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25th annual International Military Ball set for April 13

The International Military Ball, a formal event with a gourmet meal and entertainment, is Saturday, April 13 at the Minot Holiday Inn. The social will begin at 6 p.m.

The formal event will again include a seven-course gourmet meal. Participants will enjoy an elegant evening of dancing, and dignitaries from both the United States and Canada will attend.

For more information, please call 852-6000 or email chamber@minotchamber.org.



51st Annual Honors Banquet is April 17

Students and long-time staff and educators will be honored for their hard work at the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce 51st annual Honors Banquet April 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

The event is a time to recognize graduating seniors from eight area schools with grade point averages of 3.75 or higher. More than 100 students from Berthold (Lewis & Clark), Bishop Ryan, Des Lacs Burlington, Glenburn, Minot, Our Redeemer's, Sawyer and Surrey will be honored, along with staff and teachers from the schools with 25 years of service.

This event is possible thanks to the generous support of Chamber members who sponsor students and teachers. If you would like to support and encourage academic achievement, please call Carla Dolan at 857-8205.

Social Media workshop set for April 24

Dale Carnegie Business Group of ND and the Minot Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a two-part social media workshop with host, Corey Perlman, best selling author of *eBoot Camp* and social media private consultant. The event, set for Wednesday, April 24 at the Holiday Inn Riverside, is geared for two audiences.

Social media for executives will take place from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. This session will explore what to take on, what to ignore, and what to delegate.

All others are invited to the 10 a.m. to noon session. This will be for anyone wanting to harness the power of social media to further your brand's reach and impact.

Cost is \$29 for part one, \$59 for part two, and \$75 for both. Limited seating is available; online registration required. Visit <http://northdakota.dalecarnegie.com/events/socialmedia2013/>.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

First International Bank & Trust

150 16th St. SW • Minot

Thursday, April 18 • 5–7 p.m.

This is an opportunity to network with potential and established clients in a social, fun atmosphere. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a chance to win \$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



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Lunch-n-Learn: Chamber offers North Dakota Sales & Use Tax

Patrick J. Becker, compliance officers - sales and special taxes for the State of North Dakota, will present "North Dakota Sales & Use Tax."

His presentation will cover the following:

- Tax law: what is taxable
- Who needs a permit
- Administering sales tax:
 - application
 - filing
- Industry specific concerns:
 - contractors
 - retailers
 - rental companies
 - service providers
 - oil and gas
 - housing/lodging

To register, log onto
www.minotchamber.org and
sign up today under April 5.



Lunch-N-Learn

Friday, April 5 • Noon
Grand International

\$10 Charge (includes lunch)

Visit www.minotchamber.org
and sign up today

RENEWALS

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from Feb. 15 to March 18, 2013. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

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NEW MEMBERS

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **Broadway Bean and Bagel Co., Colonial Life Insurance, Crane Johnson Lumber Company, Gateway Apartments, HD Supply Waterworks, MainStream Investors, LLC, North Dakota Housing, LLC, Prairie Supply, Inc., and Stantec.** Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

BROADWAY BEAN AND BAGEL CO.

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Owners: Dan Pfau and Jeremy Boyce

Minot's newest and oldest coffee shop, originally the Bagel Stop and Deli, offers on-site roasted coffee beans to give Minot its freshest coffee. Also offering bagels, sandwiches, catering and much, much more.

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Gateway Apartments are located on 35th Avenue and directly east of 16th Street, conveniently located in Minot's Southgate Addition with one-, two- or three-bedroom apartments available. The Gateway Apartment complex is perfect for individuals, couples or families.

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304-16th Avenue SW • Watford City, ND 58854

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STANTEC

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Stantec provides professional consulting services supporting public and private sector clients in planning, engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, surveying and environmental sciences for infrastructure and facilities projects.

Visit Minot (Minot CVB) holds annual meeting April 11

Visit Minot (Minot Convention and Visitors Bureau) will hold its annual meeting Thursday, April 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Grand International.

This year's keynote speaker is Aaron Davis, a nationally-renowned business speaker, consultant and best-selling author.

Davis, who has written and co-written five books, is the president of Aaron Davis Presentations, Inc., a speaking and consulting company that challenges individuals to "perform like champions every day" in their person-

al and professional lives. A much sought-after conference speaker, Davis has spoken to tens of thousands of people across the United States. Toastmasters International awarded Davis with its "Communication and Leadership Award" in recognition of his exceptional professional presentations. Aaron Davis Productions, Inc. has also been honored with the "Outstanding Minority Owned Business" award by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. In addition to consulting and speaking, Davis is also a partner in two successful companies focused on increasing

customer engagement, acquisitions and revenue.

