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Chamber chair excited for coming Chamber year

by Randy Hauck

It is certainly an honor and a privilege to serve as your Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Board Chair. The Minot area is enjoying record construction levels the past few years in both the residential and commercial areas. A recent population study estimates that the City of Minot could have a population of 60,000 by 2017. If you include the greater Minot area the study estimates there could be population of 79,000. It certainly seems that the Minot economy is very strong and that the Magic is back in the City of Minot.

The mission of the Chamber is to promote business,



Randy Hauck
Verendrye Electric
Cooperative

community leadership, quality of life, education and entrepreneurship in the greater Minot area. I am confident with all your help we can maintain this mission and continue to move the community forward. The flood of 2011 was historic and devastating to a large percentage of the population. I would like to thank all the folks who have helped our city recover from this devastating flood. It is a welcome sight to have our parks, zoo, pool, golf courses and other publicly owned facilities once again open for the public to enjoy.

During these magic times your continued involvement is critical to keep the values of our mission statement. Please feel free to call, e-mail or stop in your chamber office if you ever want to visit, and I look forward to visiting with you at one of the many Chamber events.

Basin Electric executive featured at annual meeting

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 90th annual meeting Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the Grand Hotel. The 11:30 a.m. luncheon will feature Mike Eggl, senior vice president of communications and administration at Basin Electric Power Cooperative.



Mike Eggl
Basin Electric Cooperative

Eggl has long-term experience and training in public policy and legislative affairs, and ten years of rural electric cooperative and utility industry experience.

Prior to joining Basin Electric, Eggl worked for U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) in Washington, DC, for three years as a legislative assistant, then later worked as director of economic development for Sen. Dorgan in his Bismarck office.

Eggl has more than 15 years of direct legislative and development experience in the field of energy and natural resources and is an experienced coordinator of legislative and administrative strategies for communi-

ty development, telecommunications technology and natural resources.

His experience has involved communicating with local, state and national officials to create an effective legislative and administrative economic development strategy; drafting legislation in relation to economic improvement strategies; working directly with business and economic development officials to carry out plans and programs in an effective and publicly accepted process; implementing specific projects and programs, and overseeing issues such as Missouri River Master Manual, Garrison Diversion, and Grasslands Management. He has worked with support staff for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and other Senate offices to analyze, track and develop legislation promoting/developing regional and national long-term energy and natural resource issues.

Cost for the luncheon is \$25 per person. Please RSVP by Friday, Oct. 4. Register at www.minotchamber.org, select Oct. 9 on the Chamber calendar, and use your member login.

MINOT Y'S MEN'S RODEO BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Wednesday, Oct. 9 • 5 – 7 p.m.

Upper Mezzanine - ND State Fair Center

Enjoy a meal, music, a silent auction, and a drawing for \$500 in Chamber Bucks! If winner is not present, \$50 in Chamber Bucks guaranteed.

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



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NEW MEMBERS

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **Fire Equipment Company** and **Star City Golf Course**. Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY

400 Maple Street • Minot, ND 58701 • 701-721-6424 • Primary Contact: Tanesha Leker, Co-owner
Email: fireequipmentco@gmail.com • www.FECMinot.com
Fire Equipment Company sells and services fire extinguishers, providing on-site annual inspections, six-year service, and 5/12 year hydrostatic testing. The company offers over 20 years of experience.

STAR CITY GOLF COURSE

4525 Hwy 41 N • Box 267 • Velsa, ND 58790 • 338-2363 • Course General Manager: Matt Hawkins
Email: starcitygolf@srt.com • www.starcitygolf.com
Star City Golf Course is a non-profit golf club offering a great nine-hole course for tournaments, outings, or just your usual day golfing. The club house is also available for weddings or meetings.

AMERICAN BANK CENTER SPONSORS SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

A nice size crowd attended the first Business After Hours event of the season, sponsored by American Bank Center. Hometown Elegance catered a selection of hors d'oeuvres, and American Bank Center gave away five \$50 Visa gift cards.



