



Agencies work together to recover

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, Minot Area Development Corporation and Minot Convention & Visitors Bureau are working together to help in the recovery process following the devastating flood of 2011. The three agencies are surveying businesses to see what kind of damage they experienced, what type of help they may need and how they can get back to business. A tour by ND legislators is planned for August 10 so they can survey the damage as well and learn first-

hand what the city is facing in the way of recovery.

Along with that, the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored three Small Business Administration meetings for businesses and homeowners to learn more about the process of applying for financial assistance. The three evening meetings within the past two weeks hosted around 150 people total. For more information on flood recovery visit www.rallyminot.com.

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Rob Buchholz
Lowe's Printing, Inc.



Dusty Wald
Magic City Beverage



John Coughlin
Coughlin Construction Co., Inc.



Pam Karpenko
CleanTech



Kevin Seehafer
Trinity Health

Nominees have been proposed for three-year terms on the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors beginning Oct. 1, 2011. They are **Rob Buchholz** (Lowe's Printing, Inc.), **Dusty Wald** (Magic City Beverage), **John Coughlin** (Coughlin Construction Co., Inc.), **Pam Karpenko** (CleanTech), and **Kevin Seehafer** (Trinity Health).

Buchholz, a Minot native, is an accountant and part owner of Lowe's Printing. He has been involved in the Y's Men's Club for 20 years and

served as Y's Men's Rodeo chairman in 2001. He is also involved in the United Way and the Minot Rotary Club. Buchholz has three boys: Max, age 21; Sam age 19; and Alex, age 17.

Wald, a salesman at Magic City Beverage, belongs to Our Lady of Grace Church. He and his wife Jill have two boys, ages four and one.

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Social media workshop set for Aug. 17

One of the top social media experts in the country has been scheduled to come to Minot for a special, one-time only event Wednesday, Aug. 17 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Sleep Inn. Corey Perlman, author of the bestselling Internet marketing and social media book, *eBoot Camp*, will share tips and strategies that will help you see real business results from sites like Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Google. Come away with a clear picture on how to use social media to expand your reach, monitor your online reputation, and stay 'top of mind' with customers and prospects.

You will learn:

- specific strategies to increase your fans on Facebook

and how to get them to want to do business with you

- how to take LinkedIn from just another networking tool to your favorite business development tool
- why Twitter is not just about Justin Bieber and Charlie Sheen and how it can actually help drive business results
- important changes to how Google is ranking Websites and what you can do to take advantage
- why your website and blog need just as much attention as all the social media sites combined!

Space is limited. Register today. Visit www.northdakota.dalecarnegie.com or call 701-476-8736 for registration information.

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NEW MEMBER

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **Resirkvlere USA, Inc.** Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

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Resirkvlere provides water filtration systems to oil companies in the Bakken to provide reusable water for multiple applications, from drilling to completions of the well.

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Karpenko is a Minot native, and received her bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. She remained there for 20 years and returned to Minot in 2003. She is married to Tom Karpenko. She purchased Clean Tech in 2005. She received her master's degree in business administration in 2009. She has served our community in many ways through her professional cleaning and disaster mitigation business. She is committed to the success of our community as she demonstrates by serving as a past president of the Souris Valley United Way board, current president of the Kiwanis board, participating on numerous other boards and committees to move Minot forward and give back to her community. She looks forward to further serving in her role as treasurer of the Minot Area of Chamber Commerce board of directors.

Coughlin is president and CEO of Coughlin Construction Co., Inc. in Minot,

and has 33 years of experience in that capacity. The majority of his work is in municipal and military construction, as well as land development, apartment construction, and residential construction in North Dakota.

Coughlin has held many leadership positions in the community and state. He is involved with the Minot Association of Builders, the Chamber Military Affairs Committee, the Minot Area Development Corporation, and many others. He is a graduate of Colorado State University. He is married to Leslie and has one daughter, Hope. Coughlin is a life-long resident of Minot.

