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Minot prepares for 2015 legislative session

Minot Chamber members have been learning first-hand the issues facing North Dakota during monthly Governmental Affairs Committee meetings, thanks to Chair Tom Seymour of Minot State University. Tom has gathered local lawmakers together for roundtable discussions with various topics in order for our area to be prepared for what's ahead this 2015 legislative session. A big thank you goes out to Seymour for all his hard work and dedication to this committee and the Chamber. A big thank you also goes out to SRT Communications, Inc. for helping to pay sponsorship costs of speakers who attended from other parts of the state.

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce has also kept in close contact with area state legislators to make sure they are aware of area needs within the business community. The Chamber sponsored a breakfast with lawmakers and agencies that will have requests before the legislature.

Chamber members and residents can be prepared to learn more about how things are going during the 2015 session by attending the Saturday Legislative Forums at the ND State Fair Center Norsk Room. The schedule is below; meetings are subject to change depending on the status of the Legislative session.

Legislative Forum Schedule

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

**JANUARY 17
JANUARY 31**

**FEBRUARY 14
MARCH 7**

**MARCH 21
APRIL 11**

** Meetings are subject to change*

Sportsmen's Feed celebrates 50 years of TEAM MINOT

The 50th annual Sportsmen's Feed is set for Sunday, Jan. 18 at Minot Air Force Base's Jimmy Doolittle Center. This event is set aside to bring Minot and Minot Air Force Base, known as TEAM MINOT, together to enjoy a couple of top football games during the AFC/NFC playoffs. They also take part in some games and eat some delicious food. The food ranges from walleye to rocky mountain oysters and more plus all the trimmings. The day starts at noon with appetizers and there is an evening meal. Tickets are \$30 and when one is purchased, an Airman is able to attend free of charge. Contact the Chamber at 852-6000 today to buy yours.



JANUARY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thursday, January 29 • 5 – 7 p.m.

Sponsored by

***Real Builders & Coldwell Banker/1st Minot Realty
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*Enjoy delicious food catered by Hometown Elegance, networking and great prizes
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NEW MEMBERS.....

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **R & J's Fuel & Service, Inc., dba R & J's Towing** and **Taylor Motors, Inc.**. Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

R & J'S FUEL & SERVICE, INC. dba R & J's Towing
101 128th Ave. NW • Minot, ND 58703 • 852-0901 • Fax: 839-5644

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Email: rjsfuel@srt.com • Website: www.randjstowing.com

Established in 2004, R & J's Towing services include light, medium, and heavy duty towing; jump starts, lock-outs, and tire changes; storage container rental and sales; and Hot Shot deliveries and U-Haul. Delivery is available.

TAYLOR MOTORS, INC.

3820 U.S. Hwy. 641 S. • Murray, KY 42071 • 270-762-0041 • Fax: 270-762-9958

Greg DeLancey, General Manager • Email: gregdelancey@wedeliverbest.com

Taylor Motors, Inc. is a contractor that specializes in school bus contracting on military bases. The home office is located in Kentucky, with services at Ft. Knox, Ft. Campbell, Ft. Browning, GA, Parris Island, S.C., and now at Minot Air Force Base.

SAVE THE DATE: BUSINESS AFTER HOURS.....

Thursday, February 19, 2015
5 – 7 p.m.

Moore Engineering
2730 30th St. NW • Suite B • Minot

RENEWALS.....

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership Nov. 20 through Dec. 18, 2014. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

Lynn Aas	iHeart Media	Pizza Ranch
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Gooseneck Implement	North Dakota Envelope Co.	Vallely Sport & Marine
Gutter Topper of North Dakota	North Highlands Apartments	Verendrye Electric Cooperative
The Home Depot	Northwest Music & Sound	Westlie Motor Co.
Homesteaders Restaurant	Northwestern Mutual Financial Network	Wired
Howard & Associates, P.C	The OBASA Group - Silver Springs Development, Inc.	Zaderaka Transport, Inc.
		Zarr Financial Services

44th annual KMOT Ag Expo scheduled to run Jan. 28 – 30

The 44th Annual KMOT Ag Expo will begin Wednesday, Jan. 28 and continue through Friday, Jan. 30. The KMOT Ag Expo will be held at the North Dakota State Fair Center on the ND State Fairgrounds in Minot. There will be over 350 exhibitors covering more than 1,000 booths.

