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**From:** Lezlie Johnson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 11:34 AM  
**To:** Kathy Lau  
**Subject:** January and February Stories

Wednesday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

Aftermath

The Casselton Mayor and Residents would like to see changes after a train derailment near town.

1:50

Resolutions

Many make New Year's Resolutions to stay fit and hit the gym, how often they are kept and the uptick in business.

1:21

Thursday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cold

Tow companies stay busy as temperatures hit 20-below, many people's batteries die.

1:44

Jones

Bail set at 2-million dollars for a Ponsford man accused of murdering a woman by setting the house on fire while she was in it.

:57

Friday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bus

A Fargo mother is angry after her son and another child were left on a school bus. She speaks out....

1:35

Mhd School

Governor Dayton cancels school throughout Minnesota for Monday because of 50-below windchills/parents reaction.

:40

Saturday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>

Fans

Bison fans who couldn't make it to the game in Frisco, TX celebrated their own way in Fargo-Moorhead.

2:00

Exposure

A woman was found crawling in downtown Fargo suffering from exposure to the cold.

:27

Sunday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>

Cold

Dangerous temperatures have people hiding out indoors and bundling up when they have to go outside.

1:45

Closings

More schools close because of the 50-below windchills.

:32

Monday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>

Temps

A Windchill Advisory is out for most of ND and MN. We talk to the National Weather Service and doctors about staying safe in colder temperatures to avoid frostbite.

1:25

Smith

A man will serve 2 years probation and no jail time after 170 dogs were discovered living in filth in a puppy mill in Wheatland.

1:49

Tuesday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>

Schools

Kids return to school after cancellations due to extreme windchills. Policies on how they determine whether to cancel or not.

2:07

Growth

Fargo and West Fargo looking at multi-million dollar projects to expand infrastructure.

1:51

Wednesday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>

Fire-9

A rural Hawley home burned to the ground. Fire crews had to take precautions due to extreme cold.

1:27

Travel

Travel agencies busy because people are trying to escape the cold by taking tropical trips.

1:38

Thursday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>

Guns

Controversial Gun raffle in West Fargo for a youth organization. Some parents don't agree with it.

1:53

Rehab

A new rehabilitation program offered at Essentia helping patients with recovery after cancer.

2:07

Friday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>

Dome9

A big couple of big months for the Fargo Dome as they get 4 big acts.

2:02

Damage

A sprinkler pipe burst causing damage to several businesses in Fargo.

2:00

Saturday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>

Derby

Youth Ice Fishing Derby in Fargo a success with warmer temperatures.

1:47

Pink

The Pink concert was sold out and many stood in long lines to wait for the performance.

:32

Sunday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>

Skiing

Fargo Park District hosts cross country ski lessons for kids that want to learn.

1:47

Carwash

The warmer temperatures had many waiting to get a carwash. Long lines of cars before another cold snap.  
:37

Monday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>

Cigarettes

Tax on cigarettes is up in MN having more people crossing into ND to buy the packs. Stores in MN seeing a huge drop in sales.

1:56

Budget

Moorhead public school board finalized a change saving 4 million dollars. The money will be used for expansions.

1:53

Tuesday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>

Beef

The price of beef at an all-time high. Demand is up while supply is down causing higher prices.

1:52

Brossarts

A northeastern ND man sentenced to 6 months behind bars for terrorizing police on his Lakota farm.

2:07

Wednesday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>

Cameras

Downtown Fargo businesses are using more cameras to catch thieves and report crimes.

1:52

Stormy-9

Semi-truck drivers gearing up for a bad winter storm. Leaving early to get to their destinations.

1:08

Thursday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>

Dispatch

How busy the local dispatch center in FM gets when there are winter storms. How they deal with the uptick in calls.

1:32

Diversion

The FM diversion plan just few months away from being authorized.

:37

Friday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>

Breach

The Target security breach may just be the beginning. Federal govt. telling retailers to be on high alert. Localize the affects.

1:35

Fire

A rural Detroit Lakes man wakes up to a fire in his home, causes severe damage.

:40

Saturday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>

Railway

After the Casselton train derailment ND's congressional delegation is calling on BNSF to re-examine safety measures.

2:25

Improve

West Fargo looking at raising sales tax by 1% to pay for capitol improvements.

:43

Sunday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

Fire

Emergency crews from 5 fire dept.'s called to an industrial propane tank fire in Barnesville.

