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## Chamber chair embraces community change

by Jonn Knecht

I am very honored and excited to be your Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Chair. You know that old saying in North Dakota, "stay around a while and the weather will change." Certainly, that is the theme of the day for the Minot area overall as it pertains to our business climate. Whether it be our major industries such as agriculture, energy, education, tourism, or the armed services, times are changing drastically and as members of this great community, we can either grasp on to those changes or get run over by them. The same is true



**Jonn Knecht**  
American Bank Center  
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Area Chamber of  
Commerce Board  
Chair

of the 2011 Souris River Flood. It has brought about great change but will only make us better and help us appreciate the things in life that are important to all of us, the sense of community that makes this the Magic City!

I am confident that most in our area are grasping change and for others, change can sometimes be challenging. Just know that your Chamber leadership and Chamber staff are here to help and that is the greatest benefit for your continued Chamber membership support. Please let us know of any concerns affecting your business; chances are they are affecting others as well and as one voice, the Chamber can make a difference.

I look forward to working with everyone to make Minot an even better Community that we all enjoy calling home.

## Chamber's annual meeting Oct. 10 to feature BNSF executive

This year's Minot Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting will feature keynote speaker Denis Smith, BNSF executive. With major changes taking place in Minot and also at BNSF's Gavin Yard, Smith's address should interest business employees and managers. The luncheon will take place at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10 at the Holiday Inn.



**Denis Smith**  
Industrial Products  
Marketing - BNSF

Smith was appointed vice president, Industrial Products Marketing, for BNSF in March 2001. Smith is responsible for price, markets, capacity, and program direction for the entire Industrial Products business unit, which was formerly categorized as chemicals, forest products, metals, and minerals and machinery. Prior positions held within BNSF include assistant vice president, Forest Products Marketing and general director and market manager in the Agricultural Products business unit. Smith has been with BNSF since 1993.

Before joining BNSF, he was a trading member of the Minneapolis Grain Exchange. He also spent 13 years in various positions with Continental Grain Company and served with the United States Peace Corps in Cameroon, West Africa.

Smith and his wife, Mona, live in Colleyville, Texas, with their four boys, which includes a set of triplets.

Cost for the luncheon is \$20 per person. Please RSVP by Friday, Oct. 5. Use your member login at [www.minotchamber.org](http://www.minotchamber.org) and click on Oct. 10 of the calendar.

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

### Minot Y's Men's Rodeo\*

**ND State Fair Center  
Wednesday, Oct. 3  
5-7 p.m.**

*Silent auction will feature a  
\$4,000 pink tool chest donated  
by MAC tools and the bedazzled  
bras from the NDSF contest.  
In addition to the silent auction,  
enjoy a meal, music, and a  
drawing for \$500 in Chamber  
Bucks!*

*If winner is not  
present,  
\$50 in Chamber  
Bucks  
guaranteed.*

*Must be  
present to win*

*\$5 charge at the door*

*\* See page 3 for more  
information*



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## 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 \$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 are \$150 for a 10 x 10 square foot booth, and \$250 for a 15 x 15 for Chamber members. 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.

## RENEWALS.....

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from Aug. 20 to Sept. 21, 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

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Town & Country Center

TSC Farm Home Auto Store

The UPS Store

Wendy's

Wholesale Supply

The WriteDesign



## Rodeo returns with weekend full of western experience

For the 58th year, the Minot Y's Men will host its annual rodeo. The Minot Y's Men's Rodeo will take place Oct. 4-7 at the ND State Fair Center in Minot.

It is the championship rodeo for the best cowboys and cowgirls in North and South Dakota, where they will compete for gold buckles, saddles, and the title of Badlands Circuit champion.

The rodeo is important to the community of Minot and the state, said mayor Curt Zimbelman. "It's been around for a long time, and is a great attraction for rodeo fans in the area."

The weekend is billed as a western celebration, with a Cowboy Christmas trade show, Wild West Rodeo for Special Kids, Kiwanis pancake feed, a ranch rodeo, and the crowning of the 2013 Miss Rodeo

North Dakota.

New this year is a concert by country music band Little Texas. They will play following the Oct. 6 night of rodeo.

Monies raised from the Minot Y's Men's Rodeo benefit the Triangle Y Camp at Garrison, ND.

"The rodeo has a strong base of volunteers," Zimbelman said. "A tremendous number of volunteers, and their money goes to help others. I think that's a really important thing."

Tickets for the rodeo are on sale online at [MinotYsMensRodeo.com](http://MinotYsMensRodeo.com) and on sale at the Dakota Square Mall. Tickets for the Little Texas concert are sold separately and are available at the Spicy Pie in Minot (1100 North Broadway) and online at [NdTICKETstop.com](http://NdTICKETstop.com). For more informa-



*Bareback riding is part of the fun at the 2012 Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo in Minot. Don't miss out on the best cowboys and cowgirls competing for championship gold buckles. Photo by CowboyImages.net*

tion on the rodeo, visit the website or call 852-5577.

