

KMOT TV ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

**3rd QUARTER 2020
July Through September**

Issues for the quarter:

***Oil Boom**

***Farming/Agriculture**

***Flood Protection**

***Crime/Law Enforcement**

***Business & the Economy**

***Government**

***Health Care & Medicine**

***Military**

***Schools**

***Recreation**

***Accidents and Destruction**

***Construction**

***Weather**

***Animals**

OIL BOOM

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

7-9-2020 :26 Grace Kraemer
The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality says 413 barrels of emulsion spilled on a well pad yesterday (Wednesday) roughly three miles west of Watford City.

7-20-2020 :22 Sasha Strong
Minot City leaders have joined others across western North Dakota in citing concerns over the economic impact of the potential shutdown of the Dakota access pipeline.

8-17-2020 :19 Faith Hatton
The North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources is in the second phase of a three-part plan to reclaim more than 400 orphan wells and restore the land around them.

FARMING/AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is still North Dakota's number one industry.

7-22-2020 :06 Tommy McTague
The U-S-D-A brought its Farmers to Families program to the Star City today to support residents in need.

8-3-2020 :12 Grace Kraemer
Speaking of sweet businesses. As the days get shorter, corn season gets closer.

8-13-2020 :06 Grace Kraemer
The McHenry county sheriff's office is warning farmers in the county about an uptick in thefts.

8-17-2020 :06 Sasha Strong
An organization that helps farmers and ranchers in distress came to the help of a Sawyer man in need.

9-25-2020 :12 John Salling
Sunflowers are seeing an improvement over last year as we get into the harvest season, and a strong market should make this a profitable year.

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.

7-21-2020 :05 Faith Hatton
Progress continues on work for the flood protection project across the Minot area.

7-28-2020 :08 Sasha Strong
Some phases of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection will prolong road closures along one of Minot's busiest streets.

9-22-2020 :10 Grace Kraemer
In other news with the flood project... The city of Burlington is continuing construction. The newest development of the plan will be closing down Cherry Street.

CRIME/ LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

7-2-2020 :06 Joe Skurzewski
Authorities in Rolette County are asking for the public's help in locating a 16-year-old boy.

7-2-2020 :11 Joe Skurzewski

Minot Police arrested a 27-year-old man for child neglect this morning after his two-year-old was found wandering around a parking lot in a diaper without supervision.

7-2-2020 :11 Faith Hatton

The Better Business Bureau is urging consumers to practice caution after job losses due to COVID 19 has lead to a spike in employment scams in 2020.

7-2-2020 :11 Joe Skurzewski

A 16-year-old boy who went missing last night has been found.

7-6-2020 :10 Faith Hatton

Jury trials have resumed across the state... since being suspended in March due to COVID-19, but it won't be business as usual.

7-7-2020 :15 Sasha Strong

Authorities are still looking for a Minot man who disappeared late last week.

7-7-2020 :39 Sasha Strong

New details today in the search for 54-year-old Ron Petersen, whose missing out of Minot.

7-8-2020 :21

A tragic end today in the search for a missing man.

7-10-2020 :07 Joe Skurzewski

Minot Police are asking for the public's help in locating a girl that reportedly ran away from home Wednesday.

7-10-2020 :07 Joe Skurzewski

Some good news to a story we shared with you at 6.

7-13-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer

The Minot Police Department is warning local residents of a recurrence of a so-called computer virus scam.

7-14-2020 :17 Faith Hatton

After following up on complaints issued to the Minot Police department, health leaders at first district have ordered a rundown building on Minot's east side TO BE SEALED after an up-close inspection found the building TO BE UNSAFE.

7-14-2020 :24

A New Town man faces federal charges after prosecutors say he beat and raped two children between 2016 and 2018.

7-15-2020 :07 Joe Skurzewski

State prosecutors in ward county say they are *not filing charges in a fatal shooting incident in Minot in late April.

7-16-2020 :07 Sasha Strong

The North Dakota Department of transportation partnered with Minot PD to promote seat belt safety this July.

7-20-2020 :06

A Garrison woman plead guilty Monday and was sentenced to prison for a high-speed chase in May.

7-21-2020 :13 Joe Skurzewski

Authorities on the M-H-A Nation are searching for a 50-year-old man who they say has not contacted his family in more than a month.

7-22-2020 :12 Joe Skurzewski

A missing man we told you about last night, has been accounted for.

7-22-2020 :36 Joe Skurzewski
New details today in a Minot murder case that was supposed to be headed for trial later this summer.

7-23-2020 :10 Faith Hatton
A 22-year-old Minot man accused of fatally shooting another man in May pleaded not guilty to a double-A felony murder charge.

7-23-2020 :13 Joe Skurzewski
Ward County narcotics investigators made a six-figure drug fentanyl seizure today... and arrested a Michigan man on an A-felony charge.

7-27-2020 :07 Faith Hatton
Minot police are asking for the public's help in identifying the suspects in a shooting early Sunday morning.

7-27-2020 :20 Sasha Strong
Last Friday... Minot Police say they discovered at least a pound of fentanyl on a person outside of a hotel in Minot.

7-29-2020 :05 Tommy McTague
Three members of the Minot Police Department were honored this afternoon.

7-31-2020 :17 Joe Skurzewski
While two years have passed... federal authorities say the investigation continues... and they're still offering a reward for information on Olivia's disappearance and death.

8-4-2020 :20 Faith Hatton
Jury Trials at the Ward County Courthouse originally scheduled through August 21 are now being postponed after a court employee tested positive for COVID-19

8-4-2020 :22 Joe Skurzewski
The Ward County Sheriff's department says a citizen found roughly four pounds of methamphetamine in an abandoned postal service package along a road in the southeast part of the county.

8-4-2020 :17 Joe Skurzewski
The Ward County Sheriff's Department announced a pair of promotions today.

8-5-2020 :11 Joe Skurzewski
Tomorrow morning... advocates for same-sex marriage will march in Belcourt... ahead of a vote by the Turtle Mountain Tribal Council that could legalize same-sex marriage for the tribe.

8-5-2020 :08 Faith Hatton
Minot Police spent most of Wednesday morning responding to calls of an explosion in a neighborhood on the southeast part of town.

8-6-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer
Many members of the Minot community have spoken out on social media about a rise in car break-ins and thefts.

8-7-2020 :12 Joe Skurzewski
Minot Police said they arrested a 42-year-old man Thursday evening in connection with a shooting in Minot in the early morning hours of July 26th.

8-7-2020 :13 Grace Kraemer
Minot Police are asking citizens with home surveillance footage to see if they can help with the investigation into the explosion that happened in a southeast Minot neighborhood Wednesday morning.

8-10-2020 :07
The trial for a 51-year-old Rolette man accused of shooting and killing another man in July 2018 has been canceled.

8-11-2020 :13 Faith Hatton

A man facing a series of charges in a fatal shooting and standoff two years ago in Rolette County avoided a trial after striking a deal with prosecutors.

8-13-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer

Next Monday, Minot International Airport will serve as the host of an active shooter training exercise.

8-14-2020 :08 Joe Skurzewski

A 30-year-old man who had his conviction vacated in a fatal stabbing in Minot in May 2018 will stand trial again in January.

8-17-2020 :07 Joe Skurzewski

One person suffered a gunshot wound and another is in custody following a shooting in Stanley over the weekend.

8-17-2020 :16 Grace Kraemer

If you heard a commotion and some loud pops at the airport in Minot this morning... don't worry--it was all to make sure that airport staff and law enforcement were better prepared to do their jobs.

8-21-2020 :07 Joe Skurzewski

Minot Police are asking for the public's help in an investigation into an early-morning shooting incident.

8-24-2020 :11 Joe Skurzewski

A 35-year-old man is dead following an officer-involved shooting over the weekend in Belcourt, that's according to a spokesperson for the FBI.

8-24-2020 :11 Sasha Strong

We're learning more about an incident in Velva early Sunday morning.

8-24-2020 :07 Joe Skurzewski

The trial began today (Monday) for a 65-year-old Montana man charged in the deaths of two people in a crash two years ago.

8-25-2020 :10 Joe Skurzewski

In light of the recent spike in COVID-19 cases in Ward County, First District Health Unit and Ward County Emergency Services partnered this afternoon to update the public on their response to COVID-19.

8-26-2020 :21 Faith Hatton

Courts are back in session in Ward County after resuming jury trials last week.

8-26-2020 :21 Joe Skurzewski

A federal grand jury indicted a 39-year-old Belcourt man on accusations damaged the front of a Belcourt bank in April.

8-27-2020 :30 Joe Skurzewski

New details today in a Minot shooting investigation.

8-27-2020 :05 Grace Kraemer

The suspect in a Minot murder case entered not guilty pleas today in district court.

8-27-2020 :06 Joe Skurzewski

A jury has convicted a Montana man for his role in a fatal crash two years ago in Mountrail County.