:30

Religion

It's World Religion Day so there is an event in Fargo to to encourage interfaith understanding.

2:18

Monday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>

Gress

A 34-year-old WF man and father of 4 survives a massive heart attack at a gym after people came to his rescue.

2:18

Robbery

Fargo police search for 3 men who robbed a pizza delivery woman at gunpoint.

:49

Tuesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>

Diversion-9

The F-M Diversion Authority putting more \$ into a contract for an environmental impact study/ having issues with the DNR.

1:42

UAS

Unmanned Aircraft Systems being looked at to help more in agriculture in the Midwest.

2:02

Wednesday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>

MSUM

University leaders at MSUM decide to let go 20 faculty members to help cut a 5-million dollar deficit.

2:00

City Hall

Architects came up with 3 different plans for a new Fargo City Hall building.

:38

Thursday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Cote

Former Moorhead daycare owner pleads guilty to neglect and endangerment of a child after watching them while she was drunk.

1:46

Solar-9

Solar sales up in Pelican Rapids as temperatures continue to stay below zero. People finding ways to save money on electric bills.

1:44

Friday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>

Flood

First flood outlook of the season. The National Weather Service says risk of flooding this spring in the RRV looks to be rather low.

1:45

Taxes

With tax season in full swing, what people need to know.

:49

Saturday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>

Walk

Sunshine Fest is a fun run to help build a home for families who have a sick loved one and need a place to stay while they get care.

2:05

Summit

Outdoors experts meet in Fargo to discuss the oil boom in western ND and how it affects wildlife.

:45

Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>

Travel

Blizzard conditions stranded several travelers in the Red River Valley.

1:49

Race

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Classic Bike Race was held despite a blizzard.

:35

Monday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>

Apartment9

Residents at a senior living complex in Hawley going into 6<sup>th</sup> week without an elevator. Many stuck because they cannot use the stairs.

2:02

Xcel

Xcel energy wanted customers to limit their usage in ND and MN due to pipeline explosion causing local stores to sell out of their space heaters.

1:58

Tuesday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>

Buyout

The largest flood buyout auction in Fargo drew quite a crowd. Nearly 40 homes auctioned off.

1:52

Wage

President Obama renewed his call to raise federal minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour. Local controversy surrounding the change.

1:53

Wednesday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>

Salvation

The shortage of propane creating long lines and hours for truck drivers to get propane and more stress on the Salvation Army to help out those who need assistance with electric bills.

1:35

Farm bill

The House passed a 5-year new farm bill. What it means to local farmers and legislatures who have worked on the bill.

1:37

Thursday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>

Idol

American Idol contestant Andrina Brogden makes it to the next level in the competition. We sit down for a one on one interview with the contestant from West Fargo.

2:21

Sandstrom

A Moorhead man gets no jail time for leaving his 5-month-old daughter in a hot mini-van, causing her death.  
1:26

Friday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>

Pratt

Claudia Pratt had a big impact on culture and the arts in the F-M community...After 4 bouts with cancer, she lost her life. People remember her.

1:44

Stevens

Fargo man pleads guilty to 2 counts of murder for stabbing to death his ex-girlfriend and another man.

1:03

Saturday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

Fire

Early morning fire in Fargo leaves 2 people homeless.

:28

Tilt

A new arcade business opens up with vintage games and private memberships for people.

1:45

Sunday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Car-train

One person dead and another airlifted to Fargo hospital after a car and train collision in Sabin, MN.

1:29

Pizza

Pizza delivery places busier than ever with the Superbowl.

:43

Monday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Crossing

After a train-car accident over the weekend, residents in Sabin are calling for safer railroad crossings.

1:43

Standoff

A standoff at a south Fargo apt. with Valeri Dida, arrested for his role in a Mister Money robbery in January.

1:26

Tuesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>

Murder

Finley woman being held on 500-thousand dollar bond for killing her husband. Local reaction in the small town.

2:00

Transplant

A Moorhead man survives a double transplant, a pancreas and kidney. 25<sup>th</sup> person in the US to ever go through the procedure.

2:23

Wednesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>

Midstokke

Sherry Midstokke accused of killing her husband formally charged with murder in Cass County Court.

1:17

Roughrider

ND's highest honor, Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award, is given to Herman Stern's family for all the work he did saving Jewish people during the holocaust.

