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Government: Date Aired: October 6, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :24 House Speaker Paul Ryan says Congress must consider whether a bump stock used in the Las Vegas shootings should be legal. The device basically converts legal semiautomatic weapons into fully automatic guns which are strictly regulated under federal law. U-S Senator Dianne Feinstein has introduced a bill to ban the device, and Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson says he would go along with the ban.

Date Aired: October 12, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :19 Marathon County is one step closer to getting a new judge. There are five right now for a population of 135,00. Judge Greg Huber said a sixth judge will allow more cases to be processed quicker. In addition to a possible new judge, the proposed county budget also includes adding a new IT specialist to the DA's office.

Date Aired: October 19, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :21 Governor Walker is running for a third term. The group "Friends of Scott Walker" released the campaign's first ad Wednesday morning. At least eight democratic candidates have already declared they're running against Walker in the 2018 election. Walker was first elected as governor in 2010.

Date Aired: October 20, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :21 Wisconsin's two U-S senators vote with their parties as the G-O-P majority passed a four-trillion-dollar budget package with President Trump's tax cuts. Republican Ron Johnson voted yes while Democrat Tammy Baldwin voted no on a package that was sent to the House on a 51-49 vote.

Date Aired: October 23, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :26 Some Marshfield residents are now petitioning to call for an amendment that would reel in unlimited campaign spending. Marshfield United to Amend began the petition process on October 1st and has 60 days from then to get around 1,100 signatures to have the petition reviewed by the city. There are currently 19 states that call for the amendment, and more than 100 municipalities across Wisconsin are in support.

Date Aired: November 6, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :19 Governor Scott Walker will run for a third term in office. Walker kicked off his candidacy

Saturday in Waukesha. There is no clear Democratic front runner ready to take on the Republican in the November 2018 election. If he wins, Walker will be only the second Wisconsin governor elected to a third term.

Date Aired: November 9, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :26 The legal drinking age would be lowered to 19 in Wisconsin under a bill circulated by the former president of the Tavern League and two other Republican lawmakers. The proposal calls for lowering the drinking age from the current minimum of 21 only if Wisconsin would not lose its federal highway funds. A 1984 law reduces federal highway funds by eight-percent for states where the drinking age is not at least 21.

Date Aired: November 10, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :21 A plan to put strict limits on the public release of police body camera footage has been approved in the Wisconsin Assembly. Kewaskum Republican Jesse Kremer said the bill is needed to protect crime victims and witnesses. But Madison Democrat Chris Taylor says the bill makes it too hard for the public to see the body camera footage they're paying for.

Date Aired: November 10, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :20 Couples who get divorced would no longer have to wait six months before remarrying under a bill approved by the Wisconsin Assembly. The proposal's author, Republican Rep. Cindi Duchow says the waiting period penalizes people who get divorced when they've broken no laws. The bipartisan bill now heads to the state Senate.

Date Aired: November 15, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :27 Governor Walker said yesterday there's no way he would support dropping the slogan America's Dairyland that's been on the state's license plates for almost 70 years. In October, director Kurt Bauer of the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce Association advocated that America's Dairyland be dropped, saying that farming no longer dominates the business climate. But Walker says agriculture remain the state's bread and butter.

Date Aired: November 15, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :21 The Wausau City Council is looking at a 2018 budget that would increase taxes on a \$100,000 home by about \$25. The Council is expected to vote on the budget at its next meeting on Nov. 28. The

City Council approved an ordinance to allow a quadricycle business to operate. In September, the Wausau Public Health and Safety Committee established guidelines for so called party bikes.

Date Aired: November 28, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :21
Governor Walker signed a bill Monday creating a new council to fight homelessness in Wisconsin. The new law will bring together eight agencies to target homelessness through a coordinating council to be chaired by Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch. It marks the first time in state history that a coordinated effort to combat homelessness is created under state law.

