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Constitutional Measure 2 defeated

Congratulations and thanks to all who got out and voted no on Constitutional Measure 2 in the primary election. The wide margin of defeat of the measure indicates that the voters read and clearly understood the onerous effects that would have occurred if the measure had been approved. The extensive public discourse that led up to the primary also sets the stage for

meaningful tax reform. The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce intends to work with the North Dakota State Chamber in the months leading up to the next legislative session, as well as during the session to bring about tax reform. Again, thanks and congratulations.

2012 North Dakota State Fair offers focus on agriculture



Look around! Agriculture is everywhere, and the 2012 North Dakota State Fair will be no different! This year, the North Dakota State

Fair is looking forward to educating Fair-goers on the world impact of North Dakota agriculture. Two new ag events will be available all nine days of the Fair: "ND Ag Experience" and the "Agrium Seed Survivor Display."

The "ND Ag Experience" will feature exhibits throughout the Fairgrounds. Fair-goers will follow farm animal footprints to these locations. At each stop, fun facts will focus on different types of agriculture and their impact on North Dakota; brochure guides will be available at the State Fair Center. The final stop of the tour will bring participants inside the State Fair Center Lobby to take part in a ND agriculture quiz for a chance to win \$500 in cash and other great prizes. The ND Ag Experience survey will be available every day of the Fair from 12 to 7 p.m. Special thanks to Niess Impressions and KCJB for helping make this event possible.

Agrium, a fertilizer company based out of Canada, will host a "Seed Survivor" interactive display. This exhibit travels North America year-round, teaching kids about what plants need to survive. It also teaches that plants are essential for human survival by producing food, income, oxygen and enjoyment for us all! The exhibit features multi-media

and virtual reality games, an insect video scope, a watershed center, talking walls and much more.

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Committee serves breakfast July 25

The Chamber's Agribusiness Committee will serve breakfast to State Fair livestock exhibitors Wednesday, July 25 in the Livestock Expo building. This is an annual event for the group. Committee members get up bright and early to serve by 7 a.m. The breakfast includes donuts, juice, milk, and coffee to those displaying their livestock.

Military Day: July 24

The State Fair will offer special discounts to members of the military with a special military Chamber coupon Tuesday, July 24. The day includes a beef picnic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., discounted gate admission, discounted NPRA Championship Bull Riding admission, and discounted carnival wristbands, as well as free rides from 1 to 3 p.m. for active military, reserve and National Guard members. A military ID must be shown to receive the discounts.

Tuesday also features:

- The IMCA Modified & Stock Car Races at 7 p.m. (part of the Grandstand Showpass)
- Half Price deals throughout the Fairgrounds
- Xcel Energy Family Day: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. under the tent in the SRT State Fair Park

Grandstand Country Showpass: \$75 Standing Room or \$85 Reserved Seating:

Saturday, July 21	Zac Brown Band	Sunday, July 22	Luke Bryan
Monday, July 23	Enduro Race*	Tuesday, July 24	IMCA Modified and Stock Car Races*
Wednesday, July 25	Nitty Gritty Dirt Band*	Thursday, July 26	Chris Young
Friday, July 27	Blake Shelton	<i>*General Admission Events</i>	

Kid Rock tickets will be \$55 for standing room and \$65 for reserved seating. If purchased with Kid Rock, Foreigner (Saturday, July 28) tickets will be only \$15. Purchased on their own, Foreigner tickets will cost \$25. Foreigner will be a general admission show.

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Chamber board candidates sought

Minot Area Chamber of Commerce members have until July 15 to suggest nominees for the board of directors. Suggestions must be sent in writing to the Nomination Committee at the Chamber office.

The nominating Committee will select and secure acceptance of five candidates on or before Aug. 15. Those names will then be announced in the September newsletter. At that time, members can again nominate candidates by a petition consisting of 15% of the Chamber's voting membership, which must be submitted to the Chamber office by Aug. 15.

Please call the Chamber office at 852-6000 for more information.

NEW MEMBERS

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **Mile One Running Shop**, **Flower Central**, and **Red Door Homes**. Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

MILE ONE RUNNING SHOP: 2900 10th St. SW, Suite B • Minot, ND • 837-0558

Email: mileone@srt.com • Website: www.mileonerunningshop.com

Reece Vega, Manager • Chad Wallin, Manager

Mile One employs knowledgeable and experienced staff who are dedicated to providing unparalleled customer service and the highest quality shoes, apparel, nutrition and injury prevention products. We pride ourselves on being a trusted resource center for runners and walkers in northwest North Dakota.

