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Last September, the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce joined the broad-based coalition supporting North Dakotans for Common Sense Conservation. This is the best way to defeat the ill-conceived proposed constitutional amendment that would commit five percent of North Dakota's oil extraction tax – conservatively estimated at \$300 to \$400 million a biennium – to a new fund with no clear idea of how it would be spent, yet mandate over \$3 million a week on average be spent on conservation projects.

We all support conservation efforts and safeguarding our environment, but this measure is the wrong approach. Here's why we oppose it:

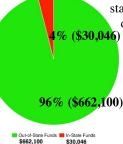
- The supporters of this proposed constitutional amendment are being funded by out-of-state special interest groups. A report filed with the Secretary of State's office at the end of last year showed the group received 96 percent of its money from outside our state.
- It would divert billions of dollars of state funding that could otherwise be spent on schools, education, infrastructure, emergency services and tax relief.
- The money from this fund can be granted to state agencies, tribal and local governments, political subdivisions and non-profit groups. Some of the non-profits that will likely benefit from it would be the Sierra Club, the Nature Conservancy, the Dakota Resource Council and other radical environmental and wilderness organizations.

- Putting this in our state's Constitution is not the proper way to fund conservation programs. Any changes to this constitutional amendment could only be corrected by another statewide vote. As the only constitutionally mandated funding provision in the state constitution, passing this measure would set a dangerous precedence.
- With only one representative from agriculture and one from energy, the advisory board will be heavily tilted towards conservation groups without much consideration for land and mineral owners.

More than 20 diverse groups are part of this coalition backing the North Dakotans for Common Sense Conservation. We support them because we already invest over \$130 million per biennium in preservation and conservation in North Dakota.

There are better ways to support conservation programs than through an ill-advised constitutional

amendment that would saddle our state with unnecessary mandated spending.



The proposed Clean Water, Wildlife and Parks amendment is being funded largely by out-of-state interests.

Engage for impact: a Magic Day of Giving

A Magic Day of Giving will be the largest volunteer coordinated community service event in the history of the Minot area.

Teams of volunteers are invited to get involved by signing up and completing their own self-designed community service project or by completing a project that has been submitted by the community. Self-designed service projects can be tailored to showcase a team's special talents. Volunteers will rake, paint, pick up garbage, wash windows, help nursing home residents,

improve local parks and much more all while giving back to the Magic City.

A Magic Day of Giving will take place Friday, Sept. 19, 2014, with a kick off and closing celebration at Oak Park. Volunteers will then complete their projects throughout the day.

Visit A Magic Day of Giving online at www.EngagingForImpact.org to sign up a volunteer team or to submit a project idea. Follow the event on Facebook atwww.facebook.com/engagingforimpact.

SAVE THE DATE: CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING

October 16 • 11:30 a.m. • Grand Hotel (1505 N. Broadway)

Speaker: Joel Noyes, Senior Manager Government Affairs, Hess Corporation

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The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **Pinnacle Financial Group** and **Taney Engineering.** Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

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Ag Committee serves breakfast July 23

The Chamber's Agribusiness Committee will serve breakfast to State Fair livestock exhibitors Wednesday, July 23 in the Livestock Expo building. This is an annual event for the group. Committee members get up bright and early to serve by 7 a.m. The breakfast includes donuts, juice, milk, and coffee to those displaying their livestock.

Military Day: July 22

The State Fair, along with the Military Affairs Committee of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, will offer special discounts to members of the military with a special military Chamber coupon Tuesday, July 22. The day includes a free lunch (sponsored by the ND Beef Commission, the ND Stockmen's Association, and the ND Cattlewomen) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., discounted gate admission, discounted NPRA Championship Bull Riding admission, and discounted carnival wristbands, as well as free rides from 1 to 3 p.m. for active military, reserve and National Guard members. A military ID must be shown to receive the discounts.