Date Aired: December 6, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :24
McDill Auto Wrecking in Whiting is set to close Saturday after 80 years in business. The auto shop on the corner of Post Road and McDill Avenue will lose its driveway and a small parking lot because of an upcoming DOT road project. The owners say without that driveway they can't get in and out of the business. They currently have a lawsuit against the state on ownership for the driveway. Construction is scheduled to take place next summer.

Date Aired: December 7, 2017 Time: 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :16
Stevens Point officials say City Hall is out-of-date and lacks the space needed. Council members recently approved the purchase of three properties which could become the new Point City Hall. An architect is expected to submit a design concept within two months.

Date Aired: December 14, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :24
The League of Wisconsin Municipalities opposes plans by Republican state lawmakers to limit the regulatory powers of city governments. The change would end the cities' ability to do systematic building inspections for rental properties. The league says irresponsible landlords are being protected while jeopardizing the health and safety of renters. Supporters say the legislation is focused on tenant-landlord rights and development.

Date Aired: December 20, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :27
The ordinance that would require horse-drawn buggies to essentially follow the same regulations as cars was voted down in Wood County Tuesday morning. Numerous community members spoke against the rules, some speaking on behalf of the Amish, saying the rules were discriminatory. The crowd inside the county board room grew to standing room only. Board member Bill Winch

said he wanted discussion on the topic because many people in his district have had close calls with buggies.

Economy: Date Aired: October 5, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :16 Wausau City leaders attended the groundbreaking ceremony yesterday for Riverlife Development. The first phase of the project includes a 45,000 square foot commercial building, a 52-unit apartment building, and two 3-unit town-houses. The buildings should be ready for occupants in the fall 2018.

Date Aired: October 11, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :24 The Senate agriculture committee held a public hearing yesterday to consider a bill that would allow farmers to grow industrial hemp in Wisconsin. Sen. Patrick Testin and Rep. Jesse Kremer argued the legalization of industrial hemp could help keep Wisconsin farms open. Wisconsin produced three quarters of domestic hemp during World War II before demand plummeted and China took over the market.

Date Aired: October 23, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :26
Wisconsin continues to have slower than average growth in its new small businesses. The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation says the Badger State is 23rd among the 25 largest states in employment growth in the first five years of startup companies. Senator Tammy Baldwin highlighted that ranking when she proposed an increase in the federal tax deduction for small startups from five-thousand dollars to 20-thousand.

Date Aired: November 1, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :23 The Appleton-based retailer Book World says it is closing all 45 of its stores in the U-S. The company which is the fourth largest book store chain in the U-S said it could no longer keep up with Amazon and other online retailers. Book World has stores in Wisconsin and six other mid-west states and those stores will remain open until the inventory is sold.

Date Aired: November 9, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :17 The state Assembly is poised to pass a bill that would allow farmers to grow industrial hemp. People with drug convictions wouldn't be eligible for the licenses. The plants couldn't contain more than 0.3 percent THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. At least 30 states have passed legislation allowing hemp farms.

Date Aired: November 27, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :21
Census figures from the Ag Department show the number of farmers between the ages of 25-and-34 grew by two-point-two percent over a recent five-year period. That's just the second time in the last century the number of young farmers went up. While about 25-hundred younger farmers came on board, nearly 100-thousand older farmers left the business.

Date Aired: November 28, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :17
Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson says he's working with other Republican senators who have concerns about the tax reform bill, but he still intends to vote no unless changes are made. The Wisconsin Republican says the measure doesn't cut business taxes enough for pass through partnerships and corporations.

Date Aired: November 30, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :24
Governor Walker said he'll ask lawmakers to approve seven-million dollars next spring for an ad

campaign to attract more workers from out of state including millennials and veterans. Senate G-O-P Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald supports the plan, but Senate Democratic Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling wants Republicans to look at their own policies which she says has driven away young adults to other states.

