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Voters to determine Ward County Jail expansion

Chamber supports yes vote Feb. 24

February 24 is an important date for Minot and Ward County citizens. It's Election Day. This election, so soon after the General Election, is necessary for Ward County to keep our community safe and property taxes down. The February 24 vote would allow Ward County Commissioners bonding authority to continue to allocate existing sales tax toward expansion of the Ward County Jail.

County voters approved the tax in 2012 to generate up to \$39.3 million in bonding for a 42-cell jail expansion, a new county office building and renovation of the existing courthouse. Project costs have increased since the 2011 estimate used for those projects. The increases have been driven by flooding, oil activity, and construction inflation. The jail has seen increased use as well, and instead of the original 42 cell expansion, now it is proposed for a total of a 100 cell expansion.

A yes vote will not increase the tax, nor will it extend the tax that was approved two years ago for building projects and road repairs. Voters should know that passing the jail expansion will lead to a safer community and will result in less property taxes over the long term.

Due to a lack of space, one of two things are happening to inmates: they are sentenced then released back into the community or they are transferred to another facility to avoid jail overcrowding, a cost that is raising property taxes. The Citizens Committee and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce encourage voters to vote yes for the jail expansion, to secure the safety of Minot and to use the existing sales tax to support the best interest of the Minot community.

Vote yes at the special election February 24.

GNDC sponsors Taste of Business Feb. 25

- A sample of legislative sessions.
- A bite of the latest hot-button business topics in North Dakota.

These are the ingredients for the all-day event Feb. 25 in Bismarck, sponsored by the Greater North Dakota Chamber: Taste of Business.

Spend a day at the Capitol, followed by an interactive Taste of Business evening event with heated legislative debates and ND farm-to-table cuisine! The all-day agenda will include:

- Business Day at the Capitol (Attend hearings, visit with legislators, enjoy lunch at the Capitol Café and get the lowdown on business policy.)
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Taste of Business at Sixteen03 Main: 6 - 9 p.m.

Register today at www.ndchamber.com/taste-of-business or by calling 701-222-0929. Cost is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members. Let us know if you intend to be in Bismarck for this event. Call Carla or John at 852-6000.



FEBRUARY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thursday, February 19 • 5 – 7 p.m.

Sponsored by

Moore Engineering - 2730 30th St. NW, Suite B

*Enjoy delicious food, networking and great prizes including 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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Help support the Stewart family

Minot Association of Builders coordinates effort

Chuck and Sue Stewart were flooded in Minot and that same year Chuck was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. In order to accommodate his declining condition, they decided to sell their home in Minot, buy a lot in Underwood, and build a new house that would accommodate his disabilities.

In the process of building their house, the builder they hired passed away. They hired a new builder from Arizona and this builder absconded with \$86,000 and left the house in the framed, sided, and roofed stage. With the builder and their construction money gone, the Stewart's still need to have their house completed so that they can move in. They are currently spending the second winter in their camper.

The Minot Association of Builders is working with the IBEW 714 and the United Brotherhood of the Carpenters to help the Stewart's finish their house. Eric Wanner (Steen Construction), Kal Larson (Northwest Contracting), and Cindy Snay (Coughlin Construction) are the contacts for this project.

An account has been set up at Peoples State Bank in Minot. The name on the account is Minot Association of Builders, Stewart House. Marion Black is the representative at the bank: 852-0328. You can contact the bank directly, or if you may contact Vicky Flagstad (MAB Executive Officer) at 852-0496.

Legislative Forum Schedule

*Each session is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. in the Norsk Room at the ND State Fair Center. **

**FEBRUARY 14
MARCH 7**

**MARCH 21
APRIL 11**

** Meetings are subject to change*

RENEWALS

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership Dec. 19, 2014, through Jan. 22, 2015. 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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GCR Tire Center	Montana Dakota Utilities	The Village Family Service Center
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Block	& Office Supply	Wood Group PSN
Heritage Baptist Church		

Expecting greatness: *Reduce turnover and increase employee buy-in*

10-week course offered through Chamber can help

What are your top three challenges in your business? Labor was most likely one of them and what the future holds may be another. What if you could address both with one answer? What is the answer to this riddle? In a word, values, but it is so much more.

If culture is defined with words like respect, empowerment, value, does this sound like a place you would love to work? Does this sound like the environment you want to create in your own organization? If you could learn how in one session, along with a 10-week follow up that took less than 15 minutes a week but ingrained it into your everyday life, would you be interested?

March 18th you will have that opportunity with Expecting Greatness, featuring founding coach, Brad Borkhuis. Two sessions at 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. offer an opportunity

you will not want to miss.

