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Board endorses flood resolution

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Minot area Chamber of Commerce met on March 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS the Board previously encouraged the City of Minot to move ahead resolutely and expeditiously to execute a plan that would support flood control at a level of 27,400 CFS; and

WHEREAS the Minot City Council has been presented with a plan that incorporates dikes, levees, flood walls, and diversions to provide flood control at a level of 27,400 CFS; and
WHEREAS a plan of this magnitude and scope will more than likely be modified over the nearly decade long implementation schedule; and

WHEREAS flood control for the Minot area and the Souris River Basin is key to the long term economic viability of the region;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce urges and encourages the City Council to formally adopt that plan and begin the steps necessary to implement that plan and expeditiously secure the necessary funding.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2012.

MINOT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

L. John MacMartin President

International Military Ball set for April 14

The International Military Ball, a formal event with a gourmet meal and entertainment, is Saturday, April 14 at the Minot Holiday Inn.

The Chair of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, and the commanders of the 5th Bomb Wing and 91st Missile Wing, cordially invite you to attend the 23rd Annual International Military Ball. The social will begin at 6 p.m. at the Minot Holiday Inn.

The formal event will again include a seven-course gourmet meal. Participants will enjoy an elegant evening of dancing to the music of the Air Force Band, Raptor, and dignitaries from both the United States and Canada will attend.



50th Annual Honors Banquet set for April 18

Students and long-time staff and educators will be honored for their hard work at the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce 50th annual Honors Banquet April 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

The event is a time to recognize graduating seniors from six area schools with a grade point average of 3.75 or higher. Over 100 students from Minot, Our Redeemer's, Bishop Ryan, Berthold (Lewis & Clark), Des Lacs Burlington, and Surrey will be honored, along with staff and teachers from the schools with 25 years of service.

This event is possible thanks to the generous support of Chamber members who sponsor students and teachers. Sponsorships are still needed. If you would like to support and encourage academic achievement, please call Carla Dolan at 857-8205.

Business After Hours hosted by Beaver Ridge
Thursday, April 19, 2012 • 5 – 7 p.m. • 1100 N. Bdwy. • Minot

Hors d'oeuvres | Refreshments | Door Prizes
Drawing for \$500 in Chamber Bucks

If winner not present, \$50 in Chamber Bucks guaranteed • \$5 fee charged at the door

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NEW MEMBER

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **Brick Salon & Spa, Construction Engineers, Hometown Elegance Catering & Event Planning, and Gratech Company, Ltd.** Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

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RENEWALS

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership through March 26, 2012. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

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TSC Farm Home Auto Store
Souris Valley United Way
Wal-Mart Super Center
Waste Management of ND - Minot
Xcel Energy

Chamber board chairman named chairman of the board of Home Builders Institute

Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Bruce Walker (Coldwell Banker 1st Minot Realty and Management) has been named chairman of the board of trustees of the Home Builders Institute. He succeeds Donald L. Pratt of Auburn, Mich.

In his role as chairman, Walker will lead the HBI board in the oversight of all activities including expanding education and training

YMCA Corporate Fitness Challenge begins April 20

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, Trinity Health, and *The Minot Daily News* have teamed up with the YMCA to sponsor the YMCA Corporate Fitness Challenge. The first YMCA Corporate Fitness Challenge will be held Friday, April 20 from 6 to 10 p.m. It is a health and fitness event for local businesses or organizations to participate in a variety of fun and competitive activities designed to encourage healthy lifestyles

The emphasis of the challenge is on participation in all segments of a company. All employees ages 18 or older, as well as those of all levels of fitness and athletic ability, are encouraged to participate.

Competition Events (all 6 team members):

- Volleyball

opportunities for residential construction workers nationwide and diversifying HBI's funding sources as the housing industry continues its recovery.

"HBI is a critical resource that provides the essential trades training needed as we look to rebuild, remodel and maintain America's housing stock," said Walker.