Davis holds a degree in psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he played football and was a member of the 1994 Husker National Championship football team. He and his wife, Brooke, have two sons and a daughter.

The annual meeting is open to the public. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Please RSVP by April 5. For more information, call Visit Minot at 857-8206 or email info@visitminot.org.

EAGLE AWARDS

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in March and thanked for superior customer service skills. If you would like to nominate someone for outstanding customer service, please call the Chamber at 852-6000 for a nomination form, or visit the website at minotchamber.org.

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



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2013 ND State Fair announces grandstand lineup

Big names will headline the Grandstand during the 48th Annual North Dakota State Fair, July 19-27. Tim McGraw, Brantley Gilbert, Sawyer Brown, Scotty McCreery, and Toby Keith will all be included on the 2013 Grandstand Showpass.

The long-time country favorite and superstar, Tim McGraw, will be the first act to perform during the 2013 State Fair on Friday, July 19. Recent hits like "One of Those Nights", "Truck Yeah", and "Southern Nights" continue to climb the charts even after over 20 years of his success in the country music industry.

Brantley Gilbert will make the North Dakota State Fair a stop on his Hell on Wheels tour on Sunday, July 21. Brantley's true to life testimony of heartache, trials and triumph will take the stage with up and coming hits like "Country Must Be Country Wide", "You Don't Know Her Like I Do" and "Kick it in the Sticks". Sawyer Brown, known for songs like "Some Girls Do", "Step That Step" and "Drive Me Wild" will call the State Fair home on Wednesday, July 24. Scotty McCreery will be performing on Thursday, July 25. Hits

2013 Showpass Lineup:

Friday, July 19	Tim McGraw
Sunday, July 21	Brantley Gilbert
Monday, July 22	Enduro Race*
Tuesday, July 23	IMCA Modified and Stock Car Races*
Wednesday, July 24	Sawyer Brown*
Thursday, July 25	Scotty McCreery
Friday, July 26	Toby Keith

*General Admission Events

The Grandstand Country Showpass will be \$85 with the option of Standing Room or Reserved Seating tickets available.

like "The Trouble with Girls", will be accompanied by other fan favorites including "I Love You This Big" and "The Man I Want to Be".

Toby Keith will close out the Showpass on Friday, July 26. Taking his "Live in Overdrive Tour" to the ND State Fair will be everything you have heard and more. Several past chart topping hits which include "Whiskey Girl", "Should've Been a Cowboy", and "How Do You Like Me Now", will be paired with hits from his new

album "Hope on the Rocks".

NPRA Championship Bull Riding will be held on Monday, July 22 & Tuesday, July 23. Tickets will be \$14 for adults, \$6 for ages 7-12 and 6 and under will be free.

Two rock concerts, scheduled for July 20 and July 27, and the ticket on-sale date are yet to be released. Stay tuned to ndstatefair.com, facebook.com/ndstatefair, and twitter.com/ndstatefair for the most up to date information!

Prairie Warrior Auction raises nearly \$30,000

Congratulations and special thanks to Betty Fedorchak (Esoterica), chairperson of the 27th Annual Military Affairs Committee Prairie Warrior Competition Auction, as well as her team of volunteers. The event, which was held March 23, raised nearly \$30,000.

Also, a special thanks goes out to the many sponsors of merchandise. Support by area businesses, organizations and individuals has once again contributed to a successful event. Participants enjoyed refreshments and hors d'oeuvres while previewing the merchandise.

Base coordinators included Maj. Dan Jensen (5 BW), Maj. Randy Snyder (91 MW), and Ms. Shelby Roberts (91 MW). Also offering invaluable help was Bill Dennis, Auctioneer John Bearman, Niess Impressions Printing, and the staff of the Holiday Inn.

The Prairie Warrior Auction and the support of the local community will contribute significantly to the wings bringing home the top honors this year: the Fairchild Trophy for the 5th Bomb Wing and the Blanchard Trophy for the 91st Missile Wing.

Fedorchak said donations from businesses, organizations and individuals, along with those who donate their time, make the auction a success.

Every year, this event raises thousands of dollars to help defray the expenses of bomb and missile wing competitions for Minot Air Force Base competitors. Additionally, funds raised are used to underwrite events designed to improve the morale and lessen financial burdens of the men and women stationed at Minot AFB.

