

KMOT TV ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

**3rd QUARTER 2022
July Through September**

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***Recreation**

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***Construction**

***Weather**

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OIL BOOM

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

9-6-2022 :12 Joe Skurzewski

We begin tonight with what we know at this hour of an explosion and fire at an oil well site Friday in Mountrail County.

FARMING/AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is still North Dakota's number one industry.

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.

9-23-2022 :08 Joe Skurzewski

Motorists in Minot should be aware of reroutes along 4th Avenue NE starting this Monday due to the ongoing flood protection project.

CRIME/ LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

7-1-2022 :07 Joe Skurzewski

A four-legged officer in western North Dakota has received some protection for when he heads out to fight crime.

7-1-2022 :07 Kalie Paulus

Summer is officially here, and that means motorcycles and other recreational vehicles are sharing the road.

7-1-2022 :06 Joe Skurzewski

Minot Police want to remind residents and visitors... you can't shoot off fireworks in the city limits.

7-1-2022 :10 Kalie Paulus

North Dakota Game and Fish Department is reminding citizens that possession or use of fireworks in state wildlife management areas, or WMA's, are prohibited.

7-5-2022 :09 Kalie Paulus

The Minot Police Department received around seventy calls this Fourth of July weekend about ordinance violations pertaining to fireworks.

7-7-2022 :21 Kalie Paulus

Recent incidents at public gatherings in America have shed light on the importance of being alert and prepared when you go out in public and encounter large crowds. Kalie Paulus spoke with area law enforcement on mass shootings... and what you need to do to stay safe.

7-15-2022 :08 John Salling

A Minot man who pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the 2020 shooting death of his wife has been ordered to serve five years in prison.

7-18-2022 :25 Joe Skurzewski

If you hear a lot of loud noises or see a large emergency response at Minot International Airport Tuesday morning, it's likely a training exercise. Various law enforcement agencies will join with the TSA in taking part in an active shooter drill from 8:30 – 10 a.m. The public is asked to stay away from the area during the drill. The training session has been scheduled between active commercial flights.

7-20-2022 :26 Joe Skurzewski
those words from Judge Stacy Louser this morning ... in the case of a man charged in the drug overdose death of a local teen. We'll get to our coverage of day one of the North Dakota state fair in just a few minutes, but first the emotional day in district court in Minot, as the suspect in that case is headed to prison.... after agreeing to a deal with the state. Here's my report from the ward county courthouse.

7-25-2022 :19 Joe Skurzewski
We're learning more tonight about what went down Friday night at the grandstand at the state fairgrounds following the cancellation of Kid Rock's concert.... and what *could happen moving forward.
The Ward County Sheriff tells us criminal charges are possible.

7-25-2022 :08 Joe Skurzewski
Jury selection began today (Monday) in the trial of a man charged with fatally stabbing another man in a north Minot motel in May 2020.

7-26-2022 :18 Joe Skurzewski
We begin tonight with details of an alleged attack on two Minot Police officers over the weekend. In court records obtained today.... investigators say a man injured two officers who were trying to serve him with a warrant... and tried to take one of the officer's weapons.

7-28-2022 :18 Joe Skurzewski
We're starting off the newscast with developments in some major crime stories today.
First off... A jury convicted a 59-year-old man of murder this afternoon (Thursday) in the fatal stabbing of a man in a north Minot hotel in 2020.

7-28-2022 :15 Joe Skurzewski
The courts have once again agreed to push back the preliminary hearing and arraignment for the woman charged with murder in the 2007 killing of Anita Knutson.

8-4-2022 :09 Joe Skurzewski
The state patrol says 19-year-old Dunseith man was seriously hurt in a T-bone crash at the intersection of Highways 83 and 23 this (Thursday) morning.

8-5-2022 :14 Joe Skurzewski
A shooting inside the Mall of America yesterday (Thursday) sent scores of shoppers running in a panic..... and prompted a lockdown of the mall. We've learned some people with connections to the area were in the mall at the time.

8-8-2022 :12 Joe Skurzewski
The courts have handed down a second life sentence in the death of a foster child on the Spirit Lake Reservation in May 2020.

8-24-2022 :10 Joe Skurzewski
A 19-year-old St. Michael man will serve just under five years in prison for his role in a crash last August on the Spirit Lake Reservation that left three people dead.

8-26-2022 :22 Joe Skurzewski
We're following new developments in a handful of court cases across the region.
First off... The courts have ordered a Minot woman to serve 18 months in prison, in connection with the February shooting death of a 42-year-old man, after she agreed to cooperate with investigators

8-31-2022 :13 Joe Skurzewski
The courts have set trial dates for next April for a 25-year-old Minot woman charged with murder in the shooting death of the father of her child... but left the door open for a possible plea deal in the case.

9-2-2022 :11 Joe Skurzewski
A 21-year-old Minot man already serving a 20-year sentence for a child sex crime in McHenry County will serve an additional 10 years after pleading out to a charge in Ward County.

9-6-2022 :09 Joe Skurzewski

34-year-old Nichole Rice pleaded *not* guilty to a double-A felony murder charge. Her plea came after a more than hour-long preliminary hearing.

9-7-2022 :09 Joe Skurzewski
The North Dakota Supreme Court heard arguments Wednesday in the appeal of a Minot man serving an 80-year sentence in the killing of his father.

9-8-2022 :19 Joe Skurzewski
We'll get to our coverage of the world remembering the life of Queen Elizabeth the second momentarily... but first it's the big local headline... the woman charged in the 2007 killing of Minot State student Anita Knutson was back in court this morning.... nearly six months after her arrest.