8-27-2020 :30 Grace Kraemer

Authorities in Wells County are investigating the death of 27-year-old Gunnar Syverson, of Minot.

8-28-2020 :13 Faith Hatton

A Minot man involved in what was originally reported as an accidental shooting case appeared in court for the first time for what has turned into a murder charge.

8-31-2020 :07 Joe Skurzewski

Deputies arrested a Velva man last Thursday on accusations he strangled a woman and later attacked a state trooper.

8-31-2020 :24 Joe Skurzewski
Police said they arrested a 45-year-old man from Washington on a charge of DUI after a combine he was operating rolled west of Berthold today (Monday).

9-2-2020 :05 Sasha Strong
Murder rates in Minot are the highest they have been in more than 20 years.

9-2-2020 :10 Sasha Strong
U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced today that officers seized counterfeit cameras attempting to make their way into the Portal Port of Entry.

9-4-2020 :23 Joe Skurzewski
A federal grand jury indicted 34-year-old Christopher Lewis Gillette of Twin Buttes, in a fatal shooting on the Fort Berthold Reservation last month.

9-8-2020 :08 John Salling
U-S customs says border patrol officers caught two Romanian nationals illegally entering the country near Ambrose last month.

9-9-2020 :25 Joe Skurzewski
The Minot Police Department is refuting a rumor making the rounds on social media that SWAT team officers arrested a hairdresser.

9-11-2020 :07 Joe Skurzewski
A judge sentenced a 30-year-old today on charges they uploaded hundreds of files of child pornography to the internet.

9-11-2020 :06 Sasha Strong
The Rolette County Sheriff's Office is warning residents about a telephone scam making the rounds.

9-16-2020 :07 Joe Skurzewski
A 35-year-old man is in custody in the Ward County Jail, in what may be the largest ever fentanyl seizure in the Minot-area.

9-17-2020 :27 Faith Hatton
After being shut down due to the death of an inmate in June, the Rollete county Jail is now reopen. The state department of corrections and rehabilitation has allowed the jail to reopen under new classification and under new requirements.

9-17-2020 :07 John Salling/Joe Skurzewski
A 57-year-old man pled not guilty today to a double A felony murder charge in a fatal stabbing in Minot back in May.

9-17-2020 :09 Joe Skurzewski
Minot Police say a six-figure fentanyl supply seized this week could have impacted hundreds of lives, had the drugs not been pulled off the street.

9-18-2020 :05 Joe Skurzewski
We've learned a Ward County K-9 played a big role in this week's major drug bust in Minot.

9-22-2020 :16 Joe Skurzewski
Garrison city attorney James Wilson says a police officer is on paid leave during a misconduct investigation.

9-23-2020 :08
The Menards corporation is appealing a jury award to a woman who was injured when she fell over a flatbed cart at a store in Minot.

9-24-2020 :06
A Ward County jury has convicted a Minot man of assaulting an officer and resisting arrest.

9-28-2020 :18 Faith Hatton
Minot police and the Ward County Narcotics Task Force are investigating two deaths that occurred at a South East Minot address over the weekend.

9-28-2020 :34 Joe Skurzewski
A male officer with the Garrison Police Department who was on leave due to an investigation into officer misconduct has resigned his position with the department.

9-28-2020 :10 Joe Skurzewski
Investigators with the Ward County Sheriff's Department are asking for the public's help in locating a man involved in a single-vehicle crash Saturday morning.

9-28-2020 :09 Faith Hatton
Minot police and the Ward County Narcotics Task Force are investigating the deaths of two men over the weekend as apparent drug overdoses.

9-29-2020 :05 Faith Hatton
Minot Police say they are still in the early stages of an investigation regarding a pair of suspected fatal drug overdoses this past weekend. Earlier this year Chief of Police John Klug reported an unusual spike in overdoses cases.

***Business & the Economy**

7-10-2020 :19 Sasha Strong
The Minot YWCA recently opened the only diaper pantry in Western North Dakota.

7-10-2020 :08 Sasha Strong
The Minot Farmers Market returns tomorrow, but it may look a little different due to precautions taken to stop the spread of COVID-19.

7-21-2020 :16 Tommy McTague
COVID-19 HAS SEVERLY IMPACTED AIR TRAVEL ACROSS NORTH DAKOTA.
MINOT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS NO EXCEPTION TO THAT.

7-21-2020 :10 Tommy McTague
A Grand Rapids, Michigan, woman traveling to North Dakota got quite a surprise when she learned Delta isn't currently running flights through Williston.

7-22-2020 :05 Sasha strong
Minot international airport recently made changes to their new hangar lease policy.

7-22-2020 :06 Grace Kraemer
The Souris Valley Animal Shelter is getting some big help to develop an emergency housing kennel.

7-24-2020 :06 Faith Hatton
Residents of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Reservation can expect to see a lot of road work signs in the coming weeks.

7-27-2020 :33 Joe Skurzewski
A longtime video rental business in Minot will close its doors after nearly four decades, amid the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the film industry.

7-27-2020 :09 Faith Hatton
The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribe has completed testing stages for growing hemp required to move forward with Project Green Buffalo.

7-27-2020 :08 Tommy McTague
After 38 years of business Video Magic announced they will close its doors.

7-28-2020 :11 Grace Kraemer

We took a little break due to the pandemic, but the segment is back and will be starting off with Bottineau County.

7-30-2020 :06 Sasha Strong

The aluminum shortage sweeping the nation is hitting home for some businesses in magic city.

8-3-2020 :08 Faith Hatton

The Minot area now has its first electric car charger.

8-11-2020 :20 Grace Kraemer

Although it's been months since the beginning of the pandemic... organizations in Minot are still adapting to the current health guidelines. That includes two area organizations... the Minot YWCA and the Men's Winter Refuge.

8-11-2020 :24 Joe Skurzewski

The Souris Valley Animal Shelter in Minot has begun its transition to a new facility, but they still need supplies for the animals they care for.

8-11-2020 :14 Faith Hatton

Minot firefighters are once again partnering with the Muscular Dystrophy Association to collect money to support local families. However, this year... they ask people to donate online instead of in person due to COVID-19.

8-12-2020 :11 Sasha Strong

The Minot Environmental Policy group recently began their second year of offering a special seal to businesses doing what they can to be environmentally conscious.

8-13-2020 :06 Sasha Strong

The Minot Y-W-C-A is preparing to bring women's issues to focus in a film festival in the Magic City.

8-14-2020 :08 Joe Skurzewski

A longtime Minot business impacted by the pandemic officially closed its doors today after nearly four decades in business.

8-18-2020 :09 Faith Hatton

Trinity Health employees will be receiving a one-time pay bonus this month as recognition for their hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

8-19-2020 :09 Faith Hatton

The ward county historical society is working on completing renovations to the Pioneer Village Historical Museum from the ground up.

8-20-2020 :07 Faith Hatton

Local non-profit Independence, Inc. spent much of today working to make sure members of the community were fed.

8-20-2020 :21 Faith Hatton

Independence, Inc. also debuted a new logo today after changing the statue of liberty branding it's had for more than 20 years.

9-1-2020 :27 Joe Skurzewski

CBL Properties... the parent company of two major shopping centers in North Dakota... has entered a restructuring agreement to pay off debt and may file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in October.

9-2-2020 :16 John Salling

CBL properties, the parent company of Dakota Square Mall in Minot and Kirkwood Mall in Bismarck says they expect to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

9-3-2020 :07 Joe Skurzewski

The Sky Dancer Casino is reopening some of its operations to the public today, while others remain closed.

9-3-2020 :10 John Salling

Changes are on the way for the International Peace Gardens, one being a new board member.

9-3-2020 :13 Sasha Strong

Work on the new Trinity Health Medical Campus continues, as contractors hurry to finish the outside, before the winter months.

9-4-2020 :09 Sasha Strong

Main Street Books in downtown Minot recently began helping residents register to vote and cast absentee ballots.

9-9-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer

The Minot public Library will be offering two different virtual programs for kids this fall through December.

9-10-2020 :23 Faith Hatton

Earlier this year... a devastating fire tore through a Minot apartment complex... displacing dozens and destroying a piece of the city's history along the way.

9-10-2020 :06 Sasha Strong

Main Street Books and the Depot are partnering to host an author book signing this weekend.

9-11-2020 :06 Grace Kraemer

Today, Fuel the Fight kicked off their third annual fundraiser event at Dakota Square ARCO.

9-11-2020 :06 Sasha Strong

Motorists in Minot should look out for a minor traffic delay next week due to flood protection work.

9-14-2020 :05 Sasha Strong

The North Dakota League of Cities will hold its Annual Business Meeting tomorrow.

9-15-2020 :10 Grace Kraemer

For vinyl records, their time has come again.

9-16-2020 :15 Faith Hatton

Members of the White Shield community gathered to celebrate the early progress of community development that is the result of four years of planning and \$100 million -dollars- at work.

