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## *We need YOU to help Minot shine*

The trash in our community is not a welcome site to any of us, especially visitors. That's why Project CLEAN (Community Leaders Enhancing Area Neighborhoods) is gearing up for their annual clean up May 1 & 2. The group is focusing on sprucing up the entrances to the city. Groups can stop by the Chamber and sign up for the designated areas and pick up trash bags up until and on May 1. Trash bags, gloves, and

sign ups will **NOT** be available on Saturday, May 2, but feel free to come in any time — even now — to pick up supplies. A limited amount of gloves will be available.

Volunteers can help between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Any questions or suggestions call the Chamber at 852-6000 or email [chamber@minotchamber.org](mailto:chamber@minotchamber.org).

## *Students and teachers honored for hard work during 53rd annual event*

Two-hundred and twenty people attended the 53rd Annual Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Honors Banquet. One-hundred and twenty-one students and 22 long time staff were honored for their hard work at the event, held April 29 at the Holiday Inn. The event recognizes graduating seniors with a grade point average of 3.75 or higher. Students from Glenburn, Berthold, Bishop Ryan, Minot, Our Redeemer's, Sawyer, Surrey and Des Lacs/Burlington were featured, along with staff and teachers from the schools with 25 years of service. This event is possible thanks to the generous support of Chamber members who sponsor students and teachers.



**Col. Roy Collins, Commander of the 5th Mission Support Group at MAFB, addressed the Honors Banquet group.**

### **53rd Annual Honors Banquet Sponsors:**

Ackerman-Estvold  
B & D Market  
Central Michigan University  
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Country Inn & Suites  
Dakota Kids Dentistry  
Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC  
First International Bank & Trust

First Western Bank & Trust  
Holiday Inn  
Holiday Inn Express  
Kiwanis Club of Minot  
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Minot State University  
Minot VFW Post 753

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Town & Country Credit Union  
Verendrye Electric Cooperative  
Wells Fargo  
Winston-Noble Adjustment Co.  
Zaderaka Transport, Inc.

## VERENDRYE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

**Thursday, May 21 • 5 – 7 p.m.**

***Celebrating the new Minot addition at Verendrye Electric  
Cooperative: 1225 Hwy. 2 Bypass East***

*Enjoy delicious food by Hometown Elegance, networking and great prizes  
including a drawing for \$500 in Chamber Bucks*

*If winner is not present, \$50 in Chamber Bucks guaranteed. (Must be present to win) \$5 charge at the door*



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## NEW MEMBERS.....

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **Alliance Real Estate, Jack Doheny Companies, Magic City Ribfest, McGough Construction, Servpro, TriMedia Environmental & Engineering Services, and Wild Bill's Motorsports.** Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

**ALLIANCE REAL ESTATE:** 1829 S. Broadway • Suite 2 • Minot, ND • 839-2217 • Fax: 222-3880  
Joy Nelson, Realtor • info@alliancere.net • alliancere.net

*Alliance Real Estate has been in business since 2000 in Bismarck, and recently opened a Minot branch to further service clients in the Minot and Bismarck markets, and anywhere between.*

**JACK DOHENY COMPANIES:** 403 40th Ave. NE • Minot, ND • 852-7326

Carole Wiekamp, Branch Manager • carolewiekamp@dohenycompanies.com • dohenysupplies.com  
*Jack Doheny Companies carries the largest selection of sewer cleaning truck equipment, street sweepers, and vacuum trucks in the world.*

**MAGIC CITY RIBFEST:** 2130 7th St. NW • Minot, ND • 721-7763 • Tom Ross, Ribfest Manager  
magiccityribfest@gmail.com • www.magiccityribfest.com

*The Magic City Ribfest is the official start to summer in Minot. This new annual event, held in mid-June at the ND State Fairgrounds, is for families to come and enjoy world-class BBQ and great musical entertainment.*

**MCGOUGH CONSTRUCTION:** 630 1st Ave. N. • Fargo, ND 58102 • 639-6280 • Fax: 639-6283

Nate Wood, Regional Operations Manager • nwood@mcgough.com • www.mcgough.com  
*McGough Construction is a family-owned general contractor that has been operating across the midwest for nearly 60 years with a focus on collaborative delivery of complex projects.*

