill this week saying on fox business that there was a way to do infrastructure by taking "more than 700 billion of the \$1.9 trillion partisan covid relief package that isn't even spent until 2022 through 2028 and repurpose that for infrastructure. That should have been the republican position. We shouldn't be signing up to the Green New Deal, part I."

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Slug: VILSACK DROUGHT

For the first time, parts of Minnesota are in an "exceptional" drought prompting a visit from the US Agriculture secretary. Tom Vilsack: "Your heart goes out every time you come through a farm like this." Tom Vilsack joined Minnesota's senate delegation to get a firsthand look at how the drought is impacting farmers. Chip Callister at Callistar Farms says commodity and cattle prices are rising, eating into his winter feed supply. Federal emergency aid will provide about 17 million dollars to the state but Vilsack is also optimistic that infrastructure bills could help make it easier for farmers to sell their products and hire immigrant workers, allowing them to better weather a drought. "I'm excited about the opportunity that this could potentially create for these folks because it will provide them a real opportunity to expand their operations. The goal here is to keep Chip and Mickey on the farm so they can transfer it to the next generation." The latest report from Minnesota Department of National Resources shows a little more than seven percent of the state is in an exceptional drought classification while about 42 percent is in an extreme drought.

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Slug: SOAK IT UP

A local church is receiving recognition for its green practices. The 2020 soak it up award going to first congregational church for their work on stormwater management with the help of Coulee Region Ecoscapes they constructed a rain garden and drainage system to create a sustainable way to prevent basement flooding. "What we have done is created a place for this water to collect. There is an

overflow so it can never go above a certain level, it can never get into the foundation, and with all the water that is here from the rain garden, we have got plants to soak it up and actually use that water to grow" The Soak It Up award honors those in the community that are choosing positive sustainability practices. Organizations like the La Crosse Stormwater Group and First Congregational Church hope that their project will serve as an example of flood mitigation.

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Slug: CRANBERRIES

Wisconsin's title as the nation's cranberry producing powerhouse will continue into 2021. According to the US Cranberry Marketing Committee Wisconsin growers will harvest an estimated 4.7 million barrels of fruit this fall. The forecast marks the 27th year in a row that Wisconsin has led the nation in cranberry production. More than half the entire world's supply of cranberries is grown on Wisconsin family farms, generating 1 billion dollars in state economic impact. Other top cranberry producing states include Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Oregon.

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Slug: Evers FARM

Governor Evers sharing the news during a visit to a coon valley farm where News 19's Marcus Aarsvold learned why farmers still need that help. The Wisconsin Ag Department says it believes in the state's 105-billion-dollar industry and they want to help people like Roger Peters who produces eggs, beef, and dairy. Peters received a couple thousand dollars from relief issued in 2020 and says he has big plans for his second round of funding. Food is essential and Evers believes farmers are smart enough to use this money well, and the need is always there. In Coon Valley, Marcus Aarsvold, News 19. Governor Evers says the plan is to open applications for this next round of funding following this year's fall harvest.

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Slug: FERGUSONS OPENING

It still feels like summer but fall arrives this weekend at a local orchard Ferguson's Orchards in Eau Claire is opening this Saturday. Co-owner Andy Ferguson says they have many new things this season, including a 100-foot-long grain train where families can take a guided tour around the orchard, real bathrooms, and a new wine collection featuring dry red, sweet white, and of course apple wine. They also built an industrial-sized kitchen so that they can pump out more apple cider donuts. Families can still enjoy the familiar classics of apple picking, the corn maze, wagon rides, and petting zoo. "It's fun seeing all the families and kids here, especially in a year, year-and-a-half where they were big limitations on what you can do. Being vast majority outside here really provides a lot of fun, safe, healthy activities and opportunities to spend time together." Masks are recommended, but not required. Ferguson says they have a hundred and 32 acres so there's plenty of room to physically distance as well. The orchards will be open every day through Halloween from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Slug: ADOPT A COW

If you're looking for a way to help kids connect with the dairy state's ag roots check this out. You can adopt a cow! It's part of a program that partners schools and other groups like Girl Scouts or homeschoolers with a dairy farmer and a cow. The kids get to send their bovine brethren letters and then receive pictures and videos of their calf. "It actually gives our Wisconsin dairy farmers a platform a way to share all the good news about their dairy farm and the kids learn about it and gain a greater appreciation and love of dairy. " At the end of the year the group gets a zoom call with the farmer and calf to see how much it has grown throughout the year and talk to the farmer. Enrollment is open until September 15. You can find a link to take part over at wxow.com.

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Slug: MN BEAN FIELD

It's a sight you may never see again. In a rural area in Minnesota a quarter mile long stretches of a bean field there just disappeared. What started as a small crack a short time ago suddenly turned into an "earthquake type" slide? Kevin Wallevand reports. It is still hard for Wayne Erickson to make sense of what happened on his farm. Simply put. A section of this black bean field fell two stories. Wayne Erickson, climax area farmer: "when I drove out here, it looked like the Grand Canyon. We didn't have all that slumping going on, it was just straight down. Straight up and down." It is almost like the bean field took an elevator ride three floors down. Wayne Erickson, climax area farmer: "in the last day, that was all connected, where you see the break-away where the bank is busting away and moving." So, what's behind this? Dry weather. A drop in water levels on the red river. Recent rains? Or springs nearby? Und geologists told us today All the above. The perfect storm. Erlene Erickson, climax area farmer: "Kind of scary. It is sad. Sad to see it. Mother nature does what she wants." and this really is a geological wonder, the sheer force. This fallen land I am standing on right now, it is actually pushing under the river bank, sending more dirt into the red river. Wayne Erickson, climax area farmer: "that whole bank just pushed." From the perspective of a neighbor Brad Thoreson's drone. You can see the massive slide. A 25-foot drop in parts. Crevices still forming today. The land still moving. Erlene Erickson, climax area farmer: "we should be as high as the flags over there, yes." Soil experts are due at the farm scene to try and piece together how a bean field lost part of itself and left a wall of wonder for farmers to now marvel at. Geologists call the phenomena a rotational slump.

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Slug: STRAW HOUSE

More and more people are becoming aware of their daily practices and how that impacts the environment usually they make small changes like using reusable grocery bags. Well, one Holmen woman is taking it a step further and News 19's Mike Beiermeister met with her to learn how she's created a life off the grid Tucked away in Holmen where the woods meet the cornfields is the home of Marilyn Pedretti. but this isn't any old home. Behind these layers of stucco and American clay straw bale hay an ecofriendly filler that produces an energy efficient structure since straw is considered a waste product. "When I first came back, they kind of joked with me, you're the straw hut lady, they'd kind of joked before I built it, so it's been nicknamed the straw hut." Pedretti created this sustainable home with the help of family and friends eight years ago She learned about this style while building houses down in el paso Texas "When I came home, I thought "if they built these houses made out of straw to keep the heat out in Texas. Why don't I build a straw bale house in Wisconsin to keep the heat in in the winters?" Marilyn uses solar panels to power the home and she positioned different features inside the home to work with nature. "I have it so the windows on the northside are all in line with the doors so there's airflow through the summer. That kind of thing." Homes like Marilyn's have what's called a truth window to show what the house is made of. Now some of adobe or even tires but Marilyn's of course has straw bale" "When you walk in my house, you would not know that I'm off grid you would not know that this is straw bale unless I told you that so I think seeing is believing and understanding that." Skeptics might be wondering how does this house stack up to your ordinary home when it comes to longevity. "I tell people you can ram a semi into and it wouldn't move. It's that sturdy." but the structure of the house is only one part of Marilyn's ecofriendly life. All the light fixtures, a lot of the furniture, things that are in here, are from the restore. I figure, you know, it's still perfectly good. Why waste it. So you'll see that throughout the house." She also grows her own food in her garden and sells the remaining produce. I guess I just kind of put my stuff to action. I want to live very light on the earth. I want to show that other people can live on the earth, so I don't know if that's a pioneer or just crazy." Travelers from all over the world come to learn about Marilyn's lifestyle and she hopes she can inspire others to begin making those changes. "We are supposed to take care of the earth and that's so important and sometimes we think that the earth is supposed to take care of us and it won't if we poison it and waste the resources given." Giving meaning and purpose to every single item. In Holmen, MB

News 19. If you plan to create a home insulated with straw bale or another ecofriendly material, Marilyn told us that her biggest piece of advice is to do your homework You can do that by attending workshops or contacting the Midwest Renewable Energy Association located here in Wisconsin.

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Slug: BG ALGAE

Blue-green algae closes beaches across the state every year. An eastern Wisconsin group the fox-wolf watershed alliance is on a mission to change that. While testing algae blooms can take days, the group is using new technology to get it done in just a few minutes. They jump start the process by taking samples and pictures with travel microscopes. "This is still in the development phase but they are hoping they then can work with counties, cities, health departments to use this system to alert people better" Taking control of algae blooms is something everyone can help with. The Wisconsin DNR says something as simple as keeping your leaves in your yard can help the states algae problem.

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Slug: CRANBERRIES

Wisconsin's cranberry crop is on track for an above-average year. The US cranberry marketing committee forecast in August that Wisconsin growers will produce 4-point-nine million barrels this year but Wisconsin Cranberry Growers Association executive director Tom Lochner says there are still a few weeks before harvesting and yields may increase a bit. Growers say the pandemic helped boost domestic sales with more people buying juice and dried fruit at home. The downside of the pandemic is labor issues as hiring was made more difficult and there are fewer willing to work harvesting. Wisconsin continues to lead the nation cranberry production.

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Slug: FALL COLORS

As summer winds down we're soon going to see brilliant pops of yellow, red and orange but this year outdoor experts say drought will impact the fall colors. Temperatures have already been cool at night and warm during the day across the Northwoods of Wisconsin, which is why the color change will happen there first. In other parts of the state drought is also going to impact how and when the leaves begin to change. Drought conditions during a growing season can causes trees to become stressed, which often speeds up when leaves begin to change colors. "If it's abnormally dry conditions, some of the trees may just skip the change altogether, so you might see patches of fall color change happening in your area, not as consistent as we've seen in the past" She adds that all trees and tree species react differently to droughts, so there should still be some beautiful fall colors in drought-stricken areas.

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:25 9/9/21 MIDDAY

Slug: PUMPKIN SEASON

If there's one thing synonymous with fall, it has to be pumpkins and this year the season has come early. At Ferguson's Orchard in Eau Claire, pumpkins are already ripe for the picking and this year they have a variety of sizes. but some may be on the bigger end due to the large rainfall which Ferguson's owners say causes them to grow bigger, faster, and that weather also affected the start of the harvest season. "The drought can affect the timing, also when you plant so there's a pretty fixed amount of days between planting and when the pumpkin ripens, so if there was a really wet stretch when you would normally be planting, and you have to wait a week or two, they may be a week or two late and I think this year was the opposite of that it was nicer earlier and we were able to get it in the ground earlier." Even though the seeds were in the ground early, Ferguson says the pumpkins will continue to ripen over time and that the orchard will still have plenty to pick in the patch by the time they close up in early November.

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Slug: LIGHTING THE WAY

Dairyland power and wispolitics.com join together for a collaboration called lighting the way for rural prosperity to call attention to challenges faced by some communities. Dairyland Power's CEO and president Brent Ridge says that providing electricity to western Wisconsin while changing production processes favorable to the environment is a give and take effort. Transitioning from coal like closing down their Genoa plant in June is one way to begin the shift towards lower carbon emissions but solar and wind energy have their limitations. "We have to plan it for those very difficult days when the sun's not shining and the wind's not blowing how do we keep the lights on in a cost-effective way and that's the challenge and it's a challenge that we're up for and we are really excited about what the electricity industry is going to do to meet the challenge of decarbonizing while maintaining safe, reliable electricity." Ridge also says a working relationship with western Wisconsin farmers is key to advancing solar and wind initiatives. Weighing the costs of lost acreage for the benefit of renewable energy being the biggest hurdle.

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Slug: FALL COLORS

If you spent any time outdoors this weekend it's clear the leaves have started to change. Before you know it the bluffs will be filled with the colors of autumn. As the days get shorter and the nights get colder that means the leaves will change color. The peak foliage is still about three weeks away and that means the coulee region will see a steady increase in visitors coming to the region to take in the sights of the season meaning an economic boost to many local businesses. "The fall color report, again, is one of the most popular parts of our website it draws attention from, you know, Chicago, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, you know, sort of all around us" The colors change from north to south. You can get a better idea of where to find the peak viewing in the state by visiting the travel Wisconsin website at the address on your screen.

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Slug: Evers IN AMERY

To mark the beginning of agricultural tourism week across Wisconsin, Governor Tony Evers visited different farms and orchards around the state Monday. He first stopped at the farm table foundation in Amery and spent time talking with local farmers and members of the Wisconsin agricultural tourism association. With more than 64 thousand farms across the state providing more than 435 thousand jobs Evers said that this week is meant to celebrate the importance of agriculture to the badger state's cultural and economic livelihood. "Farmers, growers, and producers and other agricultural workers play a central role in the health and well-being of the folks across our state and our country. The industry has brought economic prosperity and a way of life for generations of Wisconsinites." Governor Evers also toured Mommsen's harvest hills pumpkin patch and orchard in Rice Lake.

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Slug: AG BILLS

A drought on top of the COVID-19 pandemic posed significant challenges for farmers this year. To help Governor Tony Evers is proposing a nearly \$25 million dollar package to support the agriculture industry. Evers made the announcement at the World Dairy Expo in Madison. The largest item in the package would provide \$20 million dollars in grants to food banks to purchase food directly from farmers to give them more business. Another bill would invest in addressing workforce challenges among meat processors. "The fact that the government is starting to invest back in the farms and making sure that the family farms are staying alive is a big thing for us." Several of these measures were introduced by

the governor in his biennial budget but were ultimately stripped by republicans. This package of bills would still have to be approved by the republican-controlled legislature.

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Slug: CORN HARVEST

Some local farmers are preparing to harvest corn a bit earlier than usual following a growing season filled with ups and downs weeks of drought and then heavy rain. Farmers had to deal with a lot and you may have noticed corn fields along our highways browner than usual this time of year. That premature browning could be due to August's cool temps and high humidity creating ideal conditions for fungi growth. Many varieties of fungus can affect corn crops common ones being northern corn leaf blight and anthracnose but a relatively new fungus called tar spot is a lot more prevalent this year "Some of our fields that are not looking too good actually maybe got beat up more by some of those other diseases than tar spot but that's been one that's kind of new and been more widespread and probably is responsible for you know...certainly it's fair share of what's been going on." Once fields start turning brown nutrients are robbed from other parts of the plant to feed the corn ear. Those weakened crops will then need to be harvested sooner than expected to save the yields. Agriculture agent Bill Halfman says not all hybrids are as susceptible so farmers can prepare for next year by identifying those breeds that are fungus resistant.

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Slug: TOMAH CONCERT

Tomah's Downtown Thursday Night Concert Series began last night on a blocked off portion of Superior Avenue. It is a popular community event but canceled last year as many events were. The Tomah Chamber and Visitor Center sponsors the music with support from area businesses and its members. Last night's musical guest, a Tennessee based country rock band starring Casey Muessigmann. The audience had music, food, drink, games, and promotional tents. Children had options as well. The series continues next Thursday with the Mickey Uteley Band. You can find more information on the concerts by visiting our website, wxow.com.

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:32 7/5/21 5PM

Slug: WWII GRAND MARSHAL

Residents in the City of Mondovi found a unique way to honor its veterans this holiday weekend with the area historical society creating a World War II exhibit, and in turn naming World War II veteran Gerald Henneman as one of its two grand marshals for the Fourth of July parade. From 1943 to 1946, Henneman served in the United States Navy, holding a pivotal role in numerous ships to shore operations on D-Day in Normandy, France, and in Okinawa, Japan. There, he witnessed the American flag be raised on Mount Suribachi during the battle of Iwo Jima. Henneman now spends his time with his wife Joan of seventy-three years, their six kids, fifteen grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. Tonight, at six we will hear more from Henneman and his loved ones about what it means to see him recognized for his service.

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Slug: OKTOBERFEST

For fifty-nine years Oktoberfest has helped put La Crosse on the map and after an empty fest ground last year organizers officially announce its back for year sixty. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold joins us from the fest grounds. Marcus, we talked earlier and you are a little surprised to tell us about what will look different at Oktoberfest this year. Yeah, the main surprise is that it is going to look the same, nothing has to change. Oktoberfest organizers officially got the green light from the city and county. Normalcy reaches its peak as they plan the activities, parades, and royal family traditions. The 2019-2020 Festmaster is ready to add new members to the royal family. The fest button designer's been a part of the family a little longer than he planned. His design selected in 2020 but pushed off until 2021. A dream into reality, one prost at a time. With the daily phone calls the office gets they figured now the Riverfest is done. It is time to announce the Oktoberfest return. Heather, it begins Sep. 30th so the gates will open in three months. Alright prost thanks Marcus! The button designer is not from La Crosse, he is actually from Illinois but his family's from here and he has been coming to for eleven years. This year will be his 12th with his own button design.

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1:23 7/13/21 10PM

Slug: DAY OF CARING

Volunteers spread out across the region to give back. They stock pantries, paint buildings, and kick-start fundraising events. It is all part of the Annual Day of Caring event put on by the Great Rivers United Way. News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares what projects they worked on for this year's Annual Day of Caring and what it means to the community. The Day of Caring has been around since nineteen ninety-five as a way for the community to come together and work on volunteer projects. Development director Katie Sparks says their main goal throughout the Day of Caring is for donors to be able to connect and see where their funding is going. Sparks says four of their long-time corporate partners

including Dairyland Power, Altra Federal Credit Union, Trane, and Kwik Trip volunteered at seven sites and nine different projects throughout the community. Volunteers worked at Boy Scouts of America, Family and Children's Center, Hunger Task Force, Independent Living Resources, WAFER Food Pantry. The Parenting Place, and Great Rivers United Way. The Day of Caring work valued over five thousand dollars and two hundred hours doing different projects at each organization. Tonight, at ten you will hear from an organization on the receiving end and learn how the annual event helps them.

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Slug: RANDOM

The Random Acts of Kindness program through the La Crosse Public Education Foundation has provided support for students in need for more than 20-years. Typically, they rely on annual funding but today they announced they have raised 500-thousand dollars through a campaign. The Random Acts of Kindness program helps provide support for students more than twenty-four hundred times in a typical school year. About half the money random acts of kindness uses goes to basic needs for students like clothing, laundry, or hygiene items. Twenty five percent goes to transportation and the other twenty-five goes to field trips and other experiences, like providing a student with a cap and gown in the case that they can't afford it. Recently they held a fundraising campaign and their goal was to reach three hundred thousand dollars but with community support they raised five hundred thousand and have been able to create an endowment fund called the Random Acts of Kindness Forever Fund, so the program can grow for years to come. Tom Thompson is the co-chair of Random Acts of Kindness Forever Fund campaign. Within the last few he has become involved with the public education foundation and Random Acts of Kindness program and he says it is one of the greatest joys he has had. His favorite random act of kindness was a young lady that got a haircut help from the fund. Thompson says if La Crosse identifies a need they tackle it themselves and go above and beyond which is why he knew it was going to be a successful campaign. He says the fund is very close to supporting itself and the annual fundraising can then go to other programs or developing new programs. For more information about Random Acts of Kindness and the help it provides to students or to learn how to donate visit our website at wxow.com.

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Slug: HABITAT HOME

Habitat for Humanity La Crosse celebrates a home completed for a veteran and his family. It is the first one built under its new Habitat for Heroes program and it was done with the help of other veterans in the community. The dedication ceremony marks a new venture in helping veterans find housing in the La Crosse area. The house, built on the corner of Hood St, has been under construction since before the pandemic. and as you can imagine they experienced several delays due to covid. but with over 75 veteran volunteers and over 1800 hours of total labor contributed the home is ready for the Klatt family. Move in day is projected for the first part of August as the paperwork finalizes over the next couple weeks. It's the first home the Klatt family will own and it's even more special knowing it was crafted by the hands of veterans.

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Slug: WOMENSFUND

Several local charities received grant money today. The Women's Fund of Greater La Crosse is a local organization dedicated to improving the lives of women in the area. They distribute annual grants to more than 25-charities, outreach groups and programs. Daniella Fohr from the Salvation Army says the money will help women. The Salvation Army, just one of many groups receiving grants today. Others included the YWCA and the New Horizons Shelter.

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Slug: POLICE

The La Crosse police department has improved its ability to work with those living with mental health issues. It is called the "Community Resource Unit" or "CRU" and it is a collaboration with La Crosse County. In this instance an officer partners with a crisis counselor when they are dispatched to mental health calls. The main goal is to assist rather than arrest.

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Slug: FIERCE FREEDOM RUN

An upcoming race aims to help victims of human trafficking. The 14th Annual Fierce Freedom Justice Run is happening tomorrow. Usually, the money goes towards Fierce Freedom as a whole, but this year, the proceeds will particularly go to the nonprofit's advocacy program, where they directly work with victims in Western Wisconsin. Their race director says 350 people have already registered, and they expect to raise more than 30-thousand dollars this year. He also says every single county in Wisconsin has had a case of human trafficking. You can register for the race online and either participate in the event in-person or virtually.

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Slug: LIGHTHOUSE

The La Crosse Lighthouse Organization provides services for those struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues. Now, they are receiving over 400-thousand dollars in grant money from the state. The grant will allow Lighthouse to start something called a peer run respite house in La Crosse, a safe place for those in the very first steps of recovery. The respite house will be available to those 18 and older and will house them for short-term stays. Mihalovic says once they have found a suitable respite home, they will still need an executive director, house manager, and staff who are familiar with mental health and addiction issues.

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Slug: FORNEY

Right now, to Viroqua, and an historic building on the brink of destruction with a new life. News 19's Mike Beiermeister takes you inside the historic Fortney and shows how the past and present mesh to fuel a bright future for the building. When you drive down Viroqua's Main Street you pass by a piece of history. Originally the Fortney building served as a hotel, its purpose changing over the past one hundred years as the historical beacon fell victim to time eventually on the verge of collapse with no repair in sight. With this historic landmark in jeopardy the Wrobel family stepped in over a year ago and began the transformation process. Now you can walk through a new lounge with the original check-in desk serving as a bar, the stained glass refurbished, and the sign back in focus. New signage also added for the building and its five commercial tenants. Neighbors enjoy seeing some new life brought back into the building, unlocking the past, highlighting the present, growing for the future at the historic Fortney. In Viroqua Mike Beiermeister News 19. Here's that quote once again, conveying those five earlier hotels in the community have passed into history. but the Fortney is a link to the past and with a revival maybe to the future. The next steps in the revitalization project include transforming the top two floors into a 14-suite boutique hotel. The owners hope to complete the entire project by this time next year. You can find the hours for the lounge on our website wxow.com.

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Slug: CASH COP

Local teens take a unique chance to learn about personal finance this week. Five teens from the Mathy Boys and Girls Club in La Crosse went on a field trip to Citizen's State Bank Thursday to learn about finances. This event, called "Cash in with a Cop" is a part of a summer long program by the Sara Rose Hougom Foundation that brings teens together with police to learn important life skills.

Sherry Hougom lost her daughter Sara in 2012 after she was violently attacked in her apartment. In honor of her daughter, she started the Sara Rose Hougom Foundation, and now aims to help kids learn "life skills, Sara style."

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Slug: ART ON THE GREEN

Art on the Green took place today in La Crosse. Myrick Park hosted this year's Art on the Green, which is usually held on the UWL campus. Artists from throughout the region got the opportunity to show off and sell their work to the hundreds of visitors in the park. Hmong artist, Souvany Lor, tells us about the importance of being able to display her traditional art. Lor has been going to Art on the Green for over ten years. She goes all around the state selling handmade traditional Hmong art. Originally from Green Bay, she said that she loves coming to La Crosse for Art on the Green.

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Slug: LUXEMBOURG

The City of La Crosse might pair with a new country to build another bond and form our eighth sister city relationship, that's right, eighth. The city of Junglinster, Luxembourg is ready to become our sister city but first the "international committee" needs to approve the sister city status at tomorrow night's council meeting. Then it moves on to a final decision by the common council and Mayor Mitch Reynolds. Members of the "Luxembourg American Cultural Society" say adding the city to the family and the Friendship Gardens honors our history and the future. With several dual La Crosse and Luxembourg citizens advocates say this would increase travel between two cities and the idea came from an unlikely source. Birnbaum says Luxemborg is incredibly similar to La Crosse in that it's surrounded by bluffs, located near a big river, and their community is very focused on education, adding the city would also enhance an environmental exchange program between a high school in Luxembourg and Aquinas. Plus, it could help make college exchange programs better with UW-La Crosse and Viterbo.

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Slug: HOME 4 FAM

From facing homelessness to becoming homeowners, one La Crosse family was running out of hope when they finally found the right resources to get them their house. Ken and Alishia Hummel and their three young kids spent years bouncing from apartment to apartment and job to job with nothing in their savings. The Hummels say they had no certainty of what their future held but then finding home saved them. Finding Home is a free counseling program with guaranteed access to a mortgage that fits each clients spending plan and for the Hummels it brought them to a financially secure place. The Hummels worked with Majel Hein at the Marine Credit Union Foundation who co-founded finding home. They said it wasn't an easy process but they are forever thankful for all the programs did for them.

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Slug: AUGUST JA MARY

There is no right way to volunteer, that's the premise for our monthly segment where we highlight someone in our community known as the Jefferson Awards. Meet a former teacher who decided to skip retirement and help homeless kids stay in school. You can say Mary Henthorn's life has been dedicated to kids, students specifically. The retired teacher worked in daycare too and says she's seen how family problems impact kids especially when the family loses their home. No We-Care package looks the same. and that's deliberate, so kids don't stand out or appear to be getting help. Lynn volunteers with Mary and no matter how much Mary tries to share the praise for these packages all of the praise keeps coming. Back to Mary. 7 years ago, Mary says she was given 100 dollars to make up some care packages for kids experiencing homelessness. It was barely enough so she got creative. Today, the We-Care packages get more support, but filling them is still a challenge as the number of

kids in crisis throughout the La Crosse school district continues to grow. The We-Care packages are a team effort. Teachers alert the school counselors about a student in crisis and then the counselors reach out to Mary and her team. One told Mary the We-Care packages are often the difference in a kid staying in school or dropping out. Mary and her volunteers are hard at work and they are always open to donations. If you have something you think volunteers could use in the We-Care packages you can contact them at the email on your screen. If you have someone you want to nominate for a Jefferson Award, go to our website wxow.com and fill out the online form.

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:22 7/27/21 10PM

Slug: FOOD BASKET

A community food drive hopes to get a jump start on keeping food on the table for area families. The Thrivent CANS Hunger event set out to collect three thousand nonperishable items for area food pantries with the intention to donate 3 dollars for every donation they receive. Even in questionable weather, volunteers say they are committed to doing what they could to help their community. Thrivent partnered with the From the Heart Food Pantry, Onalaska Emergency Food Basket, and WAFER in order to maximize on donations with greater resources.

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Slug: FIGHT GRANT

The Good Fight is one of La Crosse's downtown after school programs available for kids in our area who need something to do, but they've run into staffing issues and couldn't always afford to keep staff on the payroll. Well, as News 19's Marcus Aarsvold learns, the Good Fight got a good-sized grant from the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration today. Marcus, how much are they getting and what are they going to do with it? Heather, it's 100-thousand dollars and it'll help them keep consistent staff members but it's also going to help pay for kids that can't afford it. They try to charge kids a twenty-five-dollar fee if they partake in the Good Fight programming. Staff says it's for equipment, upkeep, and for things like field trips. but for some families even that entry fee is too high, so this new grant money will help make it even more accessible for kids in the community. The Franciscan Sisters say the Good Fight deserves this money because they're helping children and the children are our future. Heather, though they've got a new boxing ring behind me, tutoring is also a big part of what they do for kids here. Cool to see that new ring. Thanks Marcus. Tonight, at six Marcus will be back and we'll hear from kids themselves why they love the Good Fight so much.

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Slug: ALL AMERICAN ROAD

Today the Great River Road became an "All American Road". The Wisconsin Great River Road travels 250 miles along the Mississippi River through more than 33 river towns and villages including La Crosse and Onalaska. City leaders and elected officials attended the event to give this historic road a higher level of distinction. Those in attendance included Mayor Reynolds, Senator Brad Pfaff, and representative Jill Billings. "The Great River Road is a place that travelers should be taking in, they should be stopping for agri-tourism visits, they should be picking pumpkins this fall, they should be stopping for a piece of pie, they should be taking in those arts and historical and cultural markers and institutions that are along the way." Representative Steve Doyle also says they hope this new title will bring more tourism to the La Crosse area.

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Slug: MVPA CONVOY

A traveling convoy of historic military vehicles is cruising through the Midwest. As it made its way through west central Wisconsin organizers say the community of Stanley had the largest welcome they've seen so far. Felicity Bosk shares the details of the MVPA's Saturday morning visit. It really is

heartwarming to see all the people come out. Y'know you serve your country you don't ask for any thanks but when you come home it's really great to get that thanks." More than a hundred people visited downtown Stanley on Saturday to welcome the military vehicle preservation association convoy. Every few years, the convoy travels different routes across the United States. This year it's traveling along the Yellowstone Trail a historic route that goes through much of west-central Wisconsin. to celebrate the convoy stopping in Stanley members of the American Legion organized a welcome parade and decorated the Yellowstone Highway with yellow ribbons. "We have made this a community event we want wanted to make it of course family-friendly and the legion and VFW kind of wanted people in place when the convoy arrives." Besides the convoy there were other trucks for children to see as Well, as camouflage face painting and military clothes to try on. "This is the time to show our military spirit for this vehicle convoy that's traveling the country to show their appreciation for armed forces and for our veterans." The MVPA convoy that came to Stanley is made up of 40 historic vehicles, which are all privately owned, restored, and maintained by MVPA members. The convoy began its trek on July 28 in South Dakota and will end on August 20 in Ohio. The commander of the convoy Terry Sheswell, says the turnout in Stanley was beyond what the group has seen in other communities, adding, they were honored by Saturday's warm welcome. "We do this to be able to thank our veterans and our service personnel o present to the public operating of what their maybe their grandfathers their fathers their mothers have used when they were in service and let people get up close and look at them be able to let the veterans come back and have a look at vehicles, they maybe they haven't seen in 50 years." The MVPA includes eight thousand members across the United States and the world. The convoy makes its way through Wisconsin and its last stop is in Marinette on Wednesday August 4th. You can track the convoy on their Facebook page, MVPA Historic Convoys.

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Slug: NAT NIGHT OUT

Tomorrow marks 'National Night Out' , a night for promoting police and community partnerships and as a part of the celebration the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department will partner with the Town of Shelby for an event at Mormon Coulee Park. Some of the interactive displays on hand will include the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department's Bearcat tactical vehicle and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's distracted driving simulator. "We think it is vital very important for the community to come out and everybody to get together. It is kind of a partnership we look at to meet your local law enforcement, fire departments, different town workers. Help build a stronger community" We've got a list of National Night Out events taking place in your community over on our website.

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Slug: AMPITHEATER

The brand-new stage inside the Summerfest grounds gets a first, big test. The Foo Fighters played a sold-out show to 23-thousand people gathered at the American Family Insurance Amphitheater over the weekend. With covid concerns on the rise a Summerfest spokesperson says they recommended masks but didn't require them. Nor did they require proof of vaccine. Fans craving a return to live music say it's worth the risk. "I'm vaccinated, so I feel just fine. I hope everybody stays safe and everyone's good, but I feel like I'm going to be ok." Summerfest is currently set to run the first three weekends in September.

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Slug: GRANDMA SALLY

A Westby woman honored by the governor for her volunteer efforts in the community. Sally Vyvyan, also known as "Grandma Sally," received an award at the ceremony. She volunteers with the Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program for foster grandparents. Sally also received a Jefferson Award in 2018.

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Slug: STUFF THE BUS

For over thirty years 'Stuff the Bus' has been an event for Salvation Army and Walmart to help area students get needed school supplies. This year is no different, as more than 600 area students have been identified as having a need. News 19's Joe Minney shows us how you can help. A nationwide event, the Stuff the Bus Campaign partners Walmart with the Salvation Army to collect and distribute school supplies for families in need. For the Salvation Army helping families prepare for the school year is very important. "We think of the students returning back to school, there are worries that the parents have, that the children have, and anything we can do to help alleviate that. If they don't have to worry about 'hey, where are my school supplies coming from' then we can really help alleviate some of that worry and that's what we're here for." From August 6th to 8th the three-day 'Stuff the Bus' weekend event has collection bins placed at every Walmart entrance. and with over three thousand stores Walmart feels it's in the best position to help area communities. "Working close with the community is very very important to the company itself, let alone our store. My store manager actually takes a lot of pride in having community involvement and the stuff the bus event is a big deal to her and the whole company." The Diocese of La Crosse Catholic Charities connects to families who are struggling and they say all donations are greatly appreciated but find some bigger priced items such as scientific calculators and backpacks have the biggest impact on those that need it most. "Seeing the kids come in and pick out their backpacks, they're just so happy. You know they put their backpacks on right away. They're full of school supplies. They're feeling really good about that first day of school and that is a feeling that can't really be described, but having people donate and being part of this program, they can be a part of that." In La Crosse I'm Joe Minney News 19. This year the number of kids registered is lower than previous years but Catholic Charities expects that number to climb as we approach the start of classes. to donate or register your children for school supplies find this story at wxow.com.

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Slug: YWCA HOMELESS

La Crosse's YWCA is receiving a one point four-million-dollar grant to address housing needs in the area. News 19's Joe Minney shares how they plan to put those funds to use. "The YWCA has just moved to this facility and they're going to collaborate with other services in the region to focus on the housing issues that we face in the La Crosse area and to provide solutions to help those in crisis." "We have five agencies right now in addition to the YWCA: Catholic Charities, Coulee Cap, Independent living Resources, and Salvation Army." The Salvation Army will be providing community health services during the day to help those with insurance, hunger, and medical issues. "It won't be a day shelter, it will be a resource hub, so it will be individuals coming in seeking services and what those services look like. The folks inside the building will make that happen." Years in the making, this consolidated resource center will be a one-stop place offering many services to provide help as soon as possible, something that would normally take several referrals and time to get accomplished. "We will serve individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness but at the same time we know that there are many community members who are on the cusp of homelessness, families who may have lost jobs throughout the pandemic, who may have a medical emergency an lose housing or on the cusp of losing housing, a part of what we do here is to provide preventative services as well. Also. part of the initiative is it includes helping runaways and homeless youth, something the community has been missing for a while. Anyone who feels like they have a need that needs to be met around housing around housing insecurity, food insecurity, resource insecurity is welcome to come through our doors and if we can't meet your need on site, we'll find someone who can. Working together, the hope is to reduce or eliminate all housing issues experienced in the community. In La Crosse I'm Joe Minney News 19. The new resource center is located at two-one-two south Eleventh Street and YWCA hopes to have its grand opening sometime in September. One special note, the previous building occupant, Mayo Health Systems, relocated the behavior health services to their main campus and then donated the remaining part of their lease which is about \$78,000, to the YWCA.

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Slug: CHAMBERLAIN ROCK

New at Midday, workers are removing Chamberlin Rock at UW-Madison this morning. UW's black student union voiced their concerns over the rock which was known by a racial slur before it was re-named Chamberlain Rock in honor of a former UW president and geologist. Workers will move the rock to university-owned land southeast of Madison.

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Slug: CMN BUCKETS

Families with children battling diseases like cancer now may see some financial relief thanks to a special fundraiser. Ace Hardware is having a special sale to benefit families and kids living with a variety of health conditions. Starting today if you purchase a 5-gallon bucket for \$5 at Ace Hardware that money will be donated to the Children's Miracle Network hospitals. Ace will also give you a 20% off discount on other items purchased at the store. "Actually, I have some people who have collected them over the years, so every year they're a little bit different. So, I always have to make sure I save some for those people, and then otherwise for fishing, cleaning, work around the yard, whatever you need them for, you know. It's just a regular five-gallon bucket." The annual sale runs through this weekend; however, the buckets are available until they run out.

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Slug: MUSKY

Children's Miracle Network hospitals along with three other local nonprofits stand to benefit from the passion of a local Rotarian. For the third straight year Al Louis of Designing Jewelers downtown is Fishing for Funds, catching muskies up at Minnesota's Lake Vermillion while trying to raise 100-thousand dollars in pledges. Louis says he's already raised more than 70-thousand dollars since the campaign began July 17, money that will go to CMN hospitals, the Coulee Recovery Center, the Children's Museum and La Crosse Community Theatre. and this year's effort is dedicated to the memory of David Amborn. Anyone who wants to contribute to Al's musky challenge can drop off donations at Designing Jewelers on 4th Street.

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Slug: LA CRESCENT FD

The La Crescent fire department has served the community for one-hundred years now. While they hit this anniversary milestone last in twenty-twenty, they are taking this year to celebrate because of the pandemic. News 19's Rylie Kyhn talked with some firefighters to learn the challenges and changes that they have faced over the years. Mayor Mike Poellinger took interest in being a firefighter in the 70s when he was just sixteen as part of the junior firefighter program. When he turned eighteen, he officially joined the fire department and he has been serving the La Crescent community ever since. "Back when I started the fire department was actually part of the city hall building. It was a real narrow garage with two engines in the front and then a couple small pieces of equipment that went out the back through the alley." Since then, he the fire department has gone through many changes, like getting their own station and the purchasing of new equipment, including a new fire truck to celebrate their one hundred years of service to the community. but some of the greatest challenges he says have come within the last year. "Our call volume is 400 calls a year. So that's a couple times a day sometimes that you are leaving your work or your house and you're exposed to different things. During the early onset of covid people were very concerned. 'Are we taking things back home to our family?' He says what makes the La Crescent fire department so unique is that they serve a small community. "I think our success in the fire department is just that. That we know people. When there is something that occurs in your own neighborhood, most of us are just a few blocks away so we have a great response time." Shane Eastman is a captain with the fire department. He has lived in the community for

fifteen years and been a firefighter for ten. He says this 100-year celebration means a lot to them and what keeps him going every day is the people he is surrounded by. "The comradery that I have with the people here, they are a great group. That keeps me coming back. also it is the helping of our community, of our neighbors. Being here for everybody that lives here. That's what brought me here. but what keeps me here, is the people in the station." He says this is a milestone for any organization but they honor it more than most because of the history. Reporting in La Crescent Rylie Kyhn News 19. Mayor Poellinger says he believes their next big challenge will be getting people to join the fire department.

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Slug: HOMELESS

The number of homeless in the city has increased. Couleecap and Independent Living Resources perform a late night count every year to assess the situation. Director Kim Cable says they counted one-hundred people living without shelter. That's up almost 30 people from 2020's count. Cable says the pandemic is getting in the way of doing what needs to be done. "We need to make sure people have housing that's a basic need. From there we can start to address other things that are going on in people's lives. It's very difficult to do while people are sleeping on the street." The pandemic limits shelter capacity and cable says it's harder to get in contact with many of the homeless since many are keeping their distance during the pandemic.

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Slug: GOLF COURSE

Recent weather caused quite a bit of destruction in the Westby area, one notable example the local golf course. The snowflake golf course is currently closed and working hard to reopen by next week. The manager of snowflake says the course looked like a lake this past weekend. He says it was even worse downstream. While the Westby area is certainly working to build back what was destroyed, a little extra help would be appreciated.

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Slug: PRIEST

Becoming a priest isn't the flashiest career and it's not a common field to see young people pursue. But a Holmen native knew this was his passion at young age. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold learns why he felt called and how his journey is a historic one. It's historic because Jared Clements' seminary program in Rome shut down last year. The last time and only other time this happened was during World War II after being sent home, quarantining while parishes were shut down for two months then slowly starting again. He's known since high school this is the career for him, inspired during a mission trip after flooding in Colorado. Clements graduated college from Saint Thomas and now he goes back and forth between Rome and different Diocese of La Crosse parishes. This summer he's at Saint Bartholomew's in Trempealeau and that despite the covid challenges. He thinks this career is a very rewarding path but a big responsibility. "The church needs more men to be courageous and to do that ministry because those sacraments need to be given to the faithful and the faithful need to be nourished by good preachers and good pastors." He has two more years of training before official ordainment. Heather, after that'll he'll be placed somewhere in the coulee region. Not a common career you see young people pursue every day. At six tonight hear what the Trempealeau community thinks it takes to be a good priest.

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Slug: COULEECON

If you're big into board games La Crosse is the place to be this weekend as 'Couleecon' returns. It's Friday through Sunday and News 19's Marcus Aarsvold previews the growing convention as

organizers prepare for about 400 people. Table top gamers have missed playing together. Josh Hertel: "it's one of those things where being in-person really matters. The last year has been really tough for a lot of different people in the table top gaming space because gaming online just isn't the same." Couleecon 2021 is a reunion of sorts for their community. Josh Hertel: "It kind of becomes this little family. Right? Even though the convention itself has been growing over the years we still have this tight knit community." Tom Johnson: "That's probably the best part about this particular business is that it is a community and we all love having fun and at the end of the day that's what gaming is all about." Their fun ranges from your average card games to strategic ones like Settlers of Catan and Dungeons and Dragons. Josh Hertel: "It's a really wonderful opportunity to try to come over and try a bunch of different games from a bunch of different publishers and maybe walk away winning one of the games at the end of the day I think." Marcus Aarsvold: "Stores like River City Hobbies will be there with a booth and they'll selling their games. One that might interest people, 'Pandemic'. It's described as 'skilled members of a disease fighting team must keep four deadly diseases at bay while discovering their cures.' sound familiar?" Josh Hertel: "So far about 78% of our pre-reg folks say they're vaccinated so we're feeling pretty comfortable about running the show but we want to just make sure everybody feels comfortable and is safe." Masks are recommended for everyone and on they'll have a vaccine clinic available and getting the shot gets you in for free it's twenty-five dollars for a day pass and forty for the whole weekend. The stakes are high for the settlers of Catan Competitors. Whoever wins at Couleecon gets a seat at the 2022 national tournament. With La Crosse Center construction still underway they recommend parking on Jay Street or the public ramps on the Jay Street side of the La Crosse Center.

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Slug: UNITED WAY

A local census of sorts, the Compass Now report serves as a guide to improve the quality of life for everyone living in the area. News 19's Rylie Kyhn looks at the key takeaways and how it came together. The twenty-twenty one compass now report is a community health needs assessment done every three years by Great Rivers United Way. Local health care organizations and county health departments in the region. They did a random household survey that was sent out to six thousand homes. They also pull data from the counties and ask people what their top needs are. Liz Evans community impact director at Great Rivers United Way says it is just one of a few groups that do such a comprehensive report and it is unique. She says it helps learn what the community is thinking and feeling and then organizations take those results and develop programs and plans. This year they found that mental health was a top need across all counties. "That was a number one or number two top need in each county. Other needs were safe and affordable housing, poverty and financial stability, access to healthcare, and substance abuse." She says the mental health needs may somewhat be a result of the pandemic but mental health has been a concern for some time. Evans says there's a lot more awareness of mental health and the importance of it. They will create goals, plans, and objectives based on how these issues are affecting residents in order to help them out.