9-17-2020 :12 Faith Hatton

Members of the Turtle Mountain tribe gathered at the Sky Dancer Hotel and Casino to celebrate the start of a new addition to the hotel totaling more than \$10 million dollars.

9-23-2020 :19 Grace Kraemer

Operation Lifesavers of the Dakotas is teaming up with multiple organizations to tell residents across the state how to be safe around tracks.

9-24-2020 :13 Faith Hatton

Leadership for the Magic City Discovery Center came together to thank those involved in securing a \$6.3 million grant to go to building of their new facility.

9-25-2020 :09 Faith Hatton

Staff at the Sky Dancer Casino & Resort have announced a soft reopening of the gaming floor as the casino begins phase two of its reopening plan.

9-25-2020 :19 Faith Hatton

A local animal rescue group spent the past week on the road, in a boat and on farms offering aid to those affected by Hurricane Sally.

9-28-2020 :06 John Salling

The Master Gardeners of Minot have donated more than a thousand pounds of food to area food pantries.

9-28-2020 :05 Sasha Strong

The Minot Public Library announced a change to its hours of operation due to COVID.

9-29-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer
Coffee lovers rejoice! Today is national coffee day, a chance for you to make your own... or support your local coffee shop.

9-30-2020 :08 Joe Skurzewski
The director of the Roosevelt Park Zoo in Minot is leaving her post to take over a similar position at a zoo in Sioux Falls.

9-30-2020 :11 Grace Kraemer
North Dakota is making history by electing its first credit union leader to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Credit Union Advisory council in Washington.

9-30-2020 :06 John Salling
The YWCA in Minot is trying a new kind of fundraiser after so many were canceled for COVID-19.

9-30-2020 :09 Faith Hatton
Volunteer staff at the Turtle Mountain Food Pantry are looking for volunteers to help with an upcoming drive through food distribution event.

9-30-2020 :24 Grace Kraemer
Sad news today coming from the Roosevelt Park Zoo. The Zoo announced the death of Holly the Otter.

GOVERNMENT

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

7-2-2020 :08 Grace Kraemer
With the Fourth of July this weekend, city officials are warning Minot residents to follow the rules when it comes to fireworks.

7-6-2020 :22 Joe Skurzewski
Minot Mayor Shaun Sipma released the following statement to Your News Leader on today's decision:

7-6-2020 :21 Sasha Strong
The Souris River Joint Board will also hold public input meetings to discuss both the Velva Bridge and the Mouse River Park projects.

7-6-2020 :39 Faith Hatton
Ward County is now accepting bids for contractors to demolish what's left of an apartment complex in Minot destroyed by a fire in February.

7-6-2020 :15 Sasha Strong
Minot's aldermen discussed the process of finding a new city manager at tonight's city council meeting.7-6-

7-6-2020 :08 Sasha Strong
The council also voted to demolish a southwest Minot home destroyed in a fire last October... after hearing concerns from neighbors.

7-7-2020 :10 Faith Hatton
The Ward County Highway Department is one step closer to a new facility after Commissioners approved the purchase of the Halliburton facility in South East Minot.

7-7-2020 :05 Sasha Strong
The Minot City Council will put plans for a new landfill on hold partly due to COVID-19.

7-7-2020 :09 Faith Hatton
Ward county commissioners voted to partially fund a new piece of research equipment to better increase the quality of seeds given to farmers.

7-8-2020 :10 Grace Kraemer
The North Dakota Department of Transportation will put more than two million dollars towards a series of transportation improvement projects across the state.

7-9-2020 :15 Grace Kraemer
Those in the Anamoose area who lost food from the storm-related power outages yesterday will be able to benefit from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. SNAP replacement benefits are available to SNAP households only.

7-13-2020 :15 Sasha Strong
Minot residents will soon see census kiosks popping up at popular locations in town... after initially being postponed due to the pandemic.

7-13-2020 :05 Sasha Strong
Minot officially opened part of the city's first roundabout yesterday

7-16-2020 :12 Sasha Strong
The city of Minot and community partners came together today to announce a NEW branding initiative for the city.

7-20-2020 :09 Sasha Strong
The Minot city council approved a motion to hire a recruitment firm to search for a permanent replacement for the City Manager position.

7-20-2020 :08 Faith Hatton
A bill making its way through Congress is aiming to provide a slight relief to rural electric companies during COVID-19.

7-21-2020 :12 Grace Kraemer
The pandemic has impacted all walks of life... including foster care.

7-24-2020 :08 Sasha Strong
Minot's sales tax revenue numbers are in, and are looking better than projected, according to the city's finance director.

7-28-2020 :09 Sasha Strong
Housing and Urban Development has granted Minot's request to re-allocate funds from the proposed gathering space to another project.

7-28-2020 :08 Faith Hatton
Residents of the city of Velva are being asked to give their reviews on police work in the area by filling out a police survey.

7-28-2020 :08 Grace Kraemer
The US Department of Transportation awarded five airports in North Dakota funding through the Federal Aviation Administration.

7-28-2020 :07 Faith Hatton
Residents in a small area in the city of Bottineau will be without water for a short period of time on Wednesday.

7-29-2020 :22 Grace Kraemer
The pandemic has forced those from all walks of life to adapt, including our first responders.

7-31-2020 :05 Sasha Strong
The Ward County Commissioners continue to work on finalizing the 2021 budget.

7-31-2020 :13 Joe Skurzewski
The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa tribe has instituted a mask mandate across the reservation... following a rise in cases of COVID-19.

8-3-2020 :06 Joe Skurzewski
As the calendar rolls to August... we're already thinking about next year.

8-3-2020 :05 Sasha Strong
The Minot City Council heard the proposed 2021 budget at Monday night's meeting.

8-3-2020 :06 Sasha Strong
The city council also voted down a proposal to put in place term limits for the city's aldermen.

8-5-2020 :13 Sasha Strong
This week, Minot finance director David Lakefield presented next year's preliminary budget to the council.

8-6-2020 :13 Faith Hatton
The Turtle Mountain band of Chippewa has become the state's first tribe to formally recognize same-sex marriage.

8-6-2020 :15 Grace Kraemer
The North Dakota Department of Transportation is starting to replace the welcome to North Dakota signs across the state.

8-6-2020 :08 Joe Skurzewski
Members of the public interested in seeing the breakdown of the proposed 2021 budget for the city of Minot can do so online.

8-10-2020 :10 Sasha Strong
Over the weekend, President Trump signed an executive order that included a partial extension of the unemployment benefits covered under the CARES Act.

8-10-2020 :10 Faith Hatton
After having all mail-in voting due to COVID-19 for local elections, election officials in Ward County are planning for a return to in-person voting this November.

8-10-2020 :06 Faith Hatton
Ward County residents would see an increase in property taxes in the preliminary budget for 2021.

8-11-2020 :17 Grace Kraemer
The federal government has awarded 15 million dollars to the North Dakota Department of Transportation, that money will go towards purchasing new buses for the state.

8-17-2020 :05 Sasha strong
The Minot City Council voted to approve a mask resolution at tonight's meeting.

8-17-2020 :05 Sasha Strong
The council also once again picked up talks of launching a recycling program.

8-18-2020 :16 Grace Kraemer
The Ward County Commissioners voted today to cut down on the number of polling locations across the county for the upcoming elections for health and safety reasons amid the pandemic.

8-18-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer
The Ward County Commissioners voted to sell a property in Berthold that once served as the site of an old radar tower.

8-19-2020 :08 Sasha Strong
The Minot City Council recently passed a resolution that requires city employees to wear a mask when they cannot socially distance.

8-19-2020 :16 Grace Kraemer
Last night... democrats across the country cast their state's delegates for their nominee for president. This year's Democratic National Convention is virtual due to the pandemic.

8-21-2020 :09 Faith Hatton
People in Ward County who may be concerned with mailing in their absentee ballots for the general election will now have another option.

8-25-2020 :08 Grace Kraemer
Minot firefighters took part in a live active training session at Minot International Airport.

8-25-2020 :05 Sasha Strong
Those who are going to come today and tomorrow and next week are your neighbors your family your friends.

8-25-2020 :17 Sasha Strong
In light of the recent spike in COVID-19 cases in Ward County, several community organizations held a joint press briefing to discuss what they are doing to slow the spread of the virus.

8-25-2020 :16 Sasha Strong
During the press briefing Trinity Health Vice President Randy Schwan spoke about the status of workers in quarantine.

8-27-2020 :05 Grace Kraemer
U.S. Secretary of Energy Dan BREW-YET will pay a visit to the Minot area next week.

8-31-2020 :08 Grace Kraemer
Canada border services agency is reminding US citizens that the border is STILL closed for the upcoming holiday weekend.

8-31-2020 :09 Grace Kraemer
The North Dakota court system announced that a number of courthouses will be limiting access to the public due to the coronavirus pandemic.

8-31-2020 :14 Faith Hatton
A longtime figure in Ward County is hanging it up.

