



Members proposed for Chamber board



Chad Schmidt
10 North Main



Jason Zimmerman
First Western Bank &
Trust



Jessica Merchant
Olson & Burns, P.C.



Shannon Webster
Town & Country Credit
Union



Missy Feist-Erickson
Peoples State Bank

Nominees have been proposed for three-year terms on the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors beginning Oct. 1, 2015. They are **Chad Schmidt** (10 North Main), **Jason Zimmerman** (First Western Bank & Trust), **Jessica Merchant** (Olson & Burns, P.C.), **Shannon Webster** (Town & Country Credit Union), and **Missy Feist-Erickson** (Peoples State Bank).

Schmidt, is general manager and part owner of 10 North Main. He grew up in Minot and obtained a bachelor's degree in history from the University of North Dakota and a master of arts from Teachers College, Columbia University. Schmidt moved back to Minot in 2003 to open up a restaurant, 10 North Main, in downtown Minot.

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Minot vies for national disaster resilience dollars

Minot has been selected as one of 40 communities to compete for a share of \$1 billion, and having made the cut to 40, Minot is assured of at least \$1 million. Believe it or not, you can be a great help in securing a substantial share of the \$1 billion pot for Minot.

How can you help you ask? Those involved in the preparation of the application have identified both monetary needs and are developing a citywide serv-

ice plan. Through one or both of these avenues you can get involved. You can invest in Minot's future by pledging dollars over the course of a couple of years to a specific project. You can also volunteer to help complete one or more service projects. To learn more about your opportunity to help your community, call John at the Chamber at 852-6000.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

CHS SunPrairie

1800 13th St. SE

Thursday, Sept. 24 • 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 some great prizes, 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 MEMBERS.....

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **Angels Hands**. Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

ANGELS HANDS HOME CARE

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Email: angelshandshomecare15@gmail.com • www.angelshandshomecare.com

Susie & Dennis Lakoduk, CEO

Angels Hands Home Care provides in-home care. Staff will come to the home and provide a variety of tasks as needed by the clients on a 24-hour basis.

Save the Date

Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting:

OCTOBER 7 , 2015 • 11:30 A.M.

HOLIDAY INN

Featuring speaker

TROY JOHNSON,

**Vice President of Midwest Operations for
Wilbur Ellis Company**

*He will address the state of agriculture
today and in the future.*

RENEWALS.....

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership through Aug. 3, 2015. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

A & B Tours, LLC
Acme Tools
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Zimmerman is a business banking officer at First Western Bank and Trust. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Moorhead State University. He is a past partner and director of food and beverage with the Holiday Inn, as well as a past partner and general manager of the Holiday Inn Express and Suites.

A Minot native, Zimmerman moved back from New Jersey in 1998. He worked as the flood recovery coordinator for the City of Minot and Ward County after the 2011 flood. He serves on various boards, including as past chair of the Souris Valley United Way. He is also a past board member of the MADC and Visit Minot. He is a founding member of the Chamber YP, and current member of the MSU Board of Regents and the Military Affairs Committee.

He is married to Dusty, and he enjoys the outdoors, including golf, skiing, and hunting.

Minot native Merchant, an attorney at Olson & Burns P.C., attended the University of North Dakota, and then Thomas M. Cooley School of

Law in Lansing, MI.

She is a member and past officer of the Ward County Bar Association, a member of the State Bar Association of North Dakota, the Continuing Legal Education Commission of the North Dakota Bar Association, and the past president of Sunrise Rotary.

She and her husband Mike have three daughters Ava (age 5), Ella (age 1), and Addison (age 1).

Webster is the senior vice president of marketing at Town & Country Credit Union. Originally from Minot, Webster graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing and a master's in business administration from the University of North Dakota.

She is a past president and member of the Minot Young Professionals, serves as the Second Vice Chair on the Credit Union Association of the Dakotas Board of Directors, is a board member for the Credit Union Foundation of the Dakotas, past president and member of the Minot Sunrise Rotary Club, presenter for Junior Achievement, and a member

of the Minot Area Professional Communicators. She and her husband Jason live in Minot with their son Cole and are members of Christ Lutheran Church.

Missy Feist-Erickson is the assistant vice president at Peoples State Bank in Minot, a position she has held since the Minot branch opened in 2009.

Prior to moving over to the banking world, she served as the Workforce Development Manager for the Minot Area Development Corporation.

Feist-Erickson serves as the chair for the Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's group. She is also a member of the ICBND Emerging Leaders Development Program, Junior Achievement volunteer, board member for the Minot High School's Career Development and FACS Advisory Boards, and a charter member of Women United (an affinity group of United Way).

She and her husband Arlo have two beautiful and very active toddlers, Ace and Emma.