## Bedazzled bras to be sold to benefit cancer program

They may not be appropriate for public viewing, but they'll be on display at



*Former North Dakota Attorney General Heidi Heitkamp, herself a breast cancer survivor, judged the contest, and the winner won \$1,000.*

the rodeo.

It's the Bedazzled Bras, a unique exhibit hosted by the ND State Fair this past July, where 30 bras were designed and entered in the contest.

The public was invited to decorate a bra in one of five categories: Pretty in Pink, Rodeo, Agriculture/Livestock, Calendar Girls, and Spirit of America.

Entries were varied and unique, said NDSF Marketing Coordinator Jennifer Ashley. "They were beautiful. It's crazy how cool they were." One of the entries included a bra made entirely of duct tape, with the words "holding it together" written on the inside. Some of the

bras included elaborate beadwork. The winning western bra was made of handkerchiefs, cowboy hats, and had lights sewn into it.

The winning bras will be auctioned off during Business After Hours Oct. 3, with funds raised going to the Trinity Health Care Exercise Rehab Program at the Minot Family YMCA.

The contest was held in partnership with the Minot Y's Men's Rodeo's Tough Enough to Wear Pink night, which helps raise funding for cancer patients. The rodeo's pink night is Oct. 5. Visit [www.MinotYsMensRodeo.com](http://www.MinotYsMensRodeo.com) for more information or tickets.

## Y's Men's rodeo raises money to help recovering cancer patients

Not that anyone wants to get cancer to find out, but for Minot resident Jody Petry, she can count some good things that came out of having cancer.

Petry was diagnosed with liver cancer in March of last year, and after chemotherapy, she was so weak she could barely walk around the neighborhood cul-de-sac.

Her doctor, Dr. Makoni, recommended she enroll in the Trinity Health Cancer Rehab Exercise program at the Minot YMCA. He said it would help her fatigue.

Russell Gust, exercise rehab program director, worked with Jody, and designed a workout specifically for her. And even though she was fatigued from chemo treatments, the exercise was good. "Some days I'd be so weak and tired, and

I'd rate my fatigue level high when I got to the Y. But I also noticed that when I left, I felt better and my fatigue level had gone down."

The strength building isn't the only benefit to the Exercise Rehab Program. Jody met other people fighting cancer, "wonderful people" She became friends with Val Babb, another Minot resident who was fighting cancer. They exercised together and the friendship evolved. "Val and I just hit it off. We've been known to do a lot of talking during our exercising."

The program is funded in part by the Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign, in conjunction with the Minot Y's Men's Rodeo. The Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign raises money through the sale of t-shirts and other pink merchandise at the ND State Fair, and WGO and the Zoo

radio remotes throughout the Minot area. In the past five years, it has raised over \$247,770.00 for the program.

The Minot Y's Men's Rodeo will host a Tough Enough to Wear Pink night on Friday, Oct. 5. Fans are asked to wear pink, and the t-shirts will be on sale that night.

Jody's cancer is in remission, but she's still enrolled in the program. She continues to exercise, and recommends the program to others. "People who have cancer, I tell them, 'you have to talk to your doctor. You need to work out. I'm a person who never exercised in my life. But I've changed my tune.'"

The rodeo is sponsored by Touchstone Energy Electric Cooperatives and 4-Bears Casino & Lodge.

# Three appointed to Chamber board

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Chair, Jonn Knecht (American Bank Center), appointed three new board members to one-year terms as allowed by Chamber bylaws. They are Duane Poynter (Poynter's Ag Supply), Jeff Anderson (Excavating, Inc) and Jessica Merchant (Olson & Burns).

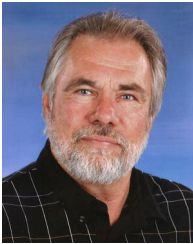
Long-time North Dakota resident **Poynter** has owned and operated Poynter's Ag Supply in Sawyer, ND, and Off Broadway Laundromat in Minot for the past 20 years with his wife, Toni. He has been active with the Chamber Ag Committee since 1982, has served as president to the Minot Public Schools Ag and FFA Advisory Group, past president of the North Dakota Agricultural and Association, and past advi-

sor to the Manitoba North Dakota Zero Till Association.

Anderson serves as vice president of Excavating, Inc. in Minot. The Minot native is a graduate of North Dakota State University - Fargo. He enjoys spending time hunting and fishing, restoring vehicles and spending time with his wife and three children.

Minot native Merchant, an attorney at Olson & Burns P.C., attended the University of North Dakota, and then Thomas M. Cooley School of Law in Lansing, MI.

