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Members proposed for Chamber board

Nominees have been proposed for three-year terms on the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors beginning Oct. 1, 2016. They are **Ryon Boen** (Western Agency), **Tom Rafferty** (Verendrye Electric Co-op), **Debbie Harris** (Fiancée), **Jeremy Becker** (SRT Communications, Inc.), and **Jason Barker** (Home Depot).

Ryon Boen, a Minot native, is owner and CEO/president of Western Agency. He has served in that position since 2011 and has been with the company since 2007. Prior to that, he spent 13 years in the software business, then moved into sales and marketing.

Boen spent a significant amount of time traveling the U.S., western Europe, Asia, Russia, and India, working with multinational technology companies. Since returning to Minot and joining Western Agency, the company has almost tripled in size and has expanded to 10 locations. He earned his bachelor's degree from North Dakota State University, and his MBA from Moorhead State. He and his wife Kristen have three children.

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Ryon Boen
Western Agency



Tom Rafferty
Verendrye Electric
Co-op



Debbie Harris
Fiancée



Jeremy Becker
SRT Communications,
Inc.



Jason Barker
Home Depot

Business After Hours: Sept. 8

**Thursday, Sept. 8 • 5–7 p.m. • Magic City Indian Motorcycles
6701 Highway 83 South**

Check out the new business and brand new building, network with other chamber members, enjoy some delicious food, and take your chance at some great prizes, including \$500 in Chamber Bucks! If winner is not present, \$50 in Chamber Bucks is guaranteed.

(Must be present to win)

\$5 charge at the door



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New Members

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

MINOT AFB HOMES

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Minot AFB Homes is the privatized owner/property manager of 1606 homes on Minot AFB, renting our homes to all qualified applicants, including the general public.

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Tom Rafferty is the member services and communications manager for Verendrye Electric Co-op, which has offices in Minot and Velva. Rafferty was born and raised in Minot, graduating from Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in economics. He also earned a master's degree in public administration from the University of North Dakota. Prior to working for the cooperative, he worked in consumer affairs at the North Dakota Public Service Commission. He started his career as a reporter, first for the Minot Daily News and then for the Bismarck Tribune.

Rafferty chairs the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee and is a member of the Military Affairs and Infrastructure committees. He serves on the Minot Rotary Board, Souris Basin Planning Council, Give 360 Board, and also plays trombone in the Minot Community Band.

He and his wife, Jessa, live in Minot and they have two children.

Debbie Harris has been the sole owner and operator of Fiancee in downtown Minot for 32 years. Harris has been a Chamber board-appointee since November 2015, and is also a member of Downtown Business & Professional Association, currently serving as secretary and volunteer with the events committee. Her daughter is now the owner of the Fiancee Bismarck location.

Jeremy Becker is the director of sales at SRT Communications and a native of Ray. Becker has worked in the telecommunications industry for 16 years, spending the last 11 years at SRT. He is a member of Minot's Young Professionals Group and Give 360, an affiliate of the Minot Area Community Foundation, and Sertoma. He and his wife, Krista, have two children.

Texas native **Jason Barker** is the general store manager for the Home Depot in Minot. He has lived in Minnesota and North Dakota for the past 10 years, with more than three years in Minot. He has participated in multiple events and activities with the Chamber over the past two years. He and his wife of 20 years, Traci, have three children.

Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership through July 15, 2016. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

A & B Tours, LLC	Enerbase Cooperative	North Dakota State Fair
Acme Tools	Resources	Northland Bus Service, Inc.
AT & T Wireless	Alan Estvold	Olson Family Dental
Cellular Communications, Inc.	Home Sweet Home	Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
Coldwell Banker 1st Minot Realty	Lutheran Social Services of ND	Real Builders, Inc.
Companions for Children, Inc.	Minot Sash & Door Inc.	Roosevelt Park Zoo/Minot Zoo Crew
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch	Minot State University	Simonson's Station Stores
Easter Seals Goodwill of ND, Inc.	Minot Welding Company	Slumberland/Tollefson's
	NextHome Legendary Properties	Carpetland/Carpet Garage

Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in July and thanked for superior customer service skills. If you would like to nominate someone for outstanding customer

service, please call the Chamber at 852-6000 for a nomination form, or visit the website at minotchamber.org.

A special thank you goes out to

Homesteaders Restaurant and **Rainbow Photo Lab** for providing gift certificates for each Eagle recipient.