1:51

Thursday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>

Dilworth

Former Dilworth Fire Chief, Kurt Kennedy, fired in a special city council meeting after making terroristic threats.

1:11

Homeless

Fargo homeless shelters and groups discuss solutions to the growing homeless population and how those numbers could decrease.

2:16

Friday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>

Heart

On National Wear Red Day we sit down with a Fargo woman who battled heart failure and what people can do for prevention.

2:03

Luring

Valley City man, Chris Kinney, made first appearance in court after trying to meet a minor for sex.

1:47

Saturday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>

Colon

Bowlin' for Colon Fundraiser became a memorial for a man whose cancer fight started it in the first place.

1:48

Crash

62-year-old Neil Little was killed in a crash in the middle of Grand Forks. His name released.

Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>

Snow-Ax

A 17-year-old lucky to be alive after crashing her snowmobile into a tree.

:38

Weddings

2014 Wedding Show in Fargo, hundreds of brides and grooms getting ready for the big day.

1:55

Monday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>

Moorhead

A Moorhead student, Sulejman Sulejmani, facing criminal charges after being accused of sexually assaulting girls at Moorhead H.S.

1:47

Marriage PKG

Monumental moment for gay rights as the Obama Administration extends marriage privileges and protections. Local angle.

1:52

Tuesday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

Fight

Parents upset after a fight took place in a locker room during a youth hockey tournament in West Fargo.

1:58

Potholes

Main Avenue in Fargo one of the worst and oldest roads has major potholes, we talk to a tire repair place and about when the city can fix it.

1:50

Wednesday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

Assault

1 in 5 women report sexual assault attacks on college campuses. What local Universities do to prevent this.

2:03

Stop N Go

Casey's General Store announces it will buy 24 Stop N Go store

1:26

Thursday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>

Security

Moorhead school officials look at increasing security across all campuses by adding 100 more cameras.

1:56

Phones

Smart phones not working when the temperatures drop and what people can do to keep them in tip top shape.

1:46

Friday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>

Missing

An effort to find a missing Jamestown woman, Ruby Grenz, expands with the civil air patrol. We talk to family members.

1:58

Revitalization

New growth and development in downtown Fargo bringing more business to the area.

1:52

Saturday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>

Pancakes

More than 8-thousand people attend Kiwanis Pancake Feed at Fargodome raising money for boy scouts and the group itself.

1:47

CPR

FM ambulance and Fire Dept. held training at West Acres Mall to raise awareness about CPR.

:42

Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>

Canoe

Local church group building canoes to ride down Missouri River in July.

2:00

Fires

A pair of morning apt. fires left 2 people needing medical attention in Grand Forks.

:31

Monday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>

Home

New twin home for disabled residents in the F-M area opens it's doors in Moorhead.

1:44

Fireworks

West Fargo looking at an ordinance that will allow fireworks to be lit in city limits on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and New Year's Eve.

1:25

Tuesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

Pool

Fargo South High student in very serious condition after nearly drowning in the schools pool.

1:32

Dementia

Valley City State University offering new way to learn about dementia.

2:05

Wednesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>

Pipeline

The Public Service Commission is getting feedback on Enbridge's proposed Sandpiper Pipeline in Grand Forks.

2:05

Cars

Extreme cold has meant lower car sales nationwide but locally in Fargo, dealerships not hit as hard.

1:38

Thursday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>

Water

Water lines freezing up around F-M due to extreme cold and frost, what people need to know.

1:49

Meth

4 women behind bars in Grand Forks for cooking meth across from Shroeder Middle School.

1:53

Friday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>

Oslo

A water main break in Oslo, MN spilled 400-thousand gallons into the streets, causing many to be without water for days.

1:59

Project

6 NDSU students will spend spring break working on a project to bring water to remote villagers in in Central America.

1:39

Saturday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Olympics

While Olympics come to a close in Sochi, local children are taking part in their own winter games at the YMCA in Fargo.

1:32

Expo

Fargo North HS students put on a prom expo to raise money for muscular dystrophy.

:39

Sunday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Robbery

Fargo police investigate a reported robbery at Stop N Go in North Fargo.

:29

Ukraine

The White House keeping close eye on Ukranian protests as lawmakers continue to respond to the situation.

1:42

Monday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>

Blues

A father in Fosston is upset after a burglar broke in his military hero son's storage unit.