9-9-2022 :Joe Skurzewski
The Towner County Sheriff released new details Friday on the investigation into the deaths of four men who were found fatally shot in a farm field near Leeds Aug. 29.

9-20-2022 :07 Joe Skurzewski
A Minot man will avoid further jail time after changing his plea to a series of open misdemeanor sexual assault cases.

9-22-2022 :09 Joe Skurzewski
State prosecutors filed misdemeanor charges against a 38-year-old woman who brought a pet raccoon into a Maddock bar earlier this month.

9-23-2022 :09 Joe Skurzewski
A Minot man arrested in June in connection with a series of online threats toward a Minot hospital has been indicted on weapons charges.

9-30-2022 :20 Joe Skurzewski
With a person now charged in her killing.... the cold case of Anita Knutson has returned to the forefront of the minds of many in Minot. Now... her case will take center stage for a special episode of the investigative serial 'Cold Justice' tomorrow night.

9-30-2022 :22 Joe Skurzewski
As for the current case file in North Central District Court.... 35-year-old Nichole Rice entered a not guilty plea earlier this month. Rice, who is out on bond, was Knutson's roommate at the time of her death. The courts have pushed her pretrial conference back a month... to DECEMBER 21ST. Dates for a trial, likely to take place in 2023, have not yet been set.

Business & the Economy

7-8-2022 :08 Kalie Paulus
Minot has a sweet new business that recently opened in the Dakota Square Mall. THAT'S THE focus of this week's main street minute.

7-25-2022 :26 Joe Skurzewski
The crypto mining company Bitzero is buying "the pyramid" in Nekoma.... and plans to turn it into a secure data center... according to Governor Doug Burgum. The site in Cavalier County served as a military installation during the Cold War era. The company says they'll be investing roughly a half billion dollars in the project. Last month... Bitzero announced it had chosen North Dakota for its north American headquarters.

8-2-2022 :05 Kalie Paulus
A local credit union did its part to support one of the area's shelters and its mission.

8-4-2022 :07 Kalie Paulus
One of the staples of downtown Minot is closing its doors after three decades of serving the community.

8-4-2022 :08 John Salling
People in Bottineau showed some town pride while making the local food pantry easier to find. John Salling has more on the project.

8-8-2022 :13 John Salling
The Bottineau food pantry feeds about ten percent of its community. Those who work at the pantry don't miss a day of passing around their boxes. John Salling has a look at the work they do around their town.

8-8-2022 :05 Kalie Paulus
In our Main Street Minute.... the Magic City has welcomed a new unique clothing business.

8-10-2022 :08 Kalie Paulus
Project Bee announced its first annual "Shelterpalooza," Day of Volunteering.
Kalie Paulus went to see what it's all about...

9-13-2022 : Joe Skurzewski
The labor dispute is also impacting passenger rail.
Amtrak canceled its Empire Builder route today.

9-14-2022 :12 Joe Skurzewski
THE ONGOING DISPUTE ALSO MEANS MORE CANCELLATIONS FOR AMTRAK... INCLUDING THE EMPIRE BUILDER. AMTRAK ISN'T DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE DISPUTE... BUT USES FREIGHT TRACKS OWNED BY COMPANIES INVOLVED.

9-15-2022 :08 John Salling
Since Central Cab Company in Minot closed last month... some parts of the community have had greater difficulty getting around town.

9-16-2022 :10 John Salling
The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa broke ground today on a new recovery center.

9-16-2022 :07 John Salling
The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa are the first tribe in the state to host a Main Street initiative roundtable.

GOVERNMENT

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

7-1-2022 :05 Joe Skurzewski
The head of the state's office of management and budget is retiring later this summer.

7-6-2022 :21 Kalie Paulus
Amid a flurry of 11th-hour rulings last week... the U-S Supreme Court expanded the rights of states to prosecute offenders on Native American reservations. Kalie Paulus spoke with leaders of some of the tribes in North Dakota to find out what they think of the ruling.

7-7-2022 :11 John Salling
Minot city officials reviewed community contributions this week. Those are sums of money that the city pays to local organizations that provide beneficial services in town.

7-7-2022 :07 John Salling
Both Minot electrical inspection positions opened up recently and the city is looking at moving to state service.

7-11-2022 :06 John Salling
The Minot Park Board moved forward with the possibility of a pump track for the magic city.

7-11-2022 :05 John Salling
The Park District has been working on a new main building out at the South Hill Complex.

7-12-2022 :04 Kalie Paulus
It's FREE Dump week at the Minot Landfill through Saturday.

7-15-2022 :13 John Salling

On Monday, the Minot City Council will be able to appoint someone to fill the open seat left by Tom Ross, until the election in November chooses a new member. Thirteen people have put their names in for the position.

7-18-2022 :12 John Salling

Tonight (Monday) the Minot City Council is scheduled to appoint a new member out of thirteen possible appointees. The candidate they choose will hold that seat until a special election in November.

7-18-2022 :10 John Salling

The Minot City Council moved to appoint a new member until an election can be held in November.

7-18-2022 :21 John Salling

Mayor Tom Ross of Minot is looking at inviting citizens to lead the Pledge of Allegiance for city meetings going forward. For the first one they invited a young boy scout, and son of the fifth bomb wing commander, Wes Hoadley, to lead the room. Ross said that he planned to invite girl scouts and youth from other organizations as well.

7-19-2022 :05 John Salling

The Minot Park District now has a schedule for next year's preliminary budget.

7-19-2022 :08 John Salling

The Minot Park Board touched on a number of topics tonight including receiving a new grant and adding a holiday for district staff.