Second annual Magic Day of Giving set for Sept. 11

The second annual Magic Day of Giving will be Friday, Sept. 11 in Minot, and will be the largest volunteer coordinated community service event in Minot. Last year's event drew 840 volunteers who gave back 2,000 hours of community service to the Minot area.

Volunteer teams of all ages are invited to sign up and complete a community service project of their choice or complete a project that has been submitted by the community and assigned to their team. Volunteers will spend no more than two hours raking, painting, washing windows, helping nursing home residents, improving local parks and nonprofit organizations as a way of giving back to the

Magic City. Volunteer team registration is due Aug. 28, 2015.

The community is invited to submit service projects on behalf of civic, religious and nonprofit organizations. The organization will be required to supply any necessary supplies and Magic Day of Giving will supply the volunteers. Submitted projects are due Aug. 14, 2015.

The event will kick off Friday, Sept. 11 with a free breakfast from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in Roosevelt Park Zoo where the first 1,000 volunteers to check in will receive a free Magic Day of Giving t-shirt. Volunteer teams will then complete their two hour long proj-

ects throughout the day.

Magic Day of Giving is organized and coordinated by volunteers from area businesses and non-profits including the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, Souris Valley United Way, First Western Bank & Trust, Hyatt House, State Farm, Enbridge, Minot Area Community Foundation, Hess, Minot State University, Home Depot, Dale Carnegie, Minot Young Professionals and Town & Country Credit Union.

Learn more about A Magic Day of Giving at www.magicdayofgiving.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/engaging-forimpact.

Motor Magic sponsors racing and motor three-day weekend

The North Dakota State Fairgrounds will host Motor Magic, Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4 - 7, 2015, in Minot. The largest motorsports event in the Upper Midwest, Motor Magic provides entertainment for auto enthusiasts of all ages.

Drag racing on the Magic City International Dragway at 5 p.m. will kick off the motor mayhem on Friday, Sept. 4, and will also have races starting at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. An Enduro Race, provided by Nodak Speedway, will take place Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. in front of the North Dakota State Fair Grandstand.

Other weekend races include two nights of Nodak Speedway Racing on Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 5 p.m.

Motor enthusiasts can visit the Historic Military Vehicle Display, Robi's Dyno Tester, and other events beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Dakota Cruisers Classic Car Show will also begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Attendees can even bid on one of more than 100 Classic Cars at the Motor Magic Classic Car Auction, which takes place Sunday, Sept. 7.

Viewing of the cars will begin at 8 a.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, with the auction beginning at 12:01 on Sunday. You can also view the cars online at http://www.masternd.com/MM_Vehicles.php.

For a full schedule of events, visit www.motormagic.net/schedule.

Admission to the North Dakota State Fairgrounds is free with major events priced separately. Take advantage of RV parking with electricity. For more information, visit www.motormagic.net or call 857-7620.

EAGLE AWARDS

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in July 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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SHAWN ARNOLD
Capital RV

Festival on Main set for downtown Aug. 22

Why do you love Downtown Minot? One of the many reasons we love downtown is our most popular event, Festival on Main, held right on Main Street Aug. 22. Visit shop vendors and sidewalk sales, enjoy live entertainment, sing karaoke, play bingo, try carnival games, admire classic cars, learn about Minot's history, bounce around

on giant inflatables, and get your face painted...all on Main Street on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After the fun daytime activities, relax and enjoy the summer evening with a street dance featuring Guy and a Girl and Soulshine. The Illuminight 5k run starts just down Main Street at

9:14 pm, and runners who are 21+ and bring their 5k bib get half-price admission to the street dance!

There are so many reasons to love Downtown Minot. Come find yours at our Festival on Main and Street Dance, Aug. 22.

Community Leadership members gear up for 44th season

Twenty-five Chamber members are ready to learn more about Minot, from behind the scenes. The group will take part in the 44th annual Community Leadership Institute (CLI). The nine-week course starts Sept. 3 and runs through Nov. 5. The purpose of the class is to inform and edu-

cate those attending on what the City of Minot has to offer. Participants will tour areas many have never gone before. The hope is that this inside information will motivate these participants to become more deeply involved in the community. All classes are from 8 a.m. until noon except at

Minot Air Force Base, which will be all day. The final class will end at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$300 per person. If interested, contact the Chamber at 852-6000 to be put on a waiting list in case someone drops out, or you can be added to next year's list.

Social Security releases long-term financial status on trust funds

The Social Security Board of Trustees released its annual report on the long-term financial status of the Social Security Trust Funds.

The news release is linked from the Social Security website homepage or directly at [http://www.socialsecurity.gov/news/post/7-](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/news/post/7-2015-1)

2015-1.

The full Trustees report is at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/TR/2015>.

Although by a smaller amount than last year, total asset reserves continued growing in 2014. Overall 2014 net increase was 25.0 billion dollars

as shown in the TRUST FUND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS IN 2014 section of the report. Continued growth is projected through 2019, to end beginning with 2020.

