

ISSUES-PROGRAM LIST FOR JANUARY- MARCH 2024

REGIONAL NEWS AIRED THIS QUARTER

HEALTH CARE/EARLY COLORECTAL CANCER DETECTION

EXPANSION PLANNED FOR SANFORD'S SAME DAY SURGERY IN BISMARCK

Prairie Public Broadcasting - by Danielle Webster 1:16

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Sanford Health has announced a 15,000 square foot expansion to its Sanford Broadway Same Day Surgery Center in Bismarck. Jacqueline Farland, executive director of surgical services, says it will include 18 pre and post-op beds and six endo suites, where they do colorectal screenings.

The American Cancer Society recently changed its recommendations for beginning colon cancer screenings by lowering the suggested age from 50 to 45. Farland says early detection can save lives.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON THE RISE

BISMARCK SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM NUMBERS INCREASING IN BISMARCK

Prairie Public Broadcasting- By Dave Thompson :53

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The Abused Adult Resource Center in Bismarck is reporting a 25 percent increase in the number of sexual assault victims in 2023, in Bismarck, Mandan and surrounding areas, compared with 2022.

Center Executive Director Michelle Erickson says she hopes the organization's outreach efforts, which include billboards and a newsletter, are reaching more people, and therefore, resulting in those higher reporting numbers. She says the more people come forward, the more offenders are held to account.

The Center served 1427 adult clients in 2023. Erickson says there was a four percent increase in domestic violence victims and an eight percent increase in the number of children sheltered.

EDUCATION/HEALTH

SUSPENSION ENDS FOR UND'S MUSIC THERAPY PROGRAM

Prairie Public Broadcasting- By [Todd McDonald](#) 1:59

In 2016, the University of North Dakota suspended its music therapy program. Dr. Sandberg Chair of the UND Music Department and Associate Professor of Saxophone says music's impact on mental and physical healthy can be clinically measured. Sandberg says there was support from the education community to revitalize the program. One group who helped is the National Association of Schools of Music. Their recommendation to reinstate came during UND's last accreditation review. Sandberg says the group witnessed positive changes to the program, despite the lack of students. He says UND will start taking applications for the music therapy program this fall, with classes starting in 2025.

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS

ND FILMMAKER GETS DOCUMENTARY SCREENED AT SXSW

Prairie Public Broadcasting- By [Todd McDonald](#) 2:19

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Prairie Rose Seminole or White Shield, ND, directed and co-produced the documentary *We Ride for Her*. It tells the story of a motorcycle group working to end the crisis of violence against Native American women and girls. The film is being shown at the culturally influential South By Southwest Festival in Austin, TX.

The Medicine Wheel Riders advocate for and support families dealing with grief and trauma.

Rose Seminole says the production staff sometimes had to take a step back and deal with their own grief, whether specific to a trauma they experienced or feeling the collective trauma of Native women who suffered from violence.

The film will also be screened at the Dakota Digital Festival in Bismarck April 5th.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

GOP TO VOTE ON ABORTION RESOLUTION

Prairie Public Broadcasting- By Dave Thompson 1:14

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The state committee of the North Dakota Republican Party has approved a new anti-abortion resolution that will be voted on the state GOP convention next week in Fargo.

Sources say the resolution would call for the outlawing of all abortions and would make it a crime for a woman to have one. "Co-conspirators" would also be charged.

Sen. Jayne Myrdal (R-Edinburg), the author of the state's current abortion law says that was never the intent. She says the resolution goes too far and that none of the pro-life organizations she knows would support charging a woman who has the procedure with a felony.

The issue will come up for a vote on the first day of the convention.

NPR PIECES AIRED BETWEEN 6 and 8am

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

From NPR 3:34

MORNING EDITION 01/31/2024 Meteorologists pressured to improve forecasts amid more extreme weather events. Forecasts/Weather/Climate Change/Communication

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

From NPR 2:45

MORNING EDITION 01/25/24 Housing is now unaffordable for a record half of all U.S. renters, study finds. Housing/Renting & Leasing/Research/Economic Conditions & Trends

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

From NPR 4:11

MORNING EDITION 02/08/24 AI fakes raise election risks as lawmakers and tech companies scramble to catch up. Artificial Intelligence/Voting & Voters/Law & Legislation/Elections

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

From NPR 1.43

MORNING EDITION 02/12/2024 The recent avian flu surge is affecting poultry farmers across the U.S. Poultry/Influenza/Farmers

EDUCATION

From NPR 3:46

MORNING EDITION 02/19/24 Schools face big challenges accommodating migrants who have crossed the border. Immigration & Emigration/Students/Government Aid (State & Local) Teachers & School Employees