- Dodgeball
- Tug of War
- Timed Walk

Additional team points available for participating in individual events:

- Climbing Wall
- Pull Ups
- Paper Airplane Throw

Teams:

- 6 members (3 men and 3 women)
- All employees must be from the same business or service club
- Businesses or clubs may have more than one team
- \$250 team registration fee due by April 15

A traveling trophy will be awarded to the top team. Call the YMCA at 852-1041.

EAGLE AWARDS

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in March 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.

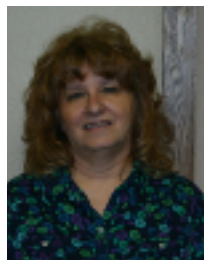
A special thank you goes out to Homesteaders Restaurant for the gift certificate provided for Eagle Award recipients.



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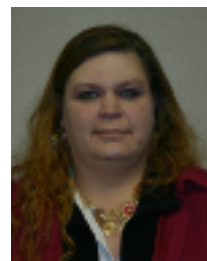
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KARLA GERHART
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KATHY HOLTE
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office

Minot Chamber offers personal safety training

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, along with the Minot Police Department, will present a Self-Protection Awareness Training April 25 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Holiday Inn. Items covered will include self-protection and defense mechanisms, and tips while you are at home, walking or driving, what to do if you're attacked, and how to practice being alert and observant.

The cost for the class is \$10 per person. Contact the Chamber at 852-6000 for more information.

Registration now open for 2012 Great Plains YP Summit in Minot

The Minot Young Professionals and the North Dakota Young Professionals Network are pleased to bring the 2012 Great Plains Young Professionals Summit to Minot Thursday, June 7 and Friday, June 8 at the Grand International Inn.

The Summit provides opportunities for young professionals to grow through professional development, network with other young professionals, and learn valuable skills for influencing and leading within their communities.

The Summit will feature breakout sessions, an entrepreneur panel, keynote speakers, Ag and Energy Park tours, networking opportunities and a downtown Minot social event. Registration will begin Wednesday, June 6 from 6 to 8 p.m., followed by networking games and entertainment.

Early-bird registration for the Great Plains YP Summit began March 15 at www.gpyyp-summit.com. Cost is \$89 through Monday, May 15 and \$109 after that. Single day registration for Thursday, June 7 is available at \$72 plus applicable taxes. The conference is open to anyone over the age of 21.

A block of rooms has been reserved for Summit attendees at the Grand International. Rooms are affordably priced at \$75 per night. Potential Summit attendees are encouraged to book their hotel rooms early. Reservations can be made by calling 852-3161.

For more information, visit www.gpyyp-summit.com or call Minot YP President Kausha Bakk at 721-7157 or by email at RealtorKB@gmail.com.

Customer service training April 11

The Minot Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce will offer "Service that Sticks: 7 Simple Ways to Make Customer Service Memorable" April 11 at the Grand International.

This free customer service training will be led by national speaker and customer enthusiast Steve Curtin. The first session is from 9 a.m. to noon and the second is from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. These sessions will be held at no charge to Chamber members or CVB partner businesses. Please RSVP by April 9 to info@visitminot.org.

As Minot continues to grow, optimizing each customer's experience will be key to the further success of our city. This free training will help create a service culture that customers will describe as different, personal and, ultimately, memorable.

According to research by Beyond Philosophy, a customer experience consulting firm, 44 percent of consumers described the majority of customer experiences they have as "bland and uneventful." But it doesn't have to be that way!

Why settle for a service culture that most customers would describe as indifferent, transactional and, in the end, forgettable? Participants in this workshop will learn memorable customer service behaviors that are unique and refreshing. These simple behaviors will create a service culture that customers will describe as different, personal and, ultimately, memorable.

Through participation in a number of relevant activities in class, as well as coaching and peer feedback, participants will develop their ability to make customer service memorable!

Governor's Business Forum April 3

The Greater North Dakota Chamber is hosting the first-ever Governor's Business Forum April 3 from Noon to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

Governor Dalrymple will kick off the event offering updates on 2020 & Beyond and the US Chamber's new Competitive States Index. And most importantly, participants will hear directly from successful North Dakota companies. The focus will be to highlight the kinds of policies that help companies thrive while at the same time work to understand what changes are still necessary.

