



Nationally known speaker will help you find your passion for work again

Passion! 8 Steps to Find Yours

Wednesday, July 29

11:30 a.m. • Vegas Motel

Cost: \$50 for Members

Includes lunch

Space is limited

Go to www.minotchamber.org and the calendar of events. Click on July 29 and sign up today using your login and password.

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Most of us go through life simply doing our jobs, working hard to get through the day. Sometimes, it seems like we have to drag ourselves to work with hopes for a quick end to the day. But it doesn't have to be that way. How can you get out of this rut? Nationally known, motivational speaker, Mark Lindquist has the tools to get you there. Based on his smash hit book *Passion! 8 Steps to Find Yours*,



Mark Lindquist

Lindquist will deliver a talk packed with fun and overflowing with excitement about how to live a life filled with passion.

Passion is the fuel that has propelled him to perform for over a million people in 22 countries and 44 states throughout his career. Audience members will have the opportunity to

hear Lindquist teach straight from the playbook he has developed during a career working with everyone from NATO to the White House, Habitat for Humanity and the local Boys and Girls Clubs to Fortune 500 companies. To learn more about Mark go to www.breathislimited.com.

Join us Wednesday, July 29 at 11:30 a.m. for a Lunch and Learn Chamber University workshop that will inspire you to be the type of employee you want to be. Log onto www.minotchamber.org and click on July 29. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch.

Ag Committee serves breakfast July 21

The Chamber's Agribusiness Committee will serve breakfast to State Fair livestock exhibitors Tuesday, July 21 in the Livestock Expo building. This is an annual event for the group. Committee members get up bright and early to serve by 7 a.m. The breakfast includes donuts, juice, milk, and coffee to those displaying their livestock.

Military Day at the Fair set for July 21

The State Fair, along with the Military Affairs Committee of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, will offer special discounts to members of the military with a special military Chamber coupon Tuesday, July 21. The day includes a free lunch (sponsored by the ND Beef Commission, the ND Stockmen's Association, and the ND Cattlemen) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 50% off NPRA Championship Bull Riding admission, and 50% off carnival wristbands, as well as free rides from 1 to 3 p.m. for active military, reserve and National Guard members. Coupons are required to receive these discounts and may be picked up at the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce office, 1020 20th Ave. SW, Minot.

To celebrate 50 years of the North Dakota State Fair, Tuesday at the North Dakota State Fair also features:

- 50% off gate admission with a Coke product (available at the gate).
- 50% off all-day carnival ride wristband (available at ndstatefair.com until July 13)
- 50% off IMCA Late Model & Hobby Stock car races when saying, "Celebrating 50 Years!" at the box office
- 50% off participating vendors

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NEW MEMBERS.....

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **AT&T, Dakota Outdoor Advertising, UCP Personnel Services, and Ron Lowman Motors**. Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

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AT&T is a leading company in mobile services, such as cell phones, tablets and satellite TV.

DAKOTA OUTDOOR ADVERTISING: 418 E. Rosser Ave., Suite 101 • Bismarck, ND 58501 • 701-818-2457
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Email: mary.anderson@dakota-outdoor.com • Website: dakota-outdoor.com
Dakota Outdoor Advertising is a digital and static billboard company operating in eight markets in western North Dakota. Digital billboards deliver dynamic displays that cannot be ignored.

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Adam Alder, HR/HSE Manager • Susan Glynn, Office/Payroll Manager
Email: minot@psucp.com • Website: http://www.psucp.com

UCP Personnel Services provides quality staffing services in North Dakota, specializing in staffing for construction, oilfield, CDL, industrial, cleaning/restoration, and administrative jobs. Call to help meet your employment needs.

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One of Minot's only "buy here, pay here" used car and truck stores, Ron Lowman Motors specializes in stressed credit customers, selling quality used SUVs, cars, and trucks.

RENEWALS.....

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership through June 25, 2015. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

Ahern Rentals & Sales	Grand Hotel	Peoples State Bank of Velve
All Saints' Episcopal Church	Gravel Products	Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.	Greater Northwest Publishing, Inc.	Prairie Engineering, P.C.
Arrowhead Ace Hardware	Senator Heidi Heitkamp	Prairie Federal Credit Union
ATA Martial Arts	Home of Economy	Preferred Minot Real Estate
Automated Maintenance Services Inc.	Home Sweet Home	Quality Landscaping, Inc.
Avis Rent A Car-Meier & Company	Huettl Consulting, Ltd	Rainbow Photo Lab, Inc.
Behm Energy	Hyatt House - Minot	RDO Equipment Co.
Best Western Kelly Inn	Jerome's Collision Center	Real Builders, Inc.
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Brokers "12" Real Estate Marketing	KLJ	Sanford Health
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Cellular Communications, Inc.	Magic City Garage Door & Awning	Scherr's Cabinet & Doors, Inc.
Center for Family Medicine	Marketplace Foods	ServiceMaster of Minot
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CHS SunPrairie	McLean Electric Cooperative	Slumberland/Tollefson's
Classified Directories	Mindt Construction	Carpetland/Carpet Garage
Command Center, Inc.	Minot Area Council of the Arts	Snap Fitness
Community Action Partnership - Minot Region	Minot Family YMCA	Sommers Orthodontics
Companions for Children, Inc.	Minot Plumbing & Heating Co.	Souris Valley Dental Group
Connecting Point Computer Center	Minot Sash & Door Inc.	State Farm Insurance - Paul Siebert
General Scrap Inc., Continental Metal Products & Dakota Pipe and Steel	Minot Welding Company	Subway
Dakota Fence	Montessori of Minot	Taco John's
Dakota Midland Grain, LLC	ND Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	Lillian & Coleman Taube Museum of Art
Dakota Square Dental	North Dakota State Fair	Thomas Family Funeral Home
Dakotah Rose Bed & Breakfast	North Prairie Rural Water District	Thompson Larson Funeral Home
EAPC Architects Engineers	Northern Brake Service	Tires Plus Total Car Care
Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC	Northland Bus Service, Inc.	The Vegas Motel & Casino
First Western Insurance	Northwest Tire & Auto Service	Wells Fargo
	O'Day Equipment, Inc.	WGO/Zoo/Sunny Radio
	Overhead Door Company of Minot	Wilbur Ellis Company
	PATH ND, Inc.	Wildwood Golf Course
		Winston-Noble Adjustment Co.

Downtown Minot is open!

Downtown Infrastructure Improvement Project makes headway on construction

Anyone who's been downtown lately can see that change is happening! Downtown Minot is undergoing an infrastructure improvement project to replace 75-100 year old water, sewer and sanitary sewer lines under approximately 26 blocks of downtown. This project also includes replacing infrastructure above ground such as roadway, sidewalks, street lights, benches, etc.

