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Nominees have been proposed for three-year terms on the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors beginning Oct. 1, 2012. They are **David Fuller** (Minot State University), **Linda Johnson** (Home Sweet Home), **Chad Schmidt** (10 North Main), **Fred Lien** (Lien's Jewelry), and **Landy Brown** (Pure Energy).

Fuller has served as the president of Minot State University and Dakota College at Bottineau since 2004, and will serve his second three-year term with the Chamber's board.

He serves on the board of directors for the Minot Area Development Corporation and Trinity Health. He and his wife Nancy have two children and three grandchildren.

Johnson is a native to the Minot area, and has been involved in retail nearly all her life. She first served as an employee, then manager, and now has been the owner of Home Sweet Home for the past twelve years. She has helped organize fundraisers for the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, has been a longtime supporter of the ND Disabled American Veterans, a member of the Minot Convention & Visitors Bureau, and is a member of

a local philanthropy group. She and Mark, her husband of 39 years, have two grown sons and two grandchildren.

Schmidt, is general manager and part owner of 10 North Main. He grew up in Minot and obtained a bachelor's degree in history from the University of North Dakota and a master of arts from Teachers College, Columbia University. Schmidt moved back to Minot in 2003 to open up a restaurant, 10 North Main, in downtown Minot.

Lien, a Rugby native, has been in the Minot area since 1991. He and his wife Sheri have owned Lien's Jewelry since 2005. Lien is also a member of Rotary, the Masons, Shriners, the Downtown Business & Professionals Association, First Lutheran Church, and serves on the board of the Minot Parking Authority. He and his wife have one daughter, Taylor.

Brown, the North Dakota Field Sales Representative for Pure Energy, came to North Dakota from Arizona in June 2008. He, his wife, and three teenage children spent last summer fighting the flood and helping Minot rebuild.

Reserve your spot for next year!

CLI has full class early in 42nd year

Twenty-five students are ready to learn more about Minot through the 42nd Community Leadership Institute (CLI) and take an opportunity to get involved in our community. This is a great networking and learning tool for employees. CLI is a 9-week course offering a taste of several different areas of the community including economic development, media and law enforcement.

CLI 2012 starts in September and runs through the first week in November. Each session is held

on a Thursday, except during Norsk Høstfest. The class takes place in the morning from 8 a.m. until noon, however, the MAFB session is all day. The cost is \$250 per person, and the class is limited to 25.

The class is already filled for the upcoming year, but it's not too late to begin thinking about next year! For more information contact Carla at 857-8205.

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The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **Crown Corporate Housing**. Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

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Tuesday, August 7

5:30-8 pm

Minot Soccer Complex

Trinity Health is teaming up with the Minot Police Department and Target to promote public safety and recognize those who keep our community safe.

Free games, food, music, face painting, inflatables, Dizzy the Clown, educational booths and law enforcement special equipment displays

Event sponsored by:



Minot Area Credit Unions

RENEWALS

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from June 14 to July 27, 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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Great Plains Young Professionals Summit successful

The 3rd Annual Great Plains Young Professionals Summit was hosted in Minot by the Minot Young Professionals, June 6-8. The Summit welcomed to Minot more than 110 young professionals from across North Dakota and Minnesota. Keynote speakers Aaron Davis, Dr. Boyd and Bob Upgren inspired, motivated and entertained attendees. Breakouts featured young professionals from networks across North Dakota as presenters including Aaron Hill (Fargo), Shanda Cool (Minot), Laurie Morse-Dell and Deb Eslinger (Bismarck) and Kayla Shafer and Molly Sullivan (Bismarck). Additional breakout sessions included a session on launching a community giving foundation as well as how to reveal leadership through service, relationships and action. Governor Dalrymple spoke at the

opening session of the Summit and later in the day attendees were invited to volunteer alongside Betsy and the Governor while helping paint the flooded Roosevelt Park Zoo. More than 40 summit attendees took the time to tour the Minot Value Added Agriculture Complex and 70 of the summit attendees took the time to visit downtown Minot and some favorite establishments of the Minot Young Professionals during the downtown pub crawl.

Thank you to local sponsors of the Summit including Odney Advertising, Ackerman-Estvold Engineering and Management Consulting, AT&T, AARP North Dakota, Minot CVB, First Western Bank & Trust, Advanced Engineering & Environmental Services, United Community Bank, Preferred Minot Real

Estate, Verizon Wireless, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson and Bremer Bank. The Minot Young Professionals would like to thank these sponsors and the Minot Chamber of Commerce for their support and investment in young professionals throughout the state.