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Slug: MUSKY

An effort to catch musky as a way to raise 100-thousand dollars in honor of a beloved community member hits a milestone. Earlier today I spoke with the man behind the Al's Musky challenge for a look at how it's going. Al Louis thanks for joining me from what looks to be a beautiful Lake Vermillion up there. Now this musky challenge is something special. It's in memory of David Amborn who we lost earlier this year. He was such a big part of this from what you tell me, having the original idea to go musky fishing for charity. How is it different this year? What's it like being up there with David's memory? David's a big loss for our community. Somebody said the day we lost him, 'a big tree fell in La Crosse today, and it can't be replanted.' having David in the boat with me I know he's there with me. He was there last night when I lost a big fish. He was looking at me going, 'keep going at it, kid; you'll do it.' the fishing thing got David through covid. He had something to do all the time. He was

always excited about it. I was texting him pictures as we're catching in the middle of the night, and he was showing Karen what was going on. He was just an avid fisherman and such a great community leader. We decided we were going to do that, named the nonprofits, it was the coulee recovery center, formerly coulee council on addictions. It was the La Crosse community theatre, which is what we're doing this week all very important to David and the children's museum, the fun museum, all big things important to David's life that he contributed a lot of his time, sweat equity to help build. A little over 10 percent of what we raised has come from people not even from this community, just giving people. There are 251 people who have donated so far. We currently stand at \$80,275. Yes, we're over \$80,000 La Crosse. Help get us to \$100,000. That's the goal. All the money will go back to these nonprofits which were so important to David. It's great that you're continuing this and getting such great buy in from people not only in the community, but also as you said from around the country helping out to reach that \$100,000 goal. Less than \$20,000 to get there, how can people still get involved? You can send checks made out to Rotary Works. You can send them to my business, which is Designing Jewelers in downtown La Crosse. Or you can go to a link that we'll provide with you and do that through Paypal. Just make sure you note it is for Rotary Works but it is for Al's Musky challenge. Or you can challenge, you can contact me directly by email. The holy grail is \$10,000-plus I'll do anything you want. You want me to shave my head with your business name in it in public? Whatever you want to do, I'll do it, almost anything, but you gotta give \$10,000-plus for that. There are other ones too, but we're just having fun trying to raise money in David's name. I know he's looking down, just laughing at me down here, and going, 'go kid! You can do it! You can do it!' last night I had a shot. I had the holy grail. I had a 55 incher on, plus. I don't know if it would have been the state record. It would have been close. Three feet from the boat, but I lost it. That's why they call it fishing. It wasn't catching yesterday. but it's all about fun. Let's do this for David. Let's get to our goal, and let's support our local nonprofits. We'll have those links on our website wxow.com. Al Louis, thanks for joining me.

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Slug: FT MCCOY REFUGEE

Fort McCoy and the surrounding community have gone through this before. Forty-one years ago, refugees fleeing from communist Cuba were brought to Fort McCoy to be processed so they could legally enter the United States. Some felt the families and political prisoners who came to the US then were all criminals. That along with a language barrier led to a cold reception. Now with Afghan refugees on the way a local historian hopes people learn from the past. "Try to consider what life was like for the folks who arrive here, they're not coming here under good circumstances. I mean this is a crisis., so learning empathy right away and not having to have many years pass, 40 years pass, until you meet somebody who was actually there to learn empathy." 14-thousand Cuban refugees were at Fort McCoy in the five months they were there, initially overwhelming the post. but the hope is that the Fort McCoy community is better prepared this time. Even though there was apprehension four decades ago. A lot of folks in the Coulee Region opened their homes to sponsor about 500 people. Some still live in the area.

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Slug: HIKE FOR HOMELESS

If you were driving near River Prairie last night, you may have seen people walking around in green shirts yellow and blue shirts. People of all ages and even some dogs came down for the 18th Annual Hike for the Homeless. Hike for the Homeless benefits family promise of the Chippewa Valley which owns and operates the beacon house shelter in Eau Claire. Walkers had the option of either a one mile or two-point eight-mile route, enjoyed food trucks and a raffle. Bill Callaghan said Tuesday night's event was about teaching the community about the different programs beacon house offers. "[Beacon House] helps with specific services and programs that are tailored to each family's needs, which is important. The whole goal is to break the dysfunctional cycle of homelessness by helping these kids grow up in a home." WQOW was a sponsor for the event. Callaghan said the number of preregistered

walkers was up by over 50 percent compared to 2019's event last year was canceled due to covid and raised over 20 thousand dollars. to learn how to donate, you can visit our website wqow.com.

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Slug: WATCH PROJ

Nearly three decades back after a 15-year-old tragically drowned in the bay of Green Bay. His family made a promise to do great things in his memory. Now 29 years later Jeff Alexander explains how the foundation created in his name finds time for its greatest fundraising mission yet. The journey for the Brian Laviolette scholarship foundation has truly been a reward. From one scholarship in Brian's honor at De Pere high school, to the foundation's 1,000th awarded this past spring topping \$1 million. As foundation eyes its 30th anniversary, the passage of time is not lost on the Laviolette family. In seeking to grow an endowment that can fund scholarships for the next 30 years, Laviolette came up with an idea after hearing about Paul Newman's famous Daytona watch selling for \$17 million. In his short life, Brian collected seven watches and now, the foundation is on a mission to collect some famous ones for its "watch project." The foundation is off to a great start, with watches from Jerry Lewis, Priscilla Presley, medal of honor recipient Sal Giunta, and Brian's childhood idol, pro football hall of fame kicker Ian Stenerud, already in safe keeping at Nicolet National Bank. Laviolette's watch wish list aims high but he has some great connections to acquire ones from past foundation supporters like Jay Leno and Brett Favre as well, as watches from Mario Andretti, George W. Bush, and even the pope. Just like a teenage boy from Green Bay did almost 30 years ago. Every single day I proudly wear Brian's Casio watch."

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Slug: AFGHAN VET

The news of the Taliban's swift takeover in Afghanistan also hard to process for those who worked to educate and train Afghan soldiers. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold shares the story of a Wisconsin veteran who spent his retirement from the army helping Afghanistan transition to a post 9-11 country. For Major David Green it's hard to see his work as a contractor in Afghanistan undone so quickly but he understands why. Still, he feels American soldiers made a difference. Success that could be cut short by the Taliban which as of now claims they will better protect human rights. Green however worries for his friends still there. Hard to take for a number of Green's fellow veterans. Kolar and Green hope others know they're not alone. Support for those who feel like Green. As for what's next? Green hopes the community steps up to its mission here at home. He wants other Wisconsin veterans to know if they're feeling the same way people can call the crisis hotline if they're experiencing suicidal thoughts.

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Slug: HO CHUNK AFGHAN

And amid those arrivals the Ho-Chunk nation is also stepping in to help. Rhonda Foxx talked with a member from the tribal nation who says providing relief to the refugees is a duty for the Ho-Chunk nation. So, Ryan Greendeer and the Ho-Chunk nation are collecting clothing, toiletries, and school supplies to make the Afghan refugees' transition into America a bit easier. The Ho-Chunk nation says they wanted to extend a warm welcome because they feel a special connection to Afghan refugees. Greendeer says that because of some of their tribal members deployments the Ho-Chunk nation is also intimately familiar with the refugee's country. Greendeer hopes Ho-Chunk veterans and the community alike can find peace in this effort to help because that may be their final act of service for the people of Afghanistan.

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Slug: WOUNDED VET PROJ

Today's rainy conditions did not stop the five-day bike ride that is the project hero great lakes challenge. Roughly 50 wounded veterans and supporters arrived in La Crosse today as part of the over 400-mile therapy bike ride from Minneapolis to Chicago ranging from EMT's, police officers, wounded veterans, and veterans to simple donors, those involved say the ride provides a sense of community and purpose to those who served. "It's just an opportunity for the organization to put their name out there and, you know, hopefully get some donors, and give wounded veterans and the service members the ability to go out and rehabilitate each other through riding their bikes over a course of five days." The participating riders stopped in La Crosse to dry off from biking in the rain all day. They will continue their journey tomorrow.

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Slug: AFGHAN RED CROSS

The Red Cross helping the efforts both in Afghanistan and here at home Saying in a statement that there are more than 150 volunteers on site both at Fort McCoy and at fort bliss in Texas to help address basic needs including medical and mental health. Locally Volunteers from catholic charities are coordinating efforts to help at the fort. You can find a links to donate or sign up to volunteer over at wxow.com. Stay tuned to WXOW for ongoing efforts as they become available.

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Slug: TOMAH FIRE DEPT

Recognizing a century and a half of hard work. Not something that comes around often the Tomah fire department will celebrate their 150th anniversary tomorrow since 1871 Volunteer firefighters have been protecting the city and helping out the community Going from horse drawn pump carts to 700 gallon-fire engines It's been a successful journey. Fire chief Tim Adler says it started as a 50-man fire department and since then Hundreds of members have joined Currently the Tomah fire department has 37 active volunteers. Tomorrow .starting at 10 am A parade will kick off the day and there will also be fun activities. Food, beverages and concerts with local artists for more details you can visit our website at wxow.com.

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Slug: WAFER

The WAFER food pantry is moving. The former Gordy's Market will become the new home. the new space at the corner of George and Gillette Streets will offer more space for distribution and storage but the move will take some time. "We don't have a firm timeline yet. There's a number of things that need to happen to that building, so we're putting a design team together so that we can do a number of things to make sure that building be more efficient and meet our needs exactly. So that will be coming." The opportunity for a new home comes at a time when demand for services has increased significantly. Before the pandemic WAFER provided food packages for about 1,500 families a month.

Since then They've seen more first time requests and patrons returning who have not needed assistance in several years.

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Slug: LOOPYS DONATION

All of those fallen service members were so young. and as our country is pausing to honor their sacrifice. A western Wisconsin bar is doing the same in Chippewa Falls at Loopy's grill and saloon, on this table, you'll find thirteen poured beers, with a sign reading "reserved for our thirteen fallen soldiers May they rest in peace." The sign adds that any donations made at the bar will be matched by Loopy's and donated to local veteran organizations. Loopy's owner, says he decided to make the tribute after a friend of his showed him a picture of another bar with the same setup and from there, he decided to make it into a fundraiser. "It's really not just about the thirteen that died, which is tragic but it's really

about all of those that have served, those people that have given the ultimate sacrifice and let us live the lives that we live. and so, we just really wanted to honor all of those people and we just thought this was a great way to do it." The fundraiser will be going through Thursday, at which point Klike Kleich says they'll dismantle the table, but still never forget. You can find a link to donate by clicking on this story on the w-q-o-w website. Similar dedications have popped up at bars across the country. Another Chippewa Valley spot, the Chippewa River Distillery and Brewster Bros Brewing Company posted on Facebook yesterday afternoon that they're also reserving a round of beers for those thirteen fallen soldiers.

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Slug: JA AI BRINKMAN

Every month we introduce you to a person in the community who goes above and beyond to serve others. Al Brinkman is one of those people. The person who nominated him for the award says he's a "forever volunteer" and continually moves from one need to another. Tonight, we see the work he does at WAFER and learn why his actions are helping families in the area get the nourishment they need. Al Brinkman does not shy away from hard work. In fact, at WAFER he sort of does the job of 3 volunteers. Bring the stuff back here and we separate it. Between the bakery, the meat, and sodas what has to be refrigerated. Like cake goes in there and then that stuff that has to be boxed up put a date on it and put it in the freezer. Al has been at WAFER for 12 years. and if he ever stops coming, the operational manager says he would be missed. When asked why he volunteers so much, Al says it just kind of happens. He sees a need and wants to help but often he goes above and beyond that need. and Al will stop at nothing to make sure everyone gets that nourishment even if it means putting his own health at risk. Last year because of covid we just had deliveries and takeout. We still served an hour and half, two hours after we were supposed to be done. Al helped serve 3200 meals that day and yet, he's the one that says he's blessed because his life is made better by volunteering but he is a giver no matter what he has going on in his own life. and now, not surprisingly, Al is on the board and organizing another community dinner this year. and almost as important as providing nourishment Al is known for providing a much-needed human element. Letting the down and out know that beyond not having the food they need for right now that they matter and so do his efforts. to both the people who volunteer with him and the people on the receiving end whether he thinks so or not. It's no surprise that Al is one of the organizers of a new community dinner. It's called the "7 Rivers Region Holiday Dinner." The goal is simple, to feed more people than they have in years past. Al is also the co-president of the Friends of the Mississippi Working Tirelessly to Help Conservation efforts.

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Slug: EAGLESCOUT

A young man in Tomah is remembering what made a difference in his life and is now making a difference for others. Colin Santiago is working to become an eagle scout. His final project is making blankets for children in need. The blankets are donated to the Project Linus Organization, a group helping kids in need. Ultimately the blankets will end up with children in emergency situations. "I hope that some kid who really needs it, is really sick or has gone through a bad situation gets a blanket and finds comfort, security, companionship in the blanket for years and years and years" Colin shared his own life experience that led him to his final project. His having a serious respiratory illness as an infant. and receiving a blanket was something he never forgot. He's hoping his 29 blankets make a positive impact for someone else.

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Slug: RUBICON

Team Rubicon started as 8 veterans helping survivors of the 20-10 earthquake in Haiti. Now it's grown to over a hundred and fifty thousand volunteers. As News 19's Joe Minney explains Team Rubicon is now in Sparta supporting Fort McCoy and the Afghan refugees. Heather for the past twenty years

Many Afghan citizens helped the US forces in their home country and now those vets want to return the favor. Vets who served in Afghanistan know firsthand what kind of support these allies gave. Now, in their moment of crisis they need help and for those currently at Fort McCoy they need supplies. Many Afghan refugees are only left with the clothes on their back. So, team Rubicon is working to provide new clothes but they are in need of donations. volunteers are processing the donations at the Wisconsin army national guard facility in Sparta Then distributing them at Fort McCoy. That's where having vets on the team is very crucial. "We're able to leverage their military skills perfect example here with Fort McCoy and the operation the logistics behind what we're doing with the role we're serving is huge and paramount to the success of the Afghan families coming here and being resettle and going on to their next chapter." Rubicon is also asking that clothing donations should be conservative to respect the Afghan culture. and Heather Rubicon is also hoping area charities and organizations can help coordinate clothing drives and all donations can be dropped off at the Sparta army national guard facility. For more information on how to donate or volunteer. Visit our website at wxow.com.

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Slug: NORTHSIDE NRO'S

Old Towne North La Crosse has a special relationship with law enforcement. A team approach to crime prevention has helped rejuvenate the Caledonia business district and surrounding neighborhoods. I had the opportunity to learn about that relationship earlier this week. North side La Crosse businesses and surrounding neighborhoods are becoming a destination community. "The north side is enjoying a renaissance you know it's getting care and concern that it needs and hopefully a lot of great growth." Having neighborhood resource officers connecting to the north side community is having a positive influence. "These are men and women who give their time and talent to be a resource to their neighborhoods to build trust and relationships with the businesses with the community members So that when things happen, they're plugged in to what's going on and they're so much better poised to take action on our behalf.' Personal connections are key to building that trust while reducing crime and other bad elements. "When I was on patrol never got a text message from a community member now you know I give them my number and 'hey, just text me if you got something' or you know 'shoot me a voicemail if you have concerns' about vehicles you can throw plates at me it just really helps gather information." Having that connection gives law enforcement a positive way to interact with people. "It kinda just gives that other avenue that really helps. In my opinion Bridge that gap that we need to show people like 'Hey, we're here we want to help we want to be ahead of the problem, not trying to catch up to the problems." Working together policing as a collective effort makes the community stronger. "Really that's what it's all about is helping one another in communication to keep neighborhoods in our community safe." Which makes the north side a great place to live and grow together. In La Crosse I'm Joe Minney News 19. There are ten neighborhood resource officers throughout La Crosse. Those officers rotate every three years and can spend a total of six years as an NRO. Officer Bovee says being able to work closely with the community as an NRO has been the best part of his career in La Crosse.

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Slug: HOKAH GRANT

In Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development awarded more than nineteen million dollars for small city rehabilitation projects. La Crescent received a portion of that award and homeowners who applied will start receiving funds to improve their properties early spring 2022 News 19's Joe Minney is here to tell us more about it so Joe, how did La Crescent receive this grant? Well, it's a bit of a long application process and they needed some help from small city program development program specialists. One of those specialists is a community action agency called SEMCAC, who identified La Crescent as a potential candidate according to the criteria they approached the city and began surveying residents if there was any interest. Many homeowners responded and now twenty of them have been selected to receive a portion of the grant. These homeowners can get a loan capped at 24 thousand dollars which can goes towards a new roof, HVAC replacements siding

and windows or accessibility modifications such as wheel chair ramps. La Crescent mayor, Mike Poelenger, is glad area residents will have such a large pool of money to use. "We're getting over five hundred thousand of that money and this is our third project using this rehab money and this is the largest that we've ever received." As long as La Crescent's grant recipients stay in their homes the required amount of time after construction the loans become forgiven in seven years and Heather grant programs like these are really helpful for communities to maintain residences which can help prevent blight situations and depressed property values. Thanks Joe next steps for La Crescent include an environmental review for each project and once those are approved homeowners will be contacted to begin construction

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Slug: MUSKY UPDATE

A fishing fundraiser hopes to hook a few more donations to reach its 100-thousand-dollar goal. Al's musky challenge Through the downtown La Crosse rotary club is now over 90-percent of the way there. Al louis says he's going back to lake vermillion for 12 days to try to get the fundraiser benefitting four nonprofits close to the late David Amborn over the 100-thousand-dollar mark. He says those who pledged per fish donations won't be on the hook for any additional funds unless they want. Anyone who wants to donate can find how to do so over at wxow.com.

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Slug: FESTER

More Oktoberfest royalty is getting announced as we get closer and closer to the return of our biggest festival. Rylee Beahm was named special fester 2021 Rylee has known since July that she'd receive the honor but somehow contained the secret and her excitement. The special fester joins the family at all of the Oktoberfest events parades and dances. She loves drawing working out but most of all to sing and dance, two things she'll get to do non-stop in the year ahead. "It's fun! Dancing and singing a lot! A lot of singing and dancing." Rylee takes over the role from Danielle Lass. Since the main fest was canceled in 2020 Lass served as the 2019 and 2020 special fester. She made a video documenting the fest family's journey and it made a lot of Gredier and frows a little emotional. She and Rylee are both friends and happy for each other's success.

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Slug: GARY TYLER

A man who was wrongfully convicted of first-degree murder and spent 41 years in a Louisiana state penitentiary will speak at UW-L tonight and at Viterbo university on Thursday. Gary Tyler was a 16-year-old African American man in 1974 When he was convicted with the murder of a fellow student Who was white. After years of working with attorneys and maintaining his innocence Tyler's murder conviction was overturned. He gained his freedom in 2016 and today he travels the county and shares his story in the hopes of keeping others from suffering the same fate. "What happened to me, unfortunately, has and continues to happen to other people and to let them know that they can make change and it's imperative that those changes are made because what happened to me could very Well, impact their community and their families." Tyler will speak from 7 to 8-30 tonight at UW-L's Graff main hall auditorium and again on Thursday from 7 to 8-30 at Viterbo's fine arts center. Both appearances are free and open to the public a reminder that masks are required.

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Slug: PARADE MARSHALL

One of the first signs that we're close to Oktoberfest is the announcement of the parade marshals. It's an incredible honor. News 19's Heather Armstrong joins us now live from Copeland Park where fest officials are set to reveal who will lead the torchlight parade and the maple leaf parade. It couldn't be a

more perfect night for the announcement. Feels so good to be outside. We know a few things about the parade marshal well, first and foremost. The person who will lead the torchlight has to be from the northside. That's just the way it is. The person is always Well, known and usually has a great personality and has contributed to the growth of the north side throughout their life. So here are a few clues. Well, it doesn't get more exciting than this Dave. Moments away from learning the identity of the torchlight and maple Leaf parade marshals and we'll check back in with Heather in a bit.

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Slug: EVACUEES

More than 12-thousand Afghan evacuees are at Fort McCoy and with winter approaching One challenge is providing warm clothing. That's why team Rubicon and Wisconsin's salvation army will work together to help collect and distribute those clothes. News 19's Joe Minney covered that announcement today. Joe. Thanks, Dave it's definitely a coordinated effort to funnel the right donated items to the fort as they need them. Salvation army announced today it has designated four "super sites" as centralized drop-off locations for new clothes and shoes. Those locations are in Milwaukee, Wausau, Madison and for this area. La Crosse specifically the north 8th street location. From those sites Donations are taken to Sparta's army national guard armory for team Rubicon to sort and palletize "We do have a need for winter clothing warm clothing, winter's coming and shoes and in smaller sizes medium and down would be preferable as a general guideline I would ask that if you can donate the plainest things, you can no v-cuts shoulders covered, that type of thing modest, simple clothing." Upon request required items are placed on a truck destined for Fort McCoy which are then distributed to the Afghan guests and to make the process as dignified as possible that distribution is set up like a store where individuals and families can enter and choose clothing and shoes that fit them and meet their needs. So, Dave it's a pretty fluid process now with this logistical partnership and the reason they are asking for new items is because it really helps with the sorting and processing piece. Thanks Joe. If you'd like information about donating or volunteering You can go to our website Wxow.com.

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Slug: VOLUNTEER

La Crosse is a community full of people willing to donate their time and talents to serve others but it's also a community of seniors helping seniors. A local branch of AmeriCorps volunteers 55 and older make up coulee region rsvp and their main mission to help the elders in our community stay independent. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold shares Beth Curtis' story Twenty-six years after retiring Beth Curtis spends her free time volunteering. Beth Curtis: "I spend my time doing something worthwhile otherwise I feel like I would waste a lot of time." She drives seniors to the hair salon Grocery store and doctors' appointments. Beth Curtis: "I hear these ladies that say, 'oh I had to give my driving up, I had to give my car up and it was the hardest thing I had to do but I'm glad I have this service so I can still get around to places I need to get and not always have to beg a ride off of friends.' and her friends needed her. The organization lost 75 volunteers who didn't feel safe during the pandemic Beth Curtis: "Even though the virus was still prevalent and it is still prevalent but we still need to do things and we still need to help each other out even though the virus is around." and Beth knows all too well. She got covid but it didn't stop her because after she quarantined, she went back to volunteering. Beth Curtis: "it was still worthwhile even though I did get it wasn't the end of the world I felt I still needed to do things though." She's put in 4,000 volunteer hours but who's counting? Beth Curtis: "I didn't even realize I had put that many hours in it's not something I keep track of Anything like that." Not even taking a break during her own award ceremony. Ruth Kinstler: "and she's volunteering and working at the registration table so." In Onalaska Marcus Aarsvold News 19. Organizers at RSVP say even though they still had limited volunteers this year they still managed to make 8-thousand masks for the community.

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Slug: UNITED WAY

The Great Rivers United Way kicking off its annual fundraising campaign today. "What's raised here stays here. So anytime you are supporting Great Rivers United Way your impact your community members, you neighbors, your family, and friends. They all utilize these programs. Last year our campaign impacted over 71,00 lives and people used our funding or funded programs over 489,000 times." This year's goal is to raise 2 million dollars. Great Rivers United Way helps fund 26 area non-profit organizations such as the boys and girls club, salvation army and the YWCA.

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Slug: LA CRESCENT HISTORY

Over the past several years The La Crescent historical society has been expanding their history center and apple museum as a better way to tell the history of the community. The museum got its start thanks to donated memorabilia from Van Lin Orchard and from other orchard owners to show the history of the apple industry and its impact on the La Crescent community. The head of the La Crescent historical society board says the museum has helped the society achieve its overall goal. "Our focus is La Crescent heritage and La Crescent families. We just take those items that are pertinent to La Crescent, La Crescent businesses and industries and family memorabilia." The museum is filled with many of the items used by apple growers through the years. It also features photos and maps to give a look at the community before the residential areas started to grow. Thesing says changes were made to the center and museum while closed due to the pandemic.

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Slug: HMONG EXHIBIT

The Hmong population has risen in Wisconsin since the US secret war in Laos and in a couple of years you'll have an opportunity to experience 50 years of Hmong history through a traveling exhibit commemorating the anniversary of Hmong resettlement in Wisconsin the exhibit will be set up like a Hmong house and between 800 and one-thousand square feet in size. Each room of the 'house' will have a different set of artifacts that correspond to Hmong culture. The cost of the exhibit is covered by a 75-thousand-dollar grant from the national endowment for the humanities. "We want to showcase the legacies that Hmong people are still living with when it comes to the secret war in Laos back in the 1960s and 1970s, and the resettlement process." The exhibit is set to launch in January 20-25. Paw Pha says the exhibit will also travel to La Crosse Madison, Milwaukee, and Wausau.

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Slug: RETIREMENT STORY

Many people work for at least a big chunk of their lives with that goal waiting at the finish line retirement. One local doctor recently reached that goal-- but he wanted to take it a step further with a special surprise for his wife. Carly swisher has the story. Steve Manson worked as a pediatrician at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse for 3 decades. but 5 kids and 13 grandkids later He's been married to his high school sweetheart Peggy for even longer. So, when he knew it was time to put away the stethoscope one last time, he just had to do something big for his best friend Surprising her with a vacation and then the even bigger news and for Peggy she may be even more excited than Steve about his retirement. The Manson's say they already went on one of their post retirements trips which was in Chicago which was where they first fell in love. They say they soon have plans to go to Hawaii together for their next adventure among hopefully many.

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Slug: VETERAN DIG

At an archaeological dig near a revolutionary war battlefield in upper New York Crews uncovered more than muskets and cannons at the site of the second battle of Saratoga Military veterans dealing with

PTSD and other disabilities Dug through clumps of dirt to find artifacts and re-capture a familiar sense of camaraderie and purpose. The dig provided new evidence about what happened at the battle while the teamwork benefited the veterans. 15-vets shared stories Memories and love of history during the dig. The focus of the group is to highlight what veterans are still able to do despite any obstacles "we really want to focus more on the abilities of our veterans rather than the disabilities. We've seen that veterans are actually very good at archeology when they're properly trained. So, we want to take the skills that they have from the military and teach them how to do this really well, because we've seen that mental health aspect come in because of the sense of pride in doing this mission properly and doing it in a technically proficient manner." Field work was first conducted near the battle of Saratoga battlefield site in 20-19. The pandemic disrupted the archaeological digs, but crews returned to their work earlier this month.

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Slug: REFUGEE REAX

The news of the charges for two men at Fort McCoy may raise concerns and another Afghan person staying at the base says rightly so. Our news team spoke exclusively with a former journalist now living at Fort McCoy willing to be identified who says during the Taliban takeover People were freed from a large prison in the country Some of whom made their way to Kabul airport. However, In Afghanistan Like the United States Prisoner records are kept on file and the man who spoke with us tells US officials are keeping close watch on those who come here. "So, with the biometric system, they know who committed crimes in the past, so that's a possibility for CIA to follow their cases here and ask why they in prison were or why were they on the banned list, so I mean that is a possibility. They already identified those personal individuals in Qatar before arriving in the United States." Shaheer says the backgrounds of people vary greatly among the thousands who are staying at Fort McCoy. A spokesperson at the fort says all evacuees have gone through a multi-layer screening and vetting process involving biometric and biographic screenings done by intelligence, law enforcement, and counter-terrorism professionals before they were permitted entry into the United States.

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Slug: HMONG REPRESENTATION

Tonight when you watch dancing with the stars you'll notice a familiar face from the 2020 Olympics Suni Lee a Hmong American from Minnesota. She's inspiring the next wave of Hmong American athletes to become role models and pursue their hopes and dreams from the world's stage to one of dancing's biggest stages suni lee remains the spotlight. The Olympic gold medalist highlighting her Hmong American background by sharing her story and that story is having an impact right here in La Crosse. Meet Julie Yang Sofia Vang and Mai See Xiong, all high school students and athletes at La Crosse Logan. That influence stirring up conversation in Hmong American households over participation in extracurricular activities. Through sports Mai See, Sofia, and Julie say they've created more friendships and enjoyed the intangible results of extracurriculars. Opportunities that their parents and grandparents didn't always have when first immigrating to the US. These girls say their participation is already attracting the attention of younger generations. So, whether it's in a high school gym or on the world's biggest stage, just being out there matters. At Logan high school Mike Beiermeister News 19 Dancing with the stars is on at 7:00 p.m. tonight right here on WXOW.

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Slug: DOWN SYND WALK

The community gathered over the weekend, to celebrate and support those with down syndrome. Down syndrome association of Wisconsin hosted an event in Myrick Park for its 19th Annual Down Syndrome Awareness Walk. The event had a silent raffle, games, food, and a red carpet walk for those with down syndrome. The group walked through the park to spark awareness in the community.

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Slug: MRS OKTOBERFEST

Tonight, we learned the identity of the woman who will serve as Mrs. Oktoberfest. The reception featured dinner music and plenty of Gemutlichkeit. Near the end of the event. The most recent Mrs. Oktoberfest, Darryle Clott, introduced Ilene Kernozek as the new 2021 Mrs. Oktoberfest. "I will be fully immersed in everything that Oktoberfest has to offer in terms of any events, parades, any community activities. I am looking forward to participating in everything that we do." Kernozek has lived in La Crosse for twenty-five years and currently works as an advisor at Stifel Financial. Her husband Tom the new Mr. O says it was a surprise and an honor when he found out his wife had been selected as the new Mrs. Oktoberfest. Tomorrow night we'll learn the identity of the 2021 Festmaster Oktoberfest officially begins on Thursday.

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Slug: FEST EVENTS

And you can participate in a number of Oktoberfest events starting today. The Lederhosen Lunch is happening right now until 2 p-m alongside the Special Fester Carnival also happening now until 2:30 p.m. Then, craft beer night from 4 to 8 p-m at the fest grounds. The Torchlight Parade at 7 with the Afterglow Party sponsored by WXOW.

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Slug: FIREWORK SAFETY

The 4th of July provides a lot of fun but if you use personal fireworks That can present some danger. There were 10-thousand firework-related injuries in 2019. UW Health experts suggest leaving fireworks to the pros but If you plan to use them you should follow these tips. "Don't light more than one at a time, don't keep them in your pocket, don't throw them at each other, don't hold them in your hand kind of a lot of common sense, but we really want to make sure that your paying attention to safety so that you don't find yourself in the emergency department." Ross says only sober adults should ignite fireworks, keep children a safe distance away, and make sure to have water nearby.

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Slug: SHORTAGE

From food to furniture experts say the reason just about everything is more expensive has to do with America's spending binge. A chief economist says a combination of more vehicles on the road paired with the desire to travel more locally led to an increase in demand for gas and an increase in the cost of cars.

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Slug: WORKFORCE

Governor Evers announced he will invest \$130 million into Wisconsin's workforce to help worker's post-pandemic needs. The funds will go towards three different programs. \$100 million is set aside for the Workforce Innovation Grant program to help communities develop solutions to current workforce challenges. Another \$20 million will go towards the worker advancement initiative which offers skills training for those that are currently unemployed. and the worker connection program will receive \$10 million to provide career coaches to job seekers.

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Slug: MN UNEMPLOYMENT

Minnesota's unemployment rate is holding steady from May. New numbers for June released today show a seasonally adjusted rate of four percent, nearly two percent below the national rate of 5.9 percent, and while the state saw its first month-to-month loss of jobs since December, the three-month average shows more than 72-hundred jobs added since April. Wisconsin's preliminary numbers also show the unemployment rate holding steady from May at 3-point-9 percent.

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Slug: SALES TAX

Plenty of support for the Bucks in their NBA finals run but that is serving as a reminder for some local governments of what they believe is an unfair set of rules the state is forcing them to play by. The state capitalizes on increased spending through sales but cities cannot because under state law. City sales taxes are not allowed. While Milwaukee officials are highlighting this as the Bucks hosted a pair of finals games this week, they are not the only ones crying foul over this law. The result is cities end up having revenue pies that look like this one from Janesville. About two-thirds of its money comes from property taxes, then about 20 percent comes from shared revenue from the state. Janesville's city manager says communities like his are too dependent on those two sources because they do not have enough options. In addition to not being able to have their own sales tax cities are also limited to

how much they can raise property taxes year to year. The increase is limited to the rate of new construction value.

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Slug: BUCKS HOTEL SALES

Right now, the Bucks are now just one win away from an NBA championship and for fans hoping to be part of history on Tuesday night, the rush is on to book hotel rooms in Milwaukee. but if you are hoping to find a good deal do not count on it. One fan from Green Bay, who was in FISERV forum for game five, says he was looking at Milwaukee hotel rooms during the game and by the time the Bucks won prices had doubled. If you do not have that kind of cash, do not worry! You can catch game six right here on ABC tomorrow night.

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Slug: FARM TECH DAYS

After two years of planning, Wisconsin's Farm Technology Days has finally begun. Right now, crowds of people are continuing to make their way to Huntsinger Farms near Eau Claire for the three-day show. Hundreds of vendors, dozens of opportunities to check out farm equipment, and several test-drive fields have event organizers confident that there's something for everyone to enjoy this week. Farm Tech Days will continue today and tomorrow, from 9am to 4pm.

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Slug: NEW BIZ

A La Crosse man is taking the definition of perseverance to a new level after going from homeless to business owner. Micquel Jackson opened his new store called "The Guy Girl Code" this afternoon at 12:16, a special moment for Jackson because it's the time he lost his father to covid-19. The store features what Jackson calls the "new wave of fashion" and he hopes to bring a new energy to the Valley View Mall while infusing the fashion supporting the hip hop culture into the community. Jackson's store will also serve as a "safe space" for students struggling in the classroom, with desks placed around the store so those students can complete assignments in a comfortable space.

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Slug: LAX CENTER

As venues work to recover from canceled events the La Crosse Center stands to receive 1-point-9 million in federal funding. Center officials say the Shuttered Venue Operators grant will cover some expenses dating back to March of 2020, all the way through the remainder of this year. The center says the grant comes at a good time after it had to make some tough decisions during the past few months. Art Fahey says this funding has helped several other operations as well, including Country Boom and local movie theaters.

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Slug: DT LAX

Downtown La Crosse has been bouncing back from a difficult year, and an annual event will be making its return to thank the community. Starting this week, local stores will be having sidewalk sales from Thursday to Friday leading up to the actual event on August 20th and 21st, a way to show thanks to those supporting local businesses. Summer Days will include music, historic tours, and much more.

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Slug: TREMP BEER

Politics play heavily into a Wisconsin craft beer company offering samples this evening at the Trempealeau Hotel. The Minocqua Brewing Company is making a name for itself through what the owner calls its progressive beer. Kirk Bangstad says he originally owned a brewpub in a heavily republican leaning district. Donald Trump won Oneida County by a 56-41 margin over Joe Biden last fall. but covid caused Bangstad's business to pivot. Having run an unsuccessful campaign, himself for the state assembly last fall Bangstad says he isn't shy about mixing business with politics. Bangstad adds that since leaning into his political beliefs his sales have taken off around the state.

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Slug: ACTIVISION WALKOUT

Last week, California sued Activision-Blizzard, one of the largest video game companies in the world, for widespread sexual harassment in the workplace. Since then, multiple employees came forward with further accusations of harassment and discrimination. Right now, employees are walking out of the company's office in show of support for coworkers. The video game company released a statement denying accusations made by the lawsuit but organizers of the walkout and over 3,000 current and former employees wrote a letter condemning their response.

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Slug: HOUSING DEV

The City of La Crosse Community Housing Development Committee approved a fifteen point eight-million-dollar affordable housing project for the south end of 4th Street. News 19's Joe Minney is here with the details. The Community Housing Development Committee voted on three different proposals to develop the east side of the block on 4th street that's between Jackson and Mississippi Street. Each proposal involves demolition of neighboring properties and all three met specific guidelines to ensure it complies with affordable housing criteria that ensures the area's homeless and veteran populations are included. With a 5 to 2 vote the committee selected the Cinnaire Solutions Corporation's proposal that provides a four-story 65-unit complex. According to council member Jennifer Trost approving the project is a big step in right direction. The project now goes before the city's common council when it meets in August. If it gets final approval there then it's a green light for the developer to begin finalizing the design, planning, and finances of the new housing development. It'll still be a bit of a slow process as it takes time to get all the details tied up, but the hope is the project will break ground in 2023, with residents moving in sometime in 2024. Those involved say another aspect of the proposed plan is that it is very flexible if obstacles arise. For example, the building can increase in the number of floors if it's footprint becomes limited due to inability to secure neighboring lots.

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Slug: WOMEN IN AVIATION

Airventure is on a mission to let women know there is space for them in aviation, gathering young girls together for the Annual EAA Women-venture Program. Kailin Schumacher talked to the women in aviation to learn how the programming is helping them excel in their careers. While only a small fraction of women are pilots today, that doesn't mean they aren't capable. For the 13th year, Womenventure brought FEMA le aviators together to connect with one another, meet with mentors, and let girls off all ages know they can do anything they put their mind to.

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Slug: DIGITAL MARKET

UW La Crosse puts a new business program to work this summer to help local businesses. The Wisconsin Small Business Development Center at UWL has created a new digital marketing program for college students to help small businesses with their online presence. From web design to social media platforms, this program enables college students to get real world experience all while helping small

businesses adapt to changing times. "I think online marketing has become a lot more relevant because lately because of the pandemic and everything going on. So, the importance that it's placed on the community has really escalated, and I think that's kind of a big reason why the marketing lab is doing as Well, as it is." The marketing lab is open for businesses to apply for help. to find out how find this story over at wxow.com.

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Slug: Evers TOURISM

Some good news for Wisconsin tourism. During a stop in Green Bay Governor Tony Evers announced that 10 million dollars in federal grant money will go to local governments and tourism non-profits. Those groups can apply for grants of up to 3-point-5 million dollars each and the money can be spent on public or non-profit attractions, tourism infrastructure like convention centers, or travel infrastructure. Many projects across the state were put on hold because of the pandemic like in Green Bay where plans for a new convention center were pushed back. "It's great news today, but it's not a done deal. We have to apply for the grant, but another opportunity to find the funding to get the project moving forward." Even during the pandemic Wisconsin's tourism industry supported almost 160-thousand jobs and had a 17-billion-dollar impact on the state's economy.

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Slug: JOBLESS CLAIMS

New at Midday new numbers surrounding jobless claims. They're falling this week by 14-thousand to 385-thousand which was about what experts expected. The new report shows more evidence of the job market continuing to rebound from the pandemic-induced recession. The 2021 peak was 900-thousand jobless applications in January. However, the US economy is still missing 6-point-4 million jobs from where it was, pre-pandemic.

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Slug: NEW EC BUSINESSES

In Eau Claire a number of businesses plan on opening their doors this fall. Reporter Alyssa Lyons stopped by each location to get an update on their progress. The City of Eau Claire will have plenty of new additions opening up in the next couple of weeks, let's go check them out. On August 12 at 5 a.m. Kwik Trip on Gateway Drive will tap their gas and open up their doors. The Generation 3 design is unlike any other in the City of Eau Claire. "Well, at this Kwik Trip you're going to see a brand-new design inside, the floors are going to be white, new pastel colors and just everything is going to be state of the art. We'll have bean the cup offered for our customers, where they can make a cup of coffee instantly. It'll grind the beans and make their cup right away, so a lot of exciting things at Kwik Trip." The construction crew is putting on the final touches to make the location Kwik Trip ready in less than a week. Now down the road on London Road, Panda Express is 70 percent done, and expects to open by mid-September, but that's not the only thing coming to this area. Right next door, only one month into construction and 25 percent completed, associated bank hopes to open its doors in November. and once you've loaded up on gas, maybe drove through the drive-thru or dined in, dropped by the bank, you can come across the street to the Hy-Vee where they just received shelving late last week, they're currently working on their bakery department, and plan to open before Halloween.

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Slug: IPHONE PRIVACY

A decision by Apple is raising new privacy questions among I-Phone users. The company is planning to "scan" all I-Phones for images of child pornography and it's explaining how it will do it. ABC's Mona Kosar Abdi has all the details. This morning, Apple's latest attempt to fight sexual predators online is raising concerns among some privacy advocates. Apple says it's rolling out a new software update this

fall that will allow the company to detect images of sexual abuse that are stored on Apple devices and the "cloud." Some critics calling it "bulk surveillance" of Apple devices. but experts say the software uses a "matching technique," which scans for photos already documented by the national center for missing and exploited children. According to Apple even the company can't see what's being scanned until something is determined "illegal." and the company says there's a one-in-a-trillion chance of an image being incorrectly flagged. Mona Kosar Abdi ABC News New York.

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Slug: JOBS PKG

Now, onto the latest jobs report showing encouraging signs as the country is still recovering from the pandemic, almost a million jobs added last month, the president hailing the better-than-expected report from the East Room. ABC's Ike Ejiochi is in Washington with more. Inside the East Room of the White House a spirited President Biden hailing the new, better than expected July jobs report. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 943-thousand jobs were added in July, with unemployment down to 5.4 percent still Well, above the pre-pandemic figure of 3.5 percent back in February of 2020. The jobs were predominantly added in leisure and hospitality, local government education and in professional and business services according to the department of labor. The report lists fresh data that indicated more people are returning to the office but looming over those encouraging numbers, the delta variant, currently spreading making its way across the country. ABC's Rebecca Jarvis pointing to the pandemic as reason big companies are now reversing course on repopulating work spaces. Now there is another area that could see a big increase in jobs and that's education as schools prepare for a return to in-person learning.

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Slug: BIZ GRANT

City leaders believe part of a vibrant downtown is buildings and spaces filled with different businesses but that's not always case especially during the pandemic. A new Wisconsin economic development program looks to help fill some of those empty spaces. News 19's Rylie Kyhn joins us now. Rylie you were in downtown La Crosse today and got to learn more about the program. How will it create long-term success for communities like ours? I met with Wisconsin economic development corporation secretary and CEO Missy to learn the impact this program will have on our community. She says they have given out about six hundred and fifty million dollars to existing businesses but there was a gap for those that were started during the pandemic, so this new program is aimed at them. It provides ten-thousand-dollar grants to new or existing businesses moving into vacant downtown spaces. The funding can be used for whatever needs and priorities are relevant to that business. Hughes says it is important to fill vacant store fronts because when people are driving by, they may not stop if there are too many vacancies. "I really think it adds to the vibrancy of the downtown to not have too many vacant store fronts. There will always be one or two let's really minimize that and make sure that the existing businesses have friendly neighbors and they can all work together to support the economic development in the city." In order to be eligible for the program a business must either be moving into a vacant commercial space or has moved into a vacant space as of January 1, 2021. It also has to certify that it will not vacate the space. Hughes says it is so exciting to be able to offer this funding to these small businesses. to learn more about businesses eligible for the grant, you can visit this story on our website wxow.com.

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Slug: LAX CENTER

Under construction since September of 2019, the La Crosse Center expansion draws closer to its original completion date in late 2021. The major expansion to the event center will add to a new total 120,000 square feet of multi-purpose space. Forty-two million dollars went into the addition and is the latest update to the forty-one-year-old building. New additions to the building are expected to provide

better views of downtown La Crosse and La Crosse's greatest treasure. "If you stand up there now in that building, and look out there, you almost feel like you're over the river. It's a terrific I don't think any-one in the state is going to compare with that." Brent Smith adds that the center will be something the community can be proud of. Construction is set to end around November first with the first event in the new facility December first. 2nd Street in front of the La Crosse Center is expected to re-open this month.

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Slug: HAPPENING

Job openings in the US hit a record high in June. According to the labor department, 10-point-one million jobs were recorded up by about 590 thousand. Hiring also rose to 6-point-7 million in June. but there are worries that the resurgence in covid-19 could mean that some will put off returning to the workforce.

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Slug: CONSUMER PRICES

The higher prices jump-started by the pandemic are not going away any time soon. Inflation continued to surge in July. The Bureau of Labor Statistics released the latest consumer price inflation data Wednesday. Consumer prices rose 5-point-4 percent from a year earlier. Even if you take out the costs of more volatile items like food and energy prices were still up more than four percent. Used car and truck prices, which rose rapidly between April and June, gained just point-2 percent in July after a climb of more than 10-percent in the prior month.