This summer kicked off the first year of this three-year project, with 14 blocks to be completed this construction season. This project is governed by the City of Minot, designed by Houston Engineering and contracted by Strata Corporation in cooperation with their subcontractors. Once completed, the downtown streets will be more beautiful than ever and the infrastructure will be able to accommodate future development to continue to improve the heart of Minot.

Downtown businesses are open!

Despite construction, the businesses in the affected areas of downtown (see map for details) are still open for business and accessible by pedestrian traffic if not directly by car. It is best practice for those looking to access businesses north of Central Avenue to park on the north side and those looking to access businesses south of Central Avenue should park on that side. To park on the north side of Central Avenue, you will need to turn on 1st Ave. N/Amtrak Road. This is not a city-owned street, but it will grant you access to the businesses located on the north side. If you have any questions about how to access a specific business, visit downtownminotisopen.com and search for the business. An update will appear with directions about where to park and how to best access the business.

In addition, some businesses like The Wurst Place, Mainstream Boutique and LuLu Lane are offering delivery service to make patronizing their businesses even easier. If you would like to order from these businesses or have a request from another downtown business, feel free to give them a call and ask if your request can be accommodated.

Heading to Downtown?

Try the Free Shuttle Service.

In conjunction with the Minot Parking Authority, the Downtown Business & Professional Association is offering a free downtown shuttle service for employees and visitors. The shuttle runs every 20 minutes from 6:40 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:40 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. on Saturday. The full shuttle schedule is available at downtownminot.com.

To ride the shuttle, just park your car in the south parking lot of the Municipal Auditorium, and hop on the shuttle. Riders can wait in the entryway of the Park District offices at the auditorium. The shuttle makes two stops: the corner of Main Street and 1st Ave. and the corner of Main Street and 2nd Ave. These convenient stops put you within a block or two of most places you need to go on the south side of Central Avenue. Plus, shuttle riders receive a sticker each day they ride the shuttle which grants them discounts at participating downtown businesses that day!

Project timeline

The infrastructure improvement project is a three-year project with the first phase to be completed this year. For this construction season, the crews have made great progress. Due to weather issues and surprises beneath the roads, the project is currently about one week to 10 days behind schedule. The estimated completion deadlines are listed below.

- End of July/Beginning of August: Central Ave. from 3rd St. through the Main St. intersection.
- August 15: Three blocks surrounding the Minot Central Campus green space
- November: Deadline to complete the first phase of the project

For the most current updates on the project, sign up for email alerts at downtownminotisopen.com. For specific questions, you can contact the public information team for this project at 857-7205 and ask for Mark Lyman or Bryan Obenchain.



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 all while 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 non-profit 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 projects 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/engagingforimpact.

ACCRA first quarter cost of living compares local costs to nationwide costs

Minot's cost of living measured 3.1% higher than the national average in the first quarter of 2015, according to the Cost of Living Index, published by the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers' Association (ACCRA). This data presented represents average prices submitted for the first quarter of 2015.

Cost of Living Index: First Quarter 2015 U.S. Average Composite Index: 100%

	Minot ND	Bismarck ND	Fargo/Moorhead Metro	Denver CO	Minneapolis MN	Pierre SD
COMPOSITE INDEX	103.1	101.1	96.0	107.7	107.1	101.3
GROCERY ITEMS	108.3	107.0	100.7	99.5	105.3	105.3
HOUSING	106.9	106.6	90.3	127.3	113.8	117.9
UTILITIES	86.6	86.1	98.5	93.1	92.6	87.0
TRANSPORTATION	99.7	103.7	95.4	97.7	100.8	90.6
HEALTH CARE	108.3	106.0	114.0	106.0	102.9	93.2
MISC. GOODS	103.4	96.8	96.0	102.8	109.8	94.8

2016 Chamber of Commerce Directory planning underway

Lowe's Printing, Inc., and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce are preparing the 2016 Membership Directory. This is a great opportunity to put your name, products and services at the fingertips of area decision makers. Lowe's Printing will be contacting Chamber members to explore the benefits of advertising in the 2016 Membership Directory.

The directory is the Chamber's main promotional tool and the source the Chamber office uses for our daily business referrals. This spiral bound directory includes a list of members, both alphabetically and categorically, a business planner and a community profile. The community profile is reprinted as a separate piece and is filled with information valued by newcomers.

The Chamber Directory is supported through your involvement as an advertiser. For more information, please call Lowe's Printing, Inc. at 852-1211 or complete the form below and send to rachael@lowesprinting.com or fax to 852-2119.

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

Business/organization _____

Contact name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

EAGLE AWARDS

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in June and thanked for superior customer service skills. If you would like to nominate someone for outstanding customer service, please call the Chamber at 852-6000 for a nomination form, or visit the website at minotchamber.org.

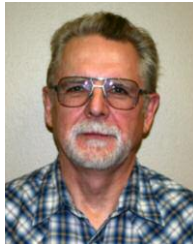
A special thank you goes out to **Homesteaders Restaurant** and **Rainbow Photo Lab** for providing gift certificates for each Eagle recipient.



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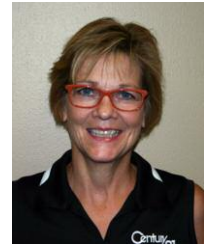
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Minot Police Department



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Gate City Bank

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS



Agribusiness Committee members were up early Friday, June 26 to serve donuts, coffee, juice and milk to those attending the Ward County Shootout as part of the North Dakota Junior Point Show Association events on the Fairgrounds.



Military Day at the Zoo went well with nearly 1,300 attending. The perfect weather brought military out for the zoo, pool, and a lunch as members of the Military Affairs Committee served. Thanks to the Minot Park District, Roosevelt Park Zoo and all the volunteers for making this event happen!

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.



Minot Country Club: 1912 Valley Bluff Dr. • Minot, ND • 852-3591 • www.minotcountryclub.com
Mark Hildahl & Josh Ressler - Minot Country Club Presidents

Ambassadors helped celebrate the opening of the new Minot Country Club. The Minot Country Club will offer world-class golf, a new clubhouse, golf shop, restaurant, and most importantly, will be a family friendly facility for the Minot community to enjoy.



Elevation: 1912 Valley Bluff Dr. • Minot, ND • 837-0338

Ambassadors helped celebrate the grand opening of Elevation, a bar and clubhouse located on the Minot Country Club facilities open seven days a week to the general public as well as club members.



Brookdale Brentmoor Minot: 3515 10th St. SW • Minot, ND • 839-3320 • www.brookdale.com

The Ambassadors celebrated renaming of Emeritus at Brentmoor, an assisted living facility, to Brookdale Brentmoor Minot.

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Theresa Weigel, Independent Lilla Rose Consultant: 10601 55th St. • Minot, ND • 700-500-1759 • www.lillarose.biz/TheresaWeigel
Ambassadors helped get the word out about Lilla Rose, a comfortable, durable, beautiful alternative to the usual hair accessories.