**SERVPRO:** 300 3rd St. SW • PO Box 329 • Minot, ND • 852-7378 • Fax: 838-1564

Marsha Dupré, Business Development Manager • teamgreen9912@gmail.com • servprominot.com  
*Servpro professionals offer a wide variety of services such as fire restoration (smoke, soot removal, deodorization), water restoration (removal of water, odors, mold), as well as cleaning of carpets, airducts, and vandalism restoration*

**TRIMEDIA ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES:** 31 36th Ave. NW • Minot, ND  
838-7610 • Fax: 838-7613 • Amber Senn, Senior Scientist • James DeLiefde, Staff Engineer

Email: asenn@trimediaee.com • Website: www.trimediaee.com  
*TriMedia offers environmental, health and safety, industrial hygiene, geographic information systems, and land surveying services. Since 1995, TriMedia serves clients throughout North America from offices in six states.*

**WILD BILL'S MOTORSPORTS:** 2305 Elk Dr. • Minot, ND • 852-4280 • Fax: 839-0295

Denn Schmaltz, General Manager • Erica Olson, Controller • www.wildbillsmotorsports.com  
*Wild Bill's Motorsports is an authorized Can-Am, Sea-Doo, Ski-doo, Aluma, and Arctic Cat dealership in Minot. Along with a large selection of new models, Wild Bill's Motorsports carries a wide variety of pre-owned models, and offers a full sales, service and parts department.*

## RENEWALS.....

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership through April 24, 2015. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

10 North Main	Farstad Oil Inc.	Off the Vine, LLC
A-1 Septic Tank Service	FedEx Office	Dr. David C. Olson
All America City Glass	Fiberglass Specialties	Otis & James Photography
All American Trophies & Screen Printing	First Baptist Church	Pietsch Aircraft Restoration & Repair, Inc.
American Family Agency	First Western Bank & Trust	Pinkerton Animal Hospital
Arco Promotional Products, Inc.	The Flower House Garden Center	Pure Honda
Artistic Floors & Lights Inc.	Hanson-Maves Co / Bekins Van Lines	R & K Contractors, Inc.
Blind Duck/Dae Udder Place	Hartland Mutual Insurance	Mark B. Rasmuson - Rasmuson Law Office
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Hedahl's Parts Plus	Raymond James Financial Services, Inc.
Boy Scouts of America - Northern Lights Council	Hight Construction LLC	Rolac Contracting
C&C Plumbing & Heating/Miller Sheet Metal	Intervention Energy, LLC	Rotary Club of Minot
Capital RV Center	Jost Masonry Construction, Inc.	Schock's Safe & Lock
Central Power Electric Cooperative., Inc.	Kiwanis Club of Minot	Sevens Bar & Restaurant
Chiropractic Arts Clinic, P.C.	KMCY-TV - ABC	Smith Farms, LTD
Community Ambulance Service of Minot, Inc.	Blake Krabseth Comedian/Magician	Dean Somerville
Coughlin Construction & Development	I.F. LaFleur & Sons	SpartanNash
Creative Cabinetry	Lulu Lane	Stone Crafters, Inc.
Dakota Kids Dentistry	Marco Inc	Sundre Sand & Gravel, Inc.
Dakota Supply Group	Minot Area Community Foundation	Town & Country Credit Union
Domino's	Minot Association of Builders	Val's Cyclery, Inc.
Downtown Business & Professional Association	Minot Electric	Veterans of Foreign Wars
	Minot's Finest Collision Center	Wallwork Truck Center
	Mr. Richard Muus	Wold Engineering, P.C.
	Northern Bottling	
	Northland Community Health Center	
	Northstar Steel Inc.	
	Northwestern Electric, Inc.	

# Prairie Warrior Auction raises funds for Minot Air Force Base

Congratulations and special thanks to Betty Fedorchak (Esoterica), chairperson of the 29th Annual Military Affairs Committee Prairie Warrior Competition Auction, as well as her team of volunteers. The event, which was held in April, raised a gross total of \$32,000.

Also, a special thanks goes out to the many sponsors of merchandise. Support by area businesses, organizations and individuals has once again contributed to a successful event. Participants enjoyed refreshments and hors

d'oeuvres while previewing the merchandise.

