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## *Project CLEAN prepares for spring clean up*

This long winter has been frustrating, but now that the snow is gone, it has unveiled an unwelcome site: trash. It's everywhere — in the ditches, on the streets, along fence lines, and it's a real eyesore. The garbage makes for an unimpressive welcome for both residents and visitors. That's why the Project CLEAN Committee (Community Leaders Enhancing Area Neighborhoods) is working to do away with the garbage by holding its annual city-

wide cleanup Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3. The group is concentrating on the entrances to the city to spruce up before summer. Groups can stop by the Chamber and sign up for the designated areas and pick up trash bags May 2 & 3.

Volunteers can help anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call the Chamber at 852-6000 or visit [chamber@minotchamber.org](mailto:chamber@minotchamber.org) to sign up today.

## *Students and teachers honored for hard work*

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Honors Banquet hosted 270 people at its 52nd annual event. This included 128 students and 37 long time staff honored for their hard work at the event, which was held April 23 at the Holiday Inn. The event is a time set aside to recognize graduating seniors from eight area schools with a grade point average of 3.75 or higher. Students from Glenburn, Berthold, Bishop Ryan, Minot, Our Redeemer's, Sawyer, Surrey and Des Lacs/Burlington were highlighted during the evening along with staff and teachers from the schools with 25 years of service. This event is possible thanks to the generous support of



*Valerie Fischer, Director of Adult Education and Safe & Healthy Schools for the Department of Public Instruction, addressed the group during the banquet. She encouraged them to follow their dreams no matter how many times they may stumble and fall.*

Chamber members who sponsor students and teachers.

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Verendrye Electric Cooperative  
White Drug  
Xcel Energy  
Zaderaka Transport, Inc.

## **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

### *Ryan GMC/Buick/Cadillac*

1111 20th Ave. SW

**Thursday, May 15 • 5–7 p.m.**

*This is an opportunity to network with potential and established clients in a social, fun atmosphere.*

*Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a chance to win four different \$100 Ryan Bucks, as well as \$500 in Chamber Bucks! If winner is not present, \$50 in Chamber Bucks is guaranteed. (Must be present to win)*

*\$5 charge at the door*



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## NEW MEMBER

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **Reiter Oil & Gas, Inc., SRF Consulting Group, Inc.,** and **State Farm Insurance - Jessica DeClercq.** Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

### REITER OIL & GAS, INC.

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*As a full-sector consulting firm, SRF employs more than 300 engineers, planners, and designers who work with public and private sector clients across North Dakota.*

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Jessica DeClercq, Agent

*Jessica DeClercq and her passionate team bring 15 years experience to the newest local State Farm agency proudly offering insurance and financial services in Minot and the surrounding communities.*

## RENEWALS

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership March 21 through April 25, 2014. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

A-1 Septic Tank Service	Downtown Business & Professional Association	North Prairie Rural Water District
Ae2s (Advanced Engineering & Environmental Services)	Farmers Union Ins/Marquardt Heilman Agency	Northern Bottling
All American Trophies & Screen Printing	Farstad Oil Inc.	Northstar Steel Inc.
Allstate Insurance Company, The Kim Albert Agency	Fiberglass Specialties	Northwestern Electric, Inc.
Alternative Health Solutions	First Baptist Church	Northwestern Mutual Financial Network
American Family Agency	First Western Bank & Trust	O'Day Equipment, Inc.
Anchor Realty & Management Inc.	Gateway Building Systems, Inc.	Off the Vine, LLC
Artco Promotional Products, Inc.	Graham Construction Services	Dr. David C. Olson
Automated Maintenance Services Inc.	Hanson-Maves Co / Bekins Van Lines	Open Gate Church
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Chiropractic Arts Clinic, P.C.	I.F. LaFleur & Sons	Sanford Health
Cognizant	Lee's Hallmark	Schock's Safe & Lock
Community Ambulance Service of Minot, Inc.	Magic City Implement, Inc.	Sertoma Club of Minot
Coughlin Construction & Development	Marco Inc	Smith Farms, LTD
Creative Cabinetry	Margie's Art Glass Studio	Dean Somerville
Dakota Baptist Church	Material Testing Services LLC/National Home and Building Inspections	Son Management Company
Dakota Kid Productions Inc.	Minot Area Community Foundation	Stone Crafters, Inc.
Dakota Kids Dentistry	Minot Area Council of the Arts	Sundre Sand & Gravel, Inc.
Dakota Supply Group	Minot Association of Builders	Town & Country Credit Union
Domino's Pizza	Minot's Finest Collision Center	United Parcel Service
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	Richard Muus	Western Agency Inc.
	ND Guaranty & Title Co	Winston-Noble Adjustment Co.
	North Central Feed & Seed	Wold Engineering, P.C.
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		Xcel Energy