Alliance Real Estate: 1829 S. Broadway, Suite 2 • Minot, ND • 839-2217
 Jan Hoge, Dick Olson, Joy Nelson, Kamie Ensz, Rexie Auck • Website www.alliancere.net

The Ambassadors helped celebrate the opening of Alliance Real Estate, a full-service residential and commercial real estate company.



Ascentia Federal Credit Union: 1400 S. Broadway • Minot, ND • 858-9300 • www.ascentiafcu@srt.com

Ambassadors helped celebrate the changing of Ascentia Federal Credit Union's charter to a community credit union that is now able to provide services to anyone living in Renville, Ward, or McLean counties.

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Magic City Ribfest: Minot, ND • 721-7763 • Tom Ross, Show Manager • www.magiccityribfest.com
The 2015 Magic City Ribfest opened with a ribbon cutting on opening day. The event featured five nationally known ribbers, entertainment and family fun.



Minot Public Schools Summer Food Program: 215 2nd St. SE • Minot, ND • 857-8728 • Minot Public Schools Nutrition Services
The Ambassadors helped celebrate the Summer Food Program, sponsored by Minot Public Schools, Minot Public Schools Foundation, Souris Valley United Way, and Minot Park District. The program offers free nutritious meals to those under 18, or at a cost of \$3 for adults in Oak Park daily from 11:30 a.m. to Noon through Aug. 14.

XCEL ENERGY PRESENTS CHECK TO JA PROGRAM



Pictured at left is Xcel Energy Community Relations Manager, Kathy Aas, presenting a check to Chamber President, John MacMartin, for the Junior Achievement program.

LAQUINTA INN & SUITES GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR VIETNAM VETS CELEBRATION

La Quinta Inn & Suites was selected as the recipient of the Above and Beyond Award because of the Vietnam Veterans Celebration. The staff did the preliminary footwork, requests, planning, execution and cleanup. La Quinta Inn & Suites even offered a special hotel rate for attendees. This one-of-a-kind community event to celebrate a very special population of the community brought veterans from as far away as Williston and Bottineau.

The Chamber's Above and Beyond Program is designed to recognize businesses and organizations for outstanding community service projects. Anyone interested in nominating someone for this program can contact the Chamber office at 852-6000.



Celebrating 50 Years of Great. Big. Fun with the North Dakota State Fair



As the North Dakota State Fair celebrates 50 years of the best family entertainment in North Dakota, it is only appropriate that fans are treated to some mega-stars of entertainment. For the one-time price of \$110, Fair fans can enjoy the performances of superstars Miranda Lambert and Keith Urban, plus upcoming stars Chase Rice, Kellie Pickler and Kip Moore. Also on that same ticket, fans can enjoy the Enduro Race and IMCA Late Models & Hobby Stock Car Races. All this is available for only \$110.

The rock concerts for this year include Seether on Saturday, July 18, and "America's Band," Aerosmith, on Saturday, July 25, bringing the 50th year to a resonating close.

The national Corriedale Sheep Show will be hosted at the Fair, as will various events in

which visitors can take part and compete. Earn some bragging rights in one of the various contests at the Fair, like the North Country Mercantile Redneck Relay (July 19), the Not-Quite-Newlywed Game (July 20), Buffalo Wild Wings Blazing Wing Challenge (July 24), 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25), the Cash Wise Cupcake Decorating Contest (July 25), and the Arm Wrestling Competition (July 25). Plus, a number of events are just for kids and others are for those who are "Social Media Savvy." Check them all out at ndstatefair.com.

So many events offer something for every member of the family, including the Horse Pull, Xcel Energy Family Day Festival, and the 4-H Film Festival. Dozens of free stage acts and strolling performers truly offer some-

thing for everyone.

On Tuesday, July 21 the North Dakota State Fair will celebrate 50 years with 50% off savings! Fairgoers on that day can enjoy:

- 50% of gate admission with a Coke product
- 50% off the Daily Unlimited Carnival Ride wristband (with coupon available on ND State Fair website until July 13)
- 50% off Grandstand races (Please say "Celebrating 50 Years!" at the Grandstand Box Office to receive the discount. Tickets are limited on the day of show.
- 50% off products from participating vendors.

For more information or to buy tickets, visit ndstatefair.com or call 701-852-3247.

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W/SPECIAL GUEST
GWEN SEBASTIAN



**FRIDAY
JULY 17**

**KELLIE
PICKLER**



**WEDNESDAY
JULY 22**

SEETHER



**SATURDAY
JULY 18 ***
** Separate Ticket*

**KIP
MOORE**
W/SPECIAL GUEST
OLIVIA LANE



**THURSDAY
JULY 23**

**CHASE
RICE**



**SUNDAY
JULY 19**

**KEITH
URBAN**



**FRIDAY
JULY 24**

AEROSMITH
W/SPECIAL GUEST
LIVING COLOUR



**SATURDAY
JULY 25 ***
** Separate Ticket*

**NPRA
BULL RIDING**
JULY 20-JULY 21



**AUTO
EVENTS**
JULY 20 - JULY 21

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Trinity Health signs letter of intent with Billings Clinic RegionalCare

Trinity Health and Billings Clinic RegionalCare agreement provides for construction of new hospital and medical campus.

Officials from Trinity Health Board of Directors have signed a letter of intent in which Trinity Health will become part of Billings Clinic RegionalCare. All parties involved are currently working on the final agreements. The transaction is expected to close prior to the end of 2015.

John Kutch, president and CEO of Trinity Health, said, "This agreement with Billings Clinic RegionalCare is an important step forward in ensuring the long-term stability and continued health care choice for the people of North Dakota and eastern Montana. Perhaps the most exciting part of this partnership is that it will bring to fruition the vision of the Board and our entire organization for a new medical campus to better serve our community and region for decades to come." Timelines for new campus groundbreaking and construction, to be located at the site currently owned by Trinity west of 37th Street and 16th Street in southwest Minot, are being finalized and will be announced when the final agreements are completed.

"Billings Clinic is looking forward to working with Trinity Health on clinical strategies that are focused on delivering the highest patient safety, quality, and service. Both Billings Clinic and Trinity Health are members of the Mayo Clinic Care Network which is indicative of our shared commitment to high quality care and patient safety," said Nicholas Wolter, MD, Billings Clinic CEO.

After a lengthy review of numerous potential partnership options, Trinity Health's Board ultimately chose Billings Clinic RegionalCare

because of the combination of Billings Clinic's strong reputation for quality and RegionalCare's track record of significant investments in the communities it serves and its focus on building regional service areas. In January 2015, Community Medical Center in Missoula, MT, became the first hospital to join Billings Clinic RegionalCare.

