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Minot gearing up for 2013 legislative session

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce has been preparing for the 2013 Legislative session. Members of the Board of Directors have been meeting with local lawmakers and agencies to prepare for what is ahead. Members from the Minot Public School District, Minot Convention and Visitors Bureau, Ward County Commission, Minot City Council, Minot Area Development Corporation, the North Dakota State Fair, and Minot State University were on hand during these meetings to visit with legislators from districts 3, 5, 38 and 40 on issues facing the area.

Chamber President, John MacMartin said, "The Chamber is working to protect the interests of this area and it's important for us to be prepared prior to the opening of the session. Minot is known for working together to get things done; this year is no different."

The Minot Chamber supports tax reform and the efforts of the Greater North Dakota Chamber in changes to the state's tax structure. The proposal would reduce individual income tax by one third, business tax by one third and property tax by one third. The reduction of the individual income tax would mean an additional \$981.94 for the average North Dakotan with a median income of \$50,847 in the 2011 tax return. The business tax reduction would mean a \$60 million tax cut for businesses in North Dakota. The property tax reduction would mean \$540 million of property tax relief to residents and business owners.

Chamber members are encouraged to attend the Legislative Forums to bring issues to the lawmakers and learn what has been happening in Bismarck. The schedule is below.

Forums offer chance for legislative input

The 2013 ND Legislative Session will begin soon, The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce will once again host the Saturday Legislative Forums beginning Jan. 19 at 9 a.m. in the Norsk Room at the North Dakota State Fair Center.

"The forums offer opportunities for the business community to learn about bills being discussed at the legislature and also to ask questions or give input

to area lawmakers," Chamber President John MacMartin said. "Chamber members, business owners, and the community are all invited to learn about the latest legislative activity in Bismarck."

The format allows for those attending to submit written questions, which are given to a moderator who then addresses them to the appropriate legislator. The schedule below is subject to change.

Legislative Forum Schedule

Each session will begin at 9 a.m. in the Norsk Room at the North Dakota State Fair Center

**JANUARY 19, 26
FEBRUARY 2, 9, 16, 23**

**MARCH 16
APRIL 6**

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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



Souris Valley Animal Shelter at the Grand International (1505 N. Bdwy.)

Thursday, Jan. 17 • 5–7 p.m.

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

(Must be present to win)

\$5 charge at the door

Hampton Inn & Suites hosts successful Business After Hours



Thank you to the Hampton Inn & Suites for hosting the December Business After Hours. More than 100 people enjoyed great food from Michael's Restaurant, a chance at some nice prizes, and the opportunity to network with business colleagues and other Chamber members.

RENEWALS

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from Nov. 19 to Dec. 18, 2012. 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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TSC Farm Home Auto Store
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The View on Elk Drive
The Wellington Assisted Living
Westlie Motor Co.
Wild Things Gallery
Wired

Lunch-n-Learn:

Learn self-confidence tips

What would you do if you had the confidence? How can a strong belief in yourself help you to achieve success? Boost your self-confidence at a "lunch-n-learn" session Jan. 16 at the Grand International. Cost is \$10.

Join Personal Growth Coach Stacey L. Brown to discover the importance of self-confidence in your life. You will also receive tips to strengthen your confidence and be your best in 2013!

Brown offers coaching services and workshops to help women discover their strengths, build confidence, and improve their lives. She is the owner of Self Reflections and lives in Minot. Visit www.atrueyou.com.

To register, log onto www.minotchamber.org and sign up today under Jan. 16.

Chamber offers tablet training

Tablets are part of today's households, education systems, and businesses. To learn how to take advantage of this productive and profitable tool, the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Lunch-N-Learn training Wednesday, Feb. 20 at noon at the Grand International. Cost is \$10.

Whether your business already owns a tablet computer or is considering purchasing tablets, this is the course for you.

To register, log onto www.minotchamber.org and sign up today under Feb. 20.