Date Aired: November 30, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :16
Forbes Magazine says Wisconsin is the 33rd best state for business, with the Badger State dropping six places from last year. Forbes says the job outlook remains among the bottom 20 states, but it's much improved from six years ago when it was second to last.

Date Aired: December 1, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :22
Governor Walker signed into law a bill which lets state farmers grow industrial hemp. It means Wisconsin joins 30 other states which have legalized hemp farming. Hemp farmers with drug convictions won't be able to get a state license to grow the crop, even though there are strict limitations on how much T-H-C their crop can contain.

Date Aired: December 1, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :22 A
state agency will spend one-million dollars to try and convince U-W graduates in the Chicago area to move back to Wisconsin. The state's Economic Development Corporation will use money in its budget for an ad campaign that targets millennial alumni. The goal is to attract more highly skilled employees to the Badger State.

Date Aired: December 20, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :19 A
mandate requiring truckers to log their hours through electronic logging devices - or ELDs - is not being welcomed with open arms. George Oberlander the owner of Overland Transportation said there is an extreme shortage of truckers in the industry right now. Oberlander believes ELDs are only going to make finding new drivers more difficult.

Health: Date Aired: October 3, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :21
The Wausau Parks and Recreation Committee passed a motion last night that calls for a complete smoking ban at city parks. Officials say the goal is to make Wausau one of the healthiest cities in the state and to cut down on smoking-related garbage that is left behind at parks. The motion moves to the full city council for consideration later this month.

Date Aired: October 6, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :16
Wisconsin drivers are the fifth likeliest in the nation to hit a deer. The state moved up from the sixth highest last year in an annual review of claims filed with State Farm Insurance. It says Wisconsin motorists have a one in 72 chance of hitting a deer, elk, or moose. West Virginia drivers have the greatest risk at one in 43.

Date Aired: October 10, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :26 The Marathon County Health and Human Services Committee last night gave the thumbs up to joining the proposed lawsuit against drug manufacturers. Lawyers representing Wisconsin counties would argue pharmaceutical companies knew how harmful opioids could be, but kept marketing them as safe because they were profitable. Wood County has already joined the potential suit. That idea now goes to the full county board.

Date Aired: October 13, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :21
Wisconsinites on Obamacare will pay an average of 36-percent more to stay on the Affordable Care Act next year. The state Insurance Commissioner's office says the increase reflects President Trump's executive order from Thursday that cuts off federal subsidies to reduce co-pays and deductibles for those with low to moderate incomes.

Date Aired: October 18, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length : 21 The State Department of Health Services say flu season is starting early this year in Wisconsin. Both flu activity and flu-associated hospitalizations are higher than normal there have been 51 reported cases since September. Doctors say the flu season typically runs between November and February.

Date Aired: November 16, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :27 A Stevens Point family is pushing for a law that safeguards against overprescribing opioids to veterans. Wisconsin Senator Tammy Baldwin introduced bi-partisan legislation Wednesday, with new guidelines and training aimed at preventing overprescription. Marv Simcakoski testified on Capitol Hill hoping to encourage Congress to quickly pass Baldwin's bill. His son Jason, died in 2014 at the VA hospital in Tomah. The Simcakoski's traveled to Washington to make sure it doesn't happen again to other veterans.

Date Aired: November 29, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :23 Wisconsin would lose 115-million federal dollars a year if Congress does not bring back the popular Child Health Insurance program. The CHIP program helps about 118-thousand Wisconsin youngsters whose families make too much to get Medicaid, but not enough to afford private coverage. Wisconsin has a law requiring CHIP coverage, and state taxpayers would have to pick up the tab if Washington doesn't.

Date Aired: November 29, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :18 The Wausau city council voted no last night to a proposal that would restrict smoking in public parks. Supporters of the proposal have said littered cigarette butts can deter families from visiting local parks. But Alderperson Tom Neal said people need to be responsible and pick-up after themselves.