She is a member and past officer of the Ward County Bar Association, a member of the State Bar Association of North Dakota,



**Duane Poynter**  
Poynter's Ag Supply



**Jeff Anderson**  
Excavating, Inc.



**Jessica Merchant**  
Olson Burns

the Continuing Legal Education Commission of the North Dakota Bar Association, and the current President of Sunrise Rotary.

She and her husband Mike have a two-year-old daughter Ava (age 2), and a weimaraner dog Frankie.

# ND Chamber to host Congressional Policy Summit

Never before have there been so many decisions made by Congress that have a direct impact on your bottom line. We must be diligent in understanding how federal policy decisions will affect our country, our state and our businesses. And we must communicate our ideas and wishes to our delegation so that they may act on behalf of us - their constituents.

The Congressional Policy Summit - October 11 in Bismarck - was developed with this goal in mind. Its focus on federal policy issues provides a unique opportunity for you to learn from national and state industry experts. You can ask questions of these experts and participate in a discussion of how these issues affect your business and our economy. And you can be involved in

developing the process in which we all can support pro-business policy at the federal level.

The afternoon includes presentations and discussions of two issues of great importance to the state: health care and energy policy. Participants will hear from industry experts and have the opportunity to discuss the business community's involvement in both areas.

The evening provides an opportunity to learn more about the state's candidates for U.S. Senate and Congress through a facilitated discussion of several federal issues. This is also an opportunity for participants to ask questions about the issues that affect business and the state's economy. Senate candidate Heidi Heitkamp and

Congressional candidates Kevin Cramer and Pam Guleson have confirmed their participation. Congressman Berg is also invited.

Save this date and plan to attend this exciting event. Your participation in the discussion of these issues plays a significant role in how the North Dakota Chamber and the state's congressional delegation move forward.

The event begins at 3 p.m. on October 11, and is held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. Click here for the Summit agenda and register online.

Please contact Carissa Richter at 701-222-0929 or carissa@ndchamber.com with questions or for more information.

# EAGLE AWARDS .....

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in September 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.



**ROGER KLUCK**  
Minot State University



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Best Buy



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Jerome's Auto Body



**REED PALMER**  
SRT Telecommunications



# Community partners invited to support “USAF Recognition Project”

The significance of the 5th Bomb Wing and the 91st Missile Wing headquartered at Minot Air Force Base cannot be understated. The military services in the Minot community have an annual half billion dollar impact on our region with many intangible benefits, such as spousal employment when our need for workers in this area is so critical. It is important that community members honor the military, thank them for their service, and help establish a permanent tribute through this “USAF Recognition Project.”

As we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the B52, it is also a time to provide a tribute in the form of a B52 model. It becomes

additionally important given the fact that the last B52 produced is stationed at MAFB.

The goal of the project is to raise \$75,000, which would involve one or two large-scale B52 displays with 36 foot wingspans. This installation on the MAFB would be part of the focal point at the parade grounds where most of the formal outdoor ceremonies take place.

Contributions can be made as part of a normal business donation or tax deductible donations can be made through the Minot Area Community Foundation. Donations can be split between 2012 and 2013, but in order to have the military appreciation display put together next spring, we will need

to know your intentions within the next few months. This request is being submitted now to accommodate those businesses or organizations operating on a fiscal year budget. Any organization willing to donate \$10,000 or more to this most worthy project will receive a complimentary replica scale model B52 for your office. All decal and detail work will be exactly the same as the permanent MAFB display.

Donations can be made out to the “USAF Recognition Project” in care of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce. Contact the Chamber at 852-6000 if you would like more information. Thanks so much for your consideration.

## AARP helps meet staffing needs through Work Reimagined

As more North Dakota businesses struggle to attract qualified employees, AARP has launched a new nationwide initiative that could help local employers meet their staffing needs while giving experienced workers opportunities to connect to new or more satisfying careers.

A project of AARP, Work Reimagined ([www.workreimagined.org](http://www.workreimagined.org)), directs job seekers to employers that value and are hiring experienced workers through the professional networking site LinkedIn.

Work Reimagined leverages LinkedIn’s suite of tools for talent recruitment and career development, and its fast growing network of members and employers, with AARP’s extensive member and partner networks.

The dynamic nature of Work Reimagined is demonstrated by the decision by dozens of forward-looking employers with at least some immediate hiring needs to sign a pledge to recruit across a level playing field when considering experienced workers. With the integration of LinkedIn information, qualified workers are put together in the same space with employers who value those workers.

So far, about 120 employers have become part of Work Reimagined, including one from North Dakota. These firms are looking for the strong work ethic, maturity, and customer orientation that experienced workers bring to their jobs.

