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### Chamber Board urges a "YES" Vote!

## ***Residents across Ward County show support for ballot measure***

A citizen's committee joined Ward County mayors to express their support for a November ballot measure to pay for much-needed county projects and improvements.

The ballot measure calls for a half-cent sales tax across the entire county for an expansion to the Ward County Jail, repairs to bridges and roads damaged by spring 2011 flooding, a new office building to alleviate overcrowding and Ward County Courthouse renovations.

"One of the biggest reasons you see broad county-wide support for these projects is because of their critical nature and the fact that they support all Ward County residents," said Dan Deaver, spokesman for the Citizen's Committee. "As well, we feel that asking voters to support a sales tax is a more equitable way to spread the payment of this across all residents and not just those who own property."

Ward County is currently paying annually, through property taxes, for \$332,000 of rental space for buildings on the north side of Minot to house Social Services. Deaver said with the passing of the county measure county residents will have fewer property tax concerns and less need to raise those taxes, if they own similar office space instead of renting it. This can be accomplished through a portion of the proposed half-cent sales tax.

Deaver highlighted the fact that Ward County asked six years ago for a new office building and courthouse renovations. He said residents, like himself, voted no in part because they didn't want the tax burden on their properties and because they wanted a building that was "less extravagant." The Citizen's Committee says they feel like

the request this November comes with "significant changes to the old proposal" and reflects that County Commissioners heard the residents' concerns and made changes.

This half-cent sales tax will sunset in 10 years, or earlier if the four projects laid out in the measure are paid for before that time. An architect working with Ward County Commissioners and the Citizen's Committee indicated rough estimates for the proposed projects in the following way; the Ward County Jail expansion is estimated to cost \$10.5 million, the necessary road and bridge repairs caused by 2011 flooding are roughly \$10 million, the office building that would be built just to the north of the Courthouse would cost roughly \$15.3 million and Courthouse renovations would run \$3.5 million.

The Ward County Courthouse was built in 1929; the Ward County jail was added in 1984. The original jail was built for 58 individual cells. The jail is currently running at full capacity with multiple inmates per cell and on busy weekends the county has to make the tough decision of which low-risk offenders to release, due to the lack of space. Deaver said this presents a potential safety concern to Ward County residents. A jail expansion would allow for the county to house an additional 42 inmates.

The collection of this sales tax will be capped at \$12.50 per purchase, not impacting large purchases made in Ward County.

Learn more about the candidates and issues:  
[www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/](http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/)

### Showcase of Business Nov. 15:

## ***Enjoy the "Masquerade"***

The 2012 Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Showcase of Business will offer area businesses a chance to display their services and products around a festive theme. This year's event encourages booth sponsors and participants to celebrate with the "Masquerade" theme.

The event, sponsored by KXMC CBS13, is set for Thursday, Nov. 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the ND State Fair Center Magic Place. Participants must be present to be eligible for the grand prizes, which include a trip for two from MLT Vacations, and from KXMC CBS13, a Sharp 60-inch LED television and home theater system with a Blue Ray disc player. The trip includes two round-trip airfare tickets for a value up to

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\$800 from any city in 48 states serviced by Delta Airlines to any Delta Vacations destination in the United States, Mexico, or the Caribbean, \$800 to spend on hotel accommodations at the hotel of your choice for a minimum of two nights, for a value of up to \$1,600.

Most booths will have prizes as well. In its 21st year, the Showcase of Business provides a unique opportunity to showcase the products and services of area businesses and representatives.

Booths for Chamber members are \$150 for a 10 x 10 square foot booth, and \$250 for a 15 x 15 booth. The cost to attend is just \$10. Expect to see great prizes, food and entertainment. To register, visit [www.minotchamber.org](http://www.minotchamber.org) and sign up under the online calendar using your representative log-in.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **A Kreative Renovation**, **Dakotah Rose Delights**, and **Spherion Staffing**. Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

### A KREATIVE RENOVATION

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Spherion Staffing provides temporary, temporary-to-hire, and direct placement to employers.