RENEWALS

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from Aug. 16 through Sept. 20, 2013. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

Aaron's Sales & Lease Ownership	Heartland Payment System	Montessori of Minot
American Bank Center	Homesteaders Restaurant	New York Life Insurance Co.
Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.	Darrel Hovde Insurance	Nola's Lounge
Anderson Insurance Agency	ICON Architectural Group	North Central Research Extension Center
Ask Performance & Fitness, Inc.	Investors Real Estate Trust	North Hill Bowl, Inc.
Beaver Brew Cafe	I. Keating, Inc. Furniture World	North Hill Properties, LLC
Bishop Ryan Catholic School	Kemper Construction Co.	Outback Autobody, Inc.
Braun Intertec Corporation	KXMC CBS13	The Pita Pit
ChiroCare Family Center, PC	LA Weight Loss	PROCollect
Clean Tech	Landing Bar & Bottle Shop	Quality Landscaping, Inc.
Connecting Point Computer Center	Dr. Lowell Latimer	Raymond James Financial Services
2nd Chance Store Dakota Boys Ranch	Liechty Homes	Ready Builders, Inc.
Dakota College at Bottineau	Magic City Garage Door & Awning	Sam's Club
Dakotah Rose Delights	Margie's Art Glass Studio	ServiceMaster of Minot
DLA/JLG Architects	Lois Matson	Souris Valley Apartments
eVision	Mayer Electric	Spherion Staffing
Flower Box, Inc.	Microtel Inn & Suites	Strata Corporation
FMC Technologies Completion Services	Minot Commission on Aging, Inc.	Target Roofing
Four Points by Sheraton Minot	Minot Milling	
Harley's Arrowhead	Minot Public Library	
	Minot Veterinary Clinic Inc.	

Three appointed to Chamber board

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Chair, Randy Hauck (Verendrye Electric Cooperative), appointed three new board members to one-year terms as allowed by Chamber bylaws. They are Doug Hollingsworth (Northern Tier Federal Credit Union), Cathy Tweten (Dakota Square) and Maria Effertz Hanson (Black Butte Communications & Consulting).

Hollingsworth is vice president and chief operating officer at Northern Tier Federal Credit Union. Originally from Pennsylvania, he came to the area via the U.S. Air Force and retired in Minot in 2006 after 24 years of military service. He holds multiple degrees in logistics, human resources, and management, with plans to embark on a master's degree this spring.

Hollingsworth has over 20 years of logistics and management experience, four years as a recruiter, and nine years in finance. In the community, he has served as a sports official, and currently umpires softball for the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

He and his wife of 30 years, Mindy, have three children: Beth and her husband TSgt Logan Zollman, Alan and his wife Jacqy, and Jon, as well as two granddaughters, Emalee and Audree.

As assistant general manager at Dakota Square, **Tweten** is a Minot native who has

worked in retail for the past 15 years and for Dakota Square's owner, CBL & Associates, since 2012. Although ownership of the mall has changed many times, she has worked in leasing and management for most of her years in the industry.

She is a past graduate of the Chamber's Community Leadership Institute, has been involved with Artfest for many years, and is an active participant and contributor to local events.

Tweten has three children: Christopher, age 26, Calli, age 20, and Carly, age 19.

Effertz Hanson is owner of Black Butte Communications & Consulting, which has been in operations for five years working with government, community development and public relations and consulting.

A Velva native, Effertz Hanson graduated from the University of North Dakota with a double major in public relations and political science, then went on to earn her master's in management from the University of Mary.

She has worked for over 20 years in public relations and communications with a focus on government and community development. She served as communications director for the Garrison Diversion



Doug Hollingsworth
Northern Tier Federal Credit Union



Cathy Tweten
Dakota Square



Maria Effertz Hanson
Black Butte Communications & Consulting

Conservancy District, served as a regional director for Congressman Rick Berg, and has worked closely with communities and counties on economic development, and now in the oil and gas industry.

Effertz Hanson serves as a board member for the Minot CVB and the Minot Rotary Club; is a member of the Economic Development Association of North Dakota, the Velva Association of Commerce, the Velva Community Development Corporation; and is a council member at Oak Valley Lutheran Church.

She and her husband Mike have two children, cows, a horse and an occasional cat at their home three miles north of Velva.

EAGLE AWARDS

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

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



ROGER HANSON
Main-Holmes Electric



CHRISTOPHER TACKABERRY
Smart Energy Builders



BRITTANY PRESLEY
United Community Bank



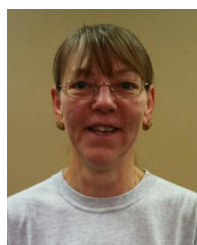
KEN LEE
Marketplace Foods North



STACI KENNEY
Roosevelt Park Zoo



PEGGY HILSON
McDonald's



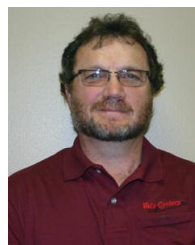
BARB WERRE
Roll 'N Pin Restaurant



CLARK MCCALL
Wal-Mart Super Center



BECKY HILL
Sundre Sand & Gravel



RORY SCHELL
Val's Cyclery



MICHELLE GABOR
Olive Garden Italian Restaurant

Showcase of Business Nov. 21:

Celebrate under the big top

The 2013 Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Showcase of Business will offer area businesses a chance to display their services and products around a circus theme. This year's event encourages booth sponsors and participants to decorate their booth under the big top.