Tuesday at the North Dakota State Fair also features:

- The IMCA Modified & Stock Car Races at 7 p.m. (part of the Grandstand Showpass)
- Xcel Energy Family Day: 10 a.m. 4 p.m. under the tent in the State Fair Park

RENEWALS

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership May 17 through June 20, 2014. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

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ND State Fair kicks off second annual food drive

The North Dakota State Fair will again help feed North Dakota's hungry families with its second annual Food Drive. The food bank will be collecting cans Monday, July 21 at all State Fair



gates and will then distribute the food throughout local food pantries in North Dakota. The food drive will be held in conjunction with Pride of Dakota Day and each participating Fairgoer will receive \$1.00 off gate admission for that day.

Last year, North Dakota State Fairgoers donated 15,668 pounds of food to the Great Plains Food Bank. To put that into perspective, that is enough meals to feed a family of four for 5.25 months. "Aside from generating food for our organization, the State Fair staff did an excellent job providing awareness of the Great Plains Food

Bank as a state-wide organization," states Cari Drees, Community Events & Communications Coordinator at Great Plains Food Bank.

With the help of 910 AM KCJB, the North Dakota State Fair is encouraging service groups, 4-H and FFA clubs, and families to begin collecting cans of food now to bring to the Fair on Monday, July 21. With an average Monday attendance of around 28,000 patrons, this will make a significant impact on the lives of those less fortunate than us in our area.

Brag Up Ag golf tournament set for July 11

The Brag Up Ag Golf Tournament, set for Friday, July 11 at Wildwood Golf Course and sponsored by the Chamber's Agribusiness Committee, will offer participants a choice between a shotgun start at 8:30 or 1 p.m. The event is a four-man scramble, with special prizes awarded at various holes.

In addition to lunch, the \$60 entry will include two golf carts per team, lunch, and refreshments.

For more information or to sign up a team, call the Chamber at 852-6000 or email chamber@minotchamber.org. For more information, call Mat Jensen at 837-2267.



SAVE THE DATES

Military Day at the Zoo: Aug. 22 Military Affairs Golf Scramble: Aug. 25

2015 Chamber of Commerce Directory planning underway

Lowes' Printing, Inc., and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce are preparing the 2015 Membership Directory. This is a great opportunity to put your name, products and services at the fingertips of area decision makers. Mark Schnabel from Lowe's Printing will be contacting Chamber members to explore the benefits of advertising in the 2015 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 or complete the form below and send to mark@lowesprinting.com or fax to 852-2119.



Yes, I would like more information on advertising opportunities in the Chamber Membership Directory and Community Profile.

Business/organization	
Contact name	
Address	
Phone Fax	Email

GROUND BREAKING.



St. Alexius Medical Plaza:

Intersection of Landmark Circle and 21st Ave. NW near Hyatt House and U.S. Highway 83 Bypass Representatives from St. Alexius Medical Sister, Sisters of the Annunciation Monastery, and the Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to help break ground at the future location of the St. Alexius Medical Plaza. See related story on page 6.



The Junior Achievement program received two major donations this past month. Thank you to Xcel Energy and Hess Corporation for their continued support of JA.

Thank you to all our supporters for making this program possible! The JA program teaches young people the importance of the free enterprise system, money management skills, entrepreneurship and more. This past year, 147 classrooms had a business volunteer teach the five week course in grades K – 6 in Minot public and private schools.

Pictured above is Xcel Energy Community Relations Manager, Kathy Aas, and Chamber President, John MacMartin.

At right, Hess Corporation Bakken Operations Manager Michael Bast is pictured with MacMartin for their check presentation.



MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Former Congressman Earl Pomeroy, MAFB Col. Alex Mezynski, MAC Chair Bruce Carlson (Verendrye Electric Coop.), Boeing Representative John Kegley and Dakota Territory Air Museum Board President Don Larson unveil



the dedication
plaque for the B52 model at the
Air Museum.