It is the goal of Expecting Greatness for you to reach your greatness and help create an environment where others can as well. Expecting Greatness is one of the leaders in the field of values-based leadership, and can reach people on an empowerment level. This does not include telling participants what their values are; Expecting Greatness helps you explore them and set forth a plan that will allow you to implement your values in your everyday life. You will learn why it is necessary to have a firm structure based in values and why your expectations must be built on personal and organizational habits.

This comprehensive initial presentation will allow you to leave with an immediately implementable program. After, you will have access to a 10-week program that guides you through the implementation of the program into everyday life. Expecting Greatness uti-

Expecting Greatness Workshop:

March 18, 2015

8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. • Grand Hotel

Cost: \$129 for Members

\$159 for Nonmembers

Space is limited

Go to www.minotchamber.org and the calendar of events. Click on March 18 and sign up today using your login and password.

lizes the flexibility of YouTube and focused sessions that take 15 minutes per week to increase the rate of success.

How much does the challenge of addressing labor and a trying to make a statement of greatness cost you every year? Join this program and become the solution to this and several other organizational challenges.

Annual Sportsmen's Feed brings communities together

The annual Sportsmen's Feed was a great time for airmen at MAFB to watch the AFC/NFC playoffs and enjoy great food and games.

Special thanks to Joe Quaglia, Ron Garcia, and those in the kitchen for all their help with this event, especially our annual Sportsmen's Feed planner and chief chef, Gary Brevig. Thank you also to the following sponsors for donating items to the event.



Left to right: Col Jason Armagost (5th Bomb Wing), Chamber President L. John MacMartin, and Minot Mayor Chuck Barney, prepare game for the Sportsmen's Feed, which was enjoyed by 300 military personnel and civilians.

Photo courtesy of Tom Rafferty (Verendrye Electric Cooperative).

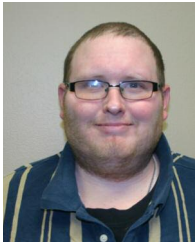
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Vardon Golf Course
Verendrye Electric Cooperative
Visit Minot
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EAGLE AWARDS

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in January 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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Upcoming Events: Save the Dates

March Business After Hours.....March 19: Ackerman Estvold - 1907 17th St. SE

Prairie Warrior AuctionApril 11: Holiday Inn

International Military Ball.....April 25: Grand Hotel

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS.....



Thank you to Real Builders & Coldwell Banker/1st Minot Realty for sponsoring the January Business After Hours, at the Hampton Inn, where those attending enjoyed delicious food by Hometown Elegance Catering, as well as the chance to network with the 120 people in attendance.

RIBBON CUTTINGS

If you know of a business that's new to town or is having a milestone, like a renovation or addition, contact Carla at 857-8205 to schedule a ribbon cutting.



State Farm Insurance, Paul Siebert Agency: 1125 N. Broadway • Minot, ND • 852-1060 • Website: www.paulsiebert.biz
Ambassadors welcomed to Minot the Paul Siebert State Farm Agency, whose agency can be depended on to treat you like a friend and neighbor.



Lillians: 16 S. Main St. • Minot, ND • 852-7898 • Owner: Chastity Askvig • lilliansshoppe.com/minot
The Ambassadors helped new owner Chastity Askvig celebrate with a ribbon cutting. Lillians is an affordable, yet fashionable and trendy boutique, with orders coming in every week.



Minot Health Clinic: 1418 South Broadway, Suite B • Minot, ND • 837-1551 • Trisha Fennern, FNP-C, Owner
www.minothealthclinic.com
The Ambassadors helped nurse practitioner Trisha Fennern and her staff at the Minot Health Clinic celebrate the new clinic with a ribbon cutting. Primary care clinic services include physicals, DOT exams, and sports physicals, as well as ongoing medical treatment for thyroid, blood pressure, and diabetes.

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Holiday Inn Riverside

2200 Burdick Expressway East • Minot, ND • 852-2504 • 800-468-9968 • www.holidayinn.com/minotnd
Ambassadors were on hand to cut the ribbon at the newly renovated Holiday Inn Riverside.



Dakota Dave's Steakhouse & Saloon

515 20th Ave. SE, Suite 9 • Minot, ND • 837-1359 • www.dakotadaves@srt.com • Dave Iverson, Owner
The Ambassadors helped open Minot's newest restaurant, Dakota Dave's Steakhouse & Saloon.



Synergy Medical Massage

1415 2nd Ave. SW • Minot, ND • 441-2117 • www.synergymedicalmassage.com • Amy Brunner, Owner
The Ambassadors welcomed Synergy Medical Massage with a ribbon cutting. Synergy specializes in medical massage and reflexology.

Do you rely on North Dakota Airports?