Base coordinators included Lt. Col Scott Briscoe, Capt Chris Westfall, SMSgt Jodi Flugel, 1Lt Beth Woodard, and SSgt Clayton Frady. Also offering invaluable help was Bill Dennis, Auctioneer John Bearman, Niess Impressions Printing, and the staff of the Holiday Inn.

The Prairie Warrior Auction and the support of the local community will contribute significantly to the wings bringing home the top honors in Air Force competitions.

Fedorchak, event chair, said donations from businesses, organizations and individuals, along with those who donate their time, make the auction a success.

Every year, this event raises thousands of dollars to help defray the expenses of bomb and missile wing competitions for Minot Air Force Base competitors. Additionally, funds raised are used to underwrite events designed to improve the morale and lessen financial burdens of the men and women stationed at Minot AFB.

10 North Main  
A & B Tours  
Ackerman-Estvoid  
Acme Tools  
Affinity First Federal Credit Union  
American Bank Center  
Amoco-Dakota Square  
Artmain  
Badlands Grill House & Saloon  
Laura Bendickson  
Big Sky Resort  
Bremer Bank  
Central Power  
Culligan Water  
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch  
Dakota Fence  
Ebenezer's Eatery & Irish Pub  
Evolution Salon  
Faith United Methodist Church  
Fargo Glass  
Farm Credit Services  
Veronica Fedorchak  
First International Bank & Trust  
First Western Bank & Trust  
Flower Central  
FMI  
Gaffaney's of Minot

Glass Doctor  
Gourmet Chef  
Grand Hotel  
Hampton Inn & Suites  
Harley's Cenex  
Herberger's  
Hight Construction  
Holiday Inn  
Holiday Inn Express  
Home Sweet Home  
Homesteaders Restaurant  
I. Keating Furniture  
IMM-Investors Management & Marketing  
Indigo Signworks  
Integrity Viking Funds  
JL Beers  
Joan's Hallmark  
Kalix  
Knowles Jewelry of Minot  
Karen Krebsbach  
KXMC CBS13  
Lalee Cakes  
Larson Law Firm  
Lien's Jewelry  
Lowe's Floral & Garden Center  
Magic City Beverage

Magic City Harley-Davidson  
Mandingo Pickles/Scott Gould  
Margie's Art Glass Studio  
Microtel Inn & Suites Minot  
Minot Country Club  
Minot Restaurant Supply  
Minot State University  
Minot VFW Post 753  
Montana Dakota Utilities  
Norsk Hostfest  
North Dakota Envelope Company  
North Dakota State Fair  
North Hill Bowl  
Northern Tier Federal Credit Union  
Northwest Tire  
Odney  
Off the Vine  
Olive Garden  
Otis & James Photography  
Papa Murphy's Pizza  
Pepsi of Minot  
Perkins  
Pietsch Aircraft  
Pinkerton Animal Hospital  
Pizza Ranch  
Real Builders  
Rolac Contracting

Roosevelt Park Zoo  
Ruby Tuesday  
Scheels  
Sevens Bar & Restaurant  
Jim Simons  
Simonson Station Stores  
Souris Valley Golf Course  
SRT Communications  
Sterling Optical  
Taco John's  
Taube Museum of Art  
The Computer Store  
The Vegas Motel  
The Village Family Service Center  
Brad & Jackie Thomas  
Tires Plus  
Tollefson's Retail Group  
Trinity Health  
Vardon Golf Club  
Verendrye Electric Cooperative  
Visit Minot  
Western Steel & Plumbing  
Westlie Motor Company  
Willow City Mission Quilters  
YMCA

## *There's a billion-dollar buyer in your backyard*

Don't miss the opportunity to be their next supplier. Selling to the government is a smart way to diversify and grow your business. Federal and state agencies buy billions in goods and services each year, and you'd be surprised at the opportunities available.

Impact PTAC helps North Dakota businesses become certified government contractors. Our free services help you through every step of the process. Find out how we can help you grow.