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Slug: STOCK MARKET REAX

Investors are responding positively to the passage of the trillion-dollar infrastructure bill in the senate and signs of slower inflation. The Dow and the S-and-P 500 both reached record highs during Tuesday trading. Stocks in the energy, industrials and materials sectors doing particularly well. Today the Dow Jones is up 175 points and the S-and-P 500 is up a couple points and remains near a record high.

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Slug: PUMPHOUSE

The Pump House now has a newly renovated theater which they hope to use for an eventful season. They are kicking off their 2021-22 season with a performance of "Love, Loss, and What I Wore" on September 17. If you'd like to check it out a little sooner than that the theater is also hosting performances of "The Few" from local theatre company "The Grey Area" starting next Thursday, August 19th. "We also have a performance coming up with the La Crosse Dance Center in October, and that combines dance and spoken word. We have Willy Porter, blues guitarist, coming in October. We have the storytelling festival back for scary stories on October 30th." You can find a link to check out the schedule and purchase tickets by finding this story at wxow.com.

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Slug: PASSPORT

If you're looking to travel out of the country in 2021 but don't have a passport the odds may be against you. It usually takes about 4-months to get a passport but now the time to get one is about 6-months. That's because covid shut-down the passport agency in the US Department of State. As things open up again more people want to travel and that means even more passport applications creating an even greater backlog. "So, six months from now puts us at about spring break. So, if families are

planning those spring break trips, now is the time you need to get in and get your passports done." For people looking to get or update a passport you can start the process at your local courthouse.

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Slug: RIVERSIDE BLDG

The building on the north end of Riverside Park what used to be the Visitor's Center now sits empty. but it's what could soon occupy the space that's causing some concern. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold joins us from what's known as the Riverside Fish Hatchery Building. Marcus, the City of La Crosse owns it and they're proposing to turn it into a multi-purpose beer garden, wedding venue, and Air BNB, but it appears construction is already underway? Right, so, this construction is just fixing the outdated building but it's what could go inside that's got some people worried it might disrupt the serenity of the park. Nancy Green: "The noise of a beer garden next to it will just take away from it even if it's just people talking, you will lose it." Green lives next to the friendship garden but says that's not the only reason she's worried. Nancy Green: "It's not about me and where I feel that this very strongly needs to be a family-oriented venue whatever it be. Park into another party spot. Nancy Green: "We don't need more of what we already have for adults." Parks and Rec says it's not that type of beer garden and that they'll be strict about the noise. Dan Trussoni: "It's relaxed atmosphere. Nothing like loud bands or anything like that it's just maybe some acoustic music kind of like a vineyard if you will." Trussoni says whatever business takes over the lease needs to make a profit. Dan Trussoni: ". I don't feel that it should fall to the burden of the tax payers to continue to supply that when we have potential businesses willing to come out there and not only to add an amenity to the park but add a revenue source for future expansion and maintenance." but Green says there's not enough parking space for this proposal. Nancy Green: "If you put a beer garden with 100 people, you're talking at least 50 to 60 cars and that will take away the parking that we have for the people of La Crosse to visit and enjoy our area." She's hoping a coffee shop, museum, or kayak business takes the lease. Nancy Green: "I think the city needs to look into making this something for the city not for private individual to have the income in a building that the tax payers paid 1 million dollars to refurbish." For now, the city's still in the refurbish and zoning phase. and Parks and Rec's biggest concern is that they'll put all of this money into the building only for it to sit empty while everyone debates what should go in there. and the beer garden project why is that the one moving forward? The city says can only work with the proposal's pitched to them and the only one with any real teeth was this beer garden. Thanks, Marcus. The beer garden proposal is under a 60-day referral for now. No public input session date is set yet. The city says sometime this week it expects to set that hearing date.

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Slug: SOLAR POWER

More and more energy customers are jumping on the solar power bandwagon and a new effort is aiming to make getting solar power faster, more efficient, and easier than ever before. Jeremy Roth reports. Solar power is heating up in America. More businesses and homeowners than ever before are investing in solar panel systems. Almost half of new electrical capacity came from solar in 2020, and the Solar Energy Industries Association says the US is expected to deploy three times as much solar capacity over the next decade as was installed by the end of the last. Homeowners like Mitch Kapa of Atlanta are leading the charge as early adopters. "For sure, checking my power bill now versus before the solar panels were activated, you can see a clear difference." "For me the motivation was an environmental aspect. Just to do something to put my little drop in the bucket, as far as what we can do." An obvious challenge for homeowners is the upfront system costs but the real hurdle has been clearing the red tape. Since every state and local jurisdiction has its own requirements investing in solar has included lots of paperwork and lots of waiting. Until now. The US Department of Energy's debuted a new online tool called "Solarapp". Designed to streamline applications, standardize requirements and in some cases, provide instant permit approvals for installations, it's a key part in aiding the Biden administration's long-term climate change goals. "The costs of delay are simply too high. Economics tell us no reason to wait. Solar power just makes sense." I'm Jeremy Roth reporting.

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Slug: RIVERSIDE BLDG

The building on the north end of Riverside Park what used to be the Visitor's Center now sits empty, but it's what could soon occupy the space that's causing some concern. The City of La Crosse currently owns the building and the proposal is to turn it into a multi-purpose beer garden, wedding venue and air bnb. The construction right now the construction is simply fixing the outdated building. No lease has been permanently signed yet but some who live near the park worry it would turn a serene spot into another place to party and take away revenue in other parts of the city. "We have to make it so that they are not getting their businesses taken from them which a beer garden would definitely take from downtown." Nancy Green says any wedding venue or beer garden would be too noisy. Parks and rec say it would be styled more like a 'European' beer garden that's quieter and unlike other downtown bars and restaurants. "That's not what the intention of this proposal is. It's not something that we in the parks department want to see and we'll make sure to adjust that in the lease as well. So, I don't have those concerns. I know there may be some concerns out there but again there's rules and ordinances in place in the city to have to put those protections out there." For now, the city's still in the refurbish and zoning phase. Parks and rec's biggest concern are that they'll put all of this money into the building only for it to sit empty while everyone debates what should go in there. The beer garden proposal is under a 60-day referral for now. No public input session date is set yet. The city says sometime this week it expects to set that hearing date

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Slug: HOME CONSTRUCTION

New at MidDay, new numbers show home construction fell a sharp 7-percent in July as home builders struggled to cope with a variety of headwinds and the National Association of Home Builders' monthly confidence index fell five points. It represents the lowest level for the index in 13 months. Industry experts say prospective buyers are experiencing sticker shock due to higher construction costs. However, applications for building permits, which can forecast future activity, rose two-point-six percent in July from the June level.

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Slug: JOBLESS CLAIMS

New at midday --

The number of people seeking unemployment benefits fell last week for a fourth straight time--- to a pandemic low. It's the latest sign that America's job market is rebounding from the pandemic recession. The numbers out this morning show that jobless claims fell by 29 thousand to 348 thousand. The weekly pace of applications for unemployment aid has fallen for the most part steadily, since topping 900 thousand in early January.

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Slug: TOMAH BUSES

School districts across the nation are dealing with bus driver shortages. In Tomah the pandemic caused interruptions in bus driver availability but recent retirements have reduced the pool of drivers the school district's transportation department has been shuffling drivers around while implementing creative measures to fill open spots with substitutes finding new drivers with proper cdl licenses has been difficult and this fall may be challenging at first, but the director of transportation is feeling optimistic. "I'm positive that we can start recruiting more drivers because I think people are starting to see the need again. If they're watching the news or reading anything. They're seeing the need that it's out there and if they've got the extra time to do it. We've had a number of folks call in over the past week or send in applications. So, we're starting to see that that response coming out." In the Tomah area

school district bus drivers can work a permanent part-time schedule which typically includes a morning route and an afternoon route. Many drivers enjoy that schedule as they have the middle of the day to do whatever they wish.

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Slug: HAPPENING 1

Here's a quick look at what's happening today non-essential travel with Canada and Mexico is restricted until September 21st. The Department of Homeland security extended the restrictions today citing the delta variant. On the flip side as of last week fully vaccinated US citizens and permanent residents in the US are allowed to travel into Canada.

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Slug: HAPPENING 3

It may only be August but you might want to get an early start on holiday shopping. That's because the shipping crisis is getting worse and it could mean higher prices and longer wait times. The latest issue a China terminal shutdown because of positive covid-19 case causing bottle necks and delays for other shipping lines. There's also a truck driver shortage in the US and in the UK. As a result, air terminals are also receiving excessive freight. US airports like Chicago have delays of up to two weeks to collect that cargo.

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Slug: FALL FLAVORS

It may still feel like summer outside but brands across the country are falling for pumpkin spice season. ABC's Ashan Singh has more on the rush for sweater weather and the newest autumn flavors hitting the market. It's that time of year, around every corner, it's there, pumpkin spice everything. From the Starbucks latte that started the trend to Cheerios. but it's not all pumpkin spice. Companies like Mrs. Meyer's creating a limited edition of scented cleaning supplies including apple cider, mum, and acorn spice that are flying off shelves! and the fall coffee wars, also heating up. Starbucks expanding its seasonal menu to include a new apple crisp macchiato, while Dunkin added a new pumpkin cream cold brew and apple cranberry Dunkin' refresher to its autumn array.

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Slug: US ECONOMY

New at midday the US economy is doing slightly better than experts first thought. According to the bureau of economic analysis the US gross domestic product grew at a rate of six-point-six percent between April and June. It is the best quarterly growth rate since last fall and slightly higher than what economists initially thought it would be last month. They expected to see a growth rate of six and half percent but were ultimately hoping for eight-point five percent. In the newest jobless numbers-- out today-- 3,000 more jobless claims were reported than estimated.

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Slug: UNEMPLOYMENT

New data from the bureau of labor statistics is giving us a snapshot of improving unemployment trends in La Crosse County. Unemployment in July was at 3-point-one percent .that's a drop from June when it was three-point-eight percent. and a considerable improvement. When compared to July of last year. At that time the unemployment rate in the county was 6-point-two percent. Right now, La Crosse is among the top ten in the state when it comes to counties with the lowest unemployment. Lafayette county tops the list with a 2-point-six percent unemployment rate.

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Slug: FED RESERVE

Fed chairman Jerome Powell, says this morning, that the federal reserve will start dialing back ultra-low-interest rate policies Later this year. According to chairman Powell, hiring must continue to improve before the scaling back begins. These are the first steps by the federal reserve to end their extensive response to the recession. The fed has been purchasing bonds to lower interest rates purchases are expected to taper off closer to the end of the year.

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Slug: HARDWARE

Bob Heth isn't your average business owner. Many say he goes above and beyond to meet his customer's needs. If there's a big snow storm, he sleeps at his store to make sure he can stay open. Bob doesn't think this is a big deal either. To him, it's just the way it should be. Heth's Hardware has been around since 1960 and even after Bob took it over the goal has remained the same. Customers are family and it's all about people Not crunching numbers. "I work really hard at doing that. I work the floors. I don't command this from an office. I'd rather be on the floor helping people than looking at numbers." The small-town hardware store is different than big box stores where you have to buy in bulk At Heth's you can also just rent a power tool for your weekend project. Now that it's for sale, the community is wondering what's next and while bob is known for having a great work ethic he hopes to cut back on the long hours. For now, he's holding on and holding future plans close to his chest.

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Slug: VISION2040

Imagine what downtown La Crosse would look like five Ten Or twenty years from now. That's what the city planning commission and downtown main street has been working on and now they have finalized a plan. News 19's Joe Minney is here now and Joe what does that plan look like? Dustin The city's downtown plan is routinely updated every twenty years and now they've just completed another one. This one called Imagine 2040 started before the pandemic in the spring 2020 and after several covid related challenges, the final product went to the planning commission yesterday evening with input from city officials Business owners and area residents Developers drafted the plan which acts as a road map for the city to follow. Not only does it offer ideas for improving and inspiring downtown developments Now it's expanded further south and east to include more housing areas and connect the college campuses but a plan like this isn't written overnight. "A lot that goes into creating tis plan I mean there was over a hundred meetings lots of public input lots of ideas and you kinda put it in a pot an stir it up and come up with a pretty nice plan that I think if we do accomplish a lot of what's in there La Crosse will continue to be a very vibrant community." and Mr. Bauer says that the plan is not written in stone it's designed to be very fluid. Many things can happen between now and the year 2040 So the city needs flexibility and Dustin that flexibility is key to accommodating changes in the city over that timeframe but it still acts as a guideline so the city doesn't stray from identified priorities and as the saying goes "if you fail to plan You are planning to fail." Thanks Joe.

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Slug: XCEL RATES

For the first time since 20-18 Xcel Energy rates are going to increase Which means your energy bill will as well. If you use 750 kilowatts a month which is what the average customer uses You could see an increase of about 5 dollars and fifty cents on your electric bill. Xcel hopes the rates will be approved by fall this year, with the increase going into effect on January first, 2022. An Xcel spokesperson says the increase will allow the company to continue investing in a cleaner and more reliable electric and natural gas system. Chris Ouellette "Our company proposed back in 2018 that our goal is to become 100% carbon free by 2050 and 80% by 2030. By making these infrastructure improvements it's going

to help us get to reaching those goals." Officials add that Xcel hopes to begin building its first company-owned, utility-scaled solar facility in pierce county this fall which will provide 100 percent emission free energy by 2022.

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Slug: JOBLESS NUMBERS

The weekly jobless report is out and it's another sign that the job market is steadily rebounding. The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell last week to 340 thousand Which is a pandemic low. The claims dropped by 14-thousand and the labor department says the weekly count has mostly fallen steadily. Since topping 900 thousand in early January. The latest increase in employment has been boosted by vaccinations. However, new covid cases and increasing hospitalizations provide an uncertain future for the economy.

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Slug: NEW JOBS REPORT

Some signs that job market recovery is stalling. Employers added just 235-thousand jobs in August, and that is far below expectations of 720-thousand new hires. Today, the labor department says the unemployment has dipped slightly to 5-point-two percent. This new data is seen as evidence that the spread of the more contagious delta variant is upending the recovery.

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Slug: NORTHWOODS

Like the state fair. Businesses in Wisconsin's Northwoods say they struggled finding workers this summer, but it ended up being a good season overall. The area draws a lot of seasonal visitors many of whom want to take advantage of opportunities in the water, like boating, canoeing, or fishing. We've had a great summer; it's got to be one of the top two or three that we've ever had here in our business. Some businesses say this Labor Day weekend was slower than normal, but the summer months already put them in a good spot, financially.

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Slug: RESAURANT SHORTAGE

Restaurants are among the many businesses that have taken a hit during the pandemic. Many had to close or do takeout only, but now that they can welcome customers in person. Some businesses don't have the staff to serve the people who come in. The Wisconsin restaurant association says more than 20-percent of the restaurant workforce was lost during the pandemic and with extended unemployment benefits ending Business owners are hopeful workers will come back. "It's exhausting. Exhausting because we're having to do a lot of these jobs ourselves." Juan Murillo is the owner of Nonno's Italian restaurant in Madison. He and what little staff he can hold onto-- do just about everything in the restaurant. From waiting tables to making drinks "right now we have one, two servers. but these servers are pretty much hosting, bussing tables, making their own drinks so it's pretty much just understaffed." It's a problem felt by restaurants across the state-- and in Dane County experts say the problem is even worse. "And with pandemic unemployment benefits ending, restaurants like Nonno's are hoping they can attract more workers but labor economists say the issue might not be that simple."

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Slug: ALCOHOL SALES

A cocktail of a different kind seeing a big spike in sales for the 2021 fiscal year. The new report from the Wisconsin public forum shows a nearly 17 percent increase in alcohol sales. That percentage represents close to 74 million dollars. "That's the biggest uptick in business I've seen since I've started

helping out here about the late 80's." The report also mentions Wisconsin came out in the sixth spot for the largest increase in the country. Although--states tax alcohol differently--the policy forum found that to be the case according to its research. but it's a double-sided coin as substance abuse counselors are noticing more people needing help. "Every day we walk in, and our schedules are full. So, we definitely have more patients that need help, than we have providers to give it to them." Law enforcement agencies also noticing a difference the Brown County sheriff's department says it made 309 OWI stops between January and June. Over the same time period last year, it made 275 stops.

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Slug: MEAT PRICES

Rising prices at the supermarket is prompting a response from the white house. Shoppers are paying more for meat and the white house is concerned with quote- "pandemic profiteering." ABC's Andrea Fujii has the details. This morning, rising meat prices are prompting the white house to take action. Groceries prices are up nearly three percent in the last year but beef and pork? Up more than ten percent. At a briefing Wednesday, white house officials took aim at the big meat companies: They say four companies JBS, Tyson Foods, Cargill Meat Solutions Corp., and National Beef Packing Company control most of the market and data shows they've been raising prices during the pandemic while generating big profits. Although the companies have faced unprecedented labor and transportation costs due to the pandemic the agriculture secretary suggests the companies may now be price-gouging. So, to ensure consumers and farmers are treated fairly The white house says it's moving to strengthen current regulations, expand processing capacity, promoting American-made labels. Tyson foods was the only meat company to respond- disputing the white house's claims. They say market conditions caused by the pandemic and the weather are to blame for the higher prices.

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Slug: LIGHTING THE WAY

Dairyland power and wispolitics.com join forces to highlight challenges and opportunities in rural communities. The goal of lighting the way for rural prosperity is to share best practices for addressing challenges facing rural Wisconsin. Addressing topics like education Economy Expanding technology and healthcare access. For example, when Gundersen Health System put in a clinic in Onalaska. Not long after they looked at patient numbers and discovered roughly 30,000 patients came from Winona. With that knowledge they decided to open a clinic in Winona to help with the commute for their patients. "They're healthcare is just an aspect of their lives and to improve their wellness, you need to make their lives easier and that includes less travel less burden time off from work time off from school time away from home the quicker a patient can get home the better they're gonna recover and we took that philosophy and used it in expanding our Winona facility" That philosophy extends to other outreach practices like shifting schedules of primary care managers to work a day or two during the week at a satellite location Again reducing the commute for those patients as Well, lighting the way's keynote speaker, USDA deputy undersecretary for rural development, Jason Maxson spoke on how agriculture is still the center of rural economies.

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Slug: LABOR PKG

Economic experts say 22 million jobs were lost during the pandemic. 17 million regained but still more than five-point-three million job openings. So, the questions continue. Where are all the workers? News 19's Marcus Aarsvold sat in English Lutheran church's "community conversation" where La Crosse economists weighed in. So Marcus, what's their answer? Where are all the workers? They're staying at home to watch the kids Still afraid of getting covid and they're selective about how to spend time. In pandemic society People are picky about their professions and unemployment keeps some at home but not as much as political extremists would like you to think. Brooks says we won't know the root cause or the ripple effect of this workforce shortage for ten years. Big time La Crosse employer

Kwik Trip corporate plans to fill their shortages by giving employees a raise and help with child care. They plan to build a day care facility on campus in the fall of 2022. Year two of adapting to pandemic policies at work. Harcey acknowledges Kwik Trip did much better than small businesses. They added fifty stores in the Midwest and 550 jobs. Dustin, the panelists agreed the next big impact that could hurt employers is vaccine mandates and opinions on that greatly differ as well. Especially as the number of people vaccinated impacts how long the virus and variants continue to get in the way of the economy.

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Slug: LABOR SUPPLY

Economic experts say 22 million jobs were lost during the pandemic. 17 million regained but still more than five-point-three million job openings. So, the questions remain. Where are all the workers? English Lutheran church hosted a virtual "community conversation" where La Crosse economists weighed in. Saying people aren't returning to the workforce for a number of reasons Childcare Pursuing different economic ventures and some still have continuing concerns about the pandemic. "I think what happens next depends upon the pandemic. If people feel safe to go back into the workforce, the economy will take off, people will go to work and this should sort itself out over the course of next year but if that virus keeps poking at the economy and poking at the workforce, we will not be able to make the economy grow and develop the way that we think it should." The panelists which included a UW-La Crosse economics professor and a Kwik Trip recruiter All agreed the next big impact that could hurt employers is vaccine mandates.

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Slug: UWL JOB FAIR

UW La Crosse students considered part-time employment options today. That happened at a job fair today at the student union. Students spoke with campus and community employers. "I mean everywhere I look it's like we're hiring, especially restaurants. I know like Kwik Trip is hiring. It gives me a lot of variety of options of jobs I could potentially get." Hannah says she's also looking at jobs that offer accounting experience. More than 40-employers attended today's job fair.

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Slug: HISTORY AUGMENTED REALITY

Bringing history to life, that's the idea behind a new app from students, museums, and community partners in Richmond, Virginia. It's called 'monumental conversations' and gives users an augmented-reality tour Including untold stories of the city. Desiree Montilla reports. On the steps of the Virginia museum of history and culture. Richmond public school leaders unveiled monumental conversations a tour using visual arts to tell stories and share history with augmented reality you can see right from your phone. Superintendent Jason Kamras joined dozens to welcome this app into the community with a mission. People can walk to several places starting at the Virginia museum of fine arts and take this tour. Here's how it works. A tool hart hopes will shine a spotlight on the untold stories within Richmond.

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Slug: HOME SALES

Home sales in the state are trending downward but the Wisconsin realtor's association says houses on the market are still going fast. August sales are down a little more than six percent from the record highs seen in August 2020 with closings for the summer months overall down about five and a half percent compared to last year. The median price is up about six and a half percent since last August Now at 250-thousand dollars. The realtor's association says listings are moving fast only staying on the market an average of 65 days Compared to 88 days in August of last year.

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Slug: PACK DEER DIST

The Titledown Square outside Lambeau Field is a newly opened part of the growing area known as the Titledown district an area the packers hope becomes a year-round destination. It includes more than a dozen acres of park space a regular size football field a playground and restaurants and businesses Including Titledown Tech a 25-million-dollar fund and partnership with Microsoft to help support startups. "I think really you look around the different leagues in sports and sports adjacent developments aren't new things – the patriots did it many years ago and they're all a little different." Millerwise says the Titledown district is targeted at keeping young professionals in northeast Wisconsin Instead of what he calls the boomerang effect seeing young brainpower move out of the state before returning later in life.

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Slug: CRANBERRY

The Warrens' Cranberry Festival is coming up this weekend the three-day event .cancelled last year due to covid. This year the harvest festival is back. but as News 19's Joe Minney found out firsthand. The cranberries have been growing non-stop. In the heart of Wisconsin, the Village of Warrens is surrounded by marshes and the favorite fruit of the sand hill crane grows in those marshes. Some might think those marshes are filled with water during the growing season but that's not the case . Nodji's family know a few tricks of the trade as their marsh is one of the oldest cranberry marshes in Wisconsin. Fresh fruit cranberries only account for five percent of the cranberries on the market. Wisconsin ranks number one for cranberry production the last 27 years Nearly 60% of the world's supply comes from this state. A proud grower too Nodji has been promoting cranberries most of her life that enthusiasm for the little red berry has grown into the largest cranberry festival in the Midwest. Although the festival took a year off cranberries have been growing strong as they have for over a century. In warrens I'm Joe Minney .News 19.

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Slug: GROCERY PRICES

Lasting effects of the pandemic have grocery prices jumping. According to the bureau of labor statistics the costs of groceries is now eight percent more expensive than they were this time last year and 16 percent more than what they were pre-pandemic in 2019. The Wisconsin Grocers' Association president Brandon Scholz says the price climb isn't item-by-item, but rather across the supply chain. The gradual rise in prices begins at the manufacturing stage. Still in recovery from the pandemic scholz says the costs of labor, raw materials and transportation has increased Resulting in the cost of production jumping Placing a new burden on consumers. "At some point the grocer can't absorb all of those increases, and unfortunately it has to be passed on to consumers. Cleaning products, paper products, rice, yeast, those things used in baking, things that had high consumer demand, that it may have taken those manufacturers time to recover from that high demand and so you might see a consistent pricing strategy with those folks" Scholz says frozen and non-perishable items will not have any drastic changes in price due to their longer shelf life.

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Slug: HALLOWEEN SPENDING

October may be an expensive month. Americans are expected to spend a record ten billion dollars on Halloween this year. According to the national retail federation People will spend two billion dollars more this year than 2020 on Halloween candy, decorations and costumes for adults, kids, and pets. Most of the spending-- or over three-point-three billion dollars of it-- will go to costumes. The organization says it is the most consumers have spent on costumes since 2017.

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Slug: FURNACE CHECK

Covid-19 has caused a global microchip shortage that can affect the production of furnaces. Leading HVAC companies to say now is the time to get your system checked before the cold weather arrives. So far one Western Wisconsin HVAC company has not noticed a microchip shortage and has not had any problems receiving units but they say certain special units like a rooftop unit are made as needed or can become backed up and take 6 to 8 weeks to come in as the winter season approaches. The manager says the best to do is to get your furnace checked now to avoid those delays. "If you're not going to get them checked, turn them on and make sure everything works, but the best thing to do is get them checked so you're not down and out in the middle of the winter and you have an issue in the middle of the night with no heat." It is also recommended that you change your thermostat batteries once a year to avoid calling someone out just for battery issue.

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Slug: JOBLESS CLAIMS

A new jobs report is in today and the numbers are not heading in the right direction for the third straight week, jobless claims rose this week the amount of people submitting first time claims increased by 11 thousand. The total number of jobless claims filed hit 362 thousand over the last week. Experts say the delta variant may be to blame for slowing the recovery of the job market. The numbers are still far below the 20-21 jobless claim of 900 thousand back in January.

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Slug: HEART/LUNG

A rare heart and lung transplant saved a La Crosse man's life after just one day on the transplant wait list. Daniel Milburn began to experience shortness of breath last March. Doctors told Milburn he had a rare pulmonary disease that required not only a double lung transplant but a heart transplant. Milburn was flown to UW-Health from La Crosse and placed on life support until they found a suitable donor. Daniel's wait for lifesaving organs ended in less than 24 hours. UW Health says although they have one of the shortest wait times for transplants in the nation Milburn's timeline is still almost unheard of. Doctors say Daniel's recovery is going Well, and he should return to work soon.

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Slug: OVERDOSES

Three drug overdoses were reported in La Crosse over the weekend. Police say the number of overdoses is on the rise again. Medical professionals cite a significant uptick in cases since the start of the pandemic saying covid 19 has had a major impact on mental health. According to the La Crosse County medical examiner's office there have been 20 overdose deaths so far, 10 of those were fentanyl overdoses.

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Slug: PROTOCOLS

Gundersen Health System announced new visitor guidelines allowing adults and children of any age to visit the hospital. Patients not undergoing treatment for covid-19 may have up to two visitors at a time. All visitors are required to check-in and out at the hospital's information desk and wear a mask when visiting the hospital. These new guidelines are a result of declining covid-19 case numbers in La Crosse as Well, as the community's willingness to receive vaccinations, but they say some safety protocols must stay in place. Gundersen Health System says they will update guidance based on CDC guidelines. For the latest visitor guidelines visit their website.

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Slug: EC PFAS

We are following some developing news out of Eau Claire where four of the city's sixteen wells have been turned off after traces of the chemical pfas have been found. In June of 2020, city officials decided to test for pfas in Eau Claire's wells and entry point which is the place water exits and goes to consumers. With the numbers below the enforcement level, those June results came back satisfactory as Well, as the results from another sample taken this April. However, on July first, city officials met with the DNR and DHS learning of a new pfas hazard index. For now, the city will be conducting bi-weekly tests of the active wells and entry point while reviewing possible treatment options for the four that are currently paused.

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Slug: CPR WITH COP

Teens at the northside Boys and Girls Club learn some important life skills today. The Sara Rose Hougom Foundation and the Boys and Girls Clubs of La Crosse are hosting special life skill classes for kids. The classes are taught by local police officers and are designed to set kids up with important skills for life and to teach them that the police are there to help. Today's class, taught by Officer Danny Mandujano, focused on live saving skills. Each of the kids in the class got to practice on a CPR

dummy and use the practice AED. They will all go home with first aid kits of their own and the knowledge that could help them save a life.

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Slug: NON COVID LUNG

Doctors in Wisconsin are seeing a rise in viruses that are not covid-19. The Department of Health Services is reporting an uptick in respiratory illnesses and para influenza cases. Aspirus Health Care says these types of infections usually do not happen during the summer. Health officials say the best way to keep from catching respiratory illnesses is to remember the lessons we have learned from the pandemic: keep-up with hand washing, stay home if you are not feeling well, and wear a mask.

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Slug: BLOOD SHORTAGE

Summertime brings many things but something many do not realize it brings is blood shortages. Officials say this year the need is greater than ever. News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares the importance of donating blood and why there is such a shortage right now. Emalea Cogdill, account representative with Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin, says there is always a need for blood donation no matter what the demand is always there. She says while there is always a shortage of blood donations during the summer. This one has been extremely challenging for the blood supply. Versiti is the sole supplier to Gundersen and Mayo so blood donations within the community go to local hospitals. Kathy Roush, trauma coordinator at Mayo, says the need for blood in hospitals is endless. While it is very often given to injured patients in the emergency room there are other needs people do not think about. Roush says blood transfusions are given to all patients in need from infants to adults. Anyone sixteen and older can donate blood and donors can give every fifty-six days. They say it is nothing to be afraid of and being a donor can truly save a life. Reporting in La Crosse Rylie Kyhn News 19. If you are interested in donating blood visit our website at wxow.com for links and information on where and when you can donate next.

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Slug: GENETIC DISEASE

UW Health is aiming to better understand rare genetic disorders with a new clinic. The UW Undiagnosed Genetic Disease Clinic will provide a hub for experts who are dedicated to solving medical mysteries and helping people suffering these undiagnosed illnesses. Health officials say about 450-thousand people in Wisconsin have a rare genetic disease.

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Slug: WILDFIRES

Today's hazy sky is a reminder of the wildfires raging right now across the western US and Canada. The smoke they are producing gets into the upper atmosphere and drifts all the way to our area bringing ash and particles which can lower air quality. That can be harmful to anyone but especially for people with lung conditions.

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Slug: LIFE EXPECTANCY

The CDC estimates people born in 2020 will live just over 77-years on average. That's the lowest it's been since 2003. The projected lifespan is lower for men and higher for women, and there were also some racial disparities. The CDC notes that these new projections are based on preliminary birth and death data.

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Slug: THERAPY DOG

Tomah Health Foundation donated 15-hundred dollars to support a therapy dog initiative for a victim advocacy group called Brighter Tomorrows. The group helps victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through several assistance programs. Adding a therapy dog builds on that support. In five weeks, a golden retriever will begin his training. Sol is assigned to a handler who will continue his training. In about a year the two will begin serving victims in crisis situations, through the reporting process, and court appearances.

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Slug: HEAT

Health experts want to make sure you stay safe if you're outside this weekend. They say you can overheat quickly. You want to be aware of the possibility of heat stroke which includes dizziness, muscle cramps. Savage wants you to check on family members and remember do not leave children or pets in the car.

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Slug: THOMPSON VAX DBK

A new campaign is encouraging vaccinations for YW System students before the fall semester. The 70 by 70 campaign will invite UW campuses to work toward vaccinating 70 percent of their student population through competition. Vaccinated students will then be entered in to win a 7,000-dollar scholarship. 70 scholarships will be made available UW La Crosse is participating in the competition. Earlier this month UWL Chancellor Joe Gow said he was confident students would do whatever necessary to get back to normal. According to the university more than 3 thousand UWL students have responded to the survey with 85-percent indicating they are fully vaccinated.

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Slug: BLOOD SHORTAGE

Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage nationally and is asking for donations. The blood shortage, felt nationally and locally, is happening for a variety of reasons. Fewer donor appointments and a twelve percent uptick in elective surgeries created a shortage in the readily available blood supply. Blood platelets and type O negative supplies are in the greatest need for donors. Even though donor appointments are down throughout Wisconsin, donations are especially down in the La Crosse area. One representative for Red Cross further details the two main factors. to increase donor turnout, Red Cross and organizations are offering a variety of giveaways to individuals who donate between August first and August fifteenth. More details can be found in this story on our website, wxow.com.

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Slug: SEASONING RECALL

McCormick and Company is recalling three seasonings for possible salmonella contamination. They are McCormick Perfect Pinch Italian seasoning, McCormick Culinary Italian seasoning, and Frank's Redhot Buffalo Ranch seasoning. The products were shipped to 32 states between June 20th and July 21st. Kroger, Target, and Walmart are among the stores that sold them. McCormick says it doesn't know of anyone getting sick but asks consumers to throw away the products and call McCormick for a replacement or full refund.

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Slug: SAFE WATER

A new campaign is focusing on ensuring you have safe and clean drinking water. Members of the state DNR and DHS introduced the safe water for all campaign. The campaign will focus on educating the public on the leading drinking water contaminants such as lead, pfas and nitrates and the potential negative health effects associated with them. According to the DNR, greater than 10 percent of wells exceed the maximum contaminant levels for nitrates. There are 50 known pfas-contaminated sites in Wisconsin and the state's public water system has over two hundred thousand lead service lines. "I think among our challenges is helping to reach people who rely on private Well, water, and might not have had that Well, tested recently, or at all. So, one of the things that we at the department can do in response is to support no cost private Well, testing for nitrates." Between August and October, the DNR will host three panel discussions with experts on Wisconsin safe water topics.

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Slug: DEAD BIRDS

The Wisconsin DNR says it's monitoring a mysterious illness is spreading in bird populations around the country. The novel disease has been found in eleven states and was recently discovered in Kentucky. It is affecting young blue jays, starlings, and robins. So far, there are zero confirmed cases of the illness in Wisconsin. Symptoms include swollen eyes and neurological distress and they're common in other diseases as well, so it may not be the new illness.

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Slug: AIR QUALITY

Today's air quality has returned to a healthy level for most of our viewing area After being put under an air quality alert again Sunday. On a good day the air quality index will be from 25 to 50 but parts of the day on Sunday the index reached up over 125 and higher and even though those wildfires are a thousand miles away, weather patterns can bring the smoke into our area. Local health officials say people should pay close attention to the air quality index because poor air quality can make it uncomfortable for many but downright life threatening for those with underlying health conditions like asthma or COPD.

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Slug: COVID VS COLD

But how do you know when to get tested for covid or it is just the common cold? That's a tricky one for health officials who say the difference between the two is not as noticeable as one might think. Both are caused by respiratory viruses, both viruses spread in similar ways, and, most often, display the same symptoms. The main components of all viral illnesses that we're talking about are those respiratory components, and sore throat, that fever, the runny nose, the cough, the shortness of breath, those are things that, you know, concern us about all of the different respiratory viruses. The biggest difference health officials say is the loss of taste and smell and they say if you have symptoms, you think might be covid make sure to get tested.

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Slug: US HEALTH CARE RANKING

The United States is dead last when it comes to a health care analysis of high-income countries. The ranking was done by the 'Common Wealth Fund' which promotes better health care access and quality. The US was last in four of five areas of health care: access, equity, outcomes, and administrative Efficiency, but did earn second place in care process. The US has landed in last place since 2004.

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Slug: WI VAX RATE

According to a new study, in states with the highest vaccination rates hospitalizations remain low and in states where vaccinations are lagging the virus is surging. Currently, the high vaccination rates in both Wisconsin and Minnesota have helped keep covid-19 hospitalizations low in both states. A vaccination expert with Gundersen Health System says this is not new information but it should be taken seriously. "The delta variant continues to cause trouble. It is no joke. We need to continue to reach out and make sure that people who are unvaccinated know that they are at risk and if they don't protect themselves the delta variant is probably coming for them." States with low vaccination rates like Florida, Arizona and Nevada are experiencing a high number of covid-19 related hospitalizations.

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Slug: GIRL BONE DISEASE

When one-year old Raleigh Frank fell and broke her leg in 2018, her parents assumed that a leg cast and some patience is all they'd need before their daughter was back to normal. but her tibia did not grow back properly and doctors at American Family Children's Hospital in Madison discovered that Raleigh had a rare condition in which there's an imbalance between the cells that make bone and the cells that destroy it. They tried several procedures but still feared amputation was their only choice. But her doctors decided to give Raleigh infusions of medication used to treat osteoporosis in older adults in conjunction with the surgery hoping to suppress the cells that were destroying the bone in her leg and allow more bone growth and formation to occur. "In my mind the process is never over but I love that she's able to be a kid now and she really has not been able to do that for the last two years." At her last check up in May, Raleigh and her family received some great news. The treatment is working. Although she still needs to wear a brace, her leg is healing and her bone is growing, so much so that Raleigh is running around, chasing after her family's chickens, and even starting to do ballet.

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Slug: MAYO BARNACLE

In some other medical news researchers from Mayo Clinic and MIT have developed a medical glue that can stop bleeding in seconds. The inspiration for this new medical paste, barnacles, because of how the creatures adhere themselves to rocks, boats, and fish, creating a type of oil that repels moisture just like this new paste. "It creates an almost instantaneous seal over bleeding wounds, just through gentle pressure applications and within seconds bleeding that could be substantial will be stopped" In pre-clinical trials the paste stopped bleeding in as little as 15 seconds. Health officials are hopeful it will be helpful for trauma victims and in military settings.

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Slug: UNITED WAY

Local health officials have released their recent findings from a critical assessment. The '2021 Compass Now' report outlines the top needs in our community. Rylie Kyhn takes a look at what those needs are and what data they used. The Compass Now 2021 report is a community health assessment that is conducted by Great Rivers United Way and the health departments in the region. They work together to do a random household survey that was sent out to six-thousand homes within the region asking people what their top needs are. Evans says they found that mental health was a top need across all counties. She believes while the mental health needs were somewhat a result of the pandemic. Mental health has been a concern for some time. Kayleigh Day, community health educator at Monroe County health department and chair of this year's project, says the Compass Now report helps them create a community health improvement plan which is done every five years. They work together to create plans, goals, and objectives based on how the needs are affecting residents.

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Slug: NURSING SHORTAGE

Central Wisconsin is seeing the effects of a national nurse shortage. As of 2020 there were about 4 million nurses in the US with more than 88 thousand of them in Wisconsin and officials say we'll need another 1 million by 2030 to keep up with demand especially as baby boomers get older. Area health officials say the shortage could lead to a higher risk of errors as well, as longer wait times and shorter visits.

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Slug: BRETT

Former MVP quarterback Brett Favre speaking out today about concussion safety. The NFL Hall of Famer says a concussion literally ended his career. So, as part of a new PSA he wants parents to keep kids from playing tackle football until high school. "There's so many things negatively impacting our youth and our adults from head trauma and so one thing we can't control is whether we teach them tackle football or not tackle football. Concussions are going to happen. They are going to happen in every facet of life, adult, elderly, youth, race car drivers, all sports. So ultimately my goal is to have a treatment for concussions, which right now all there is, is prevention." During the interview Favre was also asked about covid-prevention through vaccination. While he didn't say whether or not he's gotten a vaccine he did urge everyone to have a conversation with a trusted medical expert to make that decision.

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Slug: EPA PESTICIDES

A health move from the EPA today announcing the ban of a widely used pesticide on food. It's called chlorpyrifos, and the agency says it is "associated with potential neurological effects in children." Previously, the government allowed for so-called "tolerances" that designate an amount of a pesticide that is allowed on food. This ban revokes those tolerances.

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Slug: CONCUSSIONS

Friday night high school football is back! It's a tradition, also the focus of discussion relative to concussions. but the risk is not only with football. Medical experts say parents should be aware of concussions if their children participate in any contact sport. Symptoms can range from a headache to much more serious complications. "So, it's really important to know what those symptoms are and how it impacts not only the athlete or the child within athletics themselves, but also in a school setting and within the activities and daily living outside of athletics, just at home in general or with family and friends." Laufenberg says if your child suffers a concussion during a contact sport. Follow medical advice and do not let them return to the sport too soon.

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Slug: VETERAN MENTAL SUPPORT

Several national groups are stepping up efforts to help *veterans through the Afghanistan withdrawal. For many of the almost 800-thousand troops deployed there over the last 20 years. Seeing the country fall so quickly is disheartening. Groups like the National Alliance on Mental Illness and Blue Star Families are offering services for impacted vets. The Veterans Crisis Line can also connect vets directly to counselors by phone or text. Right now, the Wounded Warrior Project is proactively making calls to about 40-thousand veterans.

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Slug: SCHIZO

A Viroqua man, motivated by his struggles with mental health, wanted to learn from his illness while helping others understand they can live with it too. Kody Green has one million followers on the video app Tik-Tok. He says it's because he takes a unique approach advocacy, showing a day in the life of someone living with schizophrenia. "As long as I'm treated, medicated, taking care of myself and I'm being proactive social media showed me that I can chase my dreams." Green says his audience expands globally with people watching in the US, England, and Australia. Some were also inspired to create their own content. While his social media presence grows, he's hoping to travel the country, delivering motivational speeches to continue help de-stigmatize mental health.

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Slug: MOSQUITO ILLNESS

Health experts urge extra caution with mosquitos in these late summer months as they say the likelihood of contracting illnesses spread by the bugs increases. Experts suggest using an EPA registered repellent, specially treated clothing, and gear, and avoiding spending time outdoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active because the bugs like to lay eggs in standing water. They say to empty and clean ponds, bird baths, or buckets frequently. The serious infections health experts tend to see are eastern equine encephalitis, Jamestown canyon virus and La Crosse encephalitis. They say these illnesses are rare, but some can still leave serious symptoms. "Some mild symptoms might be just a fever, headache or body aches. but severe symptoms from some of these illnesses can be seizure, inflammation of the brain, and a lot of other serious medical issues." Experts add if you think you might be sick from a mosquito bite and have concerning symptoms contact your doctor to take proper action.

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Slug: COLLEGE MENTAL

Going to college for the first time is usually an exciting experience but it can also bring stress and anxiety and officials say covid-19 has added mental and emotional exhaustion. Counselors at UW-Eau Claire say first year students have to take on many new tasks like making friends, adjusting to college and adulthood, and academic demands which are some causes of poor mental health and the ongoing pandemic has led students to feel uncertain about their college experience and needs in an environment subject to change. but counselors also say opening up can provide a lot of relief. "Mental health services can be really helpful for people and you don't have to be alone in these things. It can be scary to ask for help, but more often than not, when they do ask, they are just relieved and just even that first session being able to have someone listen and offer support and guidance instead of questions you of judge you can be relieving." McGrath concluded that there's no year in school that's not stressful, but the pandemic is not helping and that mental health services can be helpful whether in college or not.

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Slug: ALLERGY ISSUES

If you feel your allergies kicking in again, it's because the final month of the summer features multiple allergies seasons it is currently the cross-over time for multiple allergens. Ragweed and outdoor molds are common for people to react to. People with asthma are more prone to a severe allergic reaction to the conditions. Common symptoms for the current allergy season include nasal congestion, sinus headaches, and the worsening of asthma. One allergy expert details the current allergy conditions "we are right in the middle of the ragweed pollination, which is a very common allergen causing lots of upper and lower airway respiratory symptoms. Also, this is a time when outdoor mold like altarnaria and claudispolio are at their highest level which is an additional reason for people to experience symptoms." Due to the air quality alerts this last month, there has been an increase in allergic reactions in people with weaker respiratory systems.