Seehafer was raised in Drake, ND, and graduated from Minot State University in 1987. Kevin has been employed at Trinity Health for the past 17 years, the last nine as CFO. He has two daughters, Megan, a student at Minot State University, and Macy, a senior at Minot High. Kevin spends his spare time supporting the Beaver Boosters and Minot State Athletics.

RENEWALS

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from June 29 from July 25, 2011. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

Acme Electric -Tool Crib of the North
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Taco John's
US Bank
Wild Things Gallery
Wildwood Golf Course
Zaback Roise Wealth Management



In June 2011, Minot and surrounding communities were inundated with flood waters from the Mouse River. The lower lying areas received as much as 11 feet of water. More than 4,000 homes were lost in the flooding including several homes and businesses of our Minot Young Professionals.

Help Minot residents get back on their feet by becoming an Honorary Member of the Minot Young Professionals. The entire \$25 honorary membership fee will be donated to the Minot Area Community Foundation's Minot Area Recovery Fund.

The Minot Area Community Foundation is focused on getting people's lives restored after the flood. The Minot Area Recovery Fund will provide grants to agencies and organizations that are providing direct services to flood victims. The Minot Area Community Foundation will look to these nonprofit, government and religious organizations to provide funding in areas such as:

- Rebuilding Assistance - construction materials, repairs, HVAC
- Rental & Mortgage Assistance/Transitional Housing
- Goods/Household Items - appliances, furniture, bedding and clothing
- Services - childcare, legal, referral, transportation, animal care, community
- Counseling/Health Services - behavioral health and physical health care
- Direct Assistance - tax assistance, utilities
- Food Assistance

Minot Young Professionals Honorary Membership Form

Name _____ Place of Employment _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Credit Card Type _____ Credit Card Number _____

Expires _____ CIV _____

Signature _____

To become an honorary member of the Minot Young Professionals please mail this form and your minimum donation of \$25 (check or credit card) to:

***Minot Young Professionals
c/o Minot Area Chamber of Commerce
1020 20th Ave. SW
Minot, ND 58701***



Young Professionals Network
www.ypminot.com

Thank you for your donation. You will be listed as an honorary member of the Minot Young Professionals at www.ypminot.com.

CLI recruiting applicants

The 41st annual Community Leadership Institute (CLI) is seeking 25 applicants to attend this year's class. Seven of the 25 spots have already been filled before any advertising, so don't hesitate to sign up now! The session starts September 1 and ends November 3. The purpose of the class is to inform and educate those attending on what Minot as a city has to offer.

Participants will tour areas many in the community have never gone before. The course outline is listed below. Call 852-6000 or email chamber@minotchamber.org for more information. Cost: \$250 per person. All classes are from 8 a.m. until noon except at Minot Air Force Base which will be all day. The final class will end at 1:30 p.m.

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION
Sept. 1	Introductory Session	TBA
Sept. 8	Emergency Services	Minot Fire Department
Sept. 15	Healthcare	Trinity Health
Sept. 22	Economic Development	ING
Oct. 6	Media	Various locations
Oct. 13	Minot AFB	
Oct. 20	Education	MSU
Oct. 27	Leadership	YMCA
Nov. 3	Community Involvement	Grand International
Nov. 3	CLI graduation	Grand International

Schedule subject to change

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Second leg of MAC golf tourney set for Aug. 8

**Roughrider Golf
Course - MAFB**
11 a.m.:
Registration
Noon: shotgun start
Prizes awarded

chamber@minotchamber.org
852-6000

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EAGLE AWARDS

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in July and thanked for superior customer service skills. If you would like to nominate someone for outstanding customer service, please call the Chamber at 852-6000 for a nomination form, or visit the website at minotchamber.org.

A special thank you goes out to Homesteaders Restaurant for the gift certificate provided for Eagle Award recipients.



