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Education: Date Aired: January 4, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :23 Wisconsin public school superintendent Tony Evers will have two challengers in the spring elections. Retired Beloit superintendent Lowell Holtz and Dodgeville district administrator John Humphries filed nomination papers before Tuesday's deadline. Both Humphries and Holtz have said they'll join conservatives in supporting tax funded private school vouchers.

Date Aired: January 13, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :15 Wisconsin is getting two-million dollars to prepare high school students for the jobs that employers need to fill. The state Department of Public Instruction has received one of ten grants from J-P Morgan Chase. Officials say it will improve current job training efforts by the 16 state technical colleges.

Date Aired: January 26, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :15 Schools in Wisconsin's smallest towns will have to wait to see what Governor Walker has in mind for helping them. The Republican called off visits today to Hilbert, Crandon, and Stanley -- where he was going to unveil a plan he says would dramatically help rural schools. The governor's office says Walker has a cold, and it's not known when the tour will be rescheduled.

Date Aired: February 2, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :21 Governor Walker says his budget proposals will help to provide greater stability for the state's rural school districts. Walker's proposals call for an increase in state aid, to help schools pay high transportation costs. It also asks for an increase in funds for broadband and technology grants. Walker will give his two year budget to lawmakers next Tuesday.

Date Aired: February 6, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :21 Governor Walker is proposing a big boost in state funding for K-through-12 education. This comes two years after the Republican cut school funding. This time he is calling for a 649-million dollar increase. That is an additional 200 dollars of spending per pupil in each of the next two years. The Governor will release details of his spending plan Wednesday.

Date Aired: February 14, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :23 Schools around Wisconsin are calling on lawmakers in Madison to change the law on when school is allowed to start. Currently, the school year can't begin before September. The Wausau School Board is sending a resolution to the Legislature, asking for control. Board President Lance

Trollop argues the district needs more flexibility. But the tourism industry fears such a change would create a negative impact on businesses.

Date Aired: March 7, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :18 Wisconsin school districts are going deeper in debt as voters approved ten times more borrowing last year than just five years before that. School districts say they need the extra money to upgrade facilities, keep programs going, and compete with other schools amid open enrollment and private school choice.

Date Aired: March 16, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :11 A U.S. News & World Report ranks the UW-Madison campus as the third best education graduate program in America. Madison's history program is the ninth best in the country, and the school's sociology program is sixth best.

Economy: Date Aired: January 11, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :19 Governor Walker vowed to grow Wisconsin's workforce in his annual State of the State address.

The Republican addressed both houses of the Legislature for the seventh time yesterday afternoon. Walker said for the first time he would include a tuition cut for U-W students as part of the state budget he'll submit to lawmakers next month.

Date Aired: January 18, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :22 Gasoline in Wisconsin is a bit cheaper than one week ago, but it still costs almost 20 cents more per gallon than this time in December. The Triple "A" says the average statewide price of regular unleaded is about two-dollars and 34-cents, way above the one-80 we were paying at this time last year. GasBuddy Dot Com says the slight price drop is due growing supplies and a weaker demand.

Date Aired: January 20, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :20 Wisconsin's unemployment rate has dropped to four-percent, the lowest in 16 years. State officials say the seasonally adjusted jobless rate went down by one-tenth-of-one-percent in December. About 125-thousand Wisconsin residents were actively looking for work and could not find it, the fewest since February of 2001.

Date Aired: January 23, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :24 The state Revenue Department says it will start accepting tax returns today online. Wisconsin "E" File has become the most popular option for filing state income tax returns. Revenue officials say 85 percent of last year's three-million individual returns were filed electronically. Due to a legal holiday in the nation's capital, the tax filing deadline this year will be on Tuesday, April 18th.

Date Aired: January 25, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :20 Wisconsin Realtors have set a new record for their home sales in 2016. The Realtors Association says 81-thousand-405 existing houses were sold statewide last year, six-point-one-percent more than in 2015, Association president Mike Theo says higher interest rates will continue in the New Year, and buyers will have to move quickly to take advantage of good prices.