Lunch-N-Learn

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Grand International

***Visit www.minotchamber.org
and sign up today***

Job Service offers tips on hiring foreign workers

Job Service North Dakota will sponsor "Who Will Fill These Shoes Workshop on Hiring Foreign Workers" Jan. 16, 2013 from 10 a.m. to Noon. The workshop will take place at the Minot Job Service office at 3416 North Broadway, Minot.

To RSVP, contact Darley at 857-7525 or dwilliams@nd.gov, or Jerry at 857-7514 or jblack@nd.gov.

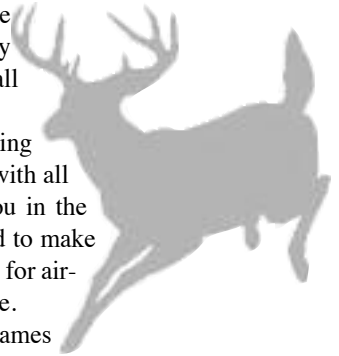
Annual Sportsmen's Feed set for Jan. 20

The 48th annual Sportsmen's Feed is set for Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013 beginning at noon at Minot AFB's Jimmy Doolittle Center. The event provides Air Force personnel and community supporters with a place to watch the NFC/AFC football playoffs, win some prizes, and eat some great food.

The day will be filled with tasty cuisine including venison, walleye, pheasant, duck, and turkey, along with all the trimmings. Tickets are \$30 each, which gets you in the door and sponsors an airman. Your support is needed to make this event a success and to provide a fun, relaxing day for airmen who may otherwise be sitting in the dorms alone.

The day starts at noon with appetizers and games throughout the day, with supper around 6 p.m.

Help make this day special, come for appetizers, come for dinner, or come and spend the day. If you would like to donate door prizes or order tickets, call 852-6000, send a fax to 838-2488, or send an email message to chamber@minotchamber.org.



TEAM MINOT volunteers distribute 17,000 cookies



Thank you to those who contributed to the cookie drive. TEAM MINOT volunteers collected and created more than 17,000 cookies, which were packed for distribution to Minot Airmen living in the dormitories. Cookies were donated by base personnel, as well as companies and families from Minot. The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce teamed up with the Minot Air Force Base Officers' Spouses Club, which chaired the annual cookie drive.

EAGLE AWARDS

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in December 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.



SUSAN O'BRIEN
CVS Pharmacy

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CHRIS KENNEDY
Wal-Mart Super
Center



**GWEN
SZABLEWSKI**
Muus Lumber



**HEATHER
RAKNES**
Dakota Dental
Health Center



GINGER STRAND
Trinity Health

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CompuTech, Inc.



GREG BARTSCH
Minot Plumbing &
Heating



MARY SHAW
Miracle Ear

North Dakota Chamber of Commerce rolls out new look, website

The North Dakota Chamber of Commerce has rolled out a new identity, including a new name, logo and website. Now known as the Greater North Dakota Chamber, organization leaders say the rebrand will help demonstrate their position as the state's thought leader for public policies affecting business, as well as their role connecting businesses with policy-makers, building successful coalitions and informing their members on issues that affect the state's business climate.

Leading the charge to make North Dakota's business climate the best in the nation, the Greater North Dakota Chamber has identified ways to advance the state and be a leading information provider for legislative and policy issues. A new website includes a section for posting timely, valuable policy and leg-

islative information that is easy for members to access. In addition, there are three publications that include policy and legislative information. The Greater North Dakota Chamber also holds events that provide information directly from respected sources, including state leadership and legislative officials.

"Our members are able to use this information to make informed decisions for their businesses that will help them grow and be more profitable," said Greater North Dakota Chamber president and CEO, Andy Peterson. "It provides them with resources to solve problems and make connections with policy makers and other business leaders. It provides them with a way to become involved in advocacy."

In addition to being an information leader,



the goals of the rebrand also include demonstrating a more vibrant and proactive image. "North Dakota has a very strong economy and many opportunities ahead of us," Peterson continued. "Our Chamber wants to be a leader in ensuring our economy remains strong. We can do so by working to protect things like the cost of doing business, quality of life, infrastructure and transportation, regulation and litigation, access to capital and the low cost of living."