For registration information visit www.ndchamber.com or call 800-382-1405.

Core Passion program strengthens workforce teams

This experiential program uses the Core Passion system along with two key tools. The unique Core Passion Assessment measures the frequency of the human spirit. It provides insight into the core of human potential. The key here is when you know who you are, you know what to do. The other piece is the Core Passion Business Analysis to help owners and entrepreneurs identify obstacles and opportunity improvements within their organizations.

The Core Passion process is built over an 8- to 9-month timeframe. The first module is to build your foundation. The second is to transform your organizational potential and profitability. The third is to market your uniqueness and the fourth is to lead with strategic intent. Core Passion delivers clear vision and goals,

renewed engagement, increased productivity and efficiency, powerful collaboration, focused communication, greater energy and motivation, strategic leadership with intent, fusion of human energy and business energy, increased profits and prosperity and sustainable results.

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Core Passion, will be offering this program as part of our Chamber University program. Through Chamber University we strive to find appropriate, timely and unique training opportunities for you, our chamber members. Watch your chamber emails for more information on Core Passion and for an opportunity to visit with Karen Lund from Core Passion.

Rotary planting hope with seed

Help us green up the city of Minot by adopting a yard or a city park!

During the summer of 2011 Minot and the Souris River Valley was inundated by flood waters damaging 20% of the city with more than 4,100 homes and yards being damaged. The water covered so many homes that 2,376 had six to ten feet of water, and an additional 805 homes were damaged beyond repair. The flood waters that covered yards and parks for nearly a month left behind silt, sand and mud, killing the grass.

The cleanup and rebuilding process will take years for the city of Minot. Minot Rotary clubs are helping with this process by raising funds to purchase grass seed. The grass seed will be donated to homeowners and the Minot Park District so we can begin to green up the more than 4,000 yards and 300 park acres that were under water.

Helping by the Numbers

- 1 yard requires 30 pounds of grass seed
- 30 pounds of grass seed costs \$45
- 1 acre of a park, school or city block requires 220 pounds of grass seed
- 220 pounds of grass seed costs \$330

The Goal is simple

The goal of Rotary Planting Hope is to provide enough grass seed to replant the yards of the more than 4,000 homes and 300 acres of parks that were damaged by the 2011 Mouse River Flood.

To make a donation to Rotary Planting Hope complete the form below.

Organization _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail donation to: Rotary Planting Hope, P.O. Box 1584, Minot, ND 58702

All donations will be used to support the project and purchase grass seed to be donated to the more than 4,000 property owners who were affected by the 2011 Mouse River Flood. For more information contact us at info@rotaryminot.org.

Amount (check one)

- ☐ \$45 (I want to adopt a yard)
☐ \$540 (I want to adopt a block)
☐ \$2,500 (I want to adopt a school)
☐ \$5,000 (I want to adopt a park)
☐ Other Amount _____



Arrowhead Shopping Center (IRET Properties)
1600 2nd Ave. SW • Minot

Ambassadors helped celebrate the Post Flood Grand Opening of the Arrowhead Shopping Center. ND Gov. Jack Dalrymple offered remarks to the crowd, and a complimentary lunch was provided by Marketplace Foods.



Marketplace Foods - Arrowhead
1600 2nd Ave. SW • Minot • 839-7948

The Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to celebrate the newly remodeled grocery store, which suffered flood damage from the June 2011 flood.



RCC Western and Work
1208 20th Ave. SW • Minot, ND • 852-5052 • 852-5053

RCCWesternStores.com
Bob Hoover, Owner

RCC Western and Work has expanded into a new building on 20th Avenue SW, providing a much larger selection of western and work-related products.



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Construction Engineers is in the business of making North Dakota more beautiful through solving infrastructure problems with an innovative approach ... building buildings.*



First International Bank & Trust

1705 2nd Ave. SW • Minot • 839-2170 • www.fibtlink.com

First International Bank & Trust celebrated their return to the Arrowhead neighborhood with a ribbon cutting.