Community wish list grant opportunity launch Aug. 1

United Community Bank of ND opened up nominations for their new Community Wish List grant opportunity Aug. 1, 2015. The purpose of this program is to support the Burlington, Drake, Leeds and Minot communities and surrounding areas by helping to encourage the growth of community events and project enhancements.

Nominations for community events or projects will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Aug. 31. Following this deadline, three nominees will be chosen and promoted on United Community Bank's Facebook page, giving community members the opportunity to vote for seven days. The organization with the

most votes via Facebook will be awarded a grant of \$2,500. Each nominated organization, event or project will be given a plug on the United Community Bank Facebook page.

Nominee requirements are:

- Must be a project or event benefitting or established by a non-profit organization.
- Event or project must benefit a community within 50 miles of Leeds, Burlington, Drake or Minot.
- The nominated event or project must be completed between Oct. 1, 2015 – Sept. 30, 2016.
- Grant applications must be received no later

than 5 p.m. CT, Monday, Aug. 31. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

To nominate an event or community project fill out the application found on the United Community Bank website, www.ucbnd.com, or Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ucbnorthdakota. Hard copies of the nomination form can also be found at each United Community Bank of ND branch found in Minot, Burlington, Drake or Leeds.

For additional information contact Jennifer Hubrig with United Community Bank at 839-3500 or jhubrig@ucbnd.com.

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.



Taco John's: 1725 South Broadway • Minot, ND 58701 • 838-3289 • www.tacjohns.com

Mike Sartwell, Owner

Ambassadors helped celebrate the opening of the Taco John's new dining room, which features more seating, including high-top tables and chairs, multiple big screen televisions, free wifi, and brand new decor.



Top Notch Travel: 16100 54th Ave. SE • Norwich, ND 58768 • 701-214-5728 • 701-626-2129

Emily Carlton, Travel Consultant • emily_carlton10@yahoo.com

Ambassadors helped Top Notch Travel celebrate with an open house at the Grand Hotel that featured 15 travel booths and a number of travel promotions.



North Dakota State Fair: 2005 Burdick Expy. East • Minot, ND • 857-7620 • www.ndstatefair.com

The Ambassadors celebrated with a ribbon cutting as the North Dakota State Fair unveiled the roof over the grandstand stage. The new roof can support up to 100,000 pounds of equipment.

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Fox in the Hounds Pub: 1009 20th Ave. SE • Minot, ND • 837-8977 • 837-1500 • www.nobleinnhotels.com

Due to requests by guests who wanted additional food options, the Noble Inn developed its own menu providing a healthy alternative: pub fayre. Ambassadors cut the ribbon, as it is now open to the public.



Leilani Salon & Spa: 404 20th Ave. SW • Minot, ND • 852-3751

Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon at one of Minot's newest salons, Leilani Salon & Spa. They offer relaxing massages, pedicures, manicures, hair care and more.

Affordable housing developments in need of contributions

The North Dakota Housing Incentive Fund (HIF) is well underway with 24 housing projects given conditional commitments of funds, but contributions from taxpayers are needed to move them forward.

HIF relies on taxpayer support to provide low-cost financing to developers of affordable multi-family housing. The projects, located across the state, will split \$34.7 million leveraging \$181.5 million in development costs and creating 985 housing units of which 285 are targeted to households that provide essential community services. Approximately one-third of the developments will provide housing for special needs households including disabled, homeless and elderly individuals and families.

"We look forward to hearing from more of our

past contributors and encourage new businesses and individuals to support the Housing Incentive Fund so we can get these important projects completed," said Jolene Kline, NDHFA executive director.

NDHFA began accepting contributions into the fund on July 1. In order to be able to honor its financial commitments, the agency must fully capitalize the fund, raising \$30 million by Dec. 31, 2016.

In addition to the \$30 million in tax credit authority given to NDHFA by the state legislature during the 2015 session, the agency also received \$5 million from profits earned by Bank of North Dakota. NDHFA will receive another \$5 million from BND contingent upon the bank earning \$130 million in profits during calendar year 2015.

NDHFA will hold another application round when additional program funding becomes available.

HIF contributions can be targeted to a specific project or designated for general use in a community or region. Individuals and businesses that contribute to HIF receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit.

More information on HIF is available online at www.ndhousingincentivefund.org or by contacting NDHFA at (800) 292-8621 or hfainfo@nd.gov.

The Industrial Commission, consisting of Governor Jack Dalrymple as chairman, Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, oversees North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, the fund administrator.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

JLG Architects earns titles

JLG Architects has been named one of the best firms to work for in the United States and Canada by Zweig Group, a management consulting and research company for the architecture, engineering and environmental consulting industry. Zweig Group selects the firms based on factors like workplace practices, employee benefits and retention rates. JLG was ranked sixth on the list of architecture firms, and is the sole architecture-only firm in North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota to receive this honor.