Spherion now has offices in Fargo, Bismarck and Minot.

## RENEWALS

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from Sept. 24 to Oct. 19, 2012. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

Ackerman-Estvold Engineering & Management Consulting, Inc.  
Aggregate Construction Inc  
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## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



### Hampton Inn

1400 N. Bdwy.

Thursday, Dec. 6

5-7 p.m.

*This is a great opportunity to network with potential and established clients in a social, fun atmosphere. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and win a chance at \$500 in Chamber Bucks! If winner is not present, \$50 in Chamber Bucks is guaranteed.*

(Must be present to win)

\$5 charge at the door



# 23 graduate from Leadership Institute

The following participants of the 2012 Community Leadership Institute (CLI) graduate Nov. 8 at a luncheon ceremony at the Holiday Inn. Congratulations to all — we look forward to seeing you in action in the community.



**HEATHER ALLARD-KOTASKA**  
United Community Bank of ND



**CHRIS BENNO**  
SRT Communications, Inc.



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Peoples State Bank of Velva



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Dakota Tax & Accounting, Inc.



**MEGAN LAUDENSCHLAGER**  
Minot Area Community Foundation



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Peoples State Bank of Velva



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Investors Real Estate Trust



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United Community Bank of ND



**LAURA SALVESSON**  
Investors Real Estate Trust



**STACI SKELDUM**  
Trinity Health



**NIKKI TALLMAN**  
Affinity First Federal Credit Union



**MALLORY WESTBY**  
Investors Real Estate Trust

## Y's Men's Rodeo Business After Hours successful

Thank you to the Y's Men's Rodeo for the October Business After Hours. 220 people enjoyed great food, prizes and networking at the annual Y's Men's Rodeo Business After Hours. Thanks to the Y's Men for all they do for the community! Pictured left to right: John MacMartin, Bruce Walker, (Coldwell Banker/1st Minot Realty and past chair of the Board) Jake Hansen (Y's Men's Rodeo) drew for various prizes throughout the night.



## EAGLE AWARDS .....

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in October 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](http://minotchamber.org).

A special thank you goes out to **Homesteaders Restaurant** for providing a gift certificate for each Eagle recipient.



**LYLE BROWN**  
C & C Plumbing  
and Heating

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**JOE SIDES**  
C & C Plumbing  
and Heating



**ALEXIA  
HEISLER**  
Trinity CancerCare  
Center



**BONNIE EAMES**  
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Truck Stop



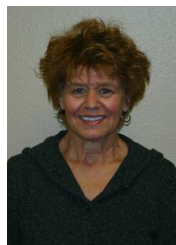
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**HOLLY HUMMEL**  
Menards



**SGT MARGIE  
ZIETZ**  
Minot Police  
Department



**LIANA HOLMAN**  
Ferguson Plumbing  
Supplies

## *Walker hands over gavel to Knecht, presents awards at annual meeting*

Chamber Board Chair Bruce Walker (Coldwell Banker/1st Minot Realty & Management) enjoyed the challenges of being Chamber Chair for the 2011-12 year. But on October 10, he was happy to hand it over to incoming Chair Jonn Knecht (American Bank Center) at the Chamber's 89th Annual Meeting. It was always Bruce's intentions to develop a small business award for Chamber members, and at the meeting, he handed out three. The criteria for the awards was developed by a committee within the Chamber, headed by Board member, Tom Ross (Odney).

The group presented Ackerman Estvold Engineering with the Spirit of Growth Award, an award that recog-



*Left: past Chamber chair Bruce Walker presented Kathy Gaddie (Ryan Chevrolet) with the Business Stewardship Award at the Chamber annual meeting.*

nizes a business that has a positive impact on the community. IRET received the Impact Award for their work within the community. The third award went to Kathy Gaddie (Ryan Chevrolet) for the Business Stewardship Award. This honor is given to those who show a commitment to the Magic City with their time and efforts to make this a better place to live.

