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Fourth Quarter Report

Weather

- Wet, cold fall severely delayed harvest for farmers since they were unable to get into their fields. Significant snowfall also impact soybeans, destroying and damaging some fields.
- November weather was below average.
- Early snowfalls and rain on colder days created icy conditions several mornings, leading to several vehicle accidents
- A pair of blizzards in late December impacted the region, resulting in accidents, closures and people digging out from more than a foot of snow.

Total Stories: 25

Total Time: 45 minutes

ND Senate Election

- Fierce election battle for North Dakota's open Senate seat. Democrat Heidi Heitkamp, the sole member of her party to hold a statewide office, was running for re-election against Republican Kevin Cramer, who was currently holding the state's only seat in the House of Representatives.
- The two candidates held various events and fundraisers around the state leading up to the election.
- Donald Trump Jr. campaigned in the state on behalf of Cramer, while former Vice President Joe Biden campaigned on behalf of Heitkamp.
- WDAY had a crew with both the Heitkamp and Cramer parties on election night and carried Cramer's acceptance speech and Heitkamp's concession speech live on election night.
- WDAY aired a one-on-one interview with Cramer the day after he won the election.

Total Stories: 18

Total Time: 30 minutes

North Dakota and Minnesota Election (non-ND Senate race)

- Minnesota governor's race
- North Dakota Congressional Race
- North Dakota Measure 3 (legalization of recreational marijuana)
- North Dakota Measures 1,2 and 4 (ethics commission, citizen requirement for voting, special license plates for first responders)
- NDSU group studying election computer security
- Moorhead city elections; first African-American mayor in metro area elected
- Reservations appeal after ND law upheld that requires ID with address to cast ballot; many tribal IDs do not have specific addresses

- City of Moorhead removed election polling locations from local campuses

Total Stories: 15

Total Time: 20 minutes

NDSU Bison Football

- The NDSU Bison football team finishes the regular season undefeated, as well as winning its 3 post-season games in December to advance to the FCS National Championship game.
- NDSU Football coach Chris Klieman is at first rumored to be in consideration for the head coaching job at Kansas State. He was eventually announced as the Wildcats new coach but will stay with the Bison through the title game.
- Matt Entz, the current NDSU defensive coordinator is named the new Bison head coach.
- Early signing day has several high school seniors signing commitments to NDSU

Total Stories: 8

Total Time: 13 minutes

Holiday Shopping

- From Thanksgiving day to Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday and the entire month of December, we check on how people are Christmas shopping. WDAY talked with shoppers and businesses from the mall, to cyber shopping sites to downtown business.
- Stories on tips to protect your identity and safety while online shopping.
- How to prevent yourself from becoming a victim of porch pirates.

Total Stories: 6

Total time: 10 Minutes

City Hall

- The city of Fargo opens a new, \$30 million city hall building.
- City employees took turns by departments to move into the new building.
- A ribbon cutting was held for the new building.
- An open house was held for the public to get a look at the new city hall, after it had been open for a few weeks.
- Demolition begins of the old city hall building.

Total Stories: 6

Total Time: 8 minutes