JLG was selected in part for its flexible, family-oriented structure, opportunities for career growth, and unique benefits such as employee stock ownership and incentives for continuing education. JLG has been honored by the Zweig Group for its employee programs in the past, and has also been named a Best Place to work by the Prairie Business Magazine and Grand Forks Young Professionals. This is the firm's second time on the Zweig Group list.

JLG Architects has been named one of PSMJ's 2015 Circle of Excellence Firms, which represents the top 20% of participants in PSMJ's annual Performance Benchmark Survey. Of the 66 firms to receive this honor, JLG Architects was the only architecture firm in both North Dakota and South Dakota, and one of three architecture-only firms in Minnesota, to make the list.

PSMJ Resources, Inc. is an authority, publisher, and consultant on the effective management of architecture, engineering, and construction firms. The Circle of Excellence is determined by thirteen benchmarks that are designed to highlight firms that are successfully managed and demonstrate outstanding achievements in profitability, overhead management, cash flow, productivity, business development, staff growth, and turnover.

"Year after year, the diversity of these firms continues to prove that success isn't necessarily defined by the size of a firm, their practice area, geographic location, or even the markets they serve, but instead by a strong commitment to solid business practices," said Kate Allen, P.E., Director of PSMJ's A/E/C Industry Surveys. "Our passion may be our practice, but top-notch business practices are critical for sustainability."

To view the entire list, visit: <http://go.psmj.com/blog/reasons-to-celebrate-a/e-industrys-top-performing-firms>

Borud joins local Ameriprise office

Shantal Borud, has joined the Minot office of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., as a paraplanner. Her office is located at 1111 31st

Ave SW Ste A, Minot. Borud will be part of Legacy Financial Partners, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

As a paraplanner, Borud will primarily assist financial advisor(s) and associate financial advisor(s) in the financial planning workflow. For more information, please contact Shantal Borud at 837-9226.



Shantal Borud

Help area kids by filling the bus

The 11th annual Sunrise Rotary Fill the Bus is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Town & Country Credit Union parking lot at 615 South Broadway in Minot. Volunteers will be filling the Northland School Bus as they collect school supplies for students in need. The community is invited to make a monetary donation or drop off new school supplies. Town & Country Credit Union will be providing free kids activities and root beer floats from 1 to 3 p.m.

New supplies most needed include backpacks, college-ruled notebooks, #2 mechanical pencils, protractors, compasses, water color paint sets, dry erase markers, college ruled loose leaf paper, pocket folders in solid primary colors, calculators, Kleenex, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes.

Supplies are donated to the Salvation Army who then distributes supplies to students in need. Extra supplies will be donated to area classrooms. Applications for backpacks are being collected by the Salvation Army. Families can contact the Salvation Army at 838-8925 or stop by their office at 315 Western Avenue from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

New for 2015, service clubs are invited to compete in the Golden Bus Challenge. Whichever club collects the most supplies to be donated will receive bragging rights and a traveling Golden Bus trophy.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provide humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Minot Sunrise Rotary was founded in 1993 and has 30 members who meet every Thursday morning from 7 to 8 a.m. at the View. Learn more at www.rotaryminot.com/sunrise/, on Facebook at Sunrise Rotary Club of Minot, or contact Kevin Black at 740-7481 or Calvin Larson at 509-1097.

Give360 brings the world's brightest 5K to Minot

Give360 is bringing the world's brightest 5k to Minot Saturday, Aug. 8, at Roosevelt Park. The Color Dash 5k is an untimed, family-friendly run/walk that will raise money for planning for a children's museum in Minot.

Participants will experience a colorful, fun mess: Color Dashers will start in white t-shirts and get pelted with color explosions as they pass through five different color zones along the Roosevelt Park trail. At the finish, everyone will be covered in a hurricane of colors. With no winners or official times, the Color Dash is perfect for anyone: kids to seniors, first-time runners to seasoned athletes. Post-race activities will include additional color explosions, live music, dance contest, and more fun activities for participants and spectators.

Join the party at www.thecolordash5k.com. Registration is \$40 for individuals, \$35 for teams, and family pricing based on number attending. The event is hosted by Give360, a giving circle within the Minot Area Community Foundation. Give360 is an affordable way to leverage your charitable gifts from other caring individuals and to learn about and support local nonprofits.

In an effort to make a lasting impact on the Minot area, Give360 has recruited community partners to initiate the planning of a children's museum in Minot and last season was able to open an interim phase known as the Magic City Discovery Center. The funds raised from the Give360 Color Dash will be used to purchase a new interactive exhibit for this season's visitors of the Magic City Discovery Center to enjoy. In the previous two years that this event was held, over 500 people registered and nearly \$15,000 was raised each year. More information on the Give360 can be found on the Minot Area Community Foundation website at www.centerforcommunitygiving.com.