We invite your organization to showcase its commitment to experienced workers by joining Work Reimagined.

To learn more, email Liz Buser at [ebuser@aarp.org](mailto:ebuser@aarp.org) or call her at 202-434-3496.

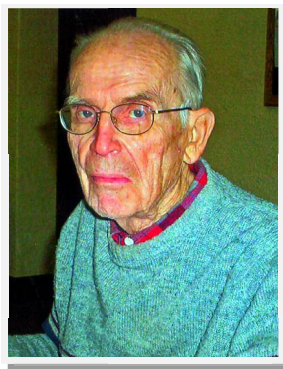
### Minot Area Community Foundation’s Cornerstone Society Spotlight on Arnold Besserud

Arnold Besserud was an extraordinarily modest and unassuming person. Arnold was a long-time resident of Minot who enjoyed gardening, reading, and learning about economics and investments. Although he traveled the world as a civil engineer with the U.S. Corps of Engineers, he lived humbly, had little family, and established his family of friends through the soup kitchens and meal programs throughout Minot. He partook of those programs, sharing meals and establishing friendships with those in attendance.

When he died, he asked that the Minot Area Community Foundation see that his legacy went toward two goals: first to help support Minot soup kitchens and meal programs, and second to support the other needs in the community as identified by the Foundation. Mr. Besserud asked that the Foundation use his gift to create an endowment fund in order to ensure that his gift will help the people of the area for many years to come.

The Arnold I. Besserud Endowment Fund is projected to generate more than \$100,000 per year for the Foundation to distribute in the Minot area. These monies will go both toward the emerging needs in the community and the programs nearest and dearest to Mr. Besserud’s heart: the meal programs conducted by several of our local churches. Arnold Besserud has certainly left a legacy in Minot that will impact our community for many years to come.

For more information about how you can leave your own legacy, please contact the Minot Area Community Foundation at 701.852.0646.



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## Fast facts about Social Security

SSA’s Office of Retirement and Disability Policy recently released the 2012 edition of Fast Facts & Figures about Social Security.

The direct link is [www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/chartbooks/fast\\_facts/2012/index.html](http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/chartbooks/fast_facts/2012/index.html).

This annual publication highlights basic program data for the Social Security (OASDI = retirement (old age), survivors, and disability insurance) and Supplemental Security Income programs. The tables and charts illustrate the range of program beneficiaries, from the country’s oldest to its youngest citizens. In all, about 60.4 million people receive some type of benefit or assistance.

### Did you know that...

- SSA paid benefits to about 60.4 million people in 2011.
- Social Security provided at least half the income for 65 percent of the aged beneficiaries in 2010.
- Social Security benefits were awarded to about 5.6 million people in 2011.
- Women accounted for 56 percent of adult Social Security beneficiaries in 2011.
- The average age of disabled-worker beneficiaries was 53.0 in 2011.
- Eighty-five percent of SSI recipients received payments because of disability or blindness in 2011.

RIBBON CUTTING .....



**Beaver Brew Cafe:** Beaver Ridge Plaza • Minot, ND  
A \$1 million donation by benefactor Clint Severson established the Clint Severson Entrepreneurship Academy. Students of this academy are learning the ins and outs of operating a business at the Beaver Brew Cafe. The new business will serve as a learning lab for students, according to JoAnn Linrud, the dean of the college of business.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS .....



*Thank you to Roosevelt Park Zoo for sponsoring the September Business After Hours. Nearly 170 participants enjoyed music and refreshments, as well as the opening of the new entrance building and zoo outreach animals.*

*Minot Young Professionals announce new leadership team*

- Nick Metzgian .....President  
Cameon Eisenzimmer (Kadmas, Lee & Jackson) .....Vice President  
Kausha Bakk (Preferred Minot Real Estate) .....Past President  
Veronica Meyer (Interstate Engineering) .....Secretary  
Fred Beuchler (First Western Bank & Trust) .....Treasurer  
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Leah Bjerklie (FMI) .....Co-Chair, Outreach Team  
Diane Fuller (US Probation).....Chair, Social Team  
Kellen Latendresse (Farmers Insurance) .....Co-Chair, Social Team  
Tawnya Bernsdorf (Minot Area Community Foundation).....Chair, Community Links Team

- Emily Huettl (Ackerman-Estvold Engineering) .....Co-Chair, Community Links Team  
Beth Odahlen (MSU) .....Chair, Professional Development Team  
Megan Lautenschlager (Minot Area Community Foundation).....Co-Chair, Professional Development Team  
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Jennifer Lade (Town & Country Credit Union).....Member at Large  
Kelsey Fagerland (Brady Martz & Associates).....Member at Large

Chamber University:

*Dr. Edwards offers two seminars on positive living*

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to host an opportunity to hear from Dr. Bob Edwards, a local counseling and seminar speaker. After 11 years in ministry, Dr. Edwards has left to pursue helping others through life experiences. He recently opened his own practice, Upward Living, in Minot and holds over 35 years of public speaking and seminar experience.

