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ND State Fair: July 19-27

Breast cancer awareness exhibit enters 2nd year

The North Dakota State Fair will be holding the 2nd Annual Bedazzle Your Bra Contest in conjunction with the Competitive Exhibits Program. The contest is a fun way to promote breast cancer awareness and for participants to raise money for their favorite breast cancer cause.

Those entering are encouraged to be extremely creative but to keep within good taste and can choose to enter in five different categories: Pretty 'N Pink, Calendar Girls (Months of the Year), Agriculture/Livestock, Rodeo, and Spirit of America. First, second and third places will be awarded, as well as a Best of Show that will be presented with \$1000. Shelly Parish, Competitive Exhibits Director, encourages groups such as County Women's Way Coalitions and Relay for Life Teams to participate.

Individuals may also enter, and while there is no requirement that the winnings be given to a breast cancer charity, Parish believes that most participants will have close ties to breast cancer anyway – either as a survivor or supporter.

Bedazzle Your Bra entries will be accepted Friday, July 12 and Monday, July 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 4-H Hall located in the North Dakota State Fair Center. The North Dakota State Fair has partnered with the Minot Y's Men's Rodeo Tough Enough to Wear Pink Committee so that the bras entered in the contest can continue to raise awareness beyond the Fair. The bras will be donated to their program and

they will use them in their fundraising campaign throughout the summer and fall, until their final event in October during the Rodeo.

2013 Showpass Lineup:

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

* General Admission Events

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

Rock Concerts (general admission):

Saturday, July 20Journey (\$65)
Saturday, July 27Creedence Clearwater
Revisited (\$20)

Tickets can be purchased online at www.ndstatefair.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ndstatefair, by phone at 852-3247 or in person from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, at the State Fair Center. A newly revised mobile website will also make purchasing tickets from your mobile phone simple and quick. More information is available at www.ndstatefair.com.

Population projections indicate growth for area

The number of people who now live in this or that North Dakota city certainly sparks lively discussions. Since 1990, the census count numbers have been questioned but more importantly the estimates of population have been fighting words throughout North Dakota.

An accurate population count is a key statistic when a community prepares to support a federal installation, and in Minot's case, that is the future of Minot AFB. So in late fall of 2012, Task Force 21 and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce retained the services of the Impact Assessment Group to analyze the Minot area and to arrive at a service population for Minot as of 2012 and to project that population forward to 2017. Service population includes not only the long-term residents, that would be counted in a census, but also includes others that may work in North Dakota and live elsewhere or those in North Dakota temporarily. Two separate models were used to both compare

against and to give a range in expected population. One model was a housing-based model and the second model was employment based.

For the areas including Minot, Surrey, Burlington and the surrounding 12 townships, the 2012 housing based population number is 56,236, and for the employment model it is 60,488. It is projected that in 2017, using the housing based model that the population would be 79,462 and using the employment model the population would be 65,942.

The numbers clearly indicate Minot has grown since the 2010 Census; no surprise to those of us who live here. It also shows that we can expect consistent growth over the next five years. The numbers themselves are done and the text describing the methodology is in draft form. For more information, call the Chamber at 852-6000, and watch the news section of the Chamber website where the completed study will be posted.

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Chamber board candidates sought

Minot Area Chamber of Commerce members have until July 15 to suggest nominees for the board of directors. Suggestions must be sent in writing to the Nomination Committee at the Chamber office.

The nominating Committee will select and secure acceptance of five candidates on or before Aug. 15. Those names will then be announced in the September newsletter. At that time, members can again nominate candidates by a petition consisting of 15% of the Chamber's voting membership, which must be submitted to the Chamber office by Aug. 15.

Please call the Chamber office at 852-6000 for more information.

NEW MEMBERS

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **Health Unlimited, LLC** and **Rolling Thunder DJ's & Games**. Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

HEALTH UNLIMITED, LLC

1705 31st Ave. SE • Minot, ND 58701 • 701-420-9853 • Fax: 701-420-9854
Primary Contact: Sana Keller, MS, RN, CNC, MH, HHP
Email: kellersana@gmail.com • www.healthunlimited.biz

At Health Unlimited, clients are provided with individualized health and wellness recommendations, including conventional, traditional, natural, and integrative modalities. Consultation is available in person, via telephone, email or Skype, regardless of location. Regular followups are available to help clients achieve health goals and build disease prevention into daily living. Services are available for all ages. Cancer survivor consultations are also available. No referral is required. Visit www.healthunlimited.biz for more information.

ROLLING THUNDER DJ'S & GAMES

PO Box 3337 • Minot, ND 58702 • 701-720-1098 • 701-852-5497
Steven Hoffart, Owner • Email: rollingthunder@srt.com
Websites: www.rollingthundergames.com • www.rollingthunderdiscjockey.com
www.rollingthunderphotobooth.com