For more information and to view the new website, please go to www.ndchamber.com.

City estimates 80% of flood-damaged homes rehabbed

The City of Minot estimates almost 80 percent of those homes most heavily damaged by 2011 flooding are repaired and currently being lived in, or are very close to being habitable. The City experienced record flooding from the Mouse River in 2011, causing main floor damage to 2,716 homes in the valley.

"There are about 600 homes that do not appear to have sufficient repairs done to make them livable," said Kevin Ternes, the city assessor and head of the department that verified the status of flood-damaged properties. "Now it's possible that some of these have had some interior wiring or exterior work, but the result of this visual survey is that the City has more than 2,100 of the homes that experienced main floor damage back in use or soon-to-be livable at this point."

This assessment comes nine months after

the City's most recent complete verification of the homes most heavily damaged after the 2011 flood. The 2,716 homes that suffered main-floor damage or greater were those that generally took longer to repair at greater cost to the homeowner.

Based on this survey and the best information available, Ternes estimates 185 homes in Minot have been demolished in the past 17 months, while approximately 125 homes appear not to have been cleaned out or "gutted" since the June 2011 flood. There are houses in both of these categories that have been or could be bought by the City through the voluntary property acquisition process.

The City Assessor's survey of flooded homes with main floor damage did not include assessments of apartment buildings of four or more units, commercial buildings or mobile homes.

Since the 2011 flood, a commonly-stated fact has transformed into something inaccurate. According to GIS mapping, FEMA follow-up surveys and aerial photography, it was stated very soon after the flood that 4,100 structures were impacted by flood waters. This count includes detached garages, large sheds, mobile homes, apartment complexes, commercial buildings or any other identifiable structures within the flood. The City of Minot estimates that roughly 600 mobile homes and 200 commercial buildings were damaged in the 2011 flooding. As for estimates on homes with basement-only flooding, the City does not have a firm number of those impacted this way, but does suppose that nearly all of the homes with basement-only flooding were back in use within six months of the Mouse River flood.

RIBBON CUTTINGS.....



Hight Construction: 4000 North Broadway
839-5819 • 240-1515 • www.hightconstruction.com

Owners: LaVerne Hight & Jay Hight

Ambassadors helped Hight Construction celebrate the move to a new, larger facility on north hill.



Baymont Inn & Suites: 1609 35th Ave SW • 837-1700
www.baymontinns.com

Ambassadors were on hand for the grand opening of the Baymont Inn & Suites Dec. 4 as they cut the ribbon to mark the occasion. Food, prizes and tours were available during the event.



La Quinta Inn & Suites: 1605 35th Ave SW • 837-7900
www.lq.com

Ambassadors cut the ribbon during the grand opening of La Quinta Inn & Suites Dec. 5. Tours, food and a themed grand opening were available at this 92-room facility which has an indoor pool.



KeyCare Medical: 530 20th Ave SW • 857-7370
www.trinityhealth.org • Trinity Health

Ambassadors were on hand to cut the ribbon to mark the new location for KeyCare Medical. KeyCare Medical is a medical supply outlet that offers home medical equipment services, home respiratory care services, orthotic/prosthetic services, and women's health items.

Minot Area Community Foundation spotlights Evelyn Sampson

Evelyn Sampson loved music. Born in Minot, the daughter of Norwegian and Swedish immigrants, she attended the Sherwood Conservatory of Music in Chicago and the Juilliard School of Music in New York City. Sampson was well-known and respected for her work as an organist for Zion Lutheran Church for over 40 years. She was one of the founding members of the Minot Community Concert Association, and she actively promoted the appreciation of music in our area.

Although many knew Sampson for her abilities as a pianist, music education is her true legacy. For over 50 years, hundreds of students were touched by her dedication. She was a perfectionist who expected only the highest standards and efforts from each of them. Nothing

less was acceptable for their understanding and appreciation of music. Guided by her love of music, many of her students went on to teach others.

