

KMOT TV ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

**3rd QUARTER 2021
July Through September**

Issues for the quarter:

***Oil Boom**

***Farming/Agriculture**

***Flood Protection**

***Crime/Law Enforcement**

***Business & the Economy**

***Government**

***Health Care & Medicine**

***Military**

***Education**

***Recreation**

***Accidents and Destruction**

***Construction**

***Weather**

***Animals**

OIL BOOM

Minot continues to struggle with issues associated with the Bakken oil boom.

FARMING/AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is still North Dakota's number one industry.

7-9-2021 :09 John Salling

The wheat season is moving along, and farmers near Minot say they could be combining (com- bining) in about a month. John Salling has more on how things are going.

7-12-2021 :12 John Salling

An executive order signed by President Joe Biden on Friday is meant to improve the market for ag producers, including those in North Dakota. John Salling has more from North Dakota stockmen.

7-13-2021 :23 John Salling

Despite recent rains, North Dakota's ranchers continue to face challenges with the dry conditions. A policy change from the U-S-D-A will hopefully free up more feed and hay for ranchers in the drought. John Salling has more and reaction on the move.

7-13-2021 :06 John Salling

Landowners in rural North Dakota are running out of time to post their land electronically this year.

7-16-2021 :08 John Salling

The dry weather is cutting back expectations for North Dakota's corn crop and a farmer we talked with says he expects it to get worse.

7-19-2021 :11 Grace Kraemer

As protests continue across Cuba, farmers here in the Midwest are pushing to open trade to the country to help. I headed to a farm field in Center to get a closer look at the issue.

8-5-2021 :13 Faith Hatton

Local agronomists and ag researchers will be able to expand the types of seeds they can process. It's due to the completion of the new seed conditioning facility for NDSU Research Extension. Faith Hatton takes us to the floor of their new plant to tell us how.

8-5-2021 :13 Grace Kraemer

The drought has impacted many different kinds of ag producers, including some that wouldn't come to mind right away--like wineries. Grace Kraemer (I) met up with a local grape farmer to talk about his winery this year.

8-20-2021 :04 John Salling

A farm near Minot finished up the wheat harvest on Monday.

9-13-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer

Harvest season is in full swing for ag producers across the state. That's also the case for wine producers.

FLOOD PROTECTION

The City of Minot is continuing to work on the flood protection project to prevent another flood, like the 2011 one, from ever happening again.

7-2-2021 :05 John Salling

Nonprofits like United Way were a big help during the recovery from the 2011 flooding.

9-22-2021 :12 Grace Kraemer

The defense department awarded a 9.8-million-dollar grant to Minot for the flood protection project.

9-29-2021 :19 Grace Kraemer

FEMA is updating their national flood insurance program rating method and pricing through their new system Risk rating 2 point 0. This means policy holders in Ward County may be seeing changing rates coming October first. Here's my breakdown of the policy and what ward county residents can expect.

CRIME/ LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law enforcement is struggling to keep up with the growing population. More people moving here means more opportunities for crime.

7-2-2021 :14 Joe Skurzewski

Over the past few weeks we've been bringing you updates to an ongoing murder investigation in Minot. Today... we're able to put a face to the name of the victim.

7-6-2021 :06 Joe Skurzewski

MINOT POLICE ARRESTED A MAN THEY SAY SPED OFF WHEN OFFICERS TRIED TO PULL HIM OVER... AND CAUSED A CRASH.

7-8-2021 :07 Faith Hatton

The courts have continued the trial for a Minot man charged with murder in the death of his wife last year.

7-9-2021 :11 Faith Hatton

We begin with some breaking news in a death investigation in Minot. A person of interest in the case now has warrants out for murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

7-9-2021 :10 Faith Hatton

Also... new details today in that burglary of a Minot jewelry store late last month. A pair of suspects are in custody. Faith Hatton has been following the case and joins us in studio with more. Faith?

7-9-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer

A Minot man who pleaded guilty to a double-A felony murder charge in the death of his wife has undergone a psychological evaluation ahead of his sentencing.

7-9-2021 :16 Faith Hatton

The retrial for a Minot man previously convicted in the 2017 stabbing death of a woman won't take place until at least early next year. A jury convicted 31-year-old Bradley Morales in 2018 of murder in the death of 25-year-old Sharmaine Leake... but the state supreme court later overturned the conviction. The courts pushed Morales' retrial back to January 2022 during a motion hearing today (Friday). Morales has expressed his intent to defend himself at retrial.

7-12-2021 :15 Faith Hatton

We're learning new details today of the circumstances leading up to the arrest of a suspect in a Minot murder. 41-year-old Eric Venn appeared before a judge today (Monday) following his arrest in connection with yesterday's fatal shooting.

7-14-2021 :07 Joe Skurzewski

We now know the name of the victim in a July 11th fatal shooting in Minot.

7-15-2021 :10 Joe Skurzewski

The state supreme court has upheld the conviction of a Williston man serving a three-year sentence in the death of another man in a May 2019 fight outside of a bar.

7-16-2021 :09 Joe Skurzewski

The state supreme court has upheld the sentencing of a Minot man serving a life sentence in the 2017 fatal shooting of a man in Williston.

7-20-2021 :15 Joe Skurzewski

We're following multiple developing stories tonight. First off... Minot Police are asking for your help in locating a 73-year-old woman last seen yesterday (Monday) morning.

7-21-2021 :11 Joe Skurzewski

We begin tonight with news of a fire earlier today at an apartment in downtown Minot... and a subject detained in connection with the fire.

7-22-2021 :07 Joe Skurzewski

Minot Police say they arrested a man in connection with a fire yesterday (Wednesday) at an apartment in downtown Minot.

7-26-2021 :08 Grace Kraemer

To some other news of the day...

The courts have sentenced a 26-year-old Minot man to 30 years in prison in the death of his wife last June.

7-27-2021 :22 Joie Skurzewski

A U-S District Court Judge has sentenced a Bottineau man to 35 years in prison for shooting a Grafton Police officer. The U-S Attorney's Office says 38-year-old Ruben Cruz had a warrant out for his arrest on drug dealing charges when he opened fire on the officers coming to arrest him last October.

He was also a felon who was not allowed to have a gun.

7-29-2021 :07 Anna Schleisman

A couple was arrested at the state fair in Minot last night after a witness reported a child left alone in a car.

7-30-2021 :07 John Salling

Most run-ins with a game warden involve checking hunting and fishing licenses and counting harvested animals.

8-3-2021 :23 Joe Skurzewski

The Ward County Sheriff's Department is asking for the public's help in locating a 2000 Peterbilt dump truck that was reportedly stolen out of the Sawyer area. It's unclear at this time when the truck was stolen.

Anyone with information on its whereabouts should call the department at 701-857-6500.

We'll have other ways you can provide tips in this story on our website.

8-4-2021 :11 John Salling/Joe Skurzewski

The courts are weighing whether to grant a possible trial for Cynthia Wilder, currently serving a life sentence for conspiracy to commit murder in the death of Angila Wilder.

8-5-2021 :07 Joe Skurzewski

The courts have declared a mistrial in the case of a 44-year-old man charged with murder in Williams County.

8-6-2021 :32 Joe Skurzewski

The McHenry County Sheriff says a man was arrested yesterday (Thursday) for calling in a bomb threat at a bank in Towner. Sheriff Trey Skager confirmed the threat was called in to the Merchants Bank branch in Towner. Authorities blocked off a one-block radius around the bank while a bomb squad investigated as a precaution. After searching the building, the threat was deemed non-credible. The FBI and the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation also responded. The suspect's name is being withheld at this time.

8-6-2021 :31 Joe Skurzewski

The Garrison Police Department said a phone scam is currently making the rounds where the scammers are posing as City Auditor Diane Affeldt and offering money in the form of a grant. The department indicated the scam is circulating through phone calls and text messages as well as through Facebook messenger, and a picture of Affeldt even pops up with the message. Citizens are cautioned not to give out any personal information and to avoid responding to these calls or messages.

8-10-2021 :27 Joe Skurzewski

A reminder tonight to double-check what you're carrying on an airplane before you head to the airport. TSA agents at Minot International Airport found this loaded handgun in a carry-on bag yesterday (Monday). The agency said officers spotted the gun during an x-ray screening of the bag, and alerted Minot Police. TSA said it issues civil penalties to travelers who bring guns to a checkpoint, and the typical first offense is 41-hundred dollars.

8-10-2021 :34 Joe Skurzewski

A man arrested in Minot last week on a burglary charge will face additional charges after the Ward County Sheriff said he set a cell mattress on fire. Sheriff Bob Roed (Rude) said Eric Deck was arrested Thursday

on a C-felony burglary charge. Roed said that the 39-year-old Deck was not being cooperative and was placed in a detox cell. He indicated that Deck tore open the mattress and set it on fire with a match he had kept on himself. Roed said the fire set off the alarms, and Deck was immediately removed from the cell and the fire was put out. No one was hurt.

8-11-2021 :29 Joe Skurzewski

We do have some breaking news to share with you this evening... Ward County sheriff Bob Roed (rude) confirms that the sheriff's office and the Minot swat team are responding to a man barricaded in a mobile home in the 7800 block of highway 2 east. The sheriff says a traffic stop shortly after 3:30 this afternoon led to a pursuit in which the driver sideswiped a patrol unit. Stay with Your News Leader for updates to this developing story. We'll have details posted on our website.

8/12/2021 :08 Joe Skurzewski

The Ward County Sheriff's Department has identified the man who was arrested following an hours-long standoff last night.

8-16-2021 :17 Grace Kraemer

We're following multiple major stories this evening... both locally, and abroad. First off... We're learning more information about the investigation into a homicide yesterday (Sunday) in Minot. This marks the third homicide in Minot in 2021.

8-16-2021 :29 Joe Skurzewski

There's new developments today in another Minot murder case... The courts have once again pushed back the jury trial for 31-year-old Christopher Vickerman. He's accused of killing his father 55-year-old Mark Vickerman in May of 2019. Vickerman now has a ten-day trial scheduled to begin November 29th in Minot. Court records also indicate that the courts approved a motion for counsel to withdraw from the case. Vickerman faces the chance of life in prison if he's convicted.