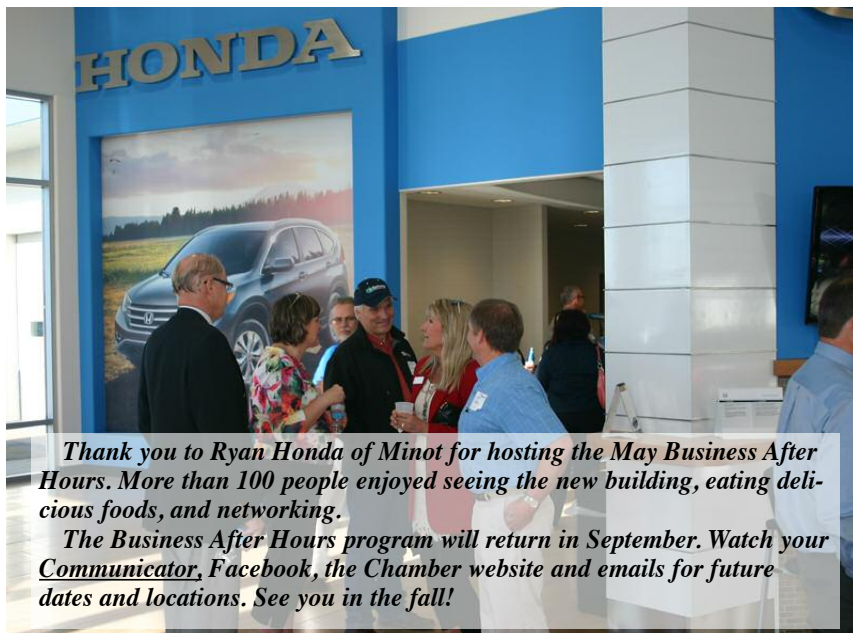
Rolling Thunder provides disc jockey, karaoke, photo booth, inflatable bouncers, bungee run, sumo wrestling and other competitive activities, carnival games, concessions, casino games, and more.

RENEWALS

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from May 20 through June 20, 2013. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

Arrowhead Ace Hardware	The Fair	Overhead Door Company of Minot
Advanced Builders LLC	Greater Northwest Publishing, Inc.	PATH ND, Inc.
All America City Glass	Green Thumb Greenhouse	Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
Avis Rent A Car-Meier & Company	Ground Round	Prairie Federal Credit Union
Bierschbach Agency	Harry's Tire Service/Dakota Truck & Farm Services	Preferred Minot Real Estate
Bremer Insurance Agencies	Huettl Consulting, Ltd	Quality Landscaping, Inc.
Brite-Way Window Cleaning, Inc.	Kopper Creek Building	Red Door Homes
Brokers "12" Real Estate Marketing	ManorCare Health Services	Rockin' Horse
Burdick Job Corps Center	McGee, Hankla, Backes & Dobrovolsky, P.C.	Rotary Club of Minot
Center for Family Medicine	McLean Electric Cooperative	Roughrider Campground
Century 21 Action Realtors, Inc.	The Medicine Shoppe	Minot Dakota Square Scheels
Classified Directories	Minot Multiple Listing Service	SecurScreen
Command Center, Inc.	Minot Park District	ServiceMaster of Minot
General Scrap, Inc., Continental Metal Products & Dakota Pipe & Steel	Minot Restaurant Supply Co.	Signal Realtors
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch	Minot Sash & Door Inc.	Sommers Orthodontics
Dakota Fence	Murphy Motors Next to New, Inc.	SunPrairie Grain
Dakota Midland Grain, LLC	ND Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	Lillian & Coleman Taube Museum of Art
Dakota Square Dental	North Dakota State Fair	Thomas Family Funeral Home
Dakota Tax & Accounting, Inc.	Northland Bus Service, Inc.	Thompson Larson Funeral Home
Dakotah Rose Bed & Breakfast	Northwest Tire & Auto Service	TSC Farm Home Auto Store
Designs On Broadway, Inc.		Wells Fargo
Edgewood Minot Senior Living, LLC		WGO/Zoo/Sunny Radio
Emeritus		

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



Thank you to Ryan Honda of Minot for hosting the May Business After Hours. More than 100 people enjoyed seeing the new building, eating delicious foods, and networking.

The Business After Hours program will return in September. Watch your Communicator, Facebook, the Chamber website and emails for future dates and locations. See you in the fall!

Event will honor area military

The annual Military Day at the Zoo is set for Wednesday, July 3 at 11 a.m. at Roosevelt Park. The event will include a free meal, free swimming at Roosevelt Park pool, free access to the water slide, free entry to the zoo and free rides on the new zoo train.

"We want to show support for our military at MAFB and the National Guard for all they do to protect our freedom," said Military Affairs Committee Chair Bruce Carlson (Verendrye Electric Cooperative). "This is a fun event for military and their families to enjoy the day at our outdoor pool and zoo."

Military Day at the Zoo is open to active duty, Guard and Reserve and

retired military. Military members need to show their ID so they, along with their family, can participate. Food is being served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. However, the pool and zoo are open their normal hours and this free event is for all day. Those attending can check in at the zoo first to get a wristband, which is a pass to all the activities, that way they only show their ID once.

This event is sponsored by the Military Affairs Committee of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and the David C. Jones Chapter of the Air Force Association.

For more information call 852-6000.

FLYING LEGENDS DEDICATION July 4

Celebrate and honor our military on the 4th of July with a fun-filled, family day at the Dakota Territory Air Museum! The museum opens at 10:00 a.m. and is **FREE** to the public. Stick around for the dedication of the new Flying Legends wing and enjoy the evening's musical entertainment featuring *Voices of Freedom* and dance to Minot's ever popular *Soulshine* band. The evening's event will end with the city's patriotic fireworks display!

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Museum Open House

- Static displays and flybys featuring the **Texas Flying Legends Warbirds**
- Vintage WWII military & collector vehicle displays
- Model aircraft displays & demonstrations
- Kid's Museum Scavenger Hunt



6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Dedication Ceremony

- Honoring our Military Past & Present
- Building Dedication & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

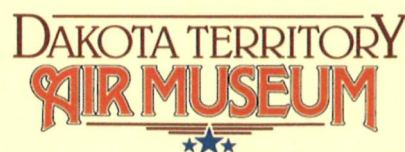
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Voices of Freedom

- Musical Program performed by Texas-based musical group, Music Doing Good

8:15 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. – Hangar Dance

- Featuring Local Band, Soulshine

11:00 p.m. – City of Minot Fireworks Display



EAGLE AWARDS

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in June 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.