Downtown sponsors Wing Ding Street Dance July 11

The Downtown Business and Professional Association of Minot is proud to sponsor its newest event, the Wing Ding Street Dance, scheduled for Friday, July 11 on Main Street. Gates will open at 7 p.m. Frankly Scarlett, a local band, will begin playing at 8 p.m. and continue until midnight.

Hot wings, along with other spicy fare, will be sold during the event, and Bud Light will be served to cool you off. You must be 21 and older to attend, and will want to bring your own lawn chair to sit and relax while enjoying the music. Cover charge is \$10 per person.

Visit Minot and the Vegas Hotel are contributing sponsors for this fun event. Visit our website at www.DowntownMinot.com, or check out our Facebook site for more information.

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 and Rainbow Photo Lab for providing gift certificates for each Eagle recipient.



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Trinity sponsors golf tournament Aug. 15

The Trinity Health Foundation will sponsor the 2014 Golf for Life Men's Golf Tournament Aug. 4, 2014.

All prizes will be donated to Trinity CancerCare Center, the mission of which is to eliminate all cancer.

For more information call 857-5432 or visit www.trinityhealthfoundationnd.org.



Western states unite to help low-income youth with disabilities

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a Center of Excellence at Minot State University, is partnering with the N.D. Department of Human Services and other agencies in five other western states to recruit and enroll 2,000 low-income youth with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 16 in a program designed to improve their educational and employment outcomes.

State agencies in Arizona, Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah formed a consortium and were awarded a \$32.5 million U.S. Department of Education grant under the Promoting the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income (PROMISE) Initiative.

"The initiative is intended to improve the coordination of services for youth who receive

Supplemental Security Income and to assist their families," said Amy Armstrong, North Dakota site coordinator. "The goal is to support youth to achieve better outcomes, including graduating from high school ready for college and a career, completing postsecondary education and job training, and obtaining community competitive employment, reducing a long-term reliance on Supplemental Security Income."

"All children deserve a chance to achieve their educational and career goals," U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said. "The PROMISE initiative provides services and support to help our most at-risk students and their families so that they can focus on their education and a brighter future."

The six-state consortium, Achieving Success by Promoting Readiness for Education and Employment or ASPIRE, will begin recruiting teens and their families starting in summer 2014. The ASPIRE group will include rural, frontier and tribal youth receiving SSI, setting it apart from similar efforts in Arkansas, California, Maryland, New York and Wisconsin where urban and suburban youth populations are being targeted.

The terms of the federal grant mean that 1,000 of the 2,000 teens and their families who enter the program will be offered additional case management, benefits counseling, financial capability training, career and work-based learning experiences and parent information and training over the course of five years. The two groups, those who are offered additional services and those who receive existing services, will be compared at the end of five years to determine the effectiveness of the program.

Learn more about PROMISE at www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/promise/index.ht ml and the ASPIRE grant at www.aspirewest.org. For questions about ASPIRE program, contact amy.armstrong@minotstateu.edu or 1-800-233-1737.

United Way Community Shower drive brings in over 8,400 items

The second annual Community Shower received over 8,460 donated items. Souris Valley United Way initiated the drive as part of their commitment to making a difference in the community.

"There is such a need for diapers, baby wipes, and other personal care items," said Patricia Smith, director of the Souris Valley United Way. "We really appreciate the generosity of the community for their support of children in need."

"This year several businesses participated as drop-off locations." said Danielle Rued, from the Souris Valley United Way. "They did a great job of getting the word out and making this a success."

The month-long drive ended June 19 with a collection event at the Dakota Square Mall with volunteers from Minot Young Professionals Network accepting donations. This year donations included 7,736 diapers, 236 packages of baby wipes, and 488 personal care items. All items were delivered to the three local food panties and the four shelter programs in the community.



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YWCA sponsors golf tournament

Attention Women golfers! You are invited to the "Swing FORE Shelter" 4th Annual YWCA Benefit Golf Tournament scheduled for Aug. 11 at Wildwood Golf Course. Registration for this 18-hole all women scramble will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

This tournament is a major fundraiser that helps support the day-to-day functions of Minot's only homeless shelter for women and children. Business sponsorships available include hole sponsorships, door prizes, and awards. Registration is \$150 for a team of two or \$300 for a team of four. Registration fee includes cart, green fees, lunch and prizes. Sign up early as space is limited. Registration is due by Aug. 1.