8-20-2021 :30 Joe Skurzewski

The U-S Attorney's office has indicted a St. Michael man on three counts of involuntary manslaughter. Prosecutors say 18-year-old Winter Bigtrack was driving on the Spirit Lake Reservation on August 11th when he went off the road and rolled, killing three of his passengers, a man, a boy, and a girl. Another girl was seriously injured. Investigators determined that Bigtrack had no license; was speeding; was passing in a no passing zone; and was under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

8-23-2021 :13 Joe Skurzewski

A Donnybrook woman who pleaded guilty in 2019 for her role in a fake Make-a-Wish campaign now faces a new charge after investigators says she charged more than \$1,400 in purchases to a man's credit and debit cards.

8-23-2021 :08 Grace Kraemer

Minot police are asking for your help in identifying suspects after police responded to a call for gunshots Friday night.

8-27-2021 :10 Joe Skurzewski

A Grand Forks woman is in custody in Rolette County on charges she burglarized a city of Dunseith facility and assaulted two law enforcement officers.

8-30-2021 :17 Joe Skurzewski

We're following multiple major stories on this Monday. First off... U-S Marshals captured the suspect wanted in a Minot murder investigation in Detroit, Michigan.

8-30-2021 :12 Grace Kraemer

Minot Police are investigating a fire that broke out inside the North Hill Marketplace Foods in Minot last (Sunday) night. Store management says someone intentionally set fire to a pack of toilet paper.

8-30-2021 :07 Joe Skurzewski

A North Dakota lawmaker charged with driving under the influence will avoid trial after agreeing to a plea deal.

9-1-2021 :09 Joe Skurzewski

The courts have denied a trial for a former Minot teacher serving a life sentence for conspiring with her husband to kill his ex-wife in Minot in 2015.

9-1-2021 :07 Joe Skurzewski
A North Dakota lawmaker charged with DUI in April will avoid jail time but must pay \$750 in fines and fees.

9-2-2021 :11 Faith Hatton
The Turtle Mountain community is coming together to honor and remember lost tribal members recently unearthed in boarding schools across the country and in Canada.

9-3-2021 :05 Joe Skurzewski
<ALRIGHT DISPATCH, WHEN I GET THE OPPORTUNITY I'M GONNA SEE IF I CAN TAKE HIM OUT. HE'S GETTING PRETTY RECKLESS.>

9-3-2021 :11 Faith Hatton
A Minot man awaiting a murder retrial appeared in court today asking for a continuation... arguing he won't have time to properly prepare his defense for his trial in February.

9-7-2021 :10 Joe Skurzewski
The Rolette County Sheriff's Office will go back to requiring masks in its facility, effective tomorrow (Wednesday), in the wake of rising COVID-19 numbers in the region.

9-7-2021 :12 Joe Skurzewski
If you live in the Minot area and got a bizarre call this morning from someone claiming to be from Xcel and asking for a payment.... you weren't alone. It appears to be another phone scam making the rounds.

9-9-2021 :11 Grace Kraemer
The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help... after a pair of its patrol vehicles were vandalized earlier this week with some type of BB or pellet gun.

9-9-2021 :10 Joe Skurzewski
The Ward County Sheriff's Department is investigating a report of an unknown man who photographed a student at Nedrose Elementary School during recess today (Thursday).

9-10-2021 :33 Joe Skurzewski
The Ward County Sheriff's Office said they have identified and talked with a man who reportedly stopped to take photos of Minot-area schools over the past couple of days. Investigators say the man stopped at Nedrose Elementary and Roosevelt Elementary School in Minot. They say the man was on a reunion trip to the Minot area and was sightseeing... and indicated the man did not have any suspicious photos of children or students. The man will not be charged but was told to stop. A similar report at Surrey School was unfounded.

9-14-2021 :11 Joe Skurzewski
Minot Police said they arrested a 33-year-old man Tuesday afternoon on accusations he made threatening comments about shooting the wife of a person he had had an altercation with.

9-16-2021 :16 Faith Hatton
The courts have delayed the preliminary hearing for a man charged in a Minot murder conspiracy case, as he is currently looking for a new lawyer.

9-20-2021 :17 Joe Skurzewski
We're learning more today about why a district court judge has granted a new trial to a former rideshare driver convicted of sexually assaulting one of his passengers. This weekend we reported that the courts vacated the conviction for 42-year-old Corey Wickham.

9-23-2021 :13 John Salling
Minot police are looking for information on a pair of suspects they say robbed an area retail store Saturday morning.

9-28-2021 :11 Joe Skurzewski
The courts have ordered a 21-year-old man to serve a total of 17 years on charges he assaulted a woman last August and tried to kill a state trooper who responded to the scene.

9-29-2021 L16 Joe Skurzewski
A task force drug seizure in Minot yesterday removed more than half a million dollars' worth of narcotics off the streets and landed a Minot man in jail.

9-30-2021 :08 Joe Skurzewski
A federal judge has ordered a Belcourt man to serve 36 and a half years in prison for aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Business & the Economy

Many businesses are still expanding despite the downturn in the oil patch.

7-7-2021 :06 John Salling
A vibrant downtown can be a major draw for a city. Minot leadership gave the green light to a program aimed at beautifying some of the downtown business. But not before some thoughtful discussion on whether to move forward with it. John Salling breaks it down.

7-15-2021 :24 Grace Kraemer
A popular Facebook page for those in the Minot area... where users vent on everything from traffic to fast food... was taken down recently after a user posted obscenities on the page. It brings to light the ongoing debate over social media censorship. I took a dive into the web for tonight's top story.

7-16-2021 :13 John Salling
The McHenry County food pantry is getting some new freezers thanks to a grant from the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. They'll help the operation feed people across the county. John Salling has more.

7-16-2021 :24 Sasha Strong
The city of Minot is working to improve parts of the heart of Some sections of Main Street and Central Avenue are closed off which some local businesses say is hurting their business. Sasha Strong hit the streets to hear from shop owners, their customers, and the city about the construction.

7-19-2021 :08 Sasha Strong
The Minot city council approved the Minot Area Council of the Arts to lease a public building during tonight's (Monday) meeting.

7-20-2021 :08 Sasha Strong
Leadership with the Minot Public Library says they will no longer charge late fees for most overdue materials indefinitely.

7-22-2021 :25 Faith Hatton
Last year the community lost two if its biggest attractions, the state fair and Norsk Hostfest. These two events have a combined economic impact of \$90 million dollars to the Minot area. The return of a major state event like the state fair means the local tourism industry is on a road to recovery after COVID. Faith Hatton spoke to tourism industries to see how the community is starting to bounce back.

7-23-2021 :15 John Salling
Last year during the pandemic a lot of businesses suffered without shows, fairs, and exhibitions. Vendors we talked to around the grounds say they hope to make up for lost business this year... though supply chains are still limited for some.

7-23-2021 :05 Grace Kraemer
The North Dakota State Fair has been a staple for decades inviting many families back every year. Some longtime employees are what keep the fair going year after year.

7-26-2021 :16 Faith Hatton
After facing cancellations of events last year, both large and small, vendors at this year's state fair say they are glad to be back. Faith Hatton spoke with vendors who traveled from all around to see how they're getting back into the swing of things.

7-26-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer
A popular North Dakota product showcased at the State Fair is Pride Dairy, based out of Bottineau.

7-27-2021 :16 Grace Kraemer

Your News Leader is following up on a story we investigated about a spike in Xcel Energy bills for Minot customers... as the energy company and public service commission are coming to a final agreement in the coming weeks. Here's my report on the latest in the case.

7-28-2021 :19

Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority is working to bring back passenger rail through North Dakota and Montana. 13 counties in Montana have signed on to support the push to connect the country along the North Coast Hiawatha route that last served passengers in 1979. Now, the discussion has come to North Dakota.

7-29-2021 :09 Grace Kraemer

Businesses across the country, large and small are having a tough time finding workers to fill positions. That includes the town of Garrison.

7-30-2021 :13 Faith Hatton

With more than 600 vendor spaces available, a lot of local small businesses use the fair as a way to connect with customers. But one small business is using the fair as a steppingstone before going regional.

8-2-2021 :11 Sasha Strong

It was a record-setting year for North Dakota State Fair attendance. Sasha Strong gives us the numbers and tells us more about what that meant for tourism in the Magic City.

8-3-2021 :07 John Salling

Back in June... the YWCA Minot announced they would be branching off of the national operation and working under the name "Project BEE." As the organization continues the transition.... they also announced they will be taking over the Broadway Circle project in Minot.

8-4-2021 :13 Faith Hatton

The Roosevelt Park Zoo is getting ready for a milestone birthday as they prepare for their Centennial celebration this Saturday. Faith Hatton headed to the Zoo to learn a bit more about the 100 years of history.

8-10-2021 :14 Grace Kraemer

North Dakota drivers are seeing an increase at gas stations this fall as the average price of gas falls just a two cents below the national average of 3 dollars and 18 cents. I headed to a gas station in Minot to learn more.

8-11-2021 :08 Sasha Strong

The Souris Valley United Way is expanding a program that provides food for students over the weekend. Sasha Strong tells us more.

8-12-2021 :10 Sasha Strong

A program that provides families in need with financial assistance and other services is asking their clients how they can improve by putting out a survey.

8-26-2021 :08 Faith Hatton

After a recent surge in COVID-19 cases in the Belcourt area, leaders with Sky Dancer Casino have reinstated their mask policy.

9-2-2021 :10 Faith Hatton

The North Dakota Department of Transportation is asking for public input as they continue to gather research on goods coming in, through and going out of the state.

9-15-2021 :20 Grace Kraemer

This week is national small business week and if we have learned anything from the pandemic, it is how important small businesses are in communities across the US.... and in Minot. Like many say, they are the backbone of the country. Grace Kraemer spoke with local business in the Magic City about what this week means to them.