Also during the meeting, four chamber board members were honored for their commitment to the board of directors. Brad Haugeberg (SunPrairie Grain), Shannon Radke (Integrity Viking Funds), Tom Ross (Odney), and past Chair of the Board, Terry Zeltinger (United Community Bank) were all presented plaques.



*IRET employees pose with their award, the first-ever Impact Award, for their work within the community.*

*Right: past Chamber chair Bruce Walker presented Alan Estvold and Ryan Ackerman of Ackerman Estvold Engineering with the Spirit of Growth Award.*



## *Benefits increase for nearly 62 million Americans*

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 62 million Americans will increase 1.7 percent in 2013, the Social Security Administration announced.

The 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits that more than 56 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2013. Increased payments to more than eight million SSI beneficiaries will begin Dec. 31, 2012.

Some other changes that take effect in

January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$113,700 from \$110,100. Of the estimated 163 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2013, nearly 10 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2013, when announced, will be available

at [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov). For some beneficiaries, their Social Security increase may be partially or completely offset by increases in Medicare premiums.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/cola](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/cola).

A fact sheet showing the effect of the various automatic adjustments for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income is at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pressoffice/factsheets/colafacts2013.htm>.



## RIBBON CUTTINGS



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*Headquartered in Minot, Ackerman-Estvold Engineering and Management Consulting, Inc., a professional civil engineering firm, and Ackerman Surveying & Associates, Inc., a professional land surveying firm, held a ribbon cutting at their new office location.*



**Trinity CancerCare Center:** 831 S. Broadway • Minot, ND  
857-5635 • 857-5644 • [www.trinityhealth.org](http://www.trinityhealth.org)

*The Ambassadors helped celebrate the official opening of the renovated Trinity CancerCare Center.*



**Hampton Inn:** 1400 North Broadway • 838-1400 •  
[www.hampton.com](http://www.hampton.com)

*The Ambassadors helped Minot Hotel Partners celebrate the opening of the Hampton Inn, which offers deluxe accommodations and meeting space to visitors of Minot.*



**Spherion Staffing:** 629 20th Ave. SE, Suite B • 839-7660  
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*The Ambassadors helped celebrate the new Minot offices of Spherion Staffing, which matches skilled candidates with temporary and full-time job opportunities at companies seeking qualified workers.*



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**55th Street:** *Federal, state and local officials dedicated the new Northeast Bypass road around Minot. North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple, U.S. Senator John Hoeven and North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) Director Francis Ziegler joined Ward County Commission Chairman John Fjeldahl, Minot Mayor Curt Zimbelman and project representatives in officially opening the new road that provides a key bypass around the northeast side of Minot.*

## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### ***Rural Crime and Justice Center at MSU receives grant to reduce domestic violence***

United States Attorney Timothy Q. Purdon participated in a media conference Oct. 17, 2012, at Minot State University to discuss a recent Department of Justice grant. The \$300,000 grant to the Rural Crime and Justice Center at Minot State University is aimed at reducing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking on campus and to commemorate National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Other participants included Dr. David Fuller (MSU president), Gary Rabe (executive director - Rural Crime and Justice Center), Dr. Dick Jenkins (Vice President for Student Affairs), Jason Olson (Chief of Police), Dena Filler (Director - Domestic Violence Crisis Center).

The grant to the Rural Crime and Justice Center is from the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women. The grant is part of a program designed for institutions of higher education to establish multidisciplinary consortia to combat violent crime against women on campus. Efforts financed by this grant will be designed to enhance victim services, implement prevention and education programs, and develop and strengthen security and investigative strategies in order to prevent these types of crime. The grant will support campus victim services, law enforcement, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking on college campuses.

### ***Minot State Athletics adds five individuals, one team to Hall of Fame***

The Minot State University Athletic Department voted to add four former student-athletes, one team and one special achievement award winner to its Athletic Hall of Fame. The 2012 Hall of Fame class includes Michelle (Boyeff) Hoff, Harry Mills, Ken Vetter, Lisa (Webb) Hodgins, the 2003 Minot State Men's Cross Country Team, and special achievement winner Joe Alme.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony took place during halftime of the Beavers home football game against the University of Minnesota Crookston Oct. 20. For information, visit [www.minotstateu.edu/news/000556.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/news/000556.shtml).