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Chad Thompson/Myron Thompson

Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to celebrate the grand opening of Qdoba Mexican Grill. Qdoba features fresh ingredients and offers a variety of innovative flavors. Handcrafted burritos, three-cheese nachos, and stuffed quesadillas – all items built for you.

Celebrating summer

Downtown Festival on Main set for Aug. 20

The annual Festival on Main will be held in Downtown Minot on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Downtown Business & Professional Association of Minot, the Festival on Main is a fun-filled day for the entire family. Activities will include carnival games, inflatable obstacle course, bounce house, velcro wall, and dunk tank provided by River Rentals. Rocky Top Ranch petting zoo, Dakota Cruisers car show, bingo, food vendors and craft booths will also be in attendance. There will be local dance stu-

dio and square dancing demonstrations, including the Eagle Feather Dancers from New Town, FunTyme Karaoke contest, North Prairie Farmer’s Market, pedal car races and a basketball tournament sponsored by Big Time Bistro.

Several businesses along Main Street and Downtown will be having activities at their locations, including a cupcake contest at Gourmet Chef, live pottery demos at Margie’s Art Glass Studio, sushi eating contest at United Pantry, live music at Otis and James Photography, 2nd Story rum-

mage sale, children’s art activities at the Taube Museum, face painting at Main Street Books, GeoCaching treasure hunt with Albertson Consulting, massages by Breathe Again Spa, and much more! Don’t forget the great deals at the sidewalk sales!

Booth spaces are available and volunteers are needed to man the carnival games and inflatable games. If you are interested in helping during the Festival or need a booth application, please call 839-4975 or 839-8928, or e-mail us at gourmet@minot.com.

MSU hires ombudsman to help with flood-related issues

Rob Anderson, special assistant to the president, started July 25 as Minot State University’s ombudsman to assist with resolving issues arising from the Souris River flood of 2011. As ombudsman, Anderson may assume various roles such as representative, liaison, advocate or other intermediary roles on behalf of the university in support of and to resolve matters affecting faculty, staff and students.

“I look forward to meeting and working with Minot State University students, faculty and staff to assist them with any of

their flood needs,” Anderson said.

The New Rockford native’s responsibilities will evolve as necessary. He will coordinate with existing Minot State functions, such as public information, human resources, student services and facilities management, and external agencies to find resolutions for problems facing the people of MSU in the flood’s aftermath.

Initially, the ombudsman will help resolve housing needs and coordinate volunteer support as requested. An MSU shelter assistance webpage allows faculty, staff

and students to inform Anderson what assistance is needed. The webpage also allows individuals to identify how they are able to help. The link is www.minotstateu.edu/pio/shelter_form.shtm.

Anderson, a retired Minot Public Schools art teacher, is an art adjunct at MSU. An alumnus, he is also a member of the Alumni Association board of directors.

To contact Anderson, email flood.anderson@minotstateu.edu or call 858-3169.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cloverdale Foods closes Minot facility

Cloverdale Foods announced that it has closed its Minot packing plant. The closure is part of an enhanced business model for the company – a model that no longer includes owning hog processing operations.

“The hog industry is not as strong as it was when we opened the Minot facility more than 30 years ago. It has especially undergone significant changes in just the past two years,” said Cloverdale CEO T.J. Russell. “These changes have impacted everyone and requires us to use an enhanced business model that meets the new realities within the industry.”

The recent Mouse (Souris) River flood forced Cloverdale to suspend operations at the Minot facility. The company was able to secure the plant, sparing it from major flood damage. Russell stated that, for the past couple of years, Cloverdale had been discussing the future of the facility and related property. Admitting that, while the flood was not a deciding factor, it was a contributing factor. “It definitely forced our hand earlier than we had anticipated,” he said.

Annualized payroll at the Minot facility was approximately \$1.5 million. The facility employed 45 individuals. Of those employees, 20 have been relocated to Mandan. A few employees will remain in Minot on behalf of the company, working in other capacities. The remaining employees may apply for open positions at the Mandan facility, which will see increased production and expanded capabilities under the new business model. The Mandan facility will continue to provide fresh pork products from approved partners, maintaining the highest levels of safety and quality.

