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Mother Nature still really can't decide what to do with us, at least in Northern Wisconsin. Luckily, I was able to spend Friday and part of Saturday in Madison for State Forensics for my daughter Grace this past weekend, and it was so nice to see the green grass and the flowering trees doing their thing. There were even happy-faced pansies in flowerpots around State Street as we walked around the Capitol. And the fact that Grace brought home a silver medal for her poetry performance just topped the weekend. Her teammate Tyler also brought a silver medal home for his prose performance. Both students worked hard getting ready for this weekend and were rewarded for their hard work. Hopefully, next year, more students will join them at state forensics.

A new offering called Stockbox will be available in our area for those over 60 and meet financial guidelines. Stockbox is a program that provides healthy food every month for low-income seniors, 60 and older. It will include things like cheese, canned fruits, vegetables and much more. For more information, you can call the Hunger Task Force at 414.777.0483 or call IMPACT at 2-1-1 to apply for this program. I will pass more information along if I receive it as well.

As winter slowly turns to spring, maybe, be careful on the roads. The deer have really been moving the last couple of weeks and are very hard to see because everything is still so brown! More people are out trying to enjoy the weather as well so keep your eyes open for them. And as the water is very high in many spots, be careful as you're traveling.

Please continue to keep Jon Grunwald in your prayers as he has another surgery on the 26th. Hopefully this will be the last one and he will be able to head home soon and finish recuperating there. Healing has been going well, so hoping that this last hurdle will follow the same path. Also keep Ray Nery and Jesse Houle in your prayers as they continue to battle cancer. Keep their families in your prayers also because they are fighting the battle in a different way along with Ray and Jesse.