***Free workshop and lunch: Government Contracting 101***

***June 11 • 11:30 - 1 pm • Grand Hotel (1505 North Broadway, Minot, ND 58703)***

*To register: email Tanner at [tannerolson@impactfdn.org](mailto:tannerolson@impactfdn.org) to register*

*Space is limited*

***This workshop is brought to you by Impact PTAC,  
Small Business Development Center, and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce.***



## EAGLE AWARDS

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

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



**MARY LOU QUARNE**  
*Wendy's*



**SUE CASSAVANT**  
*Barry's Food & Fuel*



**SHYLA WETTLAUFER**  
*Marketplace Foods*



**LAVERNE KNAPP**  
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**BLAKE BARNES**  
*Home Depot*



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*Key Care Pharmacy*



**JUSTIN EIDE**  
*OfficeMax*



**DR. AARON ALBERS**  
*Trinity Health Center – Medical Arts*



**ERNEST HASE**  
*Wal-Mart Super Center*



**CODY MCMANIGAL**  
*Trinity Health Foundation*



**COLLEEN DENNING**  
*Menards*

## Become a featured member on the Chamber website

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce is an important tool for businesses in Minot. The website is important to those businesses as well, as many look to it to find goods and services from our Chamber members. Your Chamber business could be on the front page of the website, free of charge. Simply provide us with 100 words about your business and a jpg logo, and we will feature your business for two weeks. This is for those companies that have not yet participated in this promotion. Email Carla at [carla@minotchamber.org](mailto:carla@minotchamber.org) today.

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



*Thank you to Country Inn & Suites for hosting the April Business After Hours. Eighty-five people attended the April 16 event, which featured delicious food from Dakota Dave's, music, networking, and great prizes.*



## 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.*



**Anne Carlsen Center Community Based Services:**

1408 20th Ave. SW, Suite 7 • Minot, ND • 858-0009 • [www.annecarlsen.org](http://www.annecarlsen.org) • Eric Monson, CEO

*The Anne Carlsen Center Community Based Services office works with children and families to provide autism services in the Minot area.*



**Capital RV Center:** 3000 14th Ave. SW • Minot, ND • 839-7878 • 1-800-488-7896 • [www.capitalrv.com](http://www.capitalrv.com) • Bruce Bentz, Owner

*Capital RV has opened a brand new RV destination center in Minot with a wide range of services including parts, services and RV sales.*



**Wild Bill's Motor Sports:** 2305 Elk Drive • Minot, ND • 852-4280 • [www.wildbillsmotorsports.com](http://www.wildbillsmotorsports.com) • Bill & Brenda Houim, Owners

*The Ambassadors celebrated the grand opening of the new power sports business.*



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**Delisimo Café & Catering:** 122 S. Main, Suite G • Minot, ND • 839-3950 • [delisimocafe@gmail.com](mailto:delisimocafe@gmail.com) • Chad & Jaime Schwede, Owners  
*Ambassadors helped Delisimo Café & Catering celebrate their grand opening with a ribbon cutting April 9. The restaurant now has an elegant room available for rental for parties and events.*



**First International Bank & Trust:** 2150 21st Ave. NW • Minot • 837-2050 • Watford City Bancshares, Inc., Owners • [firstintlbk.com](http://firstintlbk.com)  
*The Ambassadors helped celebrate the opening of First International Bank's 23rd branch and a third location in Minot, on North Hill.*



**El Azteca:** 2035 N. Broadway • 837-0290 • Griserda & Joel Gomez, Owners  
*El Azteca offers authentic, homemade Mexican dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting for their grand opening April 20.*



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**Minot Public Library:** 516 2nd Ave. SW • Minot, ND • 852-1045 • [www.minotlibrary.org](http://www.minotlibrary.org)

*The Makerspace at the Minot Public Library is open to anyone with a library card and is a digital work area that allows users to become creators, not just consumers of technology as it hosts high-tech computers, software, cameras, and more for use inside and outside the library.*



## ***Military Affairs Committee Military Day at the Zoo June 26 • Roosevelt Park Zoo • 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.***

***Free for Active & Retired Military Members and Families:  
Zoo Admission • Pool Access (if open) • Meal  
[chamber@minotchamber.org](mailto:chamber@minotchamber.org) • 852-6000***



## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### ***Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch BLT Day and Ranch Market set for May 9***

The 10th annual BLT Day and Ranch Market will be held at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is an opportunity to support the Verendrye Electric Greenhouse Technology Program, where the children of the program can learn about plants and how to care for them.