Date Aired: February 3, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :12 The number of Wisconsinites filing for bankruptcy is the lowest in nine years. Sixteen-thousand-831 state residents filed for bankruptcy throughout the state last year -- nine-percent less than in 2015 and the lowest since 2007.

Date Aired: February 8, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :22 Governor Walker will present the fourth two year state budget of his governorship this afternoon. He'll hit the high points in a speech to lawmakers at four p-m at the Capitol. Walker announced one of the biggest parts of his two year package yesterday, when he proposed a five-percent tuition cut for Wisconsin resident undergrads at the U-W. But G-O-P legislators say it will be a tough sell.

Date Aired: February 27, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :13 J.C. Penney announced it will be closing 130 to 140 stores as part of a plan to bring the company back to profitability. A full list of the planned closures is coming in mid-March pending notification of personnel.

Date Aired: March 16, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :17 Experts expect the trend of bank consolidations in Wisconsin to continue in the new year. Nineteen mergers were announced last year. That's up from 12 in 2015 and nine in 2014. Industry observers say the consolidations are motivated by rising technology and regulatory costs.

Date Aired: March 20, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length : 17 JC Penney will close stores in Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield this summer. The two are four Wisconsin stores among the 138 Penneys plans to close. The move will eliminate about five-thousand jobs nationwide. The Texas-based company says it is cutting back on its brick-and-mortar stores as it strives to compete with online retailers.

Date Aired: March 29, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :10 The Wisconsin Triple "A" says gas prices will start rising in April as refineries shut down for maintenance and switch to summer grades of fuel. Triple "A" expects the price to jump by as much as 45 cents a gallon this summer.

Health: Date Aired: January 4, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :23
Wisconsin traffic deaths in 2016 are the highest in four years. D-O-T figures show that 588 people died in state crashes last year -- six-percent more than in 2015, and the most deaths since 2012 when 601 people died in state traffic crashes. D-O-T officials say more people were on the road last year due to an improved economy and lower gas prices.

Date Aired: January 6, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :24 Wisconsin's largest health groups are praising Governor Walker's call for a special legislative session on fighting opiate and heroin addictions. Among other things the Republican Walker told state departments to apply for seven-point-six-million dollars in federal funds each year to fight the addictions. The Wisconsin Hospital Association says the plan includes some of its own proposals, and the State Medical Society calls the plan "ambitious."

Date Aired: January 10, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :20 Wisconsin Rapids investigators are linking two overdose cases to a new drug in the area. Rapids Police said U47 is illegal in Wisconsin and is a highly addictive synthetic opiate that serves no medical purpose. Officers said it is eight times more potent than morphine. Investigators in Marathon County said they have yet to respond to any U47 cases.

Date Aired: January 10, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :14 Governor Walker's task force on opioid abuse is launching its new enhanced prescription drug monitoring program. The program will help doctors keep track of patients through a database, ensuring they are not getting prescription drugs from various health systems.

Date Aired: January 11, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :17 More teens in central Wisconsin appear to be buying tobacco illegally. That's according to surveillance checks of retailers in the Wausau and Stevens Point areas, Police enlist underage volunteers to try and buy tobacco, which is illegal for those younger than 18. The checks are part of the ongoing "Wisconsin Wins" program.

Date Aired: January 16, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :15 As more states legalize marijuana to treat medical conditions and for recreational use, a new report from the Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine found cannabis does relieve symptoms in

certain patients including those suffering chronic pain and those going through chemo.

Date Aired: January 19, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :24 The doctor who was let go from the Tomah V-A Medical Center for overprescribing painkillers has agreed to surrender his medical license. David Houlihan reached a settlement with the state Medical Examining Board to drop three complaints against him in exchange. Houlihan was nicknamed the "Candy Man" for his excessive approval of painkillers that played a role in the death of Marine veteran Jason Simcakoski of Stevens Point in 2014.

Date Aired: January 19, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :16 A new state law is changing the way doctors prescribe medication. Beginning in April physicians will be required by state law to check an online prescription registry before prescribing drugs to their patients. Doctors are calling it a much more reliable and consistent approach to prescribing medicine.

