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Leaders address rising use of heroin

Stemming the tide of drug abuse called a 'big undertaking'

By Andy Thompson
Editor/Local News

Winnebago County authorities know they can't attack the growing heroin problem with a business-as-usual approach.

"This is the first I can recall when we've had a specific drug so prevalent in our community," Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz told Post-Crescent Media. "But we can't arrest our way out of the problem."

Matz stressed that drug prevention and treatment programs, along with early intervention efforts for heroin users, are vitally important.

"We always strive to put dealers and users behind bars, but that doesn't get at the heart of the (heroin) demand problem. That's what we're trying to get to. What's causing the problem is supply and demand."

"For law enforcement, it's a different way of thinking. But I'm optimistic that we can make some change that will help."

Matz was among 120-plus people from a variety of backgrounds to attend the first-ever

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OVERDOSE DEATHS

Winnebago County drug overdose deaths:

2011: 23

2012: 27

2013: 14 (estimate through Oct. 16)

Source: Winnebago County Coroner Barry Busby

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LOGGING INDUSTRY CLUTCHES TO HISTORY, PROTESTS FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

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Loggers say restrictions on cutting in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest are blocking the creation of jobs and harming the economy. Ecologists, though, warn past timber management has put the forest in dire circumstances, and more logging would hurt the precious ecosystem. WM. GLASHEEN/GANNETT WISCONSIN MEDIA

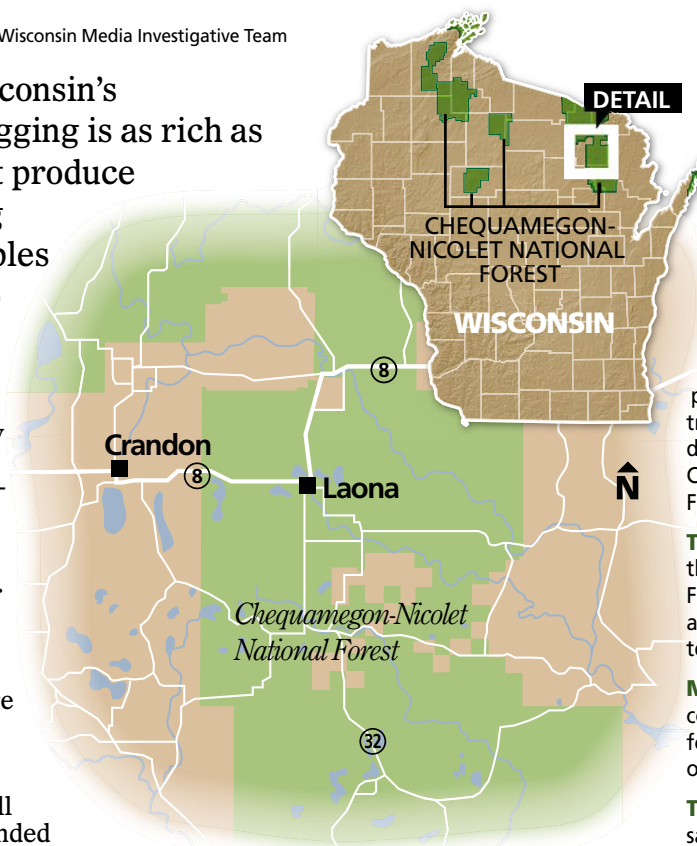
TIMBER TROUBLE

By Nick Penzenstadler | Gannett Wisconsin Media Investigative Team

LAONA – Wisconsin's history of logging is as rich as the soils that produce the towering birches, maples and oaks that fetch top dollar as boards and hardwood flooring.

By 1910, barons notoriously hacked down the 1.5 million-acre timberlands now protected within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest to help build Milwaukee and Chicago. A century later after careful restoration, timber industry managers say the cutting has fallen short and the riches within the forest are being squandered at taxpayers' expense.

A long-brewing battle pits cash-strapped loggers and mill owners against protection-minded ecologists and a growing woodland-



» ABOUT 'TIMBER TROUBLE'

In an exclusive three-part series, "Timber Trouble," the Gannett Wisconsin Media Investigative Team examines the state's rich logging heritage and what some economic development and other officials view as a squandered resource that could spur much-needed jobs. Reporter Nick Penzenstadler and photojournalist William Glasheen traveled to northern Wisconsin to document the problems facing the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and surrounding communities.

TODAY: A lack of timber harvest in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest pits loggers and mill owners against ecologists straining to protect wildlife and foster silent sports.

MONDAY: Residents of the 11 counties that include the national forest have captured the attention of an unlikely politician.

TUESDAY: Western wildfires have sapped the national Forest Service's budget for managing and harvesting timber in northern Wisconsin and other states.

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