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## *Future of Minot depends on yes vote*

*by L. John MacMartin, Chamber President*

The box of band aides is empty. We've used the last one at our disposal. We now have deployed 24 band aides to try to deal with the hemorrhaging.

I am referring to the growing student population of Minot Public Schools. Our school board and school administrators, led by superintendent Mark Vollmer, have done everything possible to deal with the rapid growth coming into Minot and the school district. The 24 band aides are the 24 portables that are deployed at seven elementary schools. That number doesn't even consider the portables being used at the City Auditorium for Erik Ramstad Middle School.

Rapid growth means that the population of the public schools will increase by over 1,000 students in the next five years. Based solely on the students currently enrolled in the elementary schools — not the projected increase — the district will lack the space necessary to provide an education for at least the 400 additional elementary students, a growing bubble, that will soon move into middle school. And it is this bubble that will continue to grow and for which the district needs to plan.

So what is the plan? The plan starts with the elimination of the 24 portables, which is essentially an elementary school. Start with building one new elementary school and adding additional space at key overcrowded elementary schools in the district. The next step needs to address the middle school growth, and to do that, you build a new high school. Then remodel Central Campus and convert it into Minot's third middle school. You cannot solve the middle school dilemma without building that new high school.

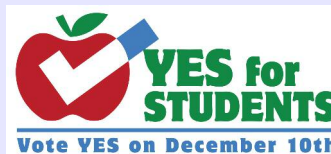
The citizens of Minot are confronted with the question of what do we want our community to look like and what type of educational setting do

### *Yes for Students Window Clings*

*The Yes for Students Committee will offer window clings at no charge. Volunteers will be on hand to help to put these on vehicles.*

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we want for our future leaders — today's and tomorrow's students? In one case it is new facilities with a balanced student to teacher ratio that we in North Dakota have come to expect. Or we could be facing what some would classify as chaos. I'm pretty sure that the portables would not disappear. New elementary school boundaries would probably be in the district's future — perhaps even one child from one family in one elementary school and a second older child in another elementary school. Class sizes would probably need to increase to the mid-to-high-30's per class. I can't even imagine how the district might deal with the middle school and high school numbers except to suggest some form of year round classes.

For the Chamber Board, it is a clear-cut choice. The students — our future — come first, and the board unanimously urges a yes vote on the Minot Public School Bond issue.

*Welcome to the Big Top:*

## *Annual Showcase features "Circus of Business"*

More than 80 businesses will display their services and products around a festive theme at the 2013 Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Showcase of Business. This year's sold-out event encourages booth sponsors and participants to decorate their booth with a "circus" theme under the big top.

The event, sponsored by KXMC CBS13, is set for Thursday, Nov. 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the ND State Fair Center Magic Place.

Debbie Harris (Fiancée) has taken on the task of creating a "circus atmosphere," and promises a number of exciting opportunities for participants.

"Certainly, it will be a three-ring circus," she said. "Ringmaster Dave Reiten will host the night's festivities, and vendors will offer amazing hors d'oeuvres and drinks."

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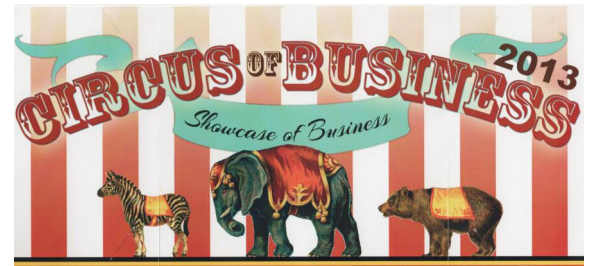
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Harris noted that Homesteaders will be serving famous pork wings, while Marketplace Foods will offer cheese from all over the world. Hometown Elegance is offering a "blow torch bruschetta," assembled in front of participants. Sweet N Flour Patisserie will offer chocolate truffle lollipops, and Lone Star Barbecue is offering brisquet sliders.

Also under the big top, an assortment of "circus animals" will be on hand, said Harris, not of the live variety. And as part of the circus atmosphere, special drinks will be offered for sale in glow-in-the-dark glasses. Special music and lighting will be presented by Dude Walker, and KXMC will have a candy buffet.

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 60-inch LED television and home theater system with a Blue Ray disc player. Most booths will have prizes as well. In its 25th year, the Showcase of Business provides a unique opportunity to showcase the products and services of area businesses and representatives.

The cost to attend is just \$10. Expect to see great prizes, food and entertainment.