FLOWER CENTRAL: 405 East Central Ave. • P.O. Box 1625 • Minot, ND • 852-6224

Email: flowercentral@srt.com • Website: www.flowercentralminot.com

Niki Brose, Owner Designer

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

RED DOOR HOMES: 3100 N. 14th St. • Bismarck, ND 58503 • 701-663-4117

Fax: 701-667-6263 • Email: Christy@reddoorhomesnd.com

Christy Jelsing, selections coordinator • Sally Goldammer, executive and marketing assistant
Red Door Homes of Bismarck and Minot offers affordable pricing, streamlined processes and quality construction. We build your home like it was our home. Red Door Homes is locally owned and operated by Arthur Goldammer.

RENEWALS

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from May 17 through June 13, 2012. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

All America City Glass
ATA Martial Arts
Best Western Kelly Inn
Bierschbach Agency
Brentmoor Assisted Living
Brite-Way Window Cleaning, Inc.
Burdick Job Corps Center
Center for Family Medicine
Century 21 Action Realtors, Inc.
Comfort Solutions HVAC
Community Options, Inc.
Dakota Fence
Dakota Tax & Accounting, Inc.
Dakotah Rose Bed & Breakfast
Edgewood Minot Senior Living, LLC
Gourmet Chef, Inc.
Grand International
Green Thumb Greenhouse
Ground Round
Hight Construction LLC
Stanley B. Hirst, DDSPC
ING Minot Service Center
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Magic City Financial Group, L.P.
Magic City Garage Door & Awning
ManorCare Health Services
The Medicine Shoppe
Minot Restaurant Supply Co.
Minot Sash & Door Inc.
Minot Welding Company

North Dakota Health Care Review
North Hill Properties, LLC
Northland Bus Service, Inc.
Northwest Tire & Auto Service
Odney
Overhead Door Company of Minot
PATH ND, Inc.
Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
Quality Landscaping, Inc.
Rainbow Photo Lab, Inc.
Rockin' Horse
Rotary Club of Minot
Minot Dakota Square Scheels
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ServiceMaster of Minot
SHC, Inc.
Signs Today Inc.
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Sommers Orthodontics
Staples, Inc.
Subway
Terhorst Manufacturing
Thomas Family Funeral Home
Thompson Larson Funeral Home
Tires Plus Total Car Care
Trinity Health
TSC Farm Home Auto Store
Wells Fargo
WGO/Zoo/Sunny Radio

Brag Up Ag golf tournament July 13

The Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble, set for Friday, July 13, and sponsored by the Chamber's Agribusiness Committee, is once again offering participants a choice between a 9:30 a.m. tee-time and a 1:30 p.m. tee-time. The event is a five-man scramble, with special prizes awarded at various holes.

Additional competitions will include a

chipping contest, and golfers can take part in the Peanut Gallery. In addition to dinner, the \$55 dollar entry will include two golf carts per team and refreshments.

For more information or to sign up a team, call the Chamber at 852-6000 or email chamber@minotchamber.org.

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Kids will be able to plant a seed and take it with them through the exhibit, learning what that seed will need to survive. The Agrium Seed Survivor display, in the lobby of the State Fair Center, will be open daily during the Fair.

The learning continues throughout other areas of the Fairgrounds as well. 4-H is running a free QR Code scavenger hunt to the Ag Experience exhibit stops each day of the Fair. NDSU Extension Service's crop plot in the State Fair Park displays corn, soybeans, canola and potatoes, for a close-up view of what these crops look like as they grow.

Agriculture extends into the commercial exhibits, as well. Machinery Row, sponsored by Bobcat, is jam-packed with farm and ranch, machinery, and industrial exhibitors than ever before. An exciting addition in machinery row is the John Deere S690, the largest John Deere combine to date. Versatile Equipment, Caterpillar and Case will also be featuring their biggest and best equipment for 2012, not to mention the wide array of grain storage, drying and vacuuming equipment available. Machinery Row showcases every piece of equipment needed to prepare, plant and harvest a field.

It doesn't stop there either; to fill your ranching needs check out the increased line of ranching equipment. Featured items include everything from continuous fencing, chutes and round pens to electric drive through gates, cattle feeders and trailers.

Stop by and see what keeps North Dakota's top industry going strong at the North Dakota State Fair, July 20-28.