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

Booth space is limited, and sponsors have already begun reserving their space. Ample space with wide aisles, as well as special locations for automobiles and recreational vehicles, and other oversized merchandise will be available in this festive location.

Booth sizes are 10' x 10' (\$150) or 15' x 15' (\$250). Booths will offer exposure to more

than 1,000 potential clients. To register, visit www.minotchamber.org and sign up under the online calendar using your representative log-in.

Participants must be present to be eligible for the grand prizes, which include a trip for two from MLT Vacations, and from KXMC CBS13, a Sharp 60-inch LED television and home theater system with a Blue Ray disc player. Most booths will have prizes as well. In its 24th year, the Showcase of Business provides a unique opportunity to showcase the products and services of area businesses and representatives.



Thursday, November 21st, 2013
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



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

Minot rodeo helps raise funds for Triangle Y Camp

Cowboys and cowgirls, bulls, and horses will stampede into Minot Oct. 10-13.

That's when the annual Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo, hosted by the Minot Y's Men's Rodeo, is held at the State Fair Center.

The 100+ best cowboys and cowgirls across North and South Dakota converge in

Minot to compete for the title of Badlands Circuit champion, and to provide fans with dynamite rodeo action to enjoy.

And for rodeo fans, it's also a chance to benefit another organization.

For the past 58 years, the profits from the rodeo have gone to benefit the Triangle Y Camp, seven miles southwest of Garrison, on Lake Sakakawea. Over the past half-century, the Y's Men organization has donated well over \$1 million to the camp. That money subsidizes campers' tuition, and helps with improvements and upkeep.



J.B. Lord, Sturgis, S.D., wrestles a steer to the turf at the 2012 Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo in Minot. Lord, along with about 100 other cowboys and cowgirls, will compete at the regional pro rodeo championship October 10-13. Photo by CowboyImages.net.

camp is important to 2013 rodeo chairman Paul Probst. Probst, who is an attorney in Minot, attended the camp as a child and was a counselor too. "I think it's a great opportunity for any child," to go to camp.

Going to camp enables kids to learn new things and make new friends. "It gives kids a chance to do various activities, like learn to ride a horse, swim, fish, shoot a .22 rifle, and do archery. It's a huge confidence builder." And the friends are important, too. "You meet a ton of friends you keep for a lifetime."

There's more to do the days of Oct. 10-13 than rodeo. A western shopping experience, Cowboy Christmas, will be held at the State Fair Center. The Kiwanis Pancake Feed is Oct. 12, and a special rodeo for kids with challenges is Oct. 10. The 2014 Miss Rodeo North Dakota Queen pageant will be held, and a ranch rodeo will also take place.

Tickets are on sale for the annual rodeo and range in price from \$10 for kids up to \$25 for adults. Season passes, good for all four rodeo performances, are also available. More information can be found at www.MinotYsMensRodeo.com or by calling 852-5577.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Country Inn & Suites

1900 22nd Ave. SW • Minot, ND • 837-1900

Website: www.countryinns.com/minotnd

Country Inn & Suites is pleased and excited to be part of the Minot community.



SOS Image

2217 16th St. NW • Minot, ND • 837-4600 • www.sos-image.com

Sara Dufner, Owner

SOS Image is a complete one-stop shop with amenities that include a 24-hour gym, personal training, health coaches, hair salon, massage, facials, waxing and nails.



Souris Basin Planning Council

1905 2nd St. SE • Minot, ND • 839-6641 • www.sourisbasin.org

Souris Basin Planning Council has moved to a new location where it will continue to serve the cities and counties of the North Dakota Region II through project planning, community development, and small business gap financing.



Emeritus at Brentmoor

3515 10th St. SW • Minot, ND • 839-3320

Website: www.emeritus.com/brentmoor

Brentmoor, a senior living community, is now operating under the new name of Emeritus at Brentmoor. This change, which was unveiled with the Ambassadors, reflects the Emeritus corporate brand name.

SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATES

OASDI data available

The newest edition of OASDI Beneficiaries by State and ZIP Code, 2012 was just released by the Social Security Office of Retirement and Disability Policy. OASDI stands for Old Age (Retirement), Survivors and Disability Insurance = Social Security benefits

This annual publication focuses on the Social Security beneficiary population at the ZIP Code level. It presents basic program data on the number and type of beneficiaries and the amount of benefits paid in each state, Social Security Administration field office, and ZIP Code. It also shows the number of beneficiaries aged 65 or older.

Information is available below:

North Dakota: http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/oasdi_zip/2012/nd.pdf

All States: http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/oasdi_zip/2012/index.html

RIBBON CUTTINGS.....



Northwest Tire

1500 20th Ave. SE • Minot, ND • 852-3308

Owners: Tony Vetter & Al Wald

Website: nwtire.com

Northwest Tire would like to show the community a commitment to grow with the community, and this auto center will meet the customers' needs.



Dakota Square Mall - Children's Play Area

2400 10th St. SW • Minot, ND • 839-7500

Dakota Square Mall, Scheels and a partnership with 10 local businesses and Roosevelt Park Zoo has enabled the creation of a zoo-themed 35'x25' indoor play area. The play area is located in the JC Penney Court.



Longhorn Steakhouse

1707 22nd Ave. SW • Minot, ND • 858-1707

Email: shuff@loho.com • Website: www.longhorn.com

Samantha Huff, Managing Partner

Longhorn Steakhouse is Minot's newest steakhouse, offering a modern, relaxing dining experience with knowledgeable servers offering the finest fresh steaks, chicken and seafood that is expertly prepared.



Minot State University - MSU Unveils Beaver Statue

500 University Ave. W. • Minot, ND • 858-3000 • 858-3065

Website: www.minotstateu.edu

MSU unveiled its beaver statue Sept. 24 in honor of the university's centennial celebration and the first day of class, nearly 100 years ago.



Dakota Market

2808 South Broadway • Minot, ND • 839-2455

Website: www.dakotadeli.com

Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting at Dakota Market to welcome Dakota Market to Minot, which features hearty soups, gourmet sandwiches, high piled subs, and a unique specialty food store. Dakota Market also caters and will have a catering menu available Oct. 1.



Ward County Office Building

Groundbreaking took place Thursday, Sept. 6 at the site of the future Ward County office building, north of the Ward County Courthouse. Guest speakers included Ward County Commission Chairman Jack Nybakken, Ward County Citizen's Committee spokesman Dan Deaver, and Don Davison who is the chief architect for the project from JLG Architects. The new building will imitate the look of the courthouse, but will also feature a modern opening and atrium that connects the two buildings. Construction is scheduled to be done by June 2015.

“Pop” the top on Andy Warhol theme of Artfest 2013

Celebrate theme artist, Andy Warhol, the leading artist of the 1960s pop art movement, at Artfest 2013. This year's festival will be Friday, Oct. 18, and Saturday, Oct. 19 at the State Fair Center.

Artists include Andrew Knudsen, Jim Bailey, John Bartunek, Karen Bakke, Earth Elements, Pat Van Hal, Longshadow Woodworks, Darren Olson Photography, Kalenz Kraft, Linda Olson, MSU Art Club, Jane Kalmbach, Crystal's Concepts, and more – over 35 local and regional artists!

Please join the Warhol “Factory” Premiere Party Friday evening from 7 to 10 p.m. This event will feature hors d'oeuvres, wine, desserts, and a silent auction, as well as live music by Bismarck Band, Kids with

Beards, and Minot's Echo's Answer. Participants must be 21 to attend the premiere.

Tickets are \$30 for members, or \$35 for nonmembers at the door, or they are available at the Taube Museum of Art, Artmain, and Artistry.

Also, in keeping with the spirit of the Warhol theme, if you bring in a can of soup, you will receive \$1 off your admission, up to two tickets. All soup proceeds will benefit Minot's soup kitchens.

Hours for Family Day — Saturday, Oct. 18 — are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$2, and children ages 10 and under are free. Children's activities are \$1.

The art created by the children under the

inspiration of our featured Artist Andy Warhol will be “pop”ular! Adults can mingle and browse for art work, bid on the Silent Auction, and enjoy the musical performances by local musicians, including musical wallpaper by Leonard Haabak and more.

Proceeds from the event will benefit ongoing programming for the Taube Museum of Art.