## NEW MEMBERS

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **The JBR Group** and **Newkota Services & Rentals**. Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

### THE JBR GROUP

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971 72nd Ave. NE • 3205 15th St. SE • Minot, ND • 701-500-1659

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Newkota is an oilfield services company, renting various oilfield equipment and also offering oilfield stem services. Check out the website for more information: www.newkota.com.

## RENEWALS

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership Sept. 22 through Oct. 25, 2013. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

Ackerman-Estvold  
Advanced Business Methods  
Aggregate Construction Inc  
American Family Agency  
American Insurance Center  
Buffalo Wild Wings  
Candlewood Suites  
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Services  
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Concrete Mobile, LLC  
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Dufner Construction, Inc.  
Fiancee'  
4 Bears Casino and Lodge  
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Swenson RV & Equipment  
United Blood Services  
United Community Bank of ND  
United Mailing Services Inc.  
Vision Source-Minot  
Wood Group PSN  
Zimmy Consulting, LLC

# Chamber chair ready to assume new duties

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce 90th Annual Meeting was a moment to reflect on this past year and look ahead to what's to come. The challenges and milestones were highlighted in a presentation by outgoing chair, Jonn Knecht (American Bank Center).

"The Chamber had 67 ribbon cuttings during the past year and eight groundbreakings — a sign of the times," said Knecht. "While that has been good news in the way of growth, there have been growing pains that the Chamber is addressing."

Knecht handed the gavel over to incoming Chair Randy Hauck (Verendrye Electric Cooperative), who said he is ready for the challenge.

Hauck thanked Knecht along with outgoing board members, Jeff Anderson (Excavating Inc.), Brekka Kramer (Odney), Julie Lizotte (SRT Communications, Inc.), Jessica Merchant (Olson & Burns), and Tim Vallely (Vallely Sport & Marine).

The program for the annual meeting featured Basin Electric Cooperative senior vice president of communications and administration, Mike Eggl. Eggl focused his talk on the Bakken and the increase in population and all that comes with it, including the need for more electrical power throughout the

area.

The 90th Annual Meeting concluded with three awards given to businesses for their contributions to the community.

Taco John's received the Spirit of Growth Award for its work within community organizations donating funds. The company gave all the proceeds from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. at all their Minot locations on April 13 to Hope Village, the long term recovery center for Minot's 2011 flood.

SRT Communications received the Impact Award for its involvement in the community with their assistance in projects like Tough Enough to Wear Pink, the Young Professionals Network and Souris Valley United Way, to name a few.

The third award, Business Stewardship, was given to Joel Feist of Real Builders. Feist's commitment and dedication to Minot are seen through his involvement with the Minot Area Community Foundation, Minot Association of Builders, and Minot State University.



Steve Lynse and Cassidy Kersten of SRT Communications, Inc., received the Impact Award from outgoing Chamber chair Jonn Knecht during the annual meeting.



Mike Sartwell and Megan Grundstrom of Taco John's accepted the Spirit of Growth Award from outgoing Chamber Chair Jonn Knecht.



Jonn Knecht awarded Joel Feist (Real Builders) the Business Stewardship Award for his community involvement.

## Plaque to commemorate B-52 unveiled



Military Affairs Committee Chair Bruce Carlson (Verendrye Electric Cooperative), along with Col Alex Mezynski (5 BW/CC) and Scot Oathout (Boeing), unveiled the plaque to commemorate the 1/8th scale model of the B-52 stratofortress bomber at MAFB. A second model will be dedicated at the Dakota Territory Air Museum.

## Infrastructure/Energy Combined Meeting

The groups will hear from Amy McBeth of BNSF on the railway's business in the region, including its sizable maintenance and expansion efforts. BNSF announced earlier this year it will be spending an estimated \$220 million in North Dakota this year alone to improve and expand rail capacity.

**Thursday, Nov. 14 • 7:30 a.m. • Grand Hotel**  
**Breakfast: \$12 (pay at door)**

Visit [minotchamber.org](http://minotchamber.org),  
go to calendar and log in to RSVP

## Cookie Drive volunteers needed

The annual cookie drive is set for Friday, Dec. 13, 2013. If you can donate baked goods for this worthy cause, please drop them off at the Chamber office the week of Dec. 9. Care packages are made for airmen on base to bring a taste of home to their quarters on base.

# 25 graduate from Leadership Institute

The following participants of the 2013 Community Leadership Institute (CLI) graduate Nov. 7 at a luncheon ceremony at the Grand Hotel. We look forward to seeing these community-minded participants in action to better our community.