There are two opportunities for Minot

**Living Up In A Down World**  
Oct. 17 • 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Suicide Assessment/Triage and Depression**  
Oct. 24 • 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Holiday Inn

Chamber members to hear from Dr. Edwards. The first seminar is entitled “Living Up in a Down World,” Oct. 17 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn. This seminar focuses on motivational concepts and the simple ways to make life work during difficult times. He provides informative, credible advice and concepts for managing life with all its stresses and pressures. Delivered with humor and in a unique and energetic style, these principles are practical and easily understood by people from every walk of life.

Dr. Edwards’ second seminar focuses on Suicide Assessment/Triage and Depression on Oct. 24 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn. Throughout his seminar, Dr. Edwards will elaborate on Suicide QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer). This

includes suicide prevention, assessment and diagnosis criteria, bullying behaviors, the aspects and assessments of depression and intervention skills to help save lives.

Dr. Edwards holds a doctorate in psychology and counseling. He is a certified suicide specialist, a state licensed therapist and a nationally certified marriage and family therapist. He also specializes in seminars on marriage enrichment, effective communication at home and in the work place, stress management, understanding personalities and leadership dynamics. Dr. Edwards’ goal is to increase self-awareness.

The cost for each seminar is \$40 and for both would be \$70. For more information on Dr. Bob Edwards, call 852-1170 or visit his website at [www.upward-living.com](http://www.upward-living.com).

## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### **MedCenter One now Sanford**

Effective Aug. 29, Medcenter One proudly embraces its new name, its new family and its exciting future as Sanford Health. United together, Sanford Health and Medcenter One celebrated their union with a sign unveiling and employee picnic. In addition to the installation of new signs, Sanford's signature blue lights now line the top of its main campus building in downtown Bismarck. The lights illuminate the skyline on all Sanford Health's campuses.

"It's a great honor to part of the Sanford family. The name is known across the nation, and it's becoming known around the world as a leader in health care," said Dr. Craig Lambrecht, president of Sanford Bismarck. "While the name brings great awareness, it also brings great responsibility for quality and service. We are excited to take on that challenge and to live up to those expectations."

"Sanford's commitment to communities is well-known, both within its halls and beyond in the larger community," said Pat Durick, chair of the former Medcenter One Board of Directors and member of the Sanford Health Board of Trustees. "I'm proud to welcome the Sanford Health name to our communities."

The next step in the integration process is to connect employees across the Sanford network in order for them to collaborate and learn from one another with the goal of creating efficiencies and, most importantly, working to improve methods to provide the best care possible.

"I'm incredibly proud to welcome the newest members of our Sanford family," said Becky Nelson, Sanford Health chief operating officer. "We are excited to be here to celebrate today, but we are also mindful of the oil boom's impact on this region and the tremendous opportunity and responsibility that comes with that. We take that very seriously."

On July 2 Medcenter One and Sanford Health officially merged. Sanford Health now has more than 1,200 physicians and 25,000 employees in seven states.

#### *About Sanford Health*

Sanford Health is an integrated health system headquartered in the Dakotas and is now the largest, rural, not-for-profit health care system in the nation with locations in 126 communities in seven states. In addition, Sanford Health is in the process of developing international clinics in Ireland, Ghana, Israel and Mexico.

Sanford Health includes 35 hospitals, 140 clinic locations and nearly 1,200 physicians in

70 specialty areas of medicine. With more than 25,000 employees, Sanford Health is the largest employer in North and South Dakota. The system is experiencing dynamic growth and development in conjunction with Denny Sanford's nearly \$700 million in gifts, the largest ever to a health care organization in America. These gifts are making possible the implementation of the several initiatives including global children's clinics, multiple research centers and finding a cure for type 1 diabetes and breast cancer. For more information, please visit [sanfordhealth.org](http://sanfordhealth.org).

### **Artfest 2012: Say Hello, Dali!**

Spanish artist, Salvador Dali, is Artfest's inspiration for this year's event. Sponsored by the Taube Museum of Art, people of all ages are invited to join in the fun. The festival will be held Friday, Oct. 12, and Saturday, Oct. 13 at the State Fair Center, 2005 Burdick Expressway East, FFA Hall. Over 35 local and regional artists will be featured, including Jon Offutt, Andrew Knudsen, Jim Bailey, John Bartunek, Karen Bakke, Earth Elements, Pat Van Hal, Bead Unique, Ellen Jean Diederich, A Little Sugar and Spice Photography. All told, there will be over 35 local and regional artists!

