

# **KMOT TV ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT**

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## **AGRICULTURE/FARMING/WEATHER**

*Growers in western North Dakota continue to meet challenges in their daily operations, including gearing up for the spring planting season.*

04-09-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

Like farming, cattle ranching is a 12-month job. And during calving season, that mean's early mornings and late nights. But the hard work is paying off in North Dakota.

"It makes for a lot of short nights and long days," says cattle rancher Blaine Huff. "My Dad comes out and helps in the morning a little bit, but I'm pretty much a one man show when it comes to this out here."

04-16-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

The oil boom has put North Dakota at the top of the nation when it comes to economic growth, but it's also created challenges for other industries important to the state.

North Dakota produces close to 1 million barrels of crude oil per day, and roughly 72 percent of that fuel moves on the tracks. It's a great accomplishment, but the rail usage is having a big impact on the ag industry.

04-20-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

Caring for lost and unwanted animals, finding those animals loving homes, and promoting responsible pet ownership, are some of the goals of the Souris Valley Animals Shelter in Minot.

The Shelter hosted it's eighth annual Evening to PAWS fundraising event. Community members were able to have some dinner, bid on silent auction items, and donate to the Shelter. SVAS is a non-profit organization that relies heavily on donations and fundraisers like this to continue their programs.

04-24-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

Spring is in the air, and that's something more North Dakotans look forward to after the long winter. But for one Minot organization, that's the cue to kick work into over-drive.

Fishing ramps are out, people are walking through the parks and kids are back on playgrounds, all signs that spring is here. The warm weather months may be play time for many, but for the Minot Park District, that's when the hard work begins.

04-28-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: KMOT

The National Weather Service and the Minot Central Dispatch will begin conducting severe weather drills on April 30, at 11:15 a.m.

Residents will hear a 10 second hi/lo tone and a voice message given over the public address system. The cable-TV interrupt system will also be testing their service.

04-29-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

From Iowa to Arkansas to the open plains of North Dakota, tornadoes are a very real threat during severe weather season, and being prepared could save your life.

And how would you know about severe weather threats? Many communities in Ward County have outdoor Warning systems, but there are other modes of communication. Pay attention to local news broadcasts, NOAA weather radios, and mobile phone apps.

04-30-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

North central North Dakota is a unique agricultural area. Producers here are able to choose from about 15 different crops that grow well in this part of the state, but the success of any one of those crops starts in the soil.

From corn, to wheat, to soybeans, the success of any crop starts with the soil.

05-14-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

There's been a lot of questions circling the worth of the 2013-2014 winter wheat crop in North Central North Dakota. Like most parts of farming, it comes down to mother nature.

The Winter Wheat struggles have been a combination of not quite right winter conditions, and a cold spring. Frost levels are slowly working their way out of the soil, which is making it hard for crops to grow.

05-20-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

It's no surprise to North Dakotans that farming isn't a 9:00 to 5:00 job. It's hard work from sun up to sun down. But how do families keep their farm running when tragedy strikes? When farm families are dealing with major injuries, illnesses, or natural disasters, they turn to Farm Rescue. Wednesday, the non-profit group hit the crop fields in Mercer.

06-04-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

Organic Farming is based on agricultural practices involving crop rotation, soil fertility and natural pest controls. It's a trend that's become very popular since the early 2000s. Organic Farming uses methods that preserve the environment and avoid almost all synthetic materials.

For Marvin Baker, organic farming is a practice he believes in. For many, it's a safe and healthy option for people looking for produce that hasn't been touched by pesticides or chemicals.

06-05-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

Minot's forestry department is trying to get rid of all the dead and diseased trees in the city. And there are plenty of them because of the big flood three years ago.

The department is doing what it can on city property, but homeowners can help by taking care of what's on their land.

06-11-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

From wheat to barley to corn, North Dakota is covered in crops that help feed the nation. But there's one specialty crop in the state that's more popular than people may realize.

It may be a surprise to hear that in 2012, North Dakota ranked fourth in potato production in the country. The state produced 2.5 billion pounds that year.

06-19-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

Yesterday, we reported that a South African farm-hand died in a corn bin accident outside of Washburn on Monday morning. While farming can be a lucrative business, it can also be very dangerous. In agriculture, there are certain factors that no one can control like weather. One thing a farmer can control is their personal safety.

Blake Inman, co-owner of a seed plant in Berthold, has experienced firsthand the effects of a major farm injury.

"A few years ago, I had a tractor battery blow up in my face. I was out for about a month and a half waiting for my eyes to heal," says Inman.

06-25-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

The North Dakota landscape is covered in crop fields... everything from corn to canola. Agriculture is a vast industry, and it can be complicated one for people who aren't involved.

It's that time of year again, where people regularly see farmers out in their tractors, working in the fields. But for the average person, it's hard to tell what those farmers may be up to. But here's some insight into what's going on this time of year.

## **REBUILDING FROM THE 2011 FLOOD / FLOODING**

### ***Rebuilding efforts continue in Minot, following the devastating 2011 flood along the Mouse River.***

04-03-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Minot residents have voiced their concerns about the need to revamp and revitalize the Magic City.

Now, Stantec, a planning and consulting company has drawn up plans to present to the community.

Officials from company are holding an open house where they've identified six neighborhoods including downtown that were significantly impacted by the 2011 flood.

04-18-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Residents at Rice Lake have been dealing with the rising water levels for the past few years. But, this isn't a short term battle because the fight continues.

Moving water is a sound that residents at Rice Lake hear day in and day out. That sound has become more troubling as the water moves closer to their homes.

04-21-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Minot residents affected by the 2011 flood who applied for a reimbursement of up to \$10,000 may be getting the money soon. The first checks for the Homeowner Reimbursement Plan will be sent out on April 25 to the first 20-30 applicants who completed the process.