#### ***Schedule***

- 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.:  
Sales of flowers, ornamental grasses, herbs and vegetables plants
  - 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.:  
BLT sandwich luncheon (\$5 per person; \$12 families of three or more); live music by Zelda Hutzenbeler, a short program at Noon, all in upstairs Bremer, the administration building.
- The event will offer large six-packs, 4-inch single pots, zonal geraniums, assorted grasses, succulents, 12-gallon pots, 12" hanging baskets, sprinkling can planters, grey deco

planters, decorated gift pots, welcome/flag planters, wood planters, and garden lights for sale.

Assorted birdhouse planters and succulent gardens will be priced as marked.

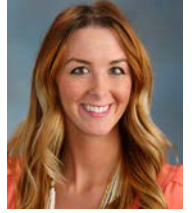
For more information, contact Carla Isom, marketing and public relations director, at 701-364-0264 or email [c.isom@dakotaranch.org](mailto:c.isom@dakotaranch.org). The event will be held at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch at 6301 19th Avenue NW, Minot, ND.

#### ***FedEx Office celebrates first anniversary***

FedEx Office will celebrate its one-year anniversary Monday, May 25 through Saturday, May 30. Raffle drawings will be held to promote the printing services. Some of the drawings will include 50% off poster packages, 50% off banners, free canvas prints, and much more. The store offers FedEx Express and Ground shipping as well as our 100% guaranteed packing services. For any questions regarding the celebration, please call Ryan at 852-7183.

### ***Ackerman-Estvold welcomes Jacobson***

Sara Jacobson has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as the receptionist. Jacobson will graduate with a bachelor of science in communications studies from Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN, in May. Jacobson previously held communications positions at a local cooperative. Her responsibilities will include overseeing client interactions and providing administrative team support.



***Sara Jacobson***

Ackerman-Estvold is a professional engineering and architectural firm headquartered in Minot, ND, with an additional office location in Williston, ND. The firm provides planning, design, and construction services for public and private clients throughout North Dakota and surrounding states. For more information about Ackerman-Estvold, or the services we provide visit us at [www.ackerman-estvold.com](http://www.ackerman-estvold.com).

6TH ANNUAL  
SOURIS VALLEY UNITED WAY

United  
Way



Bowlapalooza 2015



***Saturday, May 2 • 1 – 4 p.m. • Check-in: 12:30 • Cost: \$120 per team***  
***For more information, visit: <http://www.svunitedway.com>***



## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### *Mary Me Bridal wins award for past 5 years*

Minot's Mary Me Bridal has been awarded the Diamond Award from Minneapolis-based company, Savvi Formalwear. Mary Me will be receiving this award for the fifth consecutive year. The Diamond Award is presented to a very selective group of authorized Savvi Formalwear dealers who demonstrate great sales achievement and outstanding service to customers. Mary Me Bridal serves the Minot community with a complete bridal and formal wear department, serving wedding, prom, and black-tie event customers.

### *Liberty Business receives award*

Liberty Business Systems, Inc. has earned the Lanier Service Excellence Certified Dealership award for the second consecutive year. Liberty Business Systems, Inc. qualified for this award for the 2013-2014 year and has qualified and been recognized for the period of 2014-2015. The Service Excellence award program is designed to recognize dealers who provide outstanding service and support in accordance with Ricoh's guidelines.

### *Magic City Ribfest coming to Minot in June*

Minot will heat up this summer when the Magic City Ribfest comes to town June 18- 21 at the ND State Fairgrounds. Those attending can expect to taste the best barbeque in the nation as five national award winning barbeque companies will be on hand cooking ribs, pulled pork, beef brisket and all the sides during this four day event. The five "ribbers" will compete for top honors so they want to make sure they leave you with a great taste in your mouth.

This event will also feature entertainment. On Thursday, June 18, Even 5 will start things out that evening. On Friday, June 19, Hairball will take the stage, bringing a unique show of rock combined with smoke, fire, lights and just great music. On Saturday, June 20, North Dakota's own Kat Perkins will perform. Perkins was a finalist in season 6 of The Voice and has been rockin' the Midwest ever since.