Young Professionals Network

www.ypminot.com

Downtown Festival on Main set for Aug. 18

The annual Festival on Main will be held in Downtown Minot Saturday, Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the Downtown Business and Professional Association of Minot. Activities include carnival games, inflatable obstacle course and bounce house, provided by River Rentals. Rocky Top Ranch petting zoo, Dakota Cruisers car show, bingo, food and craft vendors, and Dizzy the Clown will also be in attendance. There will be local

dance studio performances, including the Eagle Feather Dancers from New Town, FunTyme Karaoke contest, and pedal cars for the kids.

Several businesses along Main Street and Downtown will have activities at their locations, including a cream cheese baking contest at Gourmet Chef, fruit carving demo at United Pantry, face painting and prize drawing at Main Street Books, "Vitro-graph" molten glass demonstration at Margie's Art Glass Studio, 2nd Story

rummage sale, children's art activities at the Taube Museum, historical Minot video presentation with Amy Lisner at the Taube, and so much more!

Booth spaces are available and volunteers are needed to man the carnival games and inflatable games. If you are interested and able to help during the Festival or need a booth application, please call 838-4445 or 839-8928, or e-mail us at gourmet@minot.com.

Junior Achievement program receives financial support

Junior Achievement (JA) of Minot received a financial boost, thanks to the Xcel Energy Foundation. Kathy Aas (Xcel Energy Community Relations Manager) presented a \$2,000 donation to Chamber President John MacMartin. The money is part of an education grant from the foundation. JA also received a \$3,000 grant from the Minot Endowment Fund through the North Dakota Community Foundation. All the money will be used to purchase kits for volunteers to teach the free enterprise system in both public and private Minot schools grades K - 6.



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 providing a gift certificate for each Eagle recipient.



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MAC golf
tourney set for Aug. 6
Roughrider Golf Course -
MAFB
11 a.m. Registration
Noon: shotgun start
Prizes awarded
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852-6000

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GROUND BREAKINGS



First International Bank & Trust
150 16th St SW • Minot, ND 58701
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First International Bank & Trust is proud to show commitment to the Arrowhead neighborhood by rebuilding after the flood events in 2011.



Domestic Violence Crisis Center - Campus of New Beginnings
DVCC purchased over three acres of land where the office, safe house, and transitional living will all be located. DVCC lost both transitional living four-plexes to the flood, which limited their ability to protect the women who need them. Hight Construction broke ground on Phase I of this project that includes a four-plex and new office. The on-site office will allow staff to assist women at any time. It will also be cost-effective and offer a higher level of security. This four-plex will be the first of five that will come in Phase II.



Marketplace Foods
16th St. & 21st Ave. • Minot, ND 58703
www.marketplacefoods.com

Ground was broken for the new North Hill location for Marketplace Foods at 16th Street and 21st Ave. NW. Ambassadors helped to get this started by tossing the dirt alongside company and city officials.



Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC

Minot Arrowhead Office; 1600 2nd Ave NW • Minot, ND 58701

857-0817 • www.enbridgeus.com

Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC is a crude oil pipeline company celebrating the 50th anniversary of its North Dakota system in 2012, and what better way than by opening a new office in the Arrowhead Mall.



Maple View: 2805 Elk Drive • Minot, ND

852-7700 • www.lifeatmapleview.com

Maple View, a new member care community in Minot, held an open house and ribbon cutting for its new facility. The facility includes a 28,700-square-foot building and houses 32 private and semi-private rooms on the west edge of Minot.



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Flower Central is a trendy new flower shop in downtown Minot. Flower Central carries fresh flowers, plants, candy balloons, and candles for any occasion.



Staybridge Suites

3009 S. Broadway • Minot, ND 58701 • 852-0852 •

www.staybridge.com

Ambassadors helped cut the ribbon during the grand opening of this luxurious, extended-stay hotel. The company also donated money to three organizations — including flood recovery — during the ceremony. Owners and associates were proud to give \$21,000 back to the community for future growth.



Trinity Health Center-Riverside & Trinity CancerCare Cottage

P.O. Box 5020 • Minot, ND • 857-5000 • www.trinityhealth.org

Trinity Health recently celebrated the grand re-opening of Health Center-Riverside, which houses our behavioral health unit, and the Trinity CancerCare Cottage, which houses cancer patients who are seeking treatment with us. Both facilities were severely damaged in the Souris River flood of 2011. The grand re-openings occurred after extensive renovations were done on these buildings.