For more information or to become a sponsor, visit www.ywcaminot.org or call Gina at the YWCA office: 838-1812.

St. Alexius announces plans to build medical plaza in Minot

St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck announced its decision to build a new state-of-theart 67,575 square foot medical plaza in Minot.

According to Gary P. Miller, president and CEO of St. Alexius, the time is right to expand the presence of St. Alexius in Minot. "Increasing demands for our services compelled us to move forward with our plans. This is the next step in providing service to the community."

The future site for facility is at the intersection of Landmark Circle and 21st Ave NW near the US Highway 83 Bypass.

"The two story facility will feature 40 primary care and 20 specialty care exam rooms, as well as plans for a same day surgical center," said Sister Nancy Miller, president of St. Alexius' Board of Directors. "In addition, the plaza will provide imaging (diagnostic radiology, MRIs, CTs, ultrasound, mammography and Dexa Scan), physical therapy and laboratory services." For the convenience of patients the plaza will also contain a retail pharmacy.

The cost for the new building is estimated at \$19 million dollars. The projected opening of the medical plaza is the summer of 2015.

SRT Communications receives national marketing award

SRT Communications has been awarded a 2014 NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association TeleChoice Award for its "Be in the Now" campaign in the category of Single Target Print Publication.

SRT's entry focused on customers whose Internet experience may have been lacking due to a slower speed, and highlighted the differences in Internet speeds from several years ago in comparison with common Internet uses today and why higher speeds are often required.

SRT CEO and General Manager Steve Lysne said, "This was a fun campaign that played with people's lighter side and also showed how SRT offers a variety of Internet speeds, including high speed fiber optic cable, to fit the diverse needs of our customers."

The TeleChoice Awards are an annual program honoring excellence in public relations and marketing by the rural telecommunications company members of NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association. SRT, along with the winning entries in several other categories will be featured in the upcoming issue of Rural Telecom magazine. A full list of winners and their work can be found at http://www.ntca.org/telechoice-awards-past-winners/2014-ntca-telechoice-awards-winners.html.

Odney's chief digital officer Achieves Google AdWords Certification

Odney's chief digital officer, Michael Pierce, is

now a Google AdWords certified online advertising professional. Pierce passed multiple exams testing his proficiency in Google marketing fundamentals, advanced search and advanced display advertising to achieve accreditation. The certifica-



Michael Pierce

tion will allow Pierce to better assist clients with creating and managing paid advertising.

"We're always looking for ways to enhance our expertise," Pierce said. "Google's marketing systems are powerful, but very complex. Earning certification requires an in-depth knowledge of the full range of features, functions and options available in both keyword and display advertising. With that knowledge, we can ensure that our clients take full advantage of Google's advertising opportunities and get the best return for their investment."

ND Department of Veterans Affairs announces grant for ND veterans with PTSD

North Dakota Veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) may now apply for a grant which may provide them with a specially trained service dog. These service dogs are trained in North Dakota to assist veterans who suffer from PTSD. The dogs provide the special needs of the veteran they are to serve, whether it is calming anxiety attacks, providing comfort and assurance in public settings, or waking a veteran from a nightmare. PTSD service dogs have proven to greatly assist Veterans in returning to a more normal life and reintegrating back into their community. Service Dogs for America has sever-

al of these highly trained service dogs ready to be placed with a North Dakota veteran in need.

To meet the minimum qualifications for a PTSD service dog under this grant, the veteran must be a North Dakota resident, have a diagnosis of PTSD, be engaged in counseling or therapy and have a doctor's recommendation for a PTSD Service Dog. All qualified veterans are urged to apply. The grant is made possible by the 63rd ND Legislative Assembly and private donors.