More checks may be going out soon, but the Minot Disaster Recovery Services Office says they have several hundred applicants who started the process and have initially qualified for the program, but have not submitted paperwork and receipts.

05-15-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

Many homes in Minot still remain untouched from the 2011 flood and are now known as "zombie homes." The Minot City Council approved an emergency declaration for flooded home nuisance abatement today and has allocated about \$74,000 towards the zombie home effort.

Many of the damaged houses are not boarded up and pose health and safety risks. The emergency declaration will allow city leaders hire abatement services for the those structures.

05-16-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

For those of you who have a FEMA trailer on your property, the deadline to remove it is approaching.

The trailers must be off your property by June 1 or you could be facing a zoning violation and could be fined \$1,500. Or, you could be looking at 30 days in jail for a class B misdemeanor.

Currently, there are still 30 FEMA trailers within the City of Minot.

05-20-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

If you have a FEMA trailer you have 13 days to get it off your property.

Zoning ordinance regulations say that only one living unit is allowed on a property in a single family zoning district, and the unit has to be a permanent structure.

That ordinance was waived following the flood, and now the city says the time has come to move FEMA trailers out of those districts.

05-21-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

Did you know that in Minot, if you're living with more than four people not related to you by blood or marriage, you're breaking a zoning ordinance?

After the flood three years ago, many people temporarily took in flood victims who had nowhere else to go. Because of the crisis, the planning department and city council even allowed people to camp on their own front yards for safety reasons.

06-23-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

It's been three years since the flood displaced many Minot residents.

While some of those people have been able to do enough repair work to get back into their homes, others are still working. The Gagne family has owned a home on 2nd Ave. NE since the 1970s. When the flood hit, Tim Gagne's son was living there with his wife and kids. Now, he's living in another home, but the Gagne's are still working to fix this one up.

06-23-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

If you've been to the Roosevelt Park Zoo this season you may have noticed several detours throughout the park, but one of the larger projects recently came to a close.

The sewer line project that blocked off the main center of the zoo is finally complete.

Although the zoo staff says it was a temporary inconvenience, this project helped several homes have better sewer service.

06-04-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Joe Skurzewski

Early Wednesday evening's severe weather caused flash flooding in some streets throughout Minot.

Roads were blocked off due to the water near the 6th St. underpass. Flooding also occurred near 8th St. SW. Meanwhile, parts of 31st Ave SW were flooded.

06-10-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Joe Skurzewski

Sixth St. in Minot from Central Ave. to Burdick Expy. will be closed to both vehicle and pedestrian traffic for the duration of the street's construction project.

This means that the south entrance to both City Hall and the Minot Police Department is closed. Residents can access City Hall, the Minot Police Department and the Minot Public Library by using 2nd Ave. SW.

## **CRIME/ LAW ENFORCEMENT**

*Law enforcement in Minot and Ward County is struggling to keep pace with the influx of new residents. More people moving into the area means more opportunities for crime.*

04-03-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

A woman is lucky to have walked away from an afternoon crash in Southwest Minot.

Around 2:45 Thursday afternoon, the Minot Police and Fire Departments responded to a report of a one vehicle accident near Gate City Bank at Broadway and 11th Ave. SW.

When emergency crews arrived on the scene, they found an SUV heading west on 11th Ave. had veered off the right side of the road after exiting the carwash. It eventually ending up over the ledge into the bank parking lot.

04-04-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Joe Skurzewski

The man accused in the beating death of a 44-year-old Minot woman received a postponement during his hearing today.

Darin Parker faces murder charges for the events in February that lead to Karrie Williams' death. Parker's next appearance in court is scheduled for April 24.

04-09-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Everyday law enforcement puts themselves in harms way.

Whether it's a driver rear-ending a patrol car or actually hitting a trooper, Highway Patrol officials say it's a concern when they're out in the field.

That's why they're reminding drivers about the Move Over Law. When drivers see an accident on the side of a multi-lane highway, they're required to move over safely to the next lane.

04-09-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Police found a stolen car after a man was charged with a DUI in Minot.

Yesterday afternoon, a Lincoln Navigator was reported stolen from Westlie Motor Company's parking lot. Later in the day, police received a report of a drunk driver.

The driver Dennis Trower, 63, was charged with a DUI and two counts of possession of stolen property because the car owners credit cards were in the vehicle.

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04-10-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Joe Skurzewski

Two people were bite by a pitbull last night in the 2200 block of 23rd Ave. SW.

The dog attacked Joni Moen, 52, causing cuts to her fingers. Moen's dog was also injured during the incident. Nancy Tofteland was also bit by the dog when she tried to break them up.

04-11-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

The latest trick up scammers' sleeves is something called an eviction scam.

Computer users may receive an e-mail with an attachment saying that they have been evicted from their homes and must vacate the premise within a certain time, or they'll be fined.

Scammers want you to open the file so they can take over your computer and hack into your personal data.

04-11-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

Women make up roughly 10 percent of the U.S. Military, and that number is growing every day.

To help make those women aware of the benefits available to them, the North Dakota Department of Veteran Affairs teamed up with some local Ward County agencies for their 3rd annual Women Veterans Health Fair.

The group wanted to recognize women who have served the country and let them know about the health, education, compensation, and pension benefits owed to them.

04-22-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa



The man who was involved in an oil tanker crash that killed three people last year on U.S. Highway 2, appeared in court today for his preliminary hearing. Vernon Wright, of Georgia, is charged with three counts of negligent homicide.

Wright was driving an oil tanker on June 21 when it crashed three-miles east of Stanley. The accident happened when fog reduced visibility.

04-29-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Local soldiers said thank you to their civilian employers Tuesday afternoon for their endless support of those who serve our country.

The North Dakota Committee of Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve honored seven Minot businesses with the Patriot Award.