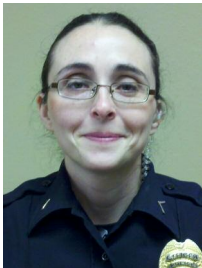
EAGLE AWARDS

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in May 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.

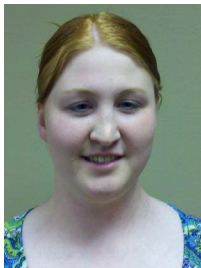
A special thank you goes out to these sponsors for providing wonderful gifts for Eagle recipients: **Lowe's Floral** for the beautiful flower arrangements; and to **Homesteaders Restaurant** for the gift certificate. These gifts are greatly appreciated.



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SRT Communications, Inc.



KATE DEBOWEY
Minot Police Department



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City of Minot



STEPHANIE BELL
Wal-Mart Super Center

2013 Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Directory planning underway

Lowes' Printing, Inc., and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce are preparing the 2013 Membership Directory. This is a great opportunity to put your name, products and services at the fingertips of area decision makers. Mark Schnabel from Lowe's Printing, Inc. will be contacting Chamber members to explore the benefits of advertising in the 2013 Membership Directory.

The directory is the Chamber's main promotional tool and the source the Chamber office uses for our daily business referrals. This spiral bound directory includes a list of members, both alphabetically and categorically, a business planner and a community profile. The community profile is reprinted as a separate piece and is filled with information valued by newcomers.

The Chamber Directory is supported through your involvement as an advertiser. For more information, please fill in the information below and email to mark@lowesprinting.com, fax to 852-2119, or contact Mark at Lowe's Printing, Inc. at 852-1211.

Yes, I would like more information on advertising opportunities in the Chamber Membership Directory and Community Profile.
Email to mark@lowesprinting.com or fax to 852-2119.

Business/organization _____ Contact name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Email _____

Celebrate Independence Day in Minot area



Festival of the Parks held in Scandinavian Heritage Park

The annual Fourth of July event, the Festival of the Parks celebration, will be held at the Scandinavian Heritage Park (1020 South Broadway) July 4, 2012.

The day-long event will feature a patriotic program, an all faiths church service, 5K run, the Minot City Band and more. For more information, call the Minot Park District at 857-4136.

Minot Air Show held at Minot International Airport

"Soaring Over the Souris," a free Minot air show, will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. at Minot's International Airport. Gates will open at 3 p.m., and the show, which will feature the Snowbirds, as well as Kent Pietsch and the Texas Flying Legends, will begin at 6 p.m. A fireworks show will begin at 10:45 p.m., and concessions will be available.

Rotary Clubs of Minot Planting Hope

Grass seed provided to 1,800 individuals

The Rotary Clubs of Minot wrapped up the Rotary Planting Hope project this month. Over \$120,000 was raised from businesses, individuals and donations from Rotary Clubs in North Dakota, Minnesota, Arizona, and Florida. The clubs were able to assist 1800 individual flooded property owners by providing 20 pound bags of grass seed on the distribution day in May. With the funds raised the clubs were also able to donate grass seed to help replant the parks, schools and fairgrounds.

"Local partners, businesses, individuals and Rotary clubs made the project a success," says Jonn Knecht. "Having a part in helping to green up our community again is something that not only the local Rotary clubs are behind but other clubs throughout the district got behind too and we want to thank our fellow Rotarians for their contributions to the project."

During the summer of 2011 Minot and the Mouse River Valley was inundated by flood waters, damaging 20% of the city and 4,100 homes and yards. The water covered so many homes that 2,375 had six to ten feet of water and an additional 805 homes were damaged beyond repair. The flood waters that covered our community's yards and parks for nearly a month left behind silt, sand and mud, killing all the grass.

The project started with members of the Minot Noon and Minot Sunrise Rotary Clubs coming together to look for a way to help the parks and individuals. Many in the community want to see the parks working to come back and some had started discussions with the Minot Park District on what their needs were and what wouldn't be covered by other federal programs. Grass seed to help green up the parks was one area identified. The Rotary Clubs of Minot exceeded their goal by not only helping individuals and parks, they also were able to distribute grass seed to help the schools and fairgrounds.

More information and photos can be found on the Rotary website at www.rotaryminot.org.

Affordable housing projects need taxpayer support

The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) is urging taxpayers to consider the benefits of the Housing Incentive Fund (HIF) for themselves and for their community.