Marty Rash, Chairman and CEO of RegionalCare Hospital Partners said, "We are honored that the board of Trinity Health chose Billings Clinic RegionalCare to be their partner. We look forward to working with the hospital board, medical staff, hospital employees, and community officials to find ways to continue to provide the quality care and access to services this community deserves."

Below are key details of the transaction highlighting what the new relationship will mean to the people of Minot and the surrounding region:

- * Billings Clinic RegionalCare will support Trinity's ongoing efforts to continue to be the premier regional care system.
- * Billings Clinic RegionalCare will enhance Trinity's ability to connect patients with sub-specialized care.
- * Billings Clinic RegionalCare will commit to fund necessary capital needs and new strategic initiatives including the new hospital campus and medical district and other technology improvements.
- * Billings Clinic RegionalCare, working with the medical staff, will continue to recruit new physicians and health care providers into the community and across the region where there are needs.
- * Billings Clinic RegionalCare will adopt Trinity's current charity and indigent care policy.
- * Billings Clinic RegionalCare will commit to hire all current Trinity employees in good standing.
- * Billings Clinic RegionalCare is committed to continued community collaborations and partnerships.
- * Trinity will continue to have local leadership through a community board of trustees, physicians, and a management team based in Minot.
- * Billings Clinic RegionalCare will increase the tax base of Minot through new property taxes.

Ackerman-Estvold's Ahmann earns professional registration

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

Ahmann has been with Ackerman-Estvold for over four years and currently serves as a civil engineer in the Municipal Services Division. His work includes consulting regional municipalities on infrastructure maintenance and development. Ahmann also serves

Justin Ahmann

as the financial specialist assisting municipalities in locating and acquiring funding sources for infrastructure projects. Ahmann earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, and a bachelor of accountancy degree from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND.

Ackerman-Estvold welcomes Delzer

Weston Delzer has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as an engineering technician. Delzer earned an associate in applied science degree in engineering technology from Bismarck State College, Bismarck, North Dakota. He previously worked as an intern during the past two construction seasons. Delzer has joined the construction division and will be inspecting a variety of construction projects throughout western North Dakota.



Weston Delzer

Ackerman-Estvold awards scholarship

Ackerman-Estvold recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Minot High School senior Blaise Stanley. Stanley has been a member of the Ackerman-Estvold Explorer's Club since the club was started two years ago and will be pursuing a career in engineering.

Exploring posts are affiliated with Boy Scouts of America and sponsored by local organizations that organize, facilitate, and direct all aspects of the club. The Ackerman-Estvold Explorer's Club meetings are held monthly throughout the school year and provide students with practical experience in engineering, surveying and architectural careers. For more information about the Ackerman-Estvold Exploring post, contact McKenna Larson at 837-8737.



Blaise Stanley



Officials met to sign a letter of intent. Pictured left to right: Pat Holien (chairman of the Board of Directors for Trinity Health), Marty Rash (chairman and CEO of RegionalCare Hospital Partners), Nicholas Wolter, MD (Billings Clinic CEO), and John Kutch, CEO, (Trinity Health).

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Thoreson named interim executive director

The North Dakota Corn Utilization Council and the Growers Associations' Board of Directors announced that Tom Lilja recently resigned as executive director. Blair Thoreson, office manager, will serve as interim executive director while the Council conducts its search for a new executive director.

"We are thankful for Tom's significant efforts in promoting North Dakota corn over his past eight years as Director," said Paul Belzer, Council Chairman. "We wish Tom the very best in all his future endeavors."

"In the interim and beyond, North Dakota Corn will continue its strategic focus toward sustaining the continued expansion of our current healthy and profitable business climate for northern corn," Belzer said.

The North Dakota Corn Council executive committee is leading the search for Mr. Lilja's replacement.

91st MW receives Air Force Global Strike level awards

The 91st Missile Wing was recently awarded seven 2014 Air Force Global Strike Command Operations Awards. The categories won by the 91st MW include:

- Colonel Lee R. Williams Memorial Award (Outstanding Missile Wing): 91st Missile Wing.
- Colonel Lowell F. McAdoo Award (Best Overall Missile OSS): 91st Operations Support Squadron.
- General Samuel C. Phillips Award (Best Overall Missile Squadron): 741st Missile Squadron.
- General Thomas S. Power Award (Outstanding Missile Crew): 1st Lt. Victoria A. Fort, Missile Combat Crew Commander; 2nd Lt. Emily K. Gill, Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander, 741st Missile Squadron.
- ICBM Flight Commander of the Year: Capt. Sean A. Guerrero, 742nd Missile Squadron.
- ICBM Instructor/Evaluator of the Year-Category 1: Capt. Joshua J. Grover, 91st Operations Support Squadron.
- ICBM Instructor/Evaluator of the Year-Category 2: Capt. Derek P. Arnholtz, 742nd Missile Squadron.

These awards recognize the outstanding achievements by Airmen contributing to the Air Force's nuclear deterrence operations. Award recipients showed dedication to excellence and execution of their duties in support of the safety, security and effectiveness of the 91st MW's mission.

Col. Michael Lutton, 91st Missile Wing commander stated he feels privileged to recognize the award recipients.

"I am extremely proud of the Airmen of the

91st Missile Wing that have been recognized and these awards reflect the great work they did in 2014," Lutton said. "Everyday our Airmen strive to achieve our Core Values — Integrity, Service and Excellence. It is fantastic to recognize so many with Major Command-level awards."

Taube competition winner announced

The Lillian and Coleman Taube Museum of Art has selected an image by Minot artist Wendy Kimble to best represent the Taube Museum's year-long 45th Birthday, Stayin' Alive for 45 - Birthday Party Celebration! Kimble's entry was selected from a number of submissions from a Call to North Dakota Artists which was sent out in early March. Artists had until April 30th to create a "Birthday Theme" work of art. The entries were judged by the Taube Board members and museum staff for best interpretation of theme and adaptability of image to be painted by potentially 450 guests during what is being billed as North Dakota's Largest Painting Party on October 17, 2015.

Kimble received a \$100 honorarium, 25 event posters promoting the image, and the opportunity to have her image re-created by the North Dakota Largest Painting Party participants. Kimble's image will become part of the Taube's historical archives and will be used in all promotional materials for the Museum's 45th Birthday Celebration.

The Taube Museum of Art has become what it is today through community involvement since 1970. The Museum was originally known as the Minot Art Gallery and was located in the Linha House on Highway 83 North. The Linha House was torn down and the only thing left from that is a stained glass window in the archives of the present museum. That window has been adopted as the Museum logo.

The Minot Art Gallery then moved to the North Dakota State Fair Grounds and was housed for a time in both the Samuelson and JD Harmon Houses. The Taube Museum of Art has been in the present location of 2 North Main Street since 1997. The historic building was rebuilt in 1923 and at one time housed the



Jacobson Opera House, Jacobson Hardware Store, and Union National Bank. The building is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The bank closed in 1964 and the building was utilized as a USO (United Services

Organization) in the '70s. Clayton and Colleen Johnson and Elliott and Joyce Obedin of Minot purchased the building. It was Colleen Johnson, who is a current member of the Taube Museum of Art, who saw the building as a potential arts center and contributed the building to the then Minot Art Association.