Date Aired: January 20, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :26 The Wisconsin D.O.T. is taking a closer look at a stretch of highway in Marathon County. There have been 82 total crashes on Highway 97, between the Marshfield city limits, and Balsam Road near Stratford over the last five years. Now, the department will monitor the patterns, and work to come up with a possible engineering solution. According to the data, most of State Highway 97 is actually below the statewide average for crashes.

Date Aired: January 27, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :24 The congressman who represents the Tomah V-A Medical Center says President Trump's new hiring freeze will hurt veterans' care at the facility. House Democrat Ron Kind of La Crosse says the executive order that Trump signed Monday will only "deepen" a shortage of nurses, psychiatrists, and other health workers at the Tomah V-A. The agency's website shows 29 openings at the Tomah facility.

Date Aired: January 31, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :16 The Marathon County Sheriff's office says drivers need to keep their headlights on during snow storms because it's the law. Officials say it's a problem they see more than they should. Police say anyone who doesn't turn their lights on during reduced visibility could be fined \$163.

Date Aired: February 1, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :26 For the third time in three years, Wisconsin lawmakers are considering a bill to let kids with seizures be treated with an oil derivative of marijuana. Families struggling with epilepsy told lawmakers they're tired of waiting for access to the extract used to treat seizures. Legislators are considering a bill from that would make it legal to possess cannabidiol oil with a doctor's certification. A similar bill passed the Assembly last year but stalled in the Senate.

Date Aired: February 7, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :18 Wisconsin has just had its deadliest weekend for snowmobile crashes in almost three years. Clark County sheriff's officials said Monday that a fatal crash had occurred near Unity early on Saturday -- and that brought the total number of weekend snowmobile deaths to three in Wisconsin for the first time since early March of 2014.

Date Aired: February 7, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :21 A statewide recall has been issued for beef jerky produced by a Wisconsin company. The State and Johnson's Sausage Shoppe in Rio issued the recall for jerky that was not properly inspected before sale. All affected products were sold in quarter pound packages. Consumer protection officials say there are no reports of illnesses related to the jerky.

Date Aired: February 13, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :19 The number of Wisconsin babies born with drug dependencies has skyrocketed in the past decade. State health officials say almost 600 babies were born in 2015 with what's called Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome. That's four times the number of babies born with that condition in 2006. The highest rates are in Vilas, Iron, and Ashland counties.

Date Aired: February 16, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :15 It's been a more severe flu season in Wisconsin this winter than one year ago. The state Health Services agency says 837 people have been hospitalized with flu related conditions. That's much greater than the 163 hospitalizations reported at this time last year.

Date Aired: February 23, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :18 The flu bug continues to hit Wisconsin hard. State health officials say 936 cases have been confirmed

statewide, way up from the 176 cases recorded by this time last winter. Almost 12-hundred people have been hospitalized with flu related conditions, about six times more than at this point last year.

Date Aired: February 23, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :26 The Wisconsin Assembly's health committee heard both emotional support and measured opposition to a bill that lets terminally ill patients try experimental treatments. The bill's main sponsor, Wausau area Republican Pat Snyder, says letting the terminally ill try unproven drugs offers hope. But the State Medical Society opposes it, saying it would disrupt clinical trials which determine the safety of new drugs.

Date Aired: February 24, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :24 Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel has struck a deal with the manufacturer of a drug used to reverse overdoses to make it more readily available at a lower cost. Schimel announced the partnership with Adapt Pharma for the drug known as Narcan. The one-year deal gives a 40 percent discount to police, first responders, state and local governments and community-based organizations

Date Aired: March 3, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :12 Wisconsin traffic deaths took a big drop in February, despite the fact that lots of people hit the road to enjoy record warm weather. The D-O-T said 34 people were killed in state crashes last month, 21 fewer than the same month last year.