**Domestic Violence Crisis Center: P.O. Box 881 • Minot, ND • 852-2258**

[www.courage4change.com](http://www.courage4change.com)

*DVCC's New Beginnings Shelter opened the new emergency shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence and sexual assault.*



**ND Guaranty & Title Company (formerly Minot Guaranty & Escrow Company)**

1835 16th St. SW • 701-838-1907 • [www.thetitleteam.com](http://www.thetitleteam.com)

*The Chamber Ambassadors celebrated the opening of a new building and use of the official corporate name of ND Guaranty and Title Company in Minot. Since 1955, "The Title Team," has been offering complete residential and commercial title and real estate closing services in each of its eight offices in North Dakota and one in Sidney, Montana.*



**Thorman Insurance and Financial Services, Inc.**

500 20th Ave. SW, Suite B • Minot, ND • 839-4999 • [kelliethorman.com](http://kelliethorman.com)

*Ambassadors helped celebrate the opening of a new location for Thorman Insurance and Financial Services.*

## Office 365 training set for May 9

Would you like to work from anywhere, at any time, and on any device? And do it securely? Well, now you can. The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Minot State's Severson Entrepreneurship Academy will sponsor a Microsoft Mobile Workshop Friday, May 9, 2014, in two sessions. The first session is from 9 to 11 a.m., and the second is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Featuring Chaz Hager of North River IT, the workshops will be held in the Slaaten Board Room on the third floor of Old Main.

Each workshop will take participants through common work-related scenarios using Office 365, including working remotely, leveraging social networking to locate expertise and share information, and connecting in real time with coworkers and customers.

Participating in an Office 365 Workshop is the best way to learn about business productivity tools and technologies without sales pressure.

Trained facilitator, Chaz Hager is the founder of North River IT. He earned a master's degree in business administration and took four semesters of CCNA Cisco Networking Academy courses. He also has an extensive understanding of large-scale/enterprise deployments and has lead numerous projects involving detailed budgeting and timelines.

RSVP to the Chamber of Commerce by May 5. Visit [minotchamber.org](http://minotchamber.org) or call 852-6000.





**Century 21 Action Realtors:** 1370 20th Ave. SW • Minot, ND • 839-0021 • [www.minotsells.com](http://www.minotsells.com)  
*The Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon at the new location for Century 21 Action Realtors.*



**Lulu Lane:** 2 South Main Street, Suite 111 • 852-5858 • 720-4235 • [www.facebook.com/lululane](http://www.facebook.com/lululane) • Owner: Carisa Oppertude  
*Ambassadors were on hand to cut the ribbon to help open Lulu Lane. As a new baby, maternity, and children's store, we are thrilled to be part of the Chamber of Commerce and Minot's downtown district.*

## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM .....

*Cognizant employees Rosa Berg (left) and Lora Soderholm (center) presented Junior Achievement coordinator Carla Dolan (right) with a check to help purchase the classroom kits. This year, 152 classes in Minot public and private schools received the JA program free of charge, thanks to sponsors like Cognizant.*

*Next month, the Chamber Communicator will feature a full listing of the sponsors and volunteers who make the program possible.*



## EAGLE AWARDS

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in April 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](http://minotchamber.org).

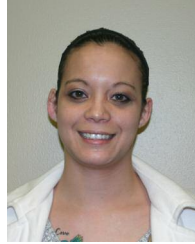
A special thank you goes out to **Homesteaders Restaurant** for providing a gift certificate for each Eagle recipient.



**DR. JESSICA WELLS**  
*Professional Hearing Services*



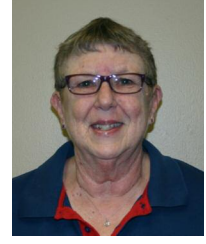
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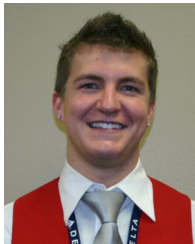
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*Home Depot*

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



*Thank you to ND Guaranty and Title Company for hosting the May Business After hours. About 125 people enjoyed the event where representatives and guests celebrated a new building for the company.*

### Prairie Warrior Auction sponsors

The Prairie Warrior Auction raised nearly \$33,000 in its 28th year, and that is due, in great part, to the sponsors who support the event. A list of sponsors for the Prairie Warrior Auction appeared in last month's Chamber Communicator. Unfortunately, we overlooked another important sponsor, **First Western Bank & Trust**. Thank you to First Western Bank & Trust and all of our sponsors.