Professional Business Interiors

1310 East Burdick, Suite 2 • Minot • 837-4848 • www.pbiminot.com

The Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to cut the ribbon at the new location for Professional Business Interiors.

Chevy Scholar winners announced

More than 8,500 text and online votes were cast by the friends, families, peers, teachers and neighbors of 10 Chevy Scholar finalists over the course of two weeks to determine four \$5,000 scholarship winners from the West Dakota Chevy Dealers and Heartland Chevy Dealers of North Dakota and western Minnesota. The finalists were chosen from over 275 applicants.

In the end, Brandon Swanson (Devils Lake High School), Austin Mack (Dickinson High School), DeeAnna Ziegler (Hazen High School), and Cassandra Fick (Litchville-Marion High School) earned the votes needed to win.

Students either nominated themselves or were nominated by family, friends, parents, teachers or coaches. Finalists were determined by community involvement, academic achievements, extracurricular activities, volunteer work and personal essay.

While the program planned to provide only four \$5,000 scholarships, after narrowing the applicants down to ten finalists, the dealers decided to recognize the other finalists with \$500 awards. In addition to the scholarships, a Bismarck nominator received a \$500 cash award through a random drawing.

Dance studio offers workshops

American Dance Studio will offer two days of dancing workshops in the afternoons of April 20 and 21 at the Holiday Inn in Minot. Each session will be followed by dancing in the evening.

Business professionals, dancers, actors, recreation directors, daycare providers, activity directors, supervisors, trainers, presenters are all invited to attend. The workshops are intended to allow creative expression Friday afternoon and to learn the methods of movement Saturday afternoon. The cost of one workshop is \$15 or both for \$25. Please log into www.AmericanSalesStudio.com to sign up and learn more, email American_s@rock-etmail.com, or call 701-240-8919.

American Bank announces new employees

American Bank Center announces that Jonn Knecht has been selected for their Minot Market President position. Knecht brings 13 years of experience to American. Jonn has previously worked as a senior ag lending specialist for six years and most recently was a business banking manager of



Jonn Knecht



Edward Jones

1600 2nd Ave. SW, Suite 28 • Minot • 839-6113 • www.edwardjones.com

Ginger Neshem Quam & Jessie Seideman

Ambassadors helped celebrate Edward Jones celebrate their return to Arrowhead Shopping Center after the clean up and construction following the flood of 2011.

ag/commercial banking for seven years, all in the Minot area. He graduated from Minot State University with a degree in accounting and finance. He is currently President Elect of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and is Past President of Minot Sunrise Rotary.

"I am excited with all the opportunities American has to offer its clients in serving and meeting their financial needs," said Knecht.

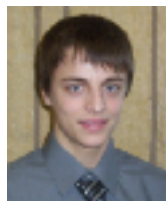
American Bank Center announces Howard Rice as ag banking officer for the Minot and Stanley markets. Howard will be primarily stationed out of the Stanley office and comes to



Howard Rice

American with 25 years of experience with Farm Service Agency out of Minot.

American Bank Center announces Jarrett Peskey as part-time teller. He is currently pursuing an accounting degree from Minot State University.



Jarrett Peskey

American Trust Center announces Wendy Keller has moved back to trust from American Bank Center. She has worked with the American companies for five years and has 27 years of financial services experience in trust, personal banking, credit analysis, operations and mortgage. Wendy administers fiduciary accounts, with a focus on mineral and other personal trusts, investment management accounts and IRA's. She obtained her bachelor of science



Wendy Keller

degree in international business from Moorhead State University and graduated with honors from Cannon Financial Institute's Personal Trust School. Wendy has achieved the Certified Trust and Financial Advisor (CTFA) designation.

American Insurance Center announces Jami Sison as account manager in the Minot location. She is a graduate of the University of North Dakota.