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Slug: WORKOUT

Pushing yourself past your limit while doing endurance training or excessive. Weightlifting may make you feel a sense of accomplishment but it could cause serious damage to your body. According to Doctor Chad Asplund with Mayo Clinic Sports Medicine, overtraining could lead to a serious condition called rhabdomyolysis. Typically, in the strength training adaptation phase, you do create a little bit of injury to the muscle. Rhabdo happens when you create more injury to the muscle than your body can adapt to. When a muscle is severely damaged, its fibers may break down and leak a protein into the bloodstream. Asplund says Rhabdo can cause people to get quite sick and may lead to multiorgan failure or even death. to prevent rhabdomyolysis, take a gradual approach to training and listen to your body. If you feel like you're overdoing it, it may be time to stop."

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Slug: OVERDOSE

News 19's Marcus Aarsvold sat in on the Alliance to Heal's Overdose Awareness Day event at the Coulee Recovery Center. He learns that an overdose death could happen to anyone. For La Crosse mayor Mitch Reynolds addiction is a family matter. Sharing that his sister died after an overdose on prescription meds. Mishelle Gulley's son Dustin had a different story. Gulley says she lost her son fentanyl laced heroin. Her pain isn't over Her daughter also struggles with addiction. Emergency responders want to teach anyone who uses or knows people who do how to administer Narcan. Because when someone is about to OD. It's important to give Narcan as soon as possible. It was too late for gulley's son but for her daughter She plans to keep fighting. So, she'll keep talking about it EMS responders say they've moved on from an abstinence approach to a more realistic stance Asking that those who do use drugs Not do so alone and know how to administer Narcan in an emergency setting. Sharing her pain to help other families heal in La Crosse Marcus Aarsvold News 19 EMS responders say they've moved on from an abstinence approach to a more realistic stance Asking that those who do use drugs Not do so alone and know how to administer Narcan in an emergency setting.

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Slug: SUICIDE PREVENTION

September is national suicide prevention month and mental health experts want to use the time to raise awareness about the issue. According to Doctor Riley McGrath a counselor at UW-Eau Claire warning signs of someone being suicidal can include withdrawal from friends or family, putting personal affairs to the side, threatening, or talking about wanting to die and feeling hopeless. Riley McGrath "people who are feeling suicidal get in this mindset that no one cares, if I were to die no one would care, but in reality, there are always people that care and people are really impacted by those loses so the more you can let someone know ahead of time the better." Doctor McGrath concluded that opening up and asking for help can provide a lot of relief. If you know anyone who may be struggling You can always check in on how they are, set them up with any mental health hotline and in emergencies call 911.

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Slug: RSV CASES

Respiratory Syncytial virus is on the rise in children and symptoms are similar to covid-19. RSV is a common virus to get when you're a kid UW Health reports Cases in Wisconsin have been going up steadily since July. This is unusual Because the sickness is typically a problem in January through March and it wasn't this year. "People were masked, they were staying home, they were socially distance kids were out of daycare, so they just didn't have contact to spread it. but then the summer, when we kind of let up on our social distancing and masking requirements, kids did go back to

daycare." RSV is transmitted from respiratory secretions and droplets and can lead to hospitalization just like covid-19. There is no vaccine for RSV.

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Slug: HPV VACCINE

Speaking of kids going back to school as we all know, many young people fell behind on their immunizations because of the pandemic. That's why doctors at mayo clinic are urging parents of preteens to get their child vaccinated for HPV. "Thankfully we have a great vaccine, the HPV vaccine that can cause 90-percent of all cancers caused by the HPV virus." HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection. About 85 percent of all people will become infected at some point in their lifetime. The vaccine is recommended for 11- and 12-year-old boys and girls but can be given to children as young as nine and up to age 45.

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Slug: SUICIDE PREVENT

The Centers for Disease Control reports that suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. In 2019 More than 47 thousand people (47-thousand 511) died from suicide. In that year 1-point-3-8 million people Attempted suicide. Joining me now from Gundersen Health System to talk about suicide prevention. Doctor Kale Manuel. Dr. Manuel it's not an easy topic to talk about but it's important. So, are there any signs that we can watch for that indicate someone could be contemplating ending their life? So, men are more likely to attempt suicide .do we have any indication why that is? and let's talk about the age range of people more likely to attempt suicide. What can we do to help someone? What are the resources available? If you or someone you know needs help there are resources available. The most important thing to do if facing a crisis situation is get help as soon as possible. If it's an emergency of course call 911. Otherwise, any time the national suicide prevention life-line is 1-800- 273- 8255 and can be accessed any time of day. They also offer a veterans crisis line and another option is to text the word home to the number 741741. This is nothing any of us want to even think about .but it's a real issue that needs attention. Thanks Doctor Manuel.

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Slug: MEASLES

Fort McCoy has confirmed that one of the newly arrived Afghan refugees was diagnosed with measles and is now in isolation. According to a statement from the fort the person arrived at Fort McCoy on September 4 Later showing symptoms consistent with measles. Tests confirmed the diagnosis. The person was placed in isolation and all close contacts went into quarantine. Since then, no one else at the fort has been diagnosed with measles. The statement concludes "the rapid response at Fort McCoy reflects careful preparation and strong inter-agency collaboration. Aimed at meeting the needs of our guests, including the management of infectious disease." The refugees arriving in the US. are receiving a number of vaccines including one for the measles and covid-19.

Time: 2:07 First Aired: 9/13/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: HOMETOWN CONVO

The Wisconsin chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Otherwise known as Nami Marks 40 years of helping people overcome take care of issues they might otherwise internalize. Advocates say it's important to treat mental health issues like physical health issues being able to have normal conversations without stigmatizing those who suffer. That's the motivation behind out latest hometown conversation with a social media star known for his openness Helping anyone who knows someone struggling have their own chat. The best thing I can recommend and I recommend the same thing for people struggling with addiction is there for them. Let them know you're concerned but allow them to reach out. Allow them to be the first ones to say I am ready to accept help because very rarely does

forcing someone to go to the hospital or forcing someone to get help work out. They have to really want to do it themselves, but that doesn't mean you can't plant the seed and let them know you're worried and you think they may be struggling. and with Nami, is there a way to--are there resources for those who might know someone who's struggling too? There are, and Nami has groups where family members can come and learn things, so they can go back and do as Mr. Green just indicated and try to be there for that struggling person until that person is ready to take responsibility for their own life. That's really hard to do that. When I see people in court, they're given the opportunity, I tell them, 'You're no different than these other people who have been able to pull themselves up and address the issues that brought them into the court system. You're no different, and they were able to prevail.' no matter what treatment you get, we can't change you. Only you can change yourself. You have to come to that realization that you need that help and you want to change, and you'll avail yourself of the help out there. As said, people don't want to ask for that help. Once they get over that hurdle, things start to become a little easier knowing they can rely on others when they are down and need that lift to get out there and address their needs. You can see our entire conversation with Kody and Judge Bjerke over at [wxow.com slash conversations](http://wxow.com/slash/conversations). We'll also have a link to the Nami resources mentioned attached to the story on our website.

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Slug: FUTURE PANDEMIC

The CDC wants to be financially prepared for the next big outbreak. "CDC is announcing a \$2.1 billion American Rescue Plan to strengthen infection prevention and control activities across the us public health and health care sector. Over the next three years, CDC will issue awards totaling \$1.25 billion 64 state, local and territorial health departments to accelerate infection control efforts and invest long term in preparedness for the future." According to Walensky millions of dollars will go to beef up support for long-term care facilities and nursing homes. The facilities can use the money to strengthen their fight against infectious diseases like covid-19.

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Slug: FALL PREVENTION

Accidental falls pose a big risk for serious injury and even death in older adults and it's an issue that has been exacerbated during the pandemic. "We want to prevent falls as much as possible, because the negative consequences of getting afraid of falling are bad and of course the actual consequences of falls, along the lines of a fracture, bleeding of the brain those can be very serious. We want to all we can to prevent them from happening in the first place." During this fall prevention week Experts are sharing some ways people can reduce their risk of injury. They say keep moving physical activity is crucial to fall prevention and wear sensible shoes when doing so flat footwear with grips. Remove hazards that could cause a fall in your home. Use assistive devices in case of a serious fall and make a fall prevention plan with your doctor.

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Slug: LINDA

A special presentation will highlight tomorrow's Sole Burner event in Chaseburg. The American Cancer Society will present Linda Degarmo with its St. George Wward one of the society's highest honor given to just 12 people nationwide this year. The driving force behind the Sole Burner Degarmo lost her mother and daughter to cancer in a five-year span in the 1970s Leading her to start the sole burner in 2006 and work as an advocate for cancer legislation in Madison and Washington. Her work continues now focused on palliative care working to help provide a person to help someone going through a cancer diagnosis with decisions on insurance Housing Even how to help the children? "If the diagnosis is bad and they lose this person, the palliative care doctor will stay with the family then for a time because when both mom and Tammi died, they died and the next day we were just supposed to go on and there was nobody to talk to but our pastors and our siblings. So, we lost two very important people

in our lives within five years and I think about that now, and I think how we even got through that?" Degarmo credits the support of the Chaseburg community Then and now for helping them survive and her recognition and you can witness Linda receiving the St. George award by participating in the Chaseburg Sole Burner walk tomorrow at the village park. There's plenty to do in addition to the walk Including a silent auction with money going to support the American Cancer Society continuing to fund research.

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9/27/21

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Slug: FLU SHOT

After a drastically reduced number of flu cases last year, medical experts are not sure what to expect from this flu season. In most years, the flu vaccine is developed based on the strain of flu from the previous year. This year there isn't much to base it on. Dr. Jim Conway with UW-Health says the bigger problem is because of last year's mild season more people will be susceptible to the flu this year.

"People didn't get the flu last year and so while only a certain portion of the people get vaccinated, a decent number of people get the flu and actually have some immunity left over for the follow year and we've got none of that. So, we've got a particularly vulnerable population to flu this year and I think the concern is we've got a particularly severe disease year on top of covid-19 and that's really a recipe for disaster." The risk of hospitalization carries some extra weight this year as we face a possible "Twin-demic" with simultaneous levels of covid-19 and influenza. As we near the flu season, there is concern that it may be difficult to be treated for the flu because the healthcare system is already struggling to deal with the surge in hospitalizations. Most health systems and pharmacies are already offering flu shots.

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Slug: EXERCISE DEPRESSION

And new reports are coming out with a link between mental health and exercise over the last year and a half. A new study shows people who stopped exercising during the pandemic are twice as likely to have reported depression symptoms. The American Cancer Society in Georgia surveyed more than two-thousand people in 2018 and 2020. Researchers say the findings suggest staying active could help people cope with pandemic stress.

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Slug: GROUSE HUNTING

The short-tailed grouse hunting season is off for the third year in a row now. This morning we are hearing from a DNR representative on the reason for the cancellation and how local hunters can help. Isak Dinesen has the details. Once again there will be no permits given to hunt sharp-tailed grouse in Wisconsin. The primary reason, the population is going down and it is not because people have been hunting them. There has not been a full hunting season for these birds in a few years now which there is less and less of in the state. These birds can mostly be found in the northwestern part of the state--near Douglas and Washburn counties. While people cannot hunt them this year the DNR says you can help preserve it by taking necessary steps. The DNR has not confirmed whether they expect the population to recover in 2022 to the point where they can be hunted again. A DNR advisory committee will reconvene in 20-22 to discuss the possibility of the next hunting season.

Time: :22 First Aired: 7/15/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: FAIR

A way to get out of the house closer to home this weekend, the La Crosse Interstate Fair is also underway in West Salem. It is the 130th Annual event, runs now through Sunday, free to attend. It features farm animals and the work of those who care for them as well, as other activities for the family like pony rides. A full schedule of events on our website wxow.com.

Time: 1:58 First Aired: 7/16/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: GRANNY BBALL

Granny basketball teams from all across the Midwest are in Prairie du Chien this weekend for the Granny Basketball National Tournament. News 19's Travis Judell was there for the opening this is really an awesome weekend. This is our national tournament. It is exciting to us, it is fun, it is exciting, it's a social experience and you need to see it to believe it you need to try it and become a believer because it's a lot more exciting than probably it looks like from the stands. Granny Basketball is a game that was invented I will say by a person who lived in Lansing Iowa. She was looking for some way to do exercises and she was talking to her dad who had been a basketball coach for years and when he was a young boy, he watched women's basketball when it was first being started. We follow those rules from a long, long ago. There are 3 courts, there is two players in each court two forwards two centers we call them and two guards on each team. So, it is six and six basketballs but it's not the six and six that most of us would remember. We get two dribbles. We have a cylinder surrounding us that if you are reaching inside that cylinder or over the top of it. It is a foul whether you touch somebody or not. Fouling is pretty much the same, we cannot run we are not supposed to jump if our feet come off the floor that is a turnover. It's exciting to us because it's a slow enough game that even 90-year-olds can play it. As well, as it is fast enough for 50-year-olds to be excited about it and it is just a barrel of fun and we just love playing Granny Basketball. 8 teams are participating in this year's Granny Basketball national tournament and a champion will be crowned tomorrow afternoon. The event is open to the public and are people are encouraged to stop by the high school to catch some of the action.

Time: :19 First Aired: 7/17/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: LOG ROLLING

The Annual La Crosse Open Log Rolling Tournament was held this afternoon at Chad Erickson Memorial Park. Log rollers of all ages participated in the event, with the amateur rollers against others in their age group, as well, as the pros who had their own bracket. Here is one young roller telling us his favorite part about the sport. Ellis took third place in the boys u-thirteen division, after taking a

yearlong break due to covid. Organizers say the best way to get involved with log rolling is through area parks and rec programs or through the YMCA.

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Slug: AMERICAN DUCHESS

The American Duchess stopped at Riverside Park this morning, marking the ship's first time on the upper Mississippi in over a year. Some residents gathered in the park to take a look at the boutique-style riverboat. Officials say the ship can carry up to 160 passengers and offers dining, deck views, and more. If you missed seeing the duchess today it is scheduled to return to La Crosse again on July 23 and 30. For more information on the boat head to wxow.com.

Time: :24 First Aired: 7/19/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: DEER DIST 65K

The Bucks want 65-thousand fans outside FISERV Forum tomorrow night to celebrate their possibly historic game six. That is a big expansion from the 25-thousand strong capacity crowd at the Deer District on Saturday night where Milwaukee police had to turn away a crowd growing by the minute. Milwaukee police say that means officers will have an increased presence working with state patrol and the team itself. The Bucks also aware of unprecedented logistics, a full arena with all the safety and security of a game six and a growing, historic crowd outside.

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Slug: FISERV FANS

Years ago, Giannis promised the City of Milwaukee a championship and last night he got it done. Declan Levy was there to see it, working of course, instead of celebrating. He talked to a lot of happy fans. Here's the reaction outside of FISERV Forum, chanting "Bucks in 6! Bucks in 6!" Game 6 of the NBA finals brought so much cheer, so much joy to these Bucks fans. Yet these fans can only find three words to describe the Bucks first championship in fifty years. A fairytale ending in Milwaukee as the Bucks famously do it in 6, 50 years since the last title and the MVP scores 50 points. Seeing people this happy proves what this championship means, Declan: and the party won't stop anytime soon as the parade is scheduled for Thursday. It's quite a week in Milwaukee. In the Deer District, DL. Some details are still being ironed out but it looks like the City of Milwaukee is planning to celebrate the championship win with a parade, tomorrow.

Time: :31 First Aired: 7/22/21 Shows: 5PM

Slug: BUCKS

The Larry O'Brien trophy is back in Milwaukee after 50 years. Today, in the hands of Bucks teammates, providing a look for everyone attending a massive parade. Fans lined the streets of Milwaukee. Anywhere from 500 thousand to 1-million people. The team traveled by double decker bus including their families. When Giannis traveled through the streets, he was greeted with MVP chants from those attending. Governor Tony Evers rode in the parade with the team before the caravan arrived at the Deer District for a trophy presentation. Brook Lopez, P.J. Tucker and Khris Middleton spoke at the presentation, each having a special moment on stage with the trophy in their hands. More from Giannis coming later in the newscast.

Time: :21 First Aired: 7/23/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: WISC ATHLETES

Nearly three dozen athletes with a connection to Wisconsin are competing in this year's Olympics. Competitions featuring Wisconsin athletes include trap shooting, track and field, rowing, and sailing.

One athlete from West Bend says the pandemic provided an opportunity to train for an extra year. The opening ceremony held this morning signaled the start of the games.

Time: :29 First Aired: 7/26/21 Shows: 5PM

Slug: AARON RODGERS

The reigning MVP is one step closer to returning to Titledown. NFL insider Ian Rapoport tweeted Aaron Rodgers indicated to individuals close to him, he intends to play for the Packers this season. The Packers general manager shared an optimistic message during a shareholders meeting today. The news comes as Packer fans face uncertainty since draft day several months ago. Rodgers missed the mandatory minicamp this summer but is contracted through 2023. Declan Levy will have more tonight at 6.

Time: :26 First Aired: 7/27/21 Shows: 5PM

Slug: SIMONE BILES

Simone Biles dropped out of the gymnastic competition during day four of the Olympics. Biles came up short on her vault performance before meeting the team doctor and leaving the competition. Due to the loss of team USA's best gymnast, the Olympic team fell short of a gold medal, instead losing to the Russian Olympic Committee and achieving second place. Originally reported as an injury, Biles stated her removal was due to mental health concerns.

Time: :25 First Aired: 7/28/21 Shows: 5PM

Slug: FINALLY AT FIVE

The Packers returned to practice today and so did an annual tradition Packer rookies continued the dream-drive tradition by riding bikes to practice. The tradition began under Vince Lombardi and continued last year despite covid. Since last year, the rookies ride brand-new Schwinn bikes instead of bikes from local kids, a guideline to limit close contacts. also making a return to the Packers, Randall Cobb. Scott Emmerich will have more at 6.

Time: :14 First Aired: 7/29/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: LUMBERJACK

Perhaps not quite as prestigious as the Olympics, the Lumberjack World Championships are underway once again in Hayward. The event returns for its 61st event after covid canceled the 2020 edition. Festivities and competitions continue through Sunday.

Time: :22 First Aired: 7/29/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: ALL AMERICAN ROAD

Today the Wisconsin Great River Road becomes an "All American Road." The Wisconsin road travels 250 miles along the Mississippi River through more than 33 river towns and villages including La Crosse and Onalaska. City leaders and elected officials attended today's event to give this historic road that extra level of distinction which advocates say says something about the area. "You have to be a unique destination to be qualifying for an All-American Road destination, you have to be a one-of-a-kind experience. People look at this route and want to just travel it as their destination." Sherry Quamme says she is hopeful the upgrade will help La Crosse's tourism industry.

Time: 1:46 First Aired: 8/1/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: EAA WORLD FLYER

For the past week people from all over the world were in Oshkosh for Aviation Adventures at EAA.

Yet, one pilot has literally traveled the world in a death-defying trip this past year. Annie Krall speaks with the flyer about why he was willing to take the risk. Delaurentis's solo flight mission around the world for peace began in November of 2019 and lasted almost nine months. Even though he was in a plane, it was smooth sailing getting past the South Pole. but on the northwest coast of Africa during one of his refueling stops things took a turn. A fuel tank burst spraying harmful material in his eyes and all over his body leaving chemical burns. This self-proclaimed introvert drained the plane of the exploded fuel and took off the next day for Asia. Delaurentis said more life lessons were in store. Especially when he took refuge in Spain for over a month at a monk monastery during part of the covid-19 pandemic. Now that the trip is complete. The citizen of the world will become a mobile stem lab for kids. It will also be on display at the Smithsonian, the Boeing Museum, and other aviation events across the country. Doesn't sound like Robert is done hitting the skies.

Time: :31 First Aired: 8/2/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: DNR DEER WATCH

If you see any deer the Wisconsin DNR want you to let them know about it as Operation Deer Watch is now underway. Now until September 30th the department is asking Wisconsinites to report any doe, buck, or fawn sightings between dawn and dusk. DNR surveys coordinator Brian Dhuey says this helps the DNR get an idea of what the deer population is throughout the state. They also look at the fawn to doe ratio so they know how many fawns were born this past year. The data collected in each area is needed ahead of hunting seasons. "It helps inform the county deer advisory councils which set the season frameworks and set quotas, antlerless quotas for the areas they may be hunting so that is how it definitely effects hunters." You can help with Operation Deer Watch by filling out a survey online or mailing the DNR a tally sheet.

Time: :32 First Aired: 8/2/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: FISHING

A team of young anglers from Caledonia will head to a national tournament after taking the top spot this weekend in Stoddard. Major league fishing hosted the tournaments which is one of many on the league's national circuit and featured teams from as far away as Oklahoma. The duo of Kody Schroeder and Eric Welscher from Caledonia won with a total weight more than three pounds clear of the second-place team from Holmen high school. Kody and Eric will now go on to Alabama for the national high school fishing championship. The date for that has yet to be announced.

Time: :17 First Aired: 8/4/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: REF SHORTAGE

A new school year means a new season for high school athletes but a nationwide shortage of referees is already being felt in parts of Wisconsin. There are many reasons an official might not stick with it but a ref with the Fox Cities Officials' Association says the hours aren't always appealing. "We don't just show up for a game and stay there for two hours and that's it. Friday night football games we show up at 4:00 and don't get home until midnight sometimes." Additionally, Korth says aggression from people in the stands can make it hard for those new to the craft to hone their skills. A survey from the National Association of Sports Officials found that 13 percent of officials have been physically assaulted by a fan, player, or coach.

Time: 2:35 First Aired: 8/5/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: JEEP ADVENTURE

The countdown is on for one western Wisconsin group's next epic adventure Taking some historic jeeps on a historic route. From Wisconsin to Utah. Passing along the continental divide. Reporter Alyssa Lyons caught up with the crew before they start their engines and head west. No GPS, no cell phones no interstate roads That's the rules. Making for one epic adventure for this Eau Claire group of

friends. Epic Willy's adventure sets off in independence, Missouri next week where they'll start their engines and journey along the Oregon Trail Willy's named for the brand of Jeep. Plus, some not so normal additions and epic in this case refers to the fact that one of the eight cars might not make it to the finish line. The Willy's Epic Adventure crew aims to hit 200 miles a day on their 2-and-a-half-week journey - they plan to return to Wisconsin on the 28th

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Slug: LEGO MASTERS

Right now, a team of twin brothers from Holmen continues to compete for a six-figure prize on national t.v. Perhaps you've seen Caleb and Jacob Schilling on season two of Lego Masters. The 22-year-old Luther high school alums are among seven teams left on the series that challenges the builders to create a unique artistic and technically sound sculpture or scene out of Lego bricks using only their skill and imagination in just one day. Caleb and Jacob say it's not only the opportunity of a lifetime to put a lifelong passion on display for a potential payday it's also a way to show gratitude for all the support. "It's not just for kids! You can create amazing things, massive things, beautiful things. It's its own art form, and so it just gets that out there for all the community to see." "And I think that's how our parents view it too. There are so many other things we could be doing with our lives that would just be worthless. They're happy they made the investment in Lego because it's made us creative people. It's kept us young at heart, and there's a ton of value in that." New episodes of Lego Masters air Tuesday nights at seven. You can also watch them on Hulu the following day.

Time: :51 First Aired: 8/10/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: UWEC OLYMPICS

Running and geography intersect in one professor's passion mapping out routes for major marathons. His latest accomplishment---tracking the path for the Tokyo Olympics. "Throughout the industry, the managers, that's what I'm known as: professor marathon." Professor Sean Hartnett's fascination with running began when he was a high school athlete and eventually, he began reporting on marathons in 1985 placing him on the press bus to many major races. He's covered over 250 marathons and after reaching the triple digits, he says it dawned on him that he could apply his mapping skills to his favorite hobby. His specialty is mapping out elevation profiles along these routes he also marks where features like turns, aid stations, and timing checkpoints are placed. That allows athletes, like Olympians, to plan their route with extreme precision, and push their performance to a world record pace. "You don't set a world record by accident. These guys have every aspect focused in on what they need to improve and doing it on every front." Hartnett speaks from experience, saying he's seen the last 11 world records. Top athletes also give him input on what they want to see to make his maps more helpful.

Time: :34 First Aired: 8/11/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: WOLF

A big blow to wildlife advocates fighting to protect the wolves Wildlife officials in Wisconsin have set a limit of 300 animals for this fall's wolf hunt. The department of natural resources board voted 5-2 today (Wednesday). to set aside the department's recommendation to cap kills at 130. In February, hunters killed 218 wolves blowing past their 119-wolf limit prompting concerns among conservationists about the wolf populations future. The DNR set its population goal at 350 wolves and even after the spring season the population is said to be three times higher than the goal.

Time: :21 First Aired: 8/13/21 Shows: 5PM

Slug: HIGHLAND

To Irishfest in La Crosse this weekend and among the events Something called the highland games. Starting at 1:00 tomorrow You can watch this blend of Scottish and Celtic heritage men and women

compete in different events like the cay-bur caber toss and hammer throw while the competitors try their best to win, they're also working to entertain you "It's a lot of fun. The athletes are there to basically put on a show for everybody. It's very family friendly. It's outside. You can socially distance. It's just a lot of fun. You're not going to see anything similar to this." You can watch nine different events tomorrow afternoon at the field next to the Oktoberfest grounds.

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Slug: MLF FISHING

The 2021 major league fishing tackle warehouse pro circuit is in La Crosse this week with 50 of the top professional anglers from around the world. Taking on the Mississippi River and among them is a man named Cody Meyer. He's from Idaho and also an 11-year veteran of the pro circuit. Yesterday we spent the day on the water with Meyer for a practice round. News 19's Travis Judell rode along to catch some of the action This is the big tournaments of the year for the pro circuit. This is our super bowl. 160 guys this year set out to try to qualify for this event. This is the most money will fish for all year this is the biggest stage will fish for all year. We're all here at this event and this is what we worked all year for to qualify for this one tournament. My name is Cody Meyer, I am from star Idaho and I am a professional angler with major league fishing. This week is a big week this is the major league fishing tackle warehouse pro circuit title event and super excited to be here in La Crosse Wisconsin. I can remember being five years old and falling in love with bass fishing. I can remember telling my parents pay when I am an adult when I grow up, I want to be a professional angler. I got hooked early on one of my first tournaments at 15, won 500 bucks felt like I was a millionaire and since then it's been my dream you know literally my dream has come true getting to live this every year. It's important. Practice you only have two days and on a place like this where you can fish three pools that's a lot of water to cover in two days but you do the best you can and hope you find the right stuff to do really Well, in the tournament. With the Mississippi River I mean this is just such a unique fishery such a challenge it's terrifying it's exciting it's an awesome place I feel like everyone should experience coming to lacrosse and checking out the Mississippi River and this is definitely one of the most unique fisheries I've ever been to. and in case you were wondering a 235-thousand-dollar grand prize is up for grabs for the winner of the tournament and if you are looking for the ultimate fan experience you can join major league fishing at Veterans' Freedom Park each day at 3 pm for weigh-ins and your chance to visit with the anglers

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Slug: BIKE SHORTAGE

If you're looking to get a new bike, you should get yourself into gear and order it now because stores say the bicycle shortage continues. Patrick Rolbiecki, owner of Riverside Bike and Skate in Eau Claire, says his shop is short on a handful of bikes-- from fat tire to mountain, gravel, e-bikes, and kids' bikes. He also says he has hundreds of bicycles on back order, and that some have an estimated time arrival ranging from this week all the way to spring of 2024! Rolbiecki claims the bicycle industry has been impacted on a global level where the supply line is not matching the demand curve. "Still seeing major disruptions in the manufacturing process associated with both the pandemic issues and then also just the inability to staff to get proper supply built to supply the demand that is still out there that the demand is quite frankly still going straight up." Bicycle shop owners recommend if you're wanting to give someone a bike as a present even for Christmas to get in touch with your local dealer and order it as soon as possible because they might not have the exact model, color, or size you want on site.

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Slug: GOLDENKNIGHTS

The US army parachute team the Golden Knights Will appear at Holmen's Kornfest this weekend. The golden knights are touring the US now. One of the golden knights Sergeant Kyle Koch is a graduate of

Holmen high school. "We're just out here to show them that there is something for them after high school. If they're not sure where they want to go, the military is a great place to be. There is a lot of benefits. Free medical, free dental, free college, free schooling. So, we just come out and tell our army story and let them know that this is a possibility." Sergeant Koch says he's excited to perform in his hometown. The Golden Knights first jump is Friday at 5 pm.

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Slug: MISS RIVER CANOE

One man is taking the definition of adventure to the next level by canoeing the entire Mississippi River all while documenting his trip on the popular social media app Tik Tok Ethan Gullrude began his journey on the Mississippi River in July at the headwaters of the river. Since then, each day Gullrude has been documenting his day-to-day activities on Tik Tok and he has racked up more than 25 thousand followers along the way. Now on day 31 of the trip and averaging around 20 miles a day Gullrude says while the adventure is something he's always wanted to do social media stardom wasn't necessarily part of the plan. "I actually almost didn't do it. A lot of my friends were telling me to do it I'm not really a big social media guy but I decided to give it a try anyway so I was kind of surprised at how many people started following. It's kind of weird to think that so many people are watching but still like every day on the river I usually don't see too many people so it still doesn't really feel like there's so many people that are there. It's been pretty great it's definitely made the trip a lot easier people are reaching out offering to help with resupplying food or some people have offered to let me spend the night in their lawn or come in and take a shower so it's been really great" Ethan uses solar panels and a generator to keep his phone charged and he expects to finish his journey around October. If you would like to follow along with Ethan on his trip follow at Gullruds Paddles on Tik Tok.

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Slug: KIDS FISH

Kids got to try their hand at reeling in a big one the Mississippi River as a part of the major league fishing title championship. Over 100 families participated and the first round of kids received free rods and reels. MLF organizers say they love bringing their events to La Crosse, especially when future anglers get to try their hand at the sport. Nothing gives us more pride than having the unified fishing derby where kids can come out Many of them catching their first fish and start that lifelong journey of enjoying a sport that they can do for a very long time." Washburn guarantees that they'll be back in the La Crosse area again in the future.

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Slug: BMB PRACTICING

The covid-19 pandemic caused the Blugold Marching band to practice in smaller groups. For the first time since January 20-20, the entire band was back together in one space. In 2019, before covid hit, the Blugold marching band had 475 members. That number fell to 400 members during the pandemic, and director Randy Dickerson says there were fewer applicants, too. but even with the waning numbers Dickerson says he isn't worried. "Our application rate, even though our application rate was a little smaller, it seems like only the best of the best applied. I'm realizing that talent level is a lot higher than we had two years ago, so I'm not concerned about what the quality of the band will be. It's going to be just fine." The band performs for the first time on September 4th during the opening Blugold football game at Carson Park. to see the Marching band's performance schedule, visit the WQOW website.

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Slug: SERENA WILLIAMS

Serena Williams is withdrawing from the US open to recover from a torn hamstring. The New York tournament is one of the four that makes up the grand slam. The others are the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon. Williams has won all four 23 times and has been trying to break the record of 24 championships for the past three years. Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and defending men's champion Dominic Thiem are also missing the tournament due to injuries. This will be the first US open in since 19-97 not to see any of them play.

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Slug: MN STATE FAIR

The Minnesota state fair is underway Gates opened at 6 this morning they've made changes based on the pandemic but they say There's a lot of fun once you pass through the gates. There are 9-new food vendors this year and 20-new foods to try. Fair fanatics are calling this the great Minnesota get back together after last year's fair was canceled due to the pandemic. "First of all, getting here so early, we were here at about five and just being on the fairgrounds when it's dark and quiet. Um, and then the excitement of the people coming back, you know, we, we are huge, fair fanatics and just very excited to be back at the fair." The Minnesota state fair runs through Labor Day September 6th.

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Slug: REF SHORTAGE

Fall sports are back and with that comes the need for game officials. News 19's explains how a major referee shortage could be putting players in time out. From professional to college to high school teams. Playing sports during a pandemic has been difficult and it could get more difficult due to a shortage in sports officials. "The shortage is more severe than I can remember in 46 years of doing this" There has been a referee shortage for a number of years. "The number one reason that people get out of sports officiating is because of unsporting like behavior" and the covid-19 pandemic seems to be making things worse. "There's a percentage of officials, a good 20% or more that stopped officiating during the pandemic, are deciding not to come back at all" Right now, Officials are driving all over Wisconsin just to fill in vacancies. "Just this week and this is really the second week of football, I've had requests each day to fill in for games" This shortage could impact game scheduling this fall "When you only have some many officials to go around on a Friday night, suddenly now games are moved to a Friday or a Saturday" Stauffer and mano say a void must be filled as long-time officials step away. "We just need more young people Looking in to becoming a referee" Both Stauffer and mano advise people to speak with local officials to see if ref'ing is something they are interested in "The shortages are going to continue for months and months, so there is an opportunity to get into this industry and get your feet wet" and despite the unruly parents and increase in demand, Stauffer's motivated to stay on the field. "Being a referee is the best seat in the house, simply put it's the best seat in the house" Getting back in the game, News 19 Dani Smith. If you are ready and willing to become a game official. Learn how to sign up by visiting wxow.com

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Slug: BASS TOURNAMENT

The Mississippi River in La Crosse will once again play host to a major fishing tournament this week. 180 anglers took to the river this morning to kick off the 2021 TNT fireworks BASS nation northern regional tournament .9 different states are represented on the water with the top boater and top non boater from each state advancing to the bass nation championship in Louisiana later this fall. From there they have the chance to punch their ticket to the Bassmaster Classic which is the super bowl of the Bassmaster series. "It's almost a 2-year process to make it to the Bassmaster Classic so these anglers all started qualifying last summer to make it onto their state team and then they come to the event this summer to the regional and then the national championship will be this fall and then the classic is next March so it's a long process for these anglers. Tough to get there" The top prize winner

will take home 5 thousand dollars and fans are welcome to attend the weigh-ins each day at 2:15 at Veterans Freedom Park.

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Slug: SUMMERFEST

At first glance Summerfest this year has a very familiar look. Good food, great music, people enjoying themselves especially the guy who was first through the gate today. "Woo! 788 days! It's been a long time. A very long time. Long overdue. Really glad to be back." Today's launch however Was slower than usual. There were no opening ceremonies. Many of the beer tents and other vendors were closed during the early hours, and with school in session the crowds were sparse, leaving some of the first bands to perform in front of a lot of empty seats but just getting to this point, and kicking off the fest, long delayed by covid, is an accomplishment. "This is the fourth time we've booked Summerfest. We booked it in June of '20, September of '20, June of '21 and now September of '21 and it's actually going to happen." Much of it will have the same Summerfest look and feel, the re-shuffled schedule, over three consecutive weeks Thursday through Saturday, features major national acts, in a newly renovated amphitheater.

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Slug: MN STATE FAIR

The great Minnesota get-back-together is in the books with some hits and misses this year. Despite a stormy opening weekend, a labor shortage, and ongoing pandemic concerns More than 1-point-3 million people visited the state fair this year and today Governor Tim Walz's office issued a statement noting more than 31-hundred people received a covid-19 vaccine on site. More than 3 thousand earning a 100-dollar visa gift card for doing so.

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Slug: DEER SEASON AMMO

If you haven't gone to get your ammo for deer season yet, experts say you should do so now. According to officials at Marc-On shooting ammunition has been in short supply over the last two years, and now that marc-on has a supply, they've been shipping ammunition to other stores in need of it and although they have ammunition now, soon that could not be the case. Because hunting season is a seasonal sport so is the product, and marc-on officials say that because distributors do not sell many lines of hunting ammunition .they are limited in the supply they receive. I would definitely get it now, because last year we saw a drive in August, September, first part of October and I had cases and cases of hunting ammo in. By that first part of October, I was out, and I didn't get any in. So, they're not going to replenish it at the end of October, November. If you don't have it by mid-October, you're probably going to be out of luck. According to marc-on staff-- due to the lack of raw materials distributors use to make ammunition, it's resulted in a hike in prices. Reaching increases up to fifty percent.

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Slug: GET OPENING

It's been almost one year since construction on g-e-t's new performing arts center finished and now it's officially open to the public. School faculty Board members and the community gathered tonight for a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of the new facility. Back in 2019 the district approved a 10-million-dollar referendum to build a 30-thousand square foot addition to g-e-t high school. The p-a-c's house manager is hopeful that after seeing the new space in person the community will see it like she does as a necessary investment. "I think as we start to get performances in here and we start to get people from the community actual in here, that will make a difference for them. They see it is being used a lot, not only for the school things but for other community functions and other performances.' Organizers chose to have the grand opening tonight because it was also g-e-t's homecoming football game.

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Slug: PIANO

Live music is becoming a bit more common in the La Crosse area. For about a year and a half Musicians looked for ways to perform Making the best of a difficult situation but there's nothing like a live performance and we want to tell you about a special concert tomorrow night. Most every year La Crosse native Dave Marck returns to La Crosse to perform with friends. Greg Balfany is part of the quartet and tonight We get a little taste take a listen. "Marck and Balfany play a part of "it might as Well, be spring" from Rodgers and Hammerstein" "You know, Dave's concert, we all play all the time, but his concert brings something special to us because he prepares in a different way. And he prepares a set group of tunes and changes them in a manner that makes them very interesting as artists to play without sacrificing the enjoyment of the audience." "It's never lost on me how lucky I am to be able to come back and do this. I feel lucky to be able to play the piano, get money occasionally to do so (laughter), but to be able to share music and make a connection through music, I feel very luck and I'm grateful and humble at the same time." The concert is called some enchanted evening Celebrating Rodgers and Hammerstein. Dave Marck Greg Galfany Karyn Quinn and Rich Mac Donald will perform the music at the Viterbo Fine Arts Center. The concert is free so you want to arrive early. Doors open at 7 The concert begins at 7:30. Masks are required to attend the performance.

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Slug: JIMMIE

One of country music's rising stars will bring his work to Copeland Park next Thursday. Jimmie Allen will take the stage. He stopped by daybreak this morning to talk about his nomination for best new artist at the 55th annual CMA Awards. "It's a great feeling. It lets you know that one, you weren't crazy for chasing that dream, and two, it's just another testament that if you work hard enough eventually, you'll have an opportunity to make things happen so it's a great feeling." Today is the last day to enter for the possibility to win two VIP tickets to Allen's concert at the Copeland Park & events center Next Thursday September 23! Go to wxow.com/contests and fill out the form on our website. The contest ends at midnight tonight. Then watch daybreak tomorrow where we'll announce the winner.

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Slug: GREEN ISLAND

On the south side of La Crosse, the Green Island Ice Arena is preparing for the changing of the seasons. The ice rink was installed Thursday. Some community members and hockey players volunteering their time to do the work. 2 dozen people coming together to paint the ice which takes hours to complete.

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Slug: PACK LIVE

You can see the packers home opener tonight on Monday night football. They play divisional rival Detroit and we've got News 19's very own Declan Levy live from Lambeau Field right now. Declan What's the atmosphere there like? I'll be live during our sportscast at 6 o'clock with an in-depth preview on tonight's primetime game alright Thanks Declan The packers look to avoid an 0 and 2 start to the season.

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Slug: GET OUTSIDE

the Wisconsin DNR is inviting the public to get outdoors this Saturday in recognition of national public lands day. The day was established in 1994 to celebrate the connection between people and the environment while encouraging the use of public spaces for education recreation and volunteering.

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Slug: CWD TESTING

Wisconsin deer hunting season is just around the corner and DNR officials are reminding hunters to test for chronic wasting disease c-w-d is a contagious brain disease affecting animals like deer and elk. The DNR says submitting samples for testing is a way to stop the spread of the disease. Throughout the season there are self-serve kiosks where hunters can drop off an adult deer's head for testing. There are also at-home lymph node kits. Officials say by having your harvest tested you are protecting the herd for future generations of hunters "A lot of the things we are doing today are again with the thought of 20 years from now we want our deer interest and constituents not to be looking back and saying oh if they had only done this 20 years ago so its an active high level priority situation" After you drop your sample off. Make sure you register the deer sample online.

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Slug: LEDERHOSEN GAMES

The popular lederhosen games will return to UW-L during Oktoberfest. "Raise your stein," "Roll out the barrels" and even some new games will all return for a fourth year. The games will take place from 2 to 4 on Friday October 1st .students also plan to give a demonstration of the games this Friday at the southside grounds at 2 p.m.

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Slug: ELECTRIC CARS

It's National Drive Electric Week, and La Crosse electric car owners are showing us why they drive electric. At La Crosse's Ask Me About My Electric Vehicle Event, owners and dealers brought their cars and bikes for the public to look at and discuss. Booths were set up in the pavilion, with Wisconsin Clean Cities and Xcel Energy there to answer any questions. While most events allow test driving due to covid drivers and viewers were to set up an appointment after the event.

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Slug: EC FILM FEST

Elsewhere, 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: PP MATH PROBS

Studies suggest early math skills are a better predictor of academic success than early reading skills. However, in a typical pre-school day only 58 seconds are spent on math learning. News 19's Dani Smith has different activities that can expand kids' knowledge it is the subject that some say is the toughest to learn. but school psychologist Ben Clarke says the key to math success is learning basic math skills early. In a study of a math intervention program called roots, nearly 600 kindergartners were randomly assigned into three groups: Medium-sized groups of five students who received the roots curriculum, small groups of two who received the curriculum, or a control group of children in regular math classes. The roots intervention consists of 50 lessons that are 20 minutes each. The study found the students who were placed in the root's intervention did better on math tests than their peers in the control group. and the kids who benefited the most were the ones who started kindergarten with lower math skills. For parents, boosting kids' math skills at home could be as simple as measuring ingredients for a recipe, using jigsaw puzzles and blocks to promote spatial thinking. Getting to the root of the problem early on, adds up to math success later the students who took part in the root's intervention did so in addition to the regular kindergarten math curriculum.

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Slug: SCHOOL MEETING

The School District of La Crosse is evaluating its facilities to help develop a plan that addresses current problems, including declining enrollment and aging buildings. Residents can voice their opinions during community focus groups taking place over the next six months. If you missed the earlier session on June 30 another group will meet on July 7 from 6 to 8 at Longfellow Middle School. to attend rsvp by calling the superintendent's office.

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Slug: SCHOOL SAFETY

Twenty-six people died in the Sandy Hook school shooting in 2012, at the time, it was the second deadliest shooting after the 2007 shooting at Virginia Tech. A mother whose son survived the tragedy is going through the pain all over again to help others. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold went to her school safety seminar at Central High School today, Marcus. Though he was not hurt her son still witnessed a horrific tragedy. How hard is it for her to talk about? Eight years Carly Posey's six-year-old son came home from school with blood on his shoes. He just survived a major trauma, a mass shooting at his school. Even though she did not witness the shooting, there is not a day that goes by that she doesn't think of it. Carly Posey's travels the country talking to school districts about healing. It took her a while to accept help. Her son Reichen recovered with the help of school staff. Safety coordinator Scott Johnson agrees. Their biggest challenge? Keeping school safe without making it feel like a prison. The school uses "P3-Campus" an app where students can post anonymous tips if they feel unsafe. Posey's foundation "I Love U Guys" provides a plan to help people after a crisis. She shares that plan with staff so they can return to school safely, ready for the worst but prepared to have the best year in-person. La Crosse School District does background checks on all visitors at their buildings. Heather, Posey says the school tragedy is comparable to the pandemic and that after sending everyone home because school was not safe. It will take some time to heal again. Alright, thanks Marcus. The "I Love U Guys" community-based safety plans are all free online. You can take a look at it through our website wxow.com.