The North Dakota Aeronautics Commission is conducting important research to document how the state benefits from commercial and general aviation airports. North Dakota's recent economic growth has been supported by airports throughout the state. One focus of the research is to identify North Dakota employers, employees, and other groups that improve their efficiency on a regular basis by using commercial airline service, flying general aviation planes, and/or moving materials using express package or air cargo shipments. The research also seeks to identify companies that have located in North Dakota in part because of access to an airport.

If you rely on and benefit from North Dakota's airports, the Aeronautics Commission's research effort needs your

input and your "story" on how you use commercial and general aviation airports in the state. The Aeronautics Commission's research includes an online survey that can be accessed at: <http://NDAC.business.sgizmo.com/s3/> or by scanning the QR code at the end of the article.

Results of the Commission's research is very important to helping North Dakota maintain and improve the airport system to keep pace with the state's growth and development. Please take a few minutes now to complete the survey and to provide information on how you use and benefit from airports in the state.



MAFB Economic Impact statement to be released Feb. 5

The annual MAFB Economic Impact statement will be released at the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee meeting on Thursday, Feb. 5 at noon at the Grand Hotel.

2015 City Maps are available

The City of Minot continues to grow and that means change to the city map. The Chamber 2015 maps are in and show the expansion of the community. The maps include the newer sections of town with a new design, as the map is horizontal instead of vertical. The maps are at the Chamber and are free. Feel free to stop and pick them up at the Chamber office at 1020 20th Avenue SW between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We extend a big thank you to our sponsors who helped make this project possible!

Center for Technology & Business selects participants for program

The Center for Technology & Business (CTB) is pleased to announce the selected participants of the 2015 CTB Women's Leadership Program in Minot. Participants were chosen from a pool of applicants submitted by outstanding women in the community. The women are Nancy Andersen (VP and CAO, IRET Properties), Kayla Cote (Graphic Designer, iWerx Advertising), Kelly Duchsherer (VP of Operations, Affinity First Federal Credit Union), Donna Foster (Realtor, Signal Realtors), Jennifer Fry (Compliance Coordinator, Enbridge), Susan Hall (Quality Management/Training Director, 4 Bears Casino & Lodge), Brittney Hogan (Executive Director, Minot Public School Foundation), Sheila Johnson (Loan Processor/Analyst, Peoples State Bank of Velva), Susan Lundmark - Photographer/Owner, Susan Lundmark Photography), Jadian Mack (Doctor of

Chiropractic, HealthSource of Minot), Amy Makeeff (Assistant Vice President - Credit, Farm Credit Services of North Dakota), Kolette McDonald (VP Compensation & Benefits, IRET Properties), Catherine Minick (Owner/Technical Editor, High Plains Editorial Services), Shawna Myers (Director of Property Management Accounting, IRET Properties), Lori Nelson (Analyst Bakken Asset Performance & Development, Enbridge), Candice Perea (Systems Analyst Programmer, SRT Communications), Cindy Presgraves (Director of Sales, Bakken Hospitality), Ann Rivera (Owner, Clean Choice), Jordan Rumsey (Loan Assistant, First International Bank & Trust), Emily Schroeder (Advertising Solutions Consultant, Midcontinent Communications), Tiffany Walter (Research Specialist, North Central Research Extension Center).

The CTB Women's Leadership Program is an

intense six-month program dedicated to expanding the personal, professional, community and health leadership skills for women of all ages in Minot. Throughout the program participants will hear from an array of top leaders representing North Dakota and beyond that will guide and challenge the women to take the next steps in their leadership development. Participants will gain hands on experience through leadership exercises and a philanthropy challenge.

This is the third year of the successful and highly anticipated program. In total, the CTB Women's Leadership Program participants for Minot have raised over \$34,000 in cash and in-kind donations for local organizations. The public will be invited to attend a graduation ceremony on June 11, more information to follow.

The Minot Officer's Spouse's Club:

ROARING '20s CHARITY AUCTION & EVENT

Saturday, Feb. 28 • 5 p.m. • The Jimmy Doolittle Center

Live Auction • Silent Auction • Dessert Auction • Live Music

\$20/person (before 2/14/15) • \$25/person at the door

Minot OSC.net • MinotOSCPhilanthropy@gmail.com • All proceeds benefit the MOSC Charitable Fund



MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Women of Distinction Banquet set for March 26 at Grand Hotel

The Women of Distinction Banquet is an annual event that is carried out by YWCAs across the U.S. and focuses on the “unsung heroes” in communities who are strongly leading in various ways, some in the forefront and some behind the scenes, but all very humbly doing what they do, typically not wanting recognition.

The banquet will begin with a networking social at 6 p.m., followed by the award program and dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are available by calling the Minot YWCA at 838-1812.