SIBEL REA
Sephora - JCPenney



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Burger King



**COLLEEN
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Wal-Mart Super Center



CONNIE OSBOLD
Emerald Court



PATRICIA CONE
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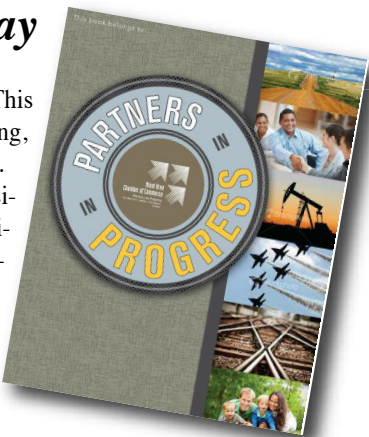
LYNN BERLAND KLEIN
First Western Insurance

2014 Chamber of Commerce Directory planning underway

Lowes' Printing, Inc., and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce are preparing the 2014 Membership Directory. This is a great opportunity to put your name, products and services at the fingertips of area decision makers. Lowe's Printing, Inc. will be contacting Chamber members to explore the benefits of advertising in the 2014 Membership Directory.

The directory is the Chamber's main promotional tool and the source the Chamber office uses for our daily business referrals. This spiral bound directory includes a list of members, both alphabetically and categorically, a business planner and a community profile. The community profile is reprinted as a separate piece and is filled with information valued by newcomers.

The Chamber Directory is supported through your involvement as an advertiser. For more information, please call Mark Schnabel at Lowe's Printing, Inc. at 852-1211.



Festival of the Parks set for July 4 at Scandinavian Heritage Park

The annual Fourth of July event, the Festival of the Parks celebration, will be held at the Scandinavian Heritage Park (1020 South Broadway) July 4, 2013.

The day-long event will feature a patriotic program, an all faiths church service, 5K run, the Minot City Band and more.

For more information, call the Minot Park District at 857-4136.

Xcel Energy sponsors successful JA program

Xcel Energy is one of approximately 35 area businesses that sponsor the Junior Achievement program in Minot. As a faithful supporter for the past 16 years, Xcel Energy's contribution helps finance the program which teaches students in grades K through 6 the basics of money management, city planning and assembly work, among other topics. This information was inadvertently left out of last month's *Communicator*.

Brag Up Ag golf tournament July 12 in Velva

The Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble, set for Friday, July 12, and sponsored by the Chamber's Agribusiness Committee, is once again offering participants a choice between a 8:30 a.m. tee-time and a 1 p.m. tee-time. The event is for five-man teams, with special prizes awarded at various holes.

In addition to lunch and/or dinner, the \$55 entry will include two golf carts per team and refreshments.

For more information or to sign up a team, call the Chamber at 852-6000 or email chamber@minotchamber.org.

GROUND BREAKINGS



Minot Guaranty & Escrow

1835 16th St. SW • Minot, ND • 838-1907

Ambassadors, city leaders and company representatives were on hand to break ground for the future location of Minot Guaranty & Escrow, which has outgrown its current location at 1829 South Broadway.



MSU unveiled plans for Herb Parker Stadium

Minot State University officially broke ground on Phase III of the Herb Parker Stadium renovation project June 10. The university had guests from EAPC, the project's architect; Daktronics, designer and installer of the video replay system; and the community. Phase III has two parts that include a press box, suites, concessions and merchandise sales included in a new three-story building project and Daktronics video replay scoreboard on the west berm.

The press box features roughly 16,000 square feet of space and includes 10 suites for spectators to lease and a meeting space, which can accommodate approximately 100 guests. There will also be space for sports information, radio and television booths, coaches' boxes and a video replay production room.

RIBBON CUTTINGS.....



Jack Hoeven Wee Links

900 Forest Road • Minot • 857-1570 • weelinks.org
Owners: Minot Junior Golf Association

The Jack Hoeven Wee Links is a real golf course for children, consisting of nine holes varying from 60 to 120 yards in length. Wee Links was devastated by the 2011 flooding in the Mouse River valley, and held the ribbon cutting to commemorate the grand re-opening of the course.



The Obasa Group, Silver Springs

11 Harmony Way, Silver Springs • Surrey, ND 58785 • 701-500-3001
Owner: Gordon Doell
Website: www.silverspringsND.com

The opening of the Silver Springs Development Information Sales Center provides an opportunity to showcase the products provided by our featured builders and to meet with potential buyers of lots and homes.



Verendrye Electric Cooperative

615 Hwy. 52 Bypass W. • Velva, ND 58790 • 852-0406
www.verendrye.com

Non-profit organization owned by the members who receive power Verendrye held an open house and ribbon cutting for a \$1.9 million, 9,000-square-foot addition that will provide more offices and a new dispatch center to help employees more efficiently handle outages and daily operations.



Karvakko Engineering

1600 2nd Ave. SW, Suite 31 • Minot • 852-8004 • www.karvakko.com
Owner: Michael Karvakko

Headquartered in Bemidji, MN, Karvakko Engineering provides civil engineering, land surveying, and landscape architectural services through their new office at the Arrowhead Shopping Center in Minot.

Community Leadership Institute seeks participants

Think you know everything there is to know about Minot and how it works? You may be in for an eye-opening experience during the 43rd annual Community Leadership Institute (CLI).

Twenty-five people will be selected to attend this fall, and six spots have already been filled before any advertising, so don't hesitate to sign up now! The session starts Sept. 5 and ends Nov. 7. The purpose of the class is to inform and educate those attending on what Minot as a city has to offer. Participants will tour areas many in the community have never gone before.

Call 852-6000 or email carla@minotchamber.org for more information. Cost is \$250 per person. All classes are from 8 a.m. until noon, except at Minot Air Force Base, which will be all day. The final class will end at 1:30 p.m.