Please join us at our Hello, Dali Premiere Party Friday, Oct. 12 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the State Fair Center. A wide variety of tapas and margaritas, a variety of select wines, and a dessert bar and entertainment will be featured. Manuel Delgado will offer live Spanish-inspired music, and during intermissions, Leonard Haabak will perform his musical wallpaper, and Jamie Grimes with Hoopsirations will dazzle the audience with her fire spinning talent. Guests must be 21 to attend. Tickets are \$30 for members, for \$35 non-members and at the door, and are available at the Taube Museum of Art, Artmain, and Artistry.

On the Saturday Family Day, hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$2, children 10 and under are free, and children's activities are \$1. Adults can mingle and browse for artwork, bid on the Silent Auction, and enjoy the musical performances by local musicians, including musical wallpaper by Leonard Haabak and more. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy F. Walter, executive director of the Taube, at 838-4445.

### **St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation grants available for quality of life projects**

The deadline for Letters of Intent for grants from St. Joseph's Community Health

Foundation is set for Oct. 15.

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) public charity community foundation formed in June of 1998. The Foundation has awarded over \$3.8 million in grants to organizations for many worthwhile projects to assist with programs that address quality of life for clients in their communities.

Grants are available to organizations for projects and initiatives that address the mental, physical, emotional and/or spiritual needs of residents in the counties of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Ward and Wells.

Forms are available on-line at [www.communityhealthfoundationnd.com](http://www.communityhealthfoundationnd.com) or by contacting Shelly Wepler, executive director at St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation, 308 2nd Ave SW, Minot, ND 58701, 837-1726 or e-mail [sjchf@minot.com](mailto:sjchf@minot.com).

### **Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch holds Pigs 'n a Blanket fundraiser**

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch will hold its 4th annual Pigs 'n a Blanket dinner and quilt auction Tuesday, Oct. 16 at the Ranch's Minot campus, Dakota Memorial School gymnasium. The quilt preview will be from 3 to 5 p.m., dinner will be from 5 to 7 p.m., and the live quilt auction starts at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner tickets, available at the door, are \$7 per person or \$15 for families of three or more. Children ages 3 and under are free. The meal will include roast pork, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, buns and desserts.

This event is family friendly, and will feature music by elevenAM. Nearly \$24,600 was raised in three auctions held in Fargo, Bismarck and Minot in 2011. Proceeds from the dinner and auction fund programs for the community's children who are at risk with emotional and behavioral issues.

For more information, call 701-799-0380.

### **United Community Bank hires Miller**

United Community Bank of Minot announces the recent hiring of Mona Miller as a loan administrator. Miller is originally from Karlsruhe and currently resides in Velva. She has two sons and a daughter that all live in the area. She comes to United Community Bank with 13 years of banking experience.



*Mona Miller*



## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### *Taube Museum features men's work*

The upcoming main gallery exhibition at the Taube Museum of Art, Greetings from North Dakota, is an exhibition of North Dakota inspired paintings from Oct. 2 – Nov. 17. Steve Knutson, an artist formerly from Minot who now resides in Fargo, feels it is necessary to create artwork that tells a story of who he is and where he is from.

"I strive to achieve this goal with every painting I produce with recurring themes, images, and colors," said Knutson in his artist statement. "I use many images in my paintings, but the most familiar is that of the Bison. There is something so majestic and sacred about the bison that still inhabit our state, and I use that image metaphorically and symbolically in my work to express my views and beliefs with regards to the state."

The Lower Gallery exhibition is Men's Room. This all men's show is inspired by various interpretations of a Men's Room — and yes, that means bedroom, bathroom, man cave, garage, the outdoors, etc! It will include artworks by Bill Harbort, Jim Bailey, Rodney Kenny, and one who wishes to remain anonymous.

The public reception, which is free and open to the public, will Oct. 4 from 5:30-7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served. Museum and gift shop hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by special appointment. There is no charge for admission, but contributions are accepted to help the Taube Museum fulfill their mission of enriching lives through the visual arts. The exhibition is made possible with support from the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

For further information please contact Wendy Kimble, gallery manager at the Taube Museum of Art, at 838-4445.

### *MSU releases fall enrollment numbers*

Minot State University official fall 2012 enrollment numbers show a 2.7 percent decrease compared to official numbers last year of 3,657. The number reported to the North Dakota University system is 3,560.

"Numbers indicate we are doing a good job of recruiting outside of our area, and that MSU's message of being a solid institution with fine academic programs is making inroads," said MSU President David Fuller. "However, housing and the energy industry continue to impact us locally."

Enrollment declines are most prevalent in new freshmen and graduate, Minot Air Force Base and Native American students. Ward

County showed a 5 percent total decrease. Other counties showing decreased enrollment trends include many in oil patch country, such as Divide, Williams and Mountrail.