5 BW Staff & Agencies	91st Operations Group Spouses	EconoLodge Inn & Suites	Marketplace Foods	Sylvia Rau
5 BW Staff – Treaty Office	91st Operations Support Squadron	EID Passport	Mattson Construction	Real Builders
5th Communications Squadron	91st Security Forces Group	Esoterica	Col. and Mrs. Alex Mezynski	Riddles Jewelry
5th Contracting Squadron	Commander	First International Bank & Trust	Microtel Inn & Suites	Roll N Pin Restaurant
5th Force Support Squadron	A Journey Within	First Western Bank & Trust	Minot Area Development Corp.	Roosevelt Park Zoo
5th Maintenance Group	Ackerman Estvold Engineering	Flower Central	Minot Area Homeless Coalition	Ryan Family Dealership
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5th Maintenance Squadron	Affinity First Federal Credit Union	Glass Doctor	Minot Police Department	Sevens Bar and Restaurant
5th Mission Support Group	American Bank Center	Gourmet Chef	Minot State University	Souris Valley Golf Course
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5th Operation Group Spouses	Applebee's FMI	Hampton Inn and Suites	Col. & Mrs. Max Mitchell	Susan Davy Pottery
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5th Operations Support Squadron	Base Exchange	Home Sweet Home	Montana Dakota Utilities	TG Photography
10 North Main	Lora Bendickson	I. Keating Furniture World	Morelli's Distributing	Ken Thielen
23rd Bomb Squadron Booster Club	Bremer Bank	Integrity Mutual Funds	Mouse River Players Community Theater	Tires Plus
69th Bomb Squadron Booster Club	The Button Ladies & Seas Louis Jewelry	Interiors Plus	My Place Hotel	Tolberg Homes
705 Munitions Squadron	Captain's Cove	Investors Real Estate Trust	Nash Finch	Tollefson Retail Group
740th Maintenance Squadron	Central Power Electric Cooperative	KXMC CBS 13	National Residential Mortgage	Tutti Frutti North Broadway
740th Missile Support Commander	Century Eyewear	Kaffee Kiosk	Noble Inn	Tutti Frutti South Broadway
741st Missile Squadron	Chairs by Margo	Kalix	Norsk Høstfest Association	United Community Bank
742nd Missile Support Squadron	Charlie's Main Street Café	Kmart	North Dakota Envelope Company	Val's Cyclery
791st Missile Security Forces Squadron	Company Grade Officer Club	Senator Karen Krebsbach	North Dakota State Fair	The Village Family Service Center
91st Maintenance Group	Company Grade Officer's Council	Deb Kunkel / Duane Halverson	North Hill Bowl	Vegas Motel & Casino
91st Maintenance Group Commander	The Computer Store	Ron LaCount	Northern Bottling Company	Verendrye Electric Cooperative
91st Maintenance Operations Squadron	Cookies For You	LaDiDa	Northern Tier Federal Credit Union	Visit Minot
91st Missile Maintenance Squadron	Culligan	Lalee Cakes	Northwest Tire & Auto Service	Susan Wagers
91st Missile Operations Squadron	Curves	Larson Law Firm	Off the Vine	Western Steel and Plumbing
91st Missile Security Forces Squadron	Dakota College at Bottineau	Lien's Jewelry	Otis & James Photography	Westlie Motor Company
91st Missile Wing Commander	Dakota Fence	Lowe's Garden Center	Papa Murphy's	WGO/The Zoo
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	Dakotah Bank	Magic City Harley Davidson, Inc.	Pietsch Flying	Xcel Energy
	EAPC Architects Engineers	Main Street Books	Pinkerton Animal Hospital	YMCA
	Ebenezer's Eatery & Irish Pub	Maintenance Plus	Porcupine Creek Gold	YWCA
		Margie's Art Glass Studio	Preferred Restaurant Group	John Zimmerman

National hydraulic fracturing chemical registry available online

FracFocus is the national hydraulic fracturing chemical registry.

FracFocus is managed by the Ground Water Protection Council and Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, two organizations whose missions both revolve around conservation and environmental protection.

The site, <http://fracfocus.org/>, was created to provide the public access to reported chemicals used for hydraulic fracturing within their area. To help users put this information into perspective, the site also provides objective information on hydraulic

fracturing, the chemicals used, the purposes they serve and the means by which groundwater is protected.

The primary purpose of this site is to provide factual information concerning hydraulic fracturing and groundwater protection. It is not intended to argue either for or against the use of hydraulic fracturing as a technology. It is also not intended to provide a scientific analysis of risk associated with hydraulic fracturing. While FracFocus is not intended to replace or supplant any state governmental information systems it is

being used by a number of states as a means of official state chemical disclosure. Currently, ten states: Colorado, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas, North Dakota, Montana, Mississippi, Utah, Ohio and Pennsylvania use Fracfocus in this manner. Finally, this site does not deal with issues unrelated to chemical use in hydraulic fracturing such as Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM). This topic is beyond the current scope of this site.