**DAVID BLIKRE**  
*Brady, Martz & Associates, P.C.*



**JENNIFER CHARBONNEAU**  
*United Blood Services*



**JENNA CLARK**  
*First International Bank & Trust*



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## RIBBON CUTTINGS



### Cash Wise Foods

3208 16th St. SW • Minot, ND • 852-4420 • <http://www.cashwise.com>  
Owners: Coborn's, Inc.

*The grand opening celebration at Minot's newest 58,000 square foot grocery store included a ribbon cutting with Ambassadors, Minot Mayor Curt Zimbleman, Coborn President and CEO Chris Coborn, Chamber President L. John MacMartin, and area dignitaries.*



### Petco

3212 16th St. SW • Minot, ND • 837-1064  
Website: [www.petco.com](http://www.petco.com)

*Petco is located at in the new Southgate Crossing. The store features full-service grooming, dog training, and an aquatics department.*



### Odney

21 South Main, Suite 101 • Minot, ND 58703 • 857-7205  
Pat Finken, President, and Brekka Kramer, General Manager  
Website: [www.odney.com](http://www.odney.com)

*Charm, character and history — all a part of the Odney open house held in October to celebrate the new office location in the heart of downtown Minot. Odney is a full-service agency with offices in Minot, Bismarck and Fargo, ND, and Coeur d'Alene, ID.*



### Minot International Airport - New Snow Removal Equipment Building

700 Airport Road • Minot, ND 58703 • 857-4724  
[www.whyflyminot.com](http://www.whyflyminot.com)  
City of Minot

*This new building is large enough to contain the operations center and sleeping quarters in one building, as well as all of the equipment, protected from the elements and ready to fight the next snow storm.*

## Learn about federal, state, and local procurement opportunities

The North Dakota Small Business Development Center offers comprehensive procurement technical assistance to businesses wanting to sell their goods and services to local, state, and federal agencies through the Business Development Procurement Center.

Consultants provide a solid understanding of the government contracting process and teach the fundamentals necessary to prepare winning bids.

Expertise is offered in:

- how to apply for government contracting certifications
- individualized procurement assistance

- current business research and internet technology
- profitable in-state procurement opportunities
- federal procurement registrations
- identifying unique business opportunities
- comprehensive contract management training

All consultations are free, one-on-one and confidential. For more information, call 701-738-4850 or 701-738-4849, send a message to [procurement@ndsbdc.org](mailto:procurement@ndsbdc.org), or visit [www.ndsbdc.org](http://www.ndsbdc.org).

*The U.S. Postal Service  
will host a listening session  
on forming a  
Customer Advisory  
Council  
Wednesday, Nov. 6  
6 p.m.  
Parker Senior Center  
21 1st Ave. SE*

## GROUND BREAKINGS .....



### **Minot International Airport - New Terminal**

25 Airport Road • Minot, ND • 857-4724 • [whyflyminot.com](http://whyflyminot.com)

City of Minot

*The new terminal will provide the Minot Airport the opportunity to serve our community with adequate space to accommodate the local growth, additional flights, and room for expansion.*



### **First Western Bank & Trust**

2105 16th St. NW • Minot, ND 58703 • 852-3711

Owner: J. H. Hoeven, Jr.

Website: [www.bankfirstwestern.com](http://www.bankfirstwestern.com)

*A groundbreaking ceremony was held for a new north hill branch location for Minot's only locally owned independent community bank.*

## *The Minot Young Professionals start sixth year in community*

The 2013 – 2014 fiscal year marks the start of the sixth year for the Minot Young Professionals (YP). Over the past five years, Minot YP has created leadership, networking and professional development opportunities for individuals between the ages of 21 and 39. It has been a busy five years and the leadership team is excited for the new opportunities in store for this year.

Minot YP kicked off the new year in September with a quarterly meeting. The event was attended by 50 members and sponsored by Tires Plus. At the meeting, attendees were given the opportunity to learn more about Minot YP, its upcoming events and teams. The new Minot YP leadership team was also introduced and includes:

- President: Cameon Eisenzimmer (GIS Analyst at Kadrmas Lee & Jackson)
- Vice President: Jessica Henderson (Assistant Financial Officer at First Western Bank & Trust)
- Secretary: Veronica Meyer (Civil Technician at Interstate Engineering, Inc)
- Treasurer: Fred Beuchler (Vice President at First Western Bank & Trust)
- Past President: Nick Metzgian (Personal Banker at American Bank Center)
- Member at Large: Jennifer Lade (Mortgage Associate at Town & Country Credit Union)
- Member at Large: Lindsey Knoop Anderson (Director of Investor Relations at Investors Real Estate Trust)