### ***Trinity Health listed among "Top 50"***

Trinity Health has been named one of America's "50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals." The designation comes from Truven Health Analytics, an authority on clinical quality.

Trinity Health was the only North Dakota hospital to make the Top Cardiovascular list and one of only 15 community hospitals recognized nationwide in the heart category.

In compiling its Top 50 list, Truven Health examined the performance of more than 1,000 hospitals, analyzing outcomes of patients with

heart failure and heart attack, and those who received coronary bypass surgery and coronary interventions such as angioplasty. Strengths among the winning hospitals included higher survival rates, lower complications and greater cost efficiency.

Trinity Health President and CEO John M. Kutch called the award a major milestone for Trinity's heart program. "This is a tribute not only to Trinity's heart team and our care system but to the community at large," Kutch said.

Truven Health Analytics, formerly Thompson Reuter Healthcare Inc., has delivered unbiased information, analytic tools, benchmarks and services to the healthcare industry for more than 30 years.

### ***Seminary joins Houston Engineering, Inc.***

Mike Seminary joins Houston Engineering Inc. as their new business development manager. Seminary is a native of Fargo and graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration and has over 30 years of business development and client relations experience. Seminary previously worked at Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson Engineering in the same capacity.

He serves on the Bismarck City Commission as chairman for the Mayor's Economic Development Advisory Group and also serves as Commission Vice-Chair. He is involved within the Bismarck-Mandan community in many different organizations and is a highly requested public speaker. His diverse business background and community volunteerism have propelled him into various roles of civic leadership. From that foundation, he delivers presentations on leadership, change, ethics, and community development.



***Mike Seminary***

Houston Engineering provides engineering, surveying and environmental consulting services. Established in Fargo in 1968, the company also has offices in Bismarck and Minot, as well as Maple Grove and Thief River Falls, MN.

### ***Kitzman joins St. Alexius Medical Clinic***

Minot native, Annie Kitman, has signed on as a family nurse practitioner at St. Alexius Medical Clinic in Minot. Kitman received a nursing degree from North Dakota State University in Fargo and a family nurse practitioner master's degree from University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

Kitman worked as a registered nurse at Sanford Health in Fargo and at Trinity Health Hospital in Minot. While at Trinity, she also served as case manager in the Emergency Room. Kitman is board certified by the American

Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

### ***Lutheran Social Services Luther Hall receives \$75,000 donation from Gate City***

Lutheran Social Services Luther Hall has received a \$75,000 donation from Gate City Bank toward construction of an art and music center currently underway as part of a \$1.5 million addition and renovation.

Lutheran Social Services Luther Hall serves 16 youth ages 10 to 18 from across North Dakota diagnosed with emotional, behavioral, substance abuse and academic problems and needing 24-hour care and treatment.

Along with the art and music center addition, the renovation will provide a facility with more adequate light, sound control, resident room sizes, recreation and activities space, counseling and conference rooms, an elevator, chapel and improved heating and ventilation and other improvements.

Ground was broken in August for this addition and renovation project for Lutheran Social Services Luther Hall, which is funded by the Abound in Hope capital campaign of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota. An additional \$5 million being raised by the capital campaign will construct a Center for Healing, Help and Hope in Fargo.

Lutheran Social Services Luther Hall offers individual, group and family psychotherapy, structured recreation and on-site classroom education.

Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota is a nonprofit social services agency serving thousands of North Dakotans annually with affordable housing, food, disaster response, counseling and therapy and other social services. Established in 1919, Lutheran Social Services serves clients without regard to race, religion, gender or economic status.

### ***Town & Country Credit Union opens new branch in Stanley***

Town & Country Credit Union has opened a new branch in Stanley. This full-service branch is located just north of Highway 2 at 1101 4th St. SE in Suite 101. Stanley is the ninth Town & Country Credit Union branch, in addition to current branch locations in Minot, Kenmare, Ryder, Fargo and West Fargo.