Moore Engineering

2730 30th St NW, Suite B • Minot, ND 58701 • 839-1590 •

www.mooreengineeringinc.com

Brock Storrusten, Branch Manager

Moore Engineering, Inc. is a full-service civil engineering firm. The newly opened office houses ten staff, with immediate plans to expand to 15, and finally 35 at this location.



ND State Fair

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The red coats helped kick off the 2012 North Dakota State Fair with a ribbon cutting at the expanded North Dakota Game and Fish Conservation and Skills Park on the fairgrounds.

188th ARMY BAND

NORTH DAKOTA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

“PRIDE IN PERFORMANCE”

188th North Dakota Army Band performs for Arts in the Parks

The Minot Area Council of the Arts is pleased to present the 188th Army Band, as a part of the Arts in the Parks Summer Concert Series, Sunday Aug. 5 at 7 p.m.



North Dakota State Fair celebrates record-breaking year

Leaders of the 2012 North Dakota State Fair were determined not to focus on numbers. The 2010 Fair set the attendance bar high with, 308,641 visitors. And there was no Fair in 2011, with the grounds under more than 10 feet of Mouse River flood. But Fair Manager Renae Korslien need not have worried. A total of 310, 889 people flocked to the Fairgrounds July 20-28, to see a great concert line-up including everything from Kid Rock to Blake Shelton.

Weather, which Korslien described as “perfect” the first eight days, brewed up a threatening wind storm just as the grand finale, a Foreigner concert, was set to take the main stage. After Foreigner rocked out their first song, safety precautions were taken and the grandstand was cleared. The concert was postponed for approximately an hour and a half but weather cleared and Foreigner took the stage ready to wow the crowd.

Korslien praised both the concert-goers and staff, who moved visitors from the Grandstand to safe quarters under the Grandstand and the State Fair Center. The stands were cleared in 7 minutes. Foreigner also received their share of praise: “They each assured me they would play their full concert when the storm blew by, and they did,” the manager said.

The fireworks which traditionally end the Fair went on, too. “We are so pleased

with attendance,” Korslien said, “but success hasn’t been measured in numbers.”

There were no complaints about numbers at events either: Kid Rock, 14,887; the Zac Brown Band, 14,307; Blake Shelton, 13,329; Luke Bryan, 11,967; Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, 6,179; Chris Young, 6,530 and Foreigner, 8,252. “Fairgoers showed they also like our other attractions,” she said, “with 3,629 at the Enduro race and 2,249 watching the IMCA and Stock Cars. NPRA Bull Riding Championships drew in 2,731 in two nights; and 2,451 attended the ranch rodeos that are growing in popularity.

The free pony and horse pulls, draft horse events, and 4-H and FFA livestock shows also drew in a large crowd. Not to mention a dozen free stages that covered everything from alligators to racing pigs to motorcycle stunts. While a total hasn’t been received yet on competitive exhibits entered at the Fair, the State Fair Center and barns were packed with many static and livestock entries from a number of open class, 4-H and FFA exhibitors.

“We have so much to be grateful for this year,” Korslien said. “One major blessing is that we were able to put on an exciting, safe family event for people, especially



those in the Mouse River Valley who have had such a tough year enduring and recovering from the flood last summer. I can’t pay enough of a tribute to our staff, especially the grounds crew who put in countless hours to make sure the North Dakota State Fairgrounds were well maintained with beautiful grass and trees. And they did all that in addition to the usual Fair duties of setting up and moving stages, keeping bathrooms and showers working and moving in over 600 vendors.

“The 2012 North Dakota State Fair has been excellent, the staff is now looking forward to planning the 2013 Fair which will be held July 19-27,” said Korslien.

Steps shared at free webinar hosted by SBA and Agility Recovery

Make plans to protect your business in case of natural disaster

You’ve gone online to get the checklists, seen the articles, joined the webinars, and you have a lot of good information when it comes to building a disaster preparedness plan for your business. But what should you tackle first? Is it the financial protection that comes with good insurance coverage? Should your priority be protecting your employees? And how do you find the time to work on a disaster recovery plan?