September 5	Introduction
September 12	Education
September 19	Healthcare
September 26	Leadership
October 10	MAFB
October 17	Economic Development
October 24	Emergency Services
October 31	Media
November 7	Final session

U.S. EDA awards \$18 million grant to downtown renewal

The U.S. Economic Development Administration has awarded downtown Minot an \$18 million grant to be used toward the Imagine Downtown renewal project. The money comes from Congress' 2012 disaster recovery. More than \$140 million has been raised for the Imagine Downtown project. Other sources of funding include \$4.5 million from the city of Minot, \$5.3 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the form of Community Development Block Grant dollars, \$3 million from the Magic Fund, and \$110 million in private equity.

Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND) noted how hard Minot and the downtown area were hit by the 2011 Souris River flood, and said the money from the EDA grant will help revive what many consider to be the heart of Minot.

Matt Erskine, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of commerce for economic development, said this latest money will help advance Minot's economic recovery from the extensive flooding that occurred and help cement the city's reputation as the regional commerce center for northwest North Dakota.

Minot mayor Curt Zimbelman said revitalizing the downtown area will help continue the momentum of reopening businesses, opening new businesses, creating jobs and returning to a healthy, attractive and vibrant center for Minot's residents to shop, dine and work.

Bonny Kemper, president of the Downtown Business and Professional Association, said, "We plan on making the downtown the center of attraction."



Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND) spoke to a downtown crowd regarding the \$18 million grant awarded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration and how it will be used in conjunction with other sources of funding for the Imagine Downtown renewal project. Other state and federal officials who spoke at the press conference included Gov. Jack Dalrymple, Matt Erskine, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of commerce for economic development, Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND), Minot Mayor Curt Zimbelman.

DOWNTOWN HAPPENINGS

"Hot Summer Night Wine Walk" June 28

The first annual Downtown Minot Hot Summer Night Wine Walk will be held Friday, June 28 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Over 20 businesses will participate and feature a different wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets are \$50 per person from Cookies For You in Downtown Minot. All proceeds will go toward the beautification and restoration of Downtown Minot, including beautiful flowers, flower boxes, trees, the

Christmas tree, lights and rope lighting on light poles, maintenance of the 100-year-old fountain, repair of the benches, and new garbage cans.

Get your tickets early and give back to the community at the same time. All parking lots will be open and free to wine walkers during this event. For more information visit www.downtownminot.com or call 839-4975.

Sommelier featured Wine Walk guest

Leslee Miller is a certified Sommelier and owner of Twin Cities based wine consulting firm, Amusée. Her energizing personality and great passion for all things wine are both contagious and invigorating.

Having grown up in the Midwest with a restaurateur family, Miller was born for the hospitality industry. Leaving the Midwest at a very early age to pursue her hospitality career, she quickly found herself working amongst some of the west coast's finest four and five star restaurants. Her passion for the wine world grew quickly, training under some of the country's finest restaurant and culinary teams. While managing many of these fine-dining establishments, she completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Colorado with an English and Art History Degree. As her love for the industry grew, she moved from the Rocky Mountains to Portland, OR, where she took on the International Sommelier Guild Certification. Here, as managing director to Oregon's, Willamette Valley, Archery Summit Winery, and acting member to their sister winery of Napa, Pine Ridge Winery's, board of directors – Miller successfully completed the Guild's full two year, third level degree, completing a Certified Sommelier certificate.

Establishing herself as a national premier wine educator, wine writer and wine event company owner, Miller continues to lead her profession as she takes on the London base organization, Court of Master Sommeliers. Completing the dual certified sommelier degree level, and advancing through the Court's initial levels, she now tackles most prestigious fourth level of wine degree: Master Sommelier. With a title only a few are able to hold across the globe, and only a handful of them women, Miller hopes to become one of the selected few to pass the exam in the near future.

Entertaining, engaging and approachable, Miller is your guide to making all wine, drinkable fun!



Festival on Main set for Aug. 17

The annual Festival on Main will be held in Downtown Minot Saturday, Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Downtown Business & Professional Association of Minot.

Activities include carnival games, inflatable games, Dakota Cruisers car show, bingo, and food and craft vendors. There will be local dance studio performances and FunTyme Karaoke contest, and pedal cars for the kids. Several businesses in the Downtown Minot area will also be having in store events, and sidewalk sales.

Booth spaces are available and volunteers are needed to man the children's activities. If you are interested in a booth application or are able to help during the Festival, please call 838-4445 or 839-8928, or e-mail gourmet@minot.com.

2013 Legislative Session Review meetings held



Photo courtesy of Minot Daily News

The 63rd Legislative Session has concluded which means new laws and changes to state policies and procedures. The Greater North Dakota Chamber scheduled legislative session review meetings around the state in June to help members navigate through these changes as they affect

business. The Minot session was held June 19. At the meeting, the session was recapped, and members were advised as to how legislation that was passed will impact business and our state.

Rep. Cramer addresses Minot Chamber



Thank you to Congressman Kevin Cramer for addressing Minot Area Chamber of Commerce members regarding happenings in Congress.

Leading from the Middle seminar July 19

Presenter John E. Trombley of the Village Business Institute presents "Leading from the Middle," a seminar to challenge supervisors at all levels in the organization and at all levels of experience, to recognize and understand the role they play in ensuring the success of their organization and that of the people they supervise. The workshop will be Friday, July 19 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the Grand Hotel, 1505 North Broadway in Minot. Topics include Expectations for Leadership, The Ripple Effects of Influence, Developing Leadership Capacity, Making the Right Decisions, Getting the Crux of the Issues, and Putting It All Together.