Liberty Business Systems announces new hires

Liberty Business Systems, Inc., has a few new hires in the Minot area that are covering the western side of the state. Steve Laddusaw was recently added to the sales team as the Solutions Specialist. Jeff Myklebust was recently added to the sales team as a mailing and water systems sales associate.



Steve Laddusaw



Jeff Myklebust

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Karvacko Engineering adds staff

Karvacko Engineering is excited to announce that Paige Tompkins has been hired full-time as a business development coordinator. Tompkins started at Karvacko Engineering in May 2014 as an intern. She continued in that position throughout her senior year at Bemidji State University, and graduated this past May with a double major in Spanish and business administration and an emphasis in international business and marketing.



Paige Tompkins

"Paige is our third intern, turned full-time employee," said Mike Karvacko, president of Karvacko Engineering. "We are appreciative to have Bemidji State University in our backyard, and grateful for the opportunity to offer our interns full-time employment to keep this talent in our community after graduation."

Grant enables Minot State's Power Center to improve student growth

In January 2011, the POWER (Providing Opportunities with Enhanced Resources) Center staff moved into their new office in Minot State University's Student Center as part of a Title IV grant. That grant was recently renewed, and the center received an additional grant that focuses on the needs of students with disabilities. The U.S. Department of Education grants, totaling \$440,000 per year through 2020, provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements and motivate students toward completing their postsecondary education.

"The POWER Center offers support to students who possess rising potential but need support, motivation and confidence to succeed with their university education," said Holly Major, POWER Center director.

To be eligible to participate in the POWER Center, an individual must be currently enrolled or accepted for full-time enrollment at Minot State in pursuit of a bachelor's degree, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and meet at least one of three qualifications. The qualifications are being a first-generation college student, being income eligible (family taxable income is at or below federally determined guidelines) or having a documented disability.

Services the POWER Center provides to students include:

- * Academic tutoring, directly or through other services provided by the institution, which may include instruction in reading, writing, study skills, mathematics, science and other subjects, to enable students to complete post-

secondary courses.

- * Advice and assistance in postsecondary course selection and priority registration.
- * Information on financial aid programs, benefits and resources for locating public and private scholarships and help in completing financial aid applications.
- * Education or counseling services to improve the financial literacy and economic literacy of students, including financial planning for post-secondary education.
- * Activities designed to assist students in achieving career and academic success.

POWER Center staff members are Major, Tiffany Fyelling, advising coordinator, Connie Blair, tutoring and mentoring coordinator, and Keryl Lesmann, program assistant. The POWER Center, as a TRiO-Student Support Services program, strives to increase the retention and graduation of its participants and help students move from one level of higher education to the next.

To apply for the POWER Center program, visit <http://www.minotstateu.edu/power/> or contact 858-4402 or holly.major@minotstateu.edu.

Odney Minot general manager appointed to Federal Reserve Bank Advisory Council

Brekka Kramer, general manager of Odney Minot, has been appointed by Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis President Narayana Kocherlakota to serve on the bank's Great Plains Advisory Council. Her three-year appointment will run through 2017.

"I am honored to serve our region in this way," Kramer said. "The Advisory Council is a great opportunity to connect others with what's happening in North Dakota as a result of our diverse, booming economy. And, it is also meaningful to be able to learn from my fellow council members and bring their information back to the state."

The Great Plains Advisory Council members meet in face-to-face meetings twice a year to advise the bank's senior officers and economists on regional economic conditions. Summaries of council meetings are presented to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis board of directors.

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Great Plains Advisory Council: Chair Brett Riddle, Riddle's Group (Rapid City, SD); Mike Appert, Appert Acres, Inc. (Hazelton, ND); Clark Coleman, D.J. Coleman, Inc. (Baldwin, ND); Glen Crawford (Aberdeen, SD); Kent Ellis, Aurora Energy Solutions LLC (Bismarck, ND); Peter Hegg, Hegg Companies (Sioux Falls, SD); Tom Johnson, Changing Times, LLC (Watertown, SD); Kay Jorgensen, KSJ Enterprises (Spearfish, SD); Brekka Kramer, Odney Advertising (Minot, ND); and Prairie Rose Seminole, Boys and Girls Club of the Three Affiliated Tribes (New Town, ND).



The Great Plains Advisory Council met at the Bank of North Dakota in April. Pictured from left: Brett Riddle, Riddle's Group (Chair), Rapid City, SD; Kent Ellis, Aurora Energy Solutions LLC, Bismarck, ND; Clark Coleman, D.J. Coleman, Inc., Baldwin, ND; Kay Jorgensen, KSJ Enterprises, Spearfish, SD; Brekka Kramer, Odney Advertising, Minot, ND; Mike Appert, Appert Acres, Inc., Hazelton, ND; Tom Johnson, Changing Times, LLC, Watertown, SD; Prairie Rose Seminole, Boys and Girls Club of the Three Affiliated Tribes, New Town, ND; Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank President Narayana Kocherlakota; Glen Crawford, Aberdeen, SD; Bank of North Dakota President Eric Hardmeyer. Not pictured from the Advisory Council: Pete Hegg, Hegg Companies, Sioux Falls, SD.