### Lunch-N-Learn Is Your Business Secure?

*Sponsored by Ebel Inc.*

Do you wonder if your property is really protected? Have you been the victim of theft? Come and listen to experts from Ebel, Inc. as they offer education about how access control can be useful for your company and how to protect your property with video surveillance.

With the significant changes happening in western North Dakota, there are more and more small to large business owners concerned about what is happening on their property after hours or even during the day.

Experts will have tips and you can ask questions on access control and surveillance systems.

**Wednesday, May 7 • Lunch: \$15**

**11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Staybridge Suites**

**3009 S. Broadway • Minot**

*Visit the Chamber Calendar at [www.minotchamber.org](http://www.minotchamber.org) and click on May 7 under Chamber Events to sign up today.*



# MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Results Unlimited receives awards

The Telly Awards has named Results Unlimited a four-time bronze winner in the 35th Annual Telly Awards for their works "Grain", "Ready", "Diversity" and "Brother Eagle – PreK." Nationally, there were over 13,000 entries in 2014. Results Unlimited is honored to have won four awards.

"Diversity" is a video in a series produced for the North Dakota Department of Agriculture, educating the public on several facets of North Dakota agriculture. "Brother Eagle – PreK." is a fully animated (2D) 30-minute program, featuring topics such as bullying, drugs and violence. "Ready" is a 30-second commercial for Trinity Health of Minot's new sports medicine program, Athletic Performance Extreme (APEX). Finally, "Grain" is a 30-second commercial promoting CHS, Inc.-SunPrairie Grain as a leading grain provider and resource in northwest North Dakota.

"Results Unlimited is proud of our collaboration with clients," said Rod Wilson, Co-Owner of Results Unlimited. "It's an honor to be recognized nationally for our team's great creative work with these prestigious awards and nominations. It proves that smaller markets can compete nationally with excellence in creativity.

"Telly awards are one of three National awards that we participate in annually, said Colleen Anderson, Co-Owner of Results Unlimited. "It doesn't happen that often that an agency wins this many awards in one year. We are proud of the Results Unlimited team!"

"The Telly Awards has a mission to honor the very best in film and video," said Linda Day, Executive Director of the Telly Awards. "Results Unlimited's accomplishment illustrates their creativity, skill and dedication to their craft, and serves as a testament to great film and video production."

The Telly Awards was founded in 1979 and is the premier award honoring outstanding local, regional and cable TV commercials and programs, the finest video and film productions and online commercials, video and films. Winners represent the best work of the most respected advertising agencies, production companies, television stations, cable operators and corporate video departments in the world.

Results Unlimited along with the White Earth Police Department, worked together to create a program that addressed the challenges that children are facing. Results Unlimited created animated videos and workbooks for Pre-K, Kindergarten, 4th Grade and 7th grade audiences.

North Dakota Department of Agriculture provides the services and leadership necessary to make North Dakota the trusted provider of the

highest quality food in the world with prosperous farms and ranches, thriving rural communities and responsible use of resources.

Athletic Performance Extreme (APEX) is a division of the Trinity Health Exercise Physiology. APEX enhances the strengths that each athlete possesses and fine-tunes them. APEX identifies the opportunities for growth in each individual athlete, and helps them successfully achieve their goals and overcome obstacles that may hinder that success.

SunPrairie Grain's core business is grain, with agronomy operations based out of Minot, ND and a joint venture with Enerbase and Souris River Cooperative, known as Dakota Agronomy Partners, to provide agronomy services in the Minot area. SunPrairie Grain's seed division provides a very diverse seed portfolio. SunPrairie Grain teamed with Results Unlimited to create a marketing strategy to inform area farmers regarding the diverse seed portfolio offered by SunPrairie Grain.

## Call to artists for Small Art Works Exhibition

The Taube Museum of Art Main Gallery is seeking entries for their seventh annual Small Works Exhibit & Auction, and second annual Children's Small Works Exhibition. The small works exhibition is scheduled to open June 12th and run through Aug. 7, 2014.

### Small Works guidelines:

- \* Open to all artists eighteen and older with no entry fee. Member artists may submit an unlimited number of entries, while nonmembers are limited to three.
- \* Two dimensional works maximum size of 80 square inches including the frame.
- \* Three-dimensional works may not exceed 8" x 8" x 8"
- \* Each framed entry must be ready to hang with wire hangers or saw tooth hangers.
- \* All work must be available for purchase. Not For Sale work will not be accepted.
- \* Acceptable Media: collage, digital techniques, drawings, fiber arts, glass works, jewelry, metal, mixed media, paintings, pastels, photography, pottery, prints, sculptures, wood or pretty much anything.