RIBBON CUTTINGS.....



Noble Inn: 1009 20th Ave. SE • Minot, ND • 837-1500

Peter Stalland, Owner • www.nobleinnhotels.com

Ambassadors helped celebrate the grand opening of this 66-room studio and one-bedroom all-suite hotel for business and vacation travelers looking for something that is unique to the community.



Tires Plus: 1301 20th Ave. SW • Minot, ND

837-1301 • www.tiresplusnd.com • Owner: Jarid Lundeen

Ambassadors were on hand for the ribbon cutting of this recently expanded work space, due to continued growth and opportunity.



Central Power Electric Cooperative: 525 20th Ave. SW • Minot, ND • 852-4407 • www.centralpwr.com

Wholesale power supplier to Verendrye Electric Cooperative and five other North Dakota distribution cooperatives headquartered in Minot, Central Power held a ribbon cutting and dedication of its new Operations and Engineering building, as well as an addition and remodeled area. A new bulk of 115,000 volt transmission substation and 17 miles of transmission line will help Verendrye continue to provide for the growing electric needs of the Minot area.



Kohl's: 11901 22nd Ave. SW • Minot, ND • 837-1905

Ambassadors were up bright and early for the grand opening of Kohl's on Minot's west side.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT DONATION.....



Justin Warren and Larita Eddy of WPX Energy presented Chamber President John MacMartin with a \$1,000 check for the Junior Achievement program. Thanks to WPX Energy and the many businesses that made the program possible this year, 168 classes are getting the free enterprise message. Each classroom kit and materials costs \$180.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



Thank you to Acme Tools for hosting the March Business After Hours. More than 100 participants enjoyed great food, networking and a chance to meet with Gold Rush cast member Dakota Fred.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Minot Sertoma Club donates \$36,000 to MSU Foundation

Continuing a tradition of supporting Minot State University speech and hearing efforts, the Minot Sertoma Club contributed \$36,000 March 20 to the MSU Development Foundation. The donation will fund the purchase of new voice lab equipment for the Department of Communication Disorders and enhance the Minot Sertoma Club Scholarship fund.

"The digital equipment donated by the Minot Sertoma Club offers MSU students high-quality, advanced technology for comprehensive vocal assessment," said Lisa Roteliuk, communication disorders instructor.



Minot Sertoma Club members present MSU faculty and students with a gift to the MSU Foundation.

"The equipment offers a recording system which will enhance clinical efficiency and reporting of findings. The equipment will be utilized for student learning, in-clinic patient assessments and research purposes."

In 1989, the Minot Sertoma Club established the Minot Sertoma Club Scholarship to assist MSU communication disorders students. Twenty years ago, the local service club purchased voice lab evaluation equipment for the department. State-of-the-art technology then was analog, today it is digital. With today's donation, the club's total donation to MSU is approximately \$175,000.

"We are extremely grateful for Sertoma's support of our speech-language pathology program. This generous donation will allow us to once again have the latest technology available to train students and to serve clients in our on-campus clinic," said Leisa Harmon, communication disorders department chair.

"With this \$20,000 gift, we are pleased to enhance the Minot Sertoma Club Scholarship fund that is dedicated to assisting students advancing their education towards speech and hearing careers. This contribution brings the endowment to over \$90,000 from which annual scholarships are awarded," said Connie Feist, Minot Sertoma Club president. "We are also proud to announce an additional \$16,000 gift, which will be used to purchase voice lab equipment used within the

communication disorders department. This will upgrade equipment that is used as learning tools and benefits the entire speech-and-hearing community."

The Minot Sertoma Club has a 53-year history of Service to Mankind in the Minot area. It has a mission of supporting speech and hearing projects, youth-related projects and national heritage efforts. Its primary fundraisers are a Høstfest car raffle, Beer Fest and Christmas in the Park, an annual light display in Oak Park from Black Friday through Dec. 31.

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• Date: Thursday, April 25, 2013 Place: Ramada Grand Lodge, 532 15th St W, Dickinson, ND 58601

Lunch and Learn Schedule:

10:30-10:45 a.m.Introduction
 10:45-11:45 a.m.Managed Services
 11:45-12:30 p.m.Offsite Backup
 12:30-1:15 p.m.Lunch
 1:15-2:00 p.m.Managed Print Services

For more information or to RSVP, contact: Mary Kay Phillips at mphillips@connectingpoint.biz.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

MSU receives national community service award

Minot State University was named to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteerism, service learning and civic engagement. MSU is the only North Dakota university or college to earn this award in 2013.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual honor roll award, recognized 690 colleges and universities for their impact on critical issues.