In past years, approximately 30,000 to 40,000 people have attended the annual show. The KMOT Ag Expo is the largest indoor agricultural show in the upper Midwest. You can expect to see the latest in agricultural technology and equipment, along with other exhibits that cover all areas of agriculture. The show is guaranteed to have something for everyone, including informative seminars.

KMOT Living Ag Classroom

Area 4th graders will learn how food gets from the farmer's fields to the grocery store shelves. The Living Ag Classroom has enjoyed amazing success, hosting over 13,000 students, as well as teachers and parents. The Living Ag Classroom is an informative classroom that teaches about the production and distribution of our food, along with the many byproducts of crops and animals that are raised in North Dakota. The Classroom will be located on the upper mezzanine and is open to the public, with sessions at 9 a.m., 11a.m., and 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. SRT Communications and North Dakota Farmers Union are sponsoring the Living Ag



Classroom.

Parking and admission are free, and there is a heated shuttle bus from the parking lot to the front door. Stop by the KMOT/Bremer Information Booth to get a copy of the official program with exhibitor maps and listing, as well as the seminars schedule. Doors open daily at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

For more information call 852-5254 or email: agexpo@kmot.com.

Volunteers distribute more than 26,000 cookies to airmen living on base



Thank you to those who contributed to the cookie drive. TEAM MINOT volunteers collected and created 26,500 cookies, which were packed for distribution to Minot Airmen living in the dormitories. Cookies were donated by base personnel, as well as companies and families from Minot. The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce teamed up with the Minot Air Force Base Officers' Spouses Club, which chaired the annual cookie drive.



EAGLE AWARDS

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in December 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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Delta Airlines



GRACIA EMAN
Lamplighter Lounge

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



Thank you to Hyatt House for hosting the December Business After Hours, where 130 people attended and enjoyed music, delicious food, and networking.



Parker Senior Center Minot Commission on Aging

21 1st Ave. SE • Minot, ND
852-0561 • Fax: 852-0564
Website: www.Minotcoa.com

Ambassadors helped the Minot Commission on Aging celebrate the completion of the Parker Senior Center remodeling project, which brought the facility into the 21st century while maintaining its downtown charm.



Brown & Saenger

510 31st Ave. SW • Minot, ND
858-0808 • www.brown-saenger.com

The Ambassadors helped Brown & Saenger celebrate 125 years in business with a ribbon cutting.



The Spin Cycle

300 30th Ave. NW, Ste. A • Minot, ND
852-2640

The Ambassadors helped General Manager Erin Brown and Spin Cycle employees celebrate this new premiere laundromat on north hill, which offers self serve and drop-off laundry.

Chamber bucks a great way to promote your business

Members of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce can take advantage of a gift certificate program for an additional way to promote their business or as gifts for employees for a job well done.

The Chamber has a list of members who accept Chamber Bucks on the back of the 8 1/2 x 11 inch certificate that comes in various denominations from \$5 to \$25. The program works well for both the Chamber and member businesses as the business simply accepts the certificate as cash and honors it at face value and either returns or collects additional cash for the difference between the purchase price and the Chamber Buck. In turn, the Chamber will mail a check to the member who collected the certificate, on the 15th and 30th of the month, for the full face value.

Please be sure to educate your employees on these certificates so that when they are brought into your store, the person using them can do so without hassle. The Chamber believes this program encourages people to shop local!

If you would like to participate, contact the Chamber at 852-6000.



Wells Fargo Bank N.A.

3106 16th St. SW • Minot, ND
852-1331 • www.wellsfargo.com

Ambassadors were on hand to cut the ribbon at the new Wells Fargo, which consolidated two of its Minot banking stores into one new location at Southgate Crossing. The new store features three drive-up lanes, two envelope-free ATMs, and an interior mural depicting Minot's history.