It turns out that you can build your resilience starting today, with minimal commitment of time and resources. Join Agility Recovery and the U.S. Small Business Administration Tuesday, Aug. 14 for an online discussion on how to start building your business continuity plan. The

steps you take towards protecting your business can make the difference between succumbing to or surviving a crisis.

SBA partners with Agility to offer business continuity strategies at its “PrepareMyBusiness” website. Visit www.preparemy-business.org to access past webinars and get additional preparedness tips.

The SBA provides disaster recovery assistance in the form of low-interest loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofits

and businesses of all sizes. To learn more,

WHAT:
“Start Building Your Disaster Recovery Plan TODAY!”
A presentation followed by a question and answer session

WHEN:
Tuesday, August 14, 2012
2 – 3 p.m. ET

HOW:
Space is limited.
Register at:
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/641009256>

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Employee news at St. Alexius

Dr. Mahesh Patel, neonatologist at St. Alexius, successfully completed the requirements for recertification in neonatal perinatal medicine. This is accomplished, in part, by successful completion of the board examination which must be retaken every 10 years by previously board-certified physicians.

Dr. Patel is co-director of St. Alexius' neonatal ICU and medical director of The Clinics of St. Alexius. He has been re-certified in neonatal perinatal medicine through the American Board of Pediatrics and, as a board-certified neonatologist, has been caring for sick babies in St. Alexius' NICU for the past 10 years.

Heather Kelley, RN, was recently named a clinical coordinator at The Clinics of St. Alexius. As a clinical coordinator, Heather organizes daily events, manages staff, orients new employees and physicians and assists in the development of electronic health records (EHR).

Heather joined St. Alexius in 2009 as a registered nurse in urology. She attended Minot State University and graduated from Medcenter One College of Nursing.

Ackerman Surveying welcomes Main

Ackerman Surveying & Associates, Inc. is pleased to introduce Jason Main, PLS, as Survey Project Manager. Main has over 11 years of experience in survey field work and project management. He holds a bachelor of science degree in Forest Ecosystem Management from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. In addition, he has furthered his surveying education through a number of higher education institutes over the past eight years. Main and his family are from Indiana.

Ackerman Surveying & Associates, Inc. is a full-service land surveying firm that provides services to both public and private sector clients throughout the state of North Dakota, and the upper Midwest. Ackerman Surveying & Associates, Inc. is headquartered in Minot, N.D.

Town & Country Insurance hires two

Town & Country Insurance Agency, a full service insurance agency offering all aspects of farm, crop, commercial and personal insurance, has hired Eva Biddinger and Annette Foss.

Biddinger has joined Town & Country Insurance Agency as an agent specializing in both personal and commercial property and casualty insurance. She has been in the insurance industry since 2004. She obtained her Property & Casualty License in 2005 and is currently working on her Certified Insurance Service Representative designation.

Foss, originally from Westhope, is an agent and customer service representative specializing in both personal and commercial lines of

insurance. She has been in the insurance industry since 2003 and has obtained her Property & Casualty License. Both are located in the Minot office. Town & Country Insurance Agency also has agents in Fargo, Berthold and Turtle Lake.

Indigo Signworks promotes Smesrud

Indigo Signworks is proud to announce the promotion of Robert Smesrud to general manager of Indigo Signworks, Minot.

Smesrud is now responsible for planning and directing the actions of the organization, formulating policies, and managing daily operations. Smesrud has been with Indigo since the purchase of Bacon Signs, Minot, in July of 2011, as the acting branch manager.

Indigo Signworks CEO, Bernie Dardis, said, "With his longtime ties to the Minot community, and his years of experience and talent in the sign business, we are very pleased to have Bob take on this position."

He started out in the sign business as a painter at Bacon Signs in 1979, and soon had his hand in installation, fabrication, CAD operations and shop foreman. He took a job at Thompson Signs Systems from 1989 to 1992 where he worked in regional sales and was the production manager. He then returned to Bacon Signs where he's been the CAD Operations Manager and Production Supervisor.

Smesrud and his wife, Lisa, reside in Minot, ND and have a son Dana (22) who lives in Okinawa, Japan.



Robert Smesrud
Indigo Signworks

Indigo Signworks, founded in 1996, is a Fargo based company with offices in Fargo, Bismarck, Grand Forks, Alexandria, St. Cloud, MN, and Minot. Indigo manufactures and installs signage throughout North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and eastern Montana.