9-20-2021 :13 Grace Kraemer

A new sub shop chain opened their doors in Minot, giving the community a different style of sandwiches to enjoy. Grace Kraemer headed down Broadway to visit Jersey Mike's in this week's main street minute.

9-22-2021 :05 Grace Kraemer
The frozen custard and steak burger chain Freddy's is making its way to Minot!

9-28-2021 :23 Grace Kraemer
What first started off as flower planters in front of businesses, turned into a whole town effort as the city of Bottineau works to improve their downtown area. The town's beautification committee wants to help attract more business and tourism by adding murals and a pocket park to the busy area. I headed north to check out the new and improved downtown in Bottineau.

GOVERNMENT

Lots of changes to the state are keeping local and state governments busy.

7-6-2021 :12 Grace Kraemer
A ward county resident is urging the county to become a pro-second amendment sanctuary.... and ban illegal immigrants from being sent to the area from the Northern and Southern borders.

7-6-2021 :06 John Salling
The Minot City Council will be discussing a project tonight to find a new landfill location.

7-6-2021 :05 John Salling
The landfill is just one of the items on tonight's council agenda. Other topics include,

7-6-2021 :14 John Salling
The Minot City Council approved plans for a recycling transfer facility to go to bid at tonight's (Tuesday's) regular council meeting.

7-6-2021 :09 John Salling
Also tonight (Tuesday), the council struck down a proposed study to find a new location for the landfill somewhere within twenty miles of the city.

7-6-2021 :06 Grace Kraemer
The Ward County Highway department discussed a series of current and future projects this (Tuesday) morning.

7-6-2021 :05 John Salling
Tonight the Minot City Council also approved the retirement of K9 Lois (low-iss).

7-7-2021 :14 Grace Kraemer
With the small amounts of rain the city of Minot has received in the past month, some residents say they've been noticing more mosquitoes in the area. Grace Kraemer caught up with city officials about aerial spraying this month.

7-8-2021 :11 Joe Skurzewski
In other legal headlines... Stenehjem issued two opinions, one in favor and one against, after a citizen request reviews of actions of the North Prairie Regional Water District.

7-8-2021 :14 John Salling
Minot hopes to offer a curbside recycling program to residents in the next couple years. The transfer facility plan was approved this week by the Minot City Council and is going for bid. We get more on this from John Salling.

7-13-2021 :10 Faith Hatton
Leadership in Rolette County is working with local law enforcement to improve coverage of their service area and help current officers avoid burnout.

7-13-2021 :06 Sasha Strong
The city of Minot wants residents to voice their questions about the new city hall building project.

7-14-2021 :05 Sasha Strong

The city of Minot is spraying tonight as part of mosquito control efforts.

7-15-2021 :12 Faith Hatton

With only five days until voting days for their special election , residents of Surrey are invited to get to know some of the candidates running for the two open city council positions.

7-16-2021 :15 Faith Hatton

Some recent divisions in the town of Surrey are now spilling over into the ballot box. After the resignation of two Surrey council members earlier this year, the town will hold a special election to fill the vacant seats. Thursday evening the candidates discussed the city's ongoing issues, and how they would help to create a path forward for the town. We get more on this from Faith Hatton, who sat in on the town hall.

7-19-2021 :09 John Salling

Some changes went into effect this year for bow hunting, and North Dakota Game and Fish staff are trying to make sure the message gets around.

7-19-2021 :23 Faith Hatton

Some key parts of the town of Kenmare are in need of major improvements, and the surrounding community can now give feedback on how they should be fixed. Faith Hatton took a trip up Highway 52 to learn more about what needs attention.

7-20-2021 :13 Grace Kraemer

Leaders in Ward County are working to craft the best wording for a resolution introduced by a member of the public earlier this month aimed at reinforcing the second amendment and protecting immigration laws.

7-20-2021 :06 Joe Skurzewski

The unofficial results are in for today's (Tuesday's) special city council election in the town of Surrey.

7-21-2021 :14 Faith Hatton

A district judge awarded more than \$2 million dollars to the city of Minot Tuesday settling a legal battle going back to 2018 against a developer over downtown parking structures.

7/21/2021 :08 Grace Kraemer

Demonstrators gathered outside of North Dakota Senator John Hoeven's Minot office today (Wednesday) to voice their support of the Pro Act.

8-2-2021 :08 John Salling

Minot's City Council started at 5:30 this evening. Tonight city leaders are slated to discuss the 2022 preliminary budget.

8-2-2021 :13 John Salling

The Minot city council tonight approved the 2022 preliminary budget. John Salling has more on what's to come.

8-2-2021 :08 Sasha Strong

Some new parking restrictions and road changes will be put in place in certain parts of Minot according to City Council.

8-3-2021 :18 Sasha Strong

Last Night we told you the Minot city council approved the 2022 preliminary budget, a 2.28 mill levy increase for residents. Today we dive deeper into what projects the 2022 budget included.

Sasha Strong spoke with Minot city leaders and residents and brought us this report.

8-3-2021 :05 John Salling

The city of Minot is one step closer to securing funding through the American Rescue Plan Act.

8-3-2021 :11 John Salling

The Minot City Council held a first reading last night (Monday) of some new rules for the city. It's a way to bring things up to speed with new state laws that went into effect Sunday.

8-5-2021 :16 Joe Skurzewski

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribe has selected Kenny "Bugger" Malaterre to fill the vacancy on the tribal council left by Nathan Davis, who left the council to serve as the new North Dakota Indian Affairs Commissioner.

8-6-2021 :10 Faith Hatton

Members of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians are celebrating the one-year anniversary of marriage equality being passed into law on the reservation.

8-9-2021 :17 Grace Kraemer

Big day for international travelers as Canada opens its borders to non-essential travelers from the U-S. Grace Kraemer (I) headed to one of our ports of entry to learn more.

8-9-2021 :10 John Salling

State law changes from the last legislative session went into effect on the first of the month. John Salling asked people around Minot about some of the changes.

8-9-2021 :09 Faith Hatton

Leadership with Turtle Mountain Community Schools is asking for community feedback on how they can best use funds from the American Rescue Plan.

8-10-2021 :10 John Salling

Governor Doug Burgum in an executive order temporarily repealed hours of service restrictions for commercial vehicles hauling hay, water, or livestock.

8-10-2021 :14 Grace Kraemer

Yesterday, we reported on the Canadian border opening for non-essential travelers.... Today we spoke with Canadian border services agency to learn more about what travelers need before entering the northern country.

8-11-2021 :12 John Salling

National 8-1-1 day comes in the same week that the Minot area lost some phone service and temporarily lost 9-1-1 coverage. John Salling brings us more on the importance of calling before you dig.

8-12-2021 :07 Faith Hatton

The City of Minot is making changes to its traffic signal network to improve timing and system effectiveness.

8-12-2021 :07 John Salling

The Minot Park District worked with Audubon Dakota to plant native North Dakota grasses in Nubbin Park.

8-16-2021 :25 Grace Kraemer

Now to the crisis unfolding overseas in the middle east... As the Biden administration approaches its September 11 date to pull out all US troops from Afghanistan, chaos and violence has erupted in cities across the Middle Eastern country as the Taliban overtook most of its major cities. This led to the US sending 3,000 troops back in last Friday... calling into question the original decision to pull out.

8-16-2021 :07 John Salling

Tonight's Minot city council meeting will wrap up with a Q-and-A session on the proposed budget for next year.

8-20-2021 :29 Grace Kraemer

Senator John Hoeven criticized the decision, saying in part "...THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION NEEDS TO OPEN THE CANADIAN BORDER. CANADA'S VACCINATION RATE IS SIMILAR TO THE UNITED STATES, AND CANADA IS ALLOWING VACCINATED U.S. CITIZENS IN TO CANADA. REOPENING THE BORDER WITH CANADA WILL ALLEVIATE SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTIONS, AND HELP SMALL BUSINESSES IN BORDER COMMUNITIES IN BOTH NORTH DAKOTA AND CANADA." For the full statement, you can find this story on our website.

8-23-2021 :08 John Salling

The Minot City Council is holding a special meeting tonight (Monday night) to review some new options for the 2022 preliminary budget.

8-24-2021 :08 Joe Skurzewski

A recent state audit of the Parshall School District revealed 17 areas of concern.... including seven-figure accounting issues.

8-26-2021 :09 Faith Hatton

The North Dakota Supreme Court is asking for public feedback on how to continue to provide public access to court arguments during the pandemic.

8-27-2021 :24 Joe Skurzewski

Governor Doug Burgum has directed all government agencies to fly the U-S and North Dakota flags at half-staff until sunset Monday, August 30th, in honor of the U-S servicemembers and other victims killed in the terror attacks in Kabul. The governor also encouraged North Dakotans to do so in their homes and businesses. The order is in accordance with President Biden's proclamation.

8-27-2021 :23

This just in... The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa tribal council has implemented an indoor mask mandate. The mandate... shared on social media tonight... requires masks indoors at all public venues and also includes social distancing and hand hygiene measures. It's an effort to push back on a recent surge in COVID-19 cases. We'll have more information as it becomes available.

8-30-2021 :10 Faith Hatton

Leadership from North Dakota and Manitoba met at the International Peace Garden today (Monday) to put on a unified front as they invested in the garden's future.

8-31-2021 :19 Faith Hatton

Leaders with the Three Affiliated tribes are continuing their efforts to receive equal shares of tax revenue generated on the reservation. Tribal leaders met with the State relations committee today (Tuesday) to discuss changes they would like to see from the legislature. Faith Hatton brings us more.

9-3-2021 :26 Faith Hatton

The Turtle Mountain band of Chippewa Indians gathered as a community last (Thursday) night to honor members lost to indigenous boarding schools. The tribal council organized a tipi lighting ceremony that included prayers a drum circle, and speeches from community leaders. These photos submitted by tribe members Candace Marion and District 1 representative Kenneth Malaterre show a community coming together to heal.

9-3-2021 :27 Faith Hatton

With the nationwide eviction moratorium coming to an end in July and the Centers for Disease control extending an eviction protection declaration through next month, the future of renters affected by COVID can look uncertain. However the state of North Dakota human services department is not only providing aid but expanding the types of aid available.