For more information, please contact Nancy F. Walter, executive director of the Taube Museum of Art at 838-4445, visit the website at www.taubemuseum.org/artfest2013.htm, or check out the event on Facebook.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

United Community Bank announces appointment and new hire



Randy Conway

United Community Bank announces the appointment of Randy Conway to the UCB Board of Directors. Conway started at United Community Bank in 1998. He graduated from Minot State University, earned an MBA Degree from Illinois State University, and completed the Graduate School of Banking in Colorado. He has worked in several areas including marketing, human resources, and commercial lending.

United Community Bank of Minot announces

the recent hiring of Mike Mueller as a commercial loan officer. Mueller is originally from Minot and graduated from Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and finance in 2001. He comes to United Community Bank with 13 years of experience in finance. He and his wife, Krista, have two children and live in Minot.



Mike Mueller

Women's Business Summit Oct. 14 – 15

The Women's Business Summit will take place in honor of National Women's Business Week, Oct. 14-15, at the Bismarck Civic Center.

Last year attendees from five states gathered for professional development, extreme networking, personal growth and fun. This year we're coming back bigger and even better! The event will include:

- 29 Breakout Session
- Tradeshow Booths
- Breakfast with Entrepreneurs Panel
- Keynote Luncheon with Julie Aigner Clark, founder of Baby Einstein
- Health & Wellness Zone
- Networking Reception

Plus much more. For more information visit ndwomensbusinesssummit.com.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

McQuade and Beste join AE2S

AE2S (Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.) has hired Sam McQuade as the first Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for AE2S and its affiliated companies. He will be part of AE2S' executive team.



Sam McQuade

McQuade brings 17 years of experience with start-up, mid-size, and Fortune 500 firms, including technology and professional services businesses with engineering, construction, financial services, and consulting activities. Over his career, Sam has led many strategic and tactical finance and operations initiatives, including 16 merger and acquisition (M&A) deals worldwide.

"Sam brings the perfect portfolio of expertise and experience to AE2S as our firms grow," said Steve Burian, PE, chief executive officer of AE2S.

Originally from Bismarck, McQuade earned a joint Master of Business Administration/Master of Arts (MBA/MA) degree in International Business and Cross-Cultural Communications from European University in Geneva, Switzerland. He also has a bachelor of accounting degree from the University of Mary in Bismarck.

AE2S has hired Nick Beste as a Water Treatment Specialist in the firm's Watford City, ND office. He is part of AE2S' Water Group, and responsible for assisting with the operation of the New Town Water Treatment Plant.



Nick Beste

"Nick offers an essential multidimensional service to the New Town plant," said Deon M. Stockert, PE, AE2S drinking water manager. "He is assisting on all shifts on a wide range of tasks to help the staff meet the high demand for water."

Beste holds Class D water and wastewater certifications in Minnesota and is in the process of securing his operator license in North Dakota.

Before joining AE2S, Beste completed internships with the cities of St. Joseph and Sauk Centre, MN. He also worked at WACOSA as a Training Specialist.

Originally from St. Joseph, MN, Beste holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in Water Environment Technologies from St. Cloud Technical and Community College in St. Cloud, MN.

Commission on Aging recruiting volunteers

The Minot Commission on Aging is in need of volunteers who would be willing to deliver hot meals to homebound seniors living in the Minot community. The hot meals are delivered to the individual's home Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Volunteers may take as little as one route on one day of the month.

Some organizations, churches or businesses provide volunteers to take one route on one certain day of each week. Volunteers provide their own vehicle to deliver the route. Most routes can be completed within 45 to 60 minutes. Delivering meals to the seniors can be a very rewarding experience.

If a business or organization is interested in providing volunteers on a regular basis, please contact the Minot Commission on Aging at 852-0561 for additional information.

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

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

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

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

To schedule an interview 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.

ND Veterans Cemetery receives award

The U.S Department of Department of Veterans Affairs' National Cemetery Administration (NCA) presented the agency's "Excellence of Appearance Award" to the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery on Aug. 21.

The award was presented by George Eisenbach, acting director of the Veterans Cemetery Grants Services. Accepting on behalf of the ND Veterans Cemetery was Brig. Gen. Alan Dohrmann, North Dakota deputy adjutant general, Col. Steven Tabor, director of Engineering and Facilities for the ND Guard and Pam Helbling-Schafer, cemetery director.

"This award is a great testament to the outstanding staff that operate and maintain the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery," said Dohrmann. "Thanks to their efforts and the countless hours donated by dedicated individual volunteers and our Veterans organizations, these beautiful grounds are a fitting final resting place for our

military heroes."