Date Aired: March 8, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :23 Parents of children with numerous seizures could soon be allowed to possess a treatment made from a marijuana extract -- if they can get their hands on it elsewhere. The Wisconsin Assembly voted 98 to nothing to approve a bill allowing possession of C-B-D oil -- but it does not allow for the production and sale of the product within the state. The Senate ok'd the measure last month, and it now goes to Governor Walker -- who has said he supports it.

Date Aired: March 13, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :21 House Speaker Paul Ryan of Janesville says health insurance costs will eventually drop if Congress passes the G-O-P alternative to Obamacare. Ryan said yesterday that if Congress does nothing, premiums would go far higher than they would otherwise. Wisconsin Republican says health costs will go

down once a two year transition period is completed.

Date Aired: March 23, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :12 The push to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act comes to a head today in the House of Representatives where lawmakers are scheduled to vote on the GOP's replacement bill called the American Healthcare Act.

Date Aired: March 24, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :17 The BloodCenter of Wisconsin is putting out a call for donors. Earlier this year, blood supplies were already low, now in the wake of recent tragedy in our area , the organization is asking for donation-- especially of O negative. O negative blood is of critical importance, as it is the universal donor and blood type used in emergency situations.

Date Aired: March 27, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :17 Plans are being made to improve the Wisconsin Communications System. The system of 120 state-owned towers allows public safety agencies to communicate during emergencies. State officials want to improve the existing network, but there are questions about how to pay for it. More towers are needed to get rid of gaps in the coverage.

Government: Date Aired: January 3, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :26 U-S House Republicans have voted to weaken the ethics office that monitors their behavior. When the full House meets today to adopt its rules, they'll be asked to strip the independence from the Office of Congressional Ethics, and give its oversight to the G-O-P controlled House Ethics Committee. It would also end investigations of anonymous complaints against House members. G-O-P said the changes would improve members due process rights

Date Aired: January 3, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :16 A new state law takes effect today in which people can obtain their vital records like birth and marriage certificates at their nearest county courthouse -- and folks who no longer live where they were born don't have to drive to those places to get their records, as long as they still live in the Badger State.

Date Aired: January 5, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :26 The actual cost of the presidential election recount in Wisconsin is expected to be about one-point-eight million dollars, nearly half of the estimated cost of three-point-five million dollars. The Wisconsin Elections Commission is still waiting on final costs from Brown and Kenosha counties. Green Party candidate Jill Stein's campaign paid \$3.5 million upfront for the recount. Stein said Tuesday that she expects a refund of at least one-million dollars.

Date Aired: January 6, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :21 State attorneys are working to convince a panel of federal judges that Republican lawmakers should be allowed to redraw legislative boundaries in 2018. The judges ruled in November that district boundaries the G-O-P drew up in 2011 were unconstitutional but didn't order any immediate changes. Democrats filed a brief last month saying a federal court should redraw the boundaries.

Date Aired: January 12, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :19 The federal official who runs the food stamp program says it's illegal to make recipients pass drug tests to get the benefits, as Governor Walker wants to require in Wisconsin. Kevin Concannon, an undersecretary in the U-S-D-A, says his department consulted with agency attorneys who found that the law "absolutely" does not allow the drug tests.

Date Aired: January 12, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :22 Fifty-four retired Wisconsin judges want the State Supreme Court to make current judges withdraw from

cases that involve their campaign donors. The judges say that "as money in elections becomes more predominant, citizens rightfully ask whether justice is for sale" -- and large campaign donations to judges and Supreme Court justices are conflicts of interest.

Date Aired: January 20, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :17 House Speaker Paul Ryan of Janesville and Kenosha native Reince Priebus were among the speakers last night at a state victory party in Washington, where Donald Trump will become the nation's 45th president at eleven this morning. Priebus will become Trump's chief of staff.

Date Aired: January 27, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :20 Two state lawmakers who head the Joint Audit Committee want fast reforms after a highly critical audit of the D-O-T. Senate Republican Rob Cowles of Green Bay says a lot of money was wasted, and he cannot imagine giving the D-O-T "any more" until its budgeting is tightened up. Assembly Republican Samantha Kerkman of Salem says more legislative oversight may be needed

Date Aired: January 27, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :29 70 percent of roads in Portage County need some type of repair, but according to the state, the money just isn't there. Wisconsin has fallen behind all other six Midwestern states as in road quality, and in the international roughness index, only 32% of Wisconsin roads are considered good quality," Right now, Nathan Check, the Portage County Highway Commissioner says they are doing everything they can with the budget just to try and keep drivers safe.