Sampson lived her passion. Today, our community is a better place because of her estate planning generosity, and she will continue to have an impact on the lives of students forever because she chose to leave a legacy.

For more information, call the Minot Area Community Foundation at 852-0646.



Minot Area Community Foundation reaches \$10 million milestone

Since its inception in 2000, the Minot Area Community Foundation has been investing local dollars back into the community through meaningful and impactful grants. The Community Foundation has now surpassed a grantmaking milestone by allocating more than \$10 million to local community organizations and proj-

ects! The Foundation extends a thank you to all who have been involved with the Community Foundation over the years. Without you, this would not have been possible! Click [here](#) to find a list of the organizations and projects the Minot Area Community Foundation supported this last grantmaking quarter.



The ND State Fair staff posed with 15 first place awards and the Best of Show Trophy. IAFE attendees included (seated, left to right): Steve Hoff, Renae Korslien, Craig Rudland; (standing, left to right) Jennifer Hubrig, Shelly Parish, Tracy Pelzer.

ND State Fair receives 15 International Awards and Best of Show

The North Dakota State Fair was awarded a total of fifteen first place International Awards in categories including competitive exhibits, agriculture and communications from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) headquartered in Springfield, MO. The Fair was also honored with the title of Best of Show in Communications.

The Communication Awards category is in place to improve the advertising and publicity programs of fairs. The North Dakota State Fair teams up with the advertising agency, KK BOLD, to develop and plan their strategy. Best of Show was awarded to the NDSF team for scoring the highest total of the combined individual categories in the communication division. The following first place awards were also received: Black and White Newspaper Ad, Color Newspaper Ad, Magazine Ad, Poster, Point of Purchase Display, Single Brochure, and Radio Ads.

The purpose and goal of the IAFE Competitive Exhibits Category is to encourage fair members to share methods, ideas, props, new or unique classes, and fair themes which enhance or expand the competitive exhibits area. These exhibits include items entered in competition at the Fair and then are displayed or presented during the Fair. First place awards received in the Competitive Exhibits Category include: Competitive Exhibit Display Method, New or Unique Division and Competitive Exhibit Photo Series.

The purpose of the IAFE Agricultural Awards is to improve the agricultural educational programs of fairs, to help fairs determine ways they

might be of service to their exhibitors, the fairgoing public, and agriculture businesses. The following first place agricultural awards were received: Overall Program for Competitive Exhibitors, Overall Agricultural Program for the Non-Agricultural Fairgoing Public, Overall Program for Agricultural Vendors, and Video of a Special or Unique Event for Either Exhibitors or the Fairgoing Public.

"We are very excited to be recognized for the emphasis and focus that we place on agriculture. We work hard every year to keep agriculture at the heart of the Fair," said Manager, Renae Korslien.

The awards were presented during the 122nd annual IAFE Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada. There are 14 agriculture categories, 11 competitive exhibit categories and 23 communication categories, each divided into five divisions based on attendance. The entries are evaluated and judged by a team of industry leaders, selected from the membership of the IAFE.

For more information on the North Dakota State Fair, visit www.ndstatefair.com or call 857-7620. Dates for the 2013 North Dakota State Fair are July 19-27.

KK BOLD's work for ND State Fair honored

KK BOLD is pleased to announce that the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) has recognized its work on behalf of the North Dakota State Fair with the prestigious award for Best of Show in Communications.

KK BOLD has been the marketing agency for the North Dakota State Fair since 2002. The agency works with the Fair each year to develop and plan advertising and marketing strategy. The North Dakota State Fair earned the Best of Show award after scoring the highest total of combined individual categories in the communication division. In addition to the Best of Show designation, the North Dakota State Fair also received first place honors for Black and White Newspaper Ad, Color Newspaper Ad, Magazine Ad, Poster, Point of Purchase Display, Single Brochure and Radio Ads, all of which were created by KK BOLD. The awards were presented at the 122nd annual IAFE Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"It is always a thrill when our work for a client is honored," says LaRoy Kingsley, KK BOLD president. "We are able to really let our agency's creative juices flow with the North Dakota State Fair and this came through with our work during last year's Fair."