- Member at Large: Megan Awalt (Senior Associate at Brady Martz & Associates)
- Social Team Chair: Jessica Renard (General Manager of the Country Inn & Suites of Minot)
- Social Team Co-Chair: Emily Huettl (Civil Engineer at Ackerman-Estvold)
- Outreach Team Chair: Kelsey Fagerland (Risk Manager at Town & Country Credit Union)
- Outreach Team Co-Chair: Lindsay Wagner (Mortgage Loan Processor at First Western Bank & Trust)
- Professional Development Team Chair: Megan Laudenschlager (Finance and Program Director at the Minot Area Community Foundation)
- Professional Development Team Co-Chair: Christie Williams (Commercial Loan Officer at Dakota CDC)
- Marketing Team Chair: Rhonda Jensen (Account Service Specialist at Odney Advertising)
- Marketing Team Co-Chair: Shannon Webster (Senior Vice President Marketing at Town & Country Credit Union)

The Minot Young Professionals are structured as a committee within the Minot Chamber of Commerce. Membership is limited to individuals between the ages of 21 and 39 with annual dues costing \$25. For more information on Minot YP and for a calendar of upcoming events visit [www.ypminot.com](http://www.ypminot.com).

## LUNCH AND LEARN .....

Join Us!



Eide Bailly is proud to sponsor the Sales and Use Tax Construction Issues seminar, presented by the State of North Dakota - Office of the Tax Commissioner. This free event will be Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Grand Hotel on North Broadway in Minot.

You'll learn about important tax considerations impacting contractors and customers, including:

- Materials and Equipment - Installed and Retail Sales - Billing Issues - Sand, Rock, Scoria, Dirt
- Local Option Sales & Use Tax
- Modular Units
- Manufactured Homes
- Government Contracts
- Exemptions

Seating is limited, so reserve your place today! To register, go to [minotchamber.org](http://minotchamber.org) and click on November 14 under Chamber Events and use your password and login.

In addition to Eide Bailly, the Minot Chamber of Commerce and the State of North Dakota are proud co-sponsors of this event.

## Area volunteers reach to create 500,000 life-saving meals

Through a partnership between central and western North Dakota and Twin Cities-based Feed My Starving Children (FMSC), hundreds of volunteers will work to feed thousands of starving children in the developing world. This FMSC MobilePack™ event will take place Nov. 23, 2013, at the North Dakota State Fair Center in Minot.

This event was first brought to North Dakota in 2010 and was an overwhelming success. 300,000 food packages were created and 1,600 volunteers donated their time to assist. In 2013, FMSC committee members plan to reach even higher with a goal of 500,000 food packages to

be created.

The FMSC Committee is encouraging churches, organizations and individuals in central and western North Dakota to support this MobilePack™ event by making a donation and volunteering to package food. To learn more, make a donation or register a team, visit [www.fundraising.fmssc.org/Minot](http://www.fundraising.fmssc.org/Minot).

To find out more about local event efforts contact Verla Rostad at 833-1655 or [jvrostad@srt.com](mailto:jvrostad@srt.com). For more information about FMSC, contact FMSC's media relations associate at 763-951-7317 or [media@fmssc.org](mailto:media@fmssc.org).

### About Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand pack meals designed specifically for starving children, and FMSC ships the meals to nearly 70 countries around the world. Each meal costs only 22¢ to produce. Churches, businesses, community groups, and schools in more than 30 states have hosted these food-packing events as a way to foster teamwork and unity, while making a real difference in the problem of hunger. For more information, visit [fmssc.org](http://fmssc.org).

## Incentive Fund supports affordable housing development

With North Dakota's strong, diversified economy contributing to statewide growth that is expected to continue well into the future, affordable housing choices are more important than ever. One state program is helping to get new housing options built across the state.

"As North Dakota grows, the need for affordable housing has been one of our biggest challenges," said Jolene Kline, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) acting executive director. "The Housing Incentive Fund (HIF) program has been a huge boost in creating more housing units in communities all over North Dakota."

The current housing stock in North Dakota that is affordable for low- to moderate-income households has become limited with the high growth rates. It has forced some elderly and disabled households to leave communities they've long called home. Service sector businesses have faced challenges in attracting and retaining crucial Main Street employees. And

in western North Dakota, limited housing options for essential service workers – law enforcement personnel, road maintenance workers, teachers and medical professionals – threatens quality of life and personal safety.

Through HIF, NDHFA is closing the gap in the financing of affordable rental housing. The original \$15 million program, created during the 2011 legislative session, supported the development of 24 projects in primarily disaster and energy-impacted communities.