Stanley Taube, a prime benefactor of the Museum, is the son of Lillian and Coleman Taube. They were longtime civic leaders and arts supporters who were in the women's clothing business in Minot for many years. Stan Taube's generosity, and that of others, enabled the Taube Museum of Art to complete the first phase of the renovation and to reopen its doors as the Lillian and Coleman Taube Museum of Art in August of 1997.

With this rich history in mind, the public is invited to help the Taube Museum of Art celebrate 45 years of enriching lives through the visual arts by participating in North Dakota's Biggest Paint Party on October 17, 2015 during Stayin' Alive for 45! Birthday Party Celebration at the North Dakota State Fair Center.

Museum and Gift Shop hours: Tues – Fri 10:30 – 5:30 pm, Sat 11:00 am – 4:00 pm or by special appointment. There is no charge for admission, but contributions are accepted to help the Taube Museum fulfill their mission of enriching lives through the visual arts. This activity is made possible with support from the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

For more information contact Nancy F. Walter, executive director, or Doug Pfliger, gallery manager.

Leidholt hired as commercial loan officer at United Community Bank

United Community Bank has hired Dan Leidholt as a new commercial loan officer at their Minot location. A native of Minot, Leidholt graduated from Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He brings with him four years of experience as a consumer loan officer and 19 years serving the property management of Investors Real Estate Trust with a variety of positions including financial officer, auditor and assistant director of property management accounting.

Leidholt is a strong member of the Minot community, involved in roles such as past president of the Minot Y's Men Club, Minot Y's Men Rodeo treasurer, Bishop Ryan Foundation board member, and past treasurer of North Dakota Ducks Unlimited.

Dan is married to Maria and has one son, Cole and two daughters, Laurin and Tatum.



Dan Leidholt

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Aafedt and Buckingham join DFC Consultants

DFC Consultants has hired Scott Aafedt as a business solutions consultant and Jason Buckingham as an applications consultant.

Aafedt has a degree in Digital Design and Animation from Rasmussen College and previously worked as a senior technical lead at VMC Consulting.



Scot Aafedt

Buckingham holds a bachelor's of science degree in business technical management and accounting from DeVry University and has 15 years of experience in accounting and Microsoft Dynamics GP. He was most recently a senior solution specialist with Encore Business Solutions.



Jason Buckingham

DFC Consultants is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner specializing in Microsoft Dynamics GP and CRM. They have three locations across North Dakota.

Gooseneck Implement receives \$1 million loan from USDA through SRT Communications

SRT Communications presented Moure Equipment, dba Gooseneck Implement, with a check for \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service program (RUS). The RUS Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program (REDLG) allows utilities to serve as a pass through to local businesses with projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. SRT previously received RUS funding for telecommunications projects and is able to serve as the lending agent for this zero interest loan. The \$1 million loan is being used to partially fund Gooseneck Implement's Velva Store, which opened April 1, 2015 and features 39,800 square feet, of which approximately 16,000 square feet is dedicated to a showroom and 23,800 square feet to house the service department and parts department. In addition, the

store created 7 new jobs.

"SRT's Board of Directors recognizes the importance of a rural development program such as this. Not only has our own cooperative been a past recipient of RUS funding to develop our own infrastructure but we are now also able to help create more jobs in one of the communities we serve," said Steve Lysne, SRT CEO & general manager. "We understand the unique funding opportunity that presents us and are proud to partner with Gooseneck Implement." This is the second REDLG project SRT has administered.

"Our investment into a new facility in Velva confirms our commitment to the community, our employees, and our customers, and will position us to remain relevant in the agricultural industry long-term," said Jamie Melgaard, Gooseneck CEO & general manager. "We are extremely excited to provide our employees a safer, more productive work environment, which in turn will enable us to provide better support to our customers."

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.

Marco purchases Hadley's Copier business

Marco, Inc., a leading technology services provider in the United States, continues its expansion throughout Wisconsin with the purchase of the copier sales and service business of Hadley Office Products. Marco welcomed the employees that previously supported Hadley's copier sales and service business to its employee-owned team. Hadley will continue ownership of its office furniture and supply divisions. Marco opened a new office at 4405 Stewart Avenue, Wausau, WI.

"Hadley's copier sales and service business is a great fit for us," said Kevin Schmidt, Marco regional manager in Wisconsin. "Marco has been in the copier business since 1975 and has an extensive team of technical specialists who can help further enhance this service and bring more robust technology offerings to clients in Wisconsin."

This represents Marco's fourth acquisition in Wisconsin since 2011. In addition to the new Wausau office, Marco also has offices across Wisconsin in Eau Claire, La Crosse, Madison, Appleton and Green Bay.

Since 2004, Marco has grown from 200 employees to 900 employees at 42 locations nationally. The company's growth is driven by its commitment to help organizations effectively apply technology that contributes to their success.

Marco has earned a reputation of being a great place to work and do business. The company has received several local and national awards for its workplace culture, performance and leadership team, including the most recent honor of its CEO Jeff Gau with the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Upper Midwest Award.

"We know when our employees love what they do and where they work, we succeed and our clients ultimately benefit," Gau said. "We look forward to serving more clients and more communities in Wisconsin."



MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Learn about military culture at free training

Do you work with veterans and members of the National Guard? Get a close-up view of what it means to be in the military, specifically the National Guard. Learn about schools, deployment, family life, and the military experience

The ND National Guard will offer a three-day training, "Military Culture: The Psychology of Service in the Military and National Guard," for social workers, counselors, psychologists, addiction counselors, peace officers and more to better understand the culture of members of the military and National Guard.



Col Alan Fehr

Classes will be led by COL (Dr) Alan Fehr, clinical psychologist, as well as many veterans and service-member guest speakers to provide an interactive experience.

Colonel Alan Fehr is a member of the North Dakota Army National Guard. His military career spans 30 years, having served in the US Navy, Army Reserve, and ND Army National Guard. He has combined careers as a rural psychologist and a military officer. He received a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of North Dakota. Dr Fehr is a licensed psychologist with a private practice in Dickinson.

Classes will begin Tuesday, July 7 at 9 a.m. at the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Minot, with modules offered through Thursday, July 9.