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Slug: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Hamilton and Northside Elementary schools begin their 2021-22-year-round school year today. News 19's Rylie Kyhn spoke with leaders at both schools and shares what's new for the students and staff. Students at Northside Elementary were welcomed with a red-carpet entrance as they started their first day of school. Nicki Pope is the new principal of Northside Elementary after being with the Tomah School District for a decade. She says the enthusiasm in the building has made her excited for the school year but there will be an adjustment period. Right now, she says her focus is learning the system and culture at Northside. Just down the road students at Hamilton Elementary are experiencing some changes in the form of construction projects, renovations to the existing space and additions like four new full-size classrooms, a library, a gym, and community school center. Like Principal Pope, Principal Burns says there will be learning gaps and they are doing their best to tackle them. Reporting in La Crosse Rylie Kyhn News 19. Both principals say they are grateful for their staff and they are happy to have the students back in school.

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Slug: 85 YO GRAD

Hard work pays off for a Wood County woman six decades after first taking college classes. In between raising a family and playing piano and organ Judy Urban took some classes at both UW Madison and Stevens Point. For 20-years she worked with choral director Peter Crawford, who knew Judy had taken college courses over the years, and because she had enough credits Crawford worked with the journey from classes to degree took around 60-years.

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Slug: FOSSIL

To bring a summer reading challenge to a close, the La Crosse County Library partnered with Colossal Fossils to teach kids and parents about the size of the ocean and its current and past inhabitants. The hour-long "Whale of a Tale" program features various fossils including a skull of a predator whale and the tooth of a narwhal, and it describes how whales were able to grow to such large sizes. The program wraps up the library's summer reading program, the theme being "Tails T-A-I-L-S and Tales T-A-L-E-S." The goal of the program is to help kids engage their curiosity, and it took place at the Onalaska, Holmen, and West Salem public libraries.

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Slug: FIRST RES KIDS

Some summer camps teach kids useful skills but one called the ready camp hopes kids walk away confident they can save a life. Those who attend at Camp Williams in Volk Field spend one week learning self-defense, CPR, and more as it teaches kids that emergencies can come out of nowhere. Some of the kids take what they learn at camp and use it to prepare for a future career as a first responder, a point of pride for camp advisors. Menard-Mueller says she's seen campers go on to work as nurses, doctors and front-line EMT's. and much like the real world they don't get much rest at Camp Ready. Their days are typically 12 hours long.

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Slug: THOMPSON VAX

UW interim president Tommy Thompson announced a new campaign to encourage vaccinations for UW-System students before the fall semester. The 70 by 70 Campaign will invite UW campuses to work toward vaccinating 70 percent of their student population through a competition. Vaccinated students at schools that reach the 70 percent threshold will be entered to win one of 70 7,000-dollar scholarships or a scholarship for one year. Thompson said he wants to deliver a true college experience for students. Students must complete the vaccine series by October 15th in order to be eligible

and an additional five thousand dollars will go toward student governments that help their campus reach the 70 percent vaccination level. UW Madison will host their own competition.

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Slug: BIO BLITZ GARDEN

You need water to grow and thrive and today GROW La Crosse teamed up with Thrive Coulee Region for the first ever Driftless Area Bio-Blitz. This morning at the garden at Hintgen Elementary School kids and their families learned to become citizen scientists. Kids downloaded an app to take pictures of local plants and bugs to share with scientists over the internet. "Hopefully that exposure of being in the garden will allow them to potentially use those skills later in life. You know, if they're exposed to healthy fruits and vegetables and being in nature now, then hopefully they're more likely to do that later in life as well." The Bio-Blitz is part of GROW La Crosse's summer programs focused on garden education.

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Slug: CHALLENGE ACADEMY

Today the Wisconsin National Guard's Challenge Academy began its 47th class cycle. It's a military structured program, but the school's biggest misnomer is that it's a delinquency program or it's for kids on a court order. That's not the case, because its goal is to help kids identified as "at risk" who have troubles at school or are dealing with other challenges in their lives. News 19's Joe Minney met with a student taking the first step toward positive life changes. Wisconsin National Guard's Challenge Academy is a great way to help kids who are not doing Well, in school or are in danger of dropping out. For most it's a way to find discipline and structure in a life that's absent of both. The 47th class started today and candidate Armarion Wright is about to embark on his journey. For Armarion, he knows he needs to make life changes to avoid going too far down the wrong path and he hopes the challenge academy will help him but it's not going to be easy. The director of the academy and its cadre want to be sure these kids know what they're getting into. It's hard for the parents too, as Armarion's mom knows all too well. but Artavia knows her son needs this program to help be a better person and if all goes well, mom and son will celebrate Armarion achieving his goals at graduation in December. At risk students from over 400 Wisconsin school districts come to the academy for the 22-week program. This class will start over 90 students in separate male and FEMA le platoons but approximately 20% of the class washes out in first two weeks during the acclimation phase, free to attend thanks to state and federal funding. The academy cycles about 3 to 4 classes a year with to the next one scheduled in October. to find out how to apply or learn more about the program visit our website at wxow.com.

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Slug: UWL MASK

Right now, colleges in Wisconsin are preparing for students to return and on some campuses that means decisions are being made about mask wearing. Starting today face coverings are expected to be worn indoors for employees, students, and guests, regardless of vaccination status. It's unclear what repercussions if any would be imposed on those who don't comply with the expectation. UW-L also says plexiglass will be re-installed around campus this week. Meanwhile, lawmakers have passed a new rule that requires the UW System to get approval when it comes to covid testing or mask orders. Republicans passed it on a party line vote Tuesday, in the administrative rules committee. Just hours after the vote UW Madison officials announced they were moving forward anyway with a new indoor mask order on campus. It goes into effect tomorrow.

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Slug: SCHOOL SAFETY

Today local health officials met virtually to discuss safety in school as the covid-19 pandemic continues as students return to school. Many kids and their parents have questions about covid-19 safety protocols in classrooms. Things like will kids be required to wear masks, or will vaccinations be required? A pediatrician with Mayo Clinic says because the Delta Variant is so contagious all of those options need to be considered. "It really makes it all the more critical that we employ every preventative measure that we have in our tool kit, that is supported by science, and has been proven safe and effective in preventing transmission of this virus, to accomplish this safe return back to school for all of our kids." This week the La Crosse school district has brought back mask requirements for 4k through 7th grade.

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Slug: ST MARY'S

Today Saint Mary's University announcing that once the FDA fully approves covid-19 vaccinations which reports suggest could come early next month for the Pfizer shots. The university will require all students Faculty and staff to be vaccinated. School officials say people will be able to file for both a medical and non-medical exemption from the requirement. As of Wednesday, masks must be worn by all inside any Saint Mary's buildings and outside when not physical distancing.

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Slug: PP SCIENCE LEARNING

Research shows the pandemic may have impacted kids' learning. Now a new curriculum is helping them catch up but as News 19's Dani Smith explains it involves combining two subjects for a better outcome. When you think of science, you probably think of all the projects! "We made models. We did posterboards. We dressed up as famous figures." "Growing seeds." "We did papier Mache planets. Rockets in a bottle." While these activities are fun, a new study from university of Pennsylvania finds science may actually also help early reading and writing skills. Education scientists assessed more than 1,500 kindergarteners. They found students who participated in the arc core curriculum, which combined literacy instruction with science. Performed better than others who took the standard curriculum, in reading comprehension, letter-naming fluency, and motivation to read. The arc curriculum allowed classrooms to use fewer supplementary literacy programs and involved parents by sending books home daily for children to read. Experts say parents should read to your kids 30 minutes a day and make it fun by including books about animals, bugs, and other science topics. It's a one-two punch that could have a positive effect on your child's education. This study is one of the first to examine the combination for younger students.

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Slug: LA CRES SUPER

The La Crescent-Hokah school district's new superintendent is a month into the job and getting ready for the start of the school year. Eric Martinez is from south Texas. In 1990, he came to Minnesota to teach social studies. He traveled around in between his next chapter where he spent nine years as a principal but on July first, Martinez became the new superintendent of La Crescent-Hokah public schools. His says his priorities are to return the school district to normalcy and to grow together "I put a lot of emphasis on team building, I put a lot of emphasis on what we can do together. You know, working together with the La Crescent-Hokah community and with our schools and making sure that we're all one big team and we're doing the best we can for our students." Martinez says the schools will follow CDC and Minnesota guidelines and could look a lot different from last year. When asked about the school district's mask guidelines, Martinez stated the district's covid committee meets Thursday to discuss possibilities.

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Slug: VIRTUAL ENROLLMENT

The countdown to the school year is on but classrooms may look a little less full come September. more students in Wisconsin are returning to school virtually. According to Wisconsin's policy forum, virtual charter enrollment rose eighty-four percent. One example Last year the Eau Claire virtual school had forty students enrolled in grades four through twelve. This year, now offering k through twelve, that number has jumped to over 120 I think this last year has really shown families that there are different learning models and different options. Virtual learning is not for every child, nor every family. and so, in order to be successful, you know, there have to be those supports in place, that learning coach, the ability of the student to be a little more independent. but for the right student, this is a great, a great option for them.

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Slug: WTC LOANS

Western technical college is using funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to forgive over seven hundred thousand dollars of student debt for about 900 students. President Roger Stanford says these are students that hadn't graduated and weren't going to be able to return for the upcoming school year due to hardships during the pandemic and not being able to pay their debt. He says this is money the college would have gotten back eventually but they chose to help these students out instead because a partial degree gets you almost nowhere. "In this case, they walked away pretty desperate. They walked away saying, 'gosh, I wish I could stay but I can't.' so, this was about really serving that group, that it wasn't their fault. It's not that they didn't want to pay their debt, or that they were being irresponsible. It's because life really handed them a tough scenario and they had to choose something else." This loan forgiveness applies only to specific students Those who attended between spring of twenty-twenty and twenty-twenty one.

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Slug: WESTERN DEBT

Some concerns shared with us today over a story you saw last week. As we reported Western technical college says it's forgiving about 740-thousand dollars in student debt for more than 900 qualifying students. That's still the case and applies to outstanding balances with the university itself for those who have already been notified. Our story mentioned student loans Which are managed by loan servicing companies and can only be forgiven by certain government programs. The wording has since been corrected. We regret any confusion caused.

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Slug: PARENTING

The pandemic presents many challenges for families Especially those with unique learning needs News 19's Dani Smith tells us about a new study that shows supportive interaction between parents and children can help toddlers in different social situations parents are always looking for ways to help their kids make friends. "Play time at the park." "Interacting with a lot of other families." but if you have a child with autism, social interaction may be tricky. Now, researchers say, with the right tools, parents can help toddlers with autism engage with others. In a study of 144 families of one- to three-year-old with autism. Toddlers whose parents took part in a special program to support social communication showed significant improvements that they maintained over a six-month period. Social communication is about paying attention to others and sharing their interests even before a child has learned to talk. Scientists say parents can try some of the same activities at home to help toddlers pay attention to faces and take turns while communicating. For example, hide a toy in a small bag and pull the bag close to your face so your toddler will look at you before pulling out the toy. Then, make an excited noise so they will look back at your face. Another idea: play dress-up with silly hats or scarves! When your child looks between the object and your face, give meaning by smiling and giggling another idea is to use a remote-controlled car and make it go Then help give meaning to the experience

by stopping the car and gasping out loud. Wait for your child to look from the toy to your face. When they do smile and make the car go again and repeat!

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Slug: SCHOOL SET UP

A new school year is right around the corner and educators have a big list to tackle before day one in the classroom at the top of the list School districts want to be prepared to provide a safe environment for both students and staff. News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares how the Holmen school district is gearing up for another uncertain start "a lot of great things just through the academic lens and then you have the buildings, grounds, and custodial teams doing everything and that deep, deep cleaning that a lot of times there isn't time to get done during the school year." The kitchen staff is also hard at work all summer but as the school year nears. They are gearing up for a variety of menus. He says there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes. "Our first step is preparing for the rest of the teachers to be in the building. We want to on-board our new teachers. That's happening yet this week and then next week the rest of our teachers will be in the building getting ready. Then, the best part is when students start coming on buses, driving in cars, or biking to school." Which he says they are so excited about especially after not being able to have it last year. "Whether that is elementary schools and those little ankle biters getting off the bus, excited for school and recess or middle school kids excited to see their friends and show off their new clothes. For high school kids, all the same things and experience the clubs and sports that we have going on. Getting back into the classrooms, help them grow, learn, and develop." Music educator Beth Waldron says the summer is about learning and making their classrooms warm and inviting for students. "I am excited to see the students, to feed off their energy. They really revitalize us after that summer of planning and just to see why you put in time over the summer just to make them feel welcome and successful." September first is the first day of school for the Holmen school district and they say they couldn't be more excited.

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Slug: UWL EXPECTATION

Here at home UW La Crosse says it will follow covid-19 protocols but not issue mandates or requirements chancellor Joe Gow says the university is asking everyone to wear a mask and get vaccinated but won't require these measures Because last year Most people complied with the masking request. Gow says they are working to implement testing before students return to residence halls to see what additional safety measures they need to take for the upcoming semester. "We were hoping that we could have a normal fall, get back to pre-pandemic conditions but it really isn't looking for that way and I think it's very important to stress that we still need to wear masks indoors and also everybody needs to get vaccinated there's just no way around that." Chancellor Gow says their hope is to have a seventy percent vaccination rate on campus but if cases continue to climb That may need to be even higher.

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Slug: CROSSING

The start of school means increased pedestrian traffic students are walking Biking and riding the bus to school. So, please exercise extra caution near school campuses Slowdown in school zones Stop at crosswalks and watch carefully near busses. "Well, when school comes back in session here in a couple weeks it's very important for pedestrians and people driving to be aware of the extra traffic, the extra pedestrian traffic as kids is walking and riding their bikes to school, as parents are driving their children to school. So, we're going to have extra people out on the road." Miller says most student traffic happens from seven to eight thirty in the morning and 2 to 4 in the afternoon

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Slug: STUDEN LOAN DEBT

The US department of education is canceling student loan debt for borrowers with severe disabilities. It says it's waiving five-point-eight billion dollars total for more than three-hundred-thousand people. to qualify, borrowers must have a total and permanent disability. The social security administration will automatically identify eligible recipients.

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Slug: NURSE PINNING

Nursing students at western technical college were able to receive their nursing pins today to signify their graduation. This summer's graduating class had 57 nursing students who were able to celebrate with their peers and loved ones. With rising covid cases, the ceremony was split into halves in order to follow proper safety procedure. Family and friends allowed to attend were given the opportunity to place the pin on their graduate.

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Slug: SCHOOL SLEEP

When it comes to getting back into the school routine The sleep schedule a pediatrician says is key. Health experts say one way to help your child go to sleep is to limit screen time before bed. Studies show these devices can interfere with sleep by suppressing the production of melatonin. One doctor also suggests starting their nighttime routine earlier. "A little bit closer to what they'd be at for the school year and then starting the wake-up process, being a little bit earlier as well. That can just help kids make a smooth transition into the first day and weeks of school." If your child's school has a scheduled rest or nap time, experts suggest helping them practice napping at that same time of day.

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Slug: HEALTHY LUNCH

Another important part of preparing for school is a healthy lunch! Packing a lunch can feel like a chore. but a pediatric registered dietitian from Cleveland clinic says what your child eats really does matter especially since it can affect their energy and ability to concentrate. She says lunches don't have to be elaborate. Simple things like whole wheat crackers, deli meat, low-fat cheese and yogurt are all good options. You could also give them chicken, hard boiled eggs, hummus, beans, mixed nuts, carrots, apple slices or a peeled orange. Meal prepping can be another big-time saver. "You want to make sure you're getting all the different food groups in a lunch. So, packing fruits, vegetables, protein, grains, and dairy. A lot of times were just packing a sandwich and chips or something like that. When it comes to cafeteria lunches, she says schools normally have to follow certain nutritional guidelines, which is good. but it doesn't hurt to look at the meals ahead of time, so you can help your child with what foods to pick and what to avoid.

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Slug: POSITIVE PARENTING

Studies show parental involvement in a child's education can lead to better academic achievements but parental involvement does not only mean helping with homework. News 19's Dani Smith shows how developing a strong parent-teacher partnership can make a huge difference. For mom Paola Arita, getting her son Antonio to school was not always easy. "It was hard for him to get adjust into school. He didn't want to go to school." So, when his teacher suggested a program to help her son, she was all in. Paola joined TAPP which stands for Teachers and Parents as Partners, helping kids develop trust and create action plans. "When parents and teachers work together as partners, children succeed." Kids who took part in TAPP were found to have better academic skills, were better able to stay on task, make better decisions at home and school, and got along better with their peers. "Our research is finding that this investment of about eight to ten weeks where parents and teachers are

working intently together, those gains persist at least a year out." Sheridan says parents can nurture the relationship with their child's teacher by following the three c's. The first c is communication. "Share with the teacher tips and tidbits about what seems to be helping that child." The second c is collaboration. Work together to create goals to help the child achieve desired behavior and skills. The third c is consistency. Paola saw a big difference in her son after taking part in TAPP. "My son was able to learn that there are some rules that they have to follow for us to be able to grow and to meet the goal." Sheridan says teachers and parents partnering up can help students at all grade levels but the majority of the data shows lasting benefits of TAPP for students between kindergarten and fifth grade

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Slug: WS TEACH

School staff in West Salem meanwhile get a little first-class motivation to help prepare for the start of the year and learn from what's been a difficult year and a half. The staff brought a lot of energy to world famous author Joe Beckman's new year kickoff event. Beckman acknowledges how important technology is as a tool but he hopes humans can connect more this year. and the staff agrees. Saying they'll do whatever it takes to be in-person So they can be there for their students. "If that means that we put a mask on so that we can be here we absolutely will. The attitude and the way you look at a situation that carries over so bottom line we want to be with our kids. That's why we do what we do. It's our kids our kids, family and our community." Currently masks are optional inside West Salem school district buildings. The administration plans to keep it this way but also monitor covid-19 positive case rates in their area and could make changes if necessary.

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Slug: ECASD MASKS

But for Eau Claire schools' masks will be a requirement for all students. The announcement from superintendent Michael Johnson adds high-schoolers to the list of students required to wear a mask indoors. The requirement goes into effect on Monday. Johnson says he's following guidance from the c-d-c, Wisconsin department of health services, department of public instruction and the local health department. He also says quote having this mitigation tactic in place as we return to school provides the best chance of maintaining in-person learning five days a week for as many of our students as possible.

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Slug: VITERBO

It's move-in day at Viterbo university and the energy is different than last fall. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold spoke with staff and students on campus who are excited about fewer pandemic restrictions. Last year Cady otto couldn't have visitors on campus. Cady Otto: "last year when I moved in, I did an early move in and so I was kind of alone. I just left my stuff and came back. This year we actually get to interact with our residents and get to know them straight from the beginning." Masks are required indoors in common areas Otherwise students are free to be Students. Rick Trietley: "we're trying to limit other restrictions as much as possible. The reality is last year many of our students felt isolated and lonely and that caused additional problems so we're trying to find that balance where we can keep the community safe and students engaged." President Trietley says 70% of students and 85% of staff are vaccinated. Margy Krogman: "I'm also grateful that our students are getting vaccinated so that we have a little flexibility and we don't have to have those occupancy limits in place and those social distancing rules in place so that folks can have more of a human connection as Well, this year." The staff hopes students talk about their covid concerns with an open mind and listening ears. Margy krogman: "our staff is always ready to help with any roommate issue. Whether that's facilitating a difficult conversation if they want to make the situation work or if it gets to a place where they just can't live together that's okay and we're ready to help them move into a different situation." Rick Trietley: "we're just

ready to move forward, quit looking backwards and have a great year." In La Crosse Marcus Aarsvold News 19. Unvaccinated students will be required to take a covid-19 test every two weeks at mayo clinic the college will cover the costs of required tests.

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Slug: TEACHER SHORTAGE

As students get ready to head back to school some districts are still trying to hire teachers. The school district of Janesville still has 14 open teaching positions. The district's assistant superintendent says that's double the normal amount of openings. He says covid-19 could be playing a role because of the toll it took on teachers during the pandemic "covid really scared a lot of people and made them nervous, and they just thought, well, this is, this is the time to change careers." and there are fewer students going to school to become teachers. A 2020 report from the Wisconsin policy forum found enrollment in Wisconsin teacher preparation programs dropped by more than a third from 2012 to 2018. One option if they can't fill positions is to have teachers from one of the district's schools virtually teach students at another.

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Slug: MN TEST SCORES

Results from Minnesota's comprehensive student assessments show significant drops in reading and math scores. Education officials say it's because of the pandemic. The 44 percent proficiency in math and 53 percent in reading are drops of 11 and 7 percent respectively compared to 2019 scores. The trump administration did allow schools to cancel testing in the spring of 2020 as the pandemic emerged. About 77 percent of eligible students completed the tests this year Down from the usual 98 percent. Some districts did get partial waivers from the Biden administration.

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Slug: SEP ANXIETY

This year, going back to school is more stressful than ever BC's Janai Norman has more on how parents and kids can take on the challenge together. The first day of school isn't always picture perfect? and for many kids. The start of this school year means saying goodbye to mom and dad for the first time in 18 months. Cue the separation anxiety! Meet Dr Becky? A clinical psychologist and mom of three who shares practical strategies to help her nearly 700 thousand Instagram followers work through the deep thoughts that plague parents and kids. Dr Becky also offering workshops on her website 'good inside'? Her new back to school workshop, giving tips on how to ease the summer to fall transition. She says the key to getting off on the right foot starts with parents first checking in with themselves. Next, she suggests talking to your child about the wide range of feelings they might have Finally? Develop and practice a separation routine in the days leading up to school.

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Slug: POSITIVE POTTY

An interesting place to find inspiration Some Wisconsin elementary school students will have some new reading in the bathrooms. At Bonduel elementary school every stall, in all three of the girl's and boy's bathrooms Will have inspirational messages on the outside of the door. The positive potty project was created by the school's mindset committee. to encourage students and cheer them on. "I think it's just going to make it a more fun place to go, just to give them a little reminder that they're loved and appreciated and that we really find that they're special." The mindset committee contacted a local printing company in Shawano to create the posters using money from a local grant from an anonymous donor.

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Slug: BACK to SCHOOL

A timely reminder as kids are settling into classrooms throughout the area That's happening right now at schools like Emerson Elementary, in La Crosse where rooms are filling up and it is where we find reporter Mike Beiermeister. Mike, an exciting time but also a bit nerve-wracking with covid cases in kids growing throughout the US. Yeah, Andrea and that's the sentiment we heard from parents this morning as they walked their kids to school A bit of concern but also optimism. This morning, parents dropped off their kids over at Emerson as the school district of La Crosse kicked off the school year. One mother we spoke with did have concern but said she trusts the school district to make the right call for kids. "We're excited and optimistic that we're going to be able to start the school year great and kids will stay in school like with all of covid stuff going on there's a little bit of uncertainty but I really trust the administration and the protocols we have in place." The main message from the school district they want to have in-person classes this year as much as possible Dr. Engel cited the district's ability to hold in-person classes last spring semester during some pretty high case rates

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Slug: WTC MOVE IN

Guests of a different kind return to La Crosse as western technical college students began moving into the residence halls. to limit the amount of students moving in at one time. Move in is being spread over four days and each student has been given an appointment time of when they could move in. Residence halls will be housing roughly one hundred seventy-five students this year, instead of their usual two hundred in order to reserve a floor for students that may need to be quarantined. WTC administrators say as of Monday the overall headcount is at 3 thousand 839 students.

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Slug: UW-L WELCOME

It was freshman orientation weekend at UW-L. UW-L welcomed one of the largest freshman classes ever today in a traditional way. UW-L chancellor Joe Gow, the Screaming Eagles band and Stryker the Eagle welcomed the freshman with a rally at Roger Harring Field. This is how the university typically welcomes their newest class to campus. Last year's class did not get such a welcome due to the pandemic but with so many students now vaccinated, Gow said he's pleased they were able to renew the tradition. "We want to get to a point where we see that we don't have any virus that we need to worry about, and we can manage that. and I think we're in pretty good shape, but it pays to be cautious." In his remarks, Gow thanked the students who have been vaccinated and urged those who are not vaccinated to take advantage of the vaccination clinic on campus as soon as possible. After gathering, the students were arranged on the field to form the UW-L logo.

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Slug: UWL BACK

Classes are underway once again at the university of Wisconsin La Crosse. Students are back on campus In-person Studying and enjoying their surroundings. It's a busier fall season than last year with more person to person contact While still wearing masks inside. A lot of students are taking advantage of the nice weather studying outside while that's an option.

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Slug: NURSING VR

Health care students at Chippewa Valley technical college now have an opportunity to step into a virtual reality simulator to learn how to a make a real-life difference. Students simply put a headset on and are transported to the emergency room or a patient's clinic room Working through different scenarios. College staff members say simulation is invaluable, since it allows students to make mistakes,

and learn from those mistakes without putting anyone at risk. As for the students? "It's definitely exciting to get this new virtual reality system, and kind of have a different perspective on how to work with the patients. Grab out, touch the heart, turn it around, and look through everything. It was just like really, really cool." The simulator was paid for by a two point five-million-dollar grant from department of education in 2019. The grant will also cover 25 new virtual reality scenarios and five open education textbooks also supporting virtual reality centers at colleges across the state.

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Slug: SPARTA RECALL

According to social media there is an effort underway in Sparta to recall members of the school board. A group of parents are organizing a meeting this week. The first step in the potential process would be to collect a certain number of signatures in support of a recall that number is determined according to state statues. Last week, the Sparta district began requiring staff as Well, as students over 5 years old to wear a mask while inside school buildings. Originally, the district had a mask optional policy but reversed that decision after 130 students had to be quarantined and 15 cases of covid were confirmed during the first week of school.

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Slug: BUS DRIVER NATL GUARD

Stemming from the pandemic. There's a national shortage of bus drivers. The situation has gotten so bad in Massachusetts. The governor is mobilizing the national guard to help out. 250 guard members will be activated to serve as drivers of school transport vans. They'll start training today

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Slug: VIT PARTNER

A local university and a local high school sign a partnership agreement earlier this afternoon. Viterbo university will be offering tuition free classes to students. At Aquinas high school Some of the highlights of the agreement include taking university classes during their normal high school day schedule Students will also be able to take college and career preparation workshops. "I think that's a real opportunity that we have to provide a joint faith formation opportunity for students, student leadership opportunities and of course service opportunities. We do that really Well, here at Viterbo, it's one of our core values, is service and we hope to be able to expand that to the high school and to give those students the opportunities that many of us have had in our lives." The agreement also allows for Aquinas students completing up to a full year of college credits prior to their high school graduation. Those credits could be used at Viterbo or other colleges.

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Slug: UWL JOB FAIR

UW La Crosse students considering part-time employment options met for a job fair on campus at the student union. Students had the opportunity to connect with campus and community employers. The part-time employment offered both flexible schedules and in many cases, a chance to get real experience related to a student's career interests.

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Slug: CHIPPEWA 4K

This news comes as covid-19 continues to affect classrooms Like a 4-k program in Eau Claire. where more than half of the 307 students at prairie ridge early learning center are under quarantine. An Eau Claire school spokesperson says they're prioritizing keeping schools open for in-person learning-- but virtual learning is an option if positive cases and quarantines continue to climb. Part of the reason for

such high quarantine numbers The district says is because they tend to quarantine by entire classrooms, whereas older students could quarantine by pods and because of the close conditions the 4k students still need to quarantine the usual 14 days, unlike older students who can have a shorter 7-day quarantine.

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Slug: TEACHER SHORTAGE

Wisconsin continues to struggle with a teacher shortage as more and more retire and quit the profession but a new study by the Wisconsin institute of law and liberty finds licensing regulations are playing a role. "One of the major issues is that there are a lot of hoops that someone has to jump through to become a teacher" For years, Wisconsin has required licensing regulations for teachers, specifically those that didn't graduate with a degree in education. In the state, provisionally licensed teachers are required to renew their license each year, costing them up to 175 dollars, and 8 weeks of waiting time before they can work again. "What we kind of argue in this report is that is we need folks in the classroom, that training to some extent can be acquired on the job, it's more important to have a highly qualified individual in the classroom even if they don't have that background that they otherwise desire."

Neither the Wisconsin association of school boards, or the Wisconsin education council returned requests for comment.

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Slug: BANNED BOOKS

The Eau Claire library is looking to teach people about the importance of access to a wide array of materials during banned books week. Currently inside the L.E. Phillips memorial public library there is a display of some commonly challenged or banned books, and even an unidentified banned book that has been shredded up for people to try and guess. In the past, books have been challenged and banned from schools and libraries for reasons such as conflicting with religious viewpoints. "Banned books week is an opportunity to for us to celebrate the access that libraries provide. What we need is for everyone to feel like the information that they need, and the opinions that they have, to be reflected on the library shelves." Banned books week goes until Saturday. To find a list of previously challenged and banned books from the American library association, visit the WQOW website.

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Slug: TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

WXOW's Tools for Schools returns this month and our September winner is Emily Perry, a special education teacher at northern hills elementary in Onalaska. Emily will use the 1,000 dollars to buy more books in order to foster a love for reading in her students. "Reading even just 2-3 board books a day, picture books are going to set a great foundational skill for our early learners. Vocab, fluency any of that any social skills even that you get from reading with somebody or to somebody." Tools for Schools is made possible by our sponsors Brenengen Auto, Dependable Solutions, River Bank, and the Board Store. They enjoy giving teachers an opportunity to help meet the needs of their students. "These teachers try to do so much but in education there's more and more demands and less and less budget. So, us being able to help out in any way possible is just a great opportunity." Teachers who would like to apply can do so by going to wxow.com/community/tools.

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Slug: IOWA TROOPERS

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds says Iowa will cover the cost of troopers sent to Texas to fight crime along the US border with Mexico. This comes after the release of agreements showing the effort was taking place at "no cost to Texas." Reynolds announced June 24 that she would join another republican governor in sending forces to the border. She has argued the agreement meant that Texas could reimburse Iowa for its expenses. However, the agreement released to the Associated Press states that Texas and Arizona asked other states to "absorb the associated costs with this mission" for the good of the country.

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Slug: WI GOV RACE

Meanwhile Governor Tony Evers is gearing up for re-election with quite a bit of cash on hand. According to his re-election campaign he has more than 7 million dollars cash after raising five million through the first six months of the year. Evers officially announced his re-election plans a month ago. Former Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, and lobbyist Bill McCoshen are among the republicans expected to announce soon their plans to run against Evers.

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Slug: WI COURT VOTE

Wisconsin's supreme court will take up a ruling on the state's redistricting procedure. The court announced today it will review a Dane County judge's ruling that republicans in the legislature illegally hired private attorneys at taxpayer expense to represent them ahead of anticipated legal challenges over drawing the voting districts. The April ruling voided the contracts which authorized spending more than a million dollars for representation. GOP legislative leaders petitioned the state high court to take the case before an appeals court weighed in. The court agreed issuing a stay in the ruling while it's under review.

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Slug: AMBASSADOR

The US Trade Representative Ambassador Katherine Tai stopped by a family farm in Stoddard today. As News 19's Rylie Kyhn reports visits like this play a key role in global negotiations. The visit to Hamburg Hills Farm, which is owned and operated by the Servais family, began with a tour. Ambassador Katherine Tai was joined by Congressman Ron Kind and Senator Brad Pfaff. A private round table discussion with local farmers followed. Ambassador Tai says it gives her an opportunity to learn and it is exciting to hear from them. She says she cannot do her job without taking trips like this. Congressman Kind says negotiating good trade agreements for farmers and manufacturers is crucial for the survival of family farms here in Wisconsin. Reporting in Stoddard, Rylie Kyhn News 19. The Servais family has hosted a number of elected officials in the last year including Senator Tammy Baldwin and Governor Tony Evers. They say it is truly an honor.

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Slug: INFRASTRUCTURE

Lawmakers on capitol hill are rushing to make progress on two major pieces of legislation ahead of required test votes Wednesday. A bipartisan group of senators is still working out the details of the infrastructure deal while democrats are pushing ahead with a separate, larger spending plan that would

be pas just days ahead of a critical test vote, President Biden made another push for his \$1.2t infrastructure plan. Negotiators of the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure deal are trying to iron out details including how they would fund the almost \$600 billion dollars in new spending. In trying to secure the 60 votes needed for it to advance, senators dropped a plan to increase IRS tax enforcement. At the same time Democrats are trying to work out how to pay for their \$3.5 trillion so-called human infrastructure plan. Priorities on health care, education, and climate change. Dems moving forward with the budget reconciliation process that would allow that plan to pass without any republican votes. Biden also voicing support of that proposal today the senate is expected to hold test votes Wednesday on both plans, though neither has actually been written or been run through formal cost estimates. Republican Sen. Bill Cassidy on Fox says his support of Biden's infrastructure plan stands, despite the separate democratic human infrastructure plan. However, Sen. Graham is now threatening to flee town like Texas state lawmakers did to deprive the senate of a quorum in order to stop the reconciliation bill. The plan unlikely as he'd have to be joined by 49 other colleagues for it to work.

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Slug: BARNES

Bucks executive Alex Lasry can now begin to shift more of his focus to his US Senate run with a new challenger in the democratic primary. Wisconsin's Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes has launched his own bid for the seat currently held by republican Senator Ron Johnson. The 34-year-old enters an already crowded field. At least seven other democrats have announced plans to run. With this decision he is giving up a chance to run for a 2nd term in 2022 as Governor Tony Evers' running mate. Here was the reaction from Governor Evers, who stopped short of a full endorsement, saying in part "we're lucky to have strong democratic candidates who are running to send him (Sen. Ron Johnson) packing, and I look forward to supporting Wisconsin democrats' choice to take on Ron Johnson in 2022." Senator Johnson has not said yet whether he will seek a third term.

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Slug: CAPITOL

The first hearing on the capitol riot is just days away but the panel is incomplete because house speaker Nancy Pelosi blocked two of minority leader Kevin McCarthy's GOP picks this week. McCarthy reacted by pulling all five of his choices and refusing to name any others. Former US representative Virginia republican Denver Riggleman spotted entering speaker Nancy Pelosi's office Thursday amid a fight over which GOP members of the house should be allowed to join the committee investigating the deadly January 6th attack on the US capitol. Riggleman also meeting with Liz Cheney so far, she's the only republican handpicked by Pelosi to sit on the select committee. A disagreement between the house speaker and minority leader Kevin McCarthy over his picks for the panel intensifying despite McCarthy's threats Pelosi says some republican lawmakers have expressed interest in joining the committee. In addition to Riggleman as a potential adviser to the panel, the house speaker also said to be considering Illinois GOP representative Adam Kinzinger. This as former president Donald Trump is heard in an interview for the newly released book "I Alone Can Fix It" describing the mob of his supporters who violently breached the capitol as a "loving crowd." The overwhelming majority of videos show officers being attacked during the insurrection. Some of those officers are set to be the first to appear before the panel on Tuesday. McCarthy says if Pelosi doesn't seat all of his picks, republicans may launch their own investigation into the capitol attack. Faith Abubey, ABC News, Washington.

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Slug: LEVEE PROJECT

The City of La Crosse has several capital improvement projects preparing to get started, one of which is development of the levee at Riverside Park. I met up with mayor Mitch Reynolds and Parks and Recreation project specialist, Jim Flottmeyer, to understand the project's scope. The city's planning

commission developed the levee project as a two-fold approach to strengthen the levee and to improve riverboat tourism. Mayor Reynolds says the project is one of the top priorities for the city. The city's planning commission developed the levee project as a two-fold approach to strengthen the levee and to improve riverboat tourism. Mayor Reynolds says the project is one of the top priorities for the city and the levee construction is ready to go now that's it's funded. The second riverboat to dock along the new levee section will be operated by Viking River Cruises. The Viking Mississippi boat will carry up to 386 guests in addition to the 165 guests the American Duchess accommodates, which the mayor says is a great benefit for tourism. Construction of the new levee section is not expected to take very long. Flottmeyer doesn't foresee any impact on Riverside Park or events held there, especially for the holiday favorite Rotary Lights. and with seven Viking cruises set for next summer, Riverside Park will be an even greater spectacle for what's considered to be the crown jewel of La Crosse.

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Slug: INFRASTRUCTURE DEAL

It was a crucial day for Biden's infrastructure deal, but disagreements meant no deal was made today. This week is make or break for Biden's massive investment. The price tags for public transit and rural broadband investments are key roadblocks for the negotiations. Democrats submitted a new proposal earlier today, however republicans declined the offer. President Biden remains optimistic about a bi-partisan agreement. The senate majority leader Chuck Schumer wants to pass this package before congressional recess in August. Meanwhile in Wisconsin, Governor Evers awarded over \$20 million of infrastructure grants to small communities across the state.

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Slug: Evers SESSION

Governor Tony Evers is calling a special session today to increase funding for education the governor wants to see the republican-controlled legislature increase public school and higher education funding in a meaningful way, something he says the latest two-year state budget failed to do. The governor says he's laid out a proposal that would funnel more than 500 million into the education system, using state funds that are already available. The assembly is already set to meet today, attempting to override the governor's veto authority. Evers released a video message calling for the special session.

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Slug: SPECIAL SESSION

An extraordinary session and a special session, both happened at the Wisconsin capitol today and both ended with nothing changing. Republicans called their session to vote on overriding Governor Evers' veto of a bill that would end the extra 300 dollars per week in unemployment pay. The vote failed as republicans don't have the two-thirds majority needed. Democrats meanwhile push for a vote on Governor Evers's special session proposal that would put 550 million dollars into education. They say education funding is an investment in the future workforce while republicans say business owners need more people working right now. Republican leaders gaveled in and out of the session as they've done with past special sessions. The extra 300 dollars a week in unemployment pay is scheduled to end on its own in September.

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Slug: INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

This afternoon, lawmakers on Capitol Hill reached agreements on multiple points to move the infrastructure bill forward. President Biden's one trillion-dollar infrastructure package has new life as the GOP announced: a deal was reached. Schumer "confident" he has the votes, hopes for a procedural vote this evening. Democrats attempt to pass this bill along with an additional 3.5 trillion-dollar package for social programs. One adjustment to the package is about 30 billion dollars less for public

transit and broadband. Here is the moment it was announced that a deal was made President Biden spoke in Pennsylvania this afternoon, reacting and speaking on the new deal. There is no update on the procedural vote yet to begin the process of passing the bill.

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:31 7/29/21 6PM

Slug: UW COVID LEGIS

UW system president Tommy Thompson is pushing back on a legislative proposal that would limit the university's power to implement mask mandates and other covid-19 rules. The UW System isn't requiring vaccinations but at universities like UW Milwaukee and Madison unvaccinated students and staff will have to undergo testing weekly. Now a new proposal from the republican controlled rules committee would prohibit the UW System from mandating vaccinations, testing, or masks, requiring universities to first seek legislative approval. "Masks may not be needed in this case people are able to get vaccinated, they are widely available and they are free. to force UW students and faculty who have already been vaccinated to have to wear masks that might be a step to far." UW Systems president Tommy Thompson, Wisconsin's former republican governor, in a statement responding: "Given my experience as a former United States Health and Human Services Secretary, I know the biggest threat to in-person classes this fall would be actions that strip the UW System of the tools it has so successfully used to date to address outbreaks and reduce the spread of covid-19." The rules committee will consider the proposal when it meets next week.

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:16 8/2/21 10PM

Slug: GABLEMAN

The retired Wisconsin supreme court justice leading a review of last fall's election says the purpose of the probe is not to overturn the results. Appearing on Upfront this week retired justice Michael Gableman says; however, a thorough examination of the election is warranted. "My mission is to try to do whatever I can so going forward people can have confidence their vote counts. and part of the reason I may appear to be frustrated today is because I've spent the past 28 days getting just as in your business all sort of unsolicited advice and demands for immediate action." When asked whether that pressure was coming from politicians or voters, Gableman answered simply yes. Just last week assembly speaker Robin Vos said he's expanding the scope of the probe while the two investigators originally hired to conduct the review quit.

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:28 8/4/21 10PM

Slug: INFRASTRUCTURE

The US senate is currently considering amendments to the one-trillion-dollar bipartisan infrastructure deal which includes 550-billion dollars for transportation, broadband and utility. Wisconsin democratic representative Mark Pocan says his party wants an assurance that one trillion-dollar infrastructure bill will come up alongside a larger 3.5 trillion-dollar reconciliation bill. Republican representative Glenn Grothman says he believes the infrastructure bill alone spends way too much money.

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2:19 8/5/21 MIDDAY

Slug: CUOMO

There are growing calls for Governor Cuomo to resign. At least 5 district attorneys across the state are now investigating and he could be facing possible impeachment. ABC's Reena Roy has the latest from New York. As the days go on the pressure goes up. Five separate prosecutors across New York state launching investigations that could lead to criminal charges for Governor Andrew Cuomo. Including the Albany district attorney who released a video statement encouraging other potential victims to come forward and now Lindsey Boylan, one of the first women to accuse him of sexual harassment, planning on filing a lawsuit. Authorities say the governor and his senior staff tried to retaliate against her when she spoke out and the message from so many: Resign. New York state attorney general Letitia

James' office reviewed mountains of evidence for months, even interviewing the governor himself, finding he sexually harassed 11 women. Current and former employees and a state trooper on his security detail. This selfie reportedly taken at the governor's request moments after officials say he groped an executive assistant. Cuomo is defiant saying the facts are different than portrayed. Any impeachment process would begin in the New York state assembly. Members will be meeting Monday to discuss. It would take 76 votes to take him out of office. Right now, at least 82 say they'd vote yes if he's impeached. Reena Roy ABC News New York.

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Slug: VOTER REGISTRATION

More than 205-thousand voter registrations have been deactivated by Wisconsin election officials. The state's elections commission has deactivated over 174-thousand registrations because the voters haven't cast a ballot in four years and didn't respond to a mailing. Commission officials are required by law to identify people every two years who haven't voted in the previous four years and deactivate them unless they wish to remain registered. The commission also deactivated close to 32-thousand registrations of voters who may have moved and didn't respond to a mailing. Those voters can re-register and become eligible to cast ballots again.

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Slug: SMITH BILL

A Wisconsin state senator introduces a bill that would give voters a say in limiting corporate spending in politics. The bill called the "ready to amend act" would create an advisory referendum asking voters if they want to see a limit on the amount of money donated to political campaigns by corporations. Senator jeff smith believes that since the 20-10 supreme court ruling of citizens united vs the f-e-c which stated that donated money is free speech politics has been dominated by corporate money. He hopes that if this referendum makes its way to Wisconsin ballots and sees substantial support it will put pressure on congress to create a new constitutional amendment. "It's then moved onto congress and again proof that the citizens want you to do this because we need a true definition in our constitution of what a citizens rights are what a corporation is and that money is not speech." Senator smith says he's concerned the bill will not get through the republican controlled legislature.

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Slug: ELECTION

The head of the assembly elections committee issues subpoenas today for materials in what representative Janel Brandtjen is calling a "top-to-bottom" investigation. The subpoenas call on the Milwaukee and brown county clerks to provide access to servers Voting machines Computers and paper samples. This mirrors an outside audit in Arizona that even some republicans there have now criticized. One county clerk says local election officials statewide worked last fall to ensure the numbers added up Adding The idea of bad actors hacking the voting equipment is unrealistic.

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Slug: 9/11 RECORDS

Sixteen-hundred Americans affected by the September 11-th terror attack nearly twenty years ago are asking President Biden to release the government's records. The group sent a letter to the president reminding him of a campaign promise to release documents and information about the nine-eleven attack. Some have accused the government of keeping the American people in the dark about Saudi Arabia's role in supporting Osama bin Laden. The group does not want President Biden to attend 20-th anniversary memorial ceremonies at ground zero in New York, if he does not comply. Senators from Connecticut and new jersey held a news conference to push for the 911 Transparency Act. "The credibility of the United States of America is on the line here, which is a powerful reason to make this

information public." White House press secretary Jen Psaki saying the president remains committed to his campaign pledge but needs the DOJ to take the final steps.