However, as Kingsley notes, advertising is

only as good as the product behind it. Kingsley credits Fair management and the State Fair board for constantly striving to provide North Dakotans with the best in entertainment and family fun each year.

American welcomes new staff

American Bank Center announces Nicholas Metzgian as full-time Personal Banker in the Minot location. Metzgian holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Minot State University and brings eight years of prior banking experience.



Nicholas Metzgian

American. Metzgian is also the Chambers Young Professionals president and on the Chamber's Board of Directors as an ex-officio member.

American Bank Center announces Jennifer Young as full-time teller in the Minot location. Young has an Associates Degree in general/business studies from Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Oregon. She brings over five years of teller and retail experience with her to American.

"Love Without Fear" Walkathon Feb. 23

The Domestic Violence Prevention Foundation is sponsoring its 12th Annual "Love Without Fear" Walk-a-thon. The funds raised from this event will be used to ensure that services will continue to be provided to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in this area.

The Walk-a-thon will be held Feb. 23, 2013, at the MSU Dome from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Music and refreshments will be provided throughout the day. Children's activities will also be taking place for the children of the walkers. This is a great way to spend a fun day with your family as well as contributing to a very worthwhile cause.

There will be a prize given to the team that raises the most money. Each walker will be given a "Love Without Fear" T-shirt for participating.

Your help and support is needed. Please call Kari at the Domestic Violence Crisis Center at 852-2258 for more information.

Walk-a-thon Team packets are available at this time at our office at 3331 Burdick Expressway East in Minot.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Johnson and Moonen promoted at AE2S

AE2S (Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.) has promoted two employees who have served in important roles in northwest North Dakota.

Dave Johnson, PE, will be moving from the operations manager role at AE2S' Williston office to focus on project development for AE2S Water Solutions, while continuing to maintain a client management role with existing clients in the region. Johnson joined AE2S in October 2010.



Dave Johnson, PE

Bill Moonen, PE, has been promoted to operations manager of the Williston office. Moonen will be responsible for strategic and business planning, business development, and client management for municipal, rural, and industrial clients in northwestern North Dakota. He will work closely with other AE2S managers on both local and company-wide initiatives. Moonen joined AE2S in April 2012 and had been serving as Project Manager in the Williston office.



Bill Moonen, PE

"Both Dave and Bill are closely connected to the activity taking place in the region," says Russ Sorenson, PE, Regional Manager for the Western Dakotas. "We are pleased to both continue and strengthen our involvement in the region as we complete critical projects."

Brown & Saenger acquires Crescent Printing & Office Products

Brown & Saenger announced that their company is expanding into another location in North Dakota. Brown & Saenger has acquired the assets of Crescent Printing in Mandan, and took over the ownership Dec. 3, 2012.

Steve Knudson was the current owner of Crescent Printing, located at 206 4th Avenue, in Mandan. The company has been part of the Knudson family since 1907 when his grandfather started the company. The primary business is in-plant printing, business products, office furniture, promotional products, and a copy center.

Brown & Saenger plans to continue to operate in its current facility and provide the same services and value that Crescent Printing has had to offer Mandan and the surrounding area for over a century. President Lyle D. Dabbert sees Mandan as a growing community and is excited to be part of it.

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

Employers invited to participate in Health, Trades and Technology Career Fair April 9

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, 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. If employers are interested in participating in the exciting career fair, please call 857-8645 for more information or to register.

The schools that will be invited include Berthold, Bowbells, Kenmare, Powers Lake, Stanley, Max, Garrison, Northshore, Des Lacs-Burlington, Parshall, New Town, Mandaree, White Shield, Minot High School, Souris River Campus, Dakota Memorial High School, Bishop Ryan High School, Our Redeemer's High School, Central Campus, Bottineau, Rugby, Westhope, Drake, Surrey, Towner, Granville, Mohall, Glenburn, Velva, Sawyer and Newburg.