Day 1 – Tuesday, 7 July:

- Module 1 – Guard 101: Organization, Structure, & Function (2 hrs)
- Module 2 – Enculturation: Learning the Military System (4 hrs)

Day 2 – Wednesday, 8 July:

- Module 3 – The Experience and Psychology of Deployment (3 hrs)
- Module 4 – Ethics: Rules, Human Nature, and Helping Veterans (3 hrs)

Day 3 – Thursday, 9 July:

- Module 5 – Clinical Implications: Resources and BH Treatment (5 hrs)
- Module 6 – Field Experience (1 hrs)

All classes are at no charge, courtesy of the ND National Guard. CEUs have been requested for the following professions: social workers, counselors, psychologists, addiction counselors, and peace officers. To register, send an email to COL Fehr to express your interest: alanfehr_ndng@usa.com. Complete the program registration and survey at https://und.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2sfHnwJ4rpzSNFy. For more information email or phone COL Fehr at 701-225-1050.

Minot among the top 10 U.S. cities for movers

HomeInsurance.com, a consumer-centric insurance marketplace, recently conducted a study to find the top cities for mover in the United States, and Minot, North Dakota ranked #9.

To find the top cities, analysts at HomeInsurance.com looked at 51 cities with the greatest percentage population growth from 2010 to 2014. Analysts then factored in average home values, combined household income, average home insurance premiums and average renters premiums for each of the cities.

Minot ranked #9 on the list for its low average renters insurance premiums. The city's fast growing population was another reason Minot landed within the top 10. Overall, four North Dakota cities made the top 25 list, more than any other state. Dickinson ranked number 2, Williston ranked number 3, and Bismarck ranked number 6.

The full report can be viewed here. <https://homeinsurance.com/blog/top-25-us-cities-for-movers/>. For more information, visit HomeownersInsurance.com.

Critics of oil tax reforms fail economics test

by Sen. Rich Wardner

ND Senate Majority Leader

By making North Dakota a great place to do business, our state has enjoyed unparalleled economic growth and job creation over the last 20 years. Virtually every sector of our economy has grown and provided new opportunities for the people across this great state.

Unfortunately, Democrats like Senate Minority Leader Mac Schneider and House Minority Leader Kenton Onstad, in their criticism of the oil tax reforms passed during the last session, fail to understand the importance of having a regulatory and taxation environment that balances the needs of industry and the needs of the people.

Our state has one of the highest oil tax rates in the nation. At an effective rate of 11.5%, North Dakota's oil tax rate is substantially higher than the rate in Texas and nearly double the rate in Oklahoma. Both of these states are our biggest competitors in attracting oil industry investment to North Dakota.

Reforms passed at the end of the 2015 legislative session ended a 1980s-era low price incentive that would have taken the extraction tax to

0% until prices rebounded. In exchange for taking away this incentive, legislators permanently reduced the oil tax to 10% if the price is under \$90 per barrel, and 11% if the price is above \$90.

If we have learned anything over the last six months of oil industry layoffs, reduced investment and reduced tax revenue, it is that we can't take our oil industry for granted and we must do all we can to encourage its responsible development. While we can't do much about the impact of our winter climate and transportation challenges on development costs, we can make sure we have a regulatory and tax system that encourages further investment in North Dakota.

These reforms will encourage the oil industry to continue to provide the thousands of good paying jobs and economic opportunity it brings to people across North Dakota. Not just in the oil fields, but also in the support industries, fertilizer plants and plastic plants that are being built because of it. And while oil development has brought challenges, there is no question that the net effect of this industry has been a game-changer for our state and helped make North Dakota the envy of the nation.

Of course, these reforms also had the benefit of bringing stability and certainty to state oil revenues. The threat of the 0% extraction tax incentive kicking in forced the legislature to budget for a dramatic drop in oil tax revenues and thereby reduced the money we could invest in education, water projects and infrastructure in the 2015-17 budget. Not only will elimination of this incentive bring certainty to state revenues, but by encouraging oil development with a long-term lower rate, our state will actually increase oil tax revenues as well as sales tax revenues and income tax revenues, too.

Those who believe that the 0% extraction incentive might never kick in and our reforms were unnecessary are naive at best. The last time the incentive kicked in, it stayed in effect for 17 years. This spring, we were within days of the incentive taking effect for the second time since 2009. With worldwide oil production predicted to grow, it was not if the 0% extraction incentive would have kicked in, it was simply a matter of when.

The time has come to stop treating the oil industry like a bottomless trough of money and recognize we have to foster its development in order to ensure continued success. The oil tax reforms passed in the last legislative session will not only ensure we have a dependable stream of oil revenues for education, water projects and infrastructure, but they will help North Dakota remain a great place to do business today and long into the future.



Sen. Rich Wardner

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

NDCPD to complete suicide prevention community assessment

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a Center of Excellence at Minot State University, was recently awarded a contract from the North Dakota Department of Health, Suicide Prevention Division, to assess community needs pertaining to suicide prevention. A suicide-prevention assessment will be completed in the areas of Tioga, Stanley and Minot, N.D.

"Suicide numbers continue to climb both nationally and in North Dakota. Suicide is a serious but preventable public health problem," said Christine Brigden, project coordinator. "Most people thinking about suicide don't actually want to die, but they need help deciding to stay alive. North Dakota has great suicide-prevention intervention programs, including community suicide prevention trainings as well as the North Dakota suicide prevention line 211 or 1.800.273.TALK (8255)."

Individuals, working in health care or law enforcement in Tioga, Stanley and Minot, interested in participating in the community needs assessment, should contact Brigden at (701)858-3356 or Christine.Brigden@minotstateu.edu.

NDGT acquires Grand Forks Abstract & Title Company

North Dakota Guaranty & Title Co. has acquired Grand Forks Abstract & Title Company, which also includes Pennington County Abstract & Title, L.L.C. (Thief River Falls, MN) and Strander Abstract & Title, L.L.C. (Crookston, MN). NDGT will now provide a full range of title insurance, closing and escrow services, 1031 exchange services, tax and lien searches and title reports throughout the Red River Valley and Western Minnesota.

"This is an exciting time of growth for our company," said Nick Hacker, president of NDGT. "We are proud to welcome Grand Forks Abstract & Title Company, Pennington County Abstract & Title, L.L.C. and Strander Abstract & Title, L.L.C. as part of The Title Team and we look forward to continue providing outstanding services across the entire state of North Dakota, Western Minnesota and Eastern Montana.

Grand Forks Abstract & Title Company is located at 2274 South 31st St, Ste A, Grand Forks, ND 58201. Pennington County Abstract & Title, L.L.C. is located at 302 East 3rd St. Ste A, Thief River Falls, MN 56701. Strander Abstract & Title, L.L.C. is located at 210 North Broadway, Crookston, MN 56716.

Odney's chief digital officer named to Public Relations Summit

Odney's chief digital officer, Michael Pierce, has been invited to join the Public Relations Summit. The Public Relations Summit is an invi-

tation-only national organization that is comprised of executives and visionaries in the communications field, many of whom hold executive positions at Fortune500 companies.