### Children's Small Works guidelines: Same size qualifications and media as above.

- \* Open to all children toddler to age seventeen with no entry fee. Limited to three works.
- \* Pieces may be framed or presented on covered mat or foam board with the appropriate hangers
- \* Works may or may not be for sale.

### Shipping and Pickup:

- \* All mailed and/or hand delivered items must be received by Saturday June 7, 2014 from

11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Mailed items sent to Taube Museum of Art, 2 N. Main St., Minot, ND 58703.

- \* A complete prospectus can be downloaded at [www.taubemuseum.org](http://www.taubemuseum.org)

In 2013 we received 188 entries, which is more submissions than ever! This year we want to cover the walls and are looking for an even bigger response the 2014 Small Works exhibition! The event will wrap up with an Annual Summer BBQ and Auction that will be held Thursday, Aug. 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. which is free and open to the public.

A portion of the auction proceeds will support the Taube Museum of Art, a non-profit organization, with the rest to the artist. Normal Museum and Gift Shop hours are Tuesday to Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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.

Please contact Doug Pfliger, Gallery Manager, Taube Museum of Art at 838-4445 for further information.

## Karvacko Engineering adds survey manager

Karvacko Engineering is pleased to announce that Dan Skinner, P.L.S., has joined their staff as the Survey Department Manager where he will oversee daily department operations in both Bemidji and Minot. Skinner brings more than 25 years of surveying and is a licensed land surveyor in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Skinner is currently the board of directors' secretary for the Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors (MSPS), past chairman of the Minnesota Land Surveyor's Foundation, and a member of the Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota societies of professional surveyors and National Society of Professional Surveyors. He is a 1992 graduate of Bemidji State University with a degree in geography, and an emphasis in urban and regional land use planning.

Karvacko Engineering is headquartered in Bemidji, with branch offices in Minot, North Dakota and Chassell, Michigan. The firm strives to improve the quality of life now and for future generations through innovative solutions and fresh ideas in engineering, land surveying, planning, environmental and landscape architecture.



Dan Skinner

## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### **Local Harley-Davidson dealer recognized for outstanding performance**

Magic City Harley-Davidson was awarded Harley-Davidson Motor Company's prestigious Gold Bar & Shield Circle of Excellence award for the 2013 calendar year. The award is presented to the top U.S. Harley-Davidson dealerships within their classification and sales region of North Plains. Magic City Harley-Davidson earned the award based on their motorcycle and related product sales performance, an evaluation of customer service and satisfaction, and various operational measures.

"One of the primary reasons the Harley-Davidson brand has such tremendous customer loyalty is because of their efforts of dealers such as Bill and Brenda Houim," said Mike Kennedy, vice president and managing director of the Harley-Davidson North American region. "We're really proud to have Bill and Brenda Houim and Magic City Harley-Davidson as part of the Harley-Davidson family."

### **Smile100 to unveil total funds raised**

To be part of the Power of 100 Centennial service challenge, the Department of Communication Disorders took on a big challenge by adopting SMILE100 (Smile to the power of 100). Students, faculty and staff in the department set their sights on raising enough funds to pay for 100 cleft lip and palate surgeries for children in developing countries. This put them in the throes of raising \$24,000.

The Smile Tracker, which displays the total amount raised thus far, was unveiled April 10 in the Department of Communication Disorders Clinic in Memorial Hall.

While the official term of the Power of 100 Centennial project is nearly complete, SMILE100, as well as many other projects, continue. The third annual "Miles for Smiles" walkathon will be held May 3 at 9:30 a.m. on Minot State University's campus. Registration will take place up to the day of the walkathon, however, the deadline to register and get a T-shirt is Friday, April 11.

For more information, contact the Department of Communication Disorders at 701-858-3031, visit [www.minotstate.edu/cdse/cd/](http://www.minotstate.edu/cdse/cd/), or contact Magnus at [lesley.magnus@minotstate.edu](mailto:lesley.magnus@minotstate.edu).

### **KK BOLD featured at a gaming conference**

Two KK BOLD employees were featured presenters at the 2014 Great Plains Indian Gaming Conference and Tradeshow April 1, 2014, at Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, Prior Lake, Minn.

Stephanie Schoenrock,



**Stephanie Schoenrock**



**Marci Goldade**

vice president, and Marci Goldade, media director, led a workshop titled "Maximizing Your Media in Today's Digital World." Schoenrock and Goldade discussed the tools needed to develop and implement a strategically sound marketing plan in the highly competitive environment of Indian gaming.