8-31-2020 :14 John Salling
Tomorrow Energy Secretary Dan Brouillette is visiting Minot for discussions with North Dakota's energy resource producers.

9-1-2020 :21 Grace Kraemer
North Dakota leaders met with the U-S secretary of energy today in Minot to discuss a series of important issues... from Minot's role in our national defense... to the future state's energy industry.

9-1-2020 :13 John Salling
The secretary's visit continued in town at the Grand Hotel, where they discussed the role of coal, oil, and natural gas in keeping the lights on.

9-1-2020 :19
Since April, dozens of COVID-19 testing events have been held throughout Western North Dakota, giving workers opportunities to fine-tuning the way they run events

9-1-2020 :08 Faith Hatton
Just under \$4 million dollars in CARES Act funding is going to a pair of tribes in North Dakota through a special block grant program.

9-1-2020 :08 Sasha Strong
Ward County Commissioners say they will receive 1.3 million dollars in CARES Act funding to cover the salaries of first responders.

9-1-2020 :07 Sasha Strong
The federal government awarded \$400,000 to the Souris Basin Planning Council for pandemic relief projects.

9-1-2020 :06 Sasha Strong
Minot is inching closer to the deadline to spend the National Disaster resilience funding.

9-2-2020 :05 Grace Kraemer
The city of Minot will hold a fall cleanup to help residents dispose of unwanted items.

9-2-2020 :12 Faith Hatton
Magic City Equality partnered with The City of Minot to kick off their rescheduled pride week in a historic way.

9-4-2020 :06 John Salling
The International Peace Garden board approved flying the flags of all five North Dakota tribes.

9-8-2020 :07 Sasha Strong
Minot City Council President Lisa Olson recently released a statement of support for the proposed 2021 budget.

9-8-2020 :18 Sasha Strong
The public comment period dominated tonight's Minot city council meeting... as a group of Minot-area residents spoke out against the city's raising of the pride flag last week.

9-9-2020 :18 Sasha Strong
Last night... a group of Minot residents voiced opposition during city council to the city's raising of the rainbow pride flag at City Hall last week. Many of them questioned the procedure to okay the flag going up.

9-9-2020 :11 Faith Hatton
The Turtle Mountain Tribal Council is now offering a lifeline to small businesses on the reservation to help them open, stay open, and prevent closures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

9-9-2020 :09 Faith Hatton
The Minot Fire Department is celebrating 125 years of serving the community, and to commemorate, they are sharing their history online.

9-9-2020 :11 Faith Hatton
The Minot Fire department is warning people to avoid playing with fire, literally, in the wake of the California fires that have destroyed more than 7,000 acres of land so far.

9-11-2020 :14 Faith Hatton
Members of the Minot Fire Department paid tribute to the 343 New York Firefighters who lost their lives during the 9-11 terrorist attacks by holding a special stair climb near the football field at Magic City Campus.

9-14-2020 :09 Joe Skurzewski
Three members of the Three Affiliated Tribes have come together to form a Native American caucus group within North Dakota's Democratic-NPL party.

9-14-2020 :09 Grace Kraemer
The federal government is sending more than 379 thousand dollars to North Dakota to support programs that aid victims of domestic violence.

9-14-2020 :10 Sasha Strong
The city of Minot could be adding a few new positions.

9-14-2020 :26 Joe Skurzewski
The department of Veterans affairs announced today that roughly 46 thousand veterans' personal info was compromised during a recent data breach.

9-14-2020 :14 Faith Hatton
The Bottineau Beautification Committee that began eight years ago is continuing to make an impact today.

9-15-2020 :12 Grace Kraemer
In March, Congress passed a 2 POINT 2 TRILLION DOLLAR coronavirus stimulus package, also known as the CARES Act.... Over the past few weeks, Senate has gathered again to pass a second stimulus package.

9-15-2020 :05 Sasha Strong
Ward County leaders have adopted a policy to prevent unfair hiring practices.

9-15-2020 :06 Sasha Strong

The Minot Chamber of Commerce and the Minot Area Development Corporation are planning to merge.

9-17-2020 :08 John Salling
After a project fell through, the Minot City Council needed to find a new outlet to use funding from the federal government.

9-21-2020 :12 John Salling
Moments ago, the Minot City Council approved the budget for 2021.

9-21-2020 :18 John Salling
The controversy earlier this month surrounding the raising of the pride flag in Minot spilled over into tonight's city council meeting once more.

9-21-2020 :16 Joe Skurzewski
Also tonight, the council approved on second reading the 2021 budget.

9-22-2020 :18 Grace Kraemer
Garrison city attorney James Wilson says a police officer is on paid leave during a misconduct investigation.

9-22-2020 :18 Grace Kraemer
Today, the Minot park district announced the reopening of the Dakota Bark Park's original location.

9-23-2020 :08 John Salling
Counties are starting to approve final budgets for 2021 and with the drop in oil prices they had to plan around an unknown variable.

9-24-2020 :06 John Salling
On Tuesday the Minot Area Development Corporation gave a report on their efforts so far this year.

9-28-2020 :35 Joe Skurzewski
A voter ID event scheduled for tomorrow (Tuesday) at the Little Shell powwow area in New Town has been canceled due to a spike in COVID-19 cases on and around the reservation--that's according to a spokesperson for the MHA Nation.

9-28-2020 :04 Sasha Strong
The search is on for the first ever Minot Citizen of the Year.

9-29-2020 :19 Sasha Strong
The deadline for the 2020 U.S. Census was recently extended from September 30 to October 5 in an effort to make sure that as many people are counted as possible.

9-29-2020 :09 Sasha Strong
The city of Minot is expanding the eligibility for a program that assists low and moderate income families impacted by the 2011 flood.

9-29-2020 :07 John Salling
District 38 Republicans held a watch party at the Grand Hotel in Minot tonight for the first presidential debate.

9-30-2020 :22 Faith Hatton
Leaders with the MHA Nation say they will be taking their COVID-19 safety concerns straight to Governor Burgum by filing a motion to request a statewide mask mandate.

9-30-2020 :09 Faith Hatton
Applications for the Minot City Manager closed last week allowing city leaders to begin the first steps towards filling the position.

9-30-2020 :13 Grace Kraemer
Time now for your weekly county by county segment.

HEALTH CARE & MEDICINE

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

7-1-2020 :07 Sasha Strong
Trinity Health's chief of staff and Director of Emergency & Trauma will now serve with the American Heart Association.

7-1-2020 :28 Joe Skurzewski
First District Health Unit says two people tested positive for COVID-19 in this past Friday's mass testing event at the state fairgrounds.

7-2-2020 :10 Sasha Strong
As the summer heat continues, the North Dakota Department of Health is warning parents and caregivers to not leave children in cars.

7-7-2020 :05 Grace Kraemer
The latest round of COVID-19 testing at Trinity Homes produced zero positives.

7/20/2020 :05 Grace Kraemer
With all the moisture we've had recently. There's been an uptick in mosquitoes.

7-20-2020 :14 Faith Hatton
Last week the North Dakota Department of Human Services released guidelines on reopening senior meal sites for dining.

7-21-2020 :16 Faith Hatton
While many of us are working from home, limiting our travel, and practicing social distancing, one North Dakotan headed to one of the country's largest hotspots.

7-23-2020 :06 Grace Kraemer
Another round of mass COVID-19 testing took place at the North Dakota state fairgrounds this morning.

7-24-2020 :10 Tommy McTague
Trinity Health says they're encouraged by the number of people wearing face coverings and following social distancing guidelines at its facilities.

7-27-2020 :11 Grace Kraemer
Health officials on the Fort Berthold reservation are advising residents of a possible exposure to COVID-19 after an adult who tested positive had entered two public facilities.

7-27-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer
There have been many misconceptions about COVID-19 and people with asthma, along with other respiratory issues.

7-27-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer
First District Health is offering free COVID-19 testing in Bottineau County this Wednesday, July 29th.

7-27-2020 :16 Grace Kraemer
First District in Minot is now taking appointments for COVID-19 testing.

7-30-2020 :10 Sasha Strong
First District Health Unit will continue with its COVID policies for the foreseeable future.

7-31-2020 :06 Faith Hatton
Free COVID-19 testing will be available for residents of Burke County next Monday August third.

7-31-2020 :06 Faith Hatton
The Minot Public Library will be requiring masks to be worn by patrons starting August third.

8-6-2020 :09 Sasha Strong

First district health unit is reminding parents to make sure their children returning to school this fall get their back to school vaccines.

8-7-2020 :05 Joe Skurzewski
The results are in from a recent COVID-19 mass testing event in Rolette County.

8-7-2020 :09 Faith Hatton
One Minot family was able to continue a tradition of honoring a loved one despite having to take extra precautions due to the coronavirus.

8-12-2020 :14 Sasha Strong
Assisted living centers and other organizations that support senior citizens are continuing to tighten their health policies in order to keep their clients and residents safe.