Date Aired: January 30, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :15 An audit showing the cost of several major transportation projects were under-estimated has Wisconsin lawmakers asking the D-O-T to rework the numbers. The audit shows the projects could cost up to three-billion dollars more than previous estimates. The state was already facing a billion-dollar shortfall in its transportation fund.

Date Aired: January 31, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :20 A federal court issued a ruling last Friday that Wisconsin Republicans must redraw state legislative districts so they aren't gerrymandered to Republicans' advantage. This was a follow-up to a ruling in November in which a federal court determined that Wisconsin had drawn up its districts so as to give republicans a constant advantage in state elections.

Date Aired: February 2, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :19 Republicans are expected to hire two private law firms today to try and preserve their controversial redistricting from 2011. The attorneys will try to convince the U-S Supreme Court to strike down a November ruling that the six-year-old Assembly and Senate district lines were unconstitutional and went too far to favor the G-O-P.

Date Aired: February 9, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :19 Republican state lawmakers promise a thorough review of the spending plans from their party's governor. Scott Walker gave them a two year state budget proposal Wednesday with almost 600-million dollars in tax and fee cuts that include a sales tax holiday at back to school time, and millions in income and property tax cuts.

Date Aired: February 17, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :13 U-S House Republican Sean Duffy of Wausau said Thursday morning he will not run for the Senate in 2018 against Democratic incumbent Tammy Baldwin. In a statement, Duffy claimed it was not the right time for a Senate bid. Duffy is in his seventh year in the House.

Date Aired: February 21, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :20 The Wisconsin Legislature's Audit Committee will examine a scathing report on the State Department of Transportation. The audit shows massive cost overruns and other problems lead to a nearly \$1 billion deficit. Lawmakers agree it shows major problems with how highway projects have been managed in recent years.

Date Aired: February 21, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :21 It's primary election day in Wisconsin, but less than one of every ten voters are expected to cast ballots. The only statewide race for is for public school superintendent, in which eight year incumbent Tony Evers faces challengers John Humphries and Lowell Holtz plus write in Rick Melcher with the top two vote getters advancing to April.

Date Aired: February 22, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :17 State public school Superintendent Tony Evers and challenger Lowell Holtz have advanced to the April fourth general election, after easy victories in Tuesday's primary. Evers got 70-percent of almost

360-thousand votes cast. Holtz got 23-percent while John Humphries was eliminated with seven percent.

Date Aired: February 24, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :22 A group gathered at the labor hall in Wausau last night, to voice their concerns in a town-hall like setting. The Citizen's Action Organizing Cooperative held a listening session for people to talk about what they would like to see changed in the federal government. The group invited both Senator Ron Johnson and Representative Sean Duffy to the meeting. Neither chose to attend.

Date Aired: March 10, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :17 A bill that prohibits Wisconsin communities from forcing contractors to use union employees for public projects is on its way to Governor Walker. The Assembly gave final legislative approval to the measure yesterday. The bill's sponsor, said it would give non union shops a chance to bid on tax funded work.

Environment: Date Aired: January 4, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :18
A U-W Stout biology professor and his students have discovered new bacteria that may be causing the deaths of honeybees throughout the Upper Midwest. Biology professor Jim Burritt says they've identified a bacteria called S-S-One. Reports say 60-percent of bees statewide died last winter, compared to a 44-percent nationally.

Date Aired: January 6, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :14 The Wisconsin D-N-R is proposing some increases for fees like hunting and fishing licenses. The D-N-R's fish and wildlife account is running out of money and that money is needed for wildlife management and law enforcement.