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:35 8/9/21 5PM

Slug: SENATE BUDGET

A budget resolution has been released by senate democrats with a price tag of 3-point-5 trillion dollars. It does not include an increase to the debt limit. It maps out spending and tax breaks aimed at boosting social and environmental programs. and it will set up a battle in the fall over President Joe Biden's domestic policy ambitions. This budget resolution is the first step .and the introduction marks the start of a long trek through congress of legislation that democrats hope will result in a progressive reshaping of government. to succeed, they'll have to overcome likely unanimous republican opposition.

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:30 8/10/21 10PM

Slug: LEGAL WEED

As part of a new push to legalize marijuana in Wisconsin a pair of democratic lawmakers chose to leave the state saying they don't want to see millions of dollars do the same. Madison Senator Melissa Agard and Milwaukee representative David Bowen stood in an Illinois dispensary parking lot today filled with Wisconsin vehicles. Illinois is coming off a record month for marijuana sales of 128-million dollars. Senator Agard says in Wisconsin, legalization could bring the state 165 million a year or more in tax revenue. "It's not a matter of if this going to happen in Wisconsin, it's a matter of when." A spokesperson for senate republican leader Devin Lemehiue said today the majority leader remains opposed to legalizing marijuana without FDA approval.

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:23 8/11/21 MIDDAY

Slug: FARMS INFRA

The infrastructure bill includes 65 billion dollars to improve broadband. and the investment could make an impact on rural businesses including on the farms of western Wisconsin. Farmer Caleb Langworthy raises grass-fed lamb and beef in Wheeler. He says his broadband is almost non-existent, and that their download speed is poor. But he and his family heavily rely on the internet for their sales. "About 90 percent of our sales are through an online platform through customers around the Midwest. So, the ability to communicate with them more efficiently and to work on the web platform will improve our sales and our customer relations." Langworthy says his wife and many farmers have off-farm jobs, but during the pandemic she and multiple neighbors had to work from home, which further showed the disparity between rural and metropolitan broadband.

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:31 8/13/21 10PM

Slug: REDISTRICTING

It didn't take long for the new census numbers to lead to legal action. A liberal group filed suit today Asking for judges to not allow the boundaries drawn in 2011 to be used as a starting point for the maps made in the coming months. According to the new census numbers the second district, which includes Madison gained about 80 thousand people. The fourth district, where Milwaukee is, lost about 15 thousand people. Because of that those district lines will need to change in order to keep a fairly balanced number of people in each district. "At least on the congressional level, there's going to be jockeying around the edges as to how to rearrange the boundaries of the congressional district level." The suit, which was filed by the liberal group, democracy docket Claims the courts need to get involved now because there is "no reasonable prospect" state government will agree to a new set of maps in time for next year's mid-term elections. That's because this time around- unlike 10 years ago Wisconsin's government is divided with a republican controlled legislature and a democratic governor.

GOP legislative leaders Had already hired private lawyers with taxpayer money anticipating lawsuits over redistricting.

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:21 8/17/21 5PM

Slug: OLIKARA SENATE

11-democrats are now seeking Ron Johnson's seat in the 20-22 senate election Steven Olikara is the latest to join the crowded field he is the founder of the "Millennial Action Project." A number of people spoke during his announcement event including former lieutenant governor Barbara Lawton who endorsed him. Olikara made his announcement earlier today on Facebook. "Today at this inflection point of our democracy, it is with great humility and conviction that today I announce our campaign for the United States senate representing the great state of Wisconsin." If elected, Steven Olikara would be the first person of Indian descent to represent the state of Wisconsin.

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:32 8/17/21 10PM

Slug: REDISTRICTING

Republican legislative leaders in the state will hire outside attorneys to try to stop a federal lawsuit that would throw out Wisconsin's current voting maps ahead of this year's redistricting. The joint committee on legislative organization voted along party lines 6-4 today to hire attorneys outside the state d-o-j to intervene with the lawsuit filed Friday by a liberal organization. The lawsuit asks the court to intervene ahead of the redistricting process and be prepared to draw new maps if the democratic governor and g-o-p legislators cannot come to an agreement.

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:23 8/18/21 10PM

Slug: US STANDING

With the Taliban returning to power Many are wondering what this means for the United States' position in the middle east. One western Wisconsin professor says it's a big threat. The professor of middle eastern and international politics at UW-Eau Claire says Afghanistan is a key position for the US as it contains not only more than one trillion dollars' worth of minerals but also a strategic position. "Afghanistan is going to be surrounded by these competing powers, who can hopefully cooperate to calm Afghanistan down and bring Afghanistan on board. A lot of that has to do with how the Taliban will govern. If that happens, the United States will be really cut off from Afghanistan. If we were in Afghanistan, the peaceful Afghanistan, we could have had bases closer to the Chinese border." Abootalebi adds that based on how the Taliban governed in the past, and their strict enforcement of sharia law he believes there is a 'high probability' that women's rights and human rights will be set back in Afghanistan.

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:22 8/23/21 MIDDAY

Slug: NEW REPUBLICAN

The executive committee of the republican party of Wisconsin has elected Paul Farrow to serve as the party's new chairman. Farrow replaces Andrew Hitt, who recently stepped down from the position after serving for two years. Farrow currently serves as Waukesha County executive and previously served in both the state assembly and senate. He released a statement that reads in part

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Slug: BALDWIN

Senator Baldwin in Viroqua today spending time with local businesses and listening to their stories News 19's Joe Minney joined her on her visit and is here with the details and Joe what did the senator get to see today? Dustin the senator walked around Viroqua's downtown main street and learned how they handled the past year or so with the pandemic. Starting at the Fortney she explored how one family is renovating this historic building restoring it to be a highlight of the downtown area and then to

parish's music store which pivoted to virtual music lessons to make sure children kept up with their music education. Followed by the camp Bluedog Bicycle Shop and the Bon Ton and going store to store the one consistency I noticed is the determination these business owners have in making sure their doors remain open. The senator learned that it took the Viroqua community standing together to support these businesses during the pandemic crisis and Senator Baldwin knows a strong Wisconsin is one which supports people who work hard. Which she relates to how Wisconsinites can help welcome Afghan refugees into our communities as well. "Wisconsin is also a place who embraces anyone who knows the dignity of hard work and wants to get ahead. So, I think this can be a really important role that we play in bringing a two decade long wait to an end." Senator Baldwin also stressed how imperative it is to not only evacuate all US. nationals but to also stick by those who stuck with us for the last twenty years and Dustin when comparing how our area specifically embraced the Cuban and Hmong communities the senator knows we're the best place for Afghan refugees to get their start. Thanks Joe.

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Slug: NELSON TOUR

One of eleven democrats running for the US senate seat currently held by senator Ron Johnson stops in La Crosse today. It's part of tom nelson's 72 county tour of Wisconsin. He says his focus is meeting people getting to know what concerns folks have and what issues are important to them from Outagamie County Nelson says being a democrat doesn't matter If you represent the people "I'm from a red part of the state yet as a democrat I've won election and re-election six times. And that shows that I can bring democrats and republicans together to address all sorts of issues whether it's jobs, the economy, health care, roads an infrastructure you name it." After La Crosse .nelson made his way south through Vernon and Crawford counties.

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Slug: ELECTION AUDIT

In Wisconsin Republicans who control the legislature are seeking approval to spend up to 680-thousand dollars in taxpayer money on an investigation into the 2020 presidential election. Party officials on Friday were to circulate a ballot to approve the expenses. A GOP-controlled committee will vote on it without holding a public hearing. Republican assembly speaker Robin Vos ordered the investigation. It is in addition to a probe underway by the nonpartisan legislative audit bureau. That review was also ordered by republicans. President Biden won Wisconsin by nearly 21,000 votes.

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Slug: CAUCUS

Members of the house freedom caucus Called today For the resignation of the president as a result over concerns about the evacuation from Afghanistan. "To call for the resignation of a sitting president is a somber affair. We recognize the failure of our executive and it's the right thing to do for the president of the United States to preserve some modicum of honor and to step down." The freedom caucus was established 6-years ago. It's generally considered the most conservative bloc within the house republican conference. They're also calling for the impeachment of Anthony Blinken.

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Slug: KLEEFISCH

Former lieutenant governor Rebecca Kleefisch is taking steps toward a run for Wisconsin governor. Kleefisch served as lieutenant governor for eight years under former governor Scott Walker. Kleefisch filed paperwork for a campaign committee last week and released policy proposals on Tuesday but has not formally announced her plans to run.

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Slug: ELEX INVESTIGATE

We're learning more tonight about a nearly 700-thousand-dollar contract Wisconsin republican lawmakers are giving a former state supreme court justice to investigate last November's election. Capitol bureau chief AJ Bayatpour breaks down the contract and has the latest on a secretly recorded video of senator Ron Johnson, talking about the election. The overall budget for an investigation speaker Robin Vos has called into last November's election is 676 thousand dollars. Conservative former state supreme court justice Michael Gableman will oversee the investigation. Assembly minority leader Gordon Hintz says he believes it's really campaigning. Vos's office did not respond to requests for either an interview or comment Wednesday. The details on the contract reveal 325 thousand dollars is set aside for a "data analysis contractor." While some republicans want an Arizona-style audit where outside contractors inspect ballots and voting machines it's not clear what data analysis will mean here.

Senator Ron Johnson was secretly recorded Sunday by a liberal activist pretending to be a conservative. Johnson questioned the focus on machines. Vos has previously said he will sign off on subpoenas Gableman might seek. The contract also pays Gableman himself 55 thousand dollars and gives him the ability to hire five investigators and give them 25 thousand for each. It also includes 25 grand for travel expenses. In a statement Senator Johnson said his comments to the activist are consistent with previous remarks that while there's nothing obviously wrong with Wisconsin's results There are "irregularities" like Madison's democracy in the park and clerks receiving private donations that should be addressed.

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Slug: UW LAWSUIT

The state legislature is one step closer to legal action against the u-w system. Senator Steve Nass has officially asked legislative leaders to sue the u-w for refusal to get his committee's approval for covid regulations. It's still unclear whether assembly speaker Robin Vos or senate majority leader Devin Lemahieu will pursue the lawsuit. System president Tommy Thompson a former republican governor maintains the u-w has the legal authority to set policy and that he would win any lawsuit brought against it. Two republican legislators have also come out against suing the system.

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Slug: KLEEFISCH

Announcing her bid for the republican nomination for Wisconsin governor today Rebecca Kleefisch takes aim at Governor Evers handling of the pandemic. "He may shut down our schools, he may shut down our economy, he may shut down our churches but today, we begin to shut down Tony Evers!" Kleefisch also targeting Evers on election reform While democrats are already portraying her as a political reincarnation of Governor Scott Walker. Right now, the former lieutenant governor who served eight years with walker is the highest profile republican in the race Which local political analyst Tim Dale says may help keep it that way.

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Slug: JEREMY MILLER

Meanwhile in Minnesota senate republicans have elected a new majority leader. Senator Jeremy Miller was elected to the leader position last night. This comes as senator Paul Gazelka announced he was stepping down last week. The Winona republican first won his senate seat in 2010 and has been president of the senate since 2019.

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Slug: CYBER AUDIT

At the Wisconsin state capitol today About 100 people gathered to make the case for a more expansive review of the 2020 presidential election. They want legislative leaders to approve a subpoena forcing brown and Milwaukee counties to turn over voting machines. Republican assemblywoman Janel Brandtjen is calling for an Arizona-style audit. We bought this material. We want to make sure that these machines were not hacked during the election. That's a reasonable request, isn't it? Earlier this week, the republican senator who chairs the senate elections committee held a panel on election integrity, where city and county clerks, along with voting machine experts Debunked election conspiracies. "I'm sorry but there is not a reason to spread misinformation about this past election when we have all the evidence that shows otherwise." President Biden won Wisconsin by about 21-thousand votes of the more than 3-point-2 million cast statewide. Fewer than 30 instances of possible fraud have been identified. As of mid-July, only two have resulted in charges.

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Slug: REDISTRICTING

Governor Evers and attorney general Josh Kaul are asking a federal court to allow Evers to intervene in a lawsuit filed last month. The lawsuit they're seeking to intervene in asks a federal court to draw the state's next set of electoral maps. According to a press release from the governor's office the motion "contends Wisconsin law recognizes a joint role for both the governor and the legislature in the redistricting process, and therefore that the governor should have the opportunity to provide input in the litigation."

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Slug: WARREN ENDORSEMENT

Lieutenant governor Mandela Barnes received another endorsement this morning from a former presidential candidate. Massachusetts senator Elizabeth Warren endorsed the lieutenant governor in the upcoming race for Wisconsin's senate seat. The seat is currently held by Ron Johnson and a dozen democratic candidates are hoping to run for the seat. Ron Johnson has not said whether or not he intends to run again for the seat he has held since 2010. The democratic primary is set for August 2022.

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Slug: BIDEN ON CHINA

President Biden talking today with the leaders of the UK and Australia about a new agreement to push back against China's military and technological rise. "It's about connecting America's existing allies and partners in new ways and amplifying our ability to collaborate, recognizing there is no reasonable divide separating the interest of our Atlantic and Pacific partners." The first task of the partnership will be to help Australia acquire a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines Which are able to maneuver at greater speeds and endurance, and more stealthily, than conventional ones. Officials said they will allow the country to operate at a vastly higher level militarily.

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Slug: GENDER ID BILL

State lawmakers are debating a bill that will require schools to let parents know if an upcoming lesson involves sexual orientation and gender identity. The bill would allow parents who object to opt their child out of that lesson. The republican representative who wrote the bill says it allows parents to have their kids avoid lessons that clash with their values. Critics say the bill is harmful for LGBTQ kids to be deemed a controversial subject by the state.

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Slug: DEBT

A showdown is looming on capitol hill. That's because Democrats said today, they will attach a suspension of the debt limit to a government funding bill. The debt ceiling is a limit on federal borrowing. Raising it allows the government to avoid going into default. Treasury secretary Janet Yellen says if the US defaults on its debt, it could lead to financial turmoil including a spike in interest rates and a drop in stock prices. Republicans so far have repeatedly said they will not vote to raise the debt limit but the spending legislation is a must-pass measure so if republicans vote against suspending the debt ceiling They're also voting-down critical government funding. That would lead to a government shutdown. Funding for the government is set to expire September 30th.

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Slug: SCHUMER

Democratic house and senate leaders announced today they have reached an agreement with the white house on a "framework" that will help pay for the 3-point-5 trillion-dollar infrastructure bill. The leaders provided few details but they say it will offer enough revenue for the party's ten-year spending plan. The proposal would expand education. Health care and support for childcare as well as addressing climate change and investing in infrastructure.

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Slug: WI ABSENTEE BALLOT

And on national voter registration day some groups in Wisconsin are pushing for change when it comes to accessible absentee ballots in the state. "I'm unable to have that same basic right of being able to vote privately and independently," The Wisconsin council of the blind and visually impaired says completing our civic duty of voting isn't a simple task for everyone. Jess is legally blind and says only some polling locations in the state are Americans with Disabilities Act compliant. "For those of us who can't interact with that ballot visually, or aren't able to read it, or have a profound learning disability or reading related disability--we're really vulnerable." And she needs help to complete an absentee ballot but she does not know whether her choices are respected. For years Jess has pushed no to have absentee ballots sent out through email to use with software that reads the ballot to the user. However, her efforts have not gained traction in the legislature. Jess hopes lawmakers can draft a bill in the next legislative session to make accessible absentee ballots widespread. She's also working to have braille absentee ballots easier to access by the 2022 spring elections.

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Slug: COLLAPSE

Search and rescue workers are on the job after a nearly 15 hours pause over safety concerns at the site of the collapsed Florida condo building, the Miami Dade mayor today saying she will sign an emergency order to demolish the part of the building that remains standing. 22-people have died, 126-are unaccounted for. Search teams once again digging through the debris after stability concerns shut down the operation for much of the day Thursday. At the site, a heartbreaking discovery, officials are now considering demolishing the rest of the building while still continuing the search, this as hurricane Elsa advances toward Florida. Meanwhile new video captured by a neighbor shows the minutes after the surfside condo collapse. The air thick with dust as survivors in the remaining portion of Champlain Tower South cry out for help. Now, 8 days later, officials identifying another person recovered from the rubble, 80-year-old Magaly Elena Delgado. President Biden visiting with grieving family members, spending hours listening to their stories and offering comfort the national institute of standards and technology continuing its investigation into the collapse. These concrete slabs taken to a lab for analysis, Biden encouraging exhausted rescuer workers and first responders on the ground as we head into the holiday weekend. Miami Beach has canceling its July 4th celebration out of respect for surfside victims. Morgan Norwood ABC News Surfside Florida.

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Slug: SONAR TRAINING

La Crosse police department's boat patrol conducted joint training with local law enforcement agencies utilizing sonar to search the river. News 19's Joe is here with the details. Joe, I heard you were able to get out on the water today. Yeah Heather, we were able to get out on the river before today's weather hit and see the sonar in use. The training today was to practice the application of using sonar technology for searching local waterways such as the Mississippi. Eighteen trainees participated in the two-day course consisting of boat patrol officers, La Crosse County sheriff's department and Wisconsin DNR. The classroom portion covered the theory and technical aspects of the sonar equipment used and also examples of what various objects look like under water on the display. On the water today several targets were placed for students to locate, identify, and adjust image settings on the screen display to get the best picture and sharpen their search skills. DNR- wardens value this training because there are many applications for its use. The sonar equipment being used is a little bit more advanced than basic fish finders with the same displays and transponders. This combined training is really beneficial not just for searching skills but also because these organizations work together quite often. So, this is a great way to get familiar with each other's emergency response operations.

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Slug: IOWA TWISTERS

Before the storms hit Western Wisconsin, central and eastern Iowa experienced extreme weather. Video shows a tornado near Janesville, Iowa while another tornado touched down near Stanhope, Iowa. The National Weather Service says there were more than 30 observed tornadoes in the state.

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Slug: MN DROUGHT

The Minnesota DNR says the state has now reached the warning phase under their drought plan. The department says this threatens water supplies, agriculture and could lead to wildfires. They say the state would need at least 3 to 5 inches of rain over about two weeks' time to make a dent in the drought, but the forecast as Dan will explain continues to look dry.

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Slug: FIRE RESCUE

Check out this video of a rescue caught on camera. A mother in Oshkosh called 911 Saturday saying her house was on fire and she and her children were trapped upstairs due to the smoke. When police arrived the mom and two kids were on the roof. Officers used a ladder to get them down and then also saved two dogs and a cat. Two of the officers had to be treated for smoke inhalation. The home was badly damaged and the family is now being helped by the Red Cross. Officials say the cause of the fire is under investigation.

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Slug: AIR WARNING

La Crosse County now under a moderate air quality concern due to the wildfires continue to rage in the western part of the US and Canada. Here is a look at downtown La Crosse earlier today shows hazy skies on the horizon due to fumes from the wildfires. Local health officials are asking people to limit their time outdoors especially during certain times of the day. Doctor Mahr says people with preexisting health conditions like COPD and asthma are the most at risk right now.

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Slug: PRINCETON MN

At least one person is dead two others injured after a house exploded in Princeton Minnesota, about 50 miles north of Minneapolis. Aerial video shows emergency responders surrounded by debris in a neighborhood on the northern side of the city. The state fire marshal said investigators are looking into the cause.

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Slug: BARABOO PLANE

Also, no injuries after a small plane crashed at the Baraboo-Wisconsin Dells Regional Airport Thursday night. The Sauk County sheriff's office says it happened because the plane's landing gear got stuck in a chain-link fence. Officials say the 67-year-old pilot from Colorado was the only person on board when his plane flipped. Again no one was hurt.

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Slug: EXTR WEATHER

Now to the extreme weather conditions across the west over the weekend. ABC's Mona Kosar Abdi show you new images from the flash floods, the wildfires exploding in size, and the sandstorm blamed for a deadly pileup on the highway. This morning deaths in multiple states now being blamed on extreme weather. In central Utah police say high winds kicked up a sand storm on Interstate 15, causing this 20-car pile-up. At least seven people were killed. Several others were hospitalized overnight. In Arizona authorities are searching for two children both swept away by floodwaters in separate incidents. Authorities in Cottonwood identified the missing 16-year-old as Faith Moore who's related to several first responders in the community. Her grandfather is a retired fire chief. Faith called 911 Saturday night, saying her vehicle was stranded in "knee-high water." Authorities say rushing water swept her off her car during the rescue attempt. Farther south authorities are searching for a 4-year-old girl in the Town of Pima where police say floodwaters overtook a family's car on this road. Rescuers pulled five family members to safety but the water swept the vehicle away before they got to the little girl. In the meantime, the extreme drought is fueling at least 80 wildfires in eleven states. In northern California this weekend the state's largest fire, the Dixie fire, exploded in size after merging with a smaller blaze. It's now raging in two counties, burning at least a dozen homes but threatening as many as ten

thousand. and this fire in Montana is so destructive, Utah and California are sending resources, despite the major fires burning in their own states. Mona Kosar Abdi, ABC News, New York.

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Slug: HOUSE EXPLODE

Authorities say one person has died after a house explosion in the Town of Rome, about 45 miles west of Milwaukee. The Jefferson County sheriff's department says the victim was the only person inside the home when it happened. It's not yet known how it happened, but during a press conference today the Western Lakes fire chief said the blast was consistent with others caused by natural gas. As one neighbor describes what he experienced, the explosion damaged siding and windows of nearby homes. A square mile area was evacuated before gas was turned off to the neighborhood.

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Slug: SEVERE WX

With the expected severe weather this evening we want to make sure you are aware of the impacts it could have. An event that doesn't happen very often in the coulee region could happen tonight. Meteorologists call it a derecho a derecho is a large, fast-moving complex of thunderstorms that can span hundreds of miles. This long-lived storm typically causes straight-line wind damage producing destruction similar to that of a tornado. The main threat is the wind, but large hail, heavy rainfall, and tornadoes can also occur. The last derecho that impacted our region was on July 19th and 20th two years ago. During severe weather events have a weather radio nearby and a severe weather check list so you know what to do and where to take shelter. You can stay informed wherever you are and get weather alerts with our WXOW weather app.

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Slug: STORMS WRAP

Wednesday night's storms turned deadly after one man crashed into a tree and fallen power line and died from his injuries. The National Weather Service has now confirmed seven tornadoes touched down in Wisconsin in addition to powerful straight-line winds. Governor Evers declaring a state of emergency, directing state agencies and the national guard to assist with recovery efforts.

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:54 8/1/21 10PM

Slug: PLANE CRASH

A tragic plane crash yesterday where authorities say two people were hospitalized after the small aircraft, they were in crashed near Hartford. "Airplane down at Highway U and Arthur in the cornfield, south of Arthur." Washington County sheriff's office says the plane crash was reported about 11:22 a.m. Saturday and occurred directly west of the Hartford Municipal airport in a cornfield. Both being pilots, the man was believed to be flying the aircraft while the woman was instructing. The man and woman in the plane, whose names and ages were not released, were taken to separate hospitals with unknown injuries. The male pilot was conscious but appeared to be in shock and the FEMA le pilot who was reportedly unconscious had to be extricated from the plane and unfortunately passed away overnight due to her injuries. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is investigating the crash alongside the sheriff's department.

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Slug: RESCUE

Talk about being at the right place at the right time. On Saturday afternoon 66-year-old David Quinn of Westfield struck his head against a dock and fell into the Mississippi. He was unconscious. Quinn was getting out of his boat at the dock at Blackhawk Park near Desoto. Luckily the people nearby jumped

in to help. Wheatland fire chief David Hobbs was there and performed first aid. Quinn was flown to a local hospital. No word on his condition.

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Slug: ONA CRASH

In Onalaska crews responded to a crash between a car and a semi around 12:30 this afternoon. It happened at Oak Forest Drive and Second Avenue. Witnesses said the car collided with the semi when they were turning from opposite directions. The car flipped on its side. The Onalaska fire department said that one person was injured but refused treatment.

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:25 8/5/21 MIDDAY

Slug: CA WATER

And with that drought. The state board in California is voting unanimously to stop sending water to thousands of farmers. The state water resources control board says it had to make this impossible decision to make sure there is enough drinking water to protect endangered fish. and ensure salt water doesn't rush into the delta. They say if they didn't take the action The drinking water for 25 million residents could be at risk.

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:36 8/6/21 5AM

Slug: WILDFIRES

Welcome back in California, evacuation orders continue. Residents are leaving their homes to avoid the dixie fire which is now the third-largest fire in California history. A title it claimed overnight. The dixie fire grew by 110 square miles between Thursday night and Friday morning becoming the largest active fire in the United States. The blaze has now consumed over 400,000 acres and over 100 buildings. Firefighters have only been able to contain 35-percent. Experts projected the fire to grow in size due to the dry weather in the western United States. There are over one-hundred active fires across the country.

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:24 8/6/21 10PM

Slug: HOUSTON CO

The Houston County courthouse was locked down for about an hour on Thursday afternoon. Due to a call from an agitated man who officials say said he was going to come and shoot a member of the Houston County attorney's office and blow up the courthouse. Staff was able to identify a suspect shortly after the initial threat. There's no information on the suspect at this time but felony level charges are expected.

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:24 8/9/21 5PM

Slug: RED CROSS

Right now the american red cross is helping local families impacted by the flooding. The organization opened a temporary shelter at the omni center for those displaced by flooding. Luckily many of the families have other places to stay for the time being but the red cross still provided them with food Water and clean up kits. Organizers say its been a busy summer for them and they could use some help. "We are looking for disaster voluneers locally to help us with disasters like this and for house fires that happen, so if folks have time, that's all that you need is your time, you can help us by becoming a volunteer." Those interested in volunteering locally can sign up red-cross-dot-org and those who still need assistance should call 1-800-red-cross.

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Slug: EMERGENCY ALERT

A reminder that tomorrow there will be a nationwide test of the emergency alert system and the wireless emergency alert system beginning at 1-20 p-m Cell towers will broadcast the wireless test for around 30 minutes the EAS portion of the test will be sent via a-m and f-m and satellite radio As Well, as broadcast Cable and satellite television. The alert will begin with "this is a test" and no action is required.

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Slug: VERNON LAX CO

Continuing our look at the damage due to the ongoing stormy weather. La Crosse County and Vernon County both signing disaster declarations. That's due to the recent flooding that impacted a number of roads Bridges and property. The declarations will provide some recovery and reimbursement for public infrastructure. In many areas Roads crews are still cleaning up storm debris and repairing roadways. In La Crosse County there are up to 15 areas with damage and total damage costs could be around 200-thousand dollars. If property owners have damage from the recent flooding. Emergency management officials advise you to contact your insurance company and then your local governing body.

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:36 8/13/21 10PM

Slug: DHS VIOLENCE

With the Taliban closing in on the Afghan capital of Kabul. The department of homeland security is warning of the possibility of violence ahead of next month's 20th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks. The new bulletin says the threats include both those inspired by foreign groups and domestic terrorists. The bulletin specifically mentions quote "grievances over public health safety measures and perceived government restrictions." DHS did not identify any credible or imminent current threats. However, intelligence officials are noticing a similarity between current calls for violence online and the build-up to January sixth.

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Slug: CURLING FIRE

A building that used to house the Centerville curling club is a total loss after a late-night fire. The Trempealeau fire department responded to the fire on highway 54 at around 11-30 p-m last night. The Galesville Arcadia Dodge Ettrick and Holmen fire departments provided additional assistance. Eventually an excavator was used to help smother the flames. The last unit cleared the scene at around 6 a-m this morning. Officials say the fire is still under investigation and a cause has not yet been determined. The building housed area curlers for 49 years from 1948 to 1996 Until the new club was built just down the road.

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:26 8/17/21 MIDDAY

Slug: EC FATAL FIRE

New this morning one person is dead following a crash Monday night on county road b in Eau Claire County. It happened just before 10 p.m. Deputies from the Eau Claire County sheriff's office were called out for a report of a car on fire. A neighbor heard a crash and then saw the fire. When deputies and fire fighters arrived, they found the driver who had passed away. There were no passengers. At this time we don't know what triggered the crash.

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:21 8/17/21 MIDDAY

Slug: HIKING RESCUE

It took 12 firefighters to rescue a man from a La Crosse hiking trail. A fellow hiker directed the first responders a quarter mile up the trail on county road f-a. Firefighters eventually got to the hiker and got

him out using a slope evacuation system. The hiker was then taken to the hospital. As of this morning the condition of that hiker is unknown.

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:30 8/18/21 MIDDAY

Slug: HAITI EARTHQUAKE

The number of people killed in Haiti is now more than 19 hundred after this weekend's devastating earthquake. Almost 7-thousand people were hurt. Both numbers are expected to rise as search efforts continue but rescue teams are running into trouble because of rain and mudslides caused by tropical storm grace. The pentagon has now put together a task force to assist in disaster relief efforts that will bring equipment and crews to help with search and rescue Including helicopters for surveillance and will set up field hospitals.

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:31 8/19/21 MIDDAY

Slug: LIB OF CONGRESS

The evacuation was triggered by a suspicious truck. Police are investigating a report of a possible explosive device inside the truck outside the library of congress. The capitol police in a tweet called it "an active bomb threat investigation." The library of congress is also being evacuated. The FBI said it's responding. The white house is monitoring the situation and is receiving updates from law enforcement, according to an administration official. Congress is in recess right now. We'll be passing along updates as they become available.

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Slug: PLANE LANDING

A delta airlines jet from Fort Wayne Indiana to Minneapolis was diverted to the La Crosse regional airport. The airline says the reason was a possible pressurization issue. "Skywest flight 4240, operating as delta connection from Fort Wayne, in to Minneapolis, MN, diverted to La Crosse, WI after a warning indication of a possible pressurization issue and ultimately landed safely without incident. We are currently working to get customers to their final destination as quickly as possible and apologize for the delay and inconvenience." Airport officials say the flight landed safely in La Crosse at around 9-30 this morning.

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:40 8/20/21 6PM

Slug: AMBER ALERT

Right now, there is an active amber alert for a missing teen in Milwaukee. His mother says she saw four strangers force him into a car and drive away. 13-year-old Terrence Trammell was last seen Thursday night at about 8:20 p-m outside his home in Milwaukee. He is described as being 5 foot 3 inches tall. 120 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. According to reports he was wearing a Nike shirt with red writing on it, black pants, and Nike shoes with blue lines on them. The victim's mother believes he was taken in a silver KIA or Chevy Impala sedan while Terrence was taking out the trash. If you have seen him or have any information about the crime, call Milwaukee police at (414) 935-7360.

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:44 8/23/21 MIDDAY

Slug: ARCADIA CHIEF

Now turning to the search for the missing Arcadia-Glencoe fire chief Jeff Halvorsen. The Trempealeau County sheriff's department releasing new information late last night Saying the chief's truck has been found, with a body inside. In a statement Trempealeau County authorities say they received a phone call Sunday afternoon from the sawyer county sheriff's department alerting them of the discovery. The truck belonging to the missing fire chief was found in a remote wooded area near Hayward. The

identity of the deceased person has not been released. The sheriff's office says there is nothing that leads them to suspect foul play. According to authorities, Halvorsen was last seen leaving his home Wednesday night and reported missing by family on Friday morning.

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Slug: STORM DAMAGE

Many Eau Claire residents woke up yesterday morning to extensive storm damage and loss of power. Evan Denton has more. Eau Claire residents are picking up debris after a large rainstorm came through early Tuesday morning. Just before 7:30 a.m., over 18 hundred Xcel customers near the Chippewa Valley regional airport experienced power outages. Another Eau Claire resident says he was shocked by the strength of the storm. Powerlines down, and large trees uprooted and surrounded by yellow caution tape. The Eau Claire police department says that if you come by a down powerline to stay away and call their nonemergency phone number.

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Slug: RED CROSS IDA

The American Red Cross is assessing the damage from hurricane Ida to determine how much aid will be sent from Wisconsin. The aid sent from Wisconsin varies from sending volunteers and care packages to donations to red cross. Wisconsin is known as a "deployment state" volunteer from the area are sent to provide aid in rebuilding after natural disasters in other states. Since hurricane Katrina, red cross has made efforts to provide resources before the storm arrives. "We had three volunteers from Wisconsin who went down there ahead of Ida's landfall, two from the Madison area, one from the Wausau area" More volunteers and emergency crews may make their way to Louisiana from Wisconsin to aid the relief effort. to donate you can visit red-cross-dot-org or text 9-0-9-9-9 to make an immediate ten-dollar donation.

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Slug: PDC FIRE

Emergency crews in Prairie du Chien responding to a residential fire last night. According to the courier press newspaper an apartment building right behind Rowdy's D and D Bar was fully engulfed in flames. Officials say some people were initially trapped at the top of the building but are now all accounted for. No injuries have been reported at this time.

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Slug: LIFE JACKETS

Wisconsin wildlife officials urge everyone to always wear a life jacket on the water. Officials say 19 people have died in boating accidents in Wisconsin Just in 2021. They say inexperience Inattention and recklessness are the leading causes of watercraft crashes and many who drown in boating accidents know how to swim but are often injured or unconscious in the water. "When a life jacket is onboard with you and when it's accessible, it's going to be a lot more effective. Accidents can happen at any time without warning. So having that accessible and ready to grab should you need it is really important." Johansen stressed that you should always wear a life jacket since it is state law to do so when in hazardous conditions and your life jacket should be properly fitted so that it is snug. You should always enjoy the water sober and have a designated boat driver. Keep an eye on the weather and let someone know where you are going and online boater safety courses are available on the DNR's website.

Time: :29 First Aired: 9/6/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: CENTRAL DEATH

We begin with tragic news occurring over the weekend. A central student has passed away from injuries sustained in a car accident. Abbilyne Mitchell, a junior at central high school, died after a car accident on county m-m on Saturday. Several students were in the vehicle with Abbilyne and only sustained minor injuries. Central high school will be open today from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. to aid students with this tragic loss. The student services staff is available at central today and the rest of the week.

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Slug: SUICIDE

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention says each day one-hundred-and-thirty people take their own lives. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold talks with local resources Great Rivers 211 and La Crosse County to see how they're here to help this suicide prevention month. Behind the phones at great rivers 211 is someone who understands. Kuester and the team provide a listening ear and then connect callers to medical professionals if possible. If the situation gets even more serious, they'll refer someone to the La Crosse County crisis team. Seefeld says people need to support one another and don't be afraid to ask someone if they're suicidal and if you can't provide enough help refer people to great rivers 2-1-1 or the county. In La Crosse Marcus Aarsvold News 19. The most important thing to do if facing a crisis situation is get help as soon as possible. If it's an emergency of course dial 911 right away. Otherwise, the national suicide prevention lifeline is 1-800-273-8255 and can be accessed any time of day also offering a veterans crisis line. Another option is to text the word home to the number 7-4-1-7-4-1.

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Slug: HEAT WAVE

Climate experts say summer heat waves are becoming more extreme shattering records and lasting longer. On top of that the repercussions could be far reaching and dangerous. UW Eau Claire environmental studies professor James Boulter says that this year was record setting. So far according to NOAA several states in the US had their warmest July on record. Boulter says the impacts of that range from air pollution water turning green from heat and increased bacteria and drought which can lead to wildfires. "Increased intensity of summer time storms and ironically wintertime storms. We're seeing heavier and heavier rainfall events, simply because a warmer atmosphere holds more water vapor and can dump more water vapor, so then we see increases in flooding." Boulter says there are a number of ways you can help fight climate change. One of those, he says is to call local members of congress to urge them to take action.

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Slug: 13 YR OLD WI FIRE

One Wisconsin family is crediting their emergency preparation and practice with saving the lives of their five children. Kelly and Jay Omar ran out to grab dinner for the family. They had been gone about 10 minutes when the kids smelled smoke. The kids, ranging in age from 6 months to 13 years old were on the first floor. Briar, the oldest, acted quickly. "My sisters, that was the first thing I thought of, and I just knew I had to get them out of the house." Briar not only got everyone out to safety. He thought he could save the house too, using a fire extinguisher.

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Slug: FATAL CRASH

Tonight, all lanes of traffic are re-open after fatal car crash near Sparta. The Wisconsin state patrol says a disabled semi was on the right shoulder of the road. When a Subaru outback with no headlights hit the rear of the semi at around 10 o'clock last night. The Subaru went under the rear of the trailer and caught fire the fire then spread to the trailer. Both people in the vehicle were killed in the

collision their names have not been released at this time. The driver of the semi identified only as a 30-year-old man was not injured.

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Slug: BOIL WATER ADVISORY

In Winona Following two water main breaks, the city is issuing a boil water advisory for part of the city. The affected area is along highway 43. Homes at the streets listed on your screen are placed under the advisory. The city says that safe drinking water is being provided to those homes. People should not drink, brush their teeth, or cook with tap water unless boiling it first for over a minute to remove any potential contaminants. The city's website said it could take up to four days for the situation to be resolved.

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Slug: BORDER CRISIS

We move to the developing story at the southern border. Hundreds of additional border-patrol officers are being sent to Texas as US officials begin a *massive* effort to send thousands of Haitian migrants who've arrived in Texas Back to Haiti. They've been living in filthy conditions, overwhelming border officials. ABC's Faith Abubey has the latest. This morning, the first group of migrants seeking asylum under a Texas bridge has arrived back in Haiti the beginning of what could be the largest expulsion of migrants by the US in decades. Video from ABC affiliate WPLG? Showing planes leaving the airport in Del Rio, Texas Sunday. Onboard, some of the estimated 13-thousand people living in camps underneath an international bridge nearby. Most of the migrants are from Haiti a country in crisis after a presidential assassination and recent earthquake. The crowds so massive they can be seen in these drone shots. ABC's Kenneth Moton is there: The Biden administration expects to transfer three thousand of the migrants away from the bridge by the end of today? Saying they'll use a trump-era health policy, which permitted the expulsion of migrants without allowing them to seek asylum. According to the New York times, Haitian officials are expressing dismay asking the US for a "humanitarian moratorium" on the deportations. but overnight homeland security secretary Alejandro Mayorkas announcing 600 border agents are now heading to Texas and Mayorkas tweeting new "We have sent a very clear message early on, in light of the fact that we are in the midst of a pandemic, that the border is not open, and people should not take the perilous journey here." meanwhile, hundreds of Haitian migrants have been seen crossing back into Mexico to avoid being sent back to Haiti by the US.

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Slug: GAS LEAK

This morning several homes were forced to briefly evacuate in La Crosse after construction crews doing street work hit a gas line. It happened at the southeast corner of 13th and Jackson Streets in La Crosse. According to the La Crosse fire department the construction crew hit a two-inch gas line with a hydraulic auger. as a precaution several homes around the construction site were evacuated.

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Slug: TORNADO

Severe storms pushed through western Wisconsin last night. Now the national weather service is confirming a tornado touched down in northern Trempealeau County. We're seeing some of the damage first-hand today. You can see a barn with parts ripped off trees and debris littering the road. A storm survey team with the n-w-s out of la crosse - determined the tornado was an e-f one rated storm which means wind speeds anywhere from 86 to 110 miles per hour.

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Slug: MISSING WI WOMAN

As we join you this morning it's now, officially, been 10 long days since friends or family have heard from a woman missing from the Cumberland area. And right now, authorities are searching across the state. Police say 43-year-old Hailey Anderson's last known location was in South Range Wisconsin near Duluth on September 17. Police also say the day before, she had called a friend saying her boyfriend had hit her and her family hasn't heard from her since. Anderson drives a 1998, red Honda CRV with Wisconsin plate ALH 2987. If you have any information that could help authorities, you're being asked to call Cumberland police at 715-418-9240. You can also find this number on our websites.

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Slug: HOUSE FIRE

Multiple crews responding to a house a fire on French Island last night. These are pictures from the scene which unfolded right before 10. Multiple units were on scene but no visible flames or smoke was coming from the house. No injuries reported at this time. The fire is under investigation.

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Slug: WEST SALEM SCHOOL

A threat was made at the West Salem high school yesterday and after an investigation by law enforcement - the superintendent says the school is safe. In a post on social media last night superintendent Ryan Rieber said in part. "We have completed a thorough investigation into the safety concern at the high school. We have concluded there is no immediate safety concern for the school district."

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Slug: COVID

About 48-million people are expected to travel and many of them are unvaccinated. So, health officials are concerned about a possible increase in covid cases. The highly transmissible delta variant now accounts for about 1 in 4 new cases and doctors, again, are providing a reminder to vaccinate if you have not. The White House preparing to deploy "surge response teams" to hot spots across the country where the delta variant presents the most risk to unvaccinated Americans.

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:32 7/2/21 5PM

Slug: IMMUNITY

Two studies have found the Johnson and Johnson covid-19 vaccine provides at least eight months of immunity and protects against the delta variant. The company said in a statement Thursday night one dose of the vaccine creates a lasting antibody response and it generates immune cells called t-cells that last eight months. Researchers studied blood taken from eight vaccinated volunteers and tested it against an engineered version of the delta variant and found the single dose J-and-J vaccine still generated antibodies against the range of variants.

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:26 7/6/21 5PM

Slug: DELTA VARIANT

The Delta variant has now been detected in our area and local health experts say it is only going to become more prevalent both unvaccinated and fully vaccinated people have been diagnosed with Delta variant in La Crosse County and experts say it is likely the number of cases will continue to increase as we approach fall. A health official at Gundersen Health System says the only way to protect yourself from severe illness is by getting vaccinated. Doctor Naik says he has gotten a lot of questions about potential booster doses to better protect from covid-19 strains. He said it does not think those are necessary for Delta variant at this time.

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Slug: COVID BOOSTERS

And although these current vaccines are protecting people from the Delta variant some worry a covid booster may be needed at some point. A booster would provide an additional dose of the vaccine to help sustain immunity against the virus. Right now, officials at UW Health say there is no reason to believe a covid booster will be needed in the near future but the virus could mutate and create new strains the vaccine does not protect against. Conway says the more the virus spreads the greater the chance new variants will be created and encourages all community members to get vaccinated.

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Slug: COVID LONG HAUL

The progress in the fight against covid-19 is now showing signs of reversing with cases on the rise in 45 states. Doctors say the people ending up in the hospital are often younger and sicker and the majority of them are unvaccinated. but as reporter Jennifer Hoff found out a Minnesota woman who had so called long-haul covid symptoms experienced an unusual side effect after getting vaccinated. Melissa Gerads Jones is what's called a covid-long hauler. Her symptoms lingering for 387 days. Her family forced to quarantine for 42 days. Doctors did all kinds of tests. Acupuncture and meditation didn't work. It was only after getting vaccinated Melissa says, she started to feel better. The pace of Americans getting fully vaccinated has dropped. Some 84-percent since April, according to the CDC.

The agency also reports, most covid deaths last month were among unvaccinated people. Case numbers keep rising too, as the Delta variant spreads. These five states the newest hot spots and has Melissa thankful she's on the mend. but pushing others now to protect the people around them. Gerads Jones says her and her young daughter tested positive back in March 2020. At the time tests were not readily available which is why her family had to quarantine for 42 days.

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:27 7/14/21 5PM

Slug: DELTA VARIANT

The contagious Delta variant continues to circulate around the country and data shows most new infections are happening in people who are unvaccinated. About 60-percent of the country is vaccinated against covid. Johns' Hopkins officials say there is still potential for future outbreaks especially in areas with low vaccination rates. If cases continue to spike, we may need to apply measures but experts say you should not panic because the vaccines are effective. Dowdy says that every person who is vaccinated brings communities one step closer to normalcy.