The Magic City Ribfest will feature a cook-off for area charities. Sponsored by the API Bakken Chapter, the event will bring 15 different groups together to compete for a \$15,000 prize. Advanced tickets will go on sale soon. Check out Magic City Ribfest on Facebook or log onto [www.magiccityribfest.com](http://www.magiccityribfest.com). For more information contact Tom Ross at 721-7763 or email [magiccityribfest@gmail.com](mailto:magiccityribfest@gmail.com).

### *Marco named a 2015 MSPmentor 501 Top Managed Services company*

Marco Inc. has been named a 2015 MSPmentor 501 Top Managed Services company by Penton Technology in their eighth-annual MSPmentor 501 Global Edition. Ranked number 20, Marco is identified as one of the world's top 501 managed service providers (MSPs).

Each year, MSPmentor gathers information

BUILDING  
**HOPE**

TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION

## Women's Golf Tournament

**Monday, June 15**  
**Souris Valley Golf Course**  
**Minot, ND**

**11 a.m. Shotgun Start**  
**Awards & Dinner to Follow**  
**\$100 per person**

Call 857-5432 or visit  
[trinityhealthfoundationnd.org](http://trinityhealthfoundationnd.org)  
to register

Benefitting Trinity Health's  
CancerCare Center



for its annual rankings through the participation of managed service providers and IT service providers in their annual survey. The survey was conducted from December 2014 through January 2015 and rankings are based on Penton Technology's unique criteria for MSPs such as annual recurring revenues, total revenues and more.

Visit MSPmentor at [www.mspmentor.net](http://www.mspmentor.net) for the entire list of this year's winners.

## MEMBER BUSINESS BRIEFS

### ***Odney's North Dakota Tourism print campaign wins district Silver ADDY***

Odney's work on the 2014 North Dakota Tourism four-color print campaign earned a Silver ADDY at the District 8 awards competition, qualifying it to compete for a national ADDY later this year. The print campaign earned Best of Show and a Gold ADDY at the statewide level in February.

"Odney has a talented team of creative people who work hard to deliver excellent advertising and marketing campaigns," said Odney president Patrick Finken.

North Dakota Tourism's Legendary marketing campaign, which Odney has been part of for 14 years, was also recently recognized on Forbes.com as not only successful in recruiting travelers to the state, but also in having a strong halo effect that positively influenced people's perceptions of North Dakota and its economic outlook.

The North Dakota AdFed chapter is one of 210 American Advertising Federation clubs nationwide and a member of District 8, which includes North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The district competition included all Gold ADDY winners from each state. Gold and Silver ADDY winners on the district level are eligible for the national competition.

For more information about Odney or to see the agency's ADDY-winning work, visit [www.odney.com](http://www.odney.com).

### ***YWCA Membership Month is April***

The Minot YWCA relies heavily on individual and community memberships to provide ongoing emergency homeless shelter services to area women and children. Becoming a member is easy—and it comes with no strings attached! Your membership is a simple way to support the work and mission of the YWCA. Memberships are available for individuals for \$50 and business/organization membership options range from \$250 to \$1000. A Member Recognition Page is being added to our website in May.

To become a member or learn more, visit [www.ywcaminot.org](http://www.ywcaminot.org) and click on 'Become a Member' or call the YWCA office at 838-1812. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

The YWCA Emergency Shelter provides services and resources that are empowering, not enabling. Within a week, shelter residents must have a job and be actively working on housing arrangements for when they leave the shelter. Residents are allowed up to a 60-day stay, so there is a lot to take care of during that short time. Staff members work with each resident to develop goals during their stay and then meets regularly to monitor progress toward

their goals.

Almost half of the residents come from the Domestic Violence Crisis Center after their three- to 30-day stay there. Ongoing support and shelter is offered as they continue to transition to independence.

The shelter is currently staffed eight hours per day, Monday through Friday. Services now include random drug testing, breathalyzer tests, and appropriate background checks. This increased intensity of services has made it necessary for 24-hour staffing for the safety and security of the women and children served. The main goal is to secure funding to provide 24-hour staffing.