Grow North Dakota, an MSU endeavor to recruit out-of-state and international students by charging a flat tuition rate, fostered growth in student populations from exterior states such as Arizona, California, Florida and Michigan. Increases were also seen in transfer and international students.

North Dakota counties that show enrollment increases include Burke, Burleigh, Cass and Grand Forks.

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

Lori Wolff is a physician assistant at St. Alexius Medical Clinic in Minot. She received her nursing degree from University of Mary and her master's degree in physician assistant studies from University of North Dakota.

Wolff has served as manager of North Dakota Ambulance Service and worked as a licensed practical nurse and paramedic in numerous locations across the state. She is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

St. Alexius Medical Clinic primary care providers are available to see patients Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For appointments, please call 857-8055.

The Specialty Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling 857-8000.

### *MSU Academic Hall of Fame inducts two*

Minot State University is honoring two inductees, Robert Holmen, mathematics, and Joseph Alme, music, into its Academic Hall of Fame at a Sept. 9 banquet. The MSU Faculty Senate chose these individuals from faculty and community nominations to represent a range of outstanding career achievements by MSU alumni.

MSU students, faculty and staff and community members also interacted with the inductees during Homecoming Week, Sept. 9-15, at events scheduled by participating departments and the Academic Hall of Fame Committee.

### *MSU President Fuller to retire in 2014*

Minot State University President David Fuller announced his intentions to retire from service, effective June 30, 2014. Fuller also serves as Dakota College at Bottineau president.

"I wish to give our campus, community and the State Board of Higher Education a clear sense of the plans and the date, so that timely preparations can be made to proceed with a search and an orderly transition for my successor," Fuller said.

Until his retirement, Fuller will continue to serve as president for MSU and DCB and focus on preparations for MSU's 2013-2014 Centennial celebration, groundwork for an upcoming comprehensive capital campaign and post-flood recovery.

"Our university still has considerable work to address the effects of the devastating Souris River Flood, the resulting housing shortages and the corresponding enrollment challenges. I am confident that we are making good progress on each of those, but there is still a lot of work remaining," he said.

Following his arrival in 2004, Fuller developed a seven-year proposal focused on MSU's 2013 Centennial. The subsequent plan, known as "Vision 2013," outlined strategies and tactics to raise awareness of MSU beyond northwestern North Dakota and achieve national distinction in the upper Great Plains region. As a result, MSU underwent several initiatives to strengthen campus infrastructure, enhance academic programs and heighten its commitment to student success through on and off-campus learning experiences.

Fuller is MSU's eighth president.

### *North Dakota Center for Persons with Disability to host disability-health awareness walk*

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a University Center of Excellence on developmental disabilities on Minot State University's campus, is hosting "Talk, Walk and Roll," a disability health-awareness walk Oct. 12, 4-6 p.m. People of all abilities are welcome to participate, and participants will meet in front of Old Main at 4 p.m.

"This event is intended to promote inclusive communities and raise health awareness for people with disabilities in a fun and unique way," said Emily Rodacker, NDCPD project coordinator. "Talk, Walk and Roll provides an opportunity for participants to talk with people as they walk around the beautiful Minot State University campus and roll through the evening with friends, just for the health of it."

October is National Disability Awareness month. Local organizations and businesses will be stationed along the route to provide information and resources on disabilities. Participants can also tour the new Student Wellness Center and see other improvements happening at MSU.

For questions, contact Rodacker at emily.rodacker@minotstateu.edu or 858-3546.



*Lori Wolff*



## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### *Ulrich joins The View / Maple View*

Taylor Ulrich has joined the management team of The View assisted living facility and Maple View Memory Care Community. In her role as activity coordinator, Ulrich is responsible for scheduling daily activities and special events for the facilities.

Ulrich graduated from the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio. She holds a Bachelor's of Art degree in communication. Her work experience includes public relations, human resources and customer service.

"Taylor brings a wealth of experience to our organization and is dedicated to promoting a culture that upholds our values of candor, integrity, respect and fun for our residents and employees," said Lori Soltis, director. "We are thrilled to have her join us and think she'll be a great fit for our team."

The View is located at 2905 Elk Drive in Minot, with Maple View next door at 2805 Elk Drive. For additional information, call 852-7700 or visit [www.LifeAtTheView.com](http://www.LifeAtTheView.com) or [www.LifeAtMapleView.com](http://www.LifeAtMapleView.com).

### *American Bank sponsors fraud seminar*

American Bank Center presents "Detect and Prevent Electronic Fraud" Tuesday, Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to Noon at American Bank Center, 2201 15th St. SW, Minot.