To learn more or to download a preliminary application packet, please visit our website at www.nd.gov/veterans and see information about Service Dogs for America on our home page.

For more information, you may email info@servicedogsforamerica.org, or contact Lonnie Wangen (NDDVA: 701-239-7165) at lwangen@nd.gov or Pamela Standing (SDA: 701-685-5009) at lwangen@nd.gov.

Minot Sertoma Club pledges \$100,000 to MSU Foundation

Continuing a tradition of supporting Minot State University speech and hearing efforts, Mylan Sand, Minot Sertoma Club president, presented \$28,000 to Marv Semrau, MSU vice president for advancement, in May. Minot Sertoma Club pledged \$100,000 to the MSU Development Foundation to enhance the Minot Sertoma Club Scholarship fund and to fund equipment in the Department of Communication Disorders. The check is the first installment of that commitment.

"With this \$28,000 gift, Minot Sertoma continues to assist students in attaining their education towards speech and hearing careers," Semrau said. "This contribution brings the endowment, from which annual scholarships are awarded, to over \$200,000."

In addition to the donation, the Minot Sertoma Club awarded four scholarships, totaling \$7,000, for the 2014-15 academic year to Kelsey Schiele, Courtney Johnson, Jorden Brown and Katelyn Larson.

In 1989, the Minot Sertoma Club established the Minot Sertoma Club Scholarship to provide scholarships to MSU students majoring in communication disorders and deaf education.

The Minot Sertoma Club has a 54-year history of Service to Mankind in the Minot area. It has a mission of supporting speech and hearing projects, youth-related projects and national heritage efforts. Its primary fundraisers are a Norsk Høstfest car raffle, Beer Fest and Christmas in the Park, an annual light display in Oak Park from Thanksgiving through Dec. 31. On May 4, Minot Sertoma Club raised over \$12,000 at its Celebrate Sound Walk.

For questions about the donation, contact Semrau atmarv.semrau@minotstateu.edu.

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Sanford specialists to offer care in Minot

In response to growing demand in the region, Sanford Health is now providing expert care to patients in Minot. Specialists in adult cardiology, pediatric cardiology, general surgery and orthopedics and sports medicine are seeing patients by appointment within Sanford Health Walk-in Clinic in Minot, located at 801 21st Ave. SE on Highway 2 and 52 bypass east.

"Sanford believes health care is best delivered close to home," said Craig Lambrecht, MD, president of the Bismarck-based region of Sanford Health. "We know there is a great demand for health care in Minot and the surrounding area. We've been a proud member of the Minot community since 2011, and we are excited to expand services in our current facility."

Sanford specialists who travel from Bismarck to Minot to see patients include: Surya Artham, MD, cardiologist; Richard Howard, MD, cardiologist; Joshua Knudson, MD, general surgeon; andLaura Bruse Gehrig, MD orthopedic surgeon. Matthew Trefz, MD, a Sanford pediatric cardiologist from Fargo, also sees patients at Sanford Health Walk-in Clinic in Minot.

To make an appointment with a Bismarck specialist in Minot, call (800) 932-8758. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Trefz in Minot, call (800) 437-4010.

Sanford specialists from Bismarck travel to a number of locations throughout the state, including Ashley, Beulah, Carrington, Dickinson, Elgin, Fort Yates, Hazen, Jamestown, Minot, New Town, Underwood, Valley City, Washburn, Watford City and Williston. To learn more, visitbismarck.sanfordhealth.org/specialists.

Grant joins HEI

Gage Grant has joined Houston Engineering, Inc., (HEI) as a survey tech-

nician in their Minot office.

Grant is a native of Berthold, ND, and graduated with an associate's degree in computer aided drafting from ITT Technology Institute in Omaha, NE. He previously worked at Menard's in Minot.



Gage Grant

Grant started employment at HEI on May 27.

Moller named president of Affinity First



Affinity First has hired Thomas D. Moller as president. He replaces Janice Katin, who retired in June.