Michael Pierce

Earning this distinct honor and the membership benefits that come along with it will allow Pierce to better assist clients with creating and managing paid and earned advertising strategies. Pierce will have access to presentations on best practices for social media, internal and external communications, public relations, and brand management, among other topics, and will have access to other members to use as a resource.

"I'm extremely honored to have been invited to join this prestigious group," Pierce said. "I'll have the opportunity to collaborate with the very best in the industry and attend some great presentations."

Other members of the PR Summit include: Director of Public Relations at CNN, VP Corporate Communications & Publicity at Disney, VP of Corporate Communications at Netflix, Director Reputation Management & CEO Communication at Target, among others from national Fortune500 companies. The full list of members can be found at <http://alturl.org/publicrelationssummit/members.html>.

Northwest Art Center receives arts grant

In support of their efforts to provide regional arts programming, Art Friends of the Northwest Art Center has been awarded a \$7,355 Institutional Support grant by the North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA).

The Art Friends of the Northwest Art Center were among 56 recipients of the most recent Institutional Support grants awarded by the NDCA.

The Institutional Support grant program is designed to benefit artists, arts organizations, and the general public. The program provides general support for qualifying arts and cultural organizations that have proven they have strong management and leadership, quality artistic programming and services, and are an important part of the arts infrastructure in their communities. A total of \$426,341 was awarded during this grant round.

Art Friends is the advisory and support organization of the Northwest Art Center. The grant will help to provide funds for the center's two galleries, the Hartnett Hall Gallery and Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery on the campus of Minot State University, as well as programming for the Northwest Art Center Lecture Series.

"The Northwest Art Center is a valuable edu-

cational and cultural resource for northwest North Dakota," said Director Avis Veikley. "School groups from throughout the area take field trips to our galleries, and our lecture series draws audiences from the community at large as well as from the university."

The center's galleries focus on works by contemporary artists. About 20 exhibits are presented each year, featuring a cross section of local, regional and national talent. Lecture series speakers include university faculty, regional lecturers, and visiting scholars. All exhibitions and lectures are free and open to the public.

Art Friends activities are supported in part by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts. In addition, the Art Friends gratefully acknowledge their other supporters, including all community sponsors and local patrons.

The Institutional Support grant runs in a three-year cycle, with applications being accepted again starting in the fall of 2015. For more information, contact the North Dakota Council on the Arts at 701-328-7592 or visit www.nd.gov/arts.

Trinity Health recognized for heart attack care

Trinity Health has been recognized by the American Heart Association for exceptional performance in caring for people with STEMI heart attacks – the kind caused by a sudden blockage of a coronary artery.

Trinity earned the "Mission: Lifeline® Silver Receiving Quality Achievement Award" for consistently carrying out practices that are most effective when it comes to quickly identifying STEMI heart attacks and streamlining processes to promote rapid treatment.

"We commend Trinity for this achievement award, which reflects a significant institutional commitment to the highest quality of care for their heart attack patients," said James G. Jollis, MD, Chair of the Mission: Lifeline Advisory Working Group and President of the North Carolina Chapter of the American College of Cardiology.

Each year in the U.S., approximately 250,000 people have a STEMI, or ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction, caused by a complete blockage of blood flow to the heart, according to the AHA. To prevent death, it's critical to immediately restore blood flow, either by opening the blocked vessel with interventional cardiology or by giving clot-busting medication.

Trinity Health earned the silver award by meeting specific criteria over a designated period of time, including administering therapeutic drugs at critical junctures during a patient's care and shortening the interval between the patient arriving at the hospital and the moment the artery is reopened through coronary intervention.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Help Sunrise Rotary fill 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.

New supplies most needed include backpacks, college-ruled notebooks, #2 mechanical pencils, protractors, compass, 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 which 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 Ave. from 10 a.m. to Noon and from 1 to 3 pm. Monday through Friday.

Additional special collection sites:

- **Minion Movie Backpack Collection:** During opening week of the new *Minion* movie donate a new backpack and receive a coupon for a large popcorn for the price of a small or a free Carmike bucket refill! Drop off backpacks and get a coupon inside the mall entrance near the theatre Friday, July 10 from 5 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; or Sunday, July 12: Noon to 2 p.m.
- **Cashwise Foods Collection:** Purchase pre-packaged school supply bundles and donate them at Cashwise Saturday, Aug. 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Sunday, Aug. 2 from Noon to 4 p.m.

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 Thursday mornings from 7am to 8am at the View. Learn more at www.rotaryminot.com/sunrise/ or on Facebook at Sunrise Rotary Club of Minot.

Run for the Hills Distance Challenge set for Aug. 29

United Community Bank of ND is teaming up with Mile One Running Shop and the Minot Country Club to hold the 1st Annual Run for the Hills event held Aug. 29, 2015 at 8 a. m. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Souris Valley United Way. This is an extremely unique event as it is the first of its kind to be held at the new Minot Country Club. Over the course of two

miles this event will feature over 1,000 feet of elevation changes. "We are really looking forward to this event to not only help support the Souris Valley United Way (SVUW) but to also help show what the Minot Country Club has to offer the community," states Jennifer Hubrig, United Community Bank marketing director. The run will take place on the front nine holes of the newly opened golf course.

Preregistration is currently available for \$20 and will be open through Aug. 15. Businesses can also choose to sponsor six employees for only \$100. Registration will still be possible from Aug. 16-29 at \$25. Children ages 12 and under can participate for free but must be registered. A first place prize of a \$100 gift certificate to Mile One Running Shop will be awarded in the men's and women's divisions. Registration forms can be downloaded from www.facebook.com/ucbnorthdakota or found at any United Community Bank branch, the Minot Country Club, Mile One Running Shop, or the Souris Valley United Way office.

Every year, local agencies apply for partnership with Souris Valley United Way and undergo extensive interviews conducted by a team of local volunteers. This year, SVUW has set a substantial fundraising goal of \$1 million. "As our community grows so do the needs, this is why we have set the 2015-2016 goal so high. The Run for the Hills Distance Challenge is a fun way to help support our campaign and gain a little exercise in doing so," says Danielle Rued, Campaign Coordinator.

Contact Jennifer Hubrig at 701-420-5734 or jhubrig@ucbnd.com with any questions on the event. For information regarding the Souris Valley United Way call Danielle Rued at 839-2994. Additional information for the event can be found by visiting www.facebook.com/ucbnorthdakota.

Women United seeks to supply 50,000 meals

Women United is a group of passionate women who offer their time, talent and financial resources to improve lives throughout the Souris Valley United Way service area. Its purposes is to mobilize the power of women to advance the common good in the Minot area. The Women's Leadership Council (WLC) combines the financial power and collective talents of philanthropic women to address needs in the community.

This volunteer-driven group is an organization of its own design. It creates its own initiatives. It sets its own goals. It seeks its own answers and implements its own strategies.

Dusty Zimmerman, president of Women United, stated, "As we grow, we will seek out projects that will enhance our community and make a difference in the lives of all who call this place home."