Area educators attend Northern Plains Writing Project

More than 24 North Dakota educators were on Minot State University's campus and in Bismarck for MSU's annual Northern Plains Writing Project Summer Institute and Advanced Summer Institute. The Summer Institute started July 9 and ran through Aug. 2, while the Advanced Summer Institute began July 16, and continues to Aug. 2. NPWP is in its ninth year of instruction.

"As a site of the National Writing Project, the NPWP Summer Institute offers teachers a place to read and discuss ideas about teaching writing and using writing to teach — plus time to write," said Ron Fischer, associate English professor and NPWP co-director. "Readings include common and grade-specific selections

to meet the needs and interests of all teachers participating in the institute. Teachers also share best teaching practices through hands-on teaching demonstrations and explore the teaching of writing by writing."

NPWP invites teachers of any subject, at any grade level, to participate. Individuals receive a stipend to reimburse tuition cost. They also receive books and a supportive community of fellow teachers. Institute fellows are eligible for six graduate credits through MSU.

For more information, contact Fischer at 858-3174 or ron.fischer@minotstateu.edu.

NDCPD awarded \$533,000 to fight Medicare fraud

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities on Minot State University's campus recently received a three-year \$533,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This grant will assist the North Dakota Senior Medicare Patrol program in continuing efforts to combat Medicare fraud.

N.D. SMP is one of 54 SMP projects across the nation that educate Medicare beneficiaries, caregivers and professionals on how to prevent, detect and report health care fraud, waste and abuse. SMP programs receive funding from the Administration on Aging, which is part of the Administration for Community Living, and work in close partnership with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the HHS Office of Inspector General.

For questions about N.D. SMP, contact 858-3424 or linda.madsen@minotstateu.edu.

Souris Valley United Way recognizes Eby

Captain Lucas Eby has received the National Combined Federal Campaign Hero Award from the Office of Personnel Management for his work during the 2011 Minot Area Combined Federal Campaign.

Captain Eby served as the Minot Air Force Base CFC Base Project Officer raising a record total of \$193,124 in contributions. This was a CFC record for most money raised at the installation.

Through his leadership the Minot AFB achieved 133% of their campaign goal, and 100% contact goal of 7,000 personnel within a 5-week period, despite the 785 Active Duty Airmen, families, and civilians losing personal belongings and homes to the city's record breaking flood in 2011.

The 2011 campaign marked the 50th anniversary of the creation of the CFC by President John F. Kennedy and was the first time total pledges have exceeded \$7 billion since its inception.

Souris Valley United Way is the Principal Combined Fund Organization (PCFO) for the local Combined Federal Campaign. For more information, please call 839-2994.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Surrey Safe Routes began in July

The City of Surrey was awarded funding through the Safe Routes to Schools program to construct sidewalks throughout portions of the city. Underground storm sewer and pipe installation work began in July, with construction of the sidewalk to follow. The project is anticipated to take two weeks to complete, given ideal weather conditions.

Sidewalks will be constructed from 3rd Street South to 1st Street South along Pleasant Avenue, on the East side of the roadway, and on 2nd Street SE from Pleasant Avenue to Surrey School, on the North side of the roadway. The Pleasant Avenue stretch will include a six foot sidewalk and the 2nd Street portion will be constructed as a five foot sidewalk.

The Safe Routes to Schools initiative provides Federal funding for the construction of sidewalks to safely get children to and from their schools. The funding is distributed through the ND Department of Transportation. The Surrey Safe Routes to School project was awarded to contractor Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc. at a bid of \$158,445.

Minot area needs volunteers

Do you have a sincere interest and desire to help children in their growth and development? The YWCA Early Learning Center, Edwin Loe Elementary School (New Town), Three Affiliated Tribes Boys & Girls Club (New Town), Plaza Elementary School, Nedrose School and Bell Elementary School are all looking to have a "Foster Grandparent" in one or more of their classrooms. A "Foster Grandparent" volunteer is a mentor, role model, and friend to young children. They provide one-on-one assistance to children by listening to them read, reading to them and helping them with other activities. A commitment of a least 20 hours per week is required in this volunteer position and the person must be 55 years of age or older. This particular type of volunteer would receive a tax-free stipend that does not affect Social Security or any other governmental assistance program. Other benefits include transportation allowance, supplemental accidental and liability insurance, vacation and sick leave, paid holidays and continuous training.

Please contact Rachel Alme at RSVP+ if you are interested in learning more about the Foster Grandparent Program. Call 701-852-3799 or email rachel.n.alme@ndsu.edu.