9-7-2021 :18 Grace Kraemer

Leadership in Ward County is now reaching out to the Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem's office to get his opinion on whether Ward County should move forward with making itself a Second-Amendment sanctuary. This comes after months of back-and-forth between the sheriff, state's attorney, county commissioners, and concerned citizens over the citizen-introduced resolution.

9-7-2021 :05 John Salling

One of the main focuses at tonight's (Tuesday night's) Minot City Council meeting is the 2022 budget.

9-7-2021 :05 John Salling

The city of Minot has also named a new Airport Director, following an extensive search.

9-8-2021 :11 John Salling

Shannon Estenoz (S-ta-nose)... an assistant secretary with the Department of the Interior... traveled to North Dakota today (Wednesday) to discuss property rights with producers and state leaders.

9-8-2021 :06 John Salling

While there today Senator Hoeven's office announced a change that will help ranchers this year.

9-9-2021 :08 Joe Skurzewski

The post office in Parshall is closed, and will remain so until further notice, as the office cleans up and repairs water damage.

9-13-2021 :16 Faith Hatton

FEMA has provided more than \$1 billion dollars towards the program to more than 165 thousand applicants across the country. Applications for the FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance are open. We'll have the link to find out more on this story on our website.

9-20-2021 :24 Joe Skurzewski

North Dakota governor Doug Burgum called the decision "baffling"... citing Canada's high vaccination rates... saying in part... WE WON'T RELENT IN OUR EFFORTS TO PRESS THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION.... TO LIFT THESE NEEDLESS RESTRICTIONS. THAT CONTINUE TO HURT COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER AS WELL AS OUR RETAIL AND TOURISM BUSINESSES THAT RELY ON CANADIAN TRAVELERS."

9-20-2021 :13 John Salling

Minot residents will see a very slight increase in property taxes in next year's city budget. The city council approved the 2022 budget at tonight's meeting... with an increase of point two mills over 2021.

9-20-2021 :06 John Salling

Also at tonight's meeting, the council approved staff recommendations for some new liquor licenses.

9-21-2021 :05 Grace Kraemer

Ward County will once again extend its current burn ban into next month.

9-21-2021 :10 Grace Kraemer

How counties are planning to use money from the American Rescue Plan Act was a big topic of discussion at this morning's Ward County Commissioner's meeting.

9-22-2021 :13 Faith Hatton

Gov. Doug Burgum signed an executive order today (Wednesday) waiving restrictions and fees for commercial vehicle drivers transporting hay, water and livestock to help livestock producers during the ongoing drought.

9-24-2021 :10 Faith Hatton

The State Department of Human Services Early Childcare Division is now offering federal aid for childcare providers to give them support through the pandemic.

9-24-2021 :11 Faith Hatton

The I-R-S announced today (Friday) that farmers who were forced to sell livestock due to drought may have an additional year to replace them and defer tax on any gains from the forced sales.

9-29-2021 :11 Faith Hatton

The North Dakota Department of Transportation is asking for public input as they continue to piece together data for their first combined State Freight and Rail Plan.

9-30-2021 :05 Grace Kraemer

Leadership in Ward County is putting the finishing touches to their 2022 budget.

HEALTH CARE & MEDICINE

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

7-2-2021 :07 Sasha Strong

The Minot Commission on Aging is resuming all of their in-person services after an 18-month pause due to COVID-19.

7-9-2021 :05 John Salling

Yesterday we reported on the dangers of blue-green algae in North Dakota's lakes.

7-12-2021 :10 Grace Kraemer
Advocates for victims of child abuse gathered this (Monday) morning to bring light to the issue in Ward County. I visited the two-hour long event to learn more.

7-14-2021 :22 :Faith Hatton
As wildfires continue to spread through the western U-S and parts of Canada, some of the smoke is making its way to North Dakota. To help residents monitor safety in drift away smoke, the State Department of Environmental Quality offers an Air quality Index Map.

7-14-2021 :14 John Salling
Every year North Dakota sees a spike in zoonotic (zoo-uh-NOT-ick) diseases in the summer months. Those are diseases that can transmit between humans and animals. John Salling has more on how you can be safe and have fun at places like the zoo.

7-15-2021 :06 Sasha Strong
First District Health Unit will host its first tobacco cessation class since February of last year.

7-16-2021 :16 Grace Kraemer
According to the US bureau of labor statistics, the need for EMTs and paramedics is growing rapidly. In fact, it's projected to grow at least 6 percent over the next decade. I learned how Dakota College at Bottineau is doing ITS part to meet the workforce need.

7-16-2021 :08 Sasha Strong
National overdose deaths rose to nearly 30 percent in 2020, and that trend reflects what's going on in many cities including Minot.

7-21-2021 :10 Faith Hatton
The Department of Health and Human Services is investing more than \$300 million dollars in COVID-19 funds to small rural hospitals across the country.

7-22-2021 :12 Sasha Strong
Vaccine coordinators at First District Health Unit say although they are staying busy younger residents in Ward County are not getting the vaccine at the same rate as the rest of the state.

7-26-2021 :06 John Salling
Every day of the fair, ambulance crews are on standby to respond to health issues that might crop up.

7-27-2021 :06 Sasha Strong
If you haven't gotten your COVID-19 vaccine you can do it on the spot at this year's State Fair.

7-29-2021 :19 Sasha Strong
North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division recently launched "Help Is Here." It's an initiative aimed at supporting the behavioral health needs of residents around the state, and they are promoting it with a creative booth at this year's North Dakota State Fair.

7-30-2021 :13 Faith Hatton
As we continue to enjoy the fair, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is urging North Dakotans to take precautions when they go out, as smoke conditions in the area continue to worsen.

8-3-2021 :23 Sasha Strong
Medical professionals are calling fully vaccinated people who still test positive for COVID-19 breakthrough cases. They are rare but can happen, so Your News Leader spoke to First District HEALTH UNIT medical director Dr. Casmiar Nwaigwe (WIG-way) who is also an infectious disease specialist at Trinity Health commented on misinformation surrounding these cases.

8-4-2021 :11 Sasha Strong
With the Delta variant causing a rise in positive COVID-19 tests, some are beginning to ask if the U.S. will join other countries beginning to offer boosters doses of the vaccines.

8-5-2021 :08 John Salling
COVID-19 rates are starting to climb back in North Dakota. John Salling asked what health professionals think the future might bring.

8-5-2021 :09 John Salling
Healthcare workers we spoke to say they are encouraged to see a large number of people coming in for their first shot of the COVID vaccine.

8-6-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer
Residents at the long-term care facility in Mohall took part in a life size childhood board game activity!

8-10-2021 :26 Faith Hatton
The Elbowoods Memorial Health Center is hosting back to school COVID-19 vaccine clinics throughout the districts from now until August 25. The first clinic took place today (Tuesday) at the Parshall boys and Girls Club for students 12 and older. Preregistration is encouraged for the clinics. The full schedule with locations and times can be found online on the Elbowoods memorial health Center Facebook page.

8-12-2021 :22 Joe Skurzewski
In the wake of the uptick in COVID-19 cases... many businesses across the country... along with healthcare providers.. are requiring employees to get vaccinated or submit to routine testing. We reached out to Trinity Health.. the Minot-area's largest healthcare provider... to see where they stand on the issue. They sent us a statement that reads, in part:

8-12-2021 :20 Joe Skurzewski
In the wake of the uptick in COVID-19 cases... many businesses across the country... along with healthcare providers.. are requiring employees to get vaccinated or submit to routine testing. CHI St. Alexius joined the growing list of healthcare providers in the state requiring its employees to vaccinate against COVID-19.

8-13-2021 :17 Joe Skurzewski
The MHA Nation COVID-19 task force is strongly recommending that everyone eligible to receive the vaccine do so, following an uptick of positive cases on the reservation, mostly of unvaccinated individuals. They also say children make up 35 percent of current active cases.

8-13-2021 :05 Sasha Strong
The 13th annual Parkinson's symposium will make its way back to Minot soon.

8-13-2021 :10 Grace Kraemer
The board of directors at the Heart of America Hospital in Rugby met with Senator John Hoeven this morning (Friday) to discuss efforts on building a new hospital.

8-13-2021 :10 Sasha Strong
A Department of Human Services staff are looking to expand in-home and community services for clients of a program that helps those with disabilities.

8-19-2021 :08 Grace Kraemer
Respiratory syncytial virus (sin-SISH-uhl), or more commonly referred to as RSV, may be arriving to North Dakota sooner than predicted this year.

8-20-2021 :08 John Salling
First District Health Unit announced they are offering third doses, or booster shots, of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

8-23-2021 :08 Grace Kraemer
Amid a recent spike in COVID-19 cases related to the Delta variant, Trinity Health will be tightening visitor restrictions.

8-24-2021 :06 John Salling
Trinity Health's swing bed unit in Kenmare closed temporarily last week due to a staffing issue.

8-24-2021 :06 John Salling
Trinity Health also tightened restrictions on visitors in the wake of rising cases in our area.

8-30-2021 :10 John Salling
Minot-area healthcare providers will be addressing the latest information on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic during a special press conference tomorrow (Tuesday).

8-30-2021 :22 Joe Skurzewski

Effective today (Monday)... the M-H-A Nation is requiring face masks to be worn within tribally owned facilities until further notice, amid the recent spike in COVID-19 cases. The rule applies to those who are vaccinated and unvaccinated. The memo also indicates that all sales in the tribal administration lobby will be suspended until further notice.

8-31-2021 :24 Grace Kraemer

Leadership with First District Health Unit and Trinity Health encouraged the public to get vaccinated against COVID-19 during a special press conference today. The healthcare providers updated the public on recent case numbers and how the delta variant is impacting the Minot region.

9-1-2021 :11 John Salling

Doctors with the Heart of America medical center signed on to a letter to the community to share medical advice with people as the hospital sees an increase in COVID-19 cases.