8-12-2020 :08 Grace Kraemer
The Minot Environmental Policy group recently began their second year of offering a special seal to businesses doing what they can to be environmentally conscious.

8-12-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer
Assisted living centers and other organizations that support senior citizens are continuing to tighten their health policies in order to keep their clients and residents safe.

8-13-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer
This week the state's Department of Environmental Quality's issued a warning about blue green algae.

8-20-2020 :15 Grace Kraemer
Wearing a mask can be uncomfortable. Whether it is disposable, reusable, cloth, or medical grade. wearing masks for long periods of time can pose problems of their own... despite keeping us safe from the COVID-19 pandemic.

8-21-2020 :09 Sasha Strong
Today the North Dakota Department of Health announced 20 new positive COVID-19 cases for Ward County... in addition to the 34 reported yesterday.

8-25-2020 :13 Sasha Strong
In light of the recent spike in COVID-19 cases in Ward County, First District Health Unit and Ward County Emergency Services partnered this afternoon to update the public on their response to COVID-19.

8-25-2020 :12 Faith Hatton
Minot Firefighters and police officers are putting their age-old rivalry to good use in the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive.

8-26-2020 :07 Sasha Strong
Trinity Homes... the long-term care facility in Minot.... will be once again implementing visitor restrictions.

8-28-2020 :06 Sasha Strong
The spike in Ward County Covid-19 cases has led one non-profit to no longer accept used donations.

8-28-2020 :11 Faith Hatton
The federal government is providing more than 5 million dollars in funding to state agencies, tribes, and organizations for opioid response and youth substance abuse prevention.

9-2-2020 :29 Faith Hatton
Dr. Casmiar Nwagwe 13 seconds: "At the time the COVID had started influenza was also happening in early 2020. And the studies show that there's nothing stopping you from getting Influenza and COIVD at the same time.

9-3-2020 :30 Grace Kraemer
During his COVID-19 Briefing, Governor Burgum announced a county-by-county approach to assessing COVID threat levels instead of a statewide assessment.

9-3-2020 :26 Grace Kraemer

Last weekend, supporters held a walk in Minot's Oak park.

9-8-2020 :25 Grace Kraemer

This year alone roughly 1-point-8 million people will be diagnosed with some form of cancer in the U-S. With the overwhelming expenses of care, Trinity health foundation has been helping relieve some of the financial burden for North Dakota cancer patients who have to travel great distances to get treatment.

9-9-2020 :11 Grace Kraemer

September is Alzheimer's awareness month.... today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the University of North Dakota to further Alzheimer's research.

9-10-2020 :20 Grace Kraemer

September is suicide awareness month... In honor of those suffering and of those who have lost their life by suicide, the North Dakota chapter with the American Foundation for suicide prevention is hosting a walk in Minot to raise awareness and to show support to those in need.

9-15-2020 :06 Sasha Strong

First District Health Unit and Trinity Health are splitting the workload for COVID-19 testing.

9-18-2020 :07 Joe Skurzewski

We're learning more about the results of a mass testing event at Minot State University earlier this week.

9-18-2020 :14 Grace Kraemer

Last Friday, the Trinity Health Foundation hosted their annual Fuel the Fight fundraiser event at the Dakota Square ARCO.

9-28-2020 :26 Grace Kramer

September 28 is world rabies day... established in 2007 this day helps raise awareness about the disease.

9-28-2020 :08 Sasha Strong

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, but one Minot business has already started doing what they can to help.

9-29-2020 :20 Joe Skurzewski

A COVID testing event this past Saturday on the Minot State campus produced six positives.

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.

7-9-1010 :11 Grace Kraemer

If you live in the Minot area and have been bothered by mosquitoes lately, you are in luck. Minot Air Force Base will begin aerial spraying for mosquito control next week.

7-14-2020 :06 Grace Kraemer

The 5th Bomb Wing at Minot Air Force Base will see a change in leadership later this week.

7-14-2020 :33 Joe Skurzewski

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7-23-2020 :10 Grace Kraemer

The U-S senate approved the National Defense Authorization Act today.

7-23-2020 :05 Sasha Strong

A family in Minot was recently honored by the North Dakota Air National Guard.

7-24-2020 :09 Joe Skurzewski

Investigators have yet to be able to determine what exactly caused a fire that destroyed a small hangar on Minot Air Force Base late last year.

8-19-2020 :32 Joe Skurzewski
Isabella Knupp got to take a tour of the base, including seeing a static display of a B-52 and a Huey helicopter, along with a walk-through of the airfield tower and airfield operations office.

8-19-2020 :33 Joe Skurzewski
Today marks the anniversary of a move that reinforced Minot Air Force Base's role in our national defense.

8-26-2020 :10 Joe Skurzewski
In response to the threat of Hurricane Laura... the air force is relocating B-52 Stratofortress bombers from the base in Barksdale, Louisiana, to Minot Air Force Base.

9-2-2020 :08 Joe Skurzewski
An unarmed minuteman missile from Minot air force base was launched in a test operation early this morning at a base in California.

9-8-2020 :10 Joe Skurzewski
The U-S Air Force has awarded a multi-billion-dollar contract to Northrop Grumman to modernize the country's aging Intercontinental Ballistic Missile system.

9-9-2020 :11 John Salling
The Air Force has spent three years deciding who gets the CONTRACT to upgrade the I-C-B-M's.

9-9-2020 :08 Sasha Strong
Minot Air Force Base received more than \$15 million from the Army for a project to renovate Missileer headquarters on base.

9-9-2020 :20 Joe Skurzewski
B-52s from Minot Air Force Base are participating in a series of training sessions with allies overseas.

9-9-2020 :17 Joe Skurzewski
This week.... the bombers are participating in special training in North Africa and the Mediterranean Sea.

9-11-2020 :13 Sasha Strong
Today, airmen from the 91st Missile Security Forces Squadron held a memorial to remember the day, the people and the moment the country changed forever.

9-17-2020 :07 Ben Barr
Official physical fitness assessments across the Department of the Air Force will resume on New Year's Day.

9-18-2020 :08 John Salling
The Department of Defense has announced a nearly six point three-million-dollar grant for the Magic City Discovery Center.

9/25/2020 :11 Joe Skurzewski
The 91st Missile Wing and the 5th Bomb Wing, both stationed at Minot Air Force Base, won the 2019 Omaha Trophy for their contributions to the nation's strategic deterrent.

9-25-2020 :08 Grace Kraemer
MINOT Air Force Base will be preparing for an environmental impact statement... ahead of the future nuclear modernization.

9-29-2020 :34 Joe Skurzewski
A B-52 Stratofortress bomber from Minot Air Force Base had an in-flight emergency during a recent training mission over England late last week.

SCHOOLS

Schools across the region are dealing with more students than ever before.

7-1-2020 :07 Sasha Strong

A Minot high school senior got a big surprise from a local business in the Magic City.

7-1-2020 :12 Faith Hatton

As news of the purchase of Cognizant campus by Minot Public schools makes its way through the community, residents are giving their feedback.

7-8-2020 :08 Sasha Strong

Minot State University just received a generous donation to help revamp one of its major attractions.

7-8-2020 :09 Sasha Strong

The pandemic may have put a halt to this year's performances at the MSU Summer Theatre... so instead they're hosting activities streamed online.

7-9-2020 :44 Faith Hatton

Universities across the country that educate international students are figuring out their plans for fall, after a major change to Visa policies.

7-9-2020 :09 Sasha Strong

The North Dakota High School Activities Association will not require student athletes to take a new physical.

7-15-2020 :23 Faith Hatton

The Minot Public School District is beginning the final stages of planning on how to move forward into the new school year... while taking into consideration COVID-19.

7-16-2020 :12 Ben Barr

Major news today for student-athletes across North Dakota... and whether they'll get to take the field this fall.

7-16-2020 :10 Ben Barr

I visited with local activities directors to see what they thought of today's NDHSAA decision to proceed with all fall sports and activities as scheduled.

7-22-2020 :11 Sasha Strong

Faculty at schools across Western North Dakota have been formulating a plan for the fall semester.

7-22-2020 :08 Tommy McTague

Velva Public School is joining other districts across the state in figuring out how keep people safe and optimize education.

7-22-2020 :13 Faith Hatton

Minot State University is preparing to welcome students back to campus after announcing the Smart Beaver restart plan.

7-23-2020 :24 Faith Hatton

As more schools begin to tackle back-to-school decisions such as distance versus in-person learning... students are getting an idea of what their Fall semester will look like.

7-23-2020 :06 Sasha Strong

White Shield School recently released their back-to-school policies for the fall semester.

7-23-2020 :10 Tommy McTague

The Minot Public School Board is appealing to parents of its students to find out how to move forward with the impending school year.

7-24-2020 :11 Sasha Strong

Residents of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Reservation can expect to see a lot of road work signs in the coming weeks.