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

SSWO-Fargo fights hunger and homelessness in Minot and Fargo

Last March, Minot State University social work students instituted a branch of the Student Social Work Organization in Fargo. SSWO-Fargo's members are students enrolled in a dual degree program between MSU's social work program and North Dakota State University's human development family science program. Although in its infancy, the student organization immediately began calling attention to issues.

Throughout early November, SSWO-Fargo collected money, groceries and supplies for the Minot Area Homeless Coalition. It collected more than \$600 plus food and supplies, which will be delivered to Minot for the Minot Area Homeless Coalition during the semester break.

To fundraise and bring awareness of hunger and homelessness in North Dakota, SSWO-Fargo collaborated with the Fargo-Moorhead Coalition for Homeless Persons during National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, Nov. 10-18.

"Typically, homelessness is only thought of in terms of financial resources, but there are many factors that lead to homelessness. Loss of employment, long-term illness, substance abuse, divorce, domestic violence, child abuse, institutional release and other factors create situations when people cannot afford to pay rent or house payments," said Deb Dewitz, SSWO-Fargo advisor. "Additional causes may be attributed to defects in the system, such as lack of affordable housing, space in treatment facilities for persons suffering from mental illness or substance abuse and preventive services to help people remain in their homes."

Nov. 13, members coordinated Miss-a-Meal, an evening event with Bingo, raffle prizes and a guest speaker from the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People. Students went without eating from lunch on Nov. 13 until breakfast on Nov. 14 to experience missing just one meal.



Nov. 15 was One Day Without a Home. Participants stood in the cold and "froze" to experience homelessness firsthand for 24 hours, on the corner of 12th Avenue N. and University in Fargo; community members dropped off food or monetary contributions.

From its National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week community-service projects, SSWO-Fargo also collected over \$1,000 for the Fargo-Moorhead Area Homeless Coalition and more than 700 pounds of food for the Great Plains Food Bank. The Great Plains Food Bank combats hunger across the state.

Earlier this semester, SSWO-Fargo participated in Fargo's Out of the Darkness Community Walk for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and "Take Back the Night" event, a sexual assault prevention program.

For questions, contact Dewitz at debra.dewitz@minotstateu.edu.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Otto Bremer Foundation awards \$15,000 grant to Souris Valley United Way

More kids in the Minot area will have a chance to pick up a book and read, thanks to an Otto Bremer Foundation grant to the Souris Valley United Way. The \$15,000 grant will help support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. The program provides free books to young children under the age of five.

"This will really help us expand our program," Patricia Smith, executive director of the Souris Valley United Way said. "It will encourage parents to read to their children. It will not only prepare them for school, but get them excited about reading and learning."

Nearly 700 children are receiving a free book every month through the program. With this grant, the Souris Valley United Way expects to grow that number to 1,400 children and expand the area served.

"Currently, kids in Minot, the Air Force Base, Velva, and Burlington can sign up for the books. With this grant, we can help even more kids in our area by extending the program into Surrey, Sawyer, and Granville," Smith explained. Any



child under the age of five that lives in those

associated zip codes can sign up to receive books.

Early literacy and access to books at home is shown to lead to future success both in school and greater opportunities later in life. The Souris Valley United Way is grateful to the Otto Bremer Foundation for recognizing the opportunity this program presents to help kids get ready for that first day of school and make a real difference for the entire community.

To learn more about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library or to download the registration form, visit the Souris Valley United Way website at www.svunitedway.com or call them at 701-839-2994.

Wells Fargo adds Frey, Templeton to business banking team in Minot

Wells Fargo Business Banking announced that Jennifer Frey has been named senior business relationship manager, and Randy Templeton has been named business relationship manager.

"With the increased business we are seeing in northwestern North Dakota, we're pleased to add Jennifer and Randy to our team," said Grant Wentz, market president for Wells Fargo in Minot. "Their previous experience in banking and private business gives them a unique perspective in meeting all their customers' financial needs and helping their customers succeed financially."