9-3-2021 :28

There's been a lot of coverage of the drug Ivermectin in the news recently... as some people suffering from COVID-19 have tried using the drug. Trinity Health says some of its physicians have prescribed Ivermectin for treatment of COVID-19 in some cases. Bear in mind.... there is a form of Ivermectin used to treat parasitic infections in horses and livestock.... though a different version of the drug is used to treat certain infections in humans.

9-8-2021 :09 Faith Hatton

St. Andrews Health Center in Bottineau announced on their Facebook page earlier today (Wednesday) that visitation for guests is being put on hold.

9-15-2021 :28 Faith Hatton

As hospitals around the state are nearing or at full capacity due to a rise in covid cases, Trinity Health leaders in Minot say the situation isn't at a critical level as of now. While there are less people being hospitalized due to covid compared to this time last year, healthcare leaders say flu season and a worker shortage are putting stress on healthcare systems in North Dakota. Faith Hatton joins us in studio with more.

9-16-2021 :10 Faith Hatton

The city of Rugby will now have an independent affordable housing living option for residents with the grand reopening of the Courtyard Apartments this afternoon.

9-23-2021 :06 Grace Kraemer

Dakota College at Bottineau is now paying students 100 dollars to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

9-24-2021 :25 Faith Hatton

One of those healthcare providers figuring out the plan ahead for boosters... is first district health unit. After yesterday's approval from the CDC... the provider will begin offering third booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine in the coming weeks. New recommendations allow anyone 65 and older and certain people ages 18 – 64 with underlying health conditions or occupational risk to get a booster.

9-28-2021 :10 Joe Skurzewski

Trinity Health is following other healthcare providers across the state in beginning to schedule appointments for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine booster shot.

9-28-2021 :27 Faith Hatton

Surgeons and staff at Trinity Health are marking a decade's worth of progress and achievements with robotic help. Trinity Health was the first health care systems in the state to adapt robotic surgical tools in their operation rooms in 2010 and has since completed MORE THAN 2,000 collective surgeries with the help of DaVinci robotic systems. Faith Hatton tells us what these developments mean for patients and the workforce.

9-29-2021 :13 Faith Hatton

The North Dakota Department of Human Services is prioritizing behavioral health in the peace garden state. The department is now offering funding for suicide prevention efforts across the state.

9-30-2021 :20 Grace Kraemer
MINOT'S FIRST DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT IS THE LATEST PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT IN OUR AREA TO START OFFERING BOOSTER DOSES OF THE PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE. THOSE ELIGIBLE CAN MAKE AN APPOINTMENT BY GOING ONLINE TO F-D-H-U DOT ORG. IF YOU RECEIVED A MODERNA OR JOHNSON AND JOHNSON SHOT, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE PFIZER BOOSTER.

MILITARY

Minot Air Force Base is growing and changing along with the community and also being called upon in support of the nation's commitment to stability and security in the Asia-Pacific Region.

7-16-2021 :07 Joe Skurzewski
A group of B-52 Stratofortresses from the 5th Bomb Wing at Minot Air Force Base deployed to Guam this week.

7-30-2021 :14 Joe Skurzewski
Masks are now required in all indoor settings on Minot Air Force Base, regardless of a person's vaccination status--that's in accordance with a directive this week to all installations from the Department of Defense.

8-11-2021 :33 Joe Skurzewski
A crew from the 91st Missile Wing based out of Minot Air Force Base participated in a test launch of an unarmed Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) early this (Wednesday) morning from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. That's a shot of the missile being launched. The crew was joined by the 341st and 90th wings for the exercise. They launched the missile just before 1 a.m. pacific time. It detonated prior to hitting water near the Marshall Islands. This is only a test that's planned out years in advance... not a response to current events.

8-18-2021 :07 Joe Skurzewski
Minot Air Force Base is now under HP CON Bravo status, following the recent rise in COVID-19 cases in the area.

8-25-2021 :20
DEFENSE SECRETARY LLOYD AUSTIN SENT A MEMO TODAY SAYING MILITARY TROOPS MUST IMMEDIATELY BEGIN GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE. MORE THAN 800-THOUSAND SERVICE MEMBERS HAVE YET TO GET THEIR SHOTS... AND THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT IS ADDING IT TO THE LIST OF REQUIRED SHOTS. THE MEMO DOES NOT DICTATE A SPECIFIC TIMELINE.

8-31-2021 :31 Grace Kraemer
The war in Afghanistan has come to an end, after the last American troops left the country yesterday (Monday). it comes after the Biden administration announced earlier this year the U-S would withdraw all forces by the end of August. But it hasn't come without a heavy price. Last week... 13 service members were killed in Kabul... 11 marines... an army staff sergeant... and a navy medic. Minot is joining other communities across the country in holding up those who paid the ultimate price. Grace Kraemer reports.

8-31-2021 :15 Joe Skurzewski
Also tonight... Atypical Brewery and Barrelworks in Minot joined in. They posted this image on social media of 13 beers on their bar... with the caption "tonight our original tasting room is reserved to honor our 13 fallen service members."

9-8-2021 :06 Joe Skurzewski
The Air Force has now set deadlines for when military members need to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

9-13-2021 :20 Joe Skurzewski
We have a follow-up to one of the stories we brought to you this weekend on the 20-year mark of 9/11. A group of airmen from Minot Air Force Base flew to New York City this past weekend to present a pair of American flags to the colleagues and loved ones of firefighters killed in the terror attacks of September 11th, 2001.

9-20-2021 :18 Grace Kraemer

A very happy day for families at Minot Air Force Base... As airmen from the 23rd expeditionary bomb squadron returned home from a six-month-long deployment from an Air Base in Qatar.

9-21-2021 :28 Faith Hatton

After 240 combat missions and more than 31 hundred flight hours logged, Minot Air Force Base welcomed service members back stateside early yesterday (Monday) morning. Their return along with six B-52H Stratofortress from the 23rd Bomb Squadron signal the close of Minot's involvement in the long-fought war in Afghanistan. I spoke with leadership to learn more.

Education

7-2-2021 :14 John Salling

Earlier this week we (Your News Leader) reported that Minot State University's Dr. Steven Shirley was elected vice chair of the NCAA Division II President's Council and the board of governors. Now, he's gearing up for the major issues of the year.

7-8-2021 :09 Faith Hatton

Four North Dakota educators have been selected as finalists for the 2022 State teacher of the year award, including a teacher from the Magic City.

7-14-2021 :06 Sasha Strong

Minot State University wants to give back to its supporters by giving away free car washes.

7-21-2021 :07 John Salling

Dakota College at Bottineau has a new educational and food resource now available to students and the community.

7-22-2021 :11 Sasha Strong

Masks will not be required in the Minot Public School District this fall. That's the announcement made by the Minot School Board this (Thursday) evening.

7-27-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer

The search for Kenmare's new superintendent has come to an end, as they selected Alex Hennix from within the district.

8-4-2021 :14 Sasha Strong

There are only a couple more weeks before students in the Minot Public School District report back to the classroom. Sasha Strong spoke with administrators and students to see how they are preparing for the upcoming semester.

8-5-2021 :14 Sasha Strong

Back to school is fast approaching for students around the region. We continue our back-to-school coverage with Velva Public School. Sasha Strong tells us what students and parents can expect for the upcoming year.

8-6-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer

Kids go back to school in the coming weeks, and many will return to bigger classrooms and packed hallways.

8-10-2021 :12 Sasha Strong

Last we told you about the plans for the upcoming semester for schools in Minot and Velva. Tonight we continue our back-to-school coverage with the Towner-Granville-Upham School District.

8-10-2021 :15 Sasha Strong

The TGU school district is also hiring for multiple positions including Bus Drivers, Shuttle Drivers, Substitute Teachers and Part-time Dishwasher & Custodians. Anyone interested should email the applications to superintendent Erik Sveet.

8-11-2021 :21 Grace Kraemer

Local school districts will welcome back students in the coming weeks and parents are already getting their kiddos ready for the new school year. That preparation doesn't just include a trip to the store for this year's

supplies--it also involves your child's day-to-day schedule. I (Grace Kraemer) spoke with parents and a pediatrician about getting your student ready.

8-11-2021 :12 Sasha Strong

The first day of school is inching closer and closer which means it's time to go shopping for school supplies. Local organizations have already started to collect supplies for children in need.

8-12-2021 :06 John Salling

The Minot Public School Board approved its COVID-19 policies for the coming school year.

8-12-2021 :11 Sasha Strong

Schools around the state are preparing for back to school. Sasha Strong tells us what teachers at Surrey public school are doing before their students return to the classroom.

8-13-2021 :10 Faith Hatton

As universities across the state continue to prepare their own back to school policies, the State Board of Higher Education is already helping them along.

8-13-2021 :19 Faith Hatton

Students within the Turtle Mountain Community school district are getting ready to head back to class at the end of August. With concerns about the Delta variant in mind, education leaders have released two options for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. I spoke with those in the community to learn more.

8-19-2021 :07 John Salling

Leadership with the Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College took a different route to student COVID-19 relief this year.

8-19-2021 :09 Grace Kraemer

Minot Public Schools announced this morning that Longfellow Elementary second-grade teacher Angie Dangel is this year's teacher of the year.

8-19-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer

During the back to school welcome, hundreds of MPS teachers gathered to get pumped up for the upcoming year.

8-23-2021 :17 Grace Kraemer

More than 76 hundred students will return to the classroom tomorrow morning feeling a bit more normal than last year without mask or vaccine mandates. I spoke with Superintendent Mark Vollmer about COVID-19 plans and making sure students and staff are safe in the classroom.

8-23-2021 :08 John Salling

Mandaree school had a positive COVID-19 case came up over the weekend and canceled class today for sanitizing and mandatory testing.

8-24-2021 :15 Grace Kraemer

Minot Public Schools are back in session--and in person--for the new year. The roughly 76-hundred students enrolled in MPS headed back to the classroom this morning. I stopped by Magic City campus to see how the first day went.

8-24-2021 :04 John Salling

Students are also back on campus for Minot State University as well.