Jami Sison

Sharp names Midwest Business Platinum Level Service Provider

Sharp Imaging and Information Company of America (SIICA), a division of Sharp Electronics Corporation, announced today that it has recognized Midwest Business Systems as a Platinum Level Service Provider for its high level of achievement in critical areas of service delivery. The Sharp program was designed to distinguish service organizations that not only meet, but also exceed performance benchmarks and the implementation of industry best practices in this area.

"Knowing how hard Midwest Business Systems has worked over the past 23 years to provide superior service training programs and excellent customer support, Sharp is pleased to present this much-deserved award," said Scott Chatten, senior director, Services and Support, Sharp Imaging and Information Company of America.

To qualify for the program and be eligible to receive the Platinum Level Service Provider Award, an organization must meet several criteria that demonstrate excellent training, education, service support and customer satisfaction.

MEMBER NEWS

United CommunityBank hires Kotaska

United Community Bank of Minot announces the recent hiring of Heather Allard-Kotaska as a loan administrator. Heather is originally from Minot and graduated from Bishop Ryan High School in 2002. She currently lives in Minot with her husband, Eric, and their two children. She is a member of the Minot Young Professionals.



Heather Allard-Kotaska

Hope Floats run set for June 23

Hope Floats, Rebuild the Magic, will take place Saturday, June 23 in the Roosevelt and Eastwood Park area. This walk/run course will be held throughout one of the areas most affected by the flood of 2011.

This annual event will serve as a reminder of the hardships that those who have lost their homes have faced, and will also serve as an opportunity to celebrate the progress of the reconstruction as residents continue to come together to rebuild our special community.

The funds raised by Hope Floats, Rebuild the Magic will be used to help rebuild the disaster area.

For further information on registration, volunteering and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Tiffany Campione at 815-715-3891 or tscarcelli@yahoo.com.

Village sponsors Mums fundraiser

Mums for Moms is a fundraising event to benefit children's services at The Village Family Service Center. Orders for the Spider Mum, a flower that blossoms to resemble an exploding firework, will be taken through April 13. Choose from lavender, white, yellow or pink, and cost is as follows: 1 mum is \$4; 3 mums are \$10; and • 5 mums are \$15.

Credit card orders may be placed by calling 701-852-3328, or orders may be placed at the Minot Village office at 20 1st St. SW, Minot.

Orders will be available for pick up Wednesday, May 9 and Thursday, May 10. With a \$10 purchase or more, delivery is free in the city of Minot May 8 – 11. Delivery is \$2 for purchases of less than \$10.

Community Health Foundation Grants exceed \$3.8 million dollars

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation will award \$450,000.00 in grants to area organizations.

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation is an independent public charity foundation set up with proceeds donated by the Sisters of St. Francis from the sale of a local hospital in 1998. Over \$3.8 million dollars have been granted to area organizations to benefit the residents in the

counties of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Ward, and Wells. A board of directors governs the Foundation.

Grants totaling nearly \$500,000.00 will soon be awarded to area organizations.

Servpro® offers mobile app for disasters

For a property owner, a worst-case scenario involving fire or water damage can seem unthinkable and then suddenly become a reality. To provide home and business owners with a quick and convenient way to call in the experts when disaster strikes, ServPro® announces the public release of the Ready Plan Mobile Application. The free app is now available to download across three mobile platforms: Android™, iOS®, and Blackberry®.

For more information about ServPro® of Minot, please contact Chad Leier at 852-7378 or servpro9912@midco.net.

MSU honored by Red Cross

Minot State University was honored March 15 by the American Red Cross for sheltering 2011 Mouse River flood victims in the Dome. Allan McGeough of the Mid-Dakota Chapter of the American Red Cross made the presentation of a limited edition print.

Wellness Center nears completion

Though last summer's flood slowed work by a week, Roger Kluck, Minot State University assistant vice president of facilities management, feels turnover of the Wellness Center will begin in April. The 60,000-square-foot, \$12.8 million facility, however, will not be in full operation until the fall semester.

The Wellness Center is attached to the Dome, and a skywalk will connect the building to Swain Hall. Swain Hall has a pedagogy lab where future physical education teachers can practice their lessons, thus, the three buildings create a complex dedicated to fitness and wellness.