7-29-2022 :08 Joe Skurzewski

Another one of the five tribes that lie within the state of North Dakota has seen its flag fly over the International Peace Garden.

7-29-2022 :11 Joe Skurzewski

Also today at the peace garden...

Governor Burgum announced that the late Dr. Merton Utgaard (UHT-gard) is the 47th recipient of the North Dakota Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award.

8-1-2022 :07 John Salling

The Minot City Council has some big discussions tonight, including the preliminary budget for next year.

8-1-2022 :14 John Salling

Tonight the Minot city council approved the preliminary budget proposal for 2023. John Salling goes over some of the changes for the coming year.

8-1-2022 :08 John Salling

The Minot Municipal Court will remain where it is, for now.

The court made the case to the city earlier this year to move location.

8-2-2022 :05 John Salling

Salary studies came back for Ward County and were added into the budget for next year.

8-2-2022 :07 John Salling

The county commission also passed its preliminary budget this morning with about a half mill increase.

8-3-2022 :08 John Salling

City leaders are also moving to remove a city ordinance that allows removing disciplinary action from an employee's record.

8-3-2022 :08 John Salling

Ward county made a change earlier this year making it, so residents no longer donate the right of way on the sides of their property.

8-3-2022 :07 John Salling

The city is making progress on the safe routes projects for Washington and Edison elementaries in Minot.

8-9-2022 :07 Kalie Paulus

The Minot Pollinator Project has planted five pollinator gardens in different locations across town.

8-10-2022 :26 Joe Skurzewski

Bill Panos resigned as director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation--that's according to a spokesperson for Governor Doug Burgum's office. Panos cited a family obligation in his home state of California. He was appointed director in August 2019. His resignation is effective September 9th. Burgum's office said that NDDOT Deputy Director of Engineering Ron Henke will serve as interim director.

8-10-2022 :07 John Salling

Minot city leaders are hosting a series of online Q and A sessions to walk through items on the city budget.

8-12-2022 :16 John Salling

Minot City staff continued a series of online open Q and A sessions today talking about plans for the general government. John Salling joins us with more from the discussion.

8-12-2022 :09 John Salling

The Minot city council is scheduled to meet on Monday. Among a handful of topics they'll be discussing is an update on the city recycling program.

8-15-2022 :15 John Salling

Minot City Council President Paul Pitner gave his recommendation for next year's budget. The plan he proposed would keep the property tax increase at 1.48 mills, or about a seven dollar increase for property valued at a hundred thousand dollars.

8-15-2022 :06 John Salling

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8-15-2022 :09 John Salling

This summer Minot staff say they lost two electrical inspectors in a short period of time. The state board has filled the gap since that happened.

8-18-2022 :07 John Salling

Three intersections in downtown Minot are BEING MADE four way stops after recent changes from the city.

9-6-2022 :13 John Salling

We now know who will face off for an open spot on the Minot City Council this November. Candidates had until 4 this afternoon to submit the needed three hundred signatures to get on the ballot for the special election.

9-6-2022 :5 John Salling

Tonight the Minot City Council will be discussing the pit bull ban within city limits.

9-7-2022 :13 John Salling

The city of Minot is putting out a request for proposals for the historic Home Sweet Home building. They had to buy the home on fourth avenue northwest and move it across the street to make room for flood protection.

9-14-2022 :06 John Salling

After having so much trouble planning one in spring, Minot's fall clean up week returns next week.

9-14-2022 :15 John Salling

The last two days of that week are also the household hazardous waste collection days. You can bring those materials to public works on September 23 and 24 . That includes oils, old paint cans, propane tanks, herbicides, and pesticides.

9-19-2022 :16 Joe Skurzewski

Members of the MHA Nation will cast ballots tomorrow (Tuesday) in the tribe's primary elections for the tribal chairman position as well as council positions for three of the tribe's segments.

9-19-2022 :12 Joe Skurzewski

The Minot City Council on Monday repealed breed-specific language, or BSL, in city ordinance that bans pit bulls in the city.

9-20-2022 :12 Joe Skurzewski
Two men who are familiar in tribal politics on the Fort Berthold Reservation will face off later this year once again.

9-21-2022 :11 John Salling
Minot residents raised some concerns over proposed tax increases at this week's City Council meeting.

HEALTH CARE & MEDICINE

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

7-6-2022 :08 Joe Skurzewski
Starting tomorrow (Thursday)... Trinity Health announced they will be easing certain mask requirements for people vaccinated against COVID-19.

7-7-2022 :06 Kalie Paulus
Trinity Health is easing some of its mask requirements for people vaccinated against COVID-19.

7-19-2022 :11 John Salling
The Ward County Domestic Violence Crisis Center has been taking over some programs that used to be run by Lutheran Social Services while dealing with an uptick in the wake of COVID.

7-28-2022 :08 Joe Skurzewski
You have the chance tomorrow (Friday) to support those in the Minot area in need of blood, while honoring the memory of a brave young man.

8-1-2022 :05 Kalie Paulus
The Trinity Health Foundation is announcing its 2022 Nursing Scholarship Program.

8-2-2022 :05 John Salling
Ward County doesn't have an option for a youth shelter for up to the next two months.

8-10-2022 :07 John Salling
First District Health Unit is raising awareness for vaccination in the weeks leading up to the school year.

8-11-2022 :12 John Salling
The Serenity Therapeutic Equine program, or STEP, is based south of Minot and works with people with physical disabilities. John Salling sat in on one of their sessions to find out more.

8-17-2022 :07 John Salling
The Minot Area Recovery Community Organization has opened its own office in the last couple months in the Magic City.