Information will be presented by John McCullough, formerly the head of the Minnesota Crimes Task Force and founder and president of the Financial and Retail Protection Association. He has been involved in several financial fraud cases and will share his expertise on what you can do to protect your business assets from electronic fraud. Don't miss this free seminar.

Please RSVP by Oct. 19 to Sommer Reineke at [sreineke@weareamerican.com](mailto:sreineke@weareamerican.com) or by calling 701-221-4750.

### *Kiwanis Pancake Day set for Oct. 6*

The 53rd annual Kiwanis Pancake Day will be Saturday, Oct. 6 at the ND State Fair Center. Kiwanis members will be flipping pancakes from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event is taking place during the Y's Men's Rodeo. Be sure to get your tickets in advance from a Kiwanis member or at the Chamber office, First Western Bank, Knowles Jewelry or call 838-1889. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Proceeds go to help youth projects in Minot including Boys' State, Girls' State, the International Music Camp, Companions for Children, Junior Achievement and more.

### *Minot SCORE chapter receives awards at district conference*

SCORE, Service Corps of Retired Executives, recently held the Annual District Conference in Bismarck.

Present for the conference was W. Kenneth Yancey, CEO of SCORE from Washington, D.C. He participated in awards presentations and provided detailed information about SCORE. SCORE provides mentoring sessions for individuals interested in starting a business and workshops related to small business activities. Many small business owners are assisted annually.

Speakers presented information on various resources available to local chapter SCORE mentors who meet with those wishing to start a business. Among the presenters at the conference was Mary Klecker Green, communications manager at Basin Electric Power Cooperative, who shared information on the use of Facebook and Twitter as social networking. Another topic of great interest was the presentation on Target Bakken given by Kathy Neset of Neset Consulting. She indicated the oil activity in North Dakota is here for many years into the future.

The Minot SCORE chapter was honored



*Pictured with National SCORE CEO, W. Kenneth Yancey are Carol Butts, Minot SCORE Member of the Year, and Val Stadick, Main Street Books, Small Business of the Year.*

with the District Chapter of the Year Award. Yancey presented the award to Larry Schmidt, Minot chapter chairman.

Valarie Stadick of Main Street Books in Minot was recognized as a successful new business. She has received SCORE assistance with the start-up for her business. Carol Butts, current secretary of the Minot SCORE chapter, was named Minot SCORE Chapter Member of the Year.



*Minot SCORE members received the Chapter of the Year Award at the District Conference from National SCORE CEO, W. Kenneth Yancey.*

### *Independence Inc. offers Independent Living Fair Oct. 25*

Independence, Inc., a resource center for independent living, a Minot-based disability rights organization, will host the 4th annual Independent Living Fair Oct. 25 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Sleep Inn & Suites. Information will be available on a variety of products, services, and resources from organizations committed to supporting individuals with dis-

abilities to live independently as contributing members of the community. A voter education workshop on voting rights, polling sites, and other important information will be provided. Free refreshments and door prizes are offered. This is the only regional fair designed especially for people with disabilities.

# OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Right Start Presentation, 12:30 p.m., MAFB	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Y's Men's Rodeo Business After Hours, 5 – 7 p.m., ND State Fair Center	<b>4</b> CLI Leadership Session, 8 a.m., YMCA Military Affairs Committee, Noon, MAFB Jimmy Doolittle Center	<b>5</b> Ambassadors Committee, 7:30 a.m., Int'l. Inn	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Eagle Awards Presentation, 10 a.m., Chamber office Ribbon Cutting - Ryan Honda, 10 a.m., 3701 S. Broadway	<b>10</b> Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB Chamber Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Holiday Inn Ribbon Cutting - Trinity CancerCare Center, 3 p.m., 831 S. Bdwy. Ribbon Cutting - Spherion, 4 p.m., 629 20th Ave. SE	<b>11</b> CLI Media Session, 8 a.m., Rural Fire Department Ribbon Cutting - Ackerman Estvold Engineering, 2 p.m., 1907 17th St SE	<b>12</b> Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Right Start Presentation, 12:30 p.m., MAFB	<b>16</b> Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Holiday Inn	<b>17</b> Workshop: "Living Up In A Down World," 8:30 a.m., Holiday Inn	<b>18</b> CLI, 8 a.m., MAFB Diplomats Committee, 9 a.m., Parker Center Honorary Commanders Kickoff, 5 p.m., MAFB	<b>19</b> Governmental Affairs Committee, 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Suicide Prevention Workshop, 8:30 a.m., Holiday Inn Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB Junior Achievement, Noon, Chamber Ribbon Cutting - Hampton Inn, 4 p.m., 1400 N. Bdwy.	<b>25</b> CLI Healthcare Session, 8 a.m., Trinity Health Energy Committee, 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

To view meeting changes or community events, log on to [www.minotchamber.org](http://www.minotchamber.org)