State Veterans Cemeteries are inspected every three years by the NCA. The review includes headstone general appearance, alignment, turf conditions, drainage, as well as building and equipment maintenance.

"It's truly great to get out to North Dakota and see this beautiful cemetery," Eisenbach remarks when presenting the award. "I congratulate the team that worked so hard to achieve this national-level recognition."

The ND Veterans Cemetery is a member of the NCA's national cemetery system and was established by an act of the 1989 Legislative Assembly. Opened in 1992, is operated by the Office of the Adjutant General of North Dakota. It is located 6.5 miles south of Mandan on Highway 1806 on a 35 acre tract of land in the southwest corner of Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park.

DFC Consultants hire Gartner

Lisa Gartner has joined DFC Consultants, Ltd. as the administrative assistant and is responsible for coordinating training classes and the day-to-day operations of the office. She has three years of experience working in an office setting and has previously worked at Fishnet Marketing and International Marketing Systems. Originally from Utah, Gartner moved to Fargo in 2010. Gartner attended Snow College for general education.



Lisa Gartner

Verendrye launches new website and adds social media

Verendrye Electric Cooperative has launched a new website and is now on Facebook and YouTube. Visit <http://www.verendrye.com/>.

The website has a sleek new design with easy access to online billing and energy usage monitoring, informative articles, photo galleries and links to social media sites.

On the website, members can pay their bill and track their energy usage quickly and easily by clicking on the My E-bill banner in the middle of the homepage. There are also tabs to view the various publications Verendrye produces and for information about safety, energy conservation and community programs. Two of Verendrye's popular community programs, Youth Tour and Scholarships, are featured in the COMMUNITY PROGRAMS tab in an easy-to-read format complete with photo galleries and links.

Verendrye has also begun using social media and has launched a Facebook and YouTube page where people can see news about the cooperative and its programs. The website was designed by Odney Advertising.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Renard named general manager of Country Inn & Suites

Discover Lodging Management, Inc. is pleased to announce Jessica Renard as General Manager of the Country Inn and Suites, by Carlson in Minot. Renard grew up in Northern Arkansas. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor of arts from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock. She moved to North Dakota December of 2011 where she worked at the Comfort Inn in Dickinson at the front desk manager for a year and a half before moving to Minot and becoming the general manager. She has been in this position for two months. She is a member of the Innkeeper's Association, Minot Young Professionals, and a Chamber Member, and also an active volunteer with the Taube Art Museum and Hope Village.



Jessica Renard

The Country Inn & Suites is a new 68 room hotel in Minot. Renard may be reached at 837-1900.

MSU enters partnership to offer online training for Michigan teachers

The Minot State University Department of Special Education has entered a new partnership with the Michigan Department of Education to provide graduate-level training to teachers of students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Nationally, university programs that prepare teachers of students with low-incidence disabilities, including hearing and vision loss, are facing budget cuts. Recent program closures left the state of Michigan with no university program to prepare highly qualified teachers for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

To address this need, the Michigan Consortium for Teacher Preparation was formed. MSU, along with eight other higher education institutions from across the country, will deliver an online endorsement program that will permit certified teachers to obtain an additional endorsement on their Michigan teaching certificate in deaf /hard-of-hearing education.

Students can choose courses from any of the participating universities. These courses are offered through a variety of online platforms, webinars, video conferencing and face-to-face meetings. Consortium students are currently enrolled in MSU courses this fall.

"This is an opportunity for MSU to participate in an innovative program that helps meet the needs of students with hearing loss. Our dis-

tance delivery technology allows us to prepare outstanding teachers anywhere in the world," said Holly Pedersen, deaf and hard-of-hearing education program director for MSU's graduate special education degree. "It is a very exciting time in special education."

For more information, contact Pedersen at holly.pedersen@minotstateu.edu.

Navigator to assist with access to health insurance

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a Center of Excellence at Minot State University, has been awarded a \$414,000 cooperative agreement from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to assist North Dakotans with accessing health care insurance through the federal Health Insurance Exchange.

"North Dakota decided to be a part of the Federal Healthcare Exchange, which will become known as the Marketplace. Residents will choose from a variety of health care plans with the open-enrollment period being from Oct. 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014," explained Neil Scharpe, Navigator project director. "If individuals enroll in plans before Dec. 31, 2013, coverage should begin Jan. 1, 2014. For those enrolling in January or February of 2014, expectations are that coverage will begin the month following enrollment."