SVUW holds 2012 annual meeting

The annual meeting for Souris Valley United Way was held March 1, 2012. New officers elected for 2012 were: Leslie Coughlin (Coughlin Construction), president; Jarid Lundeen (Tires Plus), campaign chair; Jim Knudsen (community member), vice president; and Bianca Grosche (Odney), past president.

Newly elected to Souris Valley United Way board of directors were Sarah Montgomery (Results Unlimited) and Aaron Schmitz, (Scheels).

Coughlin was recognized for her leadership as campaign chair during the 2011 Fall Campaign. Over \$500,000 was raised to assist 27 local programs which help those in need.

Joanne Branson (Enbridge) retired from the Board of Directors, and was commended for her

many years of service and stewardship.

Souris Valley United Way is committed to supporting our community by securing financial contributions and directing available resources to assist those who have unmet basic human needs.

For more information visit www.svunited-way.com call 701.839.2994.

InfoTech celebrates five years in Minot

InfoTech is celebrating its five-year anniversary in North Dakota, offering a 100% U.S. based workforce with a high quality of technical expertise. Headquartered in New York, InfoTech has remained committed to its business vision while others increase offshoring.

"We believe our clients not only respect our vision, but they reap the benefits of an IT company that operates in the U.S., with 100% American labor," said Matti Kon, president and CEO.

Bringing this vision to Minot in 2007 has allowed young professionals and recent graduates in the high-tech field to build careers in their hometown while providing the highest quality of service to clients such as the Department of Defense, New York and New Jersey labor unions, Raytheon Missile System, and others.

PBI expands to new location, adds employee

Professional Business Interiors expanded into a new location at 1310 East Burdick Expy, Suite 2 in January 2012 and is also

pleased to announce that Loraine Haugen from Minot has joined the staff as a designer/sales consultant. Haugen comes to Fireside/PBI with over 19 years of interior furniture design experience. She will join Samantha Carlson, who has a four-year degree in commercial interior design.

Together, the duo will specialize in commercial/office interior design work. Products offered include furniture manufactured by Steelcase, National, Global, Hon and others. Utilizing the latest version of AutoCAD, single or multi-dimensional drawing can be done in house. Plans are being made to offer customers a new design service by mid-summer. This will bring the ability to blend fabric, paint color and work surface patterns using a computer-generated program to create a presentation allowing the customer to see exactly what the finished space will look like. This new service, when available, will be the only service of its kind in the area.

Fireside/PBI is a full service commercial interior design firm. Call 837-4848 for a complimentary consultation today.



Loraine Haugen

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Right Start Presentation , 12:30 p.m., MAFB	3 Ae2s Ribbon Cutting , 4:30 p.m., 1115 16th St SW, Suite 2	4	5 Military Ball Planning Committee , 11:30 a.m., Ground Round Military Affairs Committee , Noon, Grand Int'l. Ambassadors Committee , 4:30 p.m., MSU Jones Room	6	7
8 Easter Sunday	9	10 Eagle Awards Presentation , 10 a.m., Chamber office	11 Customer Service Workshop , 9 to Noon & 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Grand Int'l. Right Start Presentation , 10 a.m., MAFB YP Power Hour , Noon, Bremer	12 CLI Planning , Noon, Chamber office	13 Infrastructure Committee , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	14 International Military Ball , 6 p.m., Holiday Inn
15	16 Right Start Presentation , 12:30 p.m., MAFB	17 Board of Directors , 7:30 a.m., Grand Int'l	18 Honors Banquet , 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn	19 Diplomats Committee , 9 a.m., Parker Center Business After Hours , 5 – 7 p.m., Beaver Ridge, 1100 N. Brdwy.	20	21
22	23	24	25 Personal Safety Workshop , 8:30 a.m., Holiday Inn Right Start Presentation , 10 a.m., MAFB Junior Achievement , Noon, Chamber office	26 Energy Committee , 11:30 a.m., Vegas	27	28
29	30 Right Start Presentation , 12:30 p.m., MAFB					

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