Creative Cabinetry

730 20th Ave. SW • P.O. Box 1302 • Minot, ND
838-6510 • 838-6611
www.creativecabinetryminot.com

The Ambassadors helped Creative Cabinetry's new owners Darla and Jeff Ziegler celebrate with a ribbon cutting. Creative Cabinetry features sales of prefab cabinets, countertops, and cabinet hardware.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Souris Valley United Way makes final push for fall campaign contributions

Souris Valley United Way is nearing the end of the 2014 Fall Campaign and they need help from the community to reach this goal. Danielle Rued, campaign coordinator, announced that the campaign has reached 60% of the goal with one more month to go.

Rued is asking the community to make a gift through Holiday Hope on the SVUW website and participate in Give10Tell10, where you give a \$10 donation and tell 10 people to do the same. It's a quick way to raise dollars to meet the needs in our community. By making a gift to Souris Valley United Way, you will impact our

community all year long.

"Contributions to Souris Valley United Way stay local and are reinvested into the community to make Minot a better place to work, live and play," said Rued. "We hope people will respond and help us reach Minot's need of \$880,000 by Jan. 31."

Souris Valley United Way has been in the community since 1930 and has helped thousands of area people. The money raised will impact 28 programs under the areas of education, income and health.

If you have not made a contribution to this

Save the Date

Join the Souris Valley United Way in celebrating those who give. The first annual award luncheon will be held at the Grand Hotel Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 11:30 a.m.

Reservations must be made by Jan. 26. Individual tickets are \$20 each, or \$250 will sponsor a table for 8. For more information please call 839-2994.

SVUW's mission is to motivate the community in an impactful way. Now is the time to join this amazing organization. Great things happen when we LIVE UNITED.

year's Souris Valley United Way campaign, invest today. Visit www.svunitedway.com or mail your contribution to 15 2nd Ave. SW, Suite 102, Minot, ND 58701.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Dr. Qasim joins Minot CHI St. Alexius Clinic

Dr. Tarik Qasim joins CHI St. Alexius Health Medical Clinic in Minot as an internal medicine physician. He specializes in geriatric health. Dr. Qasim received his medical degree from Temple Medical School in Philadelphia, Penn.



Dr. Tarik Qasim

He completed a residency in internal medicine at Tulane University in New Orleans, La and a fellowship in geriatrics at University of Hawaii in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dr. Qasim is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in the subspecialty of geriatric medicine and is a Diplomat of the American Board of Holistic Medicine.

North Dakota Guaranty Title Co. promotes employees

North Dakota Guaranty & Title Co., Bismarck, ND, has promoted two employees. Jenna Herzig has been promoted to marketing manager, while Laurie Wentz has been promoted to the South Region sales & business development manager.

"Jenna's creativity and leadership of our marketing efforts have significantly contributed to the company's success in providing individual top notch service to our customers," said Nick Hacker, president of North Dakota Guaranty & Title Co. "We are excited to continue to implement her creative ideas."

Herzig earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Mary. She worked for the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation in the Group Sales Department as well as the Marketing Department before joining NDGT as the Marketing Assistant in November 2013.

Wentz brings more than 14 years of mortgage, business development, and real estate experience to NDGT.

"Laurie's promotion is a natural fit as a result of her commitment and involvement in the Bismarck/Mandan real estate community over the past several years," said Nick Hacker, President of North Dakota Guaranty & Title Co. "Her dedication to serving customers is second to none."

Wentz joined NDGT in September 2003 as an escrow closing agent. In 2009 she became the closing department manager. In 2011 her focus shifted to employee development and training. She has been involved in planning events, sales calls, charitable donations, business development and promoting community involvement while at NDGT.

Wentz has served on the Bismarck Mandan Board of Realtors' program committee for the past eight years. She is a licensed title insurance

agent and a member of the North Dakota Land Title Association. She has been involved with the Realtor Political Action Committee, the Title Industry Political Action Committee, the North Dakota Builders Political Action Committee and REACT. Wentz is also the 2013 Bismarck Mandan Board of Realtors Affiliate of the Year.

"We are excited for Laurie's promotion to South Region sales & business development manager," said Erin Schmitz, South Region vice president. "Her years of experience in the title industry along with her established customer relationships will continue to be a benefit to both our customers and NDGT."

Known as "The Title Team," North Dakota Guaranty & Title Co. was founded in 1955. NDGT offers complete title services in each of its nine offices in North Dakota and one in Sidney, Mont. To learn more about NDGT, go to www.TheTitleTeam.com.