7-27-2020 :13 Ben Barr

As we navigate the pandemic and the approach to fall... we've learned it will impact another part of college life.

7-29-2020 :09 Joe Skurzewski

The results are in from a parent and teacher survey of the Minot Public School district for how students in Minot should start the year.

7-29-2020 :11 Tommy McTague

Last night New Town School district released their plan to reinstate schools on August 19th.

7-30-2020 :09 Grace Kraemer

Minot State University is joining other colleges and universities across the country in requiring face coverings for this fall semester.

7-30-2020 :09 Faith Hatton

A pair of Minot-area organizations honored a recent high school grad for her work in the community.

7-31-2020 :10 Sasha Strong

The results of Minot Public School's recent survey to parents and faculty returned showing that most want their kids to go back to full time in person learning.

7-31-2020 :09 Grace Kraemer

State Superintendent Kirsten Baesler announced the appointment of Burdell Johnson and Sonia Meehl to the Board of Public-School Education.

8-3-2020 :10 Sasha Strong

This week you have the chance to support local students as they get ready for the school year.

8-3-2020 :11 Joe Skurzewski

The Minot Public School district released a preliminary draft of its back-to-school plan tonight.

8-3-2020 :12 Faith Hatton

The Might High School Boys soccer team is proceeding with caution after being told more than 3 weeks ago, they would be able to play this year.

8-4-200 :07 Sasha Strong

The Minot Public School district released the first draft of its back to school plan for the fall semester.

8-4-2020 :14 Grace Kraemer

While public school districts are creating their back-to-school plans, private schools are also making theirs. I met with leadership at Our Redeemer's in Minot to learn more about what students and teachers can expect.

8-5-2020 :12 Faith Hatton

The Minot-based North Dakota Geographic Alliance is hosting its last program for the summer, teaching educators from across the state about geological lessons unique only to the Magic City.

8-6-2020 :30 Sasha Strong

Meanwhile... at this hour the Minot Public School Board is holding a special meeting to approve the reintegration plan for the district for the fall semester. Here's a live look-in at the meeting.

8-6-2020 :14 Grace Kraemer

The U-S Department of Education is awarding just over 2 million dollars in grants to five North Dakota Universities.

8-7-2020 :12 Grace Kraemer

Last night the Minot Public School board formally approved its back-to-school plans.

8-10-2020 :11 Sasha Strong

Surrey Public School has rolled out its back-to-school plan, it mirrors plans to many surrounding districts.

8-10-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer

This fall, Students will face many changes at school. That includes changes to physical education classes.

8-11-2020 :15 Sasha Strong

Late last week the Minot Public School Board approved the district's back-to-school plan. But now... a group of concerned citizens and teachers are calling for stricter guidelines.

8-11-2020 :13 Sasha Strong
Minot State University's annual welcome weekend will look a little different than in previous years

8-12-2020 :25 Faith Hatton
While many school districts across north central North Dakota will test the waters and start with at least some in-person learning... students in the Turtle Mountain Community will have to wait before returning to the classroom.

8-12-2020 :12 Faith Hatton
Minot State University has received a grant of \$750 thousand dollars from the Department of Public instruction to help tackle the Special Education teacher shortage throughout the state.

8-13-2020 :08 Ben Barr
The soonest you'll be able to see the Minot State Beavers compete will not be until at least 2021.

8-13-2020 :11 Ben Barr
There will be no NSIC competition for Minot State for the rest of the calendar year. I checked in with Minot State coaches and fans to see how they're taking the news.

8-13-2020 :14 Sasha Strong
The Minot Public school board may have settled on a reintegration plan for the school year... but they met again today to continue talks on the upcoming semester.

8-13-2020 :06 Joe Skurzewski
Turtle Mountain Community College will begin the Fall 2020 semester entirely online.

8-14-2020 :11 Sasha Strong
Although Schools in New Town will start with distance learning August 19, teachers and administrators are working to get the school ready for when in-person classes resume.

8-14-2020 :21 Joe Skurzewski
And the new town school district is offering counseling services to counter some of the stresses of back-to-school for students and families, in light of COVID-19 and distance learning.

8-14-2020 :05 Sasha Strong
New Town teachers have also been busy preparing for the upcoming semester.

8-14-2020 :17 Faith Hatton
As school districts across the state prepare for a combination of in-person and virtual learning, the North Dakota information technology department is doing their part to ensure back to school success by offering virtual protection for teachers and students.

8-17-2020 :12 Faith Hatton
As students at Power Lake Public School prepare to return to class in person tomorrow (Tuesday), teachers spent the week leading up preparing for any possible scenario that may happen in the new normal.

8-18-2020 :22 Sasha Strong
Students in Minot aren't back in the classroom just yet... but teachers have returned ahead of next week.

8-18-2020 :06 Sasha Strong
The Minot Public School Board held a special meeting today to continue talks on the fall semester.

8-18-2020 :32 Joe Skurzewski
Also... KMOT became aware this afternoon of some concerned citizens in Minot posting on social media... claiming that two people were going door-to-door... discussing the district's bussing procedures.

8-18-2020 :11 Faith Hatton
As more schools are wrapping up preparations for students to return staff at Burke Central School say they are ready to get started tomorrow.

8-19-2020 :08 Sasha Strong
Minot State University began encouraging students to register for the updated CARE 19 app ahead of classes starting next week.

8-19-2020 :13 Faith Hatton
A first-Grade teacher at John Hoeven elementary school has been awarded Teacher of the Year by the Minot Education Association.

8-20-2020 :27 Sasha Strong
As August begins to wind down... students in some area schools are beginning to return to the classroom... amid health precautions due to COVID-19.

8-20-2020 :13 Faith Hatton
Bowbells Public School reopened its doors today (Thursday) to welcome students back

8-24-2020 :34 Joe Skurzewski
Minot state university announced its alumni association has canceled all in-person events for homecoming this year.

8-24-2020 :16 Grace Kraemer
Schools across the country are beginning to re-open, whether that is online or in person.

8-24-2020 :16 Sasha Strong
The school will hold in-person classes. Distance learning is also being offered as an option.

8-24-2020 :09 Grace Kraemer
As schools begin to reopen... classes and teachers have had to drastically change, including music and band.

8-25-2020 :15 Faith Hatton
Minot State University students kicked off the fall semester today... in a year unlike any other.

8-26-2020 :08 Sasha Strong
Minot Public School students return to class tomorrow, mostly in-person, but many selected to continue with distance learning.

8-26-2020 :14 Grace Kraemer
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8-27-2020 :22 Faith Hatton
Students in the Minot Public School district are returning to the classroom today and tomorrow for their first day of the 2020 fall semester.

8-27-2020 :10 Sasha Strong
Today was also the first day of in-person class for middle schoolers across the magic city.

8-27-2020 :12 Faith Hatton
Faculty say they collected hand sanitizer and 200,000 disposable face masks for students and staff who need them.

8-27-2020 :07 Sasha Strong
Roughly 3- HUNDRED Minot Public School students use the local city bus a day to get to school and back home.

8-28-2020 :06 Sasha Strong
School nurses could play a crucial role in the Minot Public School year as in-person classes resume.

8-31-2020 :20 Faith Hatton
Students at Sawyer public School are back to distance learning just four days after starting the new year after two cases of COVID-19 were confirmed by First District health to the school administration.

8-31-2020 :09 Sasha Strong
School began for most Minot Public Students last week, but today, distance learners returned to their computers for the fall 2020 semester.

8-31-2020 :08 Sasha Strong
Distance learning began for Minot students today, but tonight an informational event will be held for parents who want to home school.

8-31-2020 :06 John Salling
As kids get back to school another option opening up is the Minot Library after school programs.

9-2-2020 :27 Sasha Strong
A growing number of parents of Minot Public Schools students are concerned over one particular part of the district's REINTEGRATION plan.

9-2-2020 :28 Joe Skurzewski
Minot Public Schools students will receive a free breakfast and lunch daily through Dec. 31, 2020, according to the district's Nutrition Services Director Ivy Thorson.

9-2-2020 :21 Sasha Strong
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9-2-2020 :28 Joe Skurzewski
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9-3-2020 :17 Faith Hatton
Students at Dakota College at Bottineau have returned to face-to-face learning in the new semester while also getting used to new COVID-19 guidelines to ensure this year goes smoothly.

9-3-2020 :23 Joe Skurzewski
Minot Public Schools enrollment is down slightly this year compared to last, according to numbers from the district.

9-3-2020 :14 Sasha Strong
Earlier this week Minot School District parents submitted a petition to allow students to use their lockers to the Minot School Board.

9-4-2020 :08 Sasha Strong
The Minot Public School Board say there is a limit to how many people are allowed to attend extracurricular activities.

9-4-2020 :14 Sasha Strong
Now through the rest of 2020, students in the Minot Public School district will receive meals free of charge.