To register: <http://leadingfromthemiddle.eventbrite.com/>

SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATES

Social Security Board of Trustees: no change in projected year of Trust Fund Reserve Depletion

The Social Security Board of Trustees released its annual report on the long-term financial status of the Social Security Trust Funds. The combined assets of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) Trust Funds are projected to become depleted in 2033, unchanged from last year, with 77 percent of benefits still payable at that time. The DI Trust Fund will become depleted in 2016, also unchanged from last year's estimate, with 80 percent of benefits still payable.

In the 2013 Annual Report to Congress, the Trustees announced:

- The combined trust fund reserves are still growing and will continue to do so through 2020. Beginning with 2021, the cost of the program is projected to exceed income.

- The projected point at which the combined trust fund reserves will become depleted, if Congress does not act before then, comes in 2033 – the same as projected last year. At that time, there will be sufficient income coming in to pay 77 percent of scheduled benefits.
- The projected actuarial deficit over the 75-year long-range period is 2.72 percent of taxable payroll — 0.05 percentage point larger than in last year's report.

You can read the full 2013 Trustees report at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/TR/2013/>.

2010 earnings and employment data presented by Social Security Administration

A new report presents 2010 earnings and employment data by state and county for workers covered under the Social Security and Medicare programs. The data show, by sex and age, the number of wage and salary workers and self-employed persons, the amount of their taxable earnings, and the amount they paid in Social Security and Medicare contributions.

Note: the following link does not go directly to ND. Scroll down to Table 3. North Dakota: http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/eedata_sc/2010/nd.pdf.

Report Highlights:

Social Security

- In 2010, 157.0 million workers had earnings taxable under the

Social Security program. About 140.4 million had only wages, 10.4 million had only self-employment income, and 6.2 million had both.

- Social Security taxable earnings totaled \$5.320 trillion, which includes earnings up to the taxable maximum of \$106,800.
- Social Security taxes totaled about \$660 billion.

Medicare

- In 2010, 161.0 million workers had earnings taxable under the Medicare program. About 143.8 million had only wages, 10.2 million had only self-employment income, and 7.1 million had both.
- Medicare taxable earnings totaled \$6.560 trillion.
- Medicare taxes totaled about \$190 billion.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Troftgruben recognized at banquet

The 11th annual President's Circle Awards dinner for Advanced Business Methods was recently held at the ECCE Art Gallery in Fargo. Toni Troftgruben and seven others were recognized for outstanding sales achievement by President Ken Retzer.



Toni Troftgruben

This was the sixth year Troftgruben has been honored in the President's Circle. He has been with ABM for 22 years. He is a sales representative in the Minot/Williston territory and lives in Minot.

Advanced Business Methods has offices in Minot, Bismarck, Dickinson, West Fargo, and Grand Forks. The company is an authorized dealer for Savin and Canon copiers, selling and servicing office equipment throughout North Dakota and northern Minnesota.

Severson joins DFC Consultants

Cory Severson has joined DFC Consultants, Ltd. as a technical consultant. He will assist customers with implementations, upgrades and support of software solutions including Microsoft Dynamics GP and Business Portal. Severson has over seven years of experience and previously worked at Microsoft as a Senior Support Engineer. He holds an MBA and master's in project management from University of Mary and bachelor degrees in Management Information Systems and Business Administration from NDSU.



Cory Severson

DFC Consultants is now accredited by the Better Business Bureau (BBB) for its positive track record, honesty, transparency and integrity. The accreditation confirms DFC Consultants as a trustworthy company committed to exceptional customer service and elevating the integrity of businesses in today's marketplace. DFC Consultants has achieved an A+ rating from the BBB.

DeBoer earns water industry's high honor

AE2S' (Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.) Special Projects Engineer Delvin DeBoer, PhD, PE, was the recipient of the 2013 Abel Wolman Award of Excellence from the American Water Works Association (AWWA) at its 2013 Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE). The ACE Conference is the most comprehensive and diverse water conference in the world, and was held June 9-13 in Denver, CO.



Del DeBoer

The Abel Wolman Award is the AWWA's premier award, recognizing those whose careers in the water profession exemplify vision, creativity, and excellent professional performance characteristic of Dr. Wolman. His contributions to the water industry defined the development of the engineering profession, most notably in the public health aspects of engineering.

"Del DeBoer is one of the best and most respected engineers in our field. He has helped countless municipalities, regional water systems, and industries solve their water challenges. In addition, he has helped shaped the careers of hundreds of water professionals," said Deon Stockert, PE, AE2S Drinking Water Group Manager.

Dr. DeBoer has demonstrated his leadership abilities throughout his career, during which he has held increasingly challenging positions. Most recently at AE2S, Dr. DeBoer has been assisting AE2S clients with water treatment in Fargo, Bismarck, Jamestown, Williston, Ray and New Town, ND; St. Cloud, MN; and Brookings, SD.

Dr. DeBoer joined AE2S in 2012 after spending 31 years at South Dakota State University (SDSU) where he was a highly regarded environmental engineering professor. At SDSU, Dr. DeBoer's research program focused on water quality, water treatment, and water distribution related to municipal and industrial systems. Outreach for his research projects, focusing on finding practical solutions to problems faced by water supply systems, frequently included on-site operator training and local/regional conference and seminar presentations.

Dr. DeBoer has authored or co-authored several published articles and has provided presentations at local, regional, national, and international conferences. He served as the vice chair, chair, past chair, and director of the South Dakota Section of the AWWA. In recognition of his service, he was awarded the George Warren Fuller Award by the South Dakota Section in 1992 and became a Life Member of AWWA in 2011.

Thompson becomes owner of Apple Core

Myron Thompson of Minot has taken over as owner of Apple Core Enterprises in Minot, North Dakota.

Effective Jan. 1, 2013, Thompson became the sole owner of Apple Core Enterprises, a franchisee that owns and operates 23 Applebee's restaurants in North Dakota, Minnesota, Arizona and California.