Cloverdale is now in the process of analyzing the Minot property for new commercial opportunities, which may include some future use by the company or possible sale. Russell reports that no decision has been made regarding the future of the property. And, he emphasized, the company will continue to strongly support Minot and the surrounding area, proudly sponsoring local activities and events, such as the Norsk Høstfest and the North Dakota State Fair.

Minot Kiwanis Club lends a helping hand

The Kiwanis Club of Minot has helped provide funding to two vital agencies in the flood recovery process. The Kiwanis club gave \$1,500 to the Red Cross to help feed evacuees displaced by the flooding. The money was used to feed those in the emergency shelter. The group also donated \$1,500 to the Salvation Army to help in their efforts. The Kiwanis Club of Minot is a member-oriented group consisting of 68 members who work to make a difference in our community.

Minot Area Community Foundation awards inaugural grants for flood recovery

The Minot Area Community Foundation (MACF) has awarded the inaugural grants from

the Minot Area Recovery Fund to local organizations providing direct services to flood victims.

The focus for these immediate needs grants is on organizations and agencies leveraging volunteerism with available materials in order to help citizens clean up, restore and rebuild their homes and remain in our community. No cash assistance will be provided directly to individuals. Rather, flood victims will receive support from the grant recipients via donations such as food, clothing, labor and supplies.

A total of \$34,125 was awarded to the following organizations: Our Lady of Grace, All Hands Volunteers, Oak Valley Lutheran Church, The Lord’s Cupboard and Taste of Heaven, Congregational United Church of Christ, Lutheran Campus Ministry, I Helped Rebuild Minot, NECHAMA and the Salvation Army.

“We know the needs in our area are great, and that’s why we began allocating funds before our targeted distribution date of August 1,” said Ken Kitzman, president of the Minot Area Community Foundation. “Our focus is on being good stewards of this money to make sure it goes to legitimate organizations that are meeting the current needs associated with the recent flooding.”

The Minot Area Recovery Fund’s allocation committee will meet weekly to review the grant requests and assess immediate needs, which have been identified as food, meals, clean up supplies and clean up assistance. Funds will be disbursed regularly.

The Minot Area Recovery Fund, established by MACF, will play an active role in flood recovery by supporting relief and restoration throughout the greater Minot area, including the counties of Ward, Renville, Bottineau and McHenry.

For more information about the Minot Area Community Foundation or the Minot Area Recovery Fund, visit www.centerforcommunitygiving.com.

Minot needs volunteers

RSVP + (Plus) is coordinating volunteers for the flood recovery effort, and people are needed to help. Minot’s ability to recover from this disaster will rely in part on the city’s ability to document the recovery effort with registered volunteers and verifiable hours for FEMA. That’s why some entity always needs to coordinate the volunteer response. RSVP + asks that you consider your various circles and ask yourself if you or someone you know can ask someone in Minot or the surrounding area to register with them and help the city and surrounding area begin the long road to recovery. Many of their registered volunteers have lost their homes, others evacuated and have not returned, still others are busy at various assigned locations. There simply aren’t enough volunteers to do the job that needs to be done now. Many more are des-

perately needed, and they need to be registered as soon as possible and assigned a role. Please ask folks to get in touch with Miriam Smette via e-mail at Miriam.Smette@nds.edu, cell: 701-770-7905, or office: 701-852-3799.

Thank you for whatever you can do personally to help us ramp up the volunteer response in the Minot area.

Minot State advances to NCAA Provisional member

Officials at Minot State University were informed July 8 the university was granted National College Athletic Association Division II Provisional member status by the governing body during a conference call.

MSU will spend this year as a provisional member of the NCAA and looks to complete the four-year process in July 2012. MSU will be an NCAA Division II independent for the upcoming school year, but it has been selected as a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference beginning in the 2012-13 school year.