"We're more than pleased to receive this Presidential Honor from the Corporation for National and Community Service," said David Fuller, MSU president. "While we've felt for some time that we were reaching out to the community in many special ways, being on this honor roll validates those achievements and gives us incentive to continue to connect with groups in need as well as assist in solving society-based concerns and issues."

Examples of Minot State volunteer, service-learning or civic-engagement projects include:

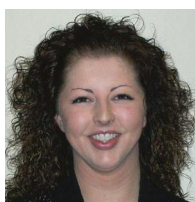
- The Adult Health Maintenance Clinic, a hands-on service-learning experience for students to assist senior citizens in Henry Towers with vital health concerns.
- Freezin' for a Reason, the MSU Student Social Work Organization promoted awareness and raised donations to assist the homeless in the region.
- Champions of Character/Dream Catchers Day, an opportunity for youth with disabilities to participate in a baseball game, with MSU student-athletes as teammates.
- An MSU Honors class organized a cleanup and block party for a neighborhood devastated by the 2011 Mouse River Flood. The class shared its story, which resulted in the Minot Area Community Foundation's "Adopt a Neighborhood" program. The program facilitated volunteer groups, businesses or nonprofit organizations' collaboration with neighborhood leaders in the flood zones.

Higher education institutions on the honor roll are chosen based on a series of selection factors including the scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

For more information, visit www.nationalservice.gov.

Brown & Saenger hires Hayley Stenberg as furniture sales consultant.

Brown & Saenger is pleased to announce the addition of Hayley Stenberg to their Minot office as a Furniture Sales Consultant.



Hayley Stenberg

Hayley will be responsible for providing service and sales assistance for the Office Furniture division.

Stenberg comes to Brown & Saenger with experience in Sales and Design, with a degree in Interior Design.

Brown & Saenger is your office provider and marketing supplier, since 1889. They offer Business Products, Office Furniture, Professional Printing and Promotional Products to businesses and homes. Their headquarters is out of Sioux Falls, SD and they have branches in Mitchell and Huron, SD and Bismarck, Fargo, Jamestown, Mandan, and Minot, ND.

To learn more information about Brown & Saenger visit www.brown-saenger.com

KLJ earns National Recognition Award

KLJ's Williston Basin Oil and Gas Related Electrical Load Growth Forecast (PF 12) earned a National Recognition Award for exemplary engineering achievement in the American Council of Engineering Companies' 47 annual Engineering Excellence Awards competition. PF 12 is a 20-year power forecast, which encompasses 43 counties in three states: North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana.

KLJ's study confirmed that electrical demand from the oil and gas industry in the Williston Basin will continue to grow dramatically, and results indicate that by 2032, electrical demand in the Williston Basin will have nearly tripled current demand. PF 12 results have the potential to help each of the three states support and approve significant investments in electrical generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure. The study is now utilized as an essential planning tool by cities, towns, legislators and industry leaders.

All 146 National Recognition Award winners will be honored as preeminent 2013 engineering achievements at the black-tie Engineering Excellence Awards Gala held Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at The Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Judging for the top awards took place in February, conducted by a nationwide panel of more than 30 engineers, architects, government representatives, media members and academics. Awards criteria included uniqueness and originality, technical innovation, social and economic value, complexity, and success in enhancing the practice of engineering.

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. As an employee-owned firm with a focus on innovation and hard work, we help clients succeed by developing lasting infrastructure that responds to the social, civic and economic needs of our communities. KLJ currently has 18 office locations throughout North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and

Wyoming. For more information about KLJ, visit www.kljeng.com.

Minot Area Team Wellness seeks candidates for Moving More, Eating Smarter Business Award

The Minot Area Team Wellness coalition is taking nominations for the Moving More, Eating Smarter award for businesses. Two businesses will be honored each year (one in the spring and one in the fall) for efforts in encouraging employees adopt healthy lifestyles.

The coalition wants to hear how businesses inspire a nutritional environment and promote physical activity. Any business in the area can be nominated.

The following statistics gave the group the incentive to create the award: In a typical worksite of 25 North Dakota employees you will find:

- 16 are overweight or obese
- 13 have two or more risk factors for heart disease
- 7 have high cholesterol
- 6 binge-drink
- 5 smoke
- 4 have high blood pressure
- 4 get no leisure-time physical activity
- 3 have had a heart attack or stroke or have been diagnosed with heart disease
- 1 has diabetes

Wellness is important to businesses to help decrease absenteeism, improve productivity, help employees better manage their time and stress, assist in employee recruitment and retention, bolster employees' morale and commitment to the company, and help enhance your company's image.