NDCPD recruits low-income youth with disabilities to improve outcomes

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a Center of Excellence on Minot State University's campus, will begin recruitment of 50 North Dakota youth with disabilities to participate in a six-state project to improve their education and employment outcomes. The Achieving Success by Promoting Readiness for Education and Employment (ASPIRE) project will recruit youth with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 16 and their families to participate.

ASPIRE is a collaboration of six states: Arizona, Colorado, Montana, North and South Dakota and Utah. It was formed to implement the U.S. Department of Education grant under the Promoting the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income (PROMISE) initiative.

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

The terms of the federal grant divides the teens into two groups. Twenty-five of the 50 North Dakota teens and their families who enter the project will receive information about existing services in the state. The remaining 25 youth will be offered additional case management, benefits counseling, financial capability training, career and work-based learning experiences and parent information and training until September 2018. The two groups, those who were offered the additional services and those who receive existing services, will be compared

to determine the effectiveness of the additional services.

To learn more about ASPIRE North Dakota, see www.aspirewest.org or contact Amy Armstrong, ASPIRE ND site coordinator at amy.armstrong@minotstateu.edu or (800) 233-1737.

Northern Plains Children Advocacy Center sponsors 5th annual Champagne & Ice Gala

The Northern Plains Children Advocacy Center (CAC) will present the fifth annual Champagne and Ice Gala at the Grand Hotel Saturday, Feb. 7. A cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m., and live entertainment will be provided by Soulshine. Minot's own Shaun Sipma will serve as emcee, and professional photographers, Otis and James, will offer photos.

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. It is the goal of the CAC to provide 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, their numbers have steadily increased, proving the need for the organization within the community and its surrounding area. So far this year, the CAC has provided services to 247 victims, ranging from ages 0-18. 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. The Champagne and Ice Gala raises community awareness and funds for the CAC.

Tickets are \$25 each, which includes hors d'oeuvres and champagne. Following the cocktail hour will be a silent and live auction, as well as a raffle for diamonds from one of our major diamond sponsors. Cocktail attire is suggested.

To purchase tickets or to donate, contact Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center, 20 1st St SW, Suite 202, Minot, or by calling 852-0836.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Visit Minot announces 2015 board members

Four new 2015 Visit Minot board members have been named by Chuck Barney, mayor of Minot.

Incoming board members are Vance Castleman, Pam Karpenko, Bonny Kemper and Joel Feist. They will take office at the Jan. 21, 2015, board meeting.

The new members will join Kevin Connole, Maria Effertz-Hanson, Jim Mello, Chad Thompson and JoAnn Voeller on the nine-member board. The January meeting agenda also includes induction of Effertz-Hanson as president and election of board officers.

The new members will replace Bill Thomas, Teresa Loftesnes and Terri Aldrich, whose terms have expired and David Bussard, who no longer lives in Minot.

The Visit Minot office is located at 1020 South Broadway in the Scandinavian Heritage building. For more information, call Visit Minot at 857-8206 or email info@visitminot.org.

Tammy Hein joins KK BOLD

Tammy Hein has joined KK BOLD as an account executive in its Minot office. In this position, she will work to meet the marketing needs of KK BOLD's Minot-area clients.



Tammy Hein

Before joining KK BOLD, Hein worked for Time Warner Media in Green Bay, Wis. As an account planner, she was involved in every step of media campaign planning and execution. Hein was born in Manawa, Wis., and received an associate's degree from Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wis.

KK BOLD is a brand-building agency designed for the digital age. With offices in Bismarck and Minot, N.D., and Las Vegas, the agency provides cutting-edge services in advertising, branding, interactive, media, public relations, marketing and public affairs consulting.

Ground Round promotes new management



Nick Riemer

Nick Riemer and Francisco Garcia-Snyder were recently promoted as managers at The Ground Round in Minot.

Nick Riemer, originally from West Fargo, ND, was recently hired as general

manager. In this role, he will manage and oversee the overall operations of the restaurant including managing staff, food and beverage quality, and customer service. Riemer has 14 years' experience in the food and beverage industry and has been with The Ground Round for the past two years, most recently holding the title of assistant manager in Fargo.