"HIF was reauthorized during the 2013 legislative session at the urging of the North Dakota Industrial Commission," said Kline. "The program now supports development without any location specific set-asides."

HIF II is a \$35.4 million program. The state legislature gave NDHFA \$20 million in tax credit authority and a \$15.4 million general fund appropriation to support the program.

In July, NDHFA made conditional funding commitments to 18 new HIF projects. The

agency is currently reviewing more development applications, and anticipates that the program funding will be exhausted during its second funding round.

To ensure that the developments that HIF supports are able to break ground, NDHFA must capitalize the \$20 million in tax credits by Dec. 31, 2014.

"By contributing to HIF, businesses and individuals help address North Dakota's affordable housing needs and have a say in how their state tax dollars are spent," said Kline.

Contributors receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit for their contribution and the contributions can be targeted to a specific project, community or region.

More information on HIF is available at [www.ndhousingincentivefund.org](http://www.ndhousingincentivefund.org) or by contacting Jolene Kline or Bill Hourigan at 800-292-8621 or [info@ndhfa.org](mailto:info@ndhfa.org).

## MINOT Y'S MEN'S SPONSOR SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



*Nearly 200 people attended the October Business After Hours event, sponsored by the Minot Y's Men. A meal, entertainment, and fundraisers to support the fight against cancer were all featured at the yearly event.*

## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### **Ackerman-Estvold merges with Williston companies**

Ackerman-Estvold is pleased to announce the company's merger with AmeriTech Engineering Corporation and ABC Building Concepts, LLC, in Williston. The addition of the Williston branch located at 107 Main Street becomes the second location for the company.

AmeriTech Engineering Corporation is a full-service civil engineering firm that was started in Williston in 1990, and provides professional planning, design, and construction services. ABC Building Concepts, LLC provides architectural building planning and construction facilitating services, and was established in 2002 in Williston. The companies have provided engineering and architectural services to western North Dakota and eastern Montana since that time.

Ryan Ackerman, president/CEO indicated that "the Ackerman-Estvold team has been involved in projects in western North Dakota for many years and we felt it was important to our business, our clients, and our ongoing projects, to have a greater presence in the heart of that region. The collaboration of these companies will allow Ackerman-Estvold the ability to provide the same high level services and expertise our clients have come to expect, but will expand on the ground presence over a larger geographical area."

The new Ackerman-Estvold team encompasses more than 75 professionals within the Minot, Williston, and Ackerman Surveying offices. "We are thrilled about the merger of these local companies who each have a vested interest in the communities in which they are located. Ackerman-Estvold is a sustainable, local organization that is committed to this region for the long term" said Ackerman.

Ackerman-Estvold is a professional engineering firm headquartered in Minot. The firm provides planning, design, and construction services for public and private clients throughout North Dakota and surrounding states. The full line of services includes Transportation and Traffic Engineering, Land Planning and Development, Municipal Engineering, Water Resources, Construction Engineering, and GIS Services. Visit our website at [ackerman-estvold.com](http://ackerman-estvold.com) for additional information about our organization.

### **Ackerman-Estvold welcomes Grosche as director of human resources**

Bianca Grosche has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as the director of Human Resources. Grosche earned a master of arts in speech communication, and a bachelor of science in mass communications, both from North Dakota State University - Fargo, ND. Grosche has spent nearly fifteen years overseeing human



*Bianca Grosche*

resources activities for several organizations in the Minot area. Her responsibilities will include overseeing company recruiting efforts, benefits plans, and employee development.

Ackerman-Estvold is a professional engineering and architectural firm headquartered in Minot, ND, with an additional office location in Williston, ND. The firm provides planning, design, and construction services for public and private clients throughout North Dakota and surrounding states. For more information about Ackerman-Estvold, or the services we provide visit us at [www.ackerman-estvold.com](http://www.ackerman-estvold.com).

### **Minot YWCA announces new executive director**

The Minot YWCA announced the appointment of Dena Penton as its executive director. The Minot YWCA is the Minot area's only Emergency Homeless Shelter for women and children, providing a 60-day Emergency Homeless Shelter for women and children and Permanent Supportive Housing for homeless single women.

Penton has more than ten years of experience in social services and counseling. She has worked with clients in a wide variety of settings, such as addictive disorders counseling, counseling children with emotional and behavioral issues, human services program administration, disability advocacy, and most recently, working as a mental health technician at the Minot Air Force Base. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and holds an Educator's License in North Dakota.