MSN.COM names Sevens Bar & Restaurant best steakhouse in North Dakota

MSN.com, an international web site, has named Sevens Bar & Restaurant as the Best Steak in North Dakota. MSN.com did research for the best steak in each of the 50 states in the United States. Using an algorithm they determined the "best" steak in each of the 50 states. Sevens Restaurant & Bar's "Holly's Butter Filet" was picked by MSN.com as the best steak in North Dakota.

Steve and Denise Murphy are owners of Sevens Restaurant & Bar. "We have always strived to provide the best quality food for our guests and we are proud to accept this distinction," said Steve Murphy. "Our family and dedicated employees, whom have been with us for years, take pride in their work and always provide the best they can. We hand cut our steaks daily and only use the best quality beef provided by Food Services of America."

Sevens Bar & Restaurant has been locally owned since 1995 and is run currently by the Murphy family, their son Ryan, daughter & son-in-law, Marc and Jessica Anderson. For more information, contact Steve Murphy at murph@minot.com or by calling 852-4343.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

SERVPRO® of Minot adds to their fleet of service vehicles

SERVPRO® of Minot, a premier cleanup and restoration company, is proud to announce a new addition to their fleet of service vehicles.

"It's exciting to be a part of the local community and we are happy to announce that we will be able to assist even more businesses and individuals in northwest North Dakota with this addition to our fleet. We take pride in being able to offer customers professional cleanup and restoration services," said Chad Leier, owner of SERVPRO® of Minot.

The new addition, a Dodge Ram ProMaster, is loaded with the most advanced restoration equipment available. It joins a fleet that includes 3 Chevy Express with truck mounts, a Box Truck, 2 Longbox Diesel trucks, 1 – 20' Disaster Recovery trailer, one 32' Disaster Recovery trailer and 1 – 36KW Diesel Generator. "We look forward to expanding our services in Minot and all of NW North Dakota", says Leier "

Servpro of Minot has been in business since April of 2011. Its clients include insurance companies seeking superior and timely restoration services, as well as commercial and residential property owners who require routine cleaning services. With more than 40 years of experience, the SERVPRO® System's time-tested techniques and proprietary cleaning products have earned SERVPRO® Franchises a spot as a national leader in the restoration and cleaning industry.

SERVPRO® of Minot provides cleanup and restoration services following a fire, water or even mold-related damage. Additional services offered include: cleaning and restoration of specialty services, such as HVAC duct systems; building exteriors; electronic equipment, including computers, and documents that have sustained water damage.

For more information on SERVPRO® of Minot, please contact Marsha Dupre' at 740-4078.

Swing Fore Shelter Golf Tournament set for Aug. 10

The 5th annual Swing Fore Shelter Golf Tournament is set for Aug. 10 at the Garrison Golf Course with a 9 a.m. registration and a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Each summer, the YWCA Center of Hope sponsors a golf tournament at one of the eight counties served. This year you can join in the fun at the Garrison Golf Course. Whether you're the perfect putter, have a dominant drive or yell "fore" at every hole, there is certain to be lots of fun, laughter, celebration, and prizes. All proceeds will support the ongoing needs of Minot's only Women's & Children's Homeless Shelter. Team registration is \$150 for a team of two or \$300 for a team of four. The fee

includes cart, green fees, and lunch. Mulligans for sale if needed! Limited spaces are available, so secure your team's spot now. Call 838-1812 or visit the website for a registration form: www.ywcaminot.org/swing_fore_shelter. Registration closes once there are 18 teams registered.

Colbenson and Webster earn CCUE designation

Kim Colbenson, president at GEM Federal Credit Union and Shannon Webster, senior vice president of marketing at Town & Country Credit Union recently graduated from Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Management School, earning the Certified Credit Union Executive (CCUE) designation.

CUNA Management School is a three-year program held in cooperation with the Graduate School of Business at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The program cultivates leadership in current and future credit union managers through a blended curriculum of university classes and experiential learning. The CCUE designation is designed for credit union leaders and recognizes commitment to the credit union movement.

Town & Country Credit Union was started in 1939 by a small group of individuals looking to provide a safe place for members to save and borrow money. Today the credit union has more than 18,000 members served online and at ten locations throughout North Dakota. The mission of Town & Country Credit Union is Building Trusted Financial Relationship through Personalized Service. More information can be found at www.townandcountry.org.