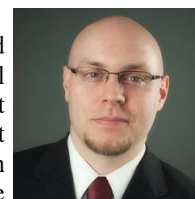
Please nominate a business for the award. The award form may be downloaded from: fdhu.org. Find the form under recent topics. For more information, call Minot Area Team Wellness at First District Health Unit: 852-1376.

Gate City Bank hires Mueller

Gate City Bank has hired Eric Mueller as a personal loan officer. He is located at the Bank's Downtown Minot office, located at 1017 South Broadway, and is responsible for providing personal lending product and service expertise.

Mueller is a graduate of the University of Nebraska Omaha and has two years of banking experience. He resides in Minot with his wife, Andria.

A \$1.5 billion mutual community bank, Gate City Bank has been providing complete banking services to its customers since 1923. Gate City Bank has 32 convenient banking offices across North Dakota and Minnesota, and employs 440 people.



Eric Mueller

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Menting joins Houston Engineering, Inc.

Clifford Menting has joined Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI) as a civil engineer in their Minot office.

Menting is originally from Little Chute, WI, and graduated from Portland State University (OR) with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Menting most recently worked for DynCorp International in Kandahar, Afghanistan. An experienced traffic engineer, he has experience in roadway and hydrology design with previous experience working for the US Army Corps of Engineers.

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



Cliff Menting

SRT Communications receives the 2012

Generations Award for Advertising Campaign

SRT Communications received the 2012 Gold Generations Award for the "Meet Ruby/Chris/Jason TV, Print & Web Campaign" in the category of Advertising Campaign. SRT also received the 2012 Special Recognition Generations Award for the "Meet Ruby Television Advertisement" in the category of Marketing (Service/Product).

The Generations Award is an international competition for excellence in senior marketing aimed at professionals who have communicated to the 50-plus mature Market in one of 64 categories. As part of its mission, the Generations Award honors phenomenal achievement and service to professionals communicating to elders worldwide.

SRT CEO and General Manager Steve Lysne said, "Seniors are a vital part of our community and some of SRT's most loyal customers."

A complete list of Winners can be found on the Generations Award website at www.GenerationsAward.org.

SRT to offer iPhone 5

SRT announced it began offering iPhone 5 March 15. iPhone 5 will be available for \$149.95 for the 16GB model, \$249.95 for the 32GB model and \$349.95 for the 64GB model in SRT's Connections Store in Minot and at srt.com. In addition, iPhone 4S will be available for \$49.95 and iPhone 4 will be available for free. SRT will allow iPhone 5 customers to connect to its fast 3G network.

iPhone 5 is the thinnest and lightest iPhone ever, completely redesigned to feature a stunning 4-inch Retina display; an Apple-designed A6 chip for blazing fast performance; and ultrafast

wireless technology**—all while delivering even better battery life.*** iPhone 5 comes with iOS 6, the world's most advanced mobile operating system with over 200 new features including: Shared Photo Streams, Facebook integration, all-new Maps app and Passbook organization and even more Siri features and languages.

For more information on iPhone 5, please visit: www.apple.com/iphone.

First Baptist to host women's retreat

The Women's Ministry of First Baptist Church of Minot is hosting the 2013 Women's Retreat, "Take Me Away" April 5 and 6 at the Central Campus High School. The retreat schedule Friday is from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Micca Campbell from Proverbs 31 Ministries. Her messages help women fear less and live more. She encourages participants to lay down fear, trust in the heavenly Father, and receive a life marked by peace and freedom. For more information on Micca Campbell, please visit her website at micca-campbell.com.

Please make plans to attend this special weekend of spiritual encouragement, worship, and fellowship. Registration is required. The retreat fee is \$40. For a registration brochure, please contact First Baptist Church at 852-4533; email firstbap@srt.com or visit the website: www.firstbaptist-minot.org.

A Fighting Chance - Teen Self Defense class offered at YMCA

Minot is a changing community. Our population is increasing rapidly. For parents with teenage girls this growth can be overwhelming when thinking of their security.

Thanks to the support of the Power of the Purse, the Minot Family YMCA will be offering a self-defense class for teenage girls in grades 9 – 12. Power of the Purse is an affiliate of the Minot Area Community Foundation created in 2007 by a network of Minot women business leaders.