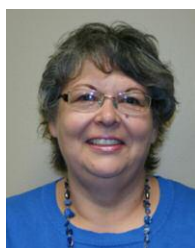
KYLE WESTMORELAND
Homesteaders Restaurant



TRAVIS DALBY
Nybakken Body Shop



NICOLE GEBECK
Grand Hotel



CINDY PFLUGRADT
Jo-Ann Fabrics



AL LEE
Dickey's Barbecue Pit



MARLENE KELLER
JC Penney



JOSEPH HADDOX
Menards

Ag Golf Scramble

The Ag Golf Scramble brought in 120 competitors to the Minot Country Club July 11. Thank you to all the volunteers, led by Chamber Chair Duane Poynter, who made this event happen after taking a few years off. The Town & Country Credit Union team won the scramble, Western Agency took second, and the Wilbur Ellis team took third. A big thank you to all the sponsors who helped make this event successful.

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Western Agency team




Wilbur Ellis team

Support for Junior Achievement Program

Xcel Energy supports Junior Achievement for 19 years

Xcel Energy Community Relations Manager, Kathy Aas, presented Chamber President John MacMartin with a \$2,000 check for the Junior Achievement program.

The Xcel Energy Foundation has been a strong supporter of the program for the past 19 years, helping to supply the funding to start the pilot project with 25 classes. Today, JA is in 160 classrooms in Minot public and private schools.



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to lose **14,000**
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MADC board member receives leadership award

Each year the Souris Basin Planning Council (SBPC) honors an individual whose leadership efforts and devotion have enhanced and positively impacted their community. This year, the Minot Area Development Corporation was proud to nominate board member, Alan Walter, Ward County Commissioner. On Wednesday, July 13, the SBPC presented Walter with the Basil O’Connell Community Leadership Award.

From his leadership and ability to act during the devastating flood, to today, Walter serves the Minot community through 48 different boards, committees, community projects, and more. In many eyes, he is a community hero. He is a huge asset to MADC’s Board of Directors and to the city of Minot as a whole. Congratulations on the Basil O’Connell Community Leadership Award.

Groundbreaking



Tires Only, Inc.: Monique Jensen, Owner • 8201 4th Ave. NE • Minot, ND
852-5080 • 839-3512

Ambassadors helped Tires Only break ground for a new facility. Tires Only was founded in 1993, supplying retail stores in a four-state area with tires. Recent growth has led to the need for a larger facility.

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.



Curb 2 Curb, LLC: 1010 72nd St. SE • Minot, ND • 702-449-3104 • Crystal Hendrickson, Owner
Email: curb2curb@outlook.com • Website: www.curb2curbonline.com

The Chamber Ambassadors celebrated the opening of a unique new business in the Minot area. Curb 2 Curb helps develop your business parking lot into a welcome mat for business, offering line painting, crack sealing, and sealcoat creating bold, bright, and beautiful results.



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

The Ambassadors opened the 2016 ND State Fair with a ribbon cutting where they were up close with the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales, the symbol of quality and tradition for Anheuser-Busch since 1933. The eight-horse hitch were harnessed to the famous red beer wagon, and accompanied by a Dalmatian.

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Freedom Financial Group: Marissa D. Nehlsen, Owner • 701 31st Ave. SW • Minot, ND
839-0545 • 1-800-489-1272 • www.freedomfinancialminot.com

The Chamber Ambassadors helped cut the ribbon at the one-year celebration of Freedom Financial's new location. Freedom Financial Group has been a part of the Minot community for 23 years and staff has worked diligently to put the finishing touches on a beautiful new office space. Freedom Financial Group is local holistic financial planning team and serves the community's needs with financial planning, estate planning, investment, insurance, small business, and tax planning needs.



Ulteig: 216 S Broadway, Suite 200 • Minot, ND 58701 • 701-280-8500 • Website: www.ulteig.com

The Chamber Ambassadors helped celebrate with a ribbon cutting to Ulteig's new Minot office facilities. Ulteig's new office effectively positions the organization to strengthen its commitment to the state by supporting Minot's healthy business climate, the city of Minot, Ward County, and other cities and counties in the area.

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.



Hometown Elegance: 400 22nd Ave. NW, Door 1 • Minot, ND 58703 • 701-420-0990 • Carl & Barbara Clemetson, Owners
Email: info@hometownelegance.com • Website: hometownelegance.com

The Chamber Ambassadors helped Hometown Elegance cut the ribbon on the region's first Clear Span Tent, which measures 40x118 feet and stands over 16 feet tall. It features no inside poles, outside staking or strapping, and a roof structure capable of suspending 500 pounds of lighting or sound equipment per rafter. Hometown Elegance is currently the only event production company in the region with the capacity to handle the majority of a client's event needs in-house.