"For the past twenty-one years, Minot has not only been home to our first Applebee's, but it's also where we live and have raised our families. We are excited to continue to grow the Applebee's brand in North Dakota and beyond over the next several years," said Thompson.

In addition to now being sole owner and operator of Apple Core Enterprises, Thompson also owns and operates Food Management Investors

(FMI), which employs over thirty people in Minot. FMI serves as a management and support center for the restaurants that Thompson owns, which includes Qdoba Mexican Grill that he co-owns with Chad Thompson.

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

Through a partnership between Central & 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 ND 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 & 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.

For more information about local event efforts contact Verla Rostad at 833-1655 or jvrostad@srt.com. For more information about FMSC, contact FMSC's Media Relations Associate, at 763.951.7317 or media@fmssc.org.

Kautzman wins achievement award

Kevin Kautzman has won the highest award for achievement for his participation in the Dale Carnegie Course he completed in Minot. The recipient for the award is voted on by class members upon completion of the course series. The criteria for this award is to exemplify the principles of Dale Carnegie training throughout the course, demonstrate significant personal and professional development, careful preparation and are showing leadership in the class. Kautzman is a general manager with Kum & Go in Minot, where he currently resides.

The Dale Carnegie Course is the flagship course of the Dale Carnegie organization. Used by over 450 of the Fortune 500 companies, this training teaches practical skills to help participants become more successful.

Dale Carnegie Training also offers the Sales Advantage, Leadership Training for Managers, High Impact Presentations and Customized Corporate Solutions. For more information regarding courses, please contact Michelle Wall at 701-255.8476 or through email at wmall@eidebailly.com.



Kevin Kautzman

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Color Dash 5K proceeds to Roosevelt Park Pool

Give360 is bringing the world's brightest 5K to Minot on Saturday, Aug. 17 at Roosevelt Park. The Color Dash 5K is an untimed, family-friendly run/walk that will raise money for planning a children's museum in Minot.

Participants will experience a colorful, fun mess: Color Dashers will start in white t-shirts and get pelted with color explosions as they pass through five different color zones along the Roosevelt Park trail. At the finish, everyone will be covered in a hurricane of colors. With no winners or official times, the Color Dash is perfect for anyone: kids to seniors, first-time runners to seasoned athletes. Post-race activities will include additional color explosions, live music, dance contest, food and more fun activities for participants and spectators.

Join the party at www.thecolordash5k.com. Tickets are \$40 for individuals, \$35 for teams and \$80 for families. The event is hosted by Give360, a giving circle within the Minot Area Community Foundation. Give360 is an affordable way to leverage your charitable gifts from other caring individuals and to learn about and support local nonprofits.

In an effort to make a lasting impact on the Minot area, Give360 has recruited community partners to initiate the planning of construction of a children's museum in Minot. The children's museum will be located at the Roosevelt Park Zoo and will feature exhibits based on zoo animals as well as the unique features and industries of Western North Dakota. Give360's proceeds from the Color Dash will be used to design and fundraise for the children's museum.

Gordmans expands into Minot

Gordmans, Inc., a Nebraska-based apparel and home décor retailer, continues its rapid growth across the country with the opening of a 50,000-square-foot store in Minot. The store will open just in time for back-to-school shopping July 25 at Southgate Crossing, 3220 16th Street SW.

The retailer brings a better way to shop to Minot. At Gordmans, new merchandise arrives daily offering an incredible selection of today's latest brands, fashions and styles in apparel and home décor, big savings of up to 60% off department and specialty store prices every day, and outstanding guest service.

Gordmans' department store quality merchandise includes name brand apparel for all ages, footwear, handbags, fragrances, accessories, wall art, accent furniture, tabletop décor, floral and garden, candles,

toys and more.

As a fast-growing, publicly traded Company, Gordmans currently operates 86 stores in 48 markets and 18 states. Gordmans grew its store base 12 percent in 2012 by adding nine stores. This year, 10 new Gordmans stores are planned; three of them opened in March in Salt Lake City and Provo, Utah, and Peoria, Ill.

The Minot location is one of four stores that will open in July in markets new to Gordmans: Albuquerque, N.M., Louisville, Ky., and Milwaukee. In September, the retailer will open a second store in Albuquerque and one store each in Valparaiso, Ind., and Green Bay, Wis., additional new markets for the Company. Including these locations, Gordmans will have expanded its store base by nearly 40% over a three-year period and will end this year with 93 stores in 19 states.

Gordmans offers an engaging and energetic work environment. The retailer's 5,000 associates are deeply committed to Gordmans' mission: "To delight our guests with big savings, big selection and fun, friendly associates."

Gordmans is hiring 100 associates for the Minot store. Interested candidates may apply online at Gordmans.com/Careers.

Hyatt House Minot celebrates opening

Hyatt Hotels Corporation and Interstate Hotels & Resorts announce the opening of HYATT house Minot, North Dakota's first Hyatt-branded hotel.

On top of Minot's North Hill, HYATT house Minot overlooks the Magic City and offers the conveniences of hotel living with the comforts of home. Located near the Bakken Formation, three miles away from Minot State University, two miles from Minot International Airport and nearby to local shopping, HYATT house Minot is a refreshing choice for business and leisure travelers alike.

"We are proud to open the very first Hyatt-branded hotel in North Dakota, right in the heart of the Magic City," said David Wick, general manager, HYATT house Minot. "We look forward to welcoming guests with the authentic hospitality for which Hyatt and HYATT house are known."