9-4-2020 :09 John Salling
The International Music Camp received fifty thousand dollars in grant money through the United States Regional Arts Resilience Fund.

9-8-2020 :21 Faith Hatton
International University students are back in the state for classes after this summer's short-lived VISA restrictions from Immigrations and Customs Enforcement left many of them wondering if they would be returning.

9-8-2020 :10 John Salling
One of the casualties of the first wave of COVID-19 shutdowns was the Minot State University student capstone exhibition for some of the graduating art students.

9-9-2020 :13 Joe Skurzewski

The Minot Public School district has canceled the 2020 High School Homecoming dance and parade amid COVID-19 concerns, but will hold virtual activities, according to District Superintendent Dr. Mark Vollmer.

9-10-2020 :11 Faith Hatton
Students at Turtle Mountain Community Schools now have a start date for their fall semester.

9-11-2020 :08 Sasha Strong
Minot Public School administrators say missing school due to quarantine will not count against student's attendance.

9-14-2020 :11 Grace Kraemer
Over the past week, Minot state university has seen an uptick in COVID cases around campus. I learned how the university is responding.

9-14-2020 :20 Faith Hatton
After 13 months of planning and construction, all three schools in the Bottineau Public school systems are now under one roof.

9-15-2020 :06 Sasha Strong
Leadership with the Des Lacs-Burlington schools say they need more substitute teachers.

9-15-2020 :05 Sasha Strong
The Minot Public School Board approved a change in healthcare providers for staff.

9-15-2020 :05 Ben Barr
This year's annual pow-wow at Minot State University will be drive-through.

9-15-2020 :09 Faith Hatton
Students and faculty at Jim Hill Middle School were able to show their appreciation for a local teacher being honored at a statewide level.

9-17-2020 :07 John Salling
The Velva FFA are opening one of the largest community orchards funded by a Department of Agriculture grant program.

9-17-2020 :15 Ben Barr
Minot State announced Jim Sturm as its Looyenga Leadership Center Director.

9-19-2020 :07 John Salling
One of Ward County's 4H shotgun team wins a tie breaker against Burleigh/Morton to represent the state at nationals.

9-21-2020 :16 Faith Hatton
Teachers and all 295 students in the Parshall School District will be switching back to distance learning, at least for now.

9-21-2020 :06 Faith Hatton
The results are in from the latest COVID-19 mass testing event at Minot State University.

9-22-2020 :18 John Salling
The Minot State University pride club raised the rainbow flag on campus today.

9-22-2020 :14 Faith Hatton
Two Minot High Seniors were able to find a creative way to be involved in this year's homecoming ceremony despite one of them being in quarantine due to covid-19.

9-22-2020 :13 Joe Skurzewski
Colleges and universities across the state are reporting fall enrollments.

9-22-2020 :24 Joe Skurzewski
Heading north... Dakota College at Bottineau is seeing a decrease in full-time students but an increase in overall enrollment. The college has 552 full-time students this Fall, a drop-off of the 595 in Fall 2019.

9-23-2020 :09 Joe Skurzewski
While the state is raising ward county's risk level.... Minot Public Schools will maintain its current in-person model of teaching--at least, for now.

9-23-2020 :12 John Salling
Minot is one of the top ten biggest cities in North Dakota, but it's one of the only ones that lacks a technical education center.

9-24-2020 :08 John Salling
Residents of North Dakota's correction system have a chance to be featured in a gallery at Minot State University over the next month.

9-24-2020 :05 John Salling
Three North Dakota schools have received the national Blue-Ribbon award for 2020.

9-24-2020 :16 Faith Hatton
Yesterday (Wednesday), Governor Burgum announced eight counties would be moving up to yellow, or moderate risk, including Ward County. But... the Minot Public School district said that, for the time being, they would remain with their current in-person teaching model.

9-29-2020 :06 John Salling
The Center for Technical Education coming to Minot is expected to open for classes in the fall of 2022.

9-29-2020 :08 Faith Hatton
Turtle Mountain Community College received a more than \$200,000 education grant as part of the Student Services Program.

RECREATION

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

7-9-2020 :14 Sasha Strong
A local Minot business is doing what it can to bring the community together safely during COVID-19.

7-9-2020 :11 Joe Skurzewski
Community members across central North Dakota will gather tomorrow (Friday) to celebrate the life of LJ Wells, who passed away this week following a brave battle with a rare form of cancer.

7-10-2020 :15 Grace Kraemer
It can be difficult to have fun outside of the house while staying safe during this pandemic, however the comedy show "Goodnight Minot" is bringing people together for laughs while maintaining safety.

7-13-2020 :14 Faith Hatton
This morning this Washington Redskins announced they will be retiring their name and logo after large corporate sponsors urged them to change the name

7-13-2020 :26 Joe Skurzewski
Organizers with Dak Jam, the live music and arts festival in Minot, canceled the 2020 event scheduled for August 14-15, due to health concerns with the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

7-13-2020 :07 Faith Hatton
The Magic City Discovery Center is back to educating kids on the wonders of science for the first time since COVID-19.

7-13-2020 :13 Joe Skurzewski
Meanwhile... news of a big donation to the discovery center today.

7-14-2020 :32 Joe Skurzewski

The extended border closure means the cast of Star Trek will *not be able to attend this year's IMagicon in Minot.

7-14-2020 :07 Sasha Strong
Some churches in the MAGIC CITY reopened months ago, HOWEVER for some. its taking time to get back to normal.

7-16-2020 :11 Faith Hatton
The first ever Fair food festival is kicking off the first of its four-day schedule today in Minot.

7-16-2020 :10 Grace Kraemer
This month is National Parks and Recreation month!

7-16-2020 :24 Joe Skurzewski
Customers of 4 Bears Casino & Lodge west of New Town will be required to wear face masks while inside, effective today (Friday).

7-22-2020 :09 Grace Kraemer
Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons have recently come out with twenty-four new badges to prepare the scouts to be ambitious and decisive leaders.

7-22-2020 :07 Faith Hatton
The Minot Public Library rolled out new operating hours that staff say they hope will last through Labor Day.

7-23-2020 :05 Sasha Strong
The Minot Park District is changing up its pet policy for one of the major parks in town.

7-23-2020 :06 Sasha Strong
A Minot motorcycle group is planning to ride this weekend to raise awareness of suicide prevention.

7-24-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer
Residents of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Reservation can expect to see a lot of road work signs in the coming weeks.

7-24-2020 :04 Tommy McTague
The Jack Hoeven Wee Links course is almost finished with its remodel.

7-24-2020 :12 Grace Kraemer
Good news for hunters in the state!

7-24-2020 :10 Ben Barr
Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports and Minot Park District coaches enjoyed a beautiful day for tennis instruction at Roosevelt Park.

7-24:2020 :17 Grace Kraemer
This weekend, Magic City Harley Davidson is hosting its Biker Palooza.

7-29-2020 :06 Faith Hatton
The racing season for Chippewa Downs will continue after facing delays and setbacks due to Covid 19

7-30-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer
Lots of events coming up and we are starting off with Benson County.

8-4-2020 :16 Grace Kraemer
Today... the best of what the Minot community has to offer was on display.

8-5-2020 :06 Sasha Strong
Today the Minot community came out to support students in need at the annual Fill the Bus event.

8-5-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer
We will be keeping it right in in ward county for our first story.

8-7-2020 :09 Joe Skurzewski
The big motorcycle rally kicked off today in Sturgis.

8-7-2020 :05 Sasha Strong
The second annual McHenry County Fire Fighters Rodeo starts tomorrow.

8-7-2020 :06 Sasha Strong
Velva will also be hosting another event this weekend.

8-7-2020 :11 Joe Skurzewski
Norsk Høstfest may have been canceled this year due to the pandemic, but a Minot-area musician is doing his part to bring the music of the festival to the people of the Magic City.

8-7-2020 :05 Grace Kraemer
Now to what's going on across the KMOT viewing area in today's county by county.

8-12-2020 :06 Grace Kraemer
Now, let's travel across the KMOT viewing area to find out what's going on... We first go to Benson county.

8-14-2020 :06 Grace Kraemer
Let's go to our county by county to see what's going on across the KMOT viewing area.

8-19-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer
Now time for this week's county by county segment, where we go around our viewing area to see what is going on.

8-21-2020 :08 Faith Hatton
The sixth annual IMagicon kicked off today in Minot, opening its doors to vendors, pop culture fans and cosplayers from all over.

8-21-2020 :10 Sasha Strong
Imagicon returned to Minot today for their 6th annual comic-con convention.

8-21-2020 :08 Grace Kraemer
For a look at what's going on across the KMOT viewing area. We first look at ward county.

8-26-2020 :08 Grace Kraemer
Now to our weekly county by county segment where we go across our viewing area to see what is going on across the KMOT viewing area.

8-27-2020 :06 Grace Kraemer
Great news for movie-goers! The AMC theater at the Dakota Square Mall is reopening tonight!