KK BOLD has worked with Native American groups for more than 20 years. Through these long-term relationships, the agency has developed significant expertise in and knowledge of what it takes to be successful in the world of tribal gaming.

### **Boe named business development director for AE2S; Moberg named program manager**

Andrea Boe has been named business development director of AE2S Water Solutions, AE2S Industrial, and AE2S Construction. Additionally, Bob Moberg, PE, has been hired as a program manager to assist the city of Williston, ND with meeting the increased demands for services and supporting infrastructure caused by extreme growth.

In Boe's case, each of these companies is an affiliated company of Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (AE2S), where Boe served as marketing manager for more than 17 years. She will be responsible for directing sales, marketing, and client relationship activities for AE2S Water Solutions, AE2S Industrial, and



**Andrea Boe**

AE2S Construction. Boe joined AE2S in March of 1995 and has made significant contributions to marketing and business development services for external clients, as well as AE2S and its divisions. Specific projects have included public information services, advertising, graphic design, newsletters, direct mail campaigns, social media, proposals, and legislative activities.

Originally from Richardton, ND, Boe holds a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing from the University of North Dakota. She is a member of the Society of Marketing Professional Services, the American Water Works Association, and American Advertising Federation North Dakota.

Moberg will oversee various initiatives which will add much-needed capacity to City services.

Moberg has more than 25 years of experience in engineering both the public and private sectors. He began his career in Los Angeles, CA, working for the Los Angeles County Department of Public

Works. A Pequot Lakes, MN, native, Moberg returned to Minnesota in 1995, where he worked for the engineering firms of Rieke Carroll Muller, Inc. and Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. In 2006, he transitioned back to the public sector and worked as City Engineer for the cities of Plymouth, MN and Coon Rapids, MN.

Moberg holds a bachelor of science degree in Civil Engineering from North Dakota State University.



**Bob Moberg**

### **Givebones donates proceeds to Souris Valley Animal Shelter in month of April**

Givebones, a charitable dog collar company based in California, named the Souris Valley Animal Shelter its official charity for the month of April and donated 10% of all sales to the shelter to support rescue efforts. The Souris Valley Animal Shelter is dedicated to finding animals loving forever homes. In the past 12 months, the shelter saved more than 700 animals.

A spay and neuter program, humane education, pet therapy and a volunteer program are all offered at the shelter. Employees also use Facebook to help animals find new homes and advertise 12 adoptable pets in the Minot Daily News each month.

Tricia Bjornson Andrews, founder of Givebones and Minot native, said, "While Givebones has now come to the end of our official month-long partnership with The Souris Valley Animal Shelter, I continue to support all the hard workers and volunteers at the shelter. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to give back to a shelter from my hometown!"

Visit [www.givebones.com](http://www.givebones.com) to find out who the partner shelter is each month.

### **Minot urged to Paint the Town Purple**

The Relay for Life of Minot committee is encouraging all local businesses and households to participate in the "Paint the Town Purple" awareness event for the Relay for Life event June 20 - 21.

The purpose is raise cancer awareness and fight back against cancer. It supports the American Cancer Society's signature fundraising Relay for Life event in Minot.

It can be fun and easy to do. Businesses could display "Paint the Town Purple" on electronic billboards or reader boards. Place purple bows or ribbons on front entrances, around trees, on fences or on yard signs. Invite staff members to wear purple shirts on Friday, June 20, the day of the relay.

For more information, contact Ellen Sipma at 721-1724 or [ellen.sipma@hotmail.com](mailto:ellen.sipma@hotmail.com).

## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### *MSU student to attend Princeton program*

Chloe Ondracek, Minot State University mathematics major and member of an undergraduate research group advised by Narayan Thapa, assistant professor of mathematics, has been invited to participate in the 2014 Program for Women and Mathematics at the Institute for Advanced Study May 12-23 in Princeton, N.J. Since 1994, the institute and Princeton University have brought together mathematicians and students, at graduate and undergraduate levels, with the support of the National Science Foundation.

During her stay in Princeton, Ondracek will participate in a formal course for undergraduates, problem sessions, and an interdisciplinary undergraduate seminar on women in science. She will also share her current research on inverse problem for projectiles funded by NASA through the North Dakota Space Grant Consortium Undergraduate Fellowship.

Previously, the Minot native presented her research "Identification Problem in Parabolic Partial Differential Equation" at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in Baltimore. This research was submitted for publication as a co-authored paper by Ondracek and Thapa.