HYATT house Minot offers:

- 130 residentially inspired upscale guestrooms in studio, one- and two-bedroom kitchen suites
- Kitchen Suites feature real kitchens, living space and bedrooms
- Free Wi-Fi access and remote printing throughout the hotel

- Complimentary full hot breakfast served daily, featuring made-to-order omelets and other rotating savory options like bacon, sausage, French Toast, waffles and more
- Evening Social with complimentary savory bites, beer and wine and an H BAR featuring the Sip+Savor Menu – a delicious menu of home-cooked comforts and full bar
- More than 400 square feet of flexible, high-tech meeting/function space for business or social gatherings
- Range of public spaces, including a 24-hour workout room, Guest Market & guest laundry facilities in addition to indoor pool and a patio complete with barbeque grills, a fire pit, and lounge area
- 24/7 Guest Market, plus a complimentary grocery shopping available to our guests
- Pet-friendly policy that welcomes dogs or cats

"With more than double the square footage of any hotel in Minot, we believe that HYATT house Minot will be a welcoming space where those who stay here feel like more than guests, they feel like residents," said Barry Farah, managing member of North Hill Suites, LLC, HYATT house Minot's owner. Farah functioned as the general contractor on the hotel project to ensure high quality finishes throughout.

To learn more about HYATT house or to book a reservation, visit <http://www.hyathouse.com> or call 866-XS-HYATT (866-974-9288).

Karvacko Engineering announces new hire

Karvacko Engineering recently welcomed Seth Hagen as the Business Development & Safety Coordinator. Hagen is a graduate of Minot High School and the University of North Dakota with a bachelor of science degree in Planning and Urban Development. Hagen will be in charge of day-to-day safety operations ensuring safe work practices are being used by all Karvacko Engineering employees. Hagen will perform these duties out of KE's Minot office.

Karvacko Engineering is headquartered in Bemidji, Minnesota, 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.



Seth Hagen

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Minot participates in National Night Out

Minot will celebrate its fourth year of participation with the National Night Out, which is celebrating its 30th Anniversary across the United States and Canada. This event will take place Aug.



6 at the North Hill Minot Soccer Complex from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The purpose of this city wide outreach is to bring the city of Minot together to support strong, healthy and safe neighborhoods. Over 37 million people in 15,000 communities participate in National Night Out and Minot is one of those cities.

This family fun event includes community sponsors such as Trinity Health, SRT, American Bank Center, Minot Area Credit Unions, Scheels Sports, Minot Air Force Base, Minot State Rural Crime and Justice Center (RCJC), Optimist Club, NDSU Extension service, First District Health, North Dakota Prevention Center/Department Human Services, Minot Area Team Wellness, Vertical Student Ministries from First Presbyterian Church and Faith Lutheran. The Target Store in Minot partners with our local organization as a nationwide corporate sponsor of National Night Out.

Along with local law enforcement agencies and fire departments, this year will include North Dakota Parks and Recreation's ATV simulator and NorthStar Criticair Helicopter from Trinity Health. Throughout the evening there will be food, carnival games, inflatables, dunk tank and informational booths at no charge. Minot's National Night Out encourages those new and established in our city to learn more about our community and neighbors.

The National Night Out committee continues to invite local businesses and organization to partner with us through monthly planning meeting, volunteers, educational booths or financial contributions. Please contact Margie Zietz at 857-4711 if you would like to be a part of this event.

Northwest Art Center receives arts grant

In support of efforts to provide regional arts programming, Art Friends of the Northwest Art Center applied for and were awarded a \$7,355 Institutional Support grant by the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

The Art Friends of the Northwest Art Center were among 56 recipients of the most recent Institutional Support grants awarded by the NDCA.

The Institutional Support program is designed to benefit artists, arts organizations, and the general public. The program provides general support for qualifying arts and cultural organizations that have

proven they have strong management and leadership, quality artistic programming and services, and are an important part of the arts infrastructure in their communities. A total of \$427,095 was awarded during this grant round.

Art Friends is the advisory and support organization of the Northwest Art Center. The grant will help to provide funds for the center's two galleries, the Hartnett Hall Gallery and Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery on the campus of Minot State University, as well as programming for the Northwest Art Center Lecture Series.

"The Northwest Art Center is a valuable educational and cultural resource for northwest North Dakota," said Director Avis Veikley. "School groups from throughout the area take field trips to our galleries, and our lecture series draws audiences from the community at large as well as from the university."

The center's galleries focus on works by contemporary artists. About 20 exhibits are presented each year, featuring a cross section of local, regional and national talent. Lecture series speakers include university faculty, regional lecturers, and visiting scholars. All exhibitions and lectures are free and open to the public.

Art Friends activities are supported 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. In addition, the Art Friends gratefully acknowledge their other supporters, including all community sponsors and local patrons.

The Institutional Support grant runs in a three-year cycle, with applications being accepted again starting in the fall of 2015. For more information, contact the North Dakota Council on the Arts at 701-328-7592 or visit www.nd.gov/arts.

Ackerman-Estvold welcomes Dubel

Ackerman-Estvold Engineering and Management Consulting, Inc. is pleased to introduce Joseph Dubel, PE, as a Senior Civil Engineer. Dubel earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Minnesota. He has previously worked in the Minneapolis and the greater Minnesota area as a project manager/engineer.

Ackerman-Estvold Engineering and Management Consulting, Inc. 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.

Town & Country Credit Union announces new hires

Town & Country Credit Union has hired Kristen Kohler as a financial services officer specializing in in-house real estate lending. Her primary focus will be working with bor-



Kristen Kohler

rowers to secure first and second mortgages, home equities, USDA loans and construction loans. Kohler comes to Town & Country Credit Union with nine years of experience in real estate lending and compliance. Originally from Detroit Lakes, MN, Kristen holds a degree in Finance and Real Estate Financial Law from Minnesota State University.