8-31-2022 :05 John Salling
The Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center is adding new services in Minot.

9-7-2022 :11 John Salling
North Dakota health and human services agency certified Minot Youthworks facility for temporary shelter services for children 10-17 to prevent foster care placements.

9-7-2022 :05 John Salling
Last night Minot City leaders heard an update on Monkeypox in the state.

9-13-2022 :06 John Salling
Minot has received the latest COVID-19 booster shot meant to better protect people from variants.

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.

7/12/2022 :05 John Salling
Minot Air Force Base will spray for mosquitoes tonight (Tuesday night) across the Minot area.

7-14-2022 :05 Kalie Paulus
The Minot VFW and Cologuard retired one of Minot Air Force Base's American flags.

7-15-2022 :24 Kalie Paulus
Master Sergeant Luther Hoffner, Senior earned medals for his service in Vietnam. Those medals were lost... until a twist of fate that brought Hoffner's family together with an area police chief. Kalie Paulus... a veteran herself... helped arrange a special meeting to have his medals returned. Here's her report.

8-9-2022 :28 Joe Skurzewski
We just got word from the city of the Minot that the summer's second mosquito spray is expected to take place tonight. The city says flight crews will start at Minot Air Force Base at around 8:30 and work south... likely hitting the city around 10 p-m. A similar spray occurred mid-last month. The chemical used poses minimal risk to people and pets... though you're encouraged to keep your pets indoors if you can. Beekeepers are notified ahead of time.

Education

7-21-2022 :06 Joe Skurzewski
Dakota College at Bottineau has narrowed down its search for a new dean to three finalists.

7-25-2022 :05 Joe Skurzewski
Dr. Carmen Simone has been chosen as the new dean for Dakota College at Bottineau.

8-3-2022 :08 Kalie Paulus
School is starting in a couple of weeks and the Berthold Police Department is helping families in need of school supplies.

8-9-2022 :31 John Salling
Residents in the Minot Public School District are facing a property tax increase in the coming year.... but it's largely due to what voters decided at the ballot box in December. The school board approved its preliminary budget for 2023... which includes the mill increase that came with the 100-million-dollar bond vote... aimed at expanding the district and alleviating overcrowding. John Salling breaks down what's to come.

8-19-2022 :07 John Salling
It's move in time at Minot State University, students new and old are filling the halls and preparing for the year.

8-22-2022 :16 John Salling
Minot public Schools kickoff was this morning, but not for football. About sixteen hundred staff are getting prepared for students to arrive. At kickoff they named Trisha Schaefer the Minot Education Association teacher of the year for 2022 to '23.

8-24-2022 :15 Joe Skurzewski
Roughly 77-hundred students headed to class for the first day of school in Minot today. it's an exciting time for students and teachers alike.... but like many districts across the state and the country.... they are still looking to fill some positions.

8-24-2022 :09 John Salling
Minot Public Schools are already preparing for the new high school on north hill to hit the ground running with its athletic programs.

8-24-2022 :10 John Salling

Harvey school district has added the pledge of allegiance before all of its meetings. The decision comes in the wake of the Fargo district temporarily removing it.

8-25-2022 :05 John Salling
Minot public schools have returned to paid lunches this year after two years free.

8-26-2022 :09 John Salling
Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College in New Town digitally repatriated records of the MHA Nation's history from the Minnesota Historical Society.

8-29-2022 :06 John Salling
President Joe Biden announced on Wednesday a plan to forgive a portion of federal student loans.

8-31-2022 :32 Joe Skurzewski
A groundbreaking ceremony planned for Friday for the new high school on Minot's north hill has been postponed so the community can pay tribute to Minot High alum and educator Dean Frantsvog (FRANTS-vaug). The 47-year-old Frantsvog died Saturday following a private, courageous battle with cancer. A special service will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the Minot State University Dome for Frantsvog. Details of a rescheduled groundbreaking will be announced at a later date. The new school is expected to open fall of 2024.

9-9-2022 :06 John Salling
Minot Public Schools enrollment numbers show a slight increase for the new school year.

Recreation

7-1-2022 :21 Zach Keenan
This (Friday) morning, the Expedition League announced that the head coach of the Red River Pilots resigned and made the unauthorized decision to dismiss all of his players.

7-5-2022 :10 Kalie Paulus
A pair of appearances on the Forth Berthold Reservation by a United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon have been postponed until further notice.

7-8-22 :10 John Salling
People from across the country--and even the world--are coming back to Kenmare this weekend for the city's 125th anniversary. John Salling has more from the town square.

7-11-2022 :08 Kalie Paulus
What does it take to set up a State Fair? Staff are working hard to get things in place ready for the community to have some fun.

7-12-2022 :13 Kalie Paulus
North Dakota Game and Fish has released the results of the Operation Dry Water campaign. It was a nationally coordinated effort July 2-4 to educate the public about the dangers of boating under the influence.

7-13-2022 :10 Kalie Paulus
The North Dakota State Fair is just over a week away.
Kalie Paulus followed along with crews to learn more about the cleanup and setup efforts ahead of the fair.

7-14-2022 :09 Joe Skurzewski
Norsk Hostfest has information for anyone who purchased tickets for the Toby Keith concert that was planned for this year's festival.

7-14-2022 :06 Joe Skurzewski
People passing through Minot today had their eyes drawn to the big M building in downtown.