Moller graduated from North Dakota State University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics and a minor in business. Following graduation he served in the United States Peace Corps for four years, serving initially as a 4-H youth advisor and later as an agricultural marketing cooperative advisor while also training new volunteers in cultural and language issues. He later worked for Africare, a U.S. based aid organization in Washington, DC, on a U.S. Agency for International Development cooperative program in Zambia

Moller previously worked at the Walhalla State Bank (Choice Financial) in Walhalla, and at Citizens State Bank in Waverly, MN. Following this, he, his wife Marzocita and their daughters returned to Rugby where they owned and managed a family business until February of 2014.

Moller has been active in various volunteer organizations, such as ambulances and fire departments, and until recently, he was a member of the Heart of America Medical Center Board of Directors serving the Leeds and York area. He was also active in the York Community Betterment Association in coordination with the York American Legion, the York American Legion Auxiliary and the City of York in upgrading and improving the York American Legion Hall. He also served as a member of the York City Council and was president of the York Park Board.

Ackerman-Estvold welcomes civil engineers

Ackerman-Estvold is excited to welcome former interns Nathan Amick and Eric Merck as full time civil engineers in the Minot office.

Nathan Amick joined Ackerman-Estvold in 2009 as a part time intern, serving in that capacity

for five years. Following his graduation this spring, he was hired as a civil engineer. Amick earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University in Fargo. Amick has joined the Water Resources division and will be responsible for analyzing,



Nathan Amick

Division.

documenting and reporting on a variety of water resources issues in the region.

Eric Merck, EI, joined Ackerman-Estvold in 2011 as a part time intern and continued his work in that capacity for three years until his graduation in May when he was hired as a civil engineer in the Transportation Division. He earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from North



Eric Merck

FedEx office opens new ship center in Minot

FedEx office has recently opened a new ship center in Minot at 3220 S. Broadway, and a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Chamber's Ambassadors will be held July 21. The new ship center in Minot offers the same services as larger, traditional FedEx office locations, such as packing and shipping, self and full-service copying and printing, and sign and banner production.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday – Friday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays. For more information, call 852-7183.

Katin inducted into Credit Union Hall of Fame

Janice Katin, former CEO of Affinity First Federal Credit in Minot, was recently inducted into the Credit Union Hall of Fame. The event took place during the Credit Union Association of the Dakotas Awards Banquet held at the Sioux Falls Convention Center in South Dakota, in June.

The Hall of Fame award was designed to commemorate those who have had a significant impact on the credit union movement. Katin has given countless hours of her time to her community. She is an example for all in the credit union movement, and she believes in the philosophy of "people helping people." Over 40 years ago, a credit union stepped up and helped her family when no one else would. She has extended that same chance to deserving members over the past 30 years.

Katin served as CEO of Affinity First FCU from 1995 - May 2014. She is a 1986 CUNA Management School graduate, and served on the Family Involvement Board from 1984 to 1993, when she developed the Pee Wee Penguin youth savers program. (As a result, she is known as "Pee Wee's Mom.") She served on the North Dakota Credit Union League Board from 1993-1999, on the Burdick Job Corp board from 2003 to present, and with Junior Achievement from 2002 to 2013.



Janice Katin is shown with Robbie Thompson, President/CEO of CUAD.



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		1	2	3	4 Independence Day Offic closed	5
6	7	8 Eagle Awards Presentation, 10 a.m., Chamber office	9 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	10	11 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Ag Golf Scramble, 8:30 a.m. & 1 p.m., Wildwood Golf Course	12
13	14 Right Start Presentation FTAC, 9:30 a.m., MAFB	15 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel Ribbon Cutting, 3 p.m., Body Brite, 319 3rd St. NW	16	17 Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., ND State Fair	18	19
20	21 Ribbon Cutting, FedEx Office, 10 a.m., 3220 S. Broadway	22	23 Ag Committee Serves Breakfast, 7 a.m., ND State Fair Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	24	25	26
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