Dane Towery

Town & Country Credit Union has hired Dane Towery as a loan officer specializing in commercial and agriculture lending. His primary focus will be working with borrowers to secure financing for their business and farming operations. Originally from Minot, Dane is a 2013 graduate from the University of North Dakota where he received a BBA in Management.

TrainND hosts Introduction to Accident Investigation July 8

TrainND is hosting OSHA 7505 – Introduction to Accident Investigation July 8 in Minot at the Grand's Candlelight Room from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This course is being offered through Mountain West OSHA Training Institute and hosted by TrainND – Northwest.

This course provides an introduction to basic accident investigation procedures and describes accident analysis techniques. The goal of this introductory class is to help you gain the basic skills necessary to conduct an effective accident investigation at their workplace. The target audience is the small employer, manager, employee or employee representative who, as part of a firm's safety and health system, would be involved in conducting accident and/or near miss investigations.

- Topics
- Primary reason for conducting accident investigation
 - Employer responsibilities related to workplace accident investigation
 - Six step accident investigation procedure

The cost of the training will be \$295. All members of an organization who could benefit from this training are invited. For more information, call 857-7598.

Celebrate independence July 11

Independence, Inc. will sponsor its 3rd annual "Celebrating Independence" event Thursday, July 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Oak Park Shelter 7.

A picnic and live band will highlight the event. A free will offering will be taken at the event. For more information or to RSVP, call Pam at 839-4724.

Affordable housing projects need taxpayer support

The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) is urging taxpayers to consider the benefits of the Housing Incentive Fund (HIF) for themselves and for their community.

"We need more contributions to the Housing Incentive Fund and the sooner the better," said Mike Anderson, NDHFA executive director. "Only half of our HIF projects have raised the funds they need to begin construction. To keep the projects on schedule this construction season, we need support from taxpayers right now."

Since September, NDHFA has provided \$10.6 million in conditional commitments to 20 multifamily housing projects and raised \$6.5 million. Several hundred additional affordable apartments will be created in energy-impacted communities, if the agency can garner adequate taxpayer contributions to the fund.

"North Dakotans can help create rental units for low- to moderate-income households," Anderson said. "The Housing Incentive Fund supports the development of housing for 'Main Street' and essential service employees like waitresses, teachers, nurses, city workers, bank tellers and cashiers, along with the elderly and households with disabilities who struggle to pay market rate rents."

HIF relies on contributions from state income and financial institution taxpayers. Contributors receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit in exchange for their contribution to the fund. Contributions can be directed to a specific project or community, or for general use. Contributors are not making an investment in the housing projects.

"Ninety percent of the contributors so far have been individuals - ordinary North Dakotans who understand the important role of affordable housing for their community," said Anderson. "Banks and businesses have also

made large contributions to help make these projects work."

Contributions from individuals have ranged in size from \$100 to \$150,000. The largest contributions received to date are from Marathon Oil, \$2.5 million; US Bank, \$1.2 million; and MBI Energy Services, \$225,000.

"Without adequate housing for all our state residents, our communities cannot grow and prosper," said Jolene Kline, NDHFA planning and housing development division director.

NDHFA is authorized to issue tax credit certificates to contributors on a first-come, first-served basis until a \$15 million maximum threshold is reached. Any individual or entity with a state tax liability can contribute to HIF. Almost \$8.5 million worth of tax credits have yet to be claimed.

Once adequate funding is received, the projects receiving conditional commitments during the first three quarterly funding rounds will create 570 new rental units in Beach, Belfield, Bowman, Crosby, Dickinson, Kenmare, Grand Forks, Minot, Ray, Watford City and Williston. The apartments will rent for \$400 to \$1,400, depending on the size of the unit and household income.

"The program has been incredibly popular with both private and non-profit developers," Kline said. "We expect to exhaust our remaining credit authority during our June funding round; now we need contributions to make sure all of these projects can break ground."

For more information on how to contribute to the Housing Incentive Fund or to learn about the projects supported by the fund go to www.ndhousingincentivefund.org, or contact Jolene Kline or Bill Hourigan at info@ndhfa.org, (701) 328-8080, (800) 292-8621, or (800) 366-6888 (TTY).

Citywide cleanup successful



Thank you to those who helped clean up Minot during the Project CLEAN city-wide cleanup May 31 and June 1. A number of volunteers turned out to be real troopers despite the rain. Thanks to Ackerman-Estvold Engineering, Charles Bearstail, The Culture Council at Trinity Health, Donna Fettig, First Baptist Church, First International Bank & Trust, I. Keating Furniture World, Scott Larson, Magic City Harley Davidson, Midcontinent Communications, Moore Engineering, NDSU Extension Service - Ward County, RMO Flight Group - MAFB, Richard Reynolds, Betty Solwey and friends, Souris Basin Planning Council, Staybridge Suites, SunPrairie Grain, Town & Country Credit Union, Verendrye Electric Cooperative.

3rd Annual
**YWCA Benefit
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+ Longest Putt
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SIGNUP: Contact Debbie at 721-3562 by August 5th!
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JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Military Day at the Zoo	4 Independence Day - Office closed 	5	6
7	8	9 Eagle Awards Presentation, 10 a.m., Chamber office	10 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB Annual Meeting Awards Committee, Noon, Chamber	11 Ribbon Cutting, 3:45 p.m., Idle Wild Subdivision, 30th Ave. NW Ambassadors Committee, 4:30 p.m., Hyatt House	12 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant Ag Golf Scramble, Velva	13
14	15 Right Start Presentation, 12:30 p.m., MAFB	16 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., The Grand Hotel	17	18 Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., North Dakota State Fair	19	20
21	22	23 Military Day at the ND State Fair	24 Ag Committee serves breakfast at the ND State Fair, 7 a.m., Livestock Barn Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	25	26	27
28	29	30 Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., Emeritus, 3515 10th St. SW	31			

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