In order for the Guard and Reserve to live out their mission, they rely on an all volunteer force to carry out duties and responsibilities.

04-30-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Joe Skurzewski

A man is in jail for luring several children on the internet.

Nicholas Thiel, 19, is facing various charges, including promoting obscenity to minors, luring minors by computer or other electronic means, promoting or directing an obscene sexual performance by a minor and terrorizing.

05-01-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

With more people comes more crime, but with more students graduating from the Lake Region State College training class, there will be more eyes on our community.

Nineteen students graduated Thursday from a 14-week course where they focused on everything from criminal law to emergency vehicle operations. And, it's all in an effort to prepare them for the unexpected.

05-01-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

This means that the university is under investigation for possible violations of federal law over the handling of sexual violence and harassment complaints.

The list was released Thursday by the Department of Education. One complaint that happened on MSU grounds was filed to the DOE.

05-01-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

The Kenmare woman charged with killing her 13-year-old son appeared in court today. Jessica Jensen entered a not guilty plea to all three counts of the murder of her son who died weighing 21 pounds.

Kenmare residents said the house always seemed abandoned and Jensen kept to herself.

05-05-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

A Sunday evening dispute in Northeast Minot leaves one officer injured and multiple people behind bars. Police responded to the 400 block of 9th Ave. Northeast for a report of a neighbor dispute.

When officers arrived on the scene, they smelled marijuana coming from the garage. After a search warrant was issued, officers found drug paraphernalia.

05-06-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

The Ward County Jail has a growing problem, and now they're trying to find ways to alleviate it.

They're implementing the Good Time Program which means if an inmate has good behavior they could receive five days off their sentence in a month. This program will only be offered to nonviolent offenders.

05-20-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Like with any good police officer, there is training involved, and that is also true for their K9 dogs.

Once he's on the leash and out of the car door, it's all business for Minot PD's K9 officer Piko.

"In a real search, a dog is working out the fear scent. Especially in an area search. The dog will completely change from a training scenario to real life stuff," says Officer Titus Clouse of the Minot Police Department.

05-21-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Joe Skurzewski

A Minot man is in custody after making repeated threats to a woman and her daughter.

Police received a call Tuesday from a 39-year-old woman claiming that Brandon Adams, 30, had made threats to her and her 15-year-old daughter.

05-21-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

The body of a missing New Town man has been recovered. Daniel Mossett, 31, had been missing since November. His body was discovered Monday in Lake Sakakawea near the 4 Bears Marina.

The sun is shining as people are out fishing and boating along Lake Sakakawea. On Monday morning, it was a different story.

05-21-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

It was a surprising yet rewarding day at the Respect for Law Luncheon Wednesday over at Minot State University.

Staff Sgt. Kimura Helwig was pulled into the luncheon moments before she was honored as the Law Enforcement Officer Of The Year, and she says she will continue to strive for this type of excellence for years to come.

06-05-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Nicholas Thiel, 19, of Minot was in court today for his preliminary hearing. He's facing 19 different charges including luring minors on the internet.

However, the hearing had to be rescheduled because the defendant's lawyer received more than 200 documents about the case.

Thiel used the alias Brandon Heirs to contact several underage children for sex.

06-05-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

There are currently more than 4,500 railroad crossings in North Dakota, and with that comes the risk for injury accidents and fatalities.

The average train travels at 55 miles per hour and takes a mile or more to stop, but nearly 50 percent of vehicle/train collisions happen at crossings with active warning devices like gates, bells and lights.

06-09-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

College students are faced with the task of planning and preparing for life after graduation, but the United States Air Force Academy is helping some teenagers get a jump start on their career.

Ten cadets from Colorado Springs, Colo. are visiting Minot Air Force Base this week as part of the Opps Air Force program.

Between their sophomore and junior years of college, cadets are sent to different air bases for two weeks to learn more about Air Force career paths before they are commissioned as an officer.

06-09-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Around 6:30 p.m. Friday evening, Minot Police and Animal Control responded to Oak Park for a report of a group of teenagers chasing and harassing the geese and gosling.

The teenagers were reportedly hitting the birds with sticks and pinning them to the ground. After they noticed Animal Control, the group attempted to leave in their vehicles. But, an officer in the area stopped two vehicles and the teens were detained during the investigation.

06-18-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Flight 597 took off in route to Seattle.

The aircraft made an emergency landing at Minot International early Wednesday morning due to smoke in the cockpit. There were no injuries reported.

06-18-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

The Minot International was conducting a tabletop exercise Wednesday to prepare for the unexpected when they received a call that there was an emergency landing, and their practice was put to the test.

The Minot Fire Department along with other emergency crews responded to the airport just minutes after the report came in.

But responding to a situation like this, is very different than a residential fire.

06-18-14 2 minute Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Thanks to a quick thinking pilot and crew members, 126 passengers on board flight 597 are safe.

A JetBlue flight made an emergency landing at Minot International Wednesday morning due to smoke on board.

Flight 597 was forced to divert to Minot after smelling an electrical odor coming from the cockpit. They were traveling from Boston and were heading to Seattle.

06-23-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

The Minot Police Department is investigating a burglary that happened over the weekend.

Around 3:30 Saturday morning an un-identified white male broke into CompuTech through an interior door. Three laptop computers valued at \$1,800 were taken during the burglary.

The incident remains under investigation. If anyone has any information about this crime contact the Minot Police Department at 852-0111.

06-24-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

As a member of the United States Air Force, the goal is simple: to effectively and safely secure the nation's nuclear force. But, with recent incidents bringing negative attention to the Air Force, Maj. Gen. Jack Weinstein and the Global Strike Command are making changes to improve the current situation.

As part of the Force Improvement Program, airmen provided the Global Strike Command with comments and feedback.