See page 14 for more information about this tent.



Roosevelt Park Playground: 1215 East Burdick Expy • Minot, ND • 857-4136

Chamber Ambassadors helped celebrate the brand new playground facilities at the Roosevelt Park at a ribbon cutting during the 4th of July Festival in the Park.

Ribbon Cuttings

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Apex Chiropractic: Aaron Esquibel, Owner • 1500 21st Ave. NW, #105 • Minot, ND 58703 • 852-5290 • Website: www.apexchirond.com

The Chamber's Ambassadors helped celebrate the opening of Apex Chiropractic, which offers a comprehensive structural wellness solution to Minot and the surrounding area.



Success Depot: Owners: Chris & Denise Lindbo, Nathan Heinert, Chad McNally
15 2nd Ave SW • Minot, ND 58701 • 833-8283 • Email: info@successdepot.com • Website: www.successdepot.com

The Chamber Ambassadors helped celebrate the opening of Success Depot, LLC. Success Depot offers a collaborative workspace with a membership based price plan, providing a place to work independently or together.

Ribbon Cutting



Sanford Health Northwest Clinic: 1500 21st Ave. NW • Minot, ND • 701-418- 4300

Website: <https://www.sanfordhealth.org/locations/sanford-health-northwest-clinic>

Chamber Ambassadors celebrated the opening of the new Sanford Health Northwest Clinic, where family medicine and specialty services will be provided to meet the demand for health care services in Minot and the region. Specialty services offered at the new clinic will include medical oncology, general surgery, neurosurgery, orthopedics, podiatry, neurosurgery and adult and pediatric cardiology. The \$1.52 million, 6,800 square foot clinic features 16 exam rooms, two procedure rooms, an X-ray area and lab.

Dale Brown Courts at Hammond Park to be dedicated Aug. 20

Dale Brown was born in Minot, North Dakota. He was a star athlete at St. Leo's High School and later at Minot State Teacher's College, where he earned 12 varsity letters in football, basketball, and track. Brown graduated from Minot State in 1957 and received a master's degree at the University of Oregon in 1964.

Brown began his coaching career in North Dakota, where he coached several high school sports, including a position as head basketball coach at Bishop Ryan High School in Minot. Following positions at Utah State and Washington State, Brown became head basketball coach at Louisiana State University in 1972. Over his 25-year career at LSU, he led his teams to 15 straight national tournaments and two Final Fours. He was twice named the National College Basketball Coach of the Year.

Since Coach Brown's retirement from LSU in 1997, he has become a successful author and motivational speaker. He is a member of the North Dakota and Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame; the North Dakota and Louisiana Basketball Coaches Hall of

Fame; and has been honored as an SEC Living Legend. In November 2014, he was inducted into the National College Basketball Hall of Fame along with former LSU and NBA player Shaquille O'Neal.

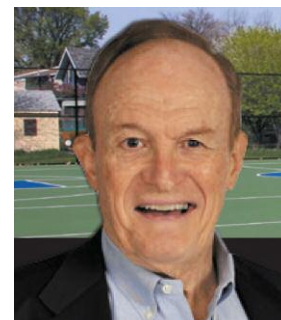
Throughout his career, Dale Brown has never forgotten his North Dakota roots. He continues to make regular trips to his home state and to Minot, giving back to the community by sharing his time, generosity, and heart.

The basketball courts in Minot's Hammond Park were recently renovated to better meet the needs of the many adults and children who enjoy them throughout the year. In recognition of Coach Brown's accomplishments and continued support of his hometown, they will be named Dale Brown Courts. The dedication will be held on Aug. 20, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. The Hammond Park location was chosen in honor of the close relationship Brown had with Reuben "Ookie" Hammond, who was a mentor to Brown during his high school years. Support from the community is needed to fund the dedication project, to

include landscaping and a commemorative piece naming the courts. Any additional funds received will be donated towards local educational needs and to establish the Minot Park District Endowment Fund.

Donate and or join us at the Holiday Inn on August 19 for the social starting at 5:30 pm with Dale Brown speaking and dinner to follow.

If you would like to donate, please have your MasterCard or Visa card ready, then call the Minot Park District Foundation at 701-857-4136. You may also make checks payable to the Minot Park District Foundation. Please write Dale Brown Courts Dedication in the memo line. Mail payment to: Minot Park District Foundation, P.O. Box 538, Minot, ND 58702.



Dale Brown

Coffee With The President
Wednesday, Aug. 17 | 1:30 p.m.