The Women of Distinction Banquet is an opportunity to recognize and honor women in a variety of areas ranging from business to education to volunteerism, who have contributed significantly and serve as a role model to other women. This banquet honors women who have demonstrated excellence, leadership, and integrity in their fields and in the community, serving as role models for other successful women. The Women of Distinction event is the Minot YWCA's largest fundraiser of the year and provides operating funds to keep Minot's only homeless shelter functioning.

Chief Nursing Officer Barbra Brown retires

Barbra Brown, vice president of clinical services and Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) with Trinity Health, has announced she is retiring after 40 years in healthcare.

Brown has served as Trinity's CNO since 2010, leading a variety of clinical departments and a staff of over 1,100 employees. During her tenure she established a distinguished record, leading several transformational initiatives aimed at improving care quality and patient safety.



Barbra Brown

“Barbra's passion for learning and her commitment to the profession of nursing has had a tremendous impact on our staff and on our organization,” said Trinity President and CEO John M. Kutch. “Within her first few months on the job, she crafted the outline of what would become the strategic plan for the Nursing Department, a plan which aligned perfectly with the overall strategic plan for Trinity Health. Thanks to the quality of our nursing staff and clinical team, Trinity emerged as one of America's best performing hospitals for clinical outcomes and safety. She was instrumental in Trinity's joining the Mayo Clinic Care Network last year – a move that has since leveraged the expertise of Mayo Clinic for many patients here at home. We are extremely appreciative of her service and wish

her the best in retirement.”

Brown's innovative approach to recruitment helped Trinity Health weather a nursing shortage. More than 80 international nurses were recruited under her watch, many of whom went on to earn recognition from patients and fellow staff. Through her efforts, Trinity Health increased its support for nursing education, growing its MSU Nursing Scholarships from 16 to 24 students, with plans to increase it more as the class grows.

Using a model of shared governance implemented by Brown, nurses from across Trinity's organization have been able to develop and participate in action plans to impact care quality and safety, research and implement best practices, shape culture, and develop lifelong learning opportunities. Other initiatives started under her tenure include hourly rounding, employee huddles, and standardized uniforms for nursing and ancillary staff.

Zimmerman named Chief Nursing Officer

Karen Zimmerman, RN, MSN, Director of Clinical Excellence and Patient Safety at Trinity Health, has been named the organization's Chief Nursing Officer (CNO), effective January 1.

As CNO, Zimmerman will have responsibility for all of Trinity's Nursing units and the Clinical Excellence and Patient Safety Department, providing clinical leadership and oversight. She replaces Barbra Brown, who recently announced she is retiring.

“Karen brings a solid record of accomplishment to her new role,” said John M. Kutch, Trinity's Chief Executive Officer. “As Director of Clinical Excellence and Patient Safety, Karen has supported the professional development of her team and has shown steadfast commitment to the principles of patient safety, knowledge-driven care and evidence-based practice. She'll be a tremendous asset to our leadership team as we continue to deliver the best care in North Dakota.”

Zimmerman has enjoyed a long career at Trinity Health, providing bedside care for patients in nearly every hospital unit, including medical/surgical, ortho/neuro, maternal/infant, intensive care and pediatric nursing. She had a successful tenure in the Emergency/Trauma Center, serving as a staff nurse and Assistant Nurse Manager, and later becoming the hospital's Trauma Program Manager. She also managed the Clinical Studies Department for a time and served as Hospital Supervisor.

As Director of Clinical Excellence and Patient Safety since 2011, Zimmerman has led Trinity's efforts in numerous key areas, including process improvement, core measure compliance, patient safety and patient relations,

infection prevention and control, and regulatory compliance. She also has provided support for Trinity's physician quality, peer review, and privileging and credentialing programs.

“I am excited about the opportunity to lead as we continue to improve and build from a solid foundation of delivering high quality care,” Zimmerman said. “I look forward to contributing to our team effort in my new role as we continue to put patients first.”

Zimmerman earned her bachelor's degree in Nursing from Medcenter One College of Nursing in Bismarck and her master's degree in Nursing from the University of Mary, Bismarck, where she continues to serve as an adjunct faculty member for the University's graduate nursing program. She's been an instructor for the Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum and a preceptor for nursing students across the state. She's also been a guest speaker at Minot State University and speaks at surrounding high schools about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and trauma.

A Minot resident for over 20 years, she and her husband, Jay, have three children. Karen is an active member of the Minot Sertoma Club and serves on various church committees and groups.

Gate City promotes Stenson and Bourquin

Lindsey Stenson has been promoted to personal loan officer for Gate City Bank at the bank's Downtown location in Minot.

Stenson has been employed at Gate City Bank since 2008 and was most recently a personal banker. A native of Seattle, W.A., Stenson graduated from Minot High School, before attending Briercrest College where she earned her bachelor's degree in Christian Ministry. Stenson currently resides in Minot.