06-25-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Big changes are coming to Minot Air Force Base in the next few weeks as part of the Force Improvement Program to realign Air Force personnel.

Starting July 1, the 91st Missile Wing at the Minot Air Force Base will be among the first to reorganize the Operations Group to support new procedures, changing the way training and evaluation is done in the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile operation business.

06-26-14 2 minute Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

A premier Air Force entertainment showcase is making a stop in Minot. Tops in Blue is gearing up for their performance at the Municipal Auditorium Friday night.

Their tour bus is parked outside Minot's Municipal Auditorium as Tops in Blue and their volunteers unload their trucks and begin to set up for Friday's show.

## **OIL BOOM GROWTH**

***Towns in the Minot area and surrounding towns are trying to deal with the effect of an oil boom.***

04-15-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Work on the \$40.3 million construction project at Minot International Airport is officially underway.

For the last several weeks, the contractors have been warming the land, which will house 6 gates and 4 jet bridges.

"They've actually been using defrosting equipment to be able to defrost deeper than what the weather would allow, so that is allowing them to dig early," says Minot International Airport director Andy Solsvig.

04-16-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

Powers Lake is in the mist of the oil boom, and the elementary school is dealing with a rapid increase in student enrollment.

It has grown from about 30 children to more than a 100. Even though the school bond was approved, it is still short on money to build a larger school. So, students are taking matters into their own hands.

04-16-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

For more than 20 years, the Minot Public Transit System has been operating five days a week, Monday through Friday. But, now they're being forced to be creative when it comes to staffing drivers.

Eleven buses, but only seven drivers. That's the current challenge for the Minot Public Transit System.

04-17-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Bridging the gap between the young and old generations in the energy sector was the focus of the Young Professionals this afternoon.

The group held the first-ever lunch and learn series in the Magic City.

Every month, the group holds either a social, educational, or civic opportunity for young people working in the energy industry to network, gain insight and understanding about the oil boom going on in western North Dakota.

05-15-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

If you drove through Minot today you may have seen some people working out along the highway, those were oil industry employees volunteering for the 2nd Annual Pick Up The Patch event.

Oil companies like Hess, Haliburton, and Weatherford, got out on a beautiful day to help clean up the Minot community. Pick up the patch was launched in 2012 to clean up the litter left behind after the snow melted away and to encourage a no-litter culture.

6-25-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

As a mineral owner, it's important to know your rights when it comes to working with oil companies.

That's why the North Dakota Chapter of the National Association of Royalty Owners is hosting their second annual Mineral Conference in Mandan tomorrow.

The networking event is a way for mineral owners to come together to learn more about their ownership, leasing and oil royalty checks.

## **BUSINESS & THE ECONOMY**

*Local businesses continue to rebound from the flood of 2011. At the same time, try to deal with the effect of an oil boom in the area.*

04-01-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

While Minot Public Schools' Bond Vote is still a week away, early voting has opened for those people who can't turn out next Tuesday.

After a \$125 Million Dollar Bond vote failed to pass in December, School Officials came up with a new scaled down version that would address over-crowding at the middle school level.

04-01-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

The Souris Valley Animal Shelter will receive donations from one charitable organization whose founder has a close connection to Minot.

Givebones is a charitable dog collar company committed to giving homeless dogs the good life they deserve. For every collar sold, 10 percent of sales go to a featured shelter. For Givebones Founder Tricia Andrews, this month is extra special because she's giving back to a city she loves.

04-04-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

Kids love learning, but they don't always have all the supplies that they need. From books, to crayons, and other school items, making sure a classroom is put together can be pricey.

Sunnyside Elementary School teacher Amy Larson says she spends a minimum of \$30 a month on the kids in her class.

04-04-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

If you like cookies, well you're in luck.

For the whole month of April, the Girl Scout will donate two boxes of cookies to the Great Plains Food Bank or Feeding South Dakota for every \$4 that is donated to them. It's a way to say thanks to the community for helping the Girl Scouts reach their goals each and every year.

04-08-14 1 minute and 15 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

A Minot neighborhood and the city of Minot are locked in a legal dispute.

On Monday evening, city council member Dean Frantsvog was served paperwork which stated that residents of the Brooklyn Addition neighborhood are suing the city after a decision was made by the city council approving certain zoning variance requests by First Western Bank and Trust over on 9th Ave. SW and 3rd St. SW.

04-08-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Just 35 miles south of Kenmare, the Lewis and Clark School District is also voting on a bond measure Tuesday. This includes, Makoti, Ryder and Carpio Schools, but the biggest changes would be coming to Berthold and Plaza.

There are currently about 400 kids within the Lewis and Clark School District.

But, as the community continues to grow, the district is trying to keep up with the demand.

04-08-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Kenmare residents have been casting their ballots on the multi-million dollar school bond proposal at Kenmare High School.

In November, voters shot down a \$14 million measure to build classroom additions and a secondary gymnasium. So, the school board was forced to go back to the drawing board and scale back its proposal to a \$7.5 million project.

04-09-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Thousands of Minot residents took to the polls Tuesday to cast their ballots for the revised \$39.5 million bond proposal. When it was all said and done, the measure passed with 66.96 percent of the votes. So, what's next for the district?

Portable classrooms have become a familiar site within the school district. But, that will become a thing of the past, thanks to a passage of the bond measure, which will provide classroom additions to several of the existing schools.

04-10-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Minot City Transit along with Souris Basin Transportation held a public meeting Thursday afternoon to better serve disabled and paratransit passengers.

In compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the city held its annual meeting to discuss the public transportation system with riders.

With more people using the paratransit service, the city wants to make sure priority goes to those people who absolutely need it.

04-11-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Recently, two people were attacked by a pit bull, resulting in dog bites and trauma to the people who were injured. But according to the Minot City Ordinance, it is illegal to own a pit bull dog.