Francisco Garcia-Snyder, originally from Ukiah, California, was recently promoted to kitchen manager. In this role, he will manage and oversee the overall operations of the kitchen and food quality. Garcia-Snyder has eight years' experience in the food and beverage industry. He is also a past recipient of the Ground Round Hospitality Hero award for going above and beyond to ensure customer satisfaction.

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.

Trinity physicians receive top honors

Trinity Health has bestowed its highest honor on two members of its medical staff. Paul Olson, MD, and Rajiv Bartaula, MD, are the first doctors to receive Trinity's newly established awards for physician excellence. Dr. Olson was named the 2014 Physician of the Year. Dr. Bartaula received the award for Humanitarian of the Year. Both winners were chosen by employees and peers through a nomination process that drew some 99 submissions.

"This is a tremendous honor for both of these individuals," said Radiology Medical Director Kenneth Keller, MD, who chairs the Physician Loyalty Team, which proposed the awards and oversaw the selection process. "It honors the work they do on a daily basis – work that typically goes unrecognized." He noted that both awards are significant because they come from the doctors' peers and fellow staff members.

A longtime physician in Trinity's Emergency/Trauma Center, Dr. Olson was cited for his kindness, intelligence and being the ultimate team player. "Dr. Olson almost always stays late to go the extra mile for his patients, and he's willing to help out with even

the most mundane tasks," said one nomination entry. Another praised him for staying up-to-date with the latest practices and being a great teacher in his work with resident physicians.

A hospitalist at Trinity Hospital, Dr. Bartaula was cited for his exceptional ability to relate to patients and staff with compassion and respect. "He explains things in words patients can understand," said one of the entries. "He is an exceptional listener and responsive to the concerns of patients, families and nurses."

John M. Kutch, President and CEO of Trinity Health, stated: "It's an honor to congratulate both Dr. Olson and Dr. Bartaula, the inaugural winners of our physician recognition program. They define what we mean when we talk about medical excellence. The fact that both of these professionals consistently go the extra mile for their patients and colleagues says much about their personal character and commitment to Trinity's healing mission."

Each doctor received an engraved plaque and a \$500 stipend to the charity of their choosing. Dr. Olson directed his stipend to the Trinity Health Foundation, and Dr. Bartaula asked that his be given to Kalix ND, which provides residential and vocational services to people with disabilities.

A graduate of the University of Iowa College of Medicine in Iowa City, Dr. Olson completed his residency in Family Medicine at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine Southwest Campus in Bismarck. He is board certified in Family Medicine. Dr. Bartaula received his medical degree from B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences in Nepal and completed his Internal Medicine residency at Staten Island University Hospital in New York. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.



Dr. Paul Olson (second from left) accepts Trinity Health's 2014 Physician of the Year Award and Dr. Rajiv Bartaula (third from left) accepts the 2014 Humanitarian of the Year Award from Trinity President and CEO John M. Kutch (right) and Dr. Kenneth Keller (left), Chairman of Trinity's Physician Loyalty Committee.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Souris Valley United Way increases community engagement with volunteer site

In an effort to increase community engagement and offer further support to community partners, Souris Valley United Way will launch an online community resource program. The website will allow individuals to see the many opportunities to volunteer and make an impact on the community. Also, nonprofits and charities will have a place to promote their needs whether it is in-kind or locating volunteers.

"We are very excited to provide this much needed service for the community," said Patricia Smith, executive director. "Community members will now have more opportunities to be involved."

The online system, which is administrated by Souris Valley United Way, is called "Get Connected." The future website will do more than just create matches among the service community and volunteers; it will also help to build lasting relationships. The launch date will be in January. For more information call 839-2994.

DFC Consultants, Ltd. hires new employees

Kyle Rehome has joined DFC Consultants, Ltd. as a business solutions consultant. He will assist customers with implementations, upgrades and support of software solutions including Microsoft Dynamics GP, Microsoft Dynamics CRM and WennSoft.



Kyle Rehome

Rehome has four years of experience and previously worked at Microsoft as Microsoft Dynamics GP support engineer. He received his bachelor's degree in mathematics with a minor in computer science from NDSU. He is originally from the Twin Cities.