The Stanley location is a full service branch providing member access to checking accounts, savings accounts, VISA credit cards, online and mobile account access, commercial remote deposit, merchant services and a drive-up ATM that is accessible 24 hours a day. This branch also provides consumer, real estate, commercial and agriculture loans.

Founded in 1939, Town & Country Credit Union serves those who live and work near Minot, Kenmare, or Fargo. For more information visit [www.townandcountry.org](http://www.townandcountry.org).



## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### *30-Day Challenge: Turn \$50,000 into \$100,000 for flood recovery in Minot*

Help Hope Village turn \$50,000 into \$100,000 for flood relief before November 30. North Dakota developer Kent Busek, representing Stonebridge Development Corporation, has vowed to match, dollar for dollar, donations up to \$50,000 for Minot-area flood relief.

"I was greatly affected from the flood. I wanted to do something but didn't know what," Busek said.

After learning about Hope Village, the multi-denominational, faith-based volunteer center that houses, feeds and assigns jobs to out-of-town volunteer teams, Busek made an initial donation but wanted to do more.

He arranged to deed a property to Hope Village and challenged the community to match the value of the donation.

"I also found that we have a close family member whose home was being rebuilt by Hope," Busek said. "It just seemed right."

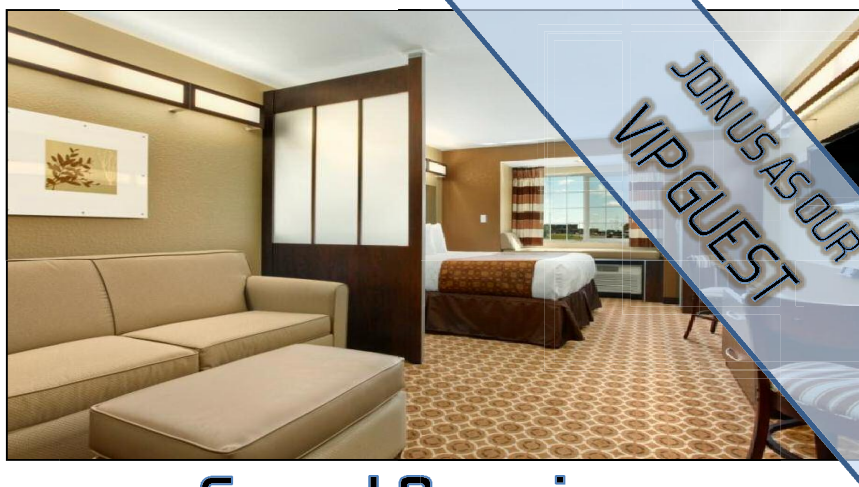
Pastor Paul Krueger, Hope Village's director, plans for the subsequent \$50,000 to go directly toward flood recovery by way of the Long Term Recovery's unmet needs and partners such as the Recovery Warehouse, which enable homeowners who have gone through a case-worker system to obtain lower-cost construction materials.

There are still close to 1,000 individuals and families living in FEMA temporary housing units and Hope Village is working through the winter to help get families back into their homes.

Follow this link to donate. You may also mail checks to Hope Village, 3705 11th St. SW, Minot, ND 58701. Credit card contributions may be made by phone: 701-240-1495.



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## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### *Ackerman-Estvold welcomes Dorn, Koppy as project managers*

Ackerman-Estvold Engineering and Management Consulting, Inc. is pleased to introduce Abbi Dorn, PE, and Lee Koppy, PE, as project managers.

Dorn's expertise lies in the area of water resources. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Systems Engineering in 2002 from the University of Nebraska- Lincoln. She is also a Sediment and Erosion Control Level II Certified Design Professional. She previously worked for Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. in Atlanta, GA, as the Regional Service Center's program manager for the FEMA Floodplain Mapping Programs in the State of Alabama.



**Abbi Dorn, PE**

Koppy earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1998 from the University of Minnesota - Minneapolis, MN, and is currently pursuing a Master's of Business Administration, with a focus on Project Management, from the University of Phoenix. His primary focus will be in the areas of land development and municipal engineering.