8-28-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer
With the weekend coming up, we bring you our county by county segment to see what's going on across the KMOT viewing area.

8-28-2020 :17 Sasha Strong
Organizers with Unity Fest say the Minot event will be put on hold due to the recent spike of positive COVID cases in Ward County.

8-28-2020 :04 Sasha Strong
The pandemic has also had a tough impact on some local museums.

8-31-2020 :08 Grace Kraemer
We are starting off this week with our county by county segment, where we go across the KMOT viewing area to see what counties are up to.

9-2-2020 :17 Grace Kraemer
As the temperatures begin to drop, leaves begin to fall. all showing the signs that autumn is here.

9-2-2020 :08 John Salling

Minot residents want more indoor activities as the temperature drops--that's according to a recent survey from the Minot Park Board.

9-8-2020 :08 Faith Hatton

After being pushed back due to the pandemic, final preparations are under way for this year's Minot's Ribfest at the State Fairgrounds.

9-9-2020 :07 Grace Kraemer

Now to our county by county segment, where we go across the KMOT viewing area to see what counties are up to this week!

9-10-2020 :12 Sasha Strong

September marks the start of hunting season for a number of animals in North Dakota.

9-14-2020 :10 John Salling

The Pursuit Church in Minot helped distribute eight hundred and eighty boxes of fruits and vegetables from the farmers to families program this evening.

9-16-2020 :09 Grace Kraemer

In today's County by County segment... vote-by-mail applications going out... water issues in one town... and an opportunity to serve your community.

9-16—2020 :20 Ben Barr

The Ward County History Society is hosting a memorial ceremony for North Dakota Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action this Friday at 7 p.m. It's part of September's POW-MIA Month.

9-17-2020 :09 Grace Kraemer

To look and read the constitution, go to ARCHIVES DOT GOV.

9-17-2020 :10 Grace Kraemer

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected many holidays and holiday events.

9-17-2020 :25 Ben Barr

Today, you have a chance to support nursing students in Minot.

9-17-2020 :06 Ben Barr

If you missed the dinosaurs in Minot this past weekend, you have one more chance to see them.

9-18-2020 :09 Grace Kraemer

As the week wraps up, we bring you the last county by county of the week, where many counties in the KMOT viewing area are kicking off fun fall events.

9-21-2020 :15 Faith Hatton

The Minot symphony orchestra has returned to Ann Nicole Nelson hall to begin rehearsals for their first performance since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March.

9-21-2020 :08 Grace Kraemer

Often, we think of our pets as the best. However one dog in Burlington really is the best!

9-21-2020 :07 John Salling

The International Peace Garden's annual fundraiser is going virtual this year because of coronavirus.

9-23-2020 :21 Faith Hatton

After having to reduce hours and having to adapt to changes due to COVID, the Taube Museum of Art has returned to regular hours and is now welcoming patrons inside with a new exhibit featuring artists both from--and new to--North Dakota.

9-24-2020 :13 Grace Kraemer

It is time now where we take you across the KMOT viewing area in this week's edition of county by county.

9-30-2020 :25 Sasha Strong

Today (Wednesday) would have been the start of the 2020 Norsk Høstfest.

9-30-2020 :09 Sasha Strong
Norsk Høstfest is one of the Minot's biggest attractions of the year, and its postponement is having a large economic impact on the Magic City.

ACCIDENTS AND DESTRUCTION

Many things happen that are beyond anyone's control.

7-2-2020 :15 Joe Skurzewski
Just over 40 Verendrye Electric customers north of Minot were without power this evening.

7-7-2020 :04 Grace Kraemer
A basement fire damaged a northwest Minot home yesterday afternoon.

7-15-2020 :06
Two people from Minnesota have life-threatening injuries after a crash outside of Minot last night.

7-15-2020 :13 Sasha Strong
This is just the latest accident at the intersection.... and it's raised concerns from members of the public on social media about safety.

9-1-2020 :29 Faith Hatton
Eighteen cars of a Canadian Pacific mixed freight train left the tracks west of Wabek on August 22nd.... and some of the derailed cars are still on scene as of this (Tuesday) afternoon.

9-1-2020 :09 Sasha Strong
The remains of a burned apartment complex in Minot will remain standing for the moment, after the owners rejected Ward County's bid on the property.

9-9-2020 :08 Joe Skurzewski
A Minot resident visiting San Francisco this week is seeing first-hand the remarkable impacts of the devastating fires out west.

9-15-2020 :12 Grace Kraemer
Over the past few days, you might have seen and smelled the wildfire smoke coming from Oregon.

9-16-2020 :16 Grace Kraemer
As the wildfires continue to spread throughout the west coast thousands of people have lost their homes and are now displaced.

9-22-2020 :08 Grace Kraemer
A 26-year-old Kenmare man is dead after a train collided with his tractor on the tracks between CARP-E-O and Foxholm this morning.

9-23-2020 :26 Joe Skurzewski
We now know the name of the victim in yesterday's crash near Foxholm between a train and tractor.
The state patrol says 26-year-old Zack Helmers of Kenmare was mowing near the tracks along highway 52.

9-24-2020 :13 Grace Kraemer
Last week, a Minot family gathered hundreds of donations to take to the victims of the wildfires in Oregon.

9-28-2020 :10 John Salling
In the wake of these fires. Minot Rural Fire is passing on the message that conditions are very dry and everyone needs to be careful.

9-28-2020 :07 John Salling
The Minot Rural Fire Service is cautioning the public about how dry it is in the wake of two combine fires this weekend.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction in Minot is still going on strong.

7-2-2020 :08 Sasha Strong

The North Dakota Department of Transportation announced that some parts of Highway 52 will be temporarily closed for work.

7-6-2020 :07 Sasha Strong

Minot Public Works announced that some roads closed for flood protection work will begin opening soon.

7-16-2020 :07 Faith Hatton

Expansions to the City of Minot Water treatment plant are continuing even after minor delays set the project back.

7-21-2020 :10 Faith Hatton

You may have seen a large pile of dirt while traveling south on Broadway.

7-22-2020 :18 Grace Kraemer

A head's up for Ward County residents--the intersection of County Road 16 at the junction of 79th AVE SW and 42nd St SE will be closed.

7-24-2020 :08 Faith Hatton

Residents of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Reservation can expect to see a lot of road work signs in the coming weeks.

8-11-2020 :06 Grace Kraemer

We have another temporary road closure to report on in Ward County... this one lasting for a few weeks.

8-28-2020 :24 Grace Kraemer

Heads up Minot drivers! The U-S 83 bypass will be under construction next week.

9-9-2020 :12 Joe Skurzewski

A railroad bridge near Beulah that connects several energy facilities to main rail line, has been rebuilt and reopened to rail traffic, after being destroyed by a fire late last month.

9-11-2020 :06 Faith Hatton

Motorists in Minot should look out for a minor traffic delay next week due to flood protection work

9-15-2020 :23 Faith Hatton

A historic landmark and Minot destination known around the world has been having some much-needed preservations done. The Gol Stave church museum has been a staple to the Minot community for nearly two decades.

9-16-2020 :15 Grace Kraemer

The Trump Administration will invest \$1 billion in American infrastructure through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development. Part of this investment will go towards North Dakota's department transportation.

WEATHER

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

7-8-2020 :15 Faith Hatton

Residents in the town of Anamoose have had their hands full after an overnight storm left a path of destruction and debris.

7-8-2020 :19

With winds recorded at 66 miles per hour last night near Williston, people there are dealing with the damage and clean-up today. In McKenzie County, just five miles south of Williston.

7-8-2020 :23

LAST NIGHT'S STORMS also HIT RAMSEY COUNTY HARD... AS STRONG WINDS CAUSED MAJOR DAMAGE TO DEVILS LAKE AREA HIGH SCHOOL, LAKE REGION STATE COLLEGE AND THE NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

7-8-2020 :14

we got late word tonight that at least one person was killed in a tornado in Otter Tail County, Minnesota. Details are limited at this time... though the tornado hit sometime in the six o'clock hour between the towns of Dalton and Ashby.

ANIMALS

Animals play a vital role in our everyday lives.

7-2-2020 :10 Grace Kraemer

While many of us enjoy launching fireworks or playing with sparklers over the holiday... other members of your family may not agree.

7-9-2020 :08 Joe Skurzewski

The Roosevelt Park Zoo announced today it made the decision to euthanize its eldest tiger after the animal's mobility declined.

7-10-2020 :06 Joe Skurzewski

For the second time this week, the Roosevelt Park Zoo had to say goodbye to one of its elder animals.

7-15-2020 :18 Faith Hatton

After losing one of their three Amur tigers this past week, staff at the Roosevelt Park Zoo say they are more committed than ever to their conservation efforts.

8-4-2020 :09 Faith Hatton

Animal lovers came out to support the Souris Valley Animal Shelter in both sun and rain, as staff broke ground on their major expansion project.