NDCPD will establish a statewide collaborative network of regional navigators and certified application counselors. Navigators, stationed in each of the state's eight human service regions, will coordinate recruitment of additional CACs from local community organizations to meet that region's needs. The regional navigator will synchronize training, disseminate educational materials, and monitor the unbiased implementation of the Affordable Care Act by assisting all North Dakotans in choosing an appropriate health care plan that best fits their needs.

NDCPD will provide navigator support to people who are uninsured or underinsured. Specifically targeted groups include North Dakotans most at risk of being uninsured: people with mild disabilities, people with mental health disorders, farmers, young adults, Native Americans, small-business persons, people who are unemployed and people who are drug or alcohol addicted. For questions, contact Scharpe at neil.scharpe@minotstateu.edu or 858-3596.

NDCPD to host Disability Health Awareness Walk

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, University Center of Excellence on developmental disabilities on Minot State University's campus, is hosting the second annual "Talk, Walk and Roll," a disability health-awareness walk Oct. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. People of all abilities are welcome, and participants will meet on the MSU Dome's third floor on the north side.

"Talk, Walk, and Roll promotes community inclusion, health, wellness and disability awareness in an exciting way for all participants to become involved," said Chad Fenner, NDCPD web director and Talk, Walk, and Roll chair. "This event allows participants to gather information, get active, visit with friends, meet MSU student-athletes, tour the campus, win prizes and celebrate MSU's 100th birthday. Talk, Walk and Roll is a healthy event for talking with friends and walking and rolling through the afternoon promoting disability awareness, just for the health of it."

October is National Disability Awareness month. Local organizations and businesses will be stationed along the route to provide information and resources on disabilities. Participants can also tour the Student Wellness Center and the newly renovated Herb Parker Stadium.

For questions, contact Fenner at chad.fenner@minotstateu.edu or 858-3005.

Grant writing workshops offered

The NW North Dakota Grant Writer's Roundtable will host two seminars for those working in the non-profit and grant-writing industry.

A "Grant Writing Development" Training will be held Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$150 per person, or \$125 if more than two participants from the same organization register. Register at [Facebook.com/NDGrantWriters](https://www.facebook.com/NDGrantWriters).

A "Non-Profit Board Development" seminar will be held Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$25 per person, and refreshments will be served. Please preregister by sending an email to lyndsay@sourisbasin.org.

Both events will be held at the North Central Research Extension Center located at 5400 Highway 83 South in Minot.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Town & Country Credit Union announces new hires

Town & Country Credit Union has hired Mikki Kremer as human resources specialist and Kelsey Fagerland as risk manager.

Kremer comes to Town & Country Credit Union with more than 15 years of experience in human resources with a background in HR information systems and metrics, employee relations, HR compliance, organizational change, compensation, leadership/employee development, performance and talent management. Originally from Minot, she attended Minot State University and attained the Senior Professional in Human Resources designation from the HR Certification Institute in 2005.



Mikki Kremer

Originally from Noonan, ND, Fagerland graduated from Minot State University with degrees in accounting and finance. She received her CPA license in January of 2011 and has four years of experience specializing in government and financial institution audits and small business taxes. As risk manager at Town & Country Credit Union her primary responsibilities will be ensuring operational compliance with state and federal laws while developing enterprise risk management practices and policies.



Kelsey Fagerland

Odney named top advertising agency in North Dakota by Adweek Magazine

Odney has been named the top advertising agency in North Dakota by Adweek, a leading industry publication for marketing, media and advertising professionals.

"We are honored that Adweek has selected Odney as the top advertising agency in North Dakota," said Odney President Patrick Finken. "It really highlights the great work that our employees do with our clients on a daily basis."

Adweek selected the top advertising agency for each state based on several factors, including notable clients, size, legacy and reputation. All contenders were founded in their respective states. The article was featured on Adweek's homepage and can be found at www.adweek.com/news/advertising-branding/united-states-ad-agencies-152425.

Adweek is a weekly advertising magazine that's been covering media news, including print, advertising, branding, technology and television since 1978.

Founded in 1985, Odney is a full-service agency offering marketing, advertising, public relations and government relations services, creative design, research, interactive services, media placement, social media and digital strategy services. The agency has offices in Bismarck, Minot and Fargo, North Dakota, and Couer d'Alene, Idaho.

For more information visit www.odney.com or go to Facebook.com/Odney and Twitter.com/Odney.