RSVP+ can place "Foster Grandparents in the following counties: Ward, McHenry, Pierce, McKenzie, Burke, Divide, McLean, Bottineau,

Williams, Sheridan, Mountrail, Renville, Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, Stark, Burleigh, Morton, Mercer, Grant, Emmons, Oliver, Sioux, Stutsman, LaMoure, Wells, Foster, Logan, Dickey, Kidder and McIntosh.

Badlands Circuit Finals voted the best event

The Minot Y's Men's Rodeo was recognized by the Minot Convention and Visitors Bureau's with the Favorite Event Award for 2011.

The award, voted on by the people of Minot, is given to the event that Minot citizens consider their favorite annual event in the city.

This is the first time the rodeo has won the award. Jake Hansen, 2012 Minot Y's Men's Rodeo chairman, was pleased. "What an honor this is," he said, "with what Minot went through, last year, with the Flood of 2011. It is a special honor that people recognized our event as something they love to attend and will continue to support from year to year."

The Minot Y's Men's Rodeo hosts the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association's regional championship, the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo, which determines the best cowboys and cowgirls in North and South Dakota.

This year's Minot Y's Men's Rodeo is October 4-7, 2012. Tickets and more information is available at www.MinotYsMensRodeo.com.

Hope Builders recruiting volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help our city continue to recover. Hope Builders are teams of local people from churches, community organization, businesses, and others who are willing to work alongside national volunteers from Hope Village and assist with flood recovery in their own community.

Hope builders teams assist with debris removal, power washing and sanitizing, demolition of interior and exterior home structures, repairs such as porches, steps, ramps, structural damage, and construction rebuilds.

For more information contact Kristi Berg at Minot Area Community Foundation: 852-1840 or 833-2802, kristi@minotrecovery.com.

City of Burlington annexes over 700 acres for new developments

Following the Mouse River flood of 2011, the City of Burlington has seen many changes and much progress in the rebuilding and growing of the community. This month, Burlington saw their growth reach a new level when the Burlington City Council voted to annex a significant

parcel of property into the city for future development projects.

More than 700 acres of land located southeast of Burlington was recently annexed by the City of Burlington for the creation of two separate developments. Master plans for the entire property require that the acreage include both mixed use and commercial space.

Owner/developer Joel Feist is planning the Pointe of View Third Subdivision, which is comprised of 187 acres of land. The second development, known as the Highlands Ranch Subdivision, includes 535 acres of land. The Highlands Ranch Subdivision project is being planned by owner/developer Colton Lee Communities and Gary Gorian. Both projects are in their infancy, but city officials and developers are anticipating a timely development schedule with the first round of homes being completed in the spring of 2013.

Jerome Gruenberg, Mayor, City of Burlington said "We're excited to see our community thriving, especially with all of the challenges we have endured, but we also want to ensure that we can appropriately manage the growth that we are experiencing." The advance planning that is currently taking place among the city officials, school officials and the developers will help to make certain that this significant new growth does not create additional challenges for the City of Burlington and its residents. Future meetings are being planned to address concerns of city officials and residents during this transition time. Additional information will be provided to the public once those details are finalized and the developments are further along in the planning process. The two developments combined have the potential to more than quadruple the population of Burlington by adding approximately 5,000 residents to the current population of 1,100. "Burlington residents look forward to welcoming new neighbors to our family friendly, progressive community" Gruenberg stated.

For more information on the City of Burlington visit www.burlington2.gov/office.com/.

American welcomes new employee

American Insurance Center announces Bonnie Berntson as account manager in the Minot location. She brings 18 years of insurance experience to American.



Bonnie Berntson

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Ribbon Cutting, 8 a.m., Verizon, 3808 S. Broadway	2 Military Affairs Committee, Noon, MAFB Jimmy Doolittle Center Ambassadors Committee, 4:30 p.m., Sweet and Flour Patisserie	3	4
5	6 Military Affairs Committee Golf Scramble, 11 a.m. registration, MAFB Roughrider Golf Course	7 First Dollar of Profit Presentations, 10 a.m., Various locations	8 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	9	10 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	11
12	13 Right Start Presentation, 12:30 p.m., MAFB	14 Eagle Awards Presentation, 10 a.m., Chamber office Groundbreaking, 4 p.m., Washington Townhomes, 715 18th Ave SE	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Int'l.	22 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	23 Ribbon Cutting, 1 p.m., MSU Wellness Center	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	