Date Aired: December 12, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :18 Governor Walker signed a bill into law in Platteville earlier Monday that makes it easier for nurses to practice in other states. The law enters Wisconsin into the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact with 26 other states. Under the law nurses wouldn't need a separate license to practice in other states.

Date Aired: December 14, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :14 The Medical College of Wisconsin will work with the state's Pharmacy Society on a two-and-a-half year vaccination project. The eventual goal is to make sure vaccinations are available all over the state -- especially rural areas.

Date Aired: December 22, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :19 U.S.

deaths from drug overdoses skyrocketed 21 percent last year, and for the second straight year dragged down how long Americans are expected to live. The drug deaths weigh into CDC's annual calculation of the average life time. Life expectancy for men decreased to around 76 while it held steady for women at 81.

Environment: Date Aired: October 5, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :21 Wisconsin is one step closer to ending a nearly 20-year-old moratorium on sulfide mines. The state Senate's mining panel endorsed a bill yesterday from its Republican chairman Tom Tiffany. The vote was 3-2, with Democrats voting no. Tiffany says the mining laws are too restrictive while critics say disturbing sulfide rock would pollute groundwater. The bill now heads to the full Senate.

Date Aired: October 13, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :21 The State Ag Department confirms the emerald ash borer has been found in Marathon County. A tree care service found infested trees in the Town of Rib Mountain along the Wisconsin River. The county is now under quarantine to help limit the spread of the insect. Emerald ash borer has been confirmed in more than half of Wisconsin's 72 counties.

Date Aired: October 26, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :23
Governor Walker has announced the state's DNR forestry headquarters will move from Madison to Rhinelander. Over the next year, other forestry positions, currently in Madison, will move to Rhinelander or other locations north of Highway 29 in phases. Walker said the move will put the Division of Forestry and its leadership in a better position to work with the forest industries in the state.

Date Aired: October 26, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :18 All terrain vehicles will be allowed for the first time in Wisconsin's largest state forest. The Natural Resources Board voted 7-0 Wednesday to designate up to 205 miles of trails in the Northern Highland/American Legion State Forest. It is part of an overall recreation plan that includes more biking and off road motorcycle trails, plus more modern camping areas.

Date Aired: November 3, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :21 The State Assembly passed a bill yesterday that would eliminate Wisconsin's minimum hunting age. The proposal would let kids of any age, even toddlers, hunt with a mentor during the youth hunting season. Some lawmakers say that's a dangerous move, but others say the state shouldn't tell parents when their kids can hunt. The bill goes next to the State Senate.

Date Aired: November 7, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :24 The Wausau Parks and Recreation Committee approved a proposal that would restrict smoking in city parks. Supporters say littered cigarette butts can deter families from visiting parks, but critics say police don't have time to chase down violators. Vaping would also be prohibited if approved, however chewing tobacco would still be allowed. The proposal now goes to the full city council for approval.

Date Aired: November 8, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :24 Children of any age would be allowed to hunt with guns under a bill the state Senate has approved. The bill allows kids of any age to hunt with a mentor. The bill also allow hunters and mentors to have more than one weapon between them. Thirty-four states have no minimum hunting age. The Assembly passed the bill last week and now goes to Governor Walker for his signature.

Date Aired: November 14, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :24
With the gun deer season just four days away, Governor Walker signed a Republican bill over the weekend that lets children of any age take part in hunting with mentors. The bill's supporters say parents should be the ones to decide when their kids are old enough to hunt, but Democrats say it will make the woods more dangerous. The governor also approved a bill for year round hunting of woodchucks with no bag limits.

Date Aired: November 14, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :13
State officials are encouraging more deer hunters for the gun season. Last year marked the first time in 40 years that the number of deer licenses sold dropped below 600-thousand -- and the total harvest of almost 197-thousand deer was the lowest since 1982.