"We need more contributions to the Housing Incentive Fund and the sooner, the better," said Mike Anderson, NDHFA executive director. "Only half of our HIF projects have raised the funds they need to begin construction. To keep the projects on schedule this construction season, we need support from taxpayers right now."

Since September, NDHFA has provided \$10.6 million in conditional commitments to 20 multifamily housing projects and raised \$6.5 million. Several hundred additional affordable apartments will be created in energy-impacted communities, if the agency can garner adequate taxpayer contributions to the fund.

"North Dakotans can help create rental units for low-to moderate-income households," Anderson said. "The Housing Incentive Fund supports the development of housing for 'Main Street' and essential service employees like waitresses, teachers, nurses, city workers, bank tellers and cashiers, along with the elderly and households with disabilities who struggle to pay market rate rents."

HIF relies on contributions from state income and financial institution taxpayers. Contributors receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit in exchange for their contribution to the fund. Contributions can be directed to a specific project or community, or for general use. Contributors are not making an investment in the housing projects.

"Ninety percent of the contributors so far have been individuals — ordinary North Dakotans who under-

stand the important role of affordable housing for their community," said Anderson. "Banks and businesses have also made large contributions to help make these projects work."

Contributions from individuals have ranged in size from \$100 to \$150,000. The largest contributions received to date are from Marathon Oil, \$2.5 million; US Bank, \$1.2 million; and MBI Energy Services, \$225,000.

"Without adequate housing for all our state residents, our communities cannot grow and prosper," said Jolene Kline, NDHFA planning and housing development division director.

NDHFA is authorized to issue tax credit certificates to contributors on a first-come, first-served basis until a \$15 million maximum threshold is reached. Any individual or entity with a state tax liability can contribute to HIF. Almost \$8.5 million worth of tax credits have yet to be claimed.

Once adequate funding is received, the projects receiving conditional commitments during the first three quarterly funding rounds will create 570 new rental units in Beach, Belfield, Bowman, Crosby, Dickinson, Kenmare, Grand Forks, Minot, Ray, Watford City and Williston. The apartments will rent for \$400 to \$1,400, depending on the size of the unit and household income.

For more information on how to contribute to the Housing Incentive Fund or to learn about the projects supported by the fund go to www.ndhousingincentive-fund.org, or contact Jolene Kline or Bill Hourigan at info@ndhfa.org, (701) 328-8080, (800) 292-8621, or (800) 366-6888 (TTY).



Upward Living: 312 3rd St. SW • Minot, ND • 852-1170

Web: www.upward-living.com • Owner: Dr. Bob Edwards

Ambassadors helped celebrate the opening of the offices of Upward Living. Dr. Bob Edwards offers a variety of workshops that can be tailored to meet a program or business theme. His goal is to increase self-awareness, and “upward living” can be directly applied to any aspect of life.



Brown & Saenger: 510 31st Ave. SW • Minot, ND • 858-0808

Web: www.brown-saenger.com

Owner: Lyle Dabbert • Branch Manager: Todd Johnson

Ambassadors cut the ribbon with Brown & Saenger employees and officials to celebrate the completion and opening of a 6,000 square-foot warehouse addition.



Farmers Insurance Latendresse Agency

304 18th Ave. SW, Suite C • Minot, ND • 838-2011

Web: www.farmersagent.com/klatendresse • Owner: Kellen Latendresse

Farmers Insurance Latendresse Agency, a locally-owned agency, is excited to be serving Minot's needs for home, auto, health and life insurance.



Oak Park Ribbon Cutting:

The Minot community celebrated a weekend of hope, a return to Oak Park on June 22, the one-year anniversary of the Mouse River flood. The Minot Park District and Minot Community Foundation held a number of events to mark the occasion, including a ribbon cutting with Chamber Ambassadors.



Schlumberger Completions: #17 40th ave NW • Minot, ND • 837-0664

Website: www.slb.com

Schlumberger Completions is excited to be servicing the Bakken with a full line of down hole completion tools and systems.



PATH ND, Inc., non-profit foster care and family services:
1425 21st Ave. N (new location) • Minot, ND
800-776-6608 • 701-551-6320 • Web: pathinc.org

PATH is a non-profit organization providing treatment foster care, family support, youth independent living services and AASK (adults adopting special kids).



First International Bank & Trust
150 16th St. SW • Minot, ND • 839-2170 • 837-1600
Website: www.firstintlbank.com

First International Bank & Trust is proud to show its commitment to the Arrowhead neighborhood by rebuilding after the flood events of 2011.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS.....