The grant received from the Power of the Purse will fund 200 teenage girls to attend the self-defense class free of charge. Dan and Tina Merck, certified self-defense instructors, from ATA Martial Arts will be teaching the class. All participants will receive a keychain safety alarm with light.

There are several benefits of taking a self-defense class:

- Teach you how to defend yourself in a variety of situations
- Increases your self-confidence
- Tones muscles and improves balance
- Social interaction with your peers

Five different dates will be offered for your convenience with a maximum of 40 participants per class. Pre-registrations are required at the Y.

A Fighting Chance Classes

Sunday, April 7.....	5:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 14.....	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 4	1 p.m.
Sunday, May 19	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 1	1 p.m.

UND Conflict Resolution Center sponsors annual symposium May 20-24

The University of North Dakota Conflict Resolution Center will sponsor its annual symposium "Weathering the Workplace Storm: Learning to Predict, Prepare and Prevail" May 20 – 24 at the University of North Dakota Memorial Union in Grand Forks.

This week-long event is aimed at making business more proactive, peaceful and profitable, despite the storms faced in every work environment.

To learn more and preregister, visit www.conflictresolution.und.edu.

Lifebook introduces North Dakota Chapter

Lifebook is a two-week journey to transform every area of your life. Discover a crystal-clear vision of the extraordinary life you are meant to have and a tangible action plan to achieve it.

Join Dr. Staci Borkhuis and Christy Miller and members of your local community for dynamic group discussions in this truly unique experience. You'll emerge with the most important book you'll ever own, your own, personal Lifebook and a close-knit group of North Dakota-area Lifebook members to keep you accountable as you implement your action plan and create your extraordinary life.

Contact Christy at cmiller@creatingwellness-center.com for more information including dates and times for special preview nights, or call 852-2800, or visit www.minotlifebook.com/?26f0a850.

The Lifebook North Dakota Chapter will occur over two weekends: May 3, 4 & 5 and May 18 & 19, 2013.

Ackerman hires Hawks

Ackerman-Estvold Engineering and Management Consulting, Inc. is pleased to introduce Jeff Hawks, PE, as Project Engineer. Hawks earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. He brings over eight years of experience in water resources, land and site development, and aviation engineering. Hawks joins us from Utah where he worked for HNTB Corporation as a drainage and utility engineer on the I-15 CORE project in Utah County.



Jeff Hawks, PE

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Foundation grants exceed \$4 million dollars

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation will award \$450,000.00 in grants to area organizations.

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation is an independent public charity foundation set up with proceeds donated by the Sisters of St. Francis from the sale of a local hospital in 1998.

Over \$4 million dollars have been granted to area organizations to benefit the residents in the counties of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Ward, and Wells. A board of directors governs the Foundation. They are Sandra Swenson, Chair; Mark Jantzer, Vice Chair; Jill Denning Gackle of Garrison, Secretary; Alan VanDelinder, Treasurer; Donovan Bertsch, Bottineau, Diane Nelson, Kenmare; Rick Beall, Myron Feist, Alfred Gust, Teri Hurly, MD, James Maxson, and Jan Ness all of Minot and Dennis Wunderlich, Voltaire. Shelly C. Weppler is the Executive Director.

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation grants funds to promote and support the improvement, availability and provision of the mental, physical and spiritual needs for people residing in the eleven counties served by the Foundation. The Foundation meets this goal by welcoming grant requests from all area agencies committed to meeting the needs of residents in our service area. The Foundation may also identify an area of need in NorthCentral North Dakota and fund an initiative.

Souris Valley United Way holds annual meeting

The annual meeting for Souris Valley United Way was held Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013.

New officers elected for 2013 included: Jarid Lundeen (Tires Plus), president; Megan Grundstrom (The Preferred Companies), vice president; Scott Moum (Minot Public Schools), treasurer; and Leslie Coughlin, (Coughlin Development), past president.

Newly elected to Souris Valley United Way Board of Directors are Mary Keller (Mary Me Bridal) and Kevin Burckhard (Northwestern Mutual Financial Network).

Jarid Lundeen was recognized for his leadership as Campaign Chair during the 2012 Fall Campaign. A record \$610,000 was raised to assist 26 local programs helping those in need.

Bianca Grosche (First Western Bank & Trust), retired from the Board of Directors, and was commended for her many years of service and stewardship.

Souris Valley United Way is committed to supporting our community by helping individuals and families achieve their potential through education, income stability, and healthy lives.

For more information visit www.svunitedway.com call 701.839.2994.