7-14-2022 :28 Kalie Paulus
Minot's first Woof and Wine walk downtown giving a portion of the proceeds to Minot's K9 Division for a new K9. The Minot Downtown Business and Professional Association is the Organizer for this event. There are eight businesses and Minot K9 division that are a part of the festivities. Bring your puppy and

head Downtown to enjoy some wine and treats for you and your four-legged friend. The event is at Downtown Minot and will end at 8pm tonight.

7-18-2022 :10 Kalie Paulus

It's amazing what you can do with some cardboard and tape. Makeshift canoes took over the Roosevelt Park Pool this evening. Kalie Paulus brings us to the finish line.

7-19-2022 :05 Kalie Paulus

The Budweiser Clydesdales have officially arrived for the North Dakota State Fair.

7-19-2022 :07 Kalie Paulus

If you want to sign up for the 2022 Pronghorn Hunting season in North Dakota, the deadline is approaching.

7-20-2022 :08 Kalie Paulus

The North Dakota Game and Fish is holding its annual Watchable Wildlife Photo competition that has continued since 1989.

7-21-2022 :13 Kalie Paulus

The State Fair vendors are putting up the final touches before opening day. Our reporter Kalie Paulus headed out to see what all that entailed.

7-21-2022 :09 Kalie Paulus

The Midwest Murder Podcast returned to town to perform their live show at Atypical Brewery. Kalie Paulus was at the event to see what it was all about.

7-22-2022 :12 John Salling

The North Dakota State Fair is underway, and people have been arriving all day for the festivities. John Salling hit the ground to see what people were looking forward to out at the fair.

7-22-2022 :10 Kalie Paulus

One of the great events of the state fair are the thrilling "team roping" events. They kicked off today in Arena 2. Our reporter Kalie Paulus brings us inside the action.

7-22-2022 :22 Joe Skurzewski

AND A REMINDER... STARTING TOMORROW FOR THE STATE PARADE... FROM 8:30 A-M UNTIL THE PARADE IS OVER... BURDICK EXPRESSWAY FROM BROADWAY EAST TO THE FAIRGROUNDS WILL BE CLOSED OFF TO TRAFFIC. THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S PARADE IS "KICKIN' IT IN COWBOY COUNTRY!"... AND THE GRAND MARSHAL IS THE NORTH DAKOTA COWBOY HALL OF FAME. BE SURE TO WATCH FOR THE KMOT CREW IN THE PARADE!

7-22-2022 :06 John Salling

More than thirty-five hundred deer licenses are still available for North Dakota's 2022-gun season.

7-25-2022 :11 John Salling

Today is KMOT Pride of Dakota day out at the North Dakota State Fair. John Salling went down to the fairgrounds to take in all of the what the peace garden state has to offer.

7-26-2022 :12 Kalie Paulus

The Championship Bull riding and Ranch Bronc Riding took to the arena this week at the state fair. Kalie Paulus introduces us to some of the competitors... and tells us what these riders are up against.

7-26-2022 :28 Kalie Paulus

The state fair took today (Tuesday) to honor those who serve our country. The Stockmen's Association... Cattle Women... and Beef Commission came together to host the annual Military Appreciation Day picnic. The groups put on a free roast beef picnic for Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard members and their families. The sponsors and volunteers said they wanted to show appreciation to our military members and their families for everything they do for us.

7-26-2022 :11 John Salling

Yesterday was the KMOT Pride of Dakota day celebrating some North Dakota grown companies and their products. John Salling brings us more from an unusual business at the fair.

7-26-2022 :06 John Salling

The state parade float awards were given out this afternoon after some close judgment calls.

7-27-2022 :13 Kalie Paulus

Two brothers and their families are a good example of Farming traditions getting passed down from one generation to the next. Kalie Paulus went to the North Dakota State Fair Cattle Exhibition to find out more.

7-27-2022 :09 Joe Skurzewski

Before Will Banister takes the main stage, five finalists in the North Dakota State Fair's 'Hometown Sound' competition will perform for the crowd.

7-27-2022 :27 John Salling

One of the highlights of every North Dakota State Parade is getting to see the elaborate floats that different groups in the community design. The class of '69 had won best float the last two years that state parades were held in Minot. Though they didn't win this year their work still stood out and was one of those recognized with an award yesterday. John Salling met their engineer down at the fairgrounds to talk about these projects.

7-27-2022 :07 Joe Skurzewski

...AND CONGRATULATIONS TO "YOUNG IN A MILLION".... WHO WON TONIGHT'S 'HOMETOWN SOUND' COMPETITION AT THE MAIN STAGE TONIGHT.

7-28-2022 :12 Henry Blakes

The fun continues today at the North Dakota State Fair! Henry Blakes is wandering the fairgrounds today and joins us from a booth in the commercial building selling anime memorabilia. Henry?

7-28-2022 :05 John Salling

4H is bringing back the state leader exhibition this year tomorrow (Friday) at the State Fair.

7-28-2022 :12 Henry Blakes

THE STATE FAIR IS ABOUT MORE THAN COMPETITION, CARNIVAL RIDES AND FOOD. IT'S ALSO A BIG SALES EVENT. At the state fair today, Henry Blakes did a little wandering and ran into three wandering Romani people.

7-28-2022 :07 Joe Skurzewski

ALL THIS WEEK WE'VE BEEN ASKING YOU TO SHARE SOME OF YOUR STATE FAIR MEMORIES... HERE'S A FEW OF THE PHOTOS WE'VE RECEIVED.

7-29-2022 :16 John Salling

The 4-H Leaders competition is making its return to the North Dakota State Fair today.... and so is our Jody Kerzman who competed last year. We're joined now by Jody out at the fairgrounds to break down how the competition works... and what's she's trying her hand at. Jody?