If an animal control officer cites the owner, they must remove the dog within 24-hours. If the dog is not removed, the police have the right to hold the dog until a final court decision has been made.



04-12-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

It wasn't your typical trip to the mall in Minot Saturday afternoon. Race cars lined the hallways at Dakota Square Mall.

It was the annual meet and greet with the Nodak Speedway Racers. It was a chance for fans young and old to get up close and personal with the race cars and their drivers. During the off season, drivers overhaul and fine-tune their cars gearing up for the three month season. But time doesn't go by fast enough for the racers.

04-12-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

Hot shells were flying at the Trestle Valley Gun Range during a weekend of shooting competitions.

Shooters from across the state made the trip to the range just outside of Minot to show-case their skills. This afternoon was the Cowboy Single Action Shooting Competition. Shooters dressed in period clothing as their favorite cowboys and cowgirls. The competition was judged on speed, accuracy, and technique. Shooters used, rifles, shotguns, and pistols.

04-14-14 1 minute Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Businesses are opening all over Minot and shoppers are noticing.

So, we went to the Dakota Square Mall to take get an inside look at a business that's getting a lot of attention. Customers have been walking in and out of Francesca's in the Dakota Square mall for the past few weeks.

04-16-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

The search for the new Minot city manager continues.

Representatives from the Prothman Company were in Minot the past two days interviewing the Mayor, members of the city council and other departments to try and find out what the city needs before they present the information back to the committee.

Bob Lindee of the city says if everything goes as planned, we can expect to have a new city manager by the end of July.

04-17-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

More and more people are visiting Minot. Whether it's coming to check out special events or hitting the shops, there is plenty to do. Because the city is working so hard to attract people to the community, they want to continue that.

That's why Visit Minot held their annual meeting on Thursday to review what they've done to attract people in the past, and what they need to do to prepare for the future.

04-17-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

The Governor's Awards for Travel and Tourism were announced yesterday in Fargo.

While some may have been traveling home empty-handed, one local Minot man came home with an award.

Gabriel Mejia received the Front line Tourism Employee award for his outstanding customer service to not only visitors, but also tourists.

04-21-14 1 minute Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

For those of you who have pets and are heading out of town, there's a new doggie daycare in Minot. Sarah Fast loves animals so much that she decided to turn her passion into a profession.

04-25-14 1 minute Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

The Souris Valley United Way gave back to the Magic City today, and in a very big way. Grants totaling \$383,251 were given to 28 local programs throughout the community. Each grant given out stresses the importance of education, health and financial stability. It's all in an effort to say thanks for making a difference in Minot.

04-28-14 2 minute Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

For about a month now, the library staff at Magic City Campus has been connecting with students finding out what their hobbies and interests are. And, on Monday, students were getting their "geek" on.

A group of juniors and seniors could be heard all throughout the library Monday morning as each one of them took their seat as pilot.

04-28-14 1 minute Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

For those of you who are craving that summer time barbecue flavor, well you're in luck.

Dickey's Barbecue Pit opens their doors in Minot this week.

When you walk into Dickey's Barbecue Pit, you can't help but notice a rich BBQ smell.

05-05-14 1 minute Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

The wait is finally over. For those of you who have been waiting for Five Guys Burgers and Fries to open in Minot, well, today is your lucky day. Once doors opened at 11a.m on Monday, customers were shuffling in to get their hands on a burger and fries.

"We want to have the best burger that a person can buy," says Andrew Donath the general manager of Five Guys Burgers & Fries.

05-05-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

Minot is without a city attorney. After working for only a month, Colleen Auer was fired on Friday.

City Council President Jim Hatlelid confirmed Auer was fired for insubordination.

The city stated, "Due to potential litigation, the City of Minot will have no comment regarding the termination of Colleen Auer at this time."

05-07-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

As we approach summer, door-to-door salesmen will be hitting the streets to sell anything and everything to consumers. We take a closer look at the home security market in the Magic City.

This time of year, they're walking up and down sidewalks trying to sell consumers on things like home security systems.

"Well, we thought about getting security, just because of the way things have changed around here," Melissa Marshall a Minot resident.

05-14-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Shaping the future of Minot International Airport was the focus for Wednesday's strategic planning retreat. Consultants met with airport staff and city officials Wednesday to discuss and look at the growth Minot International Airport has experienced in the last few years.

The goal of the retreat was to provide tools, ideas, and strategies for the airport to use and implement as they build the new terminal and plan for the next five years.

While this was only the first planning session, they hope to develop a road map for the coming months.

05-14-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

As you drive around Minot, you can't help but notice all of the pot holes that have been popping up all over town. City crews have been out patching the holes with a temporary mix. But, with hot plants now officially open, work on the roads is underway.

Minot resident Nick Jackson says, "Potholes are sometimes 2-3 feet deep."

05-15-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Rent in Minot is pretty pricey, but soon there will be more affordable housing options for the Magic City.

As part of Beyond Shelter, the Minot Housing Authority and the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, broke ground Thursday to make room for more affordable workforce housing in northeast Minot.

06-05-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

Not all dog owners are as responsible as they should be. Some might try to avoid scooping poop if they can.

There's an apartment complex in Minot that's pet friendly, but after finding that not all owners were picking up after their pets, the IRET company started dog DNA testing with a program called Poo Prints.

06-05-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

The State Fair will kick off in about six weeks, but there's a lot to be done first. Work is underway on a \$3.5 million asphalt overlay project, but only half of it will be finished in time for the fair.

The rest will be done afterwards.

06-09-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Business is in her blood. One Minot lady learned everything she knows about what it takes to be a good business owner from her family. Chappy Hamilton-Whindsor always had a passion for all things beautiful. Whether it's clothing, art or fashion she's interested.