Town & Country Credit Union named 9th healthiest credit union

DepositAccounts.com, an internet financial blog, recently listed the Top 200 Healthiest Credit Unions in America for 2015, and two North Dakota credit unions, Town & Country Credit Union, Minot and First Community Credit Union, Jamestown, were highlighted in the list at numbers 9 and 147 respectively.

"It is very exciting to be recognized in the Top Ten List of Healthiest Credit Unions," stated Darrell Olson, president/CEO of Town & Country Credit Union.

"Even though we strive to be one of the strongest and healthiest financial institutions in the nation, our primary goal is to provide our members with world class service and continued access to loans and deposit products. In order to achieve that goal, we believe in the importance of actively lending money within the communities we serve. We are proud that the deposits of our members are loaned out and drive local growth."

DepositAccounts.com was originally created by Ken Tumin as the Bank Deals Blog, after discovering a shortage of quality and unbiased bank

information online. The research company is based in Birmingham, AL., and publishes what is believed to be the largest and most comprehensive resource dedicated to depository savings information.

To determine the Top 200 List, DepositAccounts.com uses the Texas Ratio formula for deposit growth and capitalization to identify the healthiest credit unions and banks in the country. Developed at RBC Capital Markets, the Texas Ratio is a straightforward and effective way to determine the overall credit troubles experienced by financial institutions. It compares the total value of at risk loans to the total value of funds on hand to cover these loans. At risk loans are any loans that are more than 90 days past due and are not backed by the government. The amount of funds on hand consists of the loan loss allowance that the institution has set aside plus any equity capital.

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2015 ND State Fair finishes off with 305,093 in attendance

"Unpredictable North Dakota weather never fails to surprise us, but it didn't stop attendees from enjoying all we had to offer at the 2015 North Dakota State Fair," said ND State Fair General Manager Renae Korslien. "Our 50th anniversary truly was great big fun, and once again, fairgoers left our gates with smiles on their faces."

Korslien was very happy with a strong attendance of 305,093. Slightly lower than last year, rain and predicted storms on several nights affected attendance. Still, she said, the Grandstand entertainers had an impressive effect on attendance: Miranda Lambert, 12,525; Seether, 6,351; Chase Rice, 6,748; Kellie Pickler, 4,766; Kip Moore, 6,062; Keith Urban, 12,992; and Aerosmith, 16,666. Attendance at the Enduro races was 4,140; 2,432 at the NPRA Bull Riding Championships over two nights; and 2,274 at the ranch rodeos.

"There is no way we could accomplish all we do every year without the staff, including both individuals and organizations, who take so much pride in the work they do," said Korslien. "The 2015 North Dakota State Fair has been exceptional. The staff is now looking forward to planning the 2016 ND State Fair, which will be held July 22-30."



Kim Colbenson Shannon Webster

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Breast Cancer soon will have no place to hide

Members of Trinity Health's mammography team are counting the days until they're ready to unveil the latest innovation in breast imaging technology. Trinity Health soon will introduce Wide-Angle True Breast Tomosynthesis – the most up-to-date 3-dimensional breast imaging system on the market.

Radiologist and Breast Imaging Section Chief Edward Hanjani, MD, says the Siemens 3D system features wide-angle image acquisition that lets physicians detect breast cancer with amazing precision – even in cases of dense breast or overlapping tissue.

"The unique feature of True Breast Tomosynthesis is the wide angle that creates a 3D picture by capturing 25 images of the breast from many angles in a wide 50-degree arc," Dr. Hanjani explained. "The images are assembled into a 3D study of the breast so we can see the breast tissue layer by layer in fine detail."

Clinical data demonstrates that the addition of 3D digital breast tomosynthesis increases detection of breast tumors. Primary advantages are fewer call backs and less anxiety for patients. Radiologists can rule out abnormalities that might otherwise be deemed suspicious, thus reducing the need for additional testing, which can be worrisome to patients.

"We expect it to reduce the number of false positives by as much as 30%," Radiologist Scott Lewis, MD, noted. "These are cases where we see a spot, call the patient back and then see that it was nothing. It should also lower costs by reducing the need for further testing."

While 2-dimensional digital mammography continues to be an excellent technology for many women, radiologists have long dealt with the phenomenon of dense breast tissue, especially in younger women, which can present a greater challenge when it comes to detecting small tumors. Dr. Hanjani says the 3D tomosynthesis technology gives doctors greater ability to detect and diagnose very small tumors as well as target the size, shape and location of tumors overall. That's because the wide-angle, multiple-image picture gives a comprehensive 3-dimensional view. Radiologists can scroll through the "slices" looking for abnormalities.

Although the 3D breast imaging revolution has been around for a number of months, Trinity specialists feel good about sitting tight and waiting for the preferred Siemens system. It has received

high marks from Trinity's radiologists as well as visiting doctors who have used it. As Dr. Hanjani put it, "The imaging looks more natural – more comparable to actual breast tissue, which makes it easier to see detail."