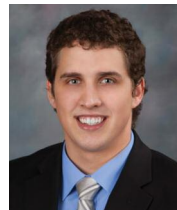


Lindsey Stenson

Colton Bourquin has been promoted to personal loan officer for Gate City Bank at the bank's Dakota Square office in Minot.

Bourquin has been employed at Gate City Bank since 2009 and was previously the customer service representative at the Dakota Square office in Minot. A native of Minot, Bourquin graduated from Minot High School. Bourquin is currently attending Minot State University where he will be graduating in May 2015 with a bachelor's degree in Finance.

Bourquin currently resides in Minot.



Colton Bourquin

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Karvacko A/E acquires Richard Rude Architecture

Bemidji company, Karvacko A/E has recently acquired RRA—known previously as Richard Rude Architectural and RRA, Inc.

RRA has been a staple in the Bemidji community, providing architectural services for governmental, institutional, commercial, industrial and private projects for nearly 30 years. Some of their more prominent projects include the structures for Paul Bunyan Communications, the Northwest Minnesota Juvenile Center, Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Tutto Bene, and the Turtle River Chophouse.

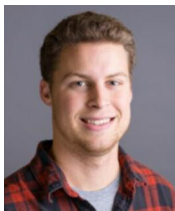
With the acquisition, RRA has become a sister company to Karvacko Engineering. Karvacko Engineering was established in Bemidji in 2006, and provides civil engineering, land surveying, and landscape architecture.

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, surveying, planning, and landscape architecture.

Wiegand assumes full-time position at Karvacko Engineering

Karvacko Engineering is excited to announce that Ben Wiegand has been hired full-time as a project manager.

Wiegand has been with Karvacko Engineering as an intern since September of 2013, and recently graduated from Bemidji State University in December with a double major in Applied Engineering and Technology Management. Ben's internship allowed him to gain experience in the engineering and design field, where he worked with AutoCAD and assisted the survey crews in the field.



Ben Wiegand

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CAC Champagne and Ice Gala Feb. 7

The Northern Plains Children Advocacy Center (CAC) will present the fifth annual Champagne and Ice Gala Saturday, Feb. 7, beginning with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. at the Grand Hotel. Tickets are \$25, which includes hors d'oeuvres and champagne. Enjoy live entertainment provided by Soulshine, Minot's own Shaun Sipma as emcee, and professional photographers, Otis and James.

Following the cocktail hour will be a silent and live auction. There will also be a raffle for diamonds from one of our major diamond sponsors. Cocktail attire is suggested. To purchase tickets or if interested in donating, please

contact Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center, located at 20 1st St SW, Ste 202 in Minot or by calling 852-0836.

The event's purpose is to raise community awareness and funds for the CAC. The mission of the CAC is to protect children by providing on-site agency collaboration utilizing a multi-disciplinary team approach in prevention, investigation, assessment, and referral for prosecution and treatment of child abuse. The CAC provides a compassionate and effective way to bring services to children victimized by abuse. This public-private collaboration significantly reduces the trauma associated with reporting child abuse and holds offenders accountable.

The CAC provides comprehensive services in northwest and north central North Dakota, including Minot Air Force Base, Turtle Mountain Tribe Reservation, and Fort Berthold Reservation. These services include forensic interviews, forensic medical exams, family support and follow-up services, trauma therapy, mental health crisis intervention, specialized therapy, information and referrals, community education, and child abuse prevention presentations.

Since the CAC began in 2009, numbers have steadily increased, proving the need for the organization within the community and its surrounding area. In 2009, services were provided to 103 children. So far this year, the CAC has provided services to 247 victims.

Any out-of-pocket expenses that are incurred for the services of the CAC are not the responsibility of the family. The CAC is solely funded from grants, reimbursements, donations, and fundraisers.

YWCA's Women's Empowerment on Self-defense Class set for Feb. 19

Minot area women: you do not want to miss this The Minot YWCA's first Women's Empowerment Session on Self-defense is taking place Thursday, February 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Riverside.

Wear your workout clothes, bring a water bottle, and be ready for a night of self-defense training taught by law enforcement professionals. The cost is only \$5 per person at the door; ages 12-17 are free. This is an interactive session. Pads will be provided by instructors.

This is the first session of an ongoing series of timely and useful topics selected by Minot-area women. The course is designed to equip participants with critical skills and mindsets to help keep them safe in a variety of situations. Mothers and daughters, girlfriends, coworkers, moms and grandmothers are welcome — you'll be glad you came!

Further information can be found at www.facebook.com/ywcaminot.