8-24-2021 :10 John Salling

Minot State University held their first White Coat Ceremony bringing in this year's nursing students. John Salling tells us more on what the ceremony means.

8-25-2021 :23 Grace Kraemer

A lot has changed in the realm of education in just the past year in part of the coronavirus pandemic. As schools in the Minot area welcome students back to in-person learning, I caught up with leadership from multiple districts about their academic goals this year.

8-25-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer

This morning Our Redeemer's Christian School in Minot welcomed back students for the first day of class.

8-25-2021 :07 John Salling

An early look at this semester's enrollment at Minot State University shows a small drop from last year.

8-25-2021 :34

School administrators in Wahpeton have had to pull off a sudden shift just as the academic year is about to start. They sent a letter last week to Zimmerman Elementary parents stating that because of mold problems in the building, students will be attending Wahpeton Elementary instead. And the schedule will need to change around to accommodate all the extra students. There's an open house today so teachers and parents can meet and discuss what's going on. The letter also indicates that the roof of Zimmerman will need to be replaced.

8-25-2021 :14 John Salling

This week, Minot State University welcomed the next generation of nurses... and honored the memory of a Minot native who served our country in both World Wars. John Salling brings us more on a less well-known American hero.

8-27-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer

Similar to other school districts across the country, Minot Public Schools is having a hard time finding bus drivers.

8-30-2021 :12 Grace Kraemer

Also tonight... some big changes coming to the Parshall School District in the wake of a citizen-requested state audit that revealed accounting issues in the millions.

9-1-2021 1:22 Faith Hatton

First grade Teacher Heather Ell has used her decade of experience to leave a lasting impact on all of her students.

9-1-2021 :32 Faith Hatton

Superintendent Baesler also made a second stop in Harvey. Bret Dockter, a 6th grade teacher at B.M. Hanson Elementary School was also recognized. Dockter who has more than two decades of teaching experience also serves as head football coach. School faculty say he is an inspiration to students and staff and is a role model for everyone in the community. The other two finalists... Shari Jerde of Grand Forks Community High School... and Natt Nielson... of Valley City Jr-Sr High School... will be honored Monday, September 13.

9-3-2021 :10 Joe Skurzewski

The state department of public instruction has awarded 10 million dollars to the Minot public school district for its upcoming realignment project.

9-8-2021 :14 Faith Hatton

The Minot Public School board will begin the first steps towards issuing a bond referendum for the development of a new high school on north hill, along with remodeling and repurposing two of their current campuses.

9-9-2021 :28 Faith Hatton

Voters in the Minot Public School District will have the chance to vote on whether to approve bonding referendums of more than \$100 million for planned expansions and renovations within the district. This comes after a series of major decisions this afternoon from the school board on the future of the district. Faith Hatton joins us live from Minot Central Campus with the details. Faith?

9-13-2021 1:00 John Salling

< This is Berkley Lundeen's senior year at Bishop Ryan, and her second year starting for the lions. She's carrying on the family tradition.

"My mom originally wanted me to play because volleyball was her sport. She was a candidate for miss volleyball when she was younger and I was originally interested in cross country and did that but ended up playing volleyball and I'm so happy I play this sport," said Lundeen.

She's a middle hitter for the team and a benefit to the team even from the back line.

"One thing we really like about having her back there is she's still a weapon even when she's in the back.

We can set her, and she has such a great swing in the back, she's aggressive and confident with it. She's a

really natural leader, she has a very positive energy, and she works hard," said Nicholas Theis, coach. Lundeen serves as a role model for the rest of her teammates.

"I look up to both the seniors pretty well, they're really good leaders, Sydney is always lifting me up and Berkeley is always having a really good attitude. They're both really good leaders and I look up to both of them," said Magee Rovig, setter. And having fun with the team along the way.

9-14-2021 :15 Faith Hatton

The New Town School District released a new set of COVID-19 guidelines Monday for students and parents. The new rules are aimed at continuing face to face learning and include updates on the district's efforts to keep students safe and healthy.

9-21-2021 :06 Grace Kraemer

In this week's county by county... we take a look at a special guest speaker for a high school,

9-24-2021 :23 Joe Skurzewski

The South Prairie football program did its part at its homecoming game tonight (Friday night) to honor the servicemembers killed in the terror attack in Afghanistan last month. The school placed 13 empty chairs near the bleachers and placed a folded American flag on each chair. We'll have highlights from the Royals' game against Des Lacs-Burlington later in the newscast.

9-27-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer

More college students are getting their COVID-19 shots for money at Minot State, according to university officials.

9-27-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer

In this week's main street minute, I visited a new clinic that is changing the way the magic city can receive healthcare.

9-30-2021 :09 Faith Hatton

Minot State University is providing a new scholarship opportunity to show appreciation to area high schoolers joining them in Spring of 2022.

Recreation

Many people are taking advantage of the recreational activities and events North Dakota has to offer.

7-2-2021 :22 Faith Hatton

The Minot Fireworks Association is still a go to have their annual fireworks show this Sunday. While people in the community prepare to sit back and enjoy, the team at Mum Pyrotechnics are working overtime to get everything ready. Faith Hatton took a look behind the scenes to find out just how much work goes into the handmade fireworks used in each show.

7-8-2021 :09 Grace Kraemer

A new food truck is making its rounds in the Magic City, serving up brunch! Come with me as we check out Son of Brunch in this week's main street minute.

7-9-2021 :05 Joe Skurzewski

All eyes will be on Makoti this weekend for the 61st annual threshing show.

7-12-2021 :07 John Salling

An upcoming event in Minot will help teach kids with disabilities how to ride a bike--and you can help out!

7-12-2021 :08 Faith Hatton

The Minot Farmers market will be returning to Oak Park this year with new vendors and an additional day for residents to shop local.

7-13-2021 :21 Sasha Str0ng

Last October we told you about a new support group aimed at offering fun and helpful activities for people with Parkinson's Disease. Recently that group announced it will collaborate with local businesses and artists to launch a new art class. Sasha Strong spoke with those involved to learn more.

7-14-2021 :12 Grace Kraemer

Community has a strong meaning in North Dakota, and Sam Hanson from Harvey is at the center of it. I take you into the story how this little boy is being supported through some of the toughest battles.

7-14-2021 :14 Sasha Strong

Staying with the theme of golf... Minot Junior Golf Association recently announced the schedule of the 2021 Tournaments for Area Youth after two years without the games due to flood protection work in their location.

7-14-2021 :06 John Salling

Wings and Wheels will be on the tarmac this afternoon at the Dakota Territory Air Museum.

7-14-2021 :06 Sasha Strong

The Mountrail County Garden Club will hold a ladies' garden party in Stanley this weekend.

7-15-2021 :17 Sasha Strong

hard to believe--The 2021 North Dakota state fair kicks off just one week from tomorrow (Friday). Fair leadership is encouraging fairgoers to purchase their tickets from their official channels. Sasha Strong spoke with management about how the public can avoid getting ripped off.

7-15-2021 :08 John Salling

The Minot Park District launched its indoor recreation survey yesterday, and in the first day it already had 600 responses.

7-19-2021 :13 John Salling

Hundreds of people hit the pool in Minot today (Monday) to beat the heat. John Salling has more poolside.

7-19-2021 :15 Sasha Strong

Minot teen Hailey Graner is headed for a vacation, thanks to Make a Wish North Dakota. Hailey left today (Monday), but not before a parade-style farewell through the Magic City. Sasha Strong tells us how the community rallied to support Haley.

7-20-2021 :27 Sasha Strong

The family of a Minot man who died from COVID-19 is doing their part to share his story. Rob Tersteeg (TER-STEG) passed away in early June following a battle with the virus. His family say his last wish was to share his story and educate the public on the importance of getting vaccinated. Sasha Strong spoke with his wife Amy and local public health providers about not waiting to take the virus seriously.

7-20-2021 :19 Grace Kraemer

Space has been all the hype in the past weeks as billionaires Richard Branson and Jeff Bezos blasted off to the edge of space, renewing the decades long space race. Here in the Magic City interest in space has rocketed as well. I spoke with the Discovery Center to learn more about how kids are taking interest.

7-21-2021 :11 John Salling

They say you never forget how to ride a bike, but you have to learn first. For those with disabilities, learning how to ride a bike can provide a sense of empowerment. John Salling shows us how some in the Minot area are being given the chance to ride.

7-21-2021 :10 Faith Hatton

That also means the state parade is almost here. The parade is this Saturday the 24th.. and drivers can expect to see road closures throughout the morning.

7-22-2021 :22 Sasha Strong

We are less than 24 hours away from the long-awaited 2021 North Dakota State Fair. It kicks off tomorrow and vendors were hard at work throughout the day finishing their setup. Sasha Strong spoke with a few of them and joins us live John Salling from the fairgrounds to tell us more.

7-22-2021 :08 John Salling

Youth baseball teams from across the Peace Garden State are in Velva this week for the Cal Ripken 12 and under state tournament. John Salling headed to the Star City to take in all the action.

7-22-2021 :21 John Salling
Organizers from the tournament wanted to be ready for the hot weather and got local businesses to sponsor water bottles for the dugouts and the tournament as a whole. Besides that, families were finding or making their own shade, buying ice pops and iced drinks from the concessions, and whatever else they needed to beat the heat.

7-23-2021 :07 John Salling
Fairgoers were hitting the main drag of the fairgrounds on opening day, and we wanted to know what they thought.

7-23-2021 :12 Sasha Strong
The carnival is always a fan favorite at every North Dakota State Fair--and this year they have few attractions! Sasha Strong spoke to fairgoers about how they enjoyed their newest rides.

7-23-2021 :12 Faith Hatton
As you're walking through the livestock expos at the fair you may want to check out a performance that pays homage to old school fair entertainment. Faith Hatton brings us to a world of wonders.

7-23-2021 :08 Henry Blakes/John Salling
One of the staples of every fair is--of course--the food! Earlier today I headed to the food stands to get a taste of some delicious treats!

7-23-2021 :10 Joe Skurzewski
Also this year at the state fair.... we want you to be a part of our show. You can submit photo to us of all the fun you're having at the fair... and they just might make our newscast.