Date Aired: January 12, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :22 Five former Wisconsin D-N-R secretaries say new problems would arise if their old agency is split in two, and its duties are spread among five departments. The former secretaries say coordination problems would make it harder to fight pollution -- and it would add more highly paid bosses, and make sporting and environmental groups deal with five state agencies instead of one.

Date Aired: January 13, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :22 A Republican state lawmaker wants to end Wisconsin's 18-year-old moratorium on new iron mines. Hazelhurst Senator Tom Tiffany said he would introduce a bill in the new session to eliminate the ban. He said a major condition to end the 1998 moratorium has been satisfied, as the old Flambeau mine near Ladysmith did not leave water pollution for more than one decade after it closed in 1997.

Date Aired: January 18, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :21 Wisconsin's two U-S senators have introduced a bill to again remove federal protections for the state's gray wolves. Republican Ron Johnson and Democrat Tammy Baldwin join Minnesota Democrat Amy Klobuchar and Wyoming Republican John Barrasso on a plan to let Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Wyoming regain state control of their wolf populations.

Date Aired: January 26, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :21 The D-N-R board has agreed to let hunters leave their tree stands and blinds overnight on agency land in northern Wisconsin. The board adopted a motion allowing overnight placement on DNR-owned land north of State Highway 64 from September 1st through the following January 31st. The

board also adopted an amendment limiting the number of stands and blinds left overnight to two per county.

Date Aired: February 1, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :17 An advisory committee is set to finalize its recommendations for revisions to Wisconsin's long-term chronic wasting disease program. The committee's recommendations include hunter education, enhancing deer farm fencing and evaluating the disease's economic impact. The DNR is expected to present final recommendations to the agency's board in March.

Date Aired: February 3, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :14 A state advisory group has recommended about 60 ideas for renewing Wisconsin's fight against chronic wasting disease. The biggest measure involves what the committee calls "targeted culling" of deer on private and public lands that the D-N-R can reach.

Date Aired: February 16, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :16 Final numbers from the state D-N-R show hunters killed about 4,280 more deer during this past nine-day gun season than they did in 2015. Hunters took 202,338 deer during the season. The number of gun deer licenses sold in 2016 was down almost 15,000 from the previous year.

Date Aired: February 20, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :18 Higher than normal temperatures were to blame for two vehicles falling through the ice on the Wisconsin River Saturday afternoon. Marathon County Sheriff's deputies said a truck went through the ice near the 17th Avenue Bridge on Lake Wausau. A car broke through the ice near S. 3rd Avenue.

Date Aired: February 22, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :21 The late February warm spell continues, and so do flood warnings in western and central Wisconsin. The Yellow River at Pittsville is almost two feet above its flood stage, and the Big Rib River in Marathon County is slightly above its banks. The National Weather Service expects moderate floods to start Thursday on the Wisconsin River at Portage.

Date Aired: February 23, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :15 At least 13 homes were affected by flooding of the Yellow river near Pittsville. One of those homes has

been deemed uninhabitable. The American Red Cross is helping local authorities with clean-up kits. Officials say the water has gone down, but ice dams remain.

Date Aired: March 9, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :26 The winds have finally died down across the state and utility crews are working to restore power. Wisconsin Public Services says about 2,500 customers were still without electricity across the region. And at least a dozen semi-trucks tipped on their sides across the state yesterday, as winds gusted up to 66 miles per hour at New London. No injuries were reported because of the winds or power outages.

Date Aired: March 17, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :24 A bipartisan coalition of Wisconsin's congressional delegation has urged President Trump not to cut funding for the Great Lakes that he's proposing to eliminate. Trump's budget would eliminate all funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative that targets the region's biggest environmental threats. Wisconsin lawmakers joined with 40 others in signing a letter to Trump in February asking him to fund the program that President Obama established in 2009.

Date Aired: March 21, 2017 Time: 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45AM Segment Length :19 The state D-N-R says a little more than seven percent of deer tested last year were infected with chronic wasting disease. The D-N-R says 441 of six-thousand deer analyzed tested positive for the disease. The prevalence rate in 2015 was nine-point-four percent, the highest rate since the disease was discovered in Wisconsin in 2002.