1:50

## Annexation

Many Oakport Township residents spoke out at Moorhead City Council meeting about possible annexation.

1:58

Tuesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

### Shot

A ND man and woman are dead following an officer involved shooting in west central Minnesota.

:45

### Seed

A settlement is reached for farmers that lost millions when a seed company suddenly shut down.

:48

Wednesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>

### Leritz

A judge has ordered that 21-year-old Harley Leritz, accused of killing a young mom in Park Rapids, be held without bond.

Talked to friends and neighbors of victim.

1:58

### Midstokke

A Finley, ND woman is set to undergo mental examinations after killing her husband in their home earlier this month.

1:55

Thursday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>

### Drugs

NDSU leaders say the recent arrest of 3 students on campus for marijuana and heroin a surprise.

1:47

### Game

A unique basketball program in Fargo is letting kids as young as 5 lace up and hit the court, they also learn scripture from the bible.

2:01

Friday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>

### Mahno Fire

4 people left without a home after an apt. building went up in flames in Mahnomen.

1:48

### Volunteer

An NDSU sophomore slept in the cold to better understand what it's like to not have a home.

1:48

## Kathy Lau

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**From:** Lezlie Johnson  
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**To:** Kathy Lau  
**Subject:** March stories (Jim started keeping track himself on April 1st)

Saturday, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>

Hooligans

The ND National Guard recognized the "best of the best" at this year's Airmen of the Year banquet.

:38

Dogs

NDSU holds a beach themed dog show to raise money for the Pre-vet club.

1:37

Sunday, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Car Ax

Three Carleton College students die after an accident in Minnesota.

1:58

Buntain

A missionary who helped feed and clothe the poor for 50 years stopped in Fargo to talk about her experience.

:51

Monday, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ostgaard

A Crookston couple is dead and a daughter is fighting for her life after carbon monoxide poisoning in their home.

1:45

Fire

A fire causes \$30,000 in damage to a car and garage in North Fargo.

:33

Tuesday, Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>

Monoxide

After a Crookston couple dies due to Carbon Monoxide poisoning, we talk about what people can do to protect themselves.

1:52

Scam

A Gate City Bank phone scam resurfaces causing issues in the F-M area.

:54

Wednesday, Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>

Hack

Officials of the ND University System warn students that one of it's servers has been hacked.

1:34

Ransack

Leaders of a Fargo non-profit are concerned after finding out the boarding school they built in South Sudan was raided by rebels.

2:06

Thursday, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>

Crime

The Fargo PD releases 2013 crime statistics.

2:01

Accidents

Dozens of accidents throughout ND and MN because of high winds and ice.

1:39

Friday, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>

Saucedo

A 4 hour preliminary hearing in Grand Forks for one woman and three men charged with murder.

1:00

Liquor

2 MN legislatures are pushing to allow liquor sales on Sundays, what people think locally.

1:31

Saturday, Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>

Fatal

A well-known Dilworth based musician's son is dead and the other injured after a car crash in central MN.

:45

Memorial

A local VFW event honors men and women from ND who have served our country.

1:35

Sunday, Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>

Drown

A Fargo South student who stopped breathing during a pool exercise died. Reaction from friends in the community.

1:53

Iditarod

A ND woman teaches Fargo residents what it takes to be a dog sled racer.

:43

Monday, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>

Ethanol

A Fergus Falls Ethanol Plant has an explosion causing a fire that takes hours to put out.

1:12

Burglary

19-year-old Jeremiah Begay is in jail after allegedly trying to sexually assault a woman in Grand Forks while she slept.

1:34

Tuesday, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>

Death

Fargo police officer commits suicide in cemetery, the PD announces incident.

2:05

Saucedo

4 people accused of murdering a Grand Forks man during a burglary pleaded not guilty on charges.

1:36

Wednesday, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>

Hawley

The small Minnesota town is experiencing a boom in businesses despite the State's economic hardships.

1:51

Vafeades

A Utah truck driver accused of kidnapping and raping two women for months appears in federal court.

1:08

Thursday, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>

Suicide

Lt. Jeff Skuza commits suicide in a cemetery, the signs people need to look out for and how it affected the P.D.

1:58

Roughrider

N.D.'s most prestigious award given to the family of Herman Stern for saving people during the holocaust.

1:50

Friday, Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>

Fight

Cell phone video with footage of violent fights between girls from area high schools, parents reaction and school policy.