7-29-2022 :08 Kalie Paulus

The Fur Traders Rendezvous is a fan favorite at every North Dakota State Fair. Kalie Paulus went back in time to learn more.

7-29-2022 :06 John Salling

One vendor family has been coming for decades though they've spread out to multiple booths.

7-29-2022 :17 Joe Skurzewski

Another family affair is exceptionally nuts. They sell all kinds of tasty treats from almonds to sunflower seeds from the peace garden state. They've been coming to the North Dakota State Fair for decades, and they say this is one of their favorite times of the year.

8-1-2022 :06 Kalie Paulus

The North Dakota State Fair saw an overall slight increase in attendance from year to year.

8-1-2022 :04 Kalie Paulus

This year's early Canada opening and closing goose dates are set!

8-4-2022 :10 Joe Skurzewski
Norsk Høstfest has lost a second major performer for its 2022 festival after Lady A announced Thursday they would be postponing their tour for the rest of the year.

8-4-2022 :05 Kalie Paulus
Salmon fishing season has officially begun at Lake Sakakawea this year.

8-9-2022 :08 Kalie Paulus
The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will host three public meetings this month to discuss chronic wasting disease.

8-12-2022 :13 Joe Skurzewski
Leadership with Norsk Høstfest announced on social media today (Friday) it had replacement acts confirmed for its 2022 festival which kicks off late next month, after headliners Lady A and Toby Keith had to pull out.

8-19-2022 :13 John Salling
DIERKS BENTLEY, CLINT BLACK AND PHIL VASSAR ARE COMING TO MINOT FOR THE NORSK HOSTFEST. EVENT ORGANIZERS MADE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT ON NORTH DAKOTA TODAY THIS MORNING.

8-30-2022 :08 John Salling
The MHA Nation celebrated their soldiers today (Tuesday) in New Town with a special exhibition. John Salling was there to watch and share.

8-31-2022 :06 John Salling
A world traveler made it to the Magic City today to speak with Minot Women Connect about resiliency.

8-31-2022 :07 John Salling
4-H in Powers Lake is going out of their way to recognize veterans and heroes from their local community.

9-2-2022 :10 Joe Skurzewski
It may still feel like summer across much of the region, but pumpkin patches are getting ready to open for their fall seasons over the next couple of weeks.

9-7-2022 :16 Joe Skurzewski
These days.... we could all use a good laugh. The Western Plains Opera is partnering with some renowned performers and local arts groups to put on "Die Fledermaus" (DEE FLAY-der-mouse). I caught up with some of the cast and crew to learn more about what makes this comic operetta so special.

9-9-2022 1:34 John Salling
<Rae Ann Wyum has been coming to fuel the fight for three years to offer advice and help to people starting to go through cancer treatment.
"My father had lung cancer, years and years ago of course, my husband had lung cancer ten years ago and I kind of took care of him, and worked with him to get through it, and he made it. and then last year I got diagnosed with lung cancer," said Wyum.
Funds raised on this day will help cover fuel costs for people undergoing treatment with Trinity Health. Staff say patients come from as far as eastern Montana for care.
"When you're receiving cancer treatment you really should just be focusing on getting well, and so this is one way that we can help support those people and take something off of their plate," said Dusty Zimmerman, Trinity Health Foundation Director.
By buying gas, and perhaps dunking a local figure like Perry Olson, residents raised more than eighty thousand dollars last year, and they hope to raise a hundred thousand this year as they find fun ways to support a serious cause.
"It's unreal the expense, and I can't imagine living outside of Minot and having to come in thirty-some times to get treatment, and then treatment beyond that," said Wyum.
People at the event say it's more important now that the increased gas prices over the last year have placed more pressure on patients.
In Minot, I'm John Salling reporting for your news leader.

9-9-2022 :16 Joe Skurzewski

Leadership with the Roosevelt Park Zoo says they've made the difficult decision to humanely euthanize one of its senior animals... the 21-year-old male giraffe Mashama (muh-SHA-muh). The zoo has not euthanized the animal yet.... but plan to do so before the cold weather sets in.

9-13-2022 :06 John Salling
Game and Fish is calling for hunters to submit wing envelopes for upland birds, but what are they?

9-14-2022 :08 John Salling
Three more people of Scandinavian descent are being added to the honor roll of the Scandinavian-American Hall of Fame.

9-14-2022 :17 Joe Skurzewski
If you hear the phrase "church basement ladies"... odds are you know who we're referring to. The Mouse River players are bringing the story of these characters *back to the small stage. I caught up with members of the cast and crew to learn more about why this story means so much to them.

9-15-2022 :07 John Salling
The Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Minot have nearly finished a remodel project they've been working on this summer.

9-15-2022 :05 John Salling
Minot's VFW post was recognized in several awards over the last couple months.

9-19-2022 :07 Joe Skurzewski
A Minot woman who's originally from the U-K happened to be in Britain when news broke that the Queen had passed.

9-22-2022 :11 John Salling
It was a good growing year for pumpkins out at Berry Acres, and they hope it translates to more customers and attendees this fall. John Salling tells us more for the season.

9-23-2022 :06 Joe Skurzewski
Some of the best bull riders in the country--and even the world--are taking over Minot this weekend.

9-26-2022 :09 Joe Skurzewski
Hostfest kicks off Wednesday.... but the city of Minot began the festivities today (Monday) by renewing a longstanding agreement with its "sister city" in Norway.

9-27-2022 :04 Joe Skurzewski
Norsk Hostfest makes its triumphant return to Minot tomorrow (Wednesday)!