Penton has a passion and compassion for serving others. She considers this her greatest talent, with this compassion being her driving force in her work and education. Building rapport with clients and other organizations has played a critical role in her past success and she looks forward to continuing this process in her new role.

She received her undergraduate bachelor's degree in psychology and her master of education in counselor education from Southeastern Louisiana University at Hammond, LA.

### **MSU STEM grant to assist ND teachers**

Minot State University has been awarded \$531,000 for two years for its project, "Learning STEMs from Experience." This grant is part of a Title II, Part B, Math and Science Partnership Grant from the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

MSU will provide professional development to K-12 STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) teachers throughout North Dakota, including numerous districts that partnered with MSU on this project. Over the grant's two-year period, the project will offer 35 graduate courses for K-12 STEM teachers (20 per year), including 19 mathematics courses, 10 science courses and

six STEM courses.

Courses will be taught through various venues: two-week or five-week summer sessions, online 16-week sessions, as well as follow-up activities. There is no cost to participating North Dakota teachers. The grant provides 100 percent tuition-and-fee scholarships, books/materials, mileage and room on campus. Coursework can be used toward MSU master degree programs.

For more information, contact the project directors, Crackel of the Division of Science at [robert.crackel@minotstateu.edu](mailto:robert.crackel@minotstateu.edu) or Laurie Geller of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at [laurie.geller@minotstateu.edu](mailto:laurie.geller@minotstateu.edu).

### **MSU to host percussion workshop and concert**

The Division of Music will host Maraca2, an internationally noted percussion duo from Birmingham, United Kingdom, for a daylong percussion workshop and evening percussion concert Nov. 1. The percussion workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with morning sessions in the Gordon B. Olson Library and afternoon sessions in Old Main. The activities will conclude with a concert in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m. The event is in conjunction with the Northwest International Festival of Music. The public is invited to attend.

Co-sponsored by the music division, the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning and Minot's Sunnyside School DrumKidz, the workshops and evening concert are free and open to the public.

Minot State University is Maraca2's first stop on a U.S. concert tour that includes a performance at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Indianapolis in mid-November. Previously, Maraca2 toured extensively throughout the U.S., South America and Europe. The duo is heavily involved in music education and frequently performs in schools, universities and other institutes of learning. To learn more or register for the workshop, contact Avis Veikley, percussion instructor, at 858-3264 or [oravis.veikley@minotstateu.edu](mailto:oravis.veikley@minotstateu.edu).

### **Image First sponsors grand opening**

Image First will sponsor a Grand Opening Nov. 1. Image First is a unique blend of three businesses, including Eye Candy lash extensions, Relaxation Station massage therapy, and Image First aesthetic services.

Teri Johnson, Evonne Packulack, and Alyssa Kemper all welcome you to join us for our open house following a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday, Nov. 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### ***Scofield promoted to crew chief***

Karvacko Engineering is excited to announce that Andrew Scofield has recently been promoted to Utility Crew Chief.

"I noticed right away that Andrew had the leadership qualities which align with this new position. He continues to demonstrate an unparalleled level of dedication aligned with the values that we foster in our firm," stated Mike Karvacko, owner and principal of Karvacko Engineering.



**Andrew Scofield**

Scofield started as a technician with Karvacko Engineering earlier this year and previously attended the Civil Engineering Technology program at Minnesota State Community and Technical College where courses focused on surveying and drafting.

Karvacko Engineering is headquartered in Bemidji, MN, with branch offices in Minot, North Dakota and Chassell, Michigan. The firm provides engineering, surveying, planning, and landscape architecture services throughout the upper Midwest, specializing in the aviation, municipal, energy, and transportation industries.

### ***Anderson and Patrick join KK BOLD***

In response to the growing needs of its clients, KK BOLD has hired two new employees who will provide agency services in the Minot, N.D., area.

Debra Anderson now is the director of public relations. She works closely with the agency's account and creative team to enhance public outreach and image for clients throughout the region.



**Debra Anderson**

Anderson brings 25 years of experience in health and education public relations and marketing to the position. She has worked in both the private and public sectors in North Dakota and Oklahoma.

Anderson is a graduate of the University of North Dakota where she received a bachelor's degree with majors in English and public relations. She is a native of Westhope, ND.

Carolina Patrick has joined KK BOLD as an account executive. Her work will focus on meeting the marketing needs of KK BOLD's Minot-area clients.

Patrick has a broad base of professional experience in Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Georgia. Her areas of expertise include sales and management, development of marketing strategies, and campaign implementation and assessment.

A native of Uruguay, Patrick considers Harrisburg, Pa., to be her home. She is a 2005 graduate of Shippensburg University of

Pennsylvania where she received a bachelor's degree with majors in marketing and international management.

