

## NEWS AND ISSUES REPORT (OCTO-NOV-DEC) 2016

### October

- Ray Richards....UND looks to shutter golf course to save money...10/1
- Borrowed Bucks...develops close bar with plans to convert parcel into strip mall... 10/1
- ND Flu....state health officials urge resident to get vaccinated.....10/3
- UND Diversity.....President Kennedy creates commission to improve inclusion on campus...10/3
- GFPD Arrest....man cited for bothering juvenile males....10/3
- ND Protest.....ND officials deal with ongoing protests at Dakota Access Pipeline...GF officers involved....10/4
- Arbor park...GF council approved development plan for DT park.....10/4
- GF Library....donor found for \$1.5 million to support DT location 10/5
- GFPD Grant.....Cops grant to help hire 4 new officers.....10/6
- UND Investigation...no action in racially sensitive social media pics on campus.....10/6
- GF Campaign....annual leaf pickup campaign underway in GF....10/7
- GF panhandling...local law limiting panhandling nixed due to court rulings....10/11
- GE Purchase.....GE buys LM Wind Power a major GF employer.....10/11
- Boardings....GF air travel continues to decline in 2016.....10/14
- Lucky Inn....GF motel is razed on S Washington.....10 17
- UND Course.....new drone class added to curriculum....1017
- UND cuts....the fate of 20 sports programs at UND up for grabs.....10/18
- Winter.....Climate Prediction Center released outlook for ND & MN.....10/21
- NCTC update....President Bona delivers his state of the college message.....10/21
- Alerus Director....Alerus officials put on paid leave pending internal investigation....10/24
- Pulp Plant...GF looking to land a straw pulp plant....10/31
- Early Voting....52-thousand ballots already cast for Nov election in ND...GF opens today...10/31

## NOVEMBER

MNSURE...MN health rates show dramatic increases....Gov Dayton reacts.....11/1

GF Zoning....GF P7Z look to rezone site for strip mall expansion 11/1

EGF council.....council looks at naming street after Joan Kroc as flood honor....11/2

Columbia Road...after six months major GF street project ends....11/3

EGF TV....EGF council getting close to televising meetings 11/3

Whalen...former GF teach charged with sex crimes has trial date set....11/4

Early Vote....final day for early voting in GF County.....11/4

Refinery plant...GF takes steps to lure bio-fuels plant....11/5

GF Home Sales....average sales price in GF climbs to 238-thousand dollars.....11/7

Fuel program....low income fuel assistance program good to go in ND.....1/7

Arbor Park....debate over DT pocket park heats up.....11/8

Election.....results and LIVE coverage.....11/8

Sales Tax.....GF voters reject local tax hike to pay for roads and water plant.....react.....11/9

EGF Tunnels...UND class searches for prohibition era secret tunnels.....11/11

UND construction....several new projects underway...union & tower.....11/16

GF plant....new water plant construction estimates compiled.....11/16

EGF Elections....final results in on EGF school elections and write-in....11/18

FedEx....company leaves GFK but OK's settlement agreement.....11/18

Alerus Center....search for new executive director delayed....Dec.....11/18

LaGrave On First....gf working on DT homeless housing project...\$7.7m.....11/21

GF Water Plant....groundbreaking for new plant held.....11/22

Sales Tax...GF mayor says 2017 vote on tax hike likely.....11/25

Travel Advisory...snow and blowing snow central ND.....11/28

GF Finances....council learns revenues are down due to state reductions...still ok...11/30

UND racism...UND to hold diversity forum to improve campus climate.....11/30

## DECEMBER

GF Park Logo.....GF Park Board approves new logo design.....12/2  
UND Budget.....administration looks to slash spending for state mandate...12/2  
EGF Mayor...Lynn Stauss attends thank you event after 2 decades service...12/2  
Winter Storm.....warning issued in the region due to snow potential....12/5  
GF employment....GF leaders develop a recruitment package to attract workers....12/7  
Blizzard...storm cancels schools and businesses throughout the region....12/9  
GF Vibrancy....committee offers suggesting to revitalize DT GF.....12/12  
Amtrak....ridership numbers along GF Empire Builder route released....12/12  
GF Study...report focuses on DT development and vibrancy....12/13  
Park Policy...GF Parks look to end chew tobacco at Ulland Park.....12/13  
GFK Boardings....fewer passengers visit the Grand Forks Airport.....12/16  
Food Baskets....GF Salvation Army distributes over 400 holiday baskets...12/20  
Cirrus Design....GF airport firm unveils new Vision Jet.....12/21  
Winter Storm....more snow blankets GF.....12/22  
Alerus Center....commission debates hiring new director or management firm.....12/22  
Dangerous Driving....authorities urge motorists to drive safe during holiday season....12/27  
Altru Clinic...clinic evacuated during to structural concerns.....12/29  
FM Diversion...MN DNR to join opposition lawsuit for flood project....12/30

- LIVE COVERAGE WINTER STORM EVENTS AND FORECASTS....
- LIVE NOVEMBER ELECTION RETURNS AND ANALYSIS....
- TALK SHOWS M-F DISCUSS LOCAL ISSUES AND EVENTS

Jarrold Thomas 9-NOON

Ryan Cunningham noon-3pm

Brad Schmidt 3-6pm

Leighton sponsored "Big Ring" event raised 45 thousand dollars for Salvation Army kettle campaign (Dec)