"Most people think that there isn't style in North Dakota. I believe there is incredible sense of style here, there isn't always access," says Whindsor the owner of Dakota Chappy.

06-10-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

It's a big voting day across the state of North Dakota. Voters hit the polls today to voice their opinions on various positions in Minot and in Ward County. It's been a steady stream of residents casting their ballots on a variety of different positions.

From the next Minot City Mayor to openings on city council, the ballots were packed front and back with potential candidates. Here at Maysa Arena, they had a temporary set back early this morning that caused polling computers to be offline for about an hour, but that didn't stop the voting process.

06-11-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

The votes are in. The residents have decided that Chuck Barney will be the next Minot Mayor.

Sarahbeth Ackerman sits down with Barney and has more on his city plans tonight.

06-20-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

The summer solstice is celebrated in every Scandinavian country at this time of year.

After a little bit of rain it turned out to be a beautiful night to celebrate the solstice right here in Minot at our very own Scandinavian Park. People came out to enjoy dinner, music, and the buildings were even open until 7:30.

06-20-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

If you need an extra jolt to wake you up, you could be spending a little more.

"Everybody needs their coffee fix," says Try Graves.

For those of you who rely on your morning cup of coffee, you could be dipping into your wallet more. Between the drought in Brazil and a fungus called coffee rust it's causing the price of your favorite brew to spike.

06-23-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Toys can make a big difference in a child's life, especially when they are going through tough times.

Rows and rows of stuffed animals lined the staircase at the Trinity Guest House on Minot Monday morning, thanks to a generous donation.

As part of the Gate City Bank Random Acts of Kindness initiative, the Dakota Square branch donated \$100 worth of stuffed animals to Trinity Health. Each year, the foundation collects stuffed animals from various donors and distributes them to kids throughout the organization.

06-23-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

You've got it right when you're able to mix your hobby with your career. And that's what one local woman gets to do everyday.

"I decided to take the jump and establish a business for myself," says Marcela Samson a Stella & Dot Independent Stylist.

That's what Samson decided to do. Being stay at home mom, she was able to not only balance her family life, but she was able to turn her passion for fashion into a business.

06-24-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

Former Minot Mayor Curt Zimbelman has officially finished his run as mayor. After 36 years of service and 12 years serving as mayor, Zimbelman gave an emotional speech to the council and Minot residents.

"I certainly want to thank the citizens of Minot. It's been an honor and a privilege to represent this city," says Zimbelman.

Zimbelman received applause from council members and people in attendance. As he ended his term, the new Minot Mayor, Chuck Barney, was sworn in.

06-24-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

With the Fourth of July being less than two weeks away, several firework businesses are gearing up for their busiest time of the year.

While some people look forward to Thanksgiving or Christmas all year long, for Mike Yantes, he's got the fourth on the brain.

"It's a season that I look forward to; to get my crew back and my workers back. It's just a great time to get together. It's kind of like a summer camp for me," says Yantes.

06-26-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Good news for pizza lovers, the wait is finally over. Uncle Maddio's Pizza Joint in Minot has officially opened their doors to the public. However, it's not just like any other pizza place, they're bringing some new flavors into the Magic City.

"We're so excited to finally open and bring this pizza to all of Minot that's waited patiently, that has called and inquired," says Jamie Mattern one of the owners of Uncle Maddio's Pizza Joint.

## **Health Care & Medicine**

***Advances in medical technology are enabling health care facilities to better meet the needs of a growing population.***

04-01-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

It started as an idea to help children in the Minot community just one-year-ago.

"We thought a therapy dog that would live with the children at the children's home could really benefit those them and the services we provide," says Terry Peterson the director of development at Rehab Services Inc.

And, word traveled all the way to Pennsylvania.

04-01-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

People who suffer from itching eyes and a runny nose often think they have the common cold. But, sometimes those sniffles may not be contagious at all. With allergies and colds sharing so many symptoms, how do you know which one is plaguing you?

Have you ever had sneezing, sniffing and a sore throat and wondered whether you're suffering from an extended cold or an allergy? Well, you're probably not alone.

04-02-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Exercising for just one hour a day can add about two hours to your life. And, what better way to start lacing up on National Walking Day?

Sarahbeth Ackerman will have some tips to help keep you moving.

04-02-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Hundreds of thousands of people are diagnosed with blood cancer and other life-threatening blood-related diseases each year.

In effort to save more lives, Minot State University held a bone marrow drive Wednesday to help raise awareness for a growing need in the community.

04-04-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

Speech and language disorders affect a person's ability to talk, understand, read and write. Approximately seven and a half million people in the United States have a voice disorder, and another six to eight million have some form of language impairment.

The North Dakota Speech Language Hearing Association met at Minot State University to discuss the latest teaching techniques for helping those with speech disorders.

04-10-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

There are nearly four million senior citizens in the U.S. that are not getting proper nutrition. That's almost 1 in 10. Leonard Pietsch makes his way to the dining hall to grab a plate three times a day. However, many other seniors are not able to do that.

"Senior citizens will stop eating because they're taste buds are not what they used to be. Or, they don't have transportation, and they're unable to get groceries," says Marsha Dupre' the community relations director at Brentmoor Assisted Living.

04-10-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

The Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC) in Minot has been providing emergency shelter to victims since 1981, and now they have even more room to address a growing need in the community.

Thursday afternoon, DVCC staff unveiled a new 10 bedroom safe house and emergency shelter. The facility has the capacity to house 60 women and children trying to over-come domestic violence and sexual assault. The new shelter is a huge improvement from their previous 4 bedroom facility.

04-10-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

A smile can say a lot about a person. And, as part of Minot State University's Power of 100, the Department of Communication Disorders took on the challenge of adopting Smile 100.