Minot Chamber Board member, Alan Estvold, elected to ND engineering board

Alan Estvold, PE, President of Ackerman-Estvold Engineering and Management Consulting, Inc., was elected to serve on the board of directors for the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of North Dakota during the spring organizational meeting. Estvold will serve a two-year term as member-at-large. He also currently serves the ACEC/ND on the PAC (Political Action Committee) as an advocate for the organization and their membership in regard to political issues affecting the engineering industry.

The American Council of Engineering Companies of North Dakota (ACEC/ND) is a nonprofit, voluntary, self-governing organization, incorporated under the laws of the state of North Dakota for the purpose of protecting the public interest and advancing the professional position of engineers in private practice.

For more information about Ackerman-Estvold Engineering & Management Consulting, Inc., visit www.ackerman-estvold.com. For additional information about the ACEC/ND, visit www.acec-nd.org.

Rotary announces scholarship winners

The Minot Rotary Scholarship Foundation Fund 2012 winners were announced at the annual banquet May 7.

This year there were 16 \$1,000 scholarships awarded to high school seniors from Minot and the surrounding area.

This year's recipients include Alexis Bahl - Mohall Lansford Sherwood School; Amber

Feickert, Kristen Meland - Harvey High School; David AcAtee - Rugby High School; Nora Uhrich, Heidi Artz - Bottineau High School; Ty Bruner, Erin O'Shea - Velve Public School; Jacques Stanley, Caitlin Bussard, John Hoffer, Jacob Stach, Megan Routledge, Elizabeth Klingbeil, Erin Black - Minot High School; and Elizabeth Burckhard - Our Redeemer's Christian School.

A number of honorary scholarships were awarded to Rotarians and community organizations. Honorary scholarships were awarded to Teal Myre and Om Madhok; Community Service Scholarships were awarded to United Way, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Minot Area Community Foundation, and Souris Valley Humane Society.

Since its inception, the scholarship fund has awarded 645 scholarships totaling \$563,500. Students earning scholarships are chosen by members of the Minot Rotary Club who review and score every application.

American Bank Center Contributes \$100,000 to the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency

American Bank Center recently contributed \$100,000 to the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA). The NDHFA is a public financial institution dedicated to making housing affordable for all North Dakotans. In addition to offering a variety of affordable mortgage options, the NDHFA ensures the continued availability of suitable rental housing for low-income households and focuses on providing for the housing needs of rural communities. The NDHFA's popular FirstHome™ program has made it possible for

more than 35,000 low- to moderate-income households to achieve homeownership using reduced interest rate mortgages, and down payment and closing cost assistance. The NDHFA also administers federal housing tax credits for the development or rehabilitation of income-qualified rental units; there are approximately 5,000 units statewide.

American Bank Center is proud to be a part of the development, growth, and success of our communities.

Hooker named nurse manager at Maple View

Cim Hooker, RN, has joined the management team of Maple View Memory Care Community. In her role as nurse manager, Hooker is responsible for coordinating health services to meet the needs of our residents and supervising the facility's caregivers.



Cim Hooker, RN
Maple View Memory Care Community

Hooker has worked in the healthcare industry for over 10 years, most recently at a Minot assisted living facility. She holds a nursing degree from Minot State University.

The View is located at 2905 Elk Drive in Minot, with Maple View next door at 2805 Elk Drive. For information, call 852-7700 or visit www.LifeAtTheView.com or www.LifeAtMapleView.com.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bussard named new general manager



David Bussard
Staybridge Suites

National Hospitality Services is pleased to announce the appointment of David Bussard as the general manager of the Staybridge Suites in Minot. He brings extensive management experience and a true admiration for customer service to the Staybridge family.

As general manager, Bussard is responsible for the overall operation and success of property. He is an active member in Minot community. He is a member of the Minot Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee and an Honorary Commander of Minot Air Force Base.

Everyone is welcome to stop by to meet Bussard at the Staybridge Suites Grand Opening July 12, 2012. Staybridge is owned by Premiere Hospitality, LLC – Minot, ND, and managed by National Hospitality Services – Fargo.

Medcenter One Occupational Health Clinic appoints employees

Deb Vesey has been named director of clinic operations for Medcenter One Occupational Health Clinic, and Justin Bueligen has been named injury prevention program manager at Medcenter One Occupational Health Clinic.