Home & Garden Show set for March 7 & 8

The Minot Association of Builders (MAB) will present its 40th Annual Home & Garden Show at the Magic Place, ND State Fair Center, on Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Exhibitors displaying the newest in products, materials and services from the home construction and remodeling industry, gardening and landscaping and many other associated businesses can be seen in over 50,000 feet of exhibit area. Interesting and useful seminars will be held both days.

This year the Souris Valley Animal Shelter will be the beneficiary of funds raised in a raffle for lawn furniture constructed by Burdick Job Corps Facilities Maintenance students and instructors and sponsored by MAB. Tickets are available from The Souris Valley Animal Shelter and the Minot Association of Builders as well as at the Show.

Admission is \$4 for adults. For more information contact the MAB office at 852-0496.

Ackerman-Estvold's Fornshell earns professional registration

Ackerman-Estvold is pleased to announce that Aaron Fornshell recently earned his North Dakota Professional Engineer registration from the North Dakota State Board of Registration.



Aaron Fornshell

Fornshell has been with Ackerman-Estvold for three years and currently serves as a civil engineer in the Municipal Services Division. His work includes consulting regional municipalities on infrastructure maintenance and development. Fornshell earned his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

Mueller joins Town & Country Credit Union

Eric Mueller has recently joined the Minot office of Town & Country Credit Union as a financial services officer. Mueller comes to Town & Country Credit Union with more than four years of industry experience as a personal



Eric Mueller

banker and loan officer. He is originally from Seward, Nebraska, and has a degree in finance from the University of Nebraska Omaha. In his role as a financial services officer, he will build trusted financial relationships with members while providing personalized service for all of their financial needs.

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Giving Hearts Day doubles your giving power February 12

The 2015 Giving Hearts Day is a unique way to magnify your giving power. It is taking place on Thursday, Feb. 12. This is the Minot-area's third year of participation in this 24-hour online fundraising event.

Log on to www.impactgiveback.org ANY TIME on Feb. 12, choose your favorite nonprofit organization(s), specify amount of your donation, fill in the basic information, and hit 'Submit.'

Just like that, your donation is magnified due to generous individuals and businesses. A \$10 donation becomes \$20; a \$100 donation becomes \$200.

Participating Nonprofit Organizations:

Bishop Ryan Catholic Schools
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch
Dakota Hope Clinic
Domestic Violence Crisis Center
Independence, Inc.
Minot Area Council of the Arts
Minot Public Schools Foundation
Rehab Services,
Souris Valley Animal Shelter
Trinity Health Foundation
YWCA Minot

These 11 organizations are working together to make this day a huge success—all with the same goal of creating greater good for the Minot area. All funds raised remain local. Thank you for joining us in making a positive difference in Minot area community!

Trinity Health has record number of births

For the second year in a row, Trinity Health has set a new record for the number of births at Trinity Hospital in Minot. Women's and Children's Services Director Sevda Raghib says the hospital recorded 1,713 births in 2014, up 83 from the previous year, which also was a record.

"A few of those were multiple births, so the number of babies was actually higher," Raghib said. Trinity also broke a three-year-old record in its Newborn Intensive Care Unit with 265 admissions, up 10 from the previous record. "This consistently busy pace has been the new normal as the city continues to grow."

Trinity Homes and Trinity Health implement flu-related restrictions

Trinity Health officials are requesting the community's cooperation to limit the spread of influenza in the region. Trinity is implementing visitation restrictions at both of its Minot hospital locations, echoing similar limitations imposed at Trinity Homes, Trinity's long-term care facility.

- All visits to residents of the long-term care facility are suspended unless absolutely necessary.
- Children will not be permitted to visit during these restrictions.

"We appreciate the community's cooperation as we impose these restrictions," said Karen Zimmerman, Chief Nurse Officer. "We apologize for the inconvenience to family members and friends, but this measure is a necessary precaution to protect our patients and to help prevent the spread of the flu."

Brenda Lokken, Director of Infection Control, says Trinity Homes is experiencing an outbreak of influenza as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for long-term care facilities. According to the CDC, an outbreak is at least two confirmed cases of influenza, plus other residents with symptoms.

"We ask that the public avoid visiting residents as it is a medically fragile, vulnerable population," Lokken said. "In addition, group activities within as well as the outside groups coming into the facility are suspended. We're having residents stay in their rooms for the most part, and our staff is taking what is called droplet precautions – wearing a mask – when caring for those residents with symptoms."

Trinity is providing masks at each hospital entrance and registration area for patients and others with flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

Lokken says the restrictive measures are designed to help control and prevent transmission of the illness. She says other measures people can take include:

- Get a flu shot.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your face and eyes.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Stay home from work or school when you are ill.

"We continue to encourage vaccination amongst our staff, residents and community even though the vaccines may not be 100% effective," Lokken added.