Date Aired: November 17, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :19
More than 600,000 hunters will head into the woods for the annual nine-day gun deer season, which opens tomorrow. According to wildlife biologists, a number of signs point to hunter success. The archery harvest is running up a little ahead of last year. Minnesota just sent out a report on their gun season which was up 10 percent. The weather will be a major factor as well.

Date Aired: November 20, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :26
Marathon county is in the process of setting up its own mining regulations, as the state is about to end a 19-year-old moratorium on sulfide mining. The County conservation department is looking at an ordinance to protect taxpayers from environmental damage once miners leave. Aquila Resources has been considering mines in Marathon and Taylor counties, but has not filed for state licenses. Taylor County has had an environmental protection ordinance since 2013.

Date Aired: November 22, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :21
Hunters killed nearly 14,000 fewer deer during opening weekend of Wisconsin's nine-day gun season this year than last. DNR figures released yesterday show the deer harvest is down by around 12 percent. Hunters took 15-percent fewer antlerless deer than a year ago, while the buck harvest was down nine-percent. The northwoods was the only region where the deer totals were up.

Date Aired: November 27, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :21

State Representative Katrina Shankland has introduced a clean water bill. Shankland's legislation would provide 100-thousand dollars-a-year for the DNR to expand the testing of private wells. Four years ago, a study found that 47 percent of Wisconsin's private wells had levels of contamination which exceeded state-established health standards.

Date Aired: November 28, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :24 The state DNR says seven hunters were shot during the nine-day gun deer season but none were fatal. Five hunters accidentally shot themselves while the sixth was shot by someone in his own party during a deer drive in Ozaukee County. The seventh hunter was hunting ducks from a kayak in Waukesha County last Friday when a stray bullet hit him in both legs. Harvest totals for the season are expected to be released soon.

Date Aired: November 29, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :24 The Wisconsin DNR has released preliminary numbers from the state's nine day gun deer season. Hunters shot the second lowest number of deer since 1982, and the state sold its fewest gun licenses since 1976. The D-N-R numbers show almost 196-thousand deer were registered for the season that ended Sunday. Totals were down in both Marathon and Portage counties while both Lincoln and Langlade counties saw an increase in deer harvested.

Date Aired: December 11, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :19 Governor Walker will sign the "Mining for America" bill today in Rhinelander. That move will end the state's moratorium on gold and silver mining. Although Walker voted to impose the 1998 moratorium when he was in the state Assembly, the Republican now says he believes it's possible to run a mining operation without damaging the environment.

Date Aired: December 20, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :17 A former head of the Wisconsin DNR has been chosen to be regional administrator for the E-P-A. Cathy Stepp will oversee the enforcement of environmental protection laws and regulations for the six-state region which includes Wisconsin.

Education: Date Aired: October 9, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :16 University of Wisconsin students will be suspended for shouting down campus speakers twice and expelled for third violations. The U-W Board of Regents adopted that policy Friday in Menomonie. Republican state lawmakers called for the measure, saying it would promote free speech on campus.

Date Aired: October 12, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :26 The University of Wisconsin's two-year campuses would merge with its four-year schools starting next summer in a plan confirmed Wednesday. The two-year schools in Marshfield and Wausau would become branches of U-W Stevens Point and the flagship school at Madison would take in the statewide Extension service. With declining enrollments, U-W President Ray Cross says the mergers would let schools combine programs.

Date Aired: October 17, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :19 Student leaders in the U-W System say they want input on the proposed mergers of the two year and four year campuses. Students are asking university leaders to address their concerns after U-W President Ray Cross proposed that the state's network of 13 two year colleges merge with their nearby four year schools.

Date Aired: November 10, 2017 Time: 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30AM Segment Length :26 The University of Wisconsin's first major reorganization since 1971 has been approved by the Board of Regents. The panel voted yesterday to let U-W President Ray Cross pursue the mergers of the 13 two year colleges with their nearby four year campuses. Cross said the colleges have lost 32-percent of their enrollment since 2010, and with the loss of millions of tuition dollars the time to act is now.