Deb Vesey, RN
Medcenter One
Occupational Health
Clinic

Vesey, a registered nurse, will be responsible for ensuring steady, efficient and quality-driven operations at the occupational health clinic's three locations — Bismarck, Dickinson and Minot — while remaining the primary leader for the Bismarck location and overseeing the managers in the Dickinson and Minot locations.

Vesey has been with Medcenter One since 2007 and most recently was manager of the Medcenter One Occupational Health Clinic in Bismarck.

Bueligen, an athletic trainer, will coordinate the Medcenter One Occupational Health Clinic injury prevention programs at the Bismarck,

Dickinson, and Minot locations, overseeing company-based ergonomics, industrial athlete programs, pre-work screens/fit for duty testing and job-site analysis, including function job description programs. He will be responsible for establishing competencies, protocols and staff training to ensure consistency across the program.



Justin Bueligen
Medcenter One
Occupational Health
Clinic

Bueligen has been with Medcenter One since 2009 and most recently was an injury prevention specialist at Medcenter One Occupational Health Clinic in Bismarck.

Medcenter One Occupational Health Clinic provides one central location for all occupational health medicine services. The goal of occupational health is to develop programs specific to each employer that keeps their workers safe, well and productive. For more information, visit medcenterone.com/occhealth.

MBS honored by Sharp®

Sharp Imaging and Information Company of America has recognized Midwest Business Systems as a Hyakuman Kai Dealer. Sharp awards Hyakuman Kai status to outstanding dealers that have achieved \$1 million plus in Sharp sales during the past year. Midwest Business Systems is among a select group of dealers recognized by Sharp from the hundreds of dealers that sell Sharp's advanced business products and solutions in the U.S.

"The Hyakuman Kai Award reinforces our commitment to Sharp dealers like Midwest Business Systems," said Doug Albregts, president, Sharp Imaging and Information Company of America. "We provide industry-leading and innovative multifunction products, intuitive software applications, and unparalleled security and support programs to our dealers which help them build long-lasting relationships through outstanding local customer service. It is an honor to recognize Midwest Business Systems as a leader among our dealer network."

American Bank Center names Michaelson as retail support specialist

American Bank Center is pleased to announce Patty Michaelson as retail support specialist. Michaelson has over 31 years of experience in the banking industry, which includes retail, management, and operations. Michaelson most recently held the position of internal operations manager.



Patty Michaelson
American Bank Center

T&C Credit Union welcomes new hires

Town & Country Credit Union has hired Brett Holtz as a commercial loan officer to support the growth of the Commercial Lending division in Minot. Holtz will be working directly with the credit union's business members providing financial solutions and lending. Holtz's more than 16 years of



Brett Holtz
Town & Country
Credit Union



Becky Goettle
Town & Country
Credit Union

experience in the financial industry is wide-ranging from being a finance underwriter at a large centralized housing credit corporation to serving as a traveling due diligence auditor, and most recently, he was loan reviewer/investigations within the FDIC. He holds

a bachelor's degree in finance from MSU and an MBA from National American University of Rapid City. He has spent the past 18 years of his career in Rapid City, SD, and is a Minot native.

Town & Country Credit Union has hired Becky Goettle as the new manager of the Stanley Town & Country Credit Union branch. Goettle has ten years of experience in the financial industry and will be providing a full line of financial services to the Stanley area including commercial, construction, real estate and consumer lending. She holds a bachelor's degree from North Dakota State University. The Stanley branch is scheduled to open early this summer.

JULY

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8	9 Right Start Presentation, 12:30 p.m., MAFB	10 Eagle Awards Presentation, 10 a.m., Chamber office	11 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB Living Up in a Down World, 8:30 a.m., Grand Int'l.	12 Ribbon Cutting, 11:15 a.m., Staybridge Suites, 3009 S. Bdwy. Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., Trinity Riverside, 1900 8th Ave. SE	13 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant Ag Golf Scramble, Wildwood Golf Course	14
15	16	17 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Int'l.	18 Ribbon Cutting, Quality Concrete, 3:30 p.m., 2730 30th St. NW Ribbon Cutting, Moore Engineering, 3:35 p.m., 2730 30th St. NW	19 Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., North Dakota State Fair	20	21
22	23 Right Start Presentation, 12:30 p.m., MAFB	24 Military Appreciation Day, ND State Fair	25 Agribusiness Committee, 7 a.m., Serving breakfast to exhibitors Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	26	27	28
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