Since October, students, faculty and staff have been raising money for 100 cleft lip and palate surgeries for children in under-developed countries. That's a \$24,000 goal.

04-11-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

Tonight, a medical provider who was present at last year's Boston Marathon bombing will be the featured speaker at a seminar on mass casualty response, held in connection with the North Dakota Athletic Trainers Association annual meeting.

Doctor Wanda Swiger was a member of the medical team that provided coverage at the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon. She will be talking about the bombing and giving tips on how to prepare plans for mass casualties at events.

04-11-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

There are many challenges in raising a special needs child. Creating strong connections can make success easier to achieve.

And making those connections was the focus of the Pathfinder Parent Involvement Conference in Minot today. The three-day meeting brings together parents, teachers and other support groups involved in the daily lives of special needs children.

From getting kids interested in reading and writing, to handling different behaviors, and creating relationships, the group covered many aspects of parenting.

04-21-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

With colder than usual winters for many parts of the country, a lot of people are wondering if the polar vortex will turn spring into a pollen vortex.

While winters extended cold does mean less of spring, it may also mean that we're in store for a shorter more intense allergy season. Experts say that while trees release pollen at different times, this year, many of them will release at the same time due to the late start.



04-21-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Kraft Foods announced Sunday that it's recalling 96,000 pounds of hot dogs because they may have mistakenly contained cheese after a consumer notified the company on Friday.

The United States Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service say Kraft's Oscar Mayer Classic Wieners may instead contain their Classic Cheese Dogs.

Kraft says the product labels are incorrect and do not contain the ingredients found in their cheese dogs.

04-22-14 2 minute Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

What's green and white and filled with germs? Well, I'll give you a clue. We carry it around everyday. Don't put your money where your mouth is, literally.

Researchers from New York University's dirty money project found that there are hundreds of bacteria lying all over our cash.

So, we hit the streets to see what some locals think about this dirty money.

04-22-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

As people are becoming more mobile, bed bugs are becoming a growing problem across the country, even in North Dakota. Bed bugs are considered one of the most difficult pests to control because of their quick breeding capabilities and tendency to hide in small, dark places, like headboards and baseboards, electrical outlets and box springs.

Often, people don't even know they have bed bugs until they develop bite marks on their body while sleeping, which could take up to 14 days.

04-26-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

It may have been a gloomy day, but spirits were high in Minot as people turned out for the 16th annual Walk for Vision.

There are an estimated 18 thousand North Dakotans who are living with some type of vision impairment. To make sure those people have the support and programs they need, the North Dakota Association of the Blind held a fundraiser today. The association offers scholarships, support groups and adjustment seminars for individuals and families dealing with vision loss.

04-26-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

The saying goes, "You never know what someone's life is like until you walk a mile in their shoes." That was the lesson being shared in Minot this morning.

In honor of April being Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Domestic Violence Crisis Center hosted the 6th annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event. It was a light-hearted event with a very serious message. Men from the Minot community came out to put on a pair of high heels and take a few laps around the Dakota Square Mall.

04-29-14 2 minute Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

A Minot supermarket transformed into a game show Tuesday morning when teams of two were running down aisles stuffing their carts with a variety of food. And, it's all for a great cause.

Local teams came together prepared to beat out the competition.

They were focused on collecting as many items as they could in order to put food on someone else's table.

04-29-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

Congestion, facial pain and pressure and drippy noses are all signs of the common cold, but maybe you're not actually sick. It could be a case of a sinus problem that just won't go away.

Every year, 37 million Americans suffer from chronic sinus problems. Ultimately, 500,000 of those people end up getting sinus surgeries. Now, there's a new minimally invasive procedure called Balloon Sinuplasty that's eliminating much of the pain.

04-30-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it's estimated that childhood immunization has prevented 322 million illnesses, 21 million hospitalizations and more than 700,000 premature deaths due to vaccine preventable diseases.

With it being National Infant Immunization Week, the North Dakota Department of Health is encouraging parents to take a closer look at their child's records. Children 24 months and younger are encouraged to be fully immunized against 14 vaccine preventable diseases.

05-06-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Usually the mailman delivers your mail, but come this Saturday, they're hoping for something in return.

On May 10, letter carriers throughout the Magic City will be collecting non perishable food items to donate to local food pantries. All you have to do is leave your items by your mailbox and the mailman will take care of the rest.

05-14-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

May is National Stroke Awareness month. Trinity Health held a stroke awareness health fair to help people understand the risk factors and symptoms.

Strokes are the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S. and the leading cause of adult disability. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds. The earlier a stroke is recognized and the patient receives medical attention, the greater the chance of recovery. There are some tips to help you recognize the signs of a stroke.

05-16-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Paint, batteries and fertilizer, if you have any of these items in your home you might be interested in what's going on this weekend.

Minot residents will be able to dispose of these household hazardous products Saturday. Residents can take their items to the public works building on 31st St. SE from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

05-21-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

What if you received money to live a healthy lifestyle?

Well, that's what one area business in Minot does to keep their employees on a healthy path. And, by offering these incentives, it's earned them an award for promoting a healthy and active lifestyle in and outside of the work environment.

06-04-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

After months of planning and training, a children's home in Minot now has a furry friend to play with and care for.

Four paws and a bushy tail may not seem like anything out of the ordinary, but to a group of kids at the RSI Children's Home, it's changing their lives.

"His name is Hutch, and he's a standard poodle. We love him very much, and he's fun to have around," says Samantha Robbins who lives in children's home.

06-05-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

North Dakota has a long standing record of binge drinking and that's not the only concern. Underage drinking in Minot is a problem as well.

That's why the Minot Area Safe Communities Coalition met Wednesday to discuss how to fix a growing problem.

With federal money on the way, community members hope they can find some solutions.

06-05-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Their mission is to teach ways to stay healthy through the ages.