“The NCAA personnel who called indicated that they view Minot State University as a very solid DII institution,” said Rick Hedberg, athletic director. “That’s exciting to hear because our entire campus has worked very hard at this process. Our coaches, student-athletes and everyone across campus have done a wonderful job of embracing this move. Their attention to the requirements of the NCAA during this transition has been outstanding and the committee was very aware of that.”

The university began the transition to NCAA Division II rules and regulations during its second year of candidacy but will now be required to meet all regulations and abide by all rules during the provisional status. MSU will also be required to submit any violations to the Northern Sun office. The university will go through a compliance blue print review this fall, serving as a follow-up to the NCAA membership committee site visit that took place in April.

“This is one more step toward Minot State University realizing its goals within Vision 2013 on becoming a premier institution in the Great Plains,” Hedberg said. “This is an exciting final step in our transition.”

United Airlines to add third round-trip flight

United Airlines announced that they will add a third round trip flight beginning Dec 15. According to Martin Kammerman, market analysis senior manager, plans are for it to depart Denver at 3:45 p.m., arrive in Minot at 6:34 p.m., depart Minot at 7:05 p.m., and arrive in Denver at 8:01 p.m. “We are building on our success flying to Minot and looking at other options as well,” added Kammerman.

National Guard sets up 'One-Stop Shop' for contractors

by Master Sgt. Marvin Baker, Joint Force Headquarters

With hundreds of contractors and employees literally pouring into Minot following a record flood on the Souris River in June, the North Dakota National Guard was entrusted with organizing and facilitating licensing credentials.

A team of six North Dakota soldiers from Task Force Minot, led by 1st Lt. Dawn Holm, of Hallock, MN, is working together to keep the processing moving in an efficient manner.

The remainder of the team includes Sgt. 1st Class Elroy Gronhovd (Crary, ND); Sgt. Grendaliz Nieves-Hernandez (Devils Lake, ND); Sgt. Leah Stoner (Fargo, ND); Spc. Michael Werner (Grand Forks, ND); and Pfc. Eric Heldt (Menahga, MN) Lt. Col. Michael Holly (Bismarck, ND), was tasked with setting up the "one-stop shop," and Capt. John Peyerl (Reiles Acres, ND) oversees the day-to-day operation.

The "one-stop shop" was created by North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem to ensure that unscrupulous contractors don't take advantage of vulnerable homeowners in the wake of the worst natural disaster in Minot's history.

Processing through the "one-stop shop" includes all contractors and their employees who are in Minot to assist with disaster clean up. Whether plumbers, carpenters, electricians or debris removal teams are local or from out of town, they must register with Holm's team. Once that is done, they will be licensed to do business in Minot and Ward County.

On the first day the "one-stop shop" was in business, at least 120 contractors and employees processed, according to Holm.



Pfc. Eric Heldt, left, Sgt. Leah Stoner, center, and Sgt. Grendaliz Nieves, all with Task Force Minot, are ready to process contractors, Monday, July 11, 2011, at the Minot location of ND Job Service. The "one-stop shop" processed 120 contractors on its first day of business and expects to operate for a month. (Photo by Master Sgt. Marvin Baker, Joint Force Headquarters)

The same held true the following day; however, the second day saw a greater balance of employees than business owners.

Holm said the shop is expected to be in business about a month.

"We're strictly assisting the city and state in certifying the approval," Holm said. "This is everyone involved in the disaster clean up."

Holm explained how the process works. The first step is traffic control outside, near the front entrance to North Dakota Job Service at 3416 North Broadway.

"We're dividing people into job seekers and contractors who are here with their employees," Holm said. "Once they're in the building, the Guard is managing the check-in table. We're verifying their ID cards and reviewing their background applications. Then, they go to several stations we're not involved with but we have the final stop in processing their ID cards."