### ***Speed-dating event set for May 1***

Minot Mingle is a speed-dating event, which will be held at the Taube Museum of Art May 1 at 6:30pm. The event consists of a half-hour social, with wine and appetizers. Live music by Jazmine Wolfe and a K-12 North Dakota Student Art Show Exhibition will be followed by speed dating at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 and available at Souris Valley Suites and the Taube Museum of Art. If there are still spots available, at-the-door prices will be \$35.

During the dating portion, a timer will be set for five minutes, and when the timer goes off, men will rotate to the next dater, and the ladies will stay seated. To protect the daters and all agencies, daters will agree to rules and sign a waiver before the dating portion of the event. If daters do not comply with the rules and regulations, Minot Mingle reserves the right to dismiss them from the event.

This event is meant to bring together young professionals between the ages of 21 to 36 who are interested in meeting someone in a safe, fun environment. The goal is to help people get back to meeting each other outside of the world of internet dating. This event is geared to be a enjoyable, sophisticated evening with the intent of making real-life connections with another human being.

All of the proceeds from the event will go to 4Her North Dakota project ([4HerND.org](http://4HerND.org)) to aid in funding the housing project. This non-profit ministry aims to open a 30-day crisis shelter in each North Dakota city where sex trafficking victims have been rescued.

### ***MSU staff senate donates to Backpack Buddies program***

Steven Shirley, Minot State University president, on behalf of MSU Staff Senate, presented a \$2,000 check, to the Minot Backpack Buddies

Program. The \$2,000 was raised during Staff Senate's annual silent auction.

"Staff Senate is proud to commemorate President Shirley's inauguration by continuing Minot State's tradition of service," said Steven Swenson, Staff Senate president.

In 2012, MSU Staff Senate coordinated its first silent auction to raise funds for the new Domestic Violence Crisis Center Transitional Living Center. DVCC lost its administration building and transitional homes in the 2011 Mouse River flood. In 2013, Staff Senate gave the proceeds to four Minot area food pantries. This year, the Minot Backpack Buddies Program was selected as the charitable cause. Minot Backpack Buddies was launched in April 2013 by Minot State University staff members in a College of Business leadership development initiative with \$10,000 in startup funds from the Souris Valley United Way. The program provides nonperishable food items to students in grades k-5, who are at risk of missing meals on weekends.

In 2013-14, 56 Sunnyside Elementary students received a backpack each Friday from September to May with six weekend meals. Sunnyside's selection was based on the percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced meals. In 2014-15, 113 Sunnyside, Roosevelt and McKinley Elementary students receive a backpack. Backpacks are assembled weekly by MSU clubs and organizations, as well as community volunteers.

To donate to Minot Backpack Buddies, go to <http://www.svunitedway.com/>.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1 Ambassador's Committee,</b> 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant <b>Project CLEAN Citywide Cleanup,</b> 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., City entrances	<b>2 Project CLEAN Citywide Cleanup,</b> 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., City entrances <b>Ribbon Cutting,</b> 5 p.m., MSU Press Box
<b>3</b>	<b>4 Right Start Presentation FTAC,</b> 9:30 a.m., MAFB	<b>5 First Dollar of Profit Presentations,</b> 10 a.m., various locations	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Military Affairs Committee,</b> Noon, MAFB	<b>8 Infrastructure Committee,</b> 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 Eagle Awards Presentation,</b> 10 a.m., Chamber office	<b>13 Right Start Presentation,</b> 10 a.m., MAFB	<b>14</b>	<b>15 Ribbon Cutting,</b> Noon, Minot Lumber & Hardware, 204 20th Ave. SE	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18 Board of Directors,</b> 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel  <b>Right Start Presentation FTAC,</b> 9:30 a.m., MAFB	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21 Business After Hours,</b> Sponsored by Verendrye Electric Cooperative, 5-7 p.m., 1225 Hwy. 2 Bypass East	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25 Memorial Day</b> Office Closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27 Ribbon Cutting,</b> 10 a.m., Verendrye Electric Cooperative, 1225 Hwy. 2 Bypass East  <b>Right Start Presentation,</b> 10 a.m., MAFB	<b>28 Energy Committee,</b> 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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To view meeting changes or community events, log on to [www.minotchamber.org](http://www.minotchamber.org)