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Slug: PFIZER

Pfizer is closer to full FDA approval for its covid-19 vaccine. The company says the Food and Drug Administration has granted priority review for the shot it developed with Biontech. That review process generally allows a 6-month process and the companies set a target date for approval in January. but approval can come sooner. There are no FDA approved vaccines for covid-19 in the US. All three vaccines are allowed under the FDA's emergency use authorization program.

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Slug: LAB LEAK

Top officials in the Biden administration now say its credible the virus responsible for covid-19 leaked from a lab. This comes as part of an intelligence review of the coronavirus origins and while sources say intel officials remain divided over whether the virus leaked from a lab or originated naturally. They now believe it is at least credible that the virus could have escaped from a lab in China. The admission marks a dramatic shift from a year ago when democrats publicly downplayed the lab-leak theory.

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Slug: COVID SAT

Tonight, authorities are urging Americans to take the coronavirus seriously, the Delta variant spreading quickly, especially in communities with low vaccination rates. The number of new covid cases up nearly 70 percent from last week. Some areas reimposing mask mandates indoors even for those who are vaccinated. ABC's Zohreen Shah, in Los Angeles, has the latest. An alarming rise in covid cases as vaccination rates plunge has health officials across the country worried. The CDC reporting 32% of Americans still have not received a single dose. Hospitalizations up in 39 states and the US daily case average up nearly 70% in the last week. Cases up in nearly every state the worst hit states including Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Missouri, and Nevada. In Florida alone, the number of new covid cases has nearly doubled in just 7 days to more than 45,000. Health officials in Missouri sounding the alarm as the number of sick patients there also climbs.

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Slug: VIRUS

Health experts say battling covid vaccine misinformation has become a battle in itself. The CDC says the vaccination rate is slowing and fewer than 57 percent of people 12 and up are fully vaccinated. Cases are up in nearly every state as the Delta variant spreads across the country. Health experts say

misinformation and myths about the vaccines are also spreading. Experts say the Delta variant spreads so rapidly that most Americans who are unprotected will likely get it.

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Slug: COVID

Nearly every state in the US is seeing a surge in new covid cases. Some local officials are now returning to restrictions hoping to slow the spread and help hospitals that are feeling the strain. As the Delta variant races across the country now estimated to account for 83% of all new covid-19 cases health officials are keeping a close eye on so called breakthrough infections. The entire Shute family of Texas fully vaccinated and still coming down with the virus. Experts say these cases are normal and expected and that symptoms are usually mild. and there are more positive test results in the unvaccinated. The country averaging more than 35 thousand cases per day up nearly 60 percent in the last week. Many local officials doubling down on covid-19 rules once again. Kansas City now requiring everyone to mask up in public schools regardless of vaccination status. The same order for Clark County commission employees in Nevada. but lawmakers in at least 8 states have banned mask mandates in schools. Researchers with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia hope this new surge in cases helps persuade those who are on the fence about getting vaccinated to get their shots once for and all. If not, they say we can expect larger and more sustained resurgences throughout the fall and winter. Reena Roy ABC News New York.

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Slug: COVID

The CDC director says the Delta Variant is the most transmissible mutation of covid-19 we've seen so far and its driving covid case numbers up coast to coast. Healthcare workers on the frontlines are sounding the alarm as hospitals begin to fill up once again. The US once again heading in the wrong direction. Covid-19 hospitalizations up more than 33 percent in the last week. Dr Michelle Aquino of Jacksonville Florida feeling the strain as more and more patients are admitted, the state now a hot spot with daily cases up almost 490 percent in the last month. Despite rapidly rising numbers the governor against masking up in schools. In Georgia this unvaccinated married couple dying hours apart. The highly contagious Delta Variant responsible for most new cases. Health officials keeping a close eye on breakthrough infections. 49 fully vaccinated people have died from the virus in New Jersey. This is a fraction of 4.8 million people in the state who have been vaccinated, showing the vaccine to be than 99 percent effective. Experts say the majority of breakthrough cases are mild and most of those who died had one or more underlying conditions. A CDC advisory panel met this morning to discuss potential booster shots, saying an extra dose does appear to help protect immunocompromised people who are more likely to get breakthrough infections. but for now, federal officials still say booster shots are not necessary. Reena Roy ABC News New York.

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Slug: DELTA VARIANT

The newest strain of the coronavirus keeps spreading across the country prompting questions as to whether mask mandates and other preventative guidelines might return. Today the Delta strain accounts for over 80 percent of all cases in the United States and Wisconsin, spreading faster than the original strain. Governor Evers, health officials, and La Crosse County school superintendents among those urging everyone twelve years and older to talk with a doctor and get a vaccine. La Crosse County public health nursing manager Jacquie Cutts says people should be prepared for an increase in disease activity in the fall.

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Slug: DEPT VA VACCINE

The Department of Veterans Affairs now requires all of its health care workers to receive a covid-19 vaccine. The department is the first major federal agency to do so. This decision comes as the delta variant moves through unvaccinated individuals. The number of medical and health care organizations calling for required vaccinations is up to sixty calls. The department's vaccine requirement covers health care personnel and employees in direct contact with veterans.

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Slug: CDC GUIDANCE

The rate at which people are getting vaccinated has stalled. For that reason, the CDC is suggesting everyone wear masks inside. Medical experts say the Delta variant is causing a spike in covid cases and the only way to protect the vulnerable is to mask up. Doctors say this is necessary action until the country reaches herd immunity. Dr. Naik also says since kids twelve and under can't get vaccinated yet. Mask wearing is the best way to protect them.

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Slug: DHS GUIDANCE

Today the Wisconsin DHS came out in support of new mask recommendations from the CDC and state health leaders say those recommendations will be reflected in DHS guidance. The CDC says wearing a mask is now recommended in the following indoor settings regardless of whether you've been vaccinated or not. All teachers, staff, students, of K-12 schools and indoors for everyone who lives in areas with substantial and high transmission. The DHS is underlining those vaccines are the best defense against covid. Since the start of this year 98-percent of covid cases in Wisconsin were among un-vaccinated people. Right now, a majority of Wisconsin is labeled as moderate risk, that's all the yellow you see on the map and includes La Crosse County. Orange means substantial risk; red indicates high risk. In western Wisconsin, Pepin, Buffalo and Vernon counties fall into those two categories. In Milwaukee County, Wisconsin's most populated county, the CDC says the risk is substantial and leaders there have not mandated mask wearing indoors but are encouraging it in group and in Minnesota today, health officials are also recommending that students and teachers wear masks in schools this fall but are not requiring it.

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Slug: LAX SCHOOL MASK

The La Crosse School District is making masks mandatory for students starting next week. The district says it's had no positive cases of covid-19 reported in schools since the year-round calendar began at Hamilton and Northside. Superintendent Aaron Engel says the case rate in the district is high enough to require masks for those students. Dr. Engel says while they're aware of the new CDC guidance, the district will continue to follow the Harvard Global Health Institute recommendations. That means. if the seven-day rate is above 2.0 cases per day per 100-thousand people masks are required for grades 4K-7. Masks will no longer be required if that rate falls below 1.0. As of today, the district reports a rate of 2.5 cases per 100-thousand people.

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Slug: MN VAX

Minnesota will join President Biden's national covid vaccine push by offering 100 bucks to anyone who gets vaccinated over the next couple of weeks. Starting today through August 15 any Minnesotan 12 and up who gets a first dose is eligible for a 100-dollar Visa gift card. Those who get their first dose during that time can then verify they did so on the State Department of Health's covid-19 website beginning next Wednesday August 4. Governor Walz is authorizing up to 2-point-5 million dollars of federal relief money to begin the program before seeking legislative approval to keep it going and provide future incentives.

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Slug: COVID OUTBREAK

The number of new daily covid-19 cases reported in Wisconsin has surpassed 1,000 for the first time in months, fueled by the spread of the more contagious Delta Variant. Wisconsin health officials reported 1,058 new cases of covid-19 in the state on Friday the highest since April 8. The number of cases that stem from the Delta Variant has doubled as the seven-day average of daily cases in Wisconsin has increased for the 24th straight day. Preliminary data from the state department of health services show testing efforts appear to be on the rise once again.

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Slug: DELTA VARIANT

This as the CDC says the delta variant of the coronavirus now accounts for more than 80-percent of the cases. Health experts say the latest increase in cases signals a fourth surge in the pandemic. Over the month of July, Wisconsin had a 800-percent increase in cases and hospitalizations but a top doctor with UW Health explains why despite the numbers we're better equipped against variants. "It's a pandemic, it's the first of its kind. There's going to be surprises. The good news is, again, you know, we keep going back to the vaccine because it's hard to beat a more effective preventative measure than that. and fortunately, there's never a good time for a variant to adapt the way delta has, but if this had happened earlier in the pandemic, without the vaccine, we would have been even worse off. So now we do have some options." Dr. Safdar adds that now is a crucial point in the pandemic, saying the ability to stop the delta variant is still "in our hands."

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Slug: BUCKS FINALS CASES

We're learning that nearly 500 covid cases in Wisconsin are being linked to crowds in the Deer District and inside FISERV Forum during the Bucks championship run. The concern is that those cases are creating a ripple effect across the state. Now, two weeks after the final game, state health officials say there are 491 confirmed and probable cases linked to the large crowds of fans and they think that number will grow.

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Slug: MASK MANDATES

As covid cases are on the rise and the delta variant spreading some stores, cities, and universities have re-implemented their mask mandates including UW-La Crosse for the fall semester. News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares the motivation behind these new mandates. Effective beginning today UWL is requiring face coverings indoors for employees, students, and guests, regardless of whether they are vaccinated or not. Along with this plexiglass will be reinstalled around campus. but it's not just the university as grocery stores and counties have considered re-implementing their mask mandates as well. UWL chancellor Joe Gow says with the delta variant spreading dramatically in the area. They believe it is best to go back to mask wearing indoors. "This is motivated not only by the delta variant, but it is very hard, particularly with the big groups of people, to know who is vaccinated and who isn't. If you have a uniform mask requirement, then that means we don't have to decide who is vaccinated and who isn't, we just say, 'everyone is going to be as safe as they can be.'" While they are re-implementing this mandate and fully expect students to follow it, Chancellor Gow says there won't be repercussions for those who choose to not wear a mask. "Throughout the pandemic we have tried to enable people to make choices and so we have not punished anyone and we don't plan on that." In some places like grocery stores they aren't sure whether to require masks again or not. "The CDC gave the update, but they really didn't give a firm recommendation." The Wisconsin Grocers Association is recommending that its members do what they feel is best for employees and customers. "Be in touch with

your local health department, make sure you understand what they're how they're viewing it, and what's happening in your community." In La Crosse County there isn't an official mask mandate. City council president Barb Janssen says they will continue to follow guidelines they are given. "The county is the one that has the health department so they are the ones that will be making the recommendations. As a city we have always tried to follow up and be good role models and follow the guidance of the health department. They are the experts in that area." Janssen says from what she has seen most visitors have been wearing masks inside the city hall lobby but they are not required. Last week, the La Crosse County Health Department issued guidance "strongly encouraging" both vaccinated and unvaccinated people to return to wearing masks indoors.

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Slug: MANDATE LEGAL

And as more and more healthcare systems mandate vaccines for employees the question becomes can they do that? There is no federal law blocking or allowing a vaccine mandate but a Wisconsin attorney says laws can vary in different parts of the country. Federal law does allow at least two exemptions against taking the vaccine "Title seven of the civil rights act of 1964, religious discrimination is prohibited. So, employees have certain religious beliefs or practices that would make it so they can't get the vaccine, and also for people with certain disabilities that might make it that they can't get the vaccine. They also have the right to reasonable accommodations under law. Most courts are going to uphold most mandates so long as there's no specific state or local law that that issue." A few states like Montana have banned a vaccine mandate.

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Slug: CREAM PUFF

And anyone who gets vaccinated against covid-19 at a clinic at the Wisconsin state fair will get a free cream puff! Governor Evers announced the deal Wednesday saying a-m-i will run the clinic at the fair. The clinic will offer Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines and of course a coupon for a free cream puff.

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Slug: MARSHFIELD VAX

This morning, a major health provider in the Eau Claire area says unvaccinated employees need to get the shot but there are some exceptions. The new requirement for Marshfield Clinic employees is being triggered because of increased covid cases. Right now, nearly 70 percent of Marshfield staff is fully vaccinated. Employees can refuse the vaccine for religious or health reasons. Mayo clinic Another major provider Has what they call a requirement but with even more exceptions in place than Marshfield clinic. "And many of our staff have already voluntarily been vaccinated. There are some exceptions for health reasons or religious reasons. but we do truly believe that the vaccine is going to be helpful." Mayo clinic employees must be vaccinated by September seventeenth, while Marshfield clinic employees will need to be vaccinated or deemed exempt by November fifteenth. Gundersen Health System is encouraging vaccines for its employees but has not mandated it.

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Slug: WI VAX RATE

A new study shows in states with the highest vaccination rates Hospitalizations remain low and in states where vaccinations are lagging the virus is surging. Currently the high vaccination rates in both Wisconsin and Minnesota have helped keep covid-19 hospitalizations low. A local health official says while that's a good thing Covid-19 is a global problem and will stay that way unless everyone gets vaccinated. "No matter what we do, if we don't continue to work on the global vaccination efforts, variants that rise in the remote parts of the world will find their way here. Not only to this country but to our

area." States with low vaccination rates like Florida Arizona and Nevada are experiencing a high number of covid-19 related hospitalizations.

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Slug: VACCINATIONS

As covid cases surge Health officials continue to urge people to get vaccinated. News 19's Rylie Kyhn spoke with one local doctor to examine the ethics of workplaces requiring employees to get the shot. Doctor Thomas Harter director of bioethics and humanities at Gundersen Health System says vaccinations are a way to help the entire population from getting sick. However, individuals have a right to choose whether to get vaccinated or not. "But there is a counter argument here and that is, 'you have that right to not get vaccinated but you also don't have the right to put other people at risk.'" He says when it comes to requirement of vaccination in businesses and healthcare. There are things to think through. The equal employment opportunity commission has stated that there is no federal law that prevents an employer from requiring vaccination as long as they are complying with other acts. "From a legal perspective, there's going to be some question about that. People are going to say, 'I have a religious objection, I have a philosophical objection, I have a medical objection. You can't tell those individuals right now, 'you have to get vaccinated or you lose your job,' but you can say, 'you have to be vaccinated to do your job.'" Doctor Harter says there are certain parts of our job that you don't get to do unless you meet the requirements of that which are in place for reasons. He says the reasons for not wanting to get vaccinated like not having enough information or the vaccines being experimental are fading away. "So, what are you left with? 'Well, I just don't want to get vaccinated.' okay. There's a lot of things I don't like to do either but I still have to do as part of my work." but it's not just work places that could be requiring vaccinations. "A number of colleges and universities have already announced and plan on making immunization with the covid vaccine mandatory." How many will require this is still unknown. Reporting in La Crosse. Rylie Kyhn News 19.

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Slug: HALF VAXXED

And more breaking news the white house has just announced that half of all Americans are fully vaccinated against covid-19. This comes as vaccinations increased this last week due to increased incentives and rising cases of the delta variant and over seventy-three percent of Americans have received at least one dose.

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Slug: STATE FAIR VAX

The vaccination efforts at the state fair reporting moderate success after day one. There were long lines to get into the Wisconsin state fair on its opening day yesterday. A vaccination clinic was an addition to the lineup of activities this year and nurses were prepared to administer doses and ask questions. Many fairgoers replying they didn't want the vaccine but some appreciated the convenience of the outreach program. "I was up in the air for a while about whether it's going to work or not. It's a way of life nowadays. We don't want to get sick and we don't want to get other people we care about sick either. I didn't feel nothing. We done already?" Anyone who got their vaccination while at the fair also received a voucher for a free cream puff. The Wisconsin state fair is open from 11 a-m to 11 p-m every day through August 15th.

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Slug: COVID IN KIDS

The American Academy of Pediatrics says there's a "substantial increase" in children and teens getting covid-19. Severe illness appears to be rare in kids with covid-19 but more than 71-thousand

children and teens got the virus last week. That's up 84-percent from the previous week and five times as many cases as the end of June.

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Slug: DEER COVID

The USDA is reporting that one-third of white-tailed deer it has checked have covid-19 antibodies. The new data comes from blood samples in Illinois, Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania. Government scientists say they weren't surprised by the results because deer often come into close contact with people. None of the deer seemed to be showing any ill effects from the virus. It's unclear if deer can spread the virus. The study was not designed to look at that. The USDA is going to work with the CDC to determine next steps.

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Slug: US CANADA BORDER

Starting today fully vaccinated US residents will be allowed to visit Canada. Canada's public health agency won't require travelers to quarantine upon entry. Travel has been banned between the countries since March 2020. Americans who want to travel must wait until 14 days after their second shot and will still have to *test negative* for covid-19.

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Slug: NURSING HOMES

As covid-19 cases and hospitalizations increase Nursing homes have had to adjust their protocols to keep residents safe. News 19's Rylie Kyhn shares what they are doing right now and what it could mean going forward. I talked with Doctor Elizabeth Cogbill internal medicine physician and geriatrician to learn how they adjust these protocols. She says when they see an increase in hospitalizations. That is an indication of increase in community spread and that leads to tighter restrictions. When the vaccines arrived within these facilities. Doctor Cogbill says covid-19 outbreaks stopped abruptly and they have remained minimal for the last six months but they have to continue to monitor community spread closely to adjust the safety measures they are taking. "That means personal protective equipment, that means visitor restrictions, that includes some of the activities that were permitted, now encouraged not to do within the facility itself, and things like testing residents and staff. All of those things are in accordance with the degree of community spread." She says if cases and hospitalizations continue to increase. There is a risk of going back into lockdown within these facilities but she believes they won't ever go back to the severe lockdown that they were in for so long. She says her hope is that they can remain open so the residents can see their families and friends. Her advice going forward is get vaccinated if you have not done so. She says it is the most powerful and impactful thing people can do right now.

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Slug: CDC HIGH RISK LIST

The CDC added seven more destinations to its high-risk travel list. The newest additions to that list include Iceland, France, Israel, Thailand, Aruba, French Polynesia and Eswatini. Those nations join 16 other new additions from last week including Greece, Ireland, and the US Virgin Islands. The CDC recommends against all international travel, even for vaccinated people. It advises anyone who must travel not to do so until they are fully vaccinated.

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Slug: MAYO DELTA

With the school year approaching the question remains how the delta variant might impact classrooms After it's already responsible for Wisconsin's 600 percent covid case surge. During a virtual forum Mayo clinic experts continued to say the vaccines are working pointing to the increasing hospitalizations of those who have not gotten inoculated. They say with clinical trials now underway in Minnesota and Wisconsin the vaccines should be available soon for kids under 12. "The Pfizer vaccines informational studies results is expected to come late September or early October. So, everyone is hoping that we will have safe effective vaccines for kids under 12 before the end of this year." Doctors also say they're keeping an eye on a pair of other coronavirus variants but delta remains the most dangerous.

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Slug: PREGNANT VAX

The CDC updating its guidelines when it comes to pregnant women getting vaccinated. The agency previously said it is safe for pregnant women to get the vaccine Now they are encouraging pregnant women to get vaccinated to keep themselves and their unborn child safe. A physician with Gundersen Health System says women's immune systems can become weaker during pregnancy making them more susceptible to infectious diseases Like covid-19. "In pregnancy women tend to do worse with covid-19, there's an increased risk for intensive care unit admissions and even death." Doctor Merkitch also advises that pregnant women get the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines because of the slight risk of women getting blood clots with the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

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Slug: INSIDE COVID

As we've reported Gundersen healthcare system in La Crosse has been forced to reopen its covid-19 unit. News 19's Andrea Albers went inside that unit today learning about the physical and mental stress local healthcare workers are under and she spoke to a woman who was cared for in that unit, a woman who says. She was near death. The covid-19 unit at Gundersen shut down back in April when cases were dropping but now the rooms are needed again, and so is the team of specially trained nurses and doctors who say .what's happening Is sobering. There's a lot of emotion it's frustrating, it's overwhelming, it's sad. It's sad that it had to come to this point where we had to re-open up a unit. Standup each time a nurse comes off of this covid unit, they'll have to take all of this gear off. It has to be cleaned and then they need to put it all back on before they can re-enter the unit. Nurse so when a patient needs something urgent it's still a process Of going in and out of each patient's room putting PPE on to go in the room and then taking if off and properly making sure that our hands are washed and everything so we're not spreading to the next patient Gundersen officials say half of the patients currently in the covid unit are *under age 56 and they have not been vaccinated. I just got done working the last 3 days and I have a gentleman that has so much regret. He is on a breathing machine right now and he's struggling to breathe and we've had conversations and at one point he said to me I wish I would have had someone like you explain this stuff to me before I was in this situation and he very much regrets not believing in covid and not taking precautions. The other half are older over age 56 and all of them had been vaccinated. Providers say they'd be in far worse shape potentially critical condition without it. I can't express enough-- that it's not too late to get vaccinated. Marsha Patzner got sick back in October and within days Was admitted to the covid unit. She couldn't breathe on her own. The second day I was in I was still coherent, the second day my son drove up to the top of the blue ramp with his baby and waved at me through the window because he was upset, he couldn't see me (emotional) sorry. Marsha spent 8 nights in a hospital bed with a bi-pap machine forcing air into her lungs. She says her asthma played a role in how sick she got but says *everyone needs to protect themselves against the virus. A lot of people think it's a hoax. and it's not a hoax. It's real. People get very sick. Think about the other people you're in contact with. You may be young and healthy and not get sick but you could spread it to others. Andrea Albers reporting. Marsha says even though she had covid --she got vaccinated. She's urging anyone listening in the community tonight to do the same.

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Slug: COVID

Local health officials with Gundersen Health System continue to urge vaccines and vigilance when it comes to covid-19 protection. A release from the provider today recommends all people regardless of vaccine status wear a mask when indoors in public places. That's because the centers for disease control and prevention currently shows coronavirus activity as high for most of our area. The statewide case rate in Wisconsin hit 12 hundred today for the first time since early February but the percent positive by test has fallen below seven percent as testing efforts ramp back up to May levels and more people continue to get vaccinated. Wisconsin has now hit 50-point-1 percent of the total population having completed the series.

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Slug: GUNDERSEN

Gundersen Health System announcing today That all employees must be vaccinated against covid-19 by November 1st this year. They say About 85-percent of their staff have voluntarily received the vaccine. but they add through a release "covid-19 cases and hospitalizations are rising locally and nationally, driven almost entirely by the highly contagious delta variant and by those who have not been vaccinated against the virus." So, they're joining dozens of regional health systems Schools and organizations requiring the vaccination. Mayo clinic health system earlier announced a vaccine mandate for employees. Mayo staff Must vaccinate by September 17 While those who decline must complete an education course and use masks and distancing at all times on campus.

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Slug: VITERBO COVID

The delta variant of covid-19 is hampering the return to normalcy. Organizations are starting to go back to implementing preventative measures to slow the spread of the virus. In La Crosse Viterbo university is instituting a mask mandate effective on Monday, August 23. The university posted information on the mandate on its social media sites Friday morning. It said that "masks are required inside all campus buildings for all students, employees, and campus visitors." A rise in the number of covid-19 delta variant cases and a desire to keep the community as safe and healthy as possible were cited as reasons for putting the mandate into effect. Viterbo joins several other area colleges and universities in instituting a mask mandate.

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Slug: FULL APPROVAL

We begin this hour with that huge headline from the FDA. The Pfizer vaccine now has full approval. That decision coming just a few short hours ago after the f-d-a said it has analyzed over 400-thousand pages of data and research the most the agency has ever reviewed. Pfizer is the first vaccine to receive full approval and this could change the public's confidence in the vaccine and it also potentially opens the door for more vaccine mandates from companies and local governments. We will have more details on this new approval and an update on the fight against covid in a couple minutes.

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Slug: MAYO TESTING

Mayo clinic will reopen their covid-19 testing site in La Crosse due to the increased spread of in the community the site will open Tuesday, August 31-st at the corner of tenth and market street. Mayo clinic says it has seen a large increase in covid-19 testing requests due to the delta variant. The testing site will be open 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays. Testing is available by appointment only. For more information, visit the mayo clinic website.

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Slug: IVERMECTIN

The centers for disease control and prevention says its seeing an alarming number of prescriptions for a drug used to fight parasites in animals. The health agency says the false claims that the drug ivermectin can be used to treat covid-19 is driving up prescriptions. It is primarily used by veterinarians to de-worm large animals like horses and cows. Sometimes it is used for lice or parasites in humans. Doctors had looked into the possibility of using the drug to fight covid but clinical trials yielded insufficient evidence. The CDC says at the beginning of the year Fewer than 4-thousand prescriptions were written per week now 88 thousand. It's also prompting an increase in calls to poison control centers and visits to understaffed emergency rooms. The food and drug administration is cautioning people against using ivermectin to treat covid-19. Overdoses can cause stomach problems Nerve damage Seizures Disorientation Coma and death.

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Slug: DELTA TREATMENT

To help fight the delta variant, a drug that was originally shelved because it wasn't effective against covid at the time is now being brought back to market. In June, the US paused distribution of this dual monoclonal antibody treatment because it was ineffective against the beta and gamma variants but studies are now showing the drug combination is working to fight the delta variant. With its return to market, doctors now have three different monoclonal antibody treatments to use. Although all three are slightly different, they all can provide a kickstart to the immune system, if used early in a covid infection.

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Slug: COVID NUMBERS

Now to a look at the latest covid-19 numbers in our area. Right now, community transmission of the virus remains high in La Crosse and the surrounding counties in Wisconsin the average for daily, news covid-19 cases is almost 17-hundred. Meanwhile the 7-day average for daily deaths is at 8 And here is a quick look at Wisconsin's vaccine data. Over 54-percent of Wisconsin residents have received one dose of covid-19 vaccine and a little over 51-percent of all Wisconsinites are now fully vaccinated

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Slug: COVID PATIENT

The reality is right now some patients in the covid unit at Gundersen Health System are dying. The provider says it seeing a range of 30 to 35 patients on their floor. A number they expect to rise. News 19's Marcus Aarsvold spoke with patients fighting the virus today. Those patients are no longer considered infectious and Marcus was wearing full p-p-e. He learned that even inside those walls. Even among those who say they nearly died of the delta variant. The vaccine debate still exists.

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Slug: COVID NUMBERS

La Crosse County and surrounding counties remain in the high level of community transmission and as of Friday. The seven-day average of new covid-19 cases is over 17 hundred with 9 new deaths and about 55-percent of all Wisconsin residents have now received one dose of the vaccine Almost 52-percent are fully vaccinated

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Slug: BREAKTHROUGH

New research shows the people who get severe cases of covid-19 after vaccine the so-called breakthrough cases tend to be older and have underlying conditions. The Yale study looked at participants who were on average 80 years old. and more than half were overweight, had lung disease or diabetes. Most also had cardiovascular disease. 18-percent of the patients who tested positive had at least one dose of the vaccine, a third were fully vaccinated. Of those studied, a little less than half didn't show symptoms for covid-19, they were hospitalized for something unrelated. The study explained this is not a complete picture of breakthrough cases because everyone studied showed up sick to the hospital. It also didn't look at any cases that arose after the delta variant became the dominant strain of the virus. Close to one thousand patients were studied by the Yale New Haven health system from the end of March to July.

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Slug: COVID COCKTAIL

With covid numbers hovering around mid-January levels in Wisconsin the demand for another treatment option is growing. Reporter Rhonda Foxx shares why a u-w health doctor is touting one such treatment as a tool in the fight against the delta variant and what a covid patient says it's done for him. What lane manning is referring to is a treatment for covid called monoclonal antibody therapy. This antibody treatment is gaining popularity because Dr. Hartman says patients experience a faster recovery from covid. Another reason dr. Hartman says this antibody cocktail is preferred is its success in treating variations of covid. One downside to this treatment is convenience. The antibodies are given intravenously you have to drive to a hospital or an infusion center but Dr. Hartman says the benefits are worth the trip. Manning says he hasn't had so much as a sniffle since his antibody therapy which has given this realtor a new lease on life anyone infected with covid-19 that has a risk factor, including being over 65, or having obesity or diabetes-- qualifies for monoclonal antibody treatments. Dr. Hartman says the antibody treatment should not be used as a substitute for the vaccine and continues

To encourages anyone eligible, to get it.

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Slug: VAX MANDATE

The president's mandate announced this afternoon already facing backlash as the republican national party stands among those threatening to take the measure to court. However More than a century ago the supreme court did rule in favor of government vaccine mandates and just last month The high court unilaterally rejected a challenge to Indiana university's requirement. President Biden announced today a six-point plan Signing two executive orders One requiring all federal employees and government contract workers to be fully vaccinated. The other imposes fines on businesses with 100 or more employees Unless they require employees be fully vaccinated or tested weekly.

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9/10/21

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Slug: NO MASKS

Those stories in a moment but we begin in Tomah. Where some parents and students are protesting a possible mask mandate in schools. News 19's Joe Minney was in Tomah today. Joe What's driving the protest. Well, Dave many parents of children going to Tomah schools are having issue with a mask mandate the school district is proposing to the school board. Freedom of choice freedom from not having to force children to wear a medical device these are the key themes heard today. Since the school year started masks have been optional for school staff and students to wear but now a rise in covid-19 cases in Monroe County has prompted the county's public health department to recommend masking in schools. Following that recommendation, the school district has asked Tomah's school board for approval to do so. Now a group of parents are objecting to that proposal "The biggest message we are

trying to send let it be the parent's choice let it be the student's choice if my student said she wanted to wear the mask and I didn't well, ok let that be their choice let that be a family choice a parent's choice .not the school's." Parents taking a stand saying they aren't against masks. Those that want to have their children wear mask should do so but feel no mandate should be made to force everyone else to do the same. Some of the protesters also claiming that wearing a mask is ineffective in stopping the spread of the virus. So Dave these parents feel this protest along with a petition of 1100 parent signatures will help persuade the school board to nix the mask mandate proposal. Thanks Joe. Tomah's school board meets again September 20th when they're expected to make a decision.

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Slug: VAX CARDS

Officials want people to know that buying or making fake covid-19 vaccine cards is illegal they say buying or making the distribution and sale of fake covid-19 vaccine cards or any act of forging covid-19 vaccination information is illegal and punishable under federal law and unauthorized use of an official government's agency seal Like the CDC Which appears on vaccine cards is a crime. The DHS is also reminding people not to post vaccine cards on social media as the information can be stolen and used to commit fraud.

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Slug: VAX REQ

Governor Tony Evers ordering all executive branch employees to submit to weekly covid-19 tests if they are not fully vaccinated. The mandate announced today will go into effect on October 18 and apply to all executive branch employees Interns and contractors. As of last Friday, almost 70-percent of Wisconsin's executive branch employees had reported they had received at least one dose of the covid-19 vaccine.

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Slug: COVID NUMBERS

Data from the coulee covid-19 collaborative shows case rates for k-12 students now at the highest they've been all year and it comes amid a spike in cases statewide. This graph published by the collaborative shows the difference in cases among those who are vaccinated against covid-19 in green and those who are not shown in red. While the rate of transmission remains high for due to the delta variant It is lower among those who got their shots. CDC data show the spread remains high among all counties locally That's a rate above 100 cases per 100-thousand people. Statewide the seven-day average of cases rose to a new recent high of over 18-hundred. Testing levels however are now back to where they were in April So the percent positive by test has actually *fallen* to seven percent.

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Slug: ECASD QUARANTINE

In the Eau Claire school district, covid-19 cases are down but quarantine cases have more than doubled. Currently 34 students have positive cases of covid which is down by two cases. However, 414 students are quarantined Last week that number was at 156 meaning over 200 more students are now out of the classroom. There are also two covid cases among staff but none are quarantined.

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9/17/21

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Slug: WINONA TREAT

Winona health announcing today it's offering monoclonal antibody therapy for both those with covid and household close contacts. The provider saying those who test positive at Winona health will get an offer for the treatment if eligible. It's an i-v injection with a one-hour observation period to follow.

Winona health says the treatment can be used as a preventative treatment for household contacts who have not yet tested positive. Those with questions can call the nurse line at 507-457-7619.

Time: 1:50 First Aired: 9/18/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: BOOSTER SHOTS

A food and drug administration panel Friday said covid-19 vaccine boosters should only be given to some people right now. The panel approved a plan for Pfizer booster shots for people 65 and older and for those at high risk. It said *no to giving boosters to everyone else who is eligible for the vaccine. The decision is non-binding but some health experts say that's actually good news. UW Health's dr. Gregory Demuri says the choice to not recommend booster shots for everyone doesn't mean anything is wrong with the vaccines. Demuri says the committee's recommendation of boosters just for people 65 and older and those in high-risk groups is a good one. Katie Casey is the administrator of a nursing home in Montello and she says she's cautiously optimistic about a third round of shots for her residents. ((if the booster can provide additional protection for our staff and residents, we would graciously welcome. She says the constant fight to keep the delta variant out of facilities is tiring and increasingly more difficult. So, she's hoping more shots will mean more protection and a reprieve for front line workers. Besides the FDA the CDC also states the goal for booster shots would be for the same people who received the vaccine in early 2021 this includes healthcare providers, residents of long-term care facilities, and other older adults. After that if approved .boosters could be given to those 8 months after the second dose of either Pfizer or Moderna vaccines.

Time: :36 First Aired: 9/20/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: MODERNA STUDY

A study of all three covid-19 vaccines finds the Moderna version is the most effective but not by a lot. The CDC led this new, nationwide study involving more than thirty-six hundred adults hospitalized for covid-19 between March and August. Moderna's vaccine provided ninety-three percent protection against hospitalization to Pfizer's eighty-eight percent. Researchers found the biggest difference was that Pfizer's effectiveness started to diminish about four months after people were fully vaccinated. The CDC is underlining that *all three vaccines provide substantial protection against covid-19 hospitalization.

Time: :51 First Aired: 9/20/21 Shows: 5PM

Slug: ANTIBODY

Winona health is offering mono-clonal antibody treatment for covid-19 patients who are within 10 days of symptom onset. They say it will be offered as a preventive treatment as Well, for those who are at a high risk of infection but have not yet tested positive. The treatment has been shown to improve and prevent severe symptoms in covid-19 patients. "This antibody treatment is essentially giving the patient immediate antibodies, so it is giving a boost to the patient's natural immune system and allowing the body to fight covid-19 in a better way." Mono-clonal antibody therapy is given by IV infusion or injection Depending on the severity of the illness those who test positive for covid can visit the Minnesota department of health's website to determine whether they are eligible for treatments

Time: :35 First Aired: 9/21/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: CFAUSD MASKS

Students with the Chippewa Falls school district now have to mask up. Superintendent Jeff Holmes says the district has 66 students currently infected with covid, which has led to 482 students now in quarantine. In just three weeks of school the county health department told Holmes three outbreaks are attributed to the school district. Holmes says required mask-wearing is originally a part of level 4 of their six-level plan, but instead, they opted to add mask-wearing to level 3. He added that a neighboring district began to see a significant reduction in community spread after shifting to a mask

requirement. "We do understand the issues and frustrations associated with a nationally declared public health emergency. We in many instances are having to make decisions that we are very unenthusiastic about. However, given everything that we currently know, we do have to make unpopular decisions on occasion." Mask-wearing and other mitigation protocols will be re-considered on a weekly basis.

Time: :17 First Aired: 9/22/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: DHS UPDATE

The department of health services Says we are seeing a surge of covid cases in the state. State officials also say there is an increase in hospitalizations Due to the delta variant and that's not all. They also say they are seeing an increase in confirmed cases among children under the age of 13. "We want to prevent all those new cases of covid, we want to make sure we can have our kids safely in school, keep our teachers and our staff safe, and keep those family members and those community members safe from covid." Timberlake went on to say that the only way to do that is through preventative measures, things that you've heard many times before. She says wear a mask social distance and get vaccinated.

Time: 1:47 First Aired: 9/23/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: COVID BOOSTER

Just one day after the FDA authorized Pfizer booster shots for millions of at-risk Americans, the CDC and its advisory panel has approved it for those 65 and older .and others with high-risk health conditions. After combing through the data on Pfizer's booster shots a CDC advisory panel making their recommendation on who should get a third shot. The panel voting to recommend boosters for people aged 65 and up and people as young as 18 if they have a medical condition. The CDC director thanking the panel for leaning into that difficult decision. Meanwhile, health care facilities are wasting no time preparing for the rollout. Dr. Andrew Carroll has been giving covid vaccines at his practice since earlier this year-he'll be administering boosters once the final green light is given. While the preparation for booster shots gets underway-health experts say millions haven't even received their first doses. The white house estimates 71 million Americans who are eligible still haven't gotten the shots. Data also shows covid patients are dying at a significantly higher rate in states with low vaccination rates. In Montana billings clinic administrators say their ICUs are running at 150 to 175% capacity. Americans who received the Moderna or Johnson and Johnson vaccines will have to wait at least few more weeks for authorization.

Time: :22 First Aired: 9/24/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: MCCOY VACCINES

'The Operation Allies Welcome' or OAW team from Task Force McCoy is conducting a vaccination campaign for Afghan guests .administering vaccinations for measles, mumps, chickenpox, and rubella. So far, they have vaccinated 97 percent of the Afghan population housed at the fort. Arriving Afghans are required by law to get vaccinated for measles, covid-19, and other diseases.

Time: :21 First Aired: 9/28/21 Shows: 10PM

Slug: SMOKING COVID

If you're a smoker, getting infected with covid-19 could result in devastating consequences. A new study in the British medical journal "thorax" studied more than 400-thousand people who battled the virus. It found people who currently smoke and get covid are 80-percent more likely to be hospitalized. They're also at a much higher risk of dying from the virus.

Time: :18 First Aired: 9/30/21 Shows: MIDDAY

Slug: BOOSTER SIDE EFFECTS

According to the CDC less than a third of people who have received a third shot of vaccine have reported side effects and they don't seem to be any more severe than those you might experience after a second dose. Of those who did the most common complaints were injection site pain, fatigue and headache.

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:23 7/15/21 10PM

Slug: WALZ CONV THERAPY

Governor Walz also signing an executive order today aimed at banning conversion therapy in the state. Minnesota is now one of about 24 states that restrict mental health professionals from seeking to change a person's sexual orientation. Governor Walz says the order is just a start and called on the state legislature to make it permanent. Currently 11 cities in the state prohibit the practice.

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:37 7/19/21 MIDDAY

Slug: MADISON SCOUTS

The Madison Scouts, an internationally known drum and bugle core corps ensemble, has been practicing its latest set in Eau Claire and on Saturday, you'll have the chance to watch the performance. Originally founded as a Boy Scout troop back in 1938, the Madison Scouts have since become a renowned drum corp. The Scouts are made up of one hundred and sixty-five members from twenty-nine states and three countries. This is both the first year the Scouts are rehearsing in Eau Claire and the first year as a gender-inclusive ensemble. Director David Lofy says because of its origins in Boy Scouts, only boys had ever been allowed to join the corps until now. The Scouts have just a few more days of rehearsals at UW-Eau Claire before taking their show on the road but before they leave, they will be performing at Carson Park for free this Saturday, starting at 8 pm.

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:22 7/21/21 10PM

Slug: CJMC

The criminal justice management council debating tonight a resolution that was kicked back by the county board last week. The resolution would have designated a group to explore how to implement such an oversight committee to meet La Crosse's needs but it returned to the council due to concerns that law enforcement wasn't on board with the process. Sheriff Jeff Wolf reiterated during tonight's council meeting his opinion that law enforcement is taking steps to address peoples' concerns citing the city p-d's new mental health response model. However, one council member says further delaying an oversight committee discounts the experiences of people in minority communities who feel their concerns aren't currently being heard. The council chair district attorney Tim Gruenke ultimately said the group will allow the county board member who made the motion to send the resolution back to the council state representative Steve Doyle to talk with law enforcement further about their concerns and discuss that with the CJMC next month.

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3:35 7/22/21 10PM

Slug: HOMETOWN PKG

La Crosse's Muslim community is small. They say only about 50-60 people worship regularly at the mosque in town, but they say they also feel supported, thanks in part to the La Crosse Interfaith Shoulder to Shoulder Network formed in response to anti-Islamic sentiment. In this latest edition of Hometown Conversations members of the faith share how they see that support. You can watch the entire exchange and learn more about the differences and similarities of the key tenets of Islam by going to wxow.com/conversations.

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:53 8/2/21 6PM

Slug: ADA PARKING

La Crosse's Board of Public Works passing a resolution today making it easier for La Crosse residents needing on street ADA parking zones to obtain a permit for those zones. "What this does is progress.

This is progress and this is creating access for people that do not always have it and we are trying to create access for those who work through some disability in their life and sometimes it is just mobility. There are a lot of folks in our community that have mobility issues and what this does is takes a step forward in helps solving some of those issues" Those ADA parking zones can be no less than 100 feet from an existing ADA compliant corner, have no alley access, are limited to one space per address, and must be submitted by the property owner. See a full list of requirements in the resolution over on our website.

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Slug: PROTEST

In Washington as part of what's known as "The Poor People's Campaign" the Reverend Jesse Jackson is detained alongside more than 200 others. The campaign took to the nation's capital today to speak out on a number of issues including calling on congress to pass the "For the People" Act, the sweeping democratic voting and election bill shot down by senate republicans earlier this year. More than 100 democratic state legislators flew into the nation's capital as part of a planned week of action aimed to convince US senators to forgo their August recess until the upper chamber passes the bill. Capitol police say 204 people including Jackson and William Barber the 2nd were detained for crowding the street.

Time: :18 First Aired: 8/6/21 Shows: 6PM

Slug: CHAMBERLAIN ROCK

Workers removing Chamberlin Rock at UW-Madison this morning UW's Black Student Union voiced their concerns over the rock which was known by a racial slur before it was renamed chamberlain rock in honor of a former UW-president and geologist. Workers will move the rock to university-owned land southeast of Madison.

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Slug: POLICE TRAIN

Some community members take time today to learn alongside authorities about fair and impartial policing. Hosted by La Crosse police Retired Madison chief Noble Wray lead the session a focus on the modern science of bias and how it impacts perceptions and behavior. The training ultimately providing a chance for everyone to connect and better understand our community. "Our transparency initiative really is to be able to communicate better with our community. to understand what it is that we're responding to. What the community problems are or where they believe police officers need to be there to help solve those problems. So, the more we can interact with one another, the more we can understand each other, I think the better our community will be." Thirty-nine community members participated in the event made possible by a grant from mayo clinic health systems,

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Slug: REFUGEE

As the base prepares to receive the refugees Resettlement agencies are also preparing Saying timing is the issue in multiple ways. Jewish social services which is the only refugee resettlement agency in Madison says it normally has a week to accept a case and then at least two weeks to prepare for that refugee's arrival. Given the rush to get people out of Afghanistan the director at JSS says the agency is working with extended stay hotels to find places for refugees since finding an apartment on short notice in August is next to impossible in Madison. "At this point, we have 24 hours to say that we will agree to take a client and then they may come anywhere from 24 to 48 hours after that." Her larger concern is that right now the US is only letting in people with special immigrant visas reserved for those who worked with the military or its contractors. Berney says JSS has so far taken in 44 refugees since late April 14 of whom are from Afghanistan.