Professional golfer Amy Anderson enters partnership with Scheels

Professional golfer Amy Anderson, former U.S. Girls Junior Amateur champion, and winner of a record 18 NCAA Division I tournaments, has entered into a partnership with Scheels. Anderson, competing for North Dakota State University, broke LPGA Hall of Famer Juli Inkster's collegiate mark of 17 Division I tournament victories, and is seen as one of the most promising American professional golf prospects.

Three acres of potatoes were the seed for the first Scheels store in 1902. Frederick A. Scheel, a German immigrant, used the \$300 he earned from that first harvest of potatoes as the down payment on the first Scheels, a small hardware and general merchandise store in Sabin, MN. Scheels' first All Sports Superstore opened in Grand Forks in 1989. Today, Scheels is a 24-store operation with stores in 10 states including North Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Nevada, Illinois; as well as a new store in Sandy, Utah that opened Sept. 29, 2012. Scheels also recently announced a new store in Overland Park, KS, to open in 2015.

Scheels' sponsorship of Anderson will include on-course apparel with the Scheels brand logo on parts of her sports apparel and golf bag.

"I am very excited and honored to represent the Scheels brand and family," said North Dakota native Amy Anderson. "I am grateful to Scheels for partnering with me as I begin my professional golf career."

Amy Anderson is represented by Don Yee and Brent Brockermeyer of Los Angeles-based Yee & Dubin Sports, LLC.

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

The deadline for Letters of Intent for grants from St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation is set for October 15.

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) public charity community foundation formed in June of 1998. The Foundation has awarded over \$4 million in grants

to organizations for many worthwhile projects to assist with programs that address quality of life issues in their communities.

This year \$450,000.00 in grant funds are available to organizations for projects and initiatives that address the mental, physical, emotional and/or spiritual needs of residents in the counties of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Ward and Wells.

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

Taube Museum of Art sponsors "Textures: Dakota Landscapes & Pottery"

The current Main Gallery exhibition, "Textures: Dakota Landscapes and Pottery," at the Taube Museum of Art, is featured through Oct. 14, 2013. This body of work includes paintings and pottery by Karla Nelson of Grand Forks.

"I've lived in North Dakota my entire life," said Nelson. In her observations of highways and nature, she has been inspired by technology and nature co-existing.

This series uses a textural technique of painting in layers, and "was inspired by looking at some old tintype photographs with scratches and tattered edges."

The Lower Gallery features the exhibition Women's Room, which includes works by Amanda Crawford, Tonya Stuart, Lindsey Auran, and Rose Klein. The uniqueness of this exhibition is that at least one of their works on exhibit is their interpretation of a Women's Room...and yes, that means bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, craft room, studio, etc. This exhibition features photography, mixed media, paintings, and printmaking.

Museum and Gift Shop hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by special appointment. There is no charge for admission, but contributions are accepted to help the Taube Museum fulfill their mission of enriching lives through the visual arts. The Nelson exhibition is courtesy of the North Dakota Art Gallery Association and made possible with support from the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

For further information please contact Nancy F. Walter, executive director, at 838-4445 or visit the website at www.taubemuseum.org.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Ribbon Cutting , 10 a.m., Cash Wise, 3208 16th St. SW	3 Ribbon Cutting , 3 p.m., Odney, 21 S. Main, Suite 101	4 Ambassadors Committee , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Groundbreaking , 11 a.m., First Western Bank & Trust, 2105 16th St. NW	5 Ribbon Cutting , 8:45 a.m., PetCo, 3212 16th St. SW
6	7	8 Eagle Awards Presentation , 10 a.m., Chamber office	9 Right Start Presentation , 10 a.m., MAFB Annual Meeting , 11:30 a.m., Grand Hotel Y's Men's Business After Hours , 5 – 7 p.m., ND State Fair Center	10 Community Leadership Institute , 8 a.m., MAFB Military Affairs Committee , Noon, Grand Hotel	11 Infrastructure Committee , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	12
13	14	15 Board of Directors , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	16	17 Community Leadership Institute Economic Development Session , 8 a.m., Enbridge Diplomats Committee , 9 a.m., Parker Center Honorary Commanders Kick off , 5 p.m., MAFB	18 Governmental Affairs Committee , 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	19
20	21	22 Ag Committee , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	23 Junior Achievement , 7:30 a.m., Chamber Right Start Presentation , 10 a.m., MAFB	24 Community Leadership Institute Emergency Services Session , 8 a.m., Fire Station 1 Energy Committee , 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Community Leadership Institute - Media , 8 a.m., Various locations		

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