KK BOLD is a brand-building agency built for the digital age. With offices in Bismarck and Minot, N.D., and Las Vegas, the agency provides cutting-edge services in advertising, branding, interactive, media, public relations, marketing and public affairs consulting.



**Carolina Patrick**

### ***Downtown hosts Olde Fashioned Christmas Open House Nov. 29***

The Downtown Business and Professional Association will sponsor the Olde Fashioned Christmas Open House Nov. 29, 2013, from 3 to 8 p.m. Hayrides, sponsored by Kim Albert (Allstate Insurance), will be offered, as will pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Santa, all kinds of holiday drinks and treats at many of the stores, and a variety of musical entertainment.

Many of the stores will be open until 8 p.m. for shopping enjoyment. A stroll down Main Street will be an opportunity to check out the many holiday bargains, and a chance to take part in sidewalk activities, like sampling S'Mores, tasting hot chili and yummy kabobs, toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate, spicy cider and other Christmas drinks.

Pizza with Santa, sponsored by the LaQuinta Inn and Suites, will be at the Taube Museum of Art from 5 to 5:45 p.m. The talented group, "The 5 Of Us," will sing a variety of Christmas carols in front of the Taube from 5:15 to 5:40 p.m., so all can gather around and enjoy the Lighting of the Christmas Tree.

The community is invited to celebrate the opening of the Christmas season in historic Downtown Minot.

### ***ND Trade Office to host Trade Talk Nov. 7***

The North Dakota Trade Office will host a Trade Talk Thursday, Nov. 7, titled

"Safeguarding Your Company in the World of Global Business." The event will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Radisson in Bismarck.

The event, which is presented by Supervisory Special Agent Christopher J. Golomb of the FBI Minneapolis Division and Special Agent Perry Davis of the Department of Commerce Bureau of Industry and Security Office of Export Enforcement, will help North Dakota companies who export internationally understand their responsibility to protect proprietary and export controlled information from adversaries who are looking to exploit U.S. technologies.

The following link offers additional details and a link to registration:

<http://ndto.com/2013/10/november-trade-talk-safeguarding-your-company-in-the-world-of-global-business/>

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

Dr. David Fuller, president of Minot State University, will be the featured speaker at the Minot Area Homeless Coalition 8th Annual Banquet and Fundraiser Thursday, Nov. 7 at the Grand Hotel. Dr. Fuller will speak about "Homelessness and the Effects on Education." He is a member of the Corps of Chairs of Consultant Evaluator Teams for the Higher Learning Commission, as well as a board member for the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, the Minot Area Development Corporation, and Trinity Health.

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 Barbara Eden, Carol Burnett, Dustin Hoffman, Jason Aldean, Johnny Depp, Mary Higgins Clark and more. Auction items also include children's holiday gift baskets, a Delta Vacations gift card, gift certificates, quilts, tie blankets, and much more. Tickets are \$35 per person. For more information, call 852-6300.

## DECEMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

**Northwest Tire (1500 20th Ave. SE)**

**Thursday, Dec. 12 • 5 – 7 p.m.**

Those attending are encouraged to bring one dozen cookies for the troops at Minot Air Force Base.

That, with one paid admission, will get one guest in free.

*Enjoy a chance to network with other members, enjoy some delicious food, and win prizes, including \$500 in Chamber Bucks. If winner is not present, \$50 in Chamber Bucks guaranteed.*

(Must be present to win) \$5 charge at the door



## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Horses, bulls recognized for their excellence

Six animals in the Badlands Circuit have been recognized for their excellence in the rodeo arena.

Bareback, Saddle Bronc and Bull of the Year and the Finals awards were given out at the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo in Minot Oct. 13.

Sutton Rodeo Co., Onida, SD, won five of the

six categories. Bareback Horse of the Year went to Crystallyx, Saddle Bronc Horse of the Year was Chuckulator, Saddle Bronc Horse of the Finals was Time Rental, Bull of the Year was Crystal Springs Peach, and Bull of the Finals was Johnny Ringo. The sixth category, Bareback Horse of the Finals, went to Mosbrucker Rodeo, Mandan.

This is the fourth time the bucking horse Crystallyx has won the award. Steve Sutton said the horse has a dual personality. "He's kind of two horses. If (a cowboy) can get by the first four seconds, he's nice to ride the last four seconds."