9-27-2022 :11 Joe Skurzewski
The festival doesn't start until tomorrow... but some lucky Minot residents got to meet with the Norwegian chefs who will be serving up delicious food at this year's Hostfest.

9-27-2022 :22 Joe Skurzewski
News that Canada would be lifting its COVID-19 restrictions to enter that country could prove timely for Norsk Høstfest. The Høstfest was canceled the past two years due to the pandemic, but in pre-pandemic years, many Canadians with Scandinavian heritage would cross the border into North Dakota to spend the week in Minot for the festival.

9-28-2022 :17 Maiya Fleck
The 43rd Norsk Hostfest kicked off this morning in the Magic City. Maiya Fleck headed to Minot to meet with some who have been going to the Hostfest for decades, and others enjoying it for the first time.

9-28-2022 :08 Joe Skurzewski
The Hostfest brings people from all across the country to Minot to celebrate Scandinavian heritage. Even people from Florida.

9-28-2022 :07 Joe Skurzewski
SOME HOSTFEST-GOERS YOUNG AND OLD GOT THE CHANCE TO TRY THEIR HAND AT MAKING A FAMOUS SCANDINAVIAN TREAT.

9-30-2022 :13 Bella Kraft

Food is just one thing bringing people to Norsk Hostfest. The handmade artisan products are a favorite as well. Bella Kraft introduces us to some of the exhibitors who put their heart and soul into their work.

9-30-2022 :11 Bella Kraft

Norsk Hostfest wouldn't be possible without hundreds of volunteers. One volunteer traveled hundreds of miles to not only help out but learn more about her heritage as well.

ACCIDENTS AND DESTRUCTION

Many things happen that are beyond anyone's control.

7-5-2022 :05 Kalie Paulus

Regardless of how safe and cautious boaters are on the water, accidents happen.

7-11-2022 :06 John Salling

Vision Zero in North Dakota works towards a goal of having no motor vehicle fatalities in a year.

7-13-2022 :16 Joe Skurzewski

A Burlington police vehicle was totaled this (Wednesday) evening in a crash. The Burlington police chief says a juvenile driving a pickup failed to yield at an intersection... and collided with the patrol vehicle. No one was hurt. The state patrol is investigating the crash.

7-18-2022 :23

Minot firefighters responded to deck fire that started at a home in Minot on Sunday. Firefighters were able to put out the fire that was reported early Sunday morning along 34th Avenue Southeast. The fire caused damage to the exterior siding of the home, while the home itself had no damage. No injuries were reported in the fire, and the cause remains under investigation.

7-20-2022 1:06 John Salling

<Last year North Dakota saw many grassfires like these burning up the countryside because of a drought. "We were kind of always on the edge wondering what was going to happen. Wind is always a concern, and we had the combination of dry and windy last year," The state broke out of its drought since, and firefighters say they've seen far fewer. "Most of it is because of the moisture, but the other part of it is people are being a lot more careful after last year. We still remind people to call in their controlled burns, so we don't have to come out for no reason, but people have been a lot more cautious with where they're burning," said Darrin Mineke, Minot Rural Fire. Despite that Minot's rural firefighters say they've seen a similar call volume this year, well above average. "I guess we're responding to a lot more on the medical side, which is a little bit different for us. We just started increasing that with first response, or community response ambulance now," said Mineke. It's a new program that they volunteered for, but it has been keeping them busy. IN Minot, I'm John Salling reporting for your news leader.

7-25-2022 :12 Joe Skurzewski

Now to that fire that destroyed a nearly century-old American Legion Post yesterday in Rolette County. One of the dozens of firefighters who responded had to be hospitalized overnight.

7-26-2022 :08 Joe Skurzewski

And.... we have a bit of sad news to share with you tonight. Longtime Ward County lawman Vern Erck died yesterday (Monday) of natural causes.

7-28-2022 :08 Kalie Paulus

There are many dangers when it comes to road construction. Kalie Paulus went to Berthold to check out their road hazards.

8-24-2022 :17 Joe Skurzewski

The Ward County Sheriff says a 68-year-old Foxholm man was killed in an accident with a train early this (Wednesday) morning. The sheriff says the man was struck in the town of Foxholm. The victim's name is being withheld until family is notified. The incident remains under investigation.

8-25-2022 :11 Joe Skurzewski

Highway 52 has since reopened.... but a scary scene unfolded this (Thursday) morning... when at least a dozen cars collided near Sawyer in dense fog. Amazingly, no one was seriously hurt.

8-30-2022 :15 Joe Skurzewski

Few people in Minot were as avid supporters of Minot State University as Dean Frantsvog (FRANTZ-vaug). But that's not the only way Dean gave back to Minot. Dean died this past weekend at the age of forty-seven, following a private, courageous battle with cancer.

8-30-2022 :29 Joe Skurzewski

A dangerous stretch of time on North Dakota roads continued today.... A 44-year-old Colorado man was killed in a one-vehicle rollover crash shortly before 6 p.m. this afternoon just north of new town. The state patrol says the victim was headed south on highway 1804 when he failed to negotiate a curve... left the roadway.... and vaulted into the ditch. The driver... who was wearing a seat belt... was pronounced dead on scene. His name will be released after family is notified.

8-30-2022 :24 Joe Skurzewski

Also today... A 50-year-old Garrison man was seriously hurt in a one-vehicle rollover on highway 83 just south of Minot. The patrol says the man was headed north around 2 p-m.... and for reasons unknown.... the victim entered the median.... struck the crossover.... and rolled. The driver... who was not wearing a belt.... was tossed from the vehicle.... and taken to the hospital. The crash remains under investigation.