7-26-2021 :16 Sasha Strong
KMOT partnered with Pride of Dakota once again to showcase the state's products at this year's state fair. The event drew more than a dozen vendors from around the state. Sasha Strong brings us more on these homegrown products from across the peace garden state.

7-26-2021 :08 Sasha Strong
The Department of Agriculture and KMOT also served up hotdogs and chips for just a dollar at the Pride of Dakota event.

7-26-2021 :14 John Salling
Some furry friends are taking over the state fairgrounds this week! Coming off of the national spotlight... they're in Minot showing off what they can do while encouraging people to adopt dogs. John Salling has more ringside.

7-27-2021 :21 John Salling
For many at the fair, it's anything but a one-time deal. Some families have come to the fair for years, or even decades, to sell their products... or show their animals. The Bredahl (BRAY-doll) family has been raising sheep for five generations, showing their livestock at the fair in Minot since 1970. John Salling spoke with the family about the tradition.

7-27-2021 :14 Faith Hatton
With this year's fair also comes a fair favorite, guests are invited to watch some of the toughest bulls and broncs around take on the finest riders from across the state, country and globe. Faith Hatton brings us more.

7-27-2021 :07 Sasha Strong
Leadership with the State Fair Parade Committee presented awards for the best floats from Saturday's parade.

7-27-2021 :08 John Salling
The military and their families got some appreciation at the fair today with a free meal and some concerts by the 188th (one-eighty-eighth) army band.

7-28-2021 :14 Sasha Strong

Funnel cakes and corndogs are fair food favorites, but some other unique dishes are also attracting customers at this year's state fair. Sasha Strong spoke with vendors about food making fairgoers take a second look.

7-28-2021 :09 John Salling

An event at the North Dakota State Fair is helping future rodeo stars get a leg up on the competition. John Salling takes us ringside for the Show-Dee-O.

7-28-2021 :09 Joe Skurzewski

Tonight is a big night for some homegrown musicians. North Dakota's own Tigirlily will get to take the main stage behind us for the first time!

7-28-2021 :17 Grace Kraemer

Speaking of animals, miniature horses took over arena 2 this afternoon at the state fair. 12 horses took part in the show, all entered in several different classes. Judges from across the country checked out the different breeds to see if they meet certain specifications.

7-28-2021 :18 John Salling

Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara dancers made a return to the fairgrounds this year to share their culture at the North Dakota state fair. Each individual demonstrated a different style of dance while the master of ceremonies explained the significance and history of the outfits and styles.

7-28-2021 :08 Sasha Strong

It will be pretty hot for the rest of the week, but kids in Minot will have to find another way to cool off besides the Oak Park Splash Pad.

7-29-2021 :17 Faith Hatton

As we continue to see drought conditions across the state, the North Dakota water Education Foundation is taking time to teach people about how water effects all aspects of North Dakota life. They're also doing so in the middle of the state fair. Faith Hatton tells us how.

7-29-2021 :08 Sasha Strong

A Dickinson teen is going home with multiple ribbons after competing in Future Farmers of America competitions at the fair.

7-29-2021 :11 John Salling

North Dakota Game and Fish has had a booth at the fairgrounds since the early 90's to show people what North Dakota's outdoors have to offer. John Salling has more from the pond.

7-29-2021 :15 John Salling

Today was senior day at the North Dakota State Fair! Seniors had free admission to the fair, along with a banquet in the state fair center. Your news leader swung by the banquet and asked some long-time fairgoers about their favorite fair memories.

7-30-2021 :07 Sasha Strong

Teams from all over the state traveled to the Minot to compete in the Ranch Rodeo Wednesday and Thursday.

7-30-2021 :15 Sasha Strong

Dozens of future farmers came to this year's state fair to show off their animals and compete in various competitions. Sasha Strong spoke with a few members that participated in (Friday's) today's FFA Beef Show about how they prepared for the event.

8-2-2021 :11 Faith Hatton

The Minot Police Department is inviting members of the community to join in them in promoting public safety and finding a fun way to recognize those who keep our community safe.

8-3-2021 :13 John Salling

Across the country, and in Minot, police are gathering with their communities to build relationships... during national night out. JOHN SALLING JOINS US LIVE from Roosevelt Park in Minot with more.

8-3-2021 :20 Faith Hatton

Farmers and non-farmers alike made their way out to pasture to learn a bit about food production in North Dakota. It's all a part of the dinner on the Prairie event that works to create connections between those in and out of the fields. I pulled up a chair to learn more about this educational and tasty experience.

8-6-2021 :Sasha Strong
Friday family friends and supporters of Nathan Artz honored his memory by hosting the 7th annual Nathan Artz Memorial Blood Drive.

8-6-2021 :14 Sasha Strong
A Minot organization aimed at helping provide pet food to families struggling to take care of their animals will now be offering their services to nearby towns and cities. Sasha Strong spoke to the founders and tells us more.

8-10-2021 :07 John Salling
Game and Fish staff wanted to raise awareness for what they call a little oasis in the middle of Minot this week.

8-11-2021 :13 Faith Hatton
After being subject to a COVID-19 cancellation last year the 32nd annual great tomato festival has returned to the Minot this year. Faith Hatton joins us live from the State fair center with the latest.

8-11-2021 :06 Sasha Strong
Project Bee, formally known as the Minot YWCA will host its second diaper giveaway early next week.

8-12-2021 :12 Grace Kraemer
Minot police and the community gathered today (Thursday) to recognize an officer killed in the line of duty 100 years ago. I attended the memorial service THIS MORNING and brings YOU this story.

8-13-2021 :02 Faith Hatton
The Minot Symphony orchestra is inviting musicians from around the area to come and audition as they prepare for their new season.

8-13-2021 :08 Sasha Strong
Wreaths Across America will set up their Purple Heart Wall of Honor at the Dakota Territory Air Museum tomorrow (Saturday) at 2 pm.

8-16-2021 :08 John Salling
Game and Fish issued an alert today (Monday) that five of the six boat ramps on Lake Audubon will be unusable in the next couple weeks.

8-19-2021 :08 John Salling
Organizations in town worked together to donate a batch of life vests to the Roosevelt Park pool for kids that swim there.

8-20-2021 :10 John Salling
The Bishop Ryan High School class of 1971 held their fiftieth-class reunion last weekend. When one member of the class couldn't attend, they brought the reunion to him.

8-20-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer
Pups and their handlers are getting the chance to compete at the Minot Scheels annual dog dock diving competition.

8-26-2021 :05 Joh Salling
Deer bow hunters in North Dakota are going to see a change coming this year.

8-31-2021 :10 John Salling
The Minot Area Recovery Community Organization organized a banquet to raise awareness for addiction and recruit volunteers.

9-1-2021 :08 John Salling
Kids and parents interested in outdoor sports have a chance to check things out at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds tomorrow (Thursday).

9-8-2021 :08 Grace Kraemer
This weekend the international peace garden is holding a memorial event to mark 20 years after the terror attacks on 9/11.

9-9-2021 :05 Grace Kraemer
This week we are looking at some fall related events in the surrounding areas.

9-10-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer
The fourth annual "Fuel the Fight" Event kicked off this morning right here in Minot at the Dakota Square ARCO.

9-17-2021 :06 Grace Kraemer
The Kenmare police department is honoring the life and service of fallen officer Juluis Nielsen.

9-17-2021 :08 Faith Hatton
Cast and crew with the Mouse River Players say they are ready to welcome audiences back with the first show of their 50th season.

9-17-2021 :08 Faith Hatton
And while one show is just getting started preparations for the next one are already happening. The Mouse River Players will be holding auditions for their next production of Alice in Wonderland this weekend, after power outages last week caused them to reschedule. Auditions start tomorrow September 18 from 10-2 and continue on September 19 and 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. Adults, teenagers and kids are all encouraged to come out. According to the theatre, no preparation is needed, and we'll have info in this story on our website if you have any questions about the audition process.

9-22-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer
Today marks the first day of fall... and what is a better way to kick off the season than heading over to a pumpkin patch!

9-23-2021 :15 Grace Kraemer
Sports are a major part of 14-year-old Rocklin Beaudrie's life. However when the teen went in for his routine sports physical, the doctor found something far from routine. Grace Kraemer takes us inside this young boy's life altering story.

9-23-2021 :20 Faith Hatton
Artists of Minot came together to watch, learn and create at the return of Minot State University's NOTSTOCK event after being cancelled last year. For its 14th year... the annual event will be celebrating different art mediums with three days of interactive learning. Faith Hatton takes us to campus to learn more.

9-30-2021 :15 Faith Hatton
Special Olympics North Dakota is bringing back a friendly competition to help athletes fundraise for the 2022 U.S Special Olympics. The 6th Annual "Dancing for Special Stars" will be returning to the Minot State University campus for one night.

ACCIDENTS AND DESTRUCTION

Many things happen that are beyond anyone's control.

7-2-2021 :07 John Salling
The Minot Commission on Aging is resuming all of their in-person services after an 18-month pause due to COVID-19.

7-12-2021 :06 Grace Kraemer
A 19-year-old Berthold man was killed when his S-U-V rolled in a ditch early this (Monday) morning just south of Ross.

7-19-2021 :10 Joe Skurzewski
Residents of the town of St. John in Rolette County may be without water during the day this week... as the city works to replace several of its water valves.

7-22-2021 :12 John Salling

One of the tankers being hauled by a semi rolled off the westbound side of highway 52 around 1:15 this (Thursday) afternoon near the Flying J truck stop. The cab and front tanker stayed upright. Minot Rural Fire, ward county sheriff, and highway patrol responded. Traffic continued on the highway while crews cleared the scene.

7-29-2021 :41 Joe Skurzewski

A series of small grass fires near Surrey kept rural fire crews busy this afternoon. Fire Chief Rex Weltikol said crews from Minot Rural and Surrey responded to six spot fires along the railroad tracks near Lafarge Cement around 2 p.m. Weltikol said Burlington Rural Fire also provided a tanker for assistance. Surrey Public Works said some of their workers, along with Wald Farms, also helped contain the fire. Fire officials halted train traffic for roughly a half hour while they put out the flames. The fire destroyed a few hay bales and possibly some scrapyards cars, but crews were able to stop the flames before they got to any structures. No one was hurt.