**Lee Koppy, PE**

Ackerman-Estvold Engineering and Management Consulting, Inc. is a professional engineering firm headquartered in Minot, N.D. The firm provides planning, design, and construction services for public and private clients throughout North Dakota and surrounding states.

### *New Minot Home of Economy open*

Home of Economy in Minot opened the doors of its new 58,000 square foot store at 8 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4. The new store is on the same site as the previous Home of Economy store. A warehouse was relocated and the new store built in its place.

The previous Home of Economy store closed Sept. 29 to allow time to move into the new building.

"The teamwork from our staff, managers, and valued vendors made it all happen in such short order," said Home of Economy CEO Wade Pearson.

Along with the new store, Home of Economy plans to hire an additional 40 team members to help meet the needs of its growing customers and clients.

"After 47 years of supplying the Minot community with the lowest possible prices, our old Minot store had fulfilled all of our expectations," said Home of Economy President Scott Pearson. "We are excited to continue serving the area in our brand new store at the same location."

The previous Minot Home of Economy was built in 1965, a year after its founders Bob and Jean Kiesau purchased six tire stores throughout western North Dakota with the intent to turn each into a Home of Economy.

Home of Economy began in 1939 when the Kiesau's opened a small tire store in Thief River Falls, MN. Since then, Home of Economy has continued adapting to customer needs. The Minot store has even become one of the largest retailers of Flame Resistant (FR) work wear in the Midwest.

"Home of Economy has changed immensely since the days of selling recycled, discount tires over 70 years ago," said Scott Pearson, Home of Economy President. "But the one thing that has never changed is our value of and gratitude towards our associates. It is these team members along with our loyal customers that have made us so successful over the past century."

Wade and Scott Pearson, Kiesau's grandsons, continue the tradition the Kiesau's have built providing top quality merchandise at affordable prices.

Home of Economy currently has locations in Minot, Grafton, Devils Lake, Williston, Jamestown, and headquarters in Grand Forks.

### *Minot Area Homeless Coalition sponsors annual fundraiser and banquet Nov. 8*

Dr. Bob Edwards, director and CEO of Upward Living, Inc., will be the featured speaker at the Minot Area Homeless Coalition 7th Annual Banquet and Fundraiser Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Grand International.

A social will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. A silent auction from 6 to 8 p.m. will feature signed celebrity memorabilia by Clint Eastwood, Emily Deschanel, John Travolta, Mark Harmon, Richard Petty and more. Auction items also include children's holiday gift baskets, a Delta Vacations gift card, gift certificates, a Sony DVD player, Stonewear Gift Set, quilts, tie blankets, outdoor fun items and much more. Tickets are \$35 per person. For more information, call 852-6300.

### *KLJ celebrates 75 Years of innovation*

In 1938, Louie and Mary Ellen Veigel began a business in the basement of Stark County Courthouse. The business flourished and has been thriving for nearly 75 years. The two

offered surveying and engineering services in North and South Dakota, establishing what would become KLJ. The company has grown over the 75 years, city by city, state by state and now is working at an international level.



KLJ was built on quality service and reliable relationships and over the last seven decades, has grown to nearly 700 employees and opened 15 offices across five states. KLJ has become one of the largest private employers and community partners in the Bismarck/Mandan area where corporate headquarters are located. The company has been recognized as one of the top firms with the highest level of business performance in the Architect/Engineering industry and in 2012, was awarded the largest ND Department of Transportation project in history.

The upcoming year marks 75 years of dedicated quality service for KLJ. Therefore, in 2012, the company began a process of rethinking how they present themselves to the world. "We embarked on an ambitious journey and began to imagine and define KLJ's next 75 years," said Chief Executive Officer, Niles Hushka.

KLJ's journey led to the creation of a new logo and website. "The new logo and website gives KLJ the modern and innovative image reflective of the professional services we have delivered for 75 years," said Hushka.

KLJ has also updated their website. The website is designed for easy navigation and implements ample use of the new imagery.