8-31-2022 :14 Joe Skurzewski

We reached out to some of our state's tribal leaders for reaction to today's news out of Grand Forks. Mark Fox... the chairman of the M-H-A nation... said his tribe has been working with U-N-D on the matter and will continue to do so... adding...

8-31-2022 :06 Brian

Two people are without a home tonight, after fire damaged their Minot apartment last night.

8-31-2022 :25 Joe Skurzewski

We reached out to some of our state's tribal leaders for reaction to today's news out of Grand Forks. Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Chairman Jamie Azure says that... when tribal leaders had the chance to visit the university... it was emotional... but it was also a healing experience. He says tribal members need to be patient with the process of bringing their members home, to make sure it's done correctly.

9-2-2022 :29 Joe Skurzewski

An 18-year-old Zahl man was killed Friday morning when his motorcycle collided with a semi-trailer east of Grenora. The North Dakota Highway Patrol said the motorcycle struck the semi's trailer as the semi was making its turn. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. He was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. The driver of the semi, a 30-year-old man from Scobey, was wearing a seat belt, and was not hurt. Names will be released after next of kin is notified.

9-6-2022 :28 John Salling

A Water main break in Minot runs into complications as public works staff try to repair it. The water main broke at sixth avenue and first street northwest. The repairs were taking longer than expected because the water main runs under the storm sewer line in the area and near a gas line. Crews worked today to reroute the water and abandon the broken section of pipe. The city says water service has been restored to some of the neighborhood.

9-12-2022 :13 John Salling

Firefighters have to be ready to quickly respond to challenges when a fire breaks out, even if it's several stories up. John Salling brings us inside Minot Fire's high rise drills this week at Henry Towers.

9-16-2022 :06 Joe Skurzewski

Crews have spent much of today (Friday) working to fix a pair of water main breaks in the city of Velva.

9-21-2022 :32 Joe Skurzewski

Emergency crews were busy this (Wednesday) afternoon responding to a crash involving a tractor and what appears to be a flatbed vehicle hauling equipment just west of Ray along highway 2. Details are limited... including the status of the drivers... but the tractor had been split into two pieces. The vehicles were lying in

fields on each side of the highway. The state patrol and Williams County Sheriff's office responded. Traffic was backed up while authorities attended to the scene. We'll update this story as we learn more.

9-22-2022 :09 Joe Skurzewski
A nine-year-old New Town boy suffered life-threatening injuries after being struck by an SUV this (Thursday) morning on Highway 23, just west of the city.

CONSTRUCTION

7-12-2022 :08 John Salling
Work has begun on the intersection of US-2 and evergreen avenue in Minot. It has been listed as the city's most dangerous intersection.

7-13-2022 :15 John Salling
Work is beginning on the 16th street road diet in Minot. That means that road is down to just one lane either way between fourth avenue northwest and second avenue southwest.

7-13-2022 :07 John Salling
As the State Fair draws closer crews in the city are working hard to knock out many projects around town.

8-5-2022 :09 John Salling
Railway avenue is shut down between fourth street and 27th street in Minot, and that might become a common sight in Minot over the next couple years.

8-11-2022 :34 Joe Skurzewski
That's the historic north grain elevator in Rolla coming down this (Thursday) morning. Mikkelsen Aggregates of Rolla leveled the structure. It was built in the early 1900s.... and in the early 1950s it was moved from its spot near Main Street to where it was until today. Legacy Cooperative owns the property. A fuel and convenience store is planned for this location. There are still a few storage bins that need to come down in the next week or so. The city still has a south grain elevator that will remain in operation.

8-24-2022 :05 John Salling
Speaking of Harvey... construction was scheduled to start Monday on Highway 3 near town.

9-6-2022 :12 John Salling
Habitat for Humanity works towards a vision that everyone deserves a decent place to live. Today they were out re-staining the wheelchair ramp in front of an area home. John Salling brings us more.

WEATHER

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

7-11-2022 :23 Kalie Paulus
The residents of Velva were left to clean up after the weekend thunderstorm. Broken tree branches and debris were left in residents' yards, driveways, and all over the roads. The storm also left downed trees and branches in the park in Velva. Most of the bigger branches impeding the roads were cleaned up Sunday. Winds reached seventy miles per hour in Velva Sunday morning.

7-19-2022 :12 Joe Skurzewski
We begin tonight with a look at some of the storm damage across the northern part of the state from last night's storms... which spanned from Williams all the way to Rolette counties.

8-16-2022 :08 John Salling
We got a look at the tornado that touched down last night near Ruso, North Dakota.

ANIMALS

Animals play a vital role in our everyday lives.

7-14-2022 :20 John Salling
WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION INTO SUSPECTED ANIMAL NEGLECT THAT LED TO THE REMOVAL OF HUNDREDS OF CATTLE IN NORTHWESTERN NORTH DAKOTA.

8-29-2022 :08 John Salling
Deer Archery season starts on Friday at noon and Game and Fish is reminding people of some of the rules before things get rolling.

8-29-2022 :08 John Salling
North Dakota Game and Fish are holding a meeting tonight in Minot to answer hunter questions about Chronic Wasting Disease.

9-7-2022 :05 John Salling
North Dakota Game and Fish have hopeful news for this year's duck numbers.

9-21-2022 :05 Joe Skurzewski
The Roosevelt Park Zoo euthanized its 21-year-old male giraffe Mashama (muh-SHAH-mah) this (Wednesday) morning.

9-27-2022 :08 Joe Skurzewski
A North Dakota bow hunter looking to harvest a white-tailed deer got more than she bargained for on the hunt, and quite a story to tell.