JLG Architects expands to South Dakota

JLG Architects is pleased to announce the opening of a new branch office in Brookings, South Dakota. It is the firm's first office in the state.

"We are very excited to be able to expand to South Dakota," said JLG president, Lonnie Laffen. "We have watched and admired South Dakota's robust economy for years and were fortunate for the opportunity to get a head start by working with Sanford Health's athletic facilities in Sioux Falls and Watertown's new Recreation Center. We love Brookings and look forward to working with and employing graduates from SDSU's department of Architecture."

"The most exceptional thing about JLG are the people and the passion that we bring to what we do," said Ryan Murphy, Brookings market leader. "I'm so very proud to represent that in my home

state."

A native of Watertown, SD, Murphy received admission with distinction to North Dakota State University where he earned his bachelor of science in environmental design and master of architecture, and was the recipient of the Freshman Academic Scholarship, NDSU Honor Scholarship, and 2008 National American Institute of Architects (AIA) Convention Scholarship. Murphy joined JLG as a student intern and has been working with the company ever since. He is also a permanent juror for NDSU's fifth year design studio.

Murphy commented about his role, "It's important to strive to create the best things we can in life. We only get to do this once. Architecture is one of those few things that has an impact on everyone, every day. I'd encourage everyone to slow down next time they are in a downtown or standing in their front yard – look at what's built around you, look at the details, and think about the people who created those things. I and JLG as a whole company are truly excited and grateful to be a part of the story in South Dakota."

The Brookings office will be JLG Architects' ninth; the firm was founded in Grand Forks, North Dakota and has additional offices in Fargo, Bismarck, Minot, Williston, and Dickinson, North Dakota and Minneapolis and Alexandria, Minnesota. It is located at 314 Main Avenue, Suite 3.

Advanced Elements expands ownership

Advanced Elements, the holding company of AE2S (Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.), AE2S Construction, and additional entities, expanded ownership of the firm in 2014 to include 13 additional shareholders.

Ownership of Advanced Elements is offered to entity employees by invitation from existing shareholders. The invitation is extended to those who exemplify commitment to a broad spectrum of criteria, including financial understanding and ability, client management, contribution to business development, leadership, character, maturity, and technical ability.

"These individuals have contributed greatly to the success of Advanced Elements companies and our clients," explained Steve Burian, PE, Chief Executive Officer. "We are excited to add them to the ownership team to help guide our future and continue to position us to best serve our clients."

AE2S was founded in 1991 in Grand Forks, ND by Burian and Charles Vein, PE, AE2S President. Since its inception, AE2S and the Advanced Elements companies have grown from two people to over 300 in 17 offices located throughout North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, Wisconsin, and Utah.

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Minot Park District completes 2014 projects

2014 was an exciting and productive year for the Minot Park District as many projects were completed within the park system.

First on the list of completed projects is the Hammond Tennis Complex with 10 newly surfaced tennis courts, two basketball courts and a new 2-5 year old playground. This project was a collaborative effort between the Minot Park District, City of Minot and the Minot Tennis Association.

Roosevelt Park was the scene to many improvements in 2014. The location that was once known as the sunken garden has a new look that includes an ADA approved paver pathway, two patio areas, and a soon to come private pergola. The Roosevelt Park tennis courts were also resurfaced.

There were many paving projects this past summer within the Minot Park District including cart paths at Souris Valley Golf Course, the Centennial Park road along the Jack Hoeven Baseball Complex and the Dakota Bark Park, the Souris Valley Golf Course walking path, and also improvements to the walking paths within Roosevelt Park.

Also completed this summer was the Roosevelt Park Zoo entrance building landscaping plan, which includes an active waterfall and fountain to welcome zoo guests. Inside the zoo the penguins were welcomed home in September and the otters will return home in the spring of 2015. The zoo is also anxiously awaiting the opening of the new Aviary that is located in the historic zoology building.

In Oak Park, repairs were made to the Camp Owetti building and drawings have been created for a future Amphitheater project that will be bid out again in the spring of 2015 with support from the Minot Area Community Foundation.

Corbett Field also underwent some changes this past summer with repairs done to the grandstand and a brand new digital scoreboard for fans and players to enjoy. The scoreboard was made possible by great community supporters, including Marketplace Foods, Scheels, First International Bank & Trust, KLJ, and Visit Minot. The Corbett warming house and pleasure rink is also back this winter, welcoming skaters from around the neighborhood.

In Green Valley Park, two new basketball hoops were added, as well as a new shelter for the neighborhood to enjoy. In addition to that, a grant from Give 360 allowed for six adaptive swings to use throughout the park system. It is a goal of the Minot Park District to provide equipment for people of all ages and abilities.

Thank you to all volunteer groups and com-

munity partners that made 2014 a wonderful and productive year for the Minot Park District. It has been a long road since the flood of 2011 but the Park District is looking ahead to more great projects in 2015.