### *Maypole celebration revived at MSU*

To commemorate Minot State University's Centennial, the "Les Salute," "Maypole," and "Mix It Up" dances will be performed by Minot State students in colorful Maypole style May 1 in the Old Main ellipse at 2 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the festivities will move to the Dome.

"This is such a fun, historical event that has not been celebrated in decades," said Teresa Loftesnes, marketing director. "Decades ago, hundreds of people from across the state would attend. We want to bring that excitement back while we commemorate our Centennial celebration."

The first Maypole celebration was held in May of 1915. Arthur Crane, MSU's first president, presided over the festival which welcomed spring. This year, Bishop Ryan elementary school children will join Terry Eckmann's Social Dance class in re-enacting the traditional Maypole Dance. May Day baskets will be distributed and a Centennial burr oak tree planting ceremony will follow the dances. The event will last approximately 30 minutes and the public is invited to park in the Old Main loop.

For more information, contact Loftesnes at 858-3062 or [teresa.loftesnes@minotstateu.edu](mailto:teresa.loftesnes@minotstateu.edu).

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**Wednesday, May 14, 2014**  
**4:30 – 6:30 P.M.**  
**McFarland Gallery, Old Main—2nd floor**

### *Laudenschlager named Fellow of Bush Foundation*

Megan Laudenschlager, finance and program director of the Minot Area Community Foundation, has been named a Fellow of the Bush Foundation in St. Paul, MN. Since 1965, the Bush Foundation has worked to develop the leadership capacity of the region by making investments in more than 2,200 people through its Fellowship programs. The Bush Fellowship is designed for people who have already demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities, but who feel they could accomplish even more for their community with focused, intensive leadership development.

Laudenschlager joined the Minot Area Community Foundation in November 2011. She also holds several leadership positions in community organizations, including being president elect of Sunrise Rotary, Leadership Team Member of Young Professionals, vice chair of Alliance of Nonprofits, Member of the Ward County Advisory Council, and graduate and facilitator of the Chamber's Community Leadership Institute. Prior to joining the Foundation, Laudenschlager was a project coordinator for the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities and Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service. She earned a bachelor's degree from Minot State University and is a Dale Carnegie graduate. The Minot Area Community Foundation was founded in 2000 and since then has invested more than \$11 million into the area's communities. To learn more about the Foundation, please visit [www.centerforcommunitygiving.com](http://www.centerforcommunitygiving.com).

### *Power of the Purse awards \$40,520 to Domestic Violence Crisis Center*

The Minot Area Community Foundation's Power of the Purse giving circle has awarded over \$40,000 to the Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC), as part of DVCC's efforts to rebuild their facility following the 2011 flood. The Power of the Purse funds were used to build a children's playroom at the DVCC headquarters.

"This room allows children who have suffered acts of domestic violence a safe place to play, and while it is only one aspect of the great work that the Domestic Violence Crisis Center does, Power of the Purse is proud to be a part of this," said Gina Blasing, Power of the Purse member.

"Power of the Purse has continued to provide community-worthy projects that impact the lives of women and children. This is just another example of their commitment and dedication," added Ken Kitman, MACF president when discussing the Power of the Purse giving circle and its members.

Since 2007, the Power of the Purse has given back over \$160,000 to the community.





## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### *Postovit exhibition is "Trip Around the World"*

The Main Gallery exhibition at the Taube Museum of Art, A Trip Around the World will be on display from May 6 to June 6, 2014 featuring works from North Dakota native, John Postovit.

Postovit works primarily in charcoal and chalk pastels, using unique methods that produce large drawings with unusually intense colors. "Augmented reality" might be the most concise description for these drawings, which are quite realistic but often hide unexpected elements.

His training was primarily in oil painting, but shortly before graduation he picked up a chalk pastel set and began experimenting. Over the past 28 years, he has refined his techniques. Originally somewhat abstracted, his drawings have become more realistic, yet with colors that appear even stronger through contrasts. The thing that never changes in his exhibitions? He just can't seem to get rid of those inner tubes and zeppelins.

"Throughout my years as a working artist, I have preferred to change themes frequently, both to suit my wide variety of interests, and to meet the needs of producing internally consistent exhibitions," said Postovit. "But the theme I return to, again and again, in various guises is travel. Throughout my life, I've been a frequent traveler throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada, Europe, Australia and Southeast Asia. Five of my 44 solo shows have been on the theme of travel. My A Trip Around the World exhibition includes drawings from all the locales I have visited."