7-30-2021 :18 Grace Kraemer

WARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONFIRMED A CRASH INVOLVING THREE VEHICLES ON HIGHWAY 52 NEAR SAWYER 6 PEOPLE ARE INJURED. THE SCENE IS IN MCHENRY COUNTY, BUT WARD COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT IS ALSO ON SCENE. THIS IS A DEVELOPING STORY; WE WILL HAVE MORE ON THIS AS INFORMATION COMES IN.

7-30-2021 :07 Joe Skurzewski

A fire early this (Friday) morning destroyed a home in southeast Minot, though we're told all residents got out safely.

7-30-2021 :15 Grace Kraemer

WE HAVE MORE DETAILS FROM THE MULTI VEHICLE CRASH EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON NEAR VELVA. A 51-year-old Minot man is dead and another five are injured.

8-4-2021 :31 Joe Skurzewski

The state patrol says an 81-year-old woman was killed in a crash this morning in Sheridan County. Investigators say a 58-year-old woman was headed north in an SUV on highway 14 from Bismarck to Rugby just after 11 a.m. when she failed to yield right-of-way at the intersection of highway 200. The patrol says the SUV struck a van, tossing its passenger, the 81-year-old woman, from the vehicle. She was pronounced dead at a local hospital. The others in the crash were taken to area hospitals for injuries.

8-9-2021 :06 Faith Hatton

The courts have ordered a man charged in a fatal motorcycle crash in Minot April to serve six years in prison.

8-9-2021 :08 John Salling

Two cut fiber optic cables in southern North Dakota were impacting phone and internet service for citizens in parts of the state.

8-12-2021 :05 Grace Kraemer

A cooking fire caused some minor damage to an apartment in southwest Minot yesterday (Wednesday).

8-23-2021 :04 Grace Kraemer

A fire caused some smoke damage to Magic City campus Friday night.

8-30-2021 :19 Joe Skurzewski

The Minnesota-Dakotas Region of the Red Cross is deploying 16 volunteers and staff to help those impacted by Ida. The executive director for Red Cross Western North Dakota said his region is also sending two Emergency Response Vehicles from Minneapolis and Fargo to assist with relief efforts.

9-1-2021 :29 Joe Skurzewski

We begin tonight with some breaking news out of Rolette County...the sheriff's office says crews responded to a plane crash around 2 p-m today (Wednesday) in the northern part of the county. The department says the male pilot was not hurt in the crash. Other departments that responded include the B-I-A, Customs and Border Patrol, Dunseith Police and Fire, and Rolla Ambulance. The crash remains under investigation by the F-A-A and the N-T-S-B. We'll have more information as we learn more.

9-8-2021 :06 Grace Kraemer
Two people are dead and one injured after a crash last night (Tuesday night) eight miles northeast of new town.

9-10-2021 :13 Grace Kraemer
Most of the power is back on now across the Minot area... after a fire downtown knocked it out for more than seven thousand Xcel customers.

9-10-2021 :35 Joe Skurzewski
One of those who lost their lives that day was North Dakota's Ann Nicole Nelson. A native of Stanley, Ann studied at Minot State University. She was working on the 104th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center during the attacks. Ann's memory is honored in North Dakota in multiple ways. The auditorium at Minot State University is named Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, in her honor. Meanwhile, "Annie's House, the adaptive learning program at the Bottineau Winter Park helps those with disabilities and wounded warriors learn how to enjoy the outdoors.

9-13-2021 :13 Grace Kraemer
We're following reports of several crashes on North Dakota roads over the past few days. A 57-year-old man died yesterday (Sunday) afternoon after entering a ditch and striking a tree 15 miles northeast of Bottineau.

9-13-2021 :30 Joe Skurzewski
The state patrol says a 44-year-old man from Belcourt is dead and four others are seriously hurt in a crash this morning just east of Rolla. Investigators say a driver was headed east on highway 281 when he tried to overtake a vehicle attempting a left turn.... and collided head-on with another vehicle. The eastbound driver was killed. His three passengers, including two juveniles... and the westbound driver... all suffered serious injuries. The crash remains under investigation.

9-15-2021 :24 Joe Skurzewski
Scary scene tonight on highway 2... A pickup truck hauling a camper collided with a southbound train near Berthold... but amazingly no one was hurt. Chief Al Schmidt says a westbound driver ran the crossing arms into the side of the train. He indicated the highway was closed for roughly an hour but has since reopened. The 54-year-old pickup driver from Montana was cited for careless driving.

9-17-2021 :19 Grace Kraemer
A fire this morning at a duplex in southeast Minot has displaced five PEOPLE. A call was made around 2 am for a fire at 1015 36th Street Southeast. The fire was put out quickly, and firefighters then searched all of the units in the building, no one was injured. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

9-21-2021 :13 Grace Kraemer
The Minot Fire Department responded to a fire last night that left major damage to a mobile home in southeast Minot.

9-22-2021 :16 Faith Hatton
We're in the midst of rail safety week. One nonprofit group is partnering with agencies across two states to help educate the public on rail and train safety. Faith Hatton spoke with officials and brings us more on operation Lifesaver of the Dakotas.

9-23-2021 :26 Faith Hatton/Joe Skurzewski
Police and paramedics responded to a north Minot Cenex today... after a vehicle collided with the side of the gas station convenience store. Authorities responded just before 1:30 this afternoon to the gas station at 1-thousand north Broadway. The building did not appear to have any damage... but the front of the vehicle was smashed in.. and the front bumper cracked off. It's unclear if the driver was hurt... or cited in the crash.

9-27-2021 :13 Faith Hatton
The Minot Fire Department is investigating the cause of an explosion at a home in southwest Minot early this (Monday) morning.

9-28-2021 :08 Joe Skurzewski
Minot Fire investigators have determined what caused a fire and explosion at a southwest Minot home yesterday (Monday) morning.

CONSTRUCTION

7-6-2021 :06 Grace Kraemer

The bridge in Carpio, located off highway 52 and near the Des Lacs River is nearing completion.

7-20-2021 :25 John Salling

The Four Bears Bridge is a pivotal part of transportation across western North Dakota. Thousands of vehicles cross the bridge each day--that's according to the North Dakota Department of Transportation. Keeping bridges like Four Bears safe and maintained is important work done by the NDDOT. John Salling headed to the Fort Berthold Reservation to learn what goes in to inspecting the bridge.

7-21-2021 :14 John Salling

Transportation Connection is a long-term plan from the North Dakota Department of Transportation. Through the plan, the department tries to look ahead twenty-five years and what we'll need for state infrastructure.

8-2-2021 :06 Grace Kraemer

According to city officials the amount of time roads will be closed will vary by project.

8-2-2021 :09 Faith Hatton

TO OTHER NEWS... After taking a break for the North Dakota state fair, road construction projects have resumed across the city of Minot this week.

8-5-2021 :12 Sasha Strong

Earlier this week we reported about the approved road changes to portions of 9th avenue southwest and 25th street northwest. Now we know more about the reasons behind those changes.

8-6-2021 :28 Joe Skurzewski

With the state fair in the rear-view mirror.... work will resume this week on improvements to Burdick Expressway. Starting this Monday, August 9th, ADA-compliant ramps will be installed from 27th street to 16th street southeast. There will also be mill and overlay work taking place on Burdick from Valley Street to 1st street southwest. The city of Minot says traffic at times will be one lane each direction, and drivers are advised to use caution.

8-27-2021 :26 Faith Hatton

It's a dirty job, but someone's gotta do it. City of Minot underground and sewage crews have been working since last Friday on repairs one of their biggest projects to date. On August 20 a hole appeared in the ground on the Northeast section of the State Fairgrounds, following the collapse of a 36-inch steel pipe said to be around 40 years old. Faith Hatton brings us more on how the project came together so quickly.

8-27-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer

Leadership with Trinity Health says progress is being made on the new medical campus in southwest Minot.

9-3-2021 :05 John Salling

Roadwork is set to restart on Burdick expressway in Minot on September seventh.

9-14-2021 :09 Grace Kraemer

As the City of Minot continues road construction, one maintenance project near 16th St and 4th Avenue northwest is set to wrap this week.

9-29-2021 :16 Faith Hatton

The streets beside Minot City Hall are currently under construction and it looks like that area will be a work in progress through next year. A project to replace the retaining wall facing the Minot Police Department is one step closer to reality.

WEATHER

Whether it's snowing, raining, or just a beautiful day the weather effects how we go about our day.

7-7-2021 :18 Faith Hatton

As we continue to see higher temperatures, those who are looking to cool off with a swim outdoors may have to wait. The State department of Environmental Quality is asking residents to report developing signs of harmful algae blooms that have been appearing in lakes across the state

7-19-2021 :18 Joe Skurzewski

Some strong winds knocked down tree branches and street signs early this (Monday) evening in the town of Karlsruhe. Viewer Diane Strachen (stretch-en) shared videos and photos with Your News Leader. Diane said the winds lasted for about a half hour. She indicated most of the damage was on Moscow Street.

ANIMALS

Animals play a vital role in our everyday lives.

8-27-2021 :07 John Salling

North Dakota Game and Fish is raising awareness for the dove season as a great way to get started hunting.

9-7-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer

Dozens of dogs and cats from Mississippi and Louisiana that were displaced by Ida arrived in Minot today (Tuesday).

9-8-2021 :07 Grace Kraemer

If you've spent any time outside recently... you may have been bothered by wasps and yellow jackets more than usual.

9-14-2021 :25 Grace Kraemer

A rise in cases of canine infectious respiratory disease, or more commonly known kennel cough seems to be making its way around Minot or at least some form of it. The term kennel cough is more of a blanket term and could be a number of illnesses including Bordetella to pnemovirus. In any case, it poses a threat to our four-legged friends. I spoke with a local dog owner about her experiences with kennel cough.