AARP North Dakota held a luncheon this Wednesday afternoon in Minot, and their focus was on brain health and the importance of staying sharp.

"Exercise, remaining socially engaged and eating well. It's a very significant, it's a whole picture. There are a lot of elements to it and a lot of things to pay attention to and a lot tools that exist in the community that we can use to make sure we stay healthy," says Janis Cheney the state director for the AARP.

06-08-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Joe Skurzewski

It was a fun and emotional day at Oak Park in Minot yesterday as members of the community came together for the fifth and final Run for Reiny.

The run and walk is dedicated to the memory of Reiny Inman of Surrey, who passed away in 2009 following a car accident. One of Reiny's high school running teammates, Shelby Gantzer, took it upon herself to organize the event.

06-20-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

Tonight, it's all about celebrating. Celebrating the lives of those we have lost to cancer and celebrating the survivors.

68 teams and 580 participants raised \$130,810.33 for the Relay For Life event. The event is being held at Minot State University and goes from 4pm until 6:30 tomorrow morning. Different events like zumba, a walk, and a luminaria ceremony are planned throughout the evening.

06-25-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

Summer means spending more time outdoors. Whether you're walking a trail, having a picnic or enjoying a pick-up game of sports, the one thing you'll want to avoid is a tick bite.

These warmer months are when ticks are most active. The best ways to prevent tick bites are by using insect repellent, avoiding wooded and bushy areas with high grass and leaf litter and walking in the center of trails. If you do happen to notice a tick on your body, don't pull it off quickly or crush it.

## **Human Interest & Consumer Reporting**

*Feature stories that impact the viewer in an emotional way or positive way. Bringing the story behind the story.*

04-03-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

The Minot community is growing. But whether you've lived here for years or are new to town, you may not know about the Calavera Martial Arts Studio, home of the Minot Jiu Jitsu Club.

"What makes most of these guys scary, they come in and they train three, four or even five days a week. They're in here consistently, and they're not ready to just better their game, they're ready to better everybody else's game," says Andrew Magathan a Jiu Jitsu student.

04-04-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Gardening season is just around the corner. And as the remaining snow continues to melt, many are already getting their supplies ready to go.

In this week's Don't Buy It, Until We Try It, Amy Fox tries out the Ultra Pocket Hose.

04-10-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

Mother of five, Paula Hickel knows a thing or two about parenting. With each of her five children, she knows they have very different personalities

"My oldest is very thoughtful. She has to think through things before she makes her decision," Hickel says

When the time comes and her kids start asking questions, she's prepared to answer them. And, with a 12-year-old in the house, the topic of dating has come up.

04-11-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Potty training your dog can be challenging, especially when it's cold outside. And, pee pads can leak everywhere, creating one big mess. Well, there may be an easier way to make going to the bathroom a little more attractive for your furry friend.

It's playtime at the Dibble house, and for Frasier and Bernie that means they're running around, playing catch with their owner Amanda. But, at some point, they'll be forced to take a brief break from their fun and games to take a potty break.

04-16-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

As a parent, a lot of your time is spent tracking your child's milestones. Turns out, some of those milestones may actually be able to help you determine if your child's development is on track.

It's In this week's Family Focus.

04-18-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Cutting vegetables usually takes a lot of time and patience. And, if you're like me, you probably end up cutting your finger when you're in a hurry. Well, there may be an easier and faster way to slice and dice your favorite veggies in just three simple steps.

From sandwiches to salads and soups, the menu at the Dakota Market in Minot is full of fresh foods.

04-20-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Rene Thibault

Cloudy skies didn't stop the Minot community from getting out for some Easter weekend fun.

The Roosevelt Park Zoo held their annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday afternoon. Several thousand parents and young kids from around Minot came out to grab some easter eggs, win some prizes, and check out some of the exotic animals at the zoo. Staff says events like these are great ways to interact with the community, and get excited about the upcoming year.

04-25-14 45 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

It took a written letter to get North Dakota Senator John Hoeven to come visit the students at TGU Granville on Friday.

Kimi Ofsthun, a school employee wrote to Senator Hoeven asking him to visit the school, speak with the children and have lunch together. After learning all she does for the school, Senator Hoeven decided to show up.

04-28-14 30 seconds Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

Minot has become a melting pot with people coming from all over.

Whether it's for work or play, people have been finding themselves asking, "Why Not, Minot?"

And, that seems to be a popular question. According to Bravo, production teams are working to cast a new reality show in the Magic City.

5-14-14 2 min Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Sarahbeth Ackerman

A lot of Americans could eventually get a glimpse of Minot on television. According to Bravo, production teams are working to cast a new reality show in the Magic City. Whether it's for work or play, people are driving into North Dakota.

"The economy, the military, housing, it's going up like crazy right now," says Steven Engsrane.

06-05-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Haleigh Rosa

The weather is warming up, and so is the pool. Before you know it, your little one will be asking to go for a swim.

"It's nice to have a base so I know they are safe," Becky Stroklund says.

She's talking about swim lessons. For many kids, those lessons will be the first time they have to do something that requires leaving mom and dad. It's a lifelong skill these children will use forever.

06-06-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Finding things to keep your kids busy is never easy. With short attention spans, parents and kids are always looking for that one toy they don't want to put down. Well, there may be a new product to occupy them all summer long. In this week's "Don't Buy It, Until We Try It," I tried out Lumi Dough.

Little hands are hard at work as the kids are creating their very own masterpiece.

06-20-14 2 minutes Program Segment: All Newscasts Reporter: Amy Fox

Kids love playing outside during the summer, but what do they do on rainy days? They seem to never be able to find something to occupy their time. Well, there may be a new product on the market for all those kids who love making crafts.

With markers in hand Melanie Gathman and Allyson Christenson are using their imagination to draw and design works of art.