Health Trades and Technology Career Fair set for April 9 at State Fair Center

The Region II Transition Community of Practice Committee is presenting a Health, Trades and Technology Career Fair Tuesday April 9, 2013, at the North Dakota State Fair Center in Minot. This is being offered to students in grades 9-12 who are planning on attending two years of post-secondary training or less. This is a "hands on" career fair as well so the students will be able to participate in an activity that is required as part of that career. The committee is looking for employers to be a part of this career fair. There is no charge for the employer to attend; just a matter of visiting with students.

For more information, call 857-8645.

This career fair is being made possible through the North Dakota College Access Challenge Grant which is administered by Bank of North Dakota.

Northwest Art Center activities scheduled

Bird-themed art on display

The Northwest Art Center at Minot State University features "Put A Bird On It," a collection of bird themed art by Bismarck artists Ali LaRock and Paul Noot. The exhibit opened March 21 and will be on display in the Gordon B. Olson Library gallery through April 25.

LaRock will serve as juror for the MSU Juried Student Art Show which opens in the Northwest Art Center's Hartnett Hall Gallery April 12. She will discuss her work at a presentation at noon April 12 in the Aleshire Theater, MSU. An opening reception for the Juried Student Art Show will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. April 12, with juror's remarks and awards at 7 p.m.

Each image in "Put A Bird On It" includes a

bird, executed in a variety of styles and mediums. The title of the show was inspired by an episode of the popular television series "Portlandia" in which the characters "put birds on things" in a store to make them more hip and sellable. Noot and LaRock, both bird lovers, borrowed the idea as a theme for their exhibit, each interpreting the theme in their own style.

LaRock and Noot are members of the Bismarck Downtown Artist Co-op, founded in 2012. "Put A Bird On It" premiered at the co-op's gallery in January before beginning its migration pattern around the state.

Northwest Art Center lecture features taxation in colonial Brazil

Dr. Ernst Pijning gives taxation an historical spin in "How the King Became the Smuggler: Trade and Society in Eighteenth-Century Brazil," a presentation for the Northwest Art Center Lecture Series, Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Aleshire Theater, MSU.

His talk will address the right to tax, and how the issue of taxation has become central in the discussion of Brazilian history. Pijning's remarks are drawn from a book he is authoring on 18th century Brazilian economy and society. He was granted sabbatical leave from MSU Fall Semester 2012 to complete his book manuscript.

The presentation is free and open to the public. An informal reception will follow. Parking on the MSU campus is unrestricted after 5 p.m.

These programs are funded in part by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information about Northwest Art Center activities, call 701-858-3264.

Minot Job Service hosts multi-industry job fair April 9 at The Vegas Motel

Job Service North Dakota - Minot will host a multi-industry Job Fair April 9 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Vegas Motel ballroom. Businesses may recruit and interview as many individuals as desired. Job Service will provide "generic" applications for those requesting them. Set up starts at 1:30 p.m. for those employers participating and the Job Fair will begin at 2 p.m., with priority of service to veterans. It will be open to the general public at 3 p.m.

The cost for businesses to participate is \$100 per table. Availability is limited. Please complete the following information and mail along with check to Minot Job Service, PO Box 1727, Minot, ND 58702. Your company is required to have jobs listed on jobsnd.com prior to attending the Job Fair.

Company Name _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

No. tables requested @ \$100 each _____

Name(s) of interviewers _____

Titles of positions to be filled _____

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Right Start Presentation, 12:30 p.m., MAFB	2	3	4 Military Affairs Committee, Noon, MAFB Crane Johnson Lumber Co. Ribbon Cutting, 4:30 p.m., 1 6th St. SE, Surrey	5 Ambassadors Committee, 7:30 a.m., Perkins Restaurant Lunch and Learn, Noon, Grand Int'l.	6 Legislative Forum, 9 – 11 a.m., ND State Fair Center
7	8	9 Eagle Awards Presentation, 10 a.m., Chamber office	10 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	11	12 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	13 International Military Ball, 6 p.m., Holiday Inn
14	15 Right Start Presentation, 12:30 p.m., MAFB	16 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Int'l.	17 Honors Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Grand Int'l.	18 Diplomats Committee, 9 a.m., Parker Center Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., First International Bank & Trust, 150 16th St SW Business After Hours, 5 – 7 p.m., First International Bank & Trust, 150 16th St SW	19	20
21	22	23	24 Social Media Breakfast, 8 a.m., Holiday Inn Social Media Workshop, 9:30 a.m., Holiday Inn Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	25 Energy Committee, 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	26	27
28	29 Right Start Presentation, 12:30 p.m., MAFB	30				

To view meeting changes or community events, log on to www.minotchamber.org