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Slug: INMATE CHANGE

The Dane County sheriff's office says it's making a change in philosophy. Staff will no longer refer to those in jail as "inmates" instead calling them "residents, or those within our care." Sheriff Calvin Barrett says he came to the decision after talking with those who are incarcerated, deputies, and other staff over his last nearly 1-hundred days as sheriff. "This shift in language will help us continue to reform our criminal justice system and treat those within our care with dignity, respect and humanity." Barrett says there isn't a formal rule about the change and staff will not be punished if they don't use it.

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Slug: BLAKE REAX

Meanwhile On the one-year anniversary of the police involved shooting of Jacob Blake. Community leaders have organized what they're calling days of healing. "We still walk forward with faith that change will come." 17 year old Bradford high school senior Aniyah Ervin joined others in Kenosha's civic square to poetically speak their hearts about what it means to be black in Kenosha one year after Blake was shot and paralyzed and the unrest that followed. While some expressed hope for racial justice and rebuilding Others say it takes a renewed effort. "A lot of people said they cared. but once everything was heading down, we never heard anything again from those people. and it's truly unfair because for people like you. For people who are not people of color. It goes away. but for me. This is my life." No criminal charges were filed in the Blake incident itself. The journal sentinel report last September showed more than 250 arrests in the unrest that followed.

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Slug: CONSERVATION

Wisconsin conservation voters Hosting a community gathering to speak out and send a message to congress to combat climate change and invest in La Crosse's future. "Our wastewater treatment plant once it gets online will be completely self-sustainable it will power itself not only will it power the plant but also will Powe municipal garages down on the island down there including the charging infrastructure for all electric busses." With the national oceanic and atmospheric administration declaring this July the hottest month in recorded history Climate economists say responding now affords an opportunity to create healthier communities while creating good paying jobs that will benefit urban and rural areas alike.

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9/7/21

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Slug: CRT RALLY

A group of activist's rallies against a state ban on teaching what's known as critical race theory. In June, state republicans introduced legislation to *limit* how public-school teachers can talk about issues of race and sexism in the classroom. Governor Tony Evers will likely veto any such bill if it reaches his desk, but organizers say they need to raise awareness on this important issue. We think that that is an attempt by our legislature to begin to legislate things like critical race theory like some of these other bills that we see happening across this nation. Today and at all of our events, we want to make sure we present to our community sometime of call to action or a response to a demand that we have at least 25 other states have introduced similar legislation to ban classroom conversations about controversial social issues.

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Slug: Evers PARDONS

Governor Tony Evers grants another 71 pardons today Bringing his total now since taking office to 263. "We're on target to pardon more during my first term than any other governor in recent history." Today's announcement means Governor Evers has now pardoned more people than republican governors Tommy Thompson and Scott McCallum over the 16 years they were in office. Former democratic governor Jim Doyle pardoned nearly 300 people during his term but that was over an eight-year period. Evers's predecessor Republican governor Scott Walker issued no pardons during his eight years in office. Governor Evers says he's also working to streamline and simplify the pardon application process.

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Slug: GARY TYLER

A man who wrongfully convicted of first-degree murder who spent 41 years in a Louisiana State penitentiary will speak at Viterbo university on Thursday. Gary Tyler was a 16-years-old in 19-74 When he was convicted with the murder of a fellow student. Tyler is black the victim was white. After years of working with attorneys and maintaining his innocence Tyler's murder conviction was overturned and he gained his freedom in 2016. Today he travels the county and shares his story in the hopes of keeping others from suffering the same fate. "What happened to me, unfortunately, has and continues to happen to other people and to let them know that they can make change and it's imperative that those changes are made because what happened to me could very Well, impact their community and their families." Tyler will speak on Thursday from 7 to 8-30 at Viterbo's fine arts center. It's free and open to the public and Viterbo policy means masks are required.

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Slug: BORDER

A humanitarian crisis unfolding at the US Mexico border. The governor of Texas says border protection agents are "overwhelmed by the chaos." More than 12-thousand-500 migrants are camped out at the US.-Mexico border just outside of Del Rio, Texas Where the mayor has now issued a local disaster declaration. "What's happening now in real time is the migrants are getting agitated, the border patrol can't keep up with feeding during lunch time. The facilities, the quality of life, the standard of living in all being stretched beyond its capabilities." Governor Greg Abbott has signed a one-point-eight-billion-dollar bill funding border security in the state. He's calling out the Biden administration for not closing six points of entry along the Texas-Mexico border that the governor tried to seal off.

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Slug: WIC FUNDS

By the end of this month families who participate in the WIC program might have less money to buy fruits and vegetables. From June through September, the American Rescue Plan Act allowed WIC to provide 35 dollars for fruits and vegetables per participant per month. Normally, families get nine dollars per child every month and 11 dollars per pregnant or postpartum woman. The benefit can be used for fresh, frozen, or canned fruits and vegetables. Just yesterday, the house released a provision to extend the temporary increase through December of this year.



October 1, 2021

To: Station Management

Re: ABC Television Network Third Quarter, 2021 Program Information

Attached is the **Third 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 – Third 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 Dan Harris, Eva Pilgrim and Whit Johnson will co-anchor providing viewers with timely reports, informative features, weather information, and up-to-the minute interviews with world leaders.

GMA3: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Monday through Friday

1:00 – 2:00 PM ET / 12:00 – 1:00PM PT / CT

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

THE VIEW

Monday through Friday

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

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

ABC NEWS BRIEF

Monday through Friday

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

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

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

ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR

Monday through Friday

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

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

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

SOUL OF A NATION

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

10:00 – 11:00PM ET

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

THE CON

Wednesday

10:00 – 11:00PM ET

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

20/20

Friday

9:01 - 11:00PM ET

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

Informational News magazine combines hard-hitting investigative reports, newsmaker interviews, compelling human interest and feature stories, and offers viewers a chance to learn more about the world around them. ABC News Correspondents David Muir and Amy Robach anchor 20/20.

NIGHTLINE

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

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

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

WORLD NEWS TONIGHT SATURDAY

ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR (Saturday)

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 – Third Quarter, 2021

20/20

Friday, July 2, 2021 (9:01–11:00PM ET)

Yosemite Serial Killer

Cary Stayner made headlines in 1999 after he terrorized Yosemite National Park, murdering four women within six months. The “20/20” documentary dives into Cary’s past, the horror that he inflicted and features the first prime-time TV interview with former FBI Agent Jeff Rinek and the first TV interview with former FBI Agent John Boles, who together took Cary’s shocking confession. The documentary also includes an exclusive interview with Lenna, one of Cary’s original intended victims he described in his confession, who is revealing herself for the first time since the murders to “20/20.” (OAD: 1/25/19)

Friday, July 9, 2021 (9:01-11:00PM ET)

Sins of the Father

20/20 with report by Anchor David Muir, features exclusive interviews with Erin DeRoche and Kati Reynolds, daughters of Karl Karlsen who nearly got away with the murder of his wife and son in incidents occurring nearly 18 years apart. Reynolds and DeRoche open up to “20/20” about the heartbreak they felt after losing their mother, Christina Karlsen, and brother, Levi Karlsen; their relationship with Karl over the years; their constant suspicion that Karl started the house fire that killed Christina; the horror they felt when they realized Karl killed Levi; and their lives now with Karl behind bars. (OAD: 6/05/20)

Friday, July 16, 2021 (9:01-11:00PM ET)

Murder & Scandal in Chicagoland

A case that sent shock waves through Chicago began when police discovered seven months pregnant Rhoni Reuter, longtime girlfriend of legendary Chicago Bears defensive back Shaun Gayle, murdered inside her home in a quiet suburb. A media frenzy ensued as authorities searched for the killer and over three years later a jury convicted Marni Yang, a single mother of three children, who had been romantically involved with Gayle. Now, nearly a decade after receiving a double life sentence, Yang breaks her silence to “20/20” in her first television interview. ““Nightline” anchor Juju Chang reports. (OAD: 5/08/20)

Friday, July 23, 2021 (9:01-11:00PM ET)

Overboard

Tom and Jackie Hawks bought a yacht and spent several years enjoying the ocean, using their boat as their primary residence. When they became grandparents, they decided to relocate closer to their grandchild. But as they prepared to sell their yacht to move, they vanished without a trace. A two-hour “20/20” unravels the bizarre mystery surrounding the couple’s disappearance and the surveillance video that led investigators to uncover Skylar and Jennifer Deleon’s tragic plot to murder the Hawks. (OAD: 1/17/20)

Friday, July 30, 2021 (9:01-11:00PM ET)

Life in Prison: Melanie McGuire

In a new episode of “20/20,” co-anchor Amy Robach sits down for the first on-camera interview with Melanie McGuire since she was sentenced to life in prison 13 years ago in New Jersey for the murder of her husband, Bill McGuire. Authorities arrested McGuire, dubbed by the media as the “suitcase killer,” after Bill’s remains appeared inside multiple suitcases in the Chesapeake Bay. McGuire opens up to Robach about the murder and maintains her innocence. (OAD: 9/24/20)

Friday, August 6, 2021 (9:01-11:00PM ET)

BTK Serial Killer

One of America’s most notorious serial killers, Dennis Rader, known as The BTK Killer, spent decades tormenting Wichita, Kansas. He brutally tortured and murdered 10 people while also taunting the tight-knit community, local media and police with letters detailing his horrific crimes. Now, 14 years after he was caught, his daughter, Kerri Rawson, breaks her silence to ABC News correspondent Deborah Roberts. (OAD: 2/01/19)

Friday, August 13, 2021 (9:01-11:00PM ET)

Tragic Beauty: Anna Nicole Smith

On the anniversary of iconic model, actress and reality star Anna Nicole Smith's death, "20/20" exclusively features her now 14-year-old daughter, Dannielynn Birkhead, as she visits the most influential places in Anna Nicole's life for the first time with her father, Larry Birkhead. Featuring reporting by ABC News Senior National Affairs correspondent Deborah Roberts, the two-hour program takes a comprehensive look at Anna Nicole through new interviews with those closest to her, never-before-seen and rarely seen video, as well as material from the ABC News archives. (OAD: 2/05/21)

Friday, August 20, 2021 (9:01-11:00PM ET)

Your Biggest Fan

As celebrity stalkers regularly make headlines, a two-hour "20/20" takes a look at one of the first celebrity stalking cases over 30 years ago. Rebecca Schaeffer, a promising young actress known for her role on the hit sitcom "My Sister Sam," was preparing to audition for the movie role of a lifetime, a part in "The Godfather Part III." Her longtime stalker, an obsessed fan named Robert John Bardo, trekked across state lines and shot her point-blank at the door of her Los Angeles home, killing her. "20/20" looks back at Rebecca's life and budding career and uncovers the details of Bardo's fixation, exploring the startling truth behind what it's like to have a stalker and how stalking laws have changed in the aftermath of Rebecca's death. (OAD: 4/12/19)

Friday, August 27, 2021 (9:01-11:00PM ET)

The Perfect Nanny

When Michele MacNeill's 6-year-old child found her unresponsive in her bathtub, her daughters Alexis Somers and Rachel MacNeill immediately suspected that their father, Martin MacNeill, had killed her. It took authorities five years to charge Martin, a wealthy doctor and father of eight, with Michele's murder. A two-hour "20/20" documentary reports on the twists and turns of the story including what prosecutors say was Martin's plot to kill Michele; his affair with another woman, Gypsy Willis, who moved in as the nanny just weeks after Michele's death. (OAD: 6/14/19)

Friday, September 3, 2021 (9:01-11:00PM ET)

Televangelists Jim and Tammy Faye

Televangelists Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker, hosts of the popular religious talk show "PTL (Praise The Lord) Club" and founders of the Christian-themed park Heritage USA, became notorious after Jim was found at the center of outrageous sex and financial fraud scandals. Now, over 30 years after the demise of their religious empire, "20/20" re-examines exactly what transpired at their television studios and theme park, featuring new interviews. (OAD: 1/18/19)

Friday, September 17, 2021

The Stanford Murders

In 1973, shockwaves ripped across Stanford University when three promising young women – Arlis Perry, Leslie Perlov and Janet Ann Taylor – were murdered on campus within just 19 months of each other. For nearly five decades, authorities could not solve the mystery of who committed "The Stanford Murders" until DNA matching technology finally linked a former security guard, Stephen Blake Crawford, to Perry's murder. Investigators revisited the other two unsolved cases, and new forensic testing revealed a DNA match to John Arthur Getreu, another former Stanford employee for murdering Taylor, facing conviction yesterday. He also faces charges for Perlov's murder and is scheduled to go to trial next year.

Friday, September 24, 2021

Deadly Love Triangle

Soon after wealthy businessman Bill McLaughlin connected with single mother Nanette Packard, she and her two young children moved into McLaughlin's Newport Beach home. But when McLaughlin was found dead, new shocking details came to light about a secret relationship between Packard and another man — former NFL player Eric Naposki. "20/20" explores how the case went cold for nearly 15 years, the dramatic trials that ended with both Packard and Naposki sentenced to life in prison for McLaughlin's murder, and how both continue to maintain their innocence.

SUPER STAR (10:00-11:00PM ET)

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, August 11, 2021 (Premiere)

Super Star: Whitney Houston

The stunning one-hour premiere will profile music legend Whitney Houston and feature never-before-seen private video showcasing Houston – a Black woman who broke barriers to become a modern pop icon – in a new light.

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Super Star: Kobe Bryant

In this episode, we see an intimate portrait of one of the most important sports figures of recent times, much of it told in his own words. Follow the evolution of Bryant, from his roots as a gifted young basketball star struggling to find his place to NBA champion, Oscar®-winner and proud #girdad. Explore his genius, on and off the court; his triumphs and indiscretions; complications in his personal life, including an accusation of rape at the height of his career; and his tragic death that shocked the world.

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Super Star: John Ritter

The latest installment of ABC News' new series "Superstar" journeys through the life and career of comedic genius John Ritter. The program chronicles how Ritter became a top comedy icon of the 1970s, how he landed his starring role on the ABC hit "Three's Company," and how he found success as an actor outside of comedy. The television event also dives into his personal life and sudden and tragic death at just 54 years old that stunned the world.

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Super Star: Richard Pryor

Explore the iconic comedian's complex years growing up in a brothel, how he made his way into the world of show business, and how he found his place by breaking barriers with his honest comedy that depicted the realities of Black America. Dive into his issues with drugs, a near-death experience that had a profound impact on him, his multiple sclerosis diagnosis, and his lasting legacy following his death. "Superstar: Richard Pryor" is told not only in Pryor's own words, through his archival interview with ABC's Barbara Walters, but also by friends, family and colleagues who knew him best.

ABC NEWS SPECIALS – Third Quarter, 2021

Sunday, August 15, 2021 (9:00-9:30PM ET)

ABC News Special on Afghanistan

In this special report “The Fall of Afghanistan” ABC News will cover the fall of the Afghan government to the Taliban. From ABC News headquarters in New York, we will learn about the stunning and swift fall of the Afghan government and the crisis facing its people.

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 (9:00-11:00PM ET)

Women of 9/11: A Special Edition of 20/20 with Robin Roberts

For the first time, after two decades, the women whose lives changed forever on Sept. 11 tell their stories of survival, pain and redemption in a landmark two-hour documentary special hosted and executive produced by Roberts. From the heroic female first responders and workers who risked everything in dangerous jobs at ground zero to the miracle survivors, including Genelle Guzman-McMillan, the last person pulled out alive from the World Trade Center rubble after 27 hours, and the women who suffered heartbreaking loss; all of them bonded in trauma, grief, and after two decades, remarkable strength and resilience.

Friday, September 10, 2021

20/20: David Muir Special: 9/11 Commemorative Events (9:01-10:00PM ET)

Two decades after 9/11, anchor David Muir reports on how the day’s tragic events forever changed the world. In the one-hour special event, Muir interviews survivors and family members who lost loved ones in the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Flight 93 in Shanksville. The survivors share their harrowing personal stories of rescue and escape, including Florence Jones, who Muir has followed for years. Muir also spends time with families who lost loved ones, including the family of Flight 93 passenger Tom Burnett who, along with other passengers, helped stop an additional attack on our nation’s capital. “20/20” will also revisit Joseph Pfeifer, the New York City Fire Department chief, who Muir has profiled, who led the command post at the north tower following the initial attack – and firefighters who survived the north tower collapse. Muir’s interviews include personal and moving messages to the American people from survivors and relatives of some of the victims on what they’re hoping Americans will do to honor those who were lost — 20 years later.

20/20: Diane Sawyer Special: Children of 9/11 (10:00-11:00PM ET)

Twenty years ago, in the wake of Sept. 11, ABC News anchor **Diane Sawyer** sat down with young women holding their infants — who were pregnant when their husbands died in the attacks. The mothers she met were fresh in grief, holding new babies who often looked like their dads. Over the years, Sawyer and her team followed these families as they look at the world through their unique lens, with their children’s lives in part shaped before they were even born. Now, as those children approach their 20th birthdays, a special edition of “20/20” brings nearly 40 families together again. Has grief given them new purpose? Are some following in their fathers’ footsteps? A master class in resilience and hope comes from a group forever bonded by a national tragedy. With lessons to teach us after a year of national trauma, they hand us a blueprint for survival.

Saturday, September 11, 2021 (8:00AM-1:00PM ET)

ABC News Special Report: 9/11 Twenty Years Later: America Remembers

In commemoration of the 20th anniversary, a special edition of “Good Morning America Saturday” will air at 7:00 a.m. EDT and lead into ABC News’ special live coverage “9/11 Twenty Years Later: America Remembers” beginning at 8:00 a.m. EDT. The special coverage will reflect on all that happened since that tragic morning and feature the live ceremony taking place in lower Manhattan, including the reading of the names by family members of those killed, as well as the six pauses for moments of silence commemorating the four attacks and collapse of the two towers, and the ceremonies at the Pentagon, Shanksville and elsewhere.

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 (10:00-11:00PM ET)

Amanda Gorman: Brave Enough with Robin Roberts – A Special Edition of 20/20

ABC News presents a one-hour special that reveals the never-before-seen personal side of writer and activist Amanda Gorman, who captivated millions when she read an original poem during the inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. “Good Morning America” co-anchor Robin Roberts sits down with Gorman, the first National Youth Poet Laureate, for an in-depth interview about her views on fame, her writing and success as a best-selling author, the role of activism in her work, her political aspirations and more.

Friday, September 17, 2021 (8:00-9:00PM ET)

Soul of a Nation Presents: Corazón de América - Celebrating Hispanic Culture

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, ABC News honors the contributions and achievements of the diverse culture of the more than 60 million people who claim Latino and Hispanic heritage in the United States. Actor Benjamin Bratt and his brother Peter Bratt are set to host and direct the one-hour special, respectively, telling the stories and celebrating the culture of the Hispanic community, keeping the importance of identity and pride at the forefront of the conversation.

Sunday, September 26, 2021 (7:00-8:00PM ET)

Global Citizen

‘Global Citizen Live’ is an event focusing to point the power of the people directly at those with the ability to make the worldwide, systemic changes needed to protect the most vulnerable people and to defend the planet. On Sept. 25th, leaders gather to commit their intentions to act as responsible global citizens. With music performances from amazing artists, it is the hope that the music industry and world leaders will help mobilize the world for the greater good. As ABC captures the highlights of this event, Stevie Wonder headlined the event in Los Angeles.

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DATE	START	END	LENGTH	TOPIC
Thursday, July 1, 2021	10:14:00 AM - 10:21:17 AM	ET	0:07:17	Supreme Court's Decision to Uphold Arizona's Voting Restrictions
	9:14:00 AM - 9:21:17 AM	CT	0:07:17	Supreme Court's Decision to Uphold Arizona's Voting Restrictions
	8:14:00 AM - 8:21:17 AM	MT	0:07:17	Supreme Court's Decision to Uphold Arizona's Voting Restrictions
	7:14:00 AM - 7:21:17 AM	PT	0:07:17	Supreme Court's Decision to Uphold Arizona's Voting Restrictions
Thursday, July 1, 2021	2:43:19 PM - 3:14:23 PM	ET	0:31:04	Trump Organization Indictment
	1:43:19 PM - 2:14:23 PM	CT	0:31:04	Trump Organization Indictment
	12:43:19 PM - 1:14:23 PM	MT	0:31:04	Trump Organization Indictment
	11:43:19 AM - 12:14:23 PM	PT	0:31:04	Trump Organization Indictment
Saturday, July 3, 2021	11:47:34 AM - 11:52:11 AM	ET	0:04:37	Update on Surfside Building Collapse
	10:47:34 AM - 10:52:11 AM	CT	0:04:37	Update on Surfside Building Collapse
	9:47:34 AM - 9:52:11 AM	MT	0:04:37	Update on Surfside Building Collapse
	8:47:34 AM - 8:52:09 AM	PT	0:04:35	Update on Surfside Building Collapse
Sunday, July 4, 2021	7:29:47 PM - 7:46:49 PM	ET	0:17:02	President Biden Independence Day Remarks
	6:29:47 PM - 6:46:49 PM	CT	0:17:02	President Biden Independence Day Remarks
	5:29:47 PM - 5:46:49 PM	MT	0:17:02	President Biden Independence Day Remarks
	4:29:47 PM - 4:46:49 PM	PT	0:17:02	President Biden Independence Day Remarks
Sunday, July 11, 2021	11:19:39 AM - 11:46:00 AM	ET	0:26:21	Richard Branson/Virgin Galactic Space Launch
	10:19:39 AM - 10:46:00 AM	CT	0:26:21	Richard Branson/Virgin Galactic Space Launch
	9:19:39 AM - 9:46:00 AM	MT	0:26:21	Richard Branson/Virgin Galactic Space Launch
	8:19:39 AM - 8:46:00 AM	PT	0:26:21	Richard Branson/Virgin Galactic Space Launch

Tuesday, July 20, 2021	8:38:45 AM - 9:39:35 AM	ET	1:00:50	Jeff Bezos/Blue Origin Space Launch
	7:38:45 AM - 8:39:35 AM	CT	1:00:50	Jeff Bezos/Blue Origin Space Launch
	6:38:45 AM - 7:39:35 AM	MT	1:00:50	Jeff Bezos/Blue Origin Space Launch
	5:38:45 AM - 6:39:35 AM	PT	1:00:50	Jeff Bezos/Blue Origin Space Launch
Tuesday, July 27, 2021	9:30:00 AM - 12:22:57 PM	ET	2:52:57	U.S. Capitol Attack Hearing
	8:30:00 AM - 11:22:57 AM	CT	2:52:57	U.S. Capitol Attack Hearing
	7:30:00 AM - 10:22:57 AM	MT	2:52:57	U.S. Capitol Attack Hearing
	6:30:00 AM - 9:22:57 AM	PT	2:52:57	U.S. Capitol Attack Hearing
Tuesday, July 27, 2021	3:09:03 PM - 3:15:28 PM	ET	0:06:25	CDC Remarks on Masks
	2:09:03 PM - 2:15:28 PM	CT	0:06:25	CDC Remarks on Masks
	1:09:03 PM - 1:15:28 PM	MT	0:06:25	CDC Remarks on Masks
	12:09:03 PM - 12:15:28 PM	PT	0:06:25	CDC Remarks on Masks
Tuesday, August 3, 2021	11:20:00 AM - 11:26:39 AM	ET	0:06:39	Results of the Harassment Investigation into NY Governor Cuomo
	10:20:00 AM - 10:26:39 AM	CT	0:06:39	Results of the Harassment Investigation into NY Governor Cuomo
	9:20:00 AM - 9:26:39 AM	MT	0:06:39	Results of the Harassment Investigation into NY Governor Cuomo
	8:20:00 AM - 8:26:39 AM	PT	0:06:39	Results of the Harassment Investigation into NY Governor Cuomo
Tuesday, August 10, 2021	11:53:31 AM - 12:16:23 PM	ET	0:22:52	NY Governor Cuomo Announces His Resignation
	10:53:31 AM - 11:16:23 AM	CT	0:22:52	NY Governor Cuomo Announces His Resignation
	9:53:31 AM - 10:16:23 AM	MT	0:22:52	NY Governor Cuomo Announces His Resignation
	8:53:31 AM - 9:16:23 AM	PT	0:22:52	NY Governor Cuomo Announces His Resignation
Sunday, August 15, 2021	9:00:00 PM - 9:30:03 PM	ET	0:30:03	"ABC News Special on Afghanistan" (This sustaining, commercial-free News special aired in place of original episodes of "The Chase" and "To Tell the Truth." Encore episodes of "The Chase" and "The Conners" aired immediately following the News special.)

	8:00:00 PM - 8:30:03 AM	CT	0:30:03	"ABC News Special on Afghanistan" (This sustaining, commercial-free News special aired in place of original episodes of "The Chase" and "To Tell the Truth." Encore episodes of "The Chase" and "The Conners" aired immediately following the News special.)
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	9:00:00 PM - 9:30:03 PM	PT	0:30:03	"ABC News Special on Afghanistan" (This sustaining, commercial-free News special aired in place of original episodes of "The Chase" and "To Tell the Truth." Encore episodes of "The Chase" and "The Conners" aired immediately following the News special.)
Monday, August 16, 2021	3:59:56 PM - 4:36:24 PM	ET	0:36:28	President Biden's Remarks on Afghanistan
	2:59:56 PM - 3:36:24 PM	CT	0:36:28	President Biden's Remarks on Afghanistan
	1:59:56 PM - 2:36:24 PM	MT	0:36:28	President Biden's Remarks on Afghanistan
	12:59:56 PM - 1:36:24 PM	PT	0:36:28	President Biden's Remarks on Afghanistan
Friday, August 20, 2021	1:47:43 PM - 2:32:31 PM	ET	0:44:48	Sepcial Report: President Biden's Remarks on the Evacuation of Afghanistan
	12:47:43 PM - 1:32:31 PM	CT	0:44:48	Sepcial Report: President Biden's Remarks on the Evacuation of Afghanistan
	11:47:43 AM - 12:32:31 PM	MT	0:44:48	Sepcial Report: President Biden's Remarks on the Evacuation of Afghanistan
	10:47:43 AM - 11:32:31 AM	PT	0:44:48	Sepcial Report: President Biden's Remarks on the Evacuation of Afghanistan

Monday, August 23, 2021	1:55:47 PM - 2:12:22 PM	ET	0:16:35	President Biden's Remarks on COVID-19 Vaccines and Updates on Afghanistan
	12:55:47 PM - 1:12:22 PM	CT	0:16:35	President Biden's Remarks on COVID-19 Vaccines and Updates on Afghanistan
	11:55:47 AM - 12:12:22 PM	MT	0:16:35	President Biden's Remarks on COVID-19 Vaccines and Updates on Afghanistan
	10:55:47 AM - 11:12:22 AM	PT	0:16:35	President Biden's Remarks on COVID-19 Vaccines and Updates on Afghanistan
Tuesday, August 24, 2021	5:01:28 PM - 5:20:12 PM	ET	0:18:44	President Biden's Remarks on His Economic Plan and Afghanistan
	4:01:28 PM - 4:20:12 PM	CT	0:18:44	President Biden's Remarks on His Economic Plan and Afghanistan
	3:01:28 PM - 3:20:12 PM	MT	0:18:44	President Biden's Remarks on His Economic Plan and Afghanistan
	2:01:28 PM - 2:20:12 PM	PT	0:18:44	President Biden's Remarks on His Economic Plan and Afghanistan
Thursday, August 26, 2021	9:52:58 AM - 10:12:10 AM	ET	0:19:12	Explosion at Kabul Airport
	8:52:58 AM - 9:12:10 AM	CT	0:19:12	Explosion at Kabul Airport
	7:52:58 AM - 8:12:10 AM	MT	0:19:12	Explosion at Kabul Airport
	6:52:58 AM - 7:12:10 AM	PT	0:19:12	Explosion at Kabul Airport
Thursday, August 26, 2021	1:27:01 PM - 1:40:04 PM	ET	0:13:03	Updates on Explosion at Kabul Airport
	12:27:01 PM - 12:40:04 PM	CT	0:13:03	Updates on Explosion at Kabul Airport
	11:27:01 AM - 11:40:04 AM	MT	0:13:03	Updates on Explosion at Kabul Airport
	10:27:01 AM - 10:40:04 AM	PT	0:13:03	Updates on Explosion at Kabul Airport
Thursday, August 26, 2021	2:59:39 PM - 3:38:27 PM	ET	0:38:48	Additional Updates on Explosion at Kabul Airport
	1:59:39 PM - 2:38:27 PM	CT	0:38:48	Additional Updates on Explosion at Kabul Airport
	12:59:39 PM - 1:38:27 PM	MT	0:38:48	Additional Updates on Explosion at Kabul Airport
	11:59:39 AM - 12:38:27 PM	PT	0:38:48	Additional Updates on Explosion at Kabul Airport
Thursday, August 26, 2021	5:23:26 PM - 5:57:17 PM	ET	0:33:51	President Biden's Remarks on Explosion at Kabul Airport

	4:23:26 PM	-	4:57:17 PM	CT	0:33:51	President Biden's Remarks on Explosion at Kabul Airport
	3:23:26 PM	-	3:57:17 PM	MT	0:33:51	President Biden's Remarks on Explosion at Kabul Airport
	2:23:26 PM	-	2:57:17 PM	PT	0:33:51	President Biden's Remarks on Explosion at Kabul Airport
Friday, August 27, 2021	10:18:40 PM	-	10:21:37 PM	ET	0:02:57	Air Strike Against ISIS-K
	9:18:40 PM	-	9:21:37 PM	CT	0:02:57	Air Strike Against ISIS-K
	8:18:40 PM	-	8:21:37 PM	MT	0:02:57	Air Strike Against ISIS-K
	7:18:40 PM	-	7:21:37 PM	PT	0:02:57	Air Strike Against ISIS-K
Sunday, August 29, 2021	12:45:51 PM		1:06:40 PM	ET	0:20:49	Ceremony at Dover Air Force Base
	11:45:51 AM		12:06:40 PM	CT	0:20:49	Ceremony at Dover Air Force Base
	10:45:51 AM		11:06:40 AM	MT	0:20:49	Ceremony at Dover Air Force Base
	9:45:51 AM		10:06:40 AM	PT	0:20:49	Ceremony at Dover Air Force Base
Monday, August 30, 2021	4:32:29 PM		5:08:33 PM	ET	0:36:04	Conclusion of the War in Afghanistan
	3:32:29 PM		4:08:33 PM	CT	0:36:04	Conclusion of the War in Afghanistan
	2:32:29 PM		3:08:33 PM	MT	0:36:04	Conclusion of the War in Afghanistan
	1:32:29 PM		2:08:33 PM	PT	0:36:04	Conclusion of the War in Afghanistan
Tuesday, August 31, 2021	3:24:51 PM		4:04:59 PM	ET	0:40:08	President Biden's Address to the Nation on Afghanistan
	2:24:51 PM		3:04:59 PM	CT	0:40:08	President Biden's Address to the Nation on Afghanistan
	1:24:51 PM		2:04:59 PM	MT	0:40:08	President Biden's Address to the Nation on Afghanistan
	12:24:51 PM		1:04:59 PM	PT	0:40:08	President Biden's Address to the Nation on Afghanistan
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
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	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
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THIS WEEK – Third Quarter, 2021

Sunday, July 4, 2021

Guests:

- Jeff Zients
White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator
- Gov. Jim Justice
(R) West Virginia
- Gen. Austin “Scott” Miller
Commander, U.S. Forces Afghanistan
Commander, NATO Resolute Support
- Gayle Tzemach
Author, “The Daughters of Kobani” & “Ashley’s War”
Adjunct Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations
- Mary Jordan
Washington Post National Correspondent
- Molly Ball
TIME National Political Correspondent

Topics:

- Fight Against Pandemic
- America Coming Back

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
White House Chief Medical Adviser
National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases Director
- Gov. Asa Hutchinson
(R) Arkansas
- Eric Adams
(D) New York City Mayoral Nominee
Brooklyn Borough President
- Jane Coaston
- NY Times Podcast Host, “The Argument”

Topics:

- COVID-19: Delta Variant
- US Military Mission in Afghanistan
- NYC Crime
- Virgin Atlantic Launch

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Vivek Murthy
U.S. Surgeon General
- Hilda Solis
Chair, LA County Board of Supervisors
- Susan Glasser
The New Yorker Staff Writer
- Michel Martin
Host, NPR’s “All Things Considered”
- Julie Pace
Associated Press Washington Bureau Chief

Topics:

- COVID-19
- Cases Soaring

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Guests:

- Rep. Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
Exclusive
- Sen. Rob Portman
(R) Ohio
Exclusive
- Margaret Hoover
PBS' "Firing Line" Host
CNN Contributor

Topics:

- Freedom Caucus Threat
- Infrastructure Bill
- Gun Violence

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
White House Chief Medical Adviser
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Secretary Pete Buttigieg
Transportation Secretary
Exclusive
- Rep. Adam Kinzinger
(R) Illinois
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol
Exclusive
- Rachael Bade
Politico Playbook Co-Author
- Reihan Salam
Manhattan Institute President

Topics:

- Delta Variant
- Bipartisan Breakthrough
- Capitol Attack Investigation

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Francis Collins
National Institutes of Health Director
Exclusive
- Ryan Crocker
Former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan
Nonresident Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Janis Shinwari
Co-Founder, No One Left Behind
- Michael Mann
Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Science & Director of Earth System
Science Center, Penn State University
- Kristina Dahl
Senior Climate Scientist, Union of Concerned Scientists

Topics:

- Pandemic: Delta Variant
- Vaccine Mandates

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Guests:

- Secretary Antony Blinken
Secretary of State
- Rep. Liz Cheney
(R) Wyoming
Exclusive
- Jane Coaston
New York Times Podcast Host, "The Argument"
- Philip Rucker
Co-Author, "I Alone Can Fix It"
Washington Post Senior Washington Correspondent

Topics:

- Afghanistan Falls
- Delta Variant Surge

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Guests:

- Lloyd Austin
Secretary of Defense
Exclusive
- Dr. Vivek Murthy
U.S. Surgeon General
- Sen. Joni Ernst
(R) Iowa
Armed Services Committee
Exclusive
- Adm. Mike Mullen
US Navy (Ret)
Former Chair, Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Michel Martin
Host, NPR's "All Things Considered"
- Craig Whitlock
Washington Post Investigative Reporter
Author, "The Afghanistan Papers: A Secret History of the War"

Topics:

- Afghanistan Crisis
- Afghanistan Evacuation
- Covid: Delta Variant

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Guests:

- Secretary Antony Blinken
Secretary of State
- Sen. Ben Sasse
(R) Nebraska
Exclusive
- Dr. Anthony Fauci
White House Chief Medical Adviser
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Gayle Tzemach
Author, "The Daughters of Kobani" & "Ashley's War"
Adjunct Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations
- Vivian Salama

- Wall Street Journal National Security Reporter
- Jane Ferguson
PBS NewsHour Correspondent
New Yorker Contributor

Topics:

- Afghanistan Threat
- Left Behind
- Covid: Delta Variant

Sunday, September 5, 2021

Guests:

- Cedric Richmond
Senior Adviser to the President
Exclusive
- Sen. Bill Cassidy, M.D.
(R) Louisiana
Exclusive
- Charlie Gibson
Former Anchor, “Good Morning America” and “World News”
- Kristen Soltis Anderson
Republican Strategist

Topics:

- 9/11 20th Anniversary
- Texas Abortion Ban

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Vivek Murthy
U.S. Surgeon General
- Sen. Joe Manchin
(D) West Virginia
- Sen. Bernie Sanders
(I) Vermont
- Roland Martin
CEO, Black Star Network
Host, #RolandMartinUnfiltered Digital Show

Topics:

- Covid 19
- Biden’s Build Back Better Plan
- Reconciliation Bill

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
White House Chief Medical Adviser
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Adm. Mike Mullen
U.S. Navy (Ret)
Former Chair, Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Vivian Salama
Wall Street Journal National Security Reporter
- Evan Osnos
The New Yorker Staff Writer
Author, “Wildland: The Making of America’s Fury”

Topics:

- Covid 19
- Afghanistan Withdrawal
- Protecting Athletes

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Guests:

- Rep. Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
Exclusive
- Albert Bourla
Pfizer Chairman & CEO
Exclusive
- Brian Murphy
Former DHS Acting Undersecretary for Intelligence
Exclusive
- Patrick Gaspard
Center for American Progress President & CEO
- Justin Amash
Former Michigan Congressman

Topics:

- Biden's Agenda
- Covid 19
- Whistle-Blower: Brian Murphy

NIGHTLINE (M-F) – Third Quarter, 2021

Thursday, July 1, 2021

- Turning Point Special Edition (OAD: 5/06/21)
 - Walter Wallace Jr.

Friday, July 2, 2021

- A Nightline Turning Point (OAD: 06/01/21)
 - Cannabis & Justice for All?

Monday, July 5, 2021

- A Nightline Special Edition: The Price of a Miracle

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 (1:07AM - 1:36:30AM ET)

- Desperate Search: The Storm Threatening
- The Carters – A Lifetime of Love
- Dancing Queen

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

- I Raped You: Searching for a Suspect
- Sha'Carri Richardson: Olympian Controversy
- Parade for Heroes

Thursday, July 8, 2021 (1:07AM – 1:36:30AM ET)

- Dating App Explosion
- Sophia the Robot
- Spelling Bee – First African-American Champ

Friday, July 9, 2021

- The Sins of the Father

Monday, July 12, 2021

- Space Race
- “Summer of Soul”
- Wedding Dress Sunrise

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

- Haiti – Country in Chaos
- ESPN E-60
- Bearfoot on the Beach

Wednesday, July 14, 2021 (1:07AM – 1:36:30AM ET)

- Britney in Court
- UK Soccer Racism
- Bastille Day Proposal

Thursday, July 15, 2021

- Critical Race Theory
- Van Life
- Astro-teen

Friday, July 16, 2021

- A Nightline Special Edition: "Pose" Pain to Pride

Monday, July 19, 2021

- Covid Comeback – Delta Rising
- 2-Way Dr. Bownstein – Covid Questins Answered
- Lost and Found Pooch

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 (1:07AM – 1:36:30AM ET)

- Bezos in Space
- Leyna Bloom
- Brady and Biden

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

- Summer of Extremes
- Beautifully Inclusive
- Dolly – Agless Icon

Thursday, July 22, 2021

- Help Wanted
- Lacking Diversity
- Bucks Parade

Friday, July 23, 2021

- Morgan Wallen
- Anti-Racism Camp
- Opening Ceremony

Monday, July 26, 2021

- Pandemic Games
- Covid 19 Spreading: States with the Highest Rates
- 2-Way with Dr. Jen Ashton
- Olympic Newborns

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 (1:07AM – 1:36:30AM ET)

- Reliving Hell – Assault on the Capitol
- Mena Suvari
- Finding Balance – Simone Biles

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

- RideShare Nightmare
- "Sharkfest"
- Ron Popeil

Thursday, July 29, 2021

- Bold Move – Simone Biles
- Soan – Floor Activism
- Gold First

Friday, July 30, 2021

- Nightline Special Edition: America Under Fire
- Roundtable Discussion: The Hidden Tragedy

Monday, August 2, 2021

- Nightline Special Edition: Kathy Griffin

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

- Andrew Cuomo – Fall from Grace
- Sunisa Lee – Face of Resilience

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

- Covid – Summer Interrupted
- Beirut Revisited
- Rhiana – Billionaire Superstar

Thursday, August 5, 2021

- A Nightline Special Edition: Journey to Safety

Friday, August 6, 2021

- My Father BTK

Monday, August 9, 2021

- Critical Race Theory
- Convict Elected
- Olympic Heroes Return Home

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

- Cuomo Out / Reshef
- Tarana Burke Q&A
- Skaters

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

- Covid in Florida
- Covid Q&A: Dr. Besser and Dr. Kline
- Sea Turtle Rescue

Thursday, August 12, 2021

- Prince Andrew Lawsuit
- Brownie Points – Edibles Boom
- Puppy Rescue

Friday, August 13, 2021

- Anna Nicole Smith

Monday, August 16, 2021

- A Nightline Special Edition: Afghanistan Falls
 - Afghanistan Falls – Latest News
 - Afghanistan Falls – Those Left Behind
 - Afghanistan Falls – Roundtable

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

A Nightline Special Edition: Afghanistan Falls

- Afghanistan Falls: Women in Jeopardy
- Afghanistan Falls: Roundtable

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

- Haiti Earthquake
- R. Kelly
- President Biden

Thursday, August 19, 2021

- Afghanistan - Biden
- Irrepressible Lizzo
- Baby's Best Friend

Friday, August 20, 2021

- Crisis in Afghanistan – One Marine's Mission
- Van Life
- Marching Band

Monday, August 23, 2021

- Covid 19 – Army of Influencers
- Final "Jeopardy"
- Celebrity Surprise

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

- ABC News Investigation: Sig Sauer Lawsuit
- Rolling Stones Remembered – Charlie Watts Obit
- Breaking the Ceiling – NY's First Female Governor

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

- The Exonerated: Back from Death Row
- Billie Eilish: Love Letter to LA
- Honoring Heroes: Harlem Hellfighters

Thursday, August 26, 2021

- A Nightline Special Edition: Terror at the Gate
 - Terror at the Gate: Latest News
 - Terror at the Gate: Deadly Bombing
 - Terror at the Gate: Raddatz
 - Terror at the Gate: Roundtable

Friday, August 27, 2021

- Afghanistan: Faces of the Fallen
- Candyman: Confronting America's Sins

Monday, August 30, 2021

- Afghanistan – Historic Departure
- Ida's Devastation
- Summer of Soul
- Honoring our Fallen

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

- Afghanistan: The Final Exit

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

- Elijah McClain
- Selena and Friends
- Healthy Turn

Thursday September 2, 2021

- Deadly Extremes
- Sophia the Robot
- Parrot Rescue

Friday, September 3, 2021

- ESPN Special: Alive: The Drew Robinson Story

Monday, September 6, 2021

- A Nightline Special Edition – Kathy Griffin

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

- Texas Abortion Battle
- Michael K. Williams
- Fallen Hero

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

- The Women of 9/11 – Robin Roberts

Thursday September 9, 2021

- Medical Drama: Elizabeth Holmes on Trial
- Driving Diversity: NASCAR Pit Crew
- Fashion Week is Back in Style

Friday, September 10, 2021

- The Babies of 9/11: 20 Years of Resilience
- Remembering 9/11: America United in Tragedy

Monday, September 13, 2021 (12:52 – aprx. 1:21:30AM ET)

- Real Estate Boom
- America Strong
- Met Gala – In Style

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

- California Recall
- Guardian Angels – Prison Dogs
- Norm McDonald

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

- Courage of Champions
- Amanda Gorman – Pure Poetry
- Blasting Off

Thursday, September 16, 2021

- Masking: The Debate
- Broadway Returns – The Lion King
- Fallen Marine's Baby

Friday, September 17, 2021

- Inside R. Kelly's World
- Canelo Alvarez

Monday, September 20, 2021

- Gabby Petit
- Reservation Dogs
- Saving Sequoias

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

- Haiti Border Crisis
- American Crime Story
- Marines Rescue

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

- Time Running Out – Julius Jones
- America Strong – Vaxx Communities
- Willie Garson

Thursday, September 23, 2021

- Curse of the Chippendales
- Tarana Burke: American Activist
- Birthday Wish

Friday, September 24, 2021

- BTS & South Korean President Exclusive

Monday, September 27, 2021

- R. Kelly – Guilty
- Planet in Peril
- Historic Opening – Metropolitan Opera

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

- Mysterious Disappearance – Daniel Robinson
- Breaking Ground – Barak Obama

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

- Free Britney
- America Strong – Afghan Refugees
- Gator

Thursday, September 30, 2021

- Eviction Moratorium Ends
- Ozuna: Chart Topping Superstar
- Beach Restoration