John Scott Postovit was born in Grand Forks in 1962, and raised in Bismarck and Fargo. He attended the University of North Dakota, and graduated in 1985 with a B.F.A. in painting and a B.S. in physics. Since then, he has lived on the east and west coasts, as well as a nine-month spell in Florence, Italy. His paintings and drawings have been exhibited in galleries and museums across the country, including North Dakota, Minnesota, New Jersey, Washington and California. He has been represented in Minnesota by the Rourke Gallery for 25 years and has been in 44 solo shows and 108 group shows. He currently lives in California, where he draws, paints, and teaches math and physics.

Museum and gift shop hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays 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 exhibition is made possible by the North Dakota Art Gallery Association with support from the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

For further information contact Doug Pfliger, gallery manager, Taube Museum of Art, 838-4445.

### *Trinity's Podiatry Department relocates*

Trinity Health's Podiatry Department has relo-

cated from Health Center - West, formerly at the corner of Broadway and Burdick Expressway, to a newly remodeled suite inside Health Center - Medical Arts, four blocks east. The address is Health Center - Medical Arts, 400 Burdick Expressway East, Minot.

"We are a care system growing to meet the needs of our region," said Dave Kohlman, vice president of facilities management at Trinity Health. "This is one of several moves needed to accommodate additional physicians coming on board at Trinity Health."

Trinity Health's podiatry department includes three podiatrists: Aaron Albers, DPM, Roger Raczy, DPM, and Tyson Williams, DPM. The office telephone number is still 701-857-3584.

### *Houston Engineering team grabs top award*

In February 2014, the North Dakota Society of Professional Engineers (NDSPE) awarded the collaborative team of Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI), Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), and

Minneapolis-based TKDA the Outstanding Engineering Design award for the BNSF Devils Lake Subdivision Track Raise project near Devils Lake. This was the second award received for this unique and successful project.

As a result of rising lake waters and an endangered embankment, the engineering team utilized multiple disciplines of science and engineering for this project, which involved raising 12 miles of existing railroad without interrupting commercial and passenger rail traffic between Seattle and Chicago. The massive effort raised several sections of the 12-mile project nearly 10 feet, preserving future integrity of the track.

The HEI, BNSF, and TKDA engineering team, who have been longtime partners, performed construction management, survey, track raise, and embankment widening at the Devils Lake Subdivision, ensuring all aspects of project production were delivered successfully. Project completion is expected in late 2014.



## Souris Valley United Way's 5th Annual Bowling Event



# Got any time to spare?



**When: Saturday, May 3rd**  
**Time: 12:30PM Registration**  
**Event starts at 1PM**  
**Entry fee: \$120 per 4 person team**  
**Payment due by April 29th**

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## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Edgewood names Zink executive vice president

Group, LLC (Edgewood) has named Wayne M. Zink executive vice president / director of finance and business development. In this new role, Zink will lead Edgewood's development company on turn-key development solutions for its new developments, including senior housing, multi-family housing, and other projects. Prior to this, Zink served as market president of Choice Financial in Grand Forks, N.D.



Wayne M. Zink

"We are excited to welcome Wayne to Edgewood. His banking, lending, and financial management experience will serve Edgewood well as we continue developing senior housing, multi-family apartments, and other types of developments," said Philip Gisi, President/ CEO of Edgewood Group Companies. "Wayne will expand Edgewood's capability to develop more projects for Edgewood Real Estate Investment Trust and our other associated investment groups."

Zink will identify expansion opportunities of current facilities and new properties in the markets that are supported by the strategic initiatives of the Board of Directors of Edgewood Group. Edgewood has a number of development opportunities currently underway in Bismarck, Grand Forks, Nebraska, and Minnesota.

Zink earned his bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in finance from North Dakota State University, Fargo. His career path has spanned 26 years in the banking profession, with a focus in commercial, commercial real estate, and development financing. Wayne and his wife, DeAnna Carlson Zink, have five children and four grandchildren.

### Resources to help employers make connections with veterans available

The Airman & Family Readiness Centers (A&FRC) are charged with supporting transitioning members, retired members, civilians, wounded warriors and all family members in achieving short and long-term employment, education/training and career goals.