McCauley joins Houston Engineering

Kirk McCauley joins Houston Engineering's Minot office as a survey crew chief. McCauley is originally from Clarksville, IN. He attended college at Louisiana State University and earned his Professional Land Surveyor (PLS) license for Kentucky. He has more than 27 years in the surveying and geomatics profession.



Kirk McCauley

Ground Round hires Wright as assistant manager

Leigh Wright was recently promoted as assistant manager at Ground Round in Minot.

Wright, originally from Minot, will manage and oversee the overall operations of the restaurant including managing staff, food and beverage quality, and customer service. Wright has 15 years of experience in the food and beverage industry and customer service. She has been with Ground Round for the past year as a server and was a recipient of the Hospitality Hero award in May of 2013.

"I started with Ground Round as a server and greatly enjoyed the people and environment," said Wright. "I was thrilled when the opportunity for advancement was offered to me."

Ground Round, located at 2110 Burdick Expressway in Minot, is the good time meeting place where family and friends can gather to enjoy a wide selection of great food and drinks in a relaxing atmosphere – all at very affordable prices.

Unleash your creative side

Looking for an adventurous new opportunity for you and your children? Grab your kiddos, ages 6 and up, and join the Taube Museum of Art for an afternoon of entertaining art instruction by Minot local artist Melissa Krause. The Taube Museum of Art has created a new monthly Paint Party - You and Your Child Painting class. This creative upbeat class is open to the artistic and the not so artistic. Classes will be held one Saturday a month, with the next class Feb. 7.

Krause will guide you step-by-step in recreating a featured painting. It is easy, fun, and stress free. No experience is required for you or your child. Each class will cover a different painting technique or style.

Each monthly session is \$22 for non-members and \$18 for members, per person, which includes all the supplies needed to create a 9" x 12" canvas masterpiece. Each session will be held at the Taube Museum of Art from 1:30 – 3 p.m. Class size is limited, so register early.

Additional class dates: March 7 and April 4.

For more information or to register call 838-4445, email taube@srt.com, visit our website at www.taubemuseum.org.

KK BOLD accepting nominations for Step Up Community Service Project recipients

Nominations have begun for a non-profit/not-for-profit agency to receive up to \$15,000 in free creative services from KK BOLD advertising agency.

KK BOLD is inviting participation in its second annual Step Up! community service project through a five-week public nomination and voting process. Nominations can be made on the KK BOLD website at kkbold.com; voting will take place on the agency's website and Facebook page through Jan. 31, 2015.

Creative services for the Step Up! contest winner will begin in March 2015 and will be completed by the end of the calendar year. To be eligible, the non-profit/not-for-profit agency must be located in Bismarck/Mandan or Minot, (KK BOLD's key in-state service areas) or have a statewide mission.

"We were very pleased with the number and diversity of nominations submitted during the 2014 Step Up! contest," said LaRoy Kingsley, KK BOLD president. "Step Up! gives our staff an additional creative outlet and the satisfaction of giving back to an organization that needs assistance in establishing its brand."

The winner of the 2014 Step Up! contest was Designer Genes, a Down syndrome support network. Services provided included development of a new website, exhibit and display materials, as well as multiple collateral pieces.

A timeline and complete contest rules are available at kkbold.com. Finalists will be announced Feb. 6, and voting can begin Feb. 9.

Feb. 19: Voting ends Feb. 19, and the winner is announced Feb. 20.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Right Start Presentation FTAC , 9:30 a.m., MAFB	3 First Dollar of Profit Presentations , 10 a.m., Various locations	4	5 Military Affairs Committee , Noon, Grand Hotel	6 Ambassador's Committee , 7:30 a.m., Broadway Bean & Bagel Ribbon Cutting , 9 a.m., Racers, 600 37th Ave SW	7
8	9	10 Eagle Awards Presentation , 10 a.m., Chamber office	11 Right Start Presentation , 10 a.m., MAFB Ag Committee , Noon, CHS, SunPrairie Grain	12 Ribbon Cutting , 10 a.m., MLT Vacations, 2915 North Broadway	13 Infrastructure Committee , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	14 Legislative Forum , 9 a.m., Norse Room, ND State Fair Center
15	16 President's Day Office Closed	17 Board of Directors , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	18	19 Junior Achievement Committee , Noon, Chamber office Business After Hours , Sponsored by Moore Engineering, 5-7 p.m., 2730 30th St. NW, Suite B	20 Ribbon Cutting , 1 p.m., Tuff Trucks, 516 37th Ave. SW	21
22	23	24	25 Right Start Presentation , 10 a.m., MAFB	26 Energy Committee , 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	27	28

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