



## Weather

Partly sunny, cool

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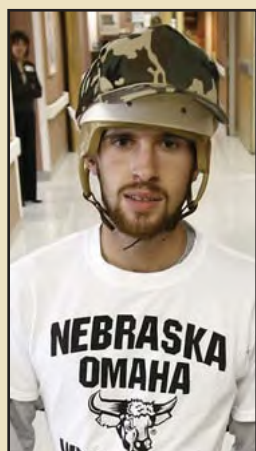
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## TOMORROW



### Front Page

Girl, family bounce back from swine flu.



## Wildlife officials urge caution after two dog killings by wolves

By Joe Knight  
Leader-Telegram staff

Until this summer wolves and dogs in Clark County had gone their separate ways.

A few wolves attacked dogs in Jackson County in the mid-1990s, said



Wydeven

Department of Natural Resources biologist Adrian Wydeven, but since then central Wisconsin has not seen dog attacks, even though wolves have become well-established.

But on July 4 wolves killed a hound in southwestern Clark County. On July 7 another wolf pack killed another hound in western Clark County

### Eau Claire River - Clark County Wolf Pack Caution Area



Staff graphic

near the Eau Claire County line.

In both cases the dogs were in the woods because they were being trained for bear hunting. The bear dog training season runs July 1 to

Aug. 30.

Training bear dogs by chasing bears in central Wisconsin is allowed, but hunting bears with dogs in central Wisconsin is not.

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## Second opinion

### Kind breaks ranks with party as health care bill advances

By Tom Giffey  
Leader-Telegram staff

U.S. Rep. Ron Kind bucked his party Friday, voting against a Democratic-sponsored health care bill he says doesn't go far enough to reform how providers are paid for the care they give.



Kind

Kind, D-La Crosse, was one of three Democrats on the House Ways and Means Committee to vote

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■ Obama urges Congress to keep pushing for passage of his health care plan.

with Republicans against the bill, which would ensure near-universal health coverage, require Americans to carry health insurance, and create a government insurance option that would compete with private insurers.

The bill cleared the Democratic-controlled

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## COOLING PATTERN

## Lower temps have fans

By Chuck Rupnow  
Leader-Telegram staff

On a day where the city's municipal swimming pool was closed and tennis players wrapped themselves in thermal gear, some people enjoyed Friday's brisk temperatures and breeze.

"I have been training for a marathon this fall, and I wanted to get in 10 to 15 miles today," said Sara Rasmussen, 22, while preparing to start her run near the UW-Eau Claire campus.

"I've had to run at night or early in the morning because of the heat, so getting out today in these temperatures, it's going to be pretty nice," she said. "The wind, I don't care —



Staff photo by Chuck Rupnow

Chad Franz of Mondovi enjoyed Friday's cool temperatures, saying they were ideal for his stone-coated steel roofing work at a residence on Kelley Place in Eau Claire.

at least I have it behind me half the time."

Temperatures hovered around the 60-degree mark, although they're expected to warm up to around 70 today.

Chad Franz, a veteran roofer from Mondovi,

said Friday's conditions "were ideal for doing roofing work. It's nice to have it in the 60- to 70-degree mark."

Franz, working for Asher Enterprises, was installing roof caps for a stone-coated steel roof at a

residence on Kelley Place.

"One of the biggest problems is how warm they get when it's hot out," Franz said, adding that the heat impacts the handling of traditional asphalt shingles as well. "This weekend it can be hot, and

that'll be fine."

Rachel Brabec, 17, and Kyle Sanchez, 18, enjoyed a casual tennis match at the Carson Park courts Friday, saying the rather harsh conditions didn't matter.

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## In the know

### Chippewa Falls schools' new leader experienced, familiar with region

By Chris Vetter  
Chippewa Falls News Bureau

CHIPPEWA FALLS — Thomas Hughes loves to juggle for kids. He is an avid scuba diver, rides a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, and enjoys the music of Tex-Mex rock singer Alejandro Escovedo.

Hughes, the new Chippewa Falls school district superintendent, is equally upbeat about his new job, which he began July 1.

"It's a very busy time — closing out last

### Thomas Hughes

Age: 47.

Experience: Superintendent of the Valders school district for the past 10 years.

Education: Bachelor's degree from Winona State University, master's degree from UW-Eau Claire, Doctorate in educational administration from UW-Madison.

year, and getting ready for this (school) year," Hughes said. "It's a nice challenge, it's a nice opportunity. And I'm busy — the days go really fast."

While Hughes is new to the district,

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Thomas Hughes is just two weeks into his job as new superintendent of the Chippewa Falls school district. He is no stranger to the area, however, having attended graduate school at UW-Eau Claire. He has been superintendent in Valders, near Manitowoc, for the past 10 years.

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