The Air Force is often approached by private industries, companies and organizations seeking to hire transitioning service members and/or family members. We highly encourage you to utilize the following:

#### • Airman & Family Sustainment Branch (HQ AFPC/DPFFF)

This branch oversees employment assistance operations for transitioning Airmen and family members. Private industries, companies and organizations with multiple employment opportu-

nities at various locations should contact Rashaud Smith, Community Readiness Analyst, for Employment Assistance at (210) 565-1681 or email at rashaud.smith@us.af.mil. The Airman & Family Sustainment Branch will assess the type of employment opportunities being offered and refer or forward information to some or all of the following:

- \* Post on Air Force A&FR database (AFFIRST) which is accessible by all A&FRCs
- \* Air Force Installations, all or some, as appropriate. Installations may further advertise through their social media channels.
- \* LinkedIn Group (USAF Employment Assistance Program): Wounded Warrior program if interested in hiring our wounded, ill, or injured service members
- \* Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) program. This program offers spouses professional employment opportunities as well as portable careers. <https://msepjobs.military-onesource.mil/>
- \* Army, Marine Corp, and Navy Representatives
- **American Job Centers (AJCs)**

The Department of Labor (DOL) sponsors American Job Centers (AJCs), located in 2,600 locations throughout the United States, with at least one AJC in every state.

Formerly known as One-Stop Career Centers, AJCs provide training, employment services, and job search assistance to job seekers and to employers. The services offered by these centers vary, but include benefits that all employers may access and receive free of charge. Many AJCs have specialized local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVERs) and Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialists (DVOPS) who work solely with veteran populations and can provide veteran applicant referrals. Find your local AJC/Career One-Stop Center at <http://www.servicelocator.org/onestopcenters.asp>

#### • CareerOneStop "Business Center"

The CareerOneStop Business Center, located at <http://www.careeronestop.org/businesscenter/index.aspx> is an electronic tool available on DOL's CareerOneStop web site. This tool is designed to give businesses access to the resources they need

to recruit, train, and retain a skilled workforce - from hiring and interviewing skills, to tips on where and how to recruit qualified candidates, to locating American Job Centers. Some key features of the Business Center include:

- \* Easy-to-download reports about

employment projections and concentrations, wages, and unemployment rates for specific areas

- \* Access to local training and educational institutions
- \* Listings of top industries by employment - by state, metro area, and county
- \* A tool for finding military occupations related to specific civilian occupations
- \* Certifications for a particular position
- \* Assistance with writing job descriptions
- **Additional Helpful Links for Employers and Veterans**

\* Employers can post online jobs (if applicable) at no cost with the National Labor Exchange (NLX) at: [www.us.jobs](http://www.us.jobs)

\* Americas' Heroes at Work includes a step-by-step toolkit for employers interested in developing or enhancing their veterans hiring initiative. <http://www.americaheroesatwork.gov/forEmployers/HiringToolkit>

\* The National Resource Directory provides resources to connect wounded warriors, their families, and caregivers with those who support them. <https://www.nrd.gov/>

\* The Veterans "Career Center" has tools and resources for service members and veterans to help with their transition to civilian employment. <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>

\* In My Next Move for Veterans, veterans can enter their prior military experience and link to information they need to explore information on civilian careers and related training. <http://www.mynextmove.org/vets/>

\* The Veterans Re-Employment Portal is designed to assist veterans with employment, training, career planning, and financial issues after military service. <http://maps.servicelocator.org/military/onestopsearch.aspx>

DoD, Veteran Affairs and the Dept. of Labor are currently working on a DoD TAP website which will work as a single portal for transitioning service members to obtain transition assistance, review employment opportunities and post their resumes. Once this tool is available, we will let you know so that you will be able to post employment opportunities.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1 Military Affairs Committee</b> , Noon, Vegas Motel <b>Ambassadors Committee</b> , 4:30 p.m., Grizzlys	<b>2 Citywide Cleanup</b> , 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	<b>3 Citywide Cleanup</b> , 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
<b>4</b>	<b>5 Right Start Presentation FTAC</b> , 9:30 a.m., MAFB	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Lunch and Learn</b> , 11:30 a.m., Staybridge Suites	<b>8 Ribbon Cutting</b> , TrainND, 308 40th Ave. NE <b>CLI Planning Committee</b> , Noon, Chamber	<b>9 Infrastructure Committee</b> , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> , 11 a.m., Gourmet Chef, 122 Main Street	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 Eagle Awards Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., Chamber office	<b>14 Right Start Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., MAFB	<b>15 Groundbreaking</b> , 1:15 p.m., Fieldcrest Apartments, 500 36th Ave. NE <b>Business After Hours</b> , 5 – 7 p.m., Ryan GMC / Buick / Cadillac	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19 Right Start Presentation FTAC</b> , 9:30 a.m., MAFB	<b>20 Board of Directors</b> , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	<b>21</b>	<b>22 Energy Committee</b> , 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26 Memorial Day</b> Office closed	<b>27</b>	<b>28 Right Start Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., MAFB	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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