Since 1938, KLJ has provided multi-disciplinary engineering-based solutions for national, large-scale operations, with the local expertise to drive projects forward and deliver successful results. An employee-owned firm, KLJ currently has 15 office location throughout North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and Wyoming. For more information about KLJ, visit the company's website at [www.kljeng.com](http://www.kljeng.com).

### *Old Fashion Christmas Open House Nov. 23*

The annual Old Fashion Christmas Open House will be held this year on Friday, November 23rd from 3-8 pm in Downtown Minot. Events will include dinner and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a candlelight procession up Main Street, and the Lighting of the Tree ceremony complete with caroling. Most businesses Downtown will have special musical entertainment and appetizers for munching on while you stroll along magical Main Street and enjoy the holiday lights. Please call 839-4975 with any questions.



## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### ***St. Alexius Medical Center joins Mayo Clinic Care Network***

Mayo Clinic and St. Alexius Medical Center announced that the Bismarck-based organization is the newest member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. St. Alexius is the first medical center in western North Dakota to have passed Mayo's rigorous review process and been selected as a member of the year-old network. The Mayo Clinic Care Network extends Mayo Clinic's knowledge and expertise to physicians and providers interested in working together in the best interest of their patients.

St. Alexius' physicians will now be able to connect with Mayo Clinic specialists on questions of patient care using an electronic consulting technique called eConsults. St. Alexius physicians will also have access to Mayo-vetted medical information through the AskMayoExpert database. These tools, in addition to health care consulting, will help St. Alexius provide the best care for its patients as well as improve its systems and the health of the community.

"This is a great day for our providers, but more importantly for health care consumers in our region," says Shiraz Hyder, M.D., vice president of medical affairs, St. Alexius Medical Center. "Now our providers will be able to tap into the expert resources available at Mayo Clinic, which means even the more complex patients have the opportunity to be treated here at home in consultation with Mayo's experts."

St. Alexis Medical Center extends the presence of the Mayo Clinic Care Network in North Dakota, where Mayo first launched the network in 2011. The network also has member organizations in Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and New Hampshire.



***St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck announced they are the newest members of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. St. Alexius is only the 9th hospital in the country to become a member.***

### ***MSU hires McCall as new director***

Devin McCall is the new director of residence life at Minot State University, according to Dick Jenkins, vice president for student affairs. He started his new duties Oct. 15.

McCall will be responsible for the overall leadership, supervision, development and administration of Minot State's campus housing

program. These responsibilities include formulating policies and procedures; maximizing housing occupancy goals; hiring, training, supervising and evaluating housing staff and responding to critical incidents and upholding safety protocols. The residence life director will also work with other university departments to improve academic success, retention and graduation rates and facilitate housing opportunities for MSU students living off-campus.

The director of residence life position is new and is the result of reorganization within Student Affairs.

Lisa Eriksmoen, former student life director, now holds the title of director of student wellness and development and will oversee the major areas of counseling, disability services, testing, student health, the Student Wellness Center and the POWER Center, a TRiO Student Support Services program.

McCall holds a bachelor's degree in airport management and a master's degree in business administration from the UND.

For questions, call McCall at 858-3993 or devin.mccall@minotstateu.edu.

### ***North Dakota Chamber of Commerce elects new officers, board members***

The North Dakota Chamber membership recently elected new officers and board members to the organization's Board of Directors.

Shannon McQuade-Ely, (president, McQuade Distributing Co., Inc.) Bismarck, has been elected chair of the board of directors and Barb Aasen (partner-in-charge, Eide Bailly LLP), Bismarck, was elected chair-elect. She will succeed McQuade-Ely as board chair next fall.

Brad Schlossman (CEO, West Acres Development, LLP), Fargo, was elected financial vice chair, and Andy Peterson, Bismarck, was re-elected president & CEO. Joe Rothschilder (president, Steffes Corporation), Dickinson, completed his term as board chair but continues to serve as immediate past chair. Other executive committee appointees include Jay Skabo (Vice President of Operations, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.), Bismarck.