Shaundra Worrall has joined DFC Consultants, Ltd. as the administrative assistant and is responsible for coordinating training classes and the day-to-day operations of the office. She has six years of experience

working in an office setting and has previously worked at Noridian as a written correspondence specialist. Originally from St. Paul, Worrall moved to Fargo in 2009 and attended NDSU. She has a two-year-old son named Kaiden.



Shaundra Worrall

Minot Area Council of the Arts receives Arts and Culture Grant from Xcel Energy

In support of their free summer concert series, Arts in the Parks, the Minot Area Council of the Arts applied for and was awarded a \$2,000 Arts and Cultural Grant from Xcel Energy.

Xcel Energy's Arts and Cultural Grant program is designed to help thriving communities offer vibrant arts and cultural opportunities that can drive local economic development and that are accessible to everyone. They support programs that provide free or reduced admission to artistic and cultural activities for people who otherwise could not afford to attend.

Terri Aldrich, Minot Area Council of the Arts executive director said, "It felt like Christmas came early when Kathy Aas of Xcel energy delivered the check! We are truly grateful for this support that allows us to sustain programming that is so valuable to Minot. Our summer concert series fits squarely within Xcel Energy's Arts and Culture Grant focus."

For more than 30 years, the Minot Area Council of the Arts has provided service to arts organizations and the community. Organizational membership includes nearly every arts and cultural organization within Minot and extends to organizations in Stanley, Kenmare, Bottineau and Velva. Programs and services provided to the community include the summer concert series "Arts in the Parks," producing 25 free concerts in the parks each season. More than 5,000 people attend the summer concerts annually. MACA also produces the Integrity Jazz Festival that brings world class live jazz performance to Minot.

All MACA's programs serve to enhance the vibrant quality of life in the region thereby making the Minot area an appealing location. MACA maintains www.myndarts.com a new website that provides information to the community and promotion and marketing for arts organizations and artists and administers an arts education programs "Arts in the Schools."

Giving Hearts Day set for Feb. 12

The 2015 Giving Hearts Day is a unique way to magnify your giving power. It is taking place 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 include:

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

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!

Paint the Town Red with Walter Piehl

Feeling creative? Looking for an adventurous new opportunity? Grab your friends, coworkers, or make it a unique date night, and join the Taube Museum of Art for an evening of entertaining art instruction by Minot artist, Walter Piehl, Jr. No experience is required. Go home with a painting you can call "uniquely yours" and possibly unleash a new talent.

Piehl, known for his action-packed paintings of western genres in an abstract expressionist style, has emerged as an important artist nationwide. His work portrays North Dakota's artistic and cultural heritage. Piehl states, "I like paradox, contradiction, color, line, and putting on paint—but not necessarily in that order." Piehl has taught at the University of Minnesota, Mayville State College, as well as Valley City University, and has been an art professor at Minot State University since 1970.

This class is open to the artistic and the not so artistic. Paint the Town Red will be held Saturday, Jan. 17 at the Minot City Auditorium, Room 301. Wine and appetizers will be provided from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., then sit, sip, and create with Walter from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Cost is \$75 per person, which includes all supplies and refreshments. Class size is limited, so purchase your tickets early to reserve your spot! All participants must be 21 to attend.

For more information or to register call the Taube Museum of Art at 838-4445, email taube@srt.com, visit the website www.taubemuseum.org.

JANUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Office Closed New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7 Ribbon Cutting, 1 p.m., Minot Health Clinic, 1418 S. Bdwy., Suite B	8 Military Affairs Committee, Noon, MAFB Ambassador's Committee, 4:30 p.m., Noble Inn	9 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	10
11	12	13 Eagle Awards Presentation, 10 a.m., Chamber office	14 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., State Farm Insurance Paul Siebert Agency, 1125 N. Broadway Bdwy.	15	16	17 Legislative Forum, 9 a.m., Norse Room, ND State Fair Center
18 Sportsmen's Feed, Noon, MAFB	19	20 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	21	22 Energy Committee, 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	23	24
25	26	27	28 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	29 Business After Hours, Sponsored by Coldwell Banker/1st Minot Realty & Real Builders, 5-7 p.m., Hampton Inn & Suites, 1400 N. Bdwy.	30	31 Legislative Forum, 9 a.m., Norse Room, ND State Fair Center

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