Frey joined Wells Fargo from Flint Energy in Minot, where she worked as district finance manager. Previously she worked in a variety of leadership roles for River Valley Bank in Iron Mountain, Mich., and for Wells Fargo as a home mortgage consultant and business relationship

manager, also in Iron Mountain. A native of Norway, Mich., Frey holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Central Michigan State University.

Before joining Wells Fargo, Templeton was vice president of finance and chief financial officer for Vision Systems, LLC, in Minot. Prior to that, he served in multiple commercial lending and operations roles for First Bank, also in Minot. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. Active in the Minot community, he currently serves as a member of the infrastructure committee for the Minot Chamber of Commerce.

Frey and Templeton are based at Wells Fargo's 15 2nd Ave. S.W. store in Minot.

Wells Fargo has 31 stores in 20 North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota and employs nearly 900 team members throughout the region. Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE: WFC) is a nationwide, diversified, community-based financial services company with \$1.4 trillion in assets. Founded in 1852 and headquartered in San Francisco, Wells Fargo provides banking, insurance, investments, mortgage, and consumer and commercial finance through more than 9,000 stores, 12,000 ATMs, the Internet (wellsfargo.com), and has offices in more than 35 countries to support the bank's customers who conduct business in the global economy. With more than 265,000 team members, Wells Fargo serves one in three households in the United States. Wells Fargo & Company was ranked No. 26 on Fortune's 2012 rankings of America's largest corporations. Wells Fargo's vision is to satisfy all our customers' financial needs and help them succeed financially.

CHAMBER UNIVERSITY:

Dale Carnegie Skills for Success course begins Feb. 21

The Dale Carnegie course has transformed the careers of over 7 million graduates. The Dale Carnegie: Skills for Success Course begins February 21 in Minot. This 9-week course will meet once a week and will power you to move far beyond your comfort zone as you stretch for and attain ambitious new goals.

This course will teach you the five Drivers of Success:

- Build greater self-confidence
- Strengthen people skills
- Enhance communication skills

- Develop leadership skills
- Reduce stress and improve attitude

The Advanced Dale Carnegie Course is exclusively for organizational employees that have graduated from the Dale Carnegie Course. These classes will meet Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon, beginning Feb. 19.

Participants will be guided through a highly interactive program designed to build on the successes generated from the Dale Carnegie Course. Participants will further enhance the skills needed to build engage-

ment, manage without authority, and communicate with diplomacy and tact. This course offers everything your company needs to lower costs, stay ahead of the competition and increase profits.

Dale Carnegie Training® in North Dakota is offered locally by Eide Bailly Training. Pre-registration is required for both sessions. Contact Michelle Wall for a free Skills for Success assessment at 701-255-8476 or mwall@eidebailly.com.

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Chamber office closed Happy New Year! 	2	3 Military Affairs Committee, Noon, Grand Int'l.	4 Ambassadors Committee, 7:30 a.m., Roll N Pin Restaurant	5
6	7	8 Eagle Awards Presentation, 10 a.m., Chamber office	9 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	10	11 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	12
13	14 Right Start Presentation, 12:30 p.m., MAFB	15 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Int'l.	16 Lunch & Learn, Noon, Grand Int'l.	17 Diplomats Committee, 9 a.m., Parker Center Ribbon Cutting - Ryan GMC/Buick/Cadillac , 10 a.m., 1111 20th Ave. SW Souris Valley Animal Shelter Business After Hours , Grand Int'l., 1505 N. Bdwy, 5 – 7 p.m.	18	19 Legislative Forum, 9 – 11 a.m., ND State Fair Center
20 Sportsmen's Feed, Noon, MAFB	21	22	23 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB Junior Achievement Committee , Noon, Chamber	24 Energy Committee, 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	25	26 Legislative Forum, 9 – 11 a.m., ND State Fair Center
27	28	29	30	31		

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