New members elected to the board are Lori Berentson (owner, DEVA Lifewear, Inc.), Westhope; Steve Britsch (president, Britsch & Associates, PC), Devils Lake; Niles Hushka (CEO/President, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc.), Bismarck; Brian Johnson (V.P. of Operations, Marvin Windows), Fargo; Jeremy Neuhaert (co-Founder, Sycorr), Fargo; and Tim Priebe (president, Fisher Industries), Dickinson.

Returning board members include Debra Anderson (president, Summers Manufacturing Co., Inc.), Maddock; Tim Brumfield (vice president/manager, Gate City Bank), Dickinson; Ed Irion (director, Business Development and

Sales, Dakota Growers Pasta Co.), Carrington; Wendy Howe (executive director, Minot Convention & Visitors Bureau), Minot; Cathy Kruse (Investor Relations Officer, Halcon Resources Corporation), Williston; John MacMartin (president, Minot Area Chamber of Commerce); Dave Molmen (CEO, Altru Health System), Grand Forks; Mark Nisbet (North Dakota Principal Manager, Xcel Energy), Fargo; Wade G. Pearson (CEO, Home of Economy, Inc.), Grand Forks; John Phillips (development director, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota), Beulah; David Reiten (chairman, Reiten Television Co.), Minot; Debbie Richter (marketing officer, American State Bank), Williston; Gene Schmidt (CEO, SIA Marketing Inc.), Bismarck; Steve Schmitz (president/CEO, First Community Credit Union), Jamestown; Kris Sheridan (president, Park Co. Realtors), Fargo; and John Stern (president, Straus Company), Fargo.

### ***Sanford Health gift launches endowment campaign***

Local health care is a top priority for Sanford Health, and the organization is proving it. Central and western North Dakota will benefit from a \$10 million gift from Sanford Health where \$1.5 million will be used immediately to enhance existing Sanford programs, services and initiatives in the Bismarck region. The remaining \$8.5 million will be used as matching funds to help launch The Builders of Excellence Endowment Campaign. The gift is part of the \$200 million commitment announced in July.

The Builders of Excellence Endowment Campaign allows donors to establish a permanent vehicle for future legacy giving and name it in honor of themselves, a loved one or a business or organization. When donors create their personal named endowment fund, Sanford Health will match dollar for dollar the donor's pledge or immediate gift. This allows individuals, families and organizations to double their donation.

"We look forward to working with benefactors in our region to capitalize on the full \$20 million opportunity Sanford Health has initiated," said Tom Petrik, Sanford Health Foundation in Bismarck vice president of development. "Together, with the people of this region, we will meet the health care needs of our growing communities."

The Sanford Health Foundation in Bismarck exists to support Sanford Health's patient services and programs in this region. For more information regarding the endowment campaign, contact the Sanford Health Foundation in Bismarck at 701-323-8450.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> CLI Education Session, 8 a.m., MSU <b>Military Affairs Committee</b> , Noon, Grand Int'l.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Election Day  <b>First Dollar of Profit Presentations</b> , 10 a.m., various locations	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> CLI Final Session, 8 a.m., Holiday Inn <b>CLI Graduation</b> , Noon, Holiday Inn <b>Ambassadors Committee</b> , 4:30 p.m., Dakotah Rose Bed & Breakfast	<b>9</b> <b>Infrastructure Committee</b> , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Eagle Awards Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., Chamber office	<b>14</b> <b>Right Start Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., MAFB  <b>Honorary Commanders Kick Off</b> , 5 p.m., MAFB	<b>15</b> <b>Diplomats Committee</b> , 9 a.m., Parker Center <b>Showcase of Business</b> , 5 – 8 p.m., ND State Fair Center	<b>16</b> <b>Governmental Affairs Committee</b> , 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel  <b>Ribbon Cutting - Microtel Inn &amp; Suites</b> , Noon, 414 37th Ave SW	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Board of Directors</b> , 7:30 a.m., Grand Int'l.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> , Office Closed	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Right Start Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., MAFB	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

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