1:51

Body

The body of a male was found near a strip mall in South Fargo, two men in custody after it appears he was stabbed.

1:26

Saturday, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>

Arrest

Fargo P.D. arrest one man in connection with Friday's stabbing of Rolandas Devon House, and there may be more suspects, drug related murder.

1:58

Parade

St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Fargo.

:27

Sunday, Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>

Selection

The NDSU basketball team finds out where they are going for the NCAA tournament, Spokane Washington.

1:16

Art

400 art exhibits at the Plains Art Museum produced by kids from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

1:53

Monday, Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>

Skuza

We find out Lt. Skuza was at the center of an internal investigation, possibly leading to his firing, before he shot himself.

1:17

Schools

In a special mill levy election, 57-percent vote against the measure which will affect the future of Fargo schools (less money to work with).

1:30

Tuesday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>

Trollwood

Trollwood Performing Arts School announces summer concert series.

1:50

Holocaust

A museum exhibit in Fergus Falls is a display of holocaust survivors who live in MN.

1:35

Wednesday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>

Text

The Red River Regional Dispatch Center is adding texting to it's options for help.

1:43

Ukraine

Senator John Hoeven just returned from the Ukraine after witnessing uprising first-hand.

1:55

Thursday, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>

Wimmer

Fargo city commissioner Brad Wimmer announces he will run against Mayor Dennis Walaker.

2:24

Ethiopia

A Moorhead family adopts a 16-year-old from Ethiopia who lived on the streets his whole life.

1:50

Friday, Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>

Jobs

Out of 20,000 job openings in ND, 6,000 are in Fargo. We talk to employers about what they see and how they are attracting employees.

1:55

Workout

Eventide Senior Living in Moorhead has hit a record number of people working out. Why the numbers are going up and why more people 55 and up are exercising.

1:51

Saturday, Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Fans

Bison fans packed local bars to watch the Bison basketball team take on San Diego State in the NCAA tournament.

1:57

Panties

A Fargo non-profit raises money for war-torn Sudan through an annual fundraiser.

:37

Sunday, Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Science

A Concordia Professor makes science fun for kids after receiving an award for his work.

1:46

Mudslide

Rescuers in Washington race against time to find survivors of a deadly landslide.

1:29

Monday, Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>

Pilot

Jim "Fang" Maroney, a Casselton native, a frequent performer in the Fargo Airsho dies in plane crash in rural Tennessee.

1:54

Archives

NDSU archives opens a new location, after being stored in a room with wrong temperatures/humidity to keep items safe.

1:49

Tuesday, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>

Hearing

Casselton's fire chief praises the federal govt. role in emergency preparedness after last December's oil train derailment and explosion.

2:01

Law

Many rural communities are finding it hard to keep lawyers in the community. A new program at UND is attempting to change that, giving students internships in smaller communities.

2:01

Wednesday, Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>

Scams

Cass County Electric customers are newest victims to phone scams, what people need to know.

1:59

Transmitters

An East Grand Forks woman who lost her autistic son after he wandered off is teaming up with the EGF P.D. to offer new tracking devices for vulnerable people.

2:02

Thursday, Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>

Deputy

An Abercrombie girl was found in the ditch but could have been found sooner. A deputy is demoted after failing to react when getting the call.

1:51

Arntson

A man is caught after breaking into two homes in South Fargo and stealing one persons car. The owner speaks out.

1:43

Friday, Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>

Convention

The Democratic Convention kicks off in Fargo, we take a look at some of the hottest races this year.

1:55

Phillips

NDSU Bison head coach Saul Phillips talks with us after Charles Barkley made fun of him and then asked him to go out and play golf.

1:55

Saturday, Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>

Convention

Dem. Convention wraps up with several big races including the endorsement for ND Senator George Sinner for Congress.

2:15

Bolstad

Basketball teams get together to raise money to help Fargo Davies student Lexi Bolstad, a teen who suffered a traumatic brain injury.

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Sunday, Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>

Interfaith

Youth groups and religious comm. Come together to make a difference for the homeless population in the F-M area.

1:57

Gymnastics

Gymnasts show off their talent in the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Gold-N-Motion competition.

:19

Monday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>

Storm

A winter storm sweeps through the area leaving many people stranded and annoyed that winter is hanging around.

1:30

Coverage

A midnight deadline for health insurance has people rushing to sign up last minute.

1:45