Chuckulator is a nine year old stud of the Sutton Rodeo Co. who is well known by cowboys across the nation. He's "cowboy friendly," Sutton says. "Cowboys like him. He has an attitude. He'll buck you off if you stub your toe, or let you win first place." Chuckulator and Crystallyx both have colts on the ground and Sutton will buck some of their offspring next spring.

For the second year, Crystal Springs Peach was Bull of the Year for the circuit. The Brahma is eight years old and had a 90% buck-off rate last year. The bull is sponsored by the Crystal Springs Rodeo committee in Clear Lake, SD.

The Bareback Horse of the Finals went to Mosbrucker Rodeo's Bay Wars. The four year old bay is out of the rodeo company's paint stud, War Drums, who has had several off-



*Stetson Lawrence rides the Sutton bull Johnny Ringo for 88 points during the October 12, 2013 performance of the Badlands Circuit Finals in Minot. The bull was chosen as Bull of the Finals. Photo by Peggy Gander.*

spring selected to buck at the Wrangler NFR. "He's one cowboys like to come get on," said Kelly Mosbrucker. "He's really outstanding." It was the first trip to the Badlands Circuit Finals for the gelding.

Saddle Bronc Horse of the Finals went to another Sutton animal, Time Rental. The eight year old mare was at the futurity at Cheyenne Frontier Days three years ago, and "she's continued to get better," Sutton said.

The bull Johnny Ringo of Sutton Rodeo was the Bull of the Finals. "He's cowboy friendly, a spinner."

The animals were recognized during the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo in October. The circuit is the designation for the PRCA's pro rodeos in North Dakota and South Dakota, and the rodeo determines champions from the Badlands Circuit. The Minot Y's Men host the annual rodeo. For more information on the Badlands Circuit, visit [MinotYsMensRodeo.com](http://MinotYsMensRodeo.com) or [Prorodeo.com](http://Prorodeo.com).

# SHOP

FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME!

The Minot State University broadcast communications department will be holding the 15th annual LIVE TELEVISION AUCTION on public access channel 19. This is your chance to call and bid on various items arranged into packages and sold on-air.

Items include tuition waivers, \$500 gift certificate from Dakota Fence, ad space, hotel stays, gas cards, sports tickets, gym memberships, remote car starters, gift certificates and so much more!

This year, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Mike Bunce, a local radio personality and adjunct instructor in the broadcast dept.

## THURSDAY DEC. 5TH

Watch LIVE on Channel 19

(SRT cable customers included!)

Starting at 6:30 pm



[www.kmsuauction.com](http://www.kmsuauction.com)  
[www.facebook.com/kmsuauction](http://www.facebook.com/kmsuauction)

## 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.



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# NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> <b>Ambassadors Committee</b> , 7:30 a.m., Roll N Pin Restaurant <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> , 11:30 a.m., Image First, 111 11th Ave. SW	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Right Start Presentation FTAC</b> , 12:30 p.m., MAFB	<b>5</b> <b>First Dollar of Profit Presentations</b> , 10 a.m., Various locations <b>YP Marketing Team</b> , Noon, Broadway Bean & Bagel	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Community Leadership Institute Final Session</b> , 8 a.m., Grand Hotel <b>CLI Graduation</b> , Noon, Grand Hotel <b>Military Affairs Committee</b> , Noon, MAFB <b>YP 2nd Story Bingo Night</b> , 7:30 p.m., 2nd Story	<b>8</b> <b>YP Mixer</b> , 5 p.m., Souris Valley Suites	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Eagle Awards Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., Chamber office	<b>13</b> <b>Right Start Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., MAFB	<b>14</b> <b>Energy &amp; Infrastructure Committee</b> , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel <b>Lunch &amp; Learn</b> , 11:30 a.m., Grand Hotel <b>YP Professional Team</b> , Noon, Broadway Bean & Bagel	<b>15</b> <b>Governmental Affairs Committee</b> , 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>YP Power Hour</b> , Noon,  <b>Right Start Presentation FTAC</b> , 12:30 p.m., MAFB	<b>19</b> <b>Board of Directors</b> , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	<b>20</b> <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> , 10 a.m., Ryan Chevrolet, 1800 S. Broadway <b>YP Outreach Team</b> , Noon, Spicy Pie <b>Ribbon Cutting &amp; Grand Opening</b> , 4:30 p.m., Healthsource Chiropractic	<b>21</b> <b>Showcase of Business</b> , 5 – 8 p.m., ND State Fair Center	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Junior Achievement Committee</b> , 7:30 a.m., Chamber office	<b>26</b> <b>YP Social Team</b> , 5:30 p.m., Bootlegz	<b>27</b> <b>Right Start Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., MAFB	<b>28</b> <b>Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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