Because contractors who have worked

locally for years are still required to register, Holm said she has already seen many of them process. But she has also noted contractors and employees from Florida, Missouri, Kansas, Nevada, Tennessee, Ohio and Montana on the first day.

"And there's more on the way," she said. "Several took stacks of applications. These people are eager to get started. One unemployed man got hired right in the parking lot on Monday."

Holm said the "one-stop shop" opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m. Her crew isn't directly involved with North Dakota Job Service, but they are using rooms in the Job Service building, and she said Job Service staff has been very helpful in getting things up and running.

"It's very interesting, these people are seeking employment and they have good attitudes," Holm said. "Some of this is time consuming, but they have been patient."

Nieves-Hernandez and Heldt see a similar situation as they are on the front line meeting their customers.

"I'm the good guy, I'm the charmer out here," Heldt said. "We are basically filtering and organizing the chaos. There is high demand with this."

Nieves-Hernandez said most of the people coming to the site have received media reports about the situation in Minot in general, as well as about the "one-stop shop."

"A lot of these people are from out of state who specialize in disasters like Katrina and Joplin," Nieves-Hernandez said. "These people know what they're doing."



Civilian contractors wait their turn July 11, 2011, to be processed by North Dakota National Guard personnel at the one-stop licensing stop, which is at the Minot location of ND Job Service. The stop is designed to be an efficient means of getting contractors and their employees ready for the clean-up process following the Souris River flood. (Photo by Master Sgt. Marvin Baker, Joint Force Headquarters)

Burlington announces long-term flood recovery plan

The City of Burlington has announced its long-term flood recovery plan, which will include construction of a levee system, upgrades to Colton Avenue Bridge, residential acquisitions and master planning for residential expansion. Total cost for this entire plan is estimated at \$12 to \$15 million.

The plan's main objective - to provide adequate flood protection for Burlington - will be accomplished by constructing a new earthen levee system and concrete flood wall, and by asking Ward County to upgrade the Colton Avenue Bridge.

The preliminary concept provides protection to 30,000 cfs with the flexibility to add an emergency system to provide up to 10,000 cfs of extra protection. In order to increase the hydraulic efficiency of the Souris River through the city, the new levees will be placed farther away from the river channel, and Burlington will ask for Colton Avenue Bridge to be lengthened and raised.

The City of Burlington will acquire 11 residential properties to allow construction of a levee system capable of providing the necessary protection. The total amount for these acquisitions is estimated at \$1.2 million. Burlington city officials met with the homeowners Thursday night to present the acquisition plan.

Concerned about residents leaving Burlington, Mayor Jerome Gruenberg's long-term flood recovery plan includes an area for residential expansion. "We want to make sure that the people affected by the buyouts have a place to rebuild their homes and their lives. Burlington is a small community, and we don't want to lose our residents. So, we're investigating various incentive options for anyone wanting to rebuild in the designated residential expansion area."

To finance the home acquisitions and other critical initial steps for flood protection, the City of Burlington intends to initially utilize up to \$2 million of local funding while pursuing other sources. The projected term for this funding is estimated at 20 years and will cost the average Burlington property owner approximately \$350 to \$450 annually. The City of Burlington will also be pursuing other funding sources for the additional need of \$10 to \$13 million.

Gruenberg said Burlington is proceeding with a local funding option because it's quicker than obtaining federal funding. "It may take several years to acquire federal funding, and we want to make sure

Burlington residents can move on with their lives as quickly as possible. We feel that it would be very unfair to expect a resident to rebuild following this flood only to ask them to relocate when the new levees will be built." Gruenberg added that another reason for utilizing local funds to do the acquisitions is that properties acquired under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program may not be utilized for the construction of levees.

Acquisition and demolition of designated properties will begin this fall, with potential levee construction slated for spring 2012. The acquisition of properties now also gives the city the necessary space to construct emergency levees if necessary.