As their first initiative, Women United will

donate \$10,000 to facilitate an upcoming project, "United We Pack." This event will supply the community with 50,000 meals, which will be donated to the local food pantries and shelters.

Executive Director Patricia Smith expressed her gratitude. "We are so grateful to Women United. This donation provides nutritious meals for children, families, and seniors in our community."

For more information or become involved with Women United – contact Souris Valley United Way at 839-2994.

3rd Annual Community Shower successful

The 3rd annual Community Shower was a great success. The month long drive ended June 18 with a collection event at the Dakota Square Mall with volunteers from Minot Young Professionals accepting donations. "This year several businesses participated as drop-off locations," said Danielle Rued, campaign coordinator. "They did a great job of getting the word out and making this a success."

Rued was pleased with the generosity of the community, "We exceeded our goal and were able to distribute 11,160 diapers, along with numerous baby items and adult personal care items.

Event sponsor Depend, provided a grant to purchase additional diapers and adult personal care items. All items were delivered to the four local food pantries and the four shelter programs in the community.

Recipients included Our Lady of Grace, Domestic Violence, The Lord's Cupboard, Men's Winter Refuge, Community Action Partnership, Minot Area Homeless Coalition, The Salvation Army, and the YWCA

Souris Valley United Way initiated the drive as part of their commitment to making a difference in the community, mobilizing people, organizations and resources in an impactful effort to advance education, financial stability and health while addressing basic human needs.

For more information visit www.svunited-way.com call 839-2994.

JLG Architects named a top design firm by Engineering News-Record

JLG Architects has been named one of the 2015 Engineering News-Record (ENR) Top 500 Design Firms in the United States. JLG 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. It is JLG's first year on the list.

ENR's Top 500 Design Firms list, published annually since 1965, ranks the largest U.S.-based architecture and engineering firms based on revenue and growth. To view the entire list, visit <http://enr.construction.com/toplists/Top-Design-Firms/001-100.asp>.

MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Top Notch Travel schedules open house

Top Notch Travel will host an open house Thursday, July 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Grand Hotel.

Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be provided, and prize drawings will take place, including a \$500 Delta Vacations package. The event will offer information on 15 travel destinations, including the 2016 Princess Cruise Alaska promotion. Travel booths will feature such destinations as Disney, Barceló Resorts, Palace Resorts, Hawaii and Princess Cruises, Delta Vacations, and more. Please invite your co-workers, family, friends, and kids.

Please RSVP to Emily Carlton, travel consultant at Top Notch Travel, at 701-214-5728 or email emily_carlton10@yahoo.com.

Badlands Photography at Northwest Art Center through Aug. 6

Award-winning photos of the badlands of the northern Great Plains will be featured in *Badlands: a Geography of Metaphors* by Saskatchewan artist Ken Dalgarno at the Northwest Art Center's Hartnett Hall Gallery at Minot State University July 1 through Aug. 6, 2015.

The photographs of badlands in North Dakota, Montana, Saskatchewan and Alberta have been collected in a book authored by Dalgarno. The Saskatchewan Book Council honored the book with their 2015 Best First Book award.

"There can be few places in the world where the visual impact of the landscape is as haunting-



"Atlas Shrugged" from Theodore Roosevelt National Park, ND is one of Ken Dalgarno's badlands images on display at the Northwest Art Center's Hartnett Hall Gallery July 1 through August 6.

Social Security Act celebrates 80 years with anniversary website

August 15, 2015, is the 80th anniversary of the signing of the Social Security Act by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. To help celebrate this milestone, the Social Security Administration created an anniversary website at www.socialsecurity.gov/80thanniversary/ linking to videos about agency history and related information. People can also submit stories showing how Social Security has benefited them or their family.

The Social Security Act of 1935 was much broader in scope than Social Security. The 1935 law contained the first national unemployment

ly captivating as the Badlands of the Northern Great Plains," writes Dalgarno. "These amazing badlands regions contain some of the most surreal and magical terrain you can imagine. It's like walking amongst a geography of metaphors, or perhaps entering an archives where stories have been exiled."

Dalgarno is a Canadian artist and photographer from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. His paintings and photographs have been exhibited in group and solo shows across Western Canada and the United States, and are in private and public collections across Canada, the United States,

compensation program, provided aid to the states for health and welfare programs including aid to dependent children, and established funding for public health services.

The preamble of the Social Security Act (H.R. 7260 – August 14, 1935) states:

"An act to provide for the general welfare by establishing a system of Federal old-age benefits, and by enabling the several States to make more adequate provision for aged persons, blind persons, dependent and crippled children, maternal and child welfare, public health, and the adminis-

South Africa and Italy. Dalgarno's artwork has been featured in the Edmonton Journal, Western Art Collector, Prairies North, Galleries West and Our Canada magazines.

His book, *Badlands: a Geography of Metaphors*, is published by Red Deer Press in Canada and Ingram Publishing in the U.S. Photographs from the book have been exhibited at the Great Plains Art Museum at the University of Nebraska; Monmouth Museum in Lincroft, New Jersey; and the Calgary Stampede Photography exhibition in Calgary, Alberta, among others.

tration of their unemployment compensation laws; to establish a Social Security Board; to raise revenue; and for other purposes. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled",

Social Security, titled Federal Old-Age Benefits and originally only retirement for the worker without any family, survivor or disability benefits, was established in Title II of the 1935 Social Security Act.



5th Annual
YWCA Benefit
Golf Tournament

August 10th, 2015
Garrison Golf Course

10 a.m. Shot Gun Start
9 a.m. Registration & Contests

TEAMS: Four women per team, 18-hole scramble

COST: Team of two: \$150 / Team of four: \$300
Registration fee includes cart, green fees, lunch & prizes

+ Mulligans for Sale!
+ Hole & other sponsorships available

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Teams
+ Putting Contest *Winner receives putter donated by Scheels*
+ Closest to the Pin
+ Longest Drive

SIGNUP: **+ Longest Putt**

Call the YWCA Minot at 838-1812 to register!
In case of inclement weather, golf scramble will be cancelled. Fees are considered donations to the Minot YWCA & will not be reimbursed.

For more information, contact Gina at the YWCA Minot or visit www.ywcaminot.org

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Office Closed Independence Day Observed	4
5	6	7	8 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	9 Ribbon Cutting: 5 p.m., Top Notch Travel, Grand Hotel	10 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	11
12	13	14 Eagle Awards Presentation, 10 a.m., Chamber office	15	16 Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., ND State Fair	17	18
19	20	21 Ag Committee serves breakfast to ND State Fair live- stock exhibitors, 7 a.m., ND State Fair Military Day at the ND State Fair Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	22 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Chamber University: 11:30 a.m., "Passion! 8 Steps to Find Yours," Vegas Motel, 2315 N. Broadway	30	31	

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