Lead Mammographer Connie Busch says the 3D system will offer essentially the same mammography experience as the 2D, adding, "Early detection is the key to surviving breast cancer. When we find tumors earlier, we're better able to create treatment plans that are more effective. We think this technology can help us save lives."

The role of the patient, of course, is to pick up the phone. A woman's very best defense against breast cancer is early detection and early diagnosis – both made possible through an annual screening mammogram.

While Trinity Health has installed its 3D True Breast Tomosynthesis system, Radiology and mammography staff are completing special training and certification prior to offering the service publicly.

Minot Young Professionals and Minot Area Community Foundation announce Magic 60

In an effort to engage community members in improving Minot, the Minot Young Professionals and Minot Area Community Foundation have partnered to create Magic 60, a micro-grant program, as a vehicle for residents to make an impact on our community.

The premise of Magic 60 is that community members are asked to think of projects that add to the quality of life in Minot and present them to a judging panel. The only caveat: all presentations must be made in sixty seconds or less.

"Magic 60 will be a truly unique event for Minot and another way to capture the ideas of others," stated Ken Kitzman, president of the Minot Area Community Foundation.

Community members are encouraged to submit project ideas that run the gamut, from community art and music projects to events and charity programs. A panel of community members will judge each project throughout the event and make funding decisions before the event concludes. All potential projects must be able to be completed within sixty days of funding and must benefit the community.

\$15,000 has been raised for the Magic 60 grant pool to be distributed to great ideas during the event, with \$5,000 being given from the Minot Young Professionals and \$10,000 from the Minot Area Community Foundation's Bremer Impact Fund.

"We are so grateful for the support of the Bremer Impact Fund and the ability to provide dollars to help better our community," remarked Jessica Henderson, President of Minot Young Professionals.

Magic 60 will be held Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Individuals are encouraged

to submit their project ideas by Aug. 25 by emailing minotndyp@gmail.com with a brief description of the project, including a budget, and contact information. For more information, interested individuals are asked to contact the Minot Area Community Foundation at 852-0646.

B-52 partners with Colombian aircraft, confirms regional commitment

A B-52 Stratofortress assigned to the 5th Bomb Wing, Minot Air Force Base, embarked on a 16-hour, non-stop mission to Colombia.

During the mission to the U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) area of responsibility, which was closely coordinated with the Colombian Ministry of National Defense, the aircraft will join up with aircraft from the Colombian Air Force to practice common aerial tactics and procedures before conducting a flyover demonstration at the Feria Aeronautica Internacional Rionegro (F-AIR) Colombia 2015 International Air Show.

"USSTRATCOM aircraft regularly conduct training with and in support of the Geographic Combatant Commands (GCCs), our Allies and regional partners around the world," said Adm. Cecil D. Haney, U.S. Strategic Command commander. "The aircraft's participation in this airshow and the training conducted alongside our Colombian partners allow our strategic aircrews to maintain a high state of readiness and crew proficiency."

According to Gen. John F. Kelly, USSOUTHCOM commander, the flight also demonstrates the U.S. commitment to regional security and the recognition of Colombia as a key regional partner.

"Our support to Colombia is based on more than just a shared history; it is based on Colombia's enduring importance to our national security. Training missions such as these ensure effective cooperation between our countries," said Kelly.

This is not the first time a B-52 has flown to or conducted partnered training in the Central American, South American or Caribbean regions. A B-52 participated in USSOUTHCOM's annual Exercise PANAMAX in August 2014. The U.S. also participated at the F-AIR Colombia International Air Show twice in the past decade, with participation of a B-52 in 2006 and a B-1B Lancer in 2008.

USSTRATCOM is one of nine DoD unified combatant commands and is charged with strategic deterrence; space operations; cyberspace operations; joint electronic warfare; global strike; missile defense; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; combating weapons of mass destruction; and analysis and targeting.

For more information, contact the USSTRATCOM Public Affairs Office at 402-294-4130 or PA@stratcom.mil, or visit www.stratcom.mil.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 Right Start FTAC Presentation, 9:30 a.m., MAFB	4 First Dollar of Profit Presentation, 10 a.m., various locations	5 Ribbon Cutting, 3:30 p.m., Souris Valley United Way, 1941 4th St. SW	6 Military Affairs Committee, Noon, Grand Hotel Ambassadors Committee, 4:30 p.m., Off the Vine, 15 Main St. S.	7	8
9	10	11 Eagle Awards Presentation, 10 a.m., Chamber office	12 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	13 Ribbon Cutting, 3 p.m., Burckhard Orthodontics, Spine & Sport Chiropractic, Inner Reflection & Massage for Body Benefits, 700 Western Ave.	14 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	15
16	17	18 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	27	28	29
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