A public information meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1, from 6 to 7 p.m., prior to the Burlington City Council meeting at Burlington City Hall, where all Burlington residents can have their questions answered about the long-term recovery plan. Following the public information meeting, time will be allocated for media interviews from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

All information, including maps, can be found at www.burlingtonflood.com.

City of Burlington Long-Term Flood Recovery Plan Fact Sheet

Burlington's long-term flood recovery plan includes:

- Construction of a new levee system
 - * Preliminary concept provides protection to 30,000 cfs, with the flexibility to add an emergency system providing an additional protection of 10,000 cfs.
 - * The new levees will be placed farther away from the channel, increasing the hydraulic efficiency of the Souris River through the city.
- Request that Ward County upgrade Colton Bridge
 - * Includes the bridge being raised and lengthened.
- Acquisition of 11 homes
- Master planning for residential expansion
- Master planning for green space and recreational expansion

Cost:

- Total cost for this entire plan is estimated at \$12 to \$15 million.

How was the placement of the new levees determined?

- The new levees will be placed in a way that provides the necessary level of flood protection while leaving as much of Burlington intact as possible.

Residential Buyouts:

- The City of Burlington has identified 11 homes to acquire.
- Acquiring these homes allows construc-

tion of a levee system capable of providing the necessary flood protection.

Why should everyone in the City of Burlington have to pay to acquire these properties?

- Acquiring these properties is the first step in providing adequate flood protection to the entire city. Providing flood protection is necessary to protect the value of the remaining properties in Burlington, both within and outside of the flood plain.
- When outside funding sources are secured, the local amounts committed for these acquisitions will be applied to the local cost share required for the overall funding of the project.

How did the City decide how much money to offer for the properties that are being acquired?

- Property owners without flood insurance were offered 92.5% of the estimated fair market value of their homes in a pre-flood condition less estimated damages.
- Property owners with flood insurance were offered 92.5% of the estimated fair market value of their homes in a pre-flood condition less flood insurance benefits.

Financing:

- To finance the home acquisition and other critical initial steps for flood protection, the City of Burlington intends to utilize up to \$2 million of local funding while pursuing other funding sources.
- The projected term for this funding is estimated at 20 years and will cost the average Burlington property owner approximately \$350 to \$450 annually. The city will be pursuing funding sources to retire this debt sooner.
- The City of Burlington will also pursue other funding sources for the additional need of \$10 to \$13 million.

Residential Expansion:

- Burlington's long-term flood recovery plan includes master planning for residential expansion.
- An area in southeast Burlington has been identified as a possible site for this expansion.

Timeline on the flood protection project:

- Fall 2011: The City of Burlington will acquire and demolish the designated properties.
- Spring 2012: Utilize acquired property to construct emergency levees if necessary.
- Construction of the permanent levee system will begin as soon as funding is secured.

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Right Start Presentation, 1:30 p.m., MAFB	2 First Dollar of Profit Presentation, 10 a.m., Chamber office YP Professional Development team, Noon, Marco's	3	4	5 Ambassadors Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	6
7	8 Military Affairs Committee Golf Scramble, 11 a.m., Roughrider Golf Course	9 Eagle Awards Presentation, 10 a.m., Chamber office YP Family Picnic, 6 p.m., Polaris Park	10 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB Legislature Tour of Minot, 10 a.m. YP Community Links, 11:30 a.m., TBD	11 YP Social Team, 5:15 p.m., Paradiso	12 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	13
14	15 Right Start Presentation, 1:30 p.m., MAFB	16 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Int'l.	17 Social Media Workshop, 8:30 a.m., Sleep Inn	18 Ribbon Cutting, SOS Staffing, 1115 16th St. SW, 11:30 a.m. YP Power Hour, Noon, Roosevelt Park Zoo	19	20
21	22	23	24 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB YP Outreach Team, Noon, TBD	25 Energy Committee, 11:30 a.m., Vegas	26	27
28	29	30 Souris Valley Suites Ribbon Cutting, 800 37th Ave. SW, 4:45 p.m.	31			

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