Upcoming Community Events

Magic Day of Giving Sept. 9

Take part in the Third Annual Magic Day of Giving

Summer has just begun, but it's never too early to start planning for the largest volunteer coordinated community service event in Minot. Magic Day of Giving will take place Friday, Sept. 9 in Minot, and efforts are underway to make it even bigger in 2016. Last year's event was a great success, drawing in more than 840 volunteers who collectively gave back 2,040 hours of community service valued at over \$50,041.20 to the Minot area.

Sign up as a volunteer:

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 Aug. 29, 2016.

Submit a project:

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. 15, 2016.

The event will kick off on Friday, Sept. 9 with a free breakfast from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the auditorium at Roosevelt Park Zoo where the first 1,000 volunteers to check in will receive a free Magic Day of Giving tee shirt. Volunteer teams

will then complete their two-hour projects throughout the day.

Sponsor a project:

New for 2016, businesses or organizations can get involved by sponsoring a project. Monetary donations will be used to purchase supplies that teams will use to complete projects. Current projects awaiting funding include:

- MAFB Canine Project: \$200 – Students will make name plates and blankets for the 11 bomb and drug sniffing canines on the Air Force Base.
- Paracord Bracelets for Operation Gratitude: \$150 – Paracord bracelets are used by first responders and soldiers. They can serve as a tourniquet, shoelace or other survival item.
- Souris Valley Animal Shelter Pet Beds: \$500 –

Dogs currently sleep on the concrete floor at the shelter. This project would build 30 beds out of PVC.

- Scarf Making for Shelters: \$250 - \$500 – Scarves will be made out of fleece and be left at local shelters and other public places this winter where people can take one if needed.

A Magic Day of Giving is organized and coordinated by a group of volunteers from city departments, non-profits, and area businesses. Learn more about A Magic Day of Giving at www.MagicDayofGiving.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/engagingforimpact. To become a sponsor contact Megan at Megan@strengthennd.com.



Enbridge employees volunteered last year at the largest volunteer-coordinated community service event, helping clean and install new wardrobes in the newly repaired rooms at Edgewood Senior Living which had been damaged in a fire.



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Upcoming Events

Northern Neighbors Day returns Aug. 13



They're back! The world-famous F-16 Viper Demo Team and Golden Knights parachute team will return to the skies of Minot headlining the free Northern Neighbors Day Air Show at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Aug. 13, 2016.

The first air show at the base in seven years, Northern Neighbors Day promises to be a remarkable event for all ages. Watch the Smoke-n-Thunder Jet Car accelerate to speeds approaching 400 mph, experience the UH-1 Helicopter Demo, cheer on aerobatic performers including Kent Pietsch, Warren Pietsch, Jacquie B., Jim Pietz and the Lindemann Brothers. Take a step back in history as you explore the historical aircraft, including an A-10, F-16, C-17, B-1, B-52, C-130 and Warbirds. Meet military working dogs, watch a weapon upload demo on a B-52, root for your favorite civilian fly-in, and

so much more.

Concessions will also be available. Gates open at 9 a.m. and the show starts at noon. Northern Neighbors Day is free to the public and tickets are not needed.

Minot Air Force Base is home to "Team Minot" and is comprised of more than 6,000 military and civilian employees. The base has a strong, proud history of providing global strike and nuclear deterrence capabilities for the nation, and Northern Neighbors Day is a small way to demonstrate appreciation for the support given to this base by our friends in the North.

Don't miss the excitement, the nail-biting



anticipation and the unforgettable memories of Northern Neighbors Day 2016. After all, only the best come North!

For more information and a list of prohibited items, visit minot.af.mil or follow us on Facebook

Street Dance & Festival scheduled for Aug. 19 – 20

Enjoy a late summer evening at the Downtown Street Dance featuring Guy and a Girl and The Fossils. The dance will be Aug. 19 for those 21+ from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cost for admission is \$10. The ILLUMINIGHT 5K run/walk starts at 9:14 p.m., and runners/walkers who are 21+ and bring their runner's bib get half-price admission to the street

dance.

One of the many reasons we love downtown is our most popular event, Festival on Main, held right on Main Street on Aug. 20. Shop vendors and sidewalk sales, enjoy live entertainment, sing karaoke, play Bingo, try carnival games, admire classic cars, learn about Minot's history, bounce around on giant

inflatables, and get your face painted, all on Main Street on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is FREE!

There are so many reasons to love Downtown Minot. Come find yours at our Downtown Street Dance, Aug. 19 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., and the Festival on Main, Aug. 20 from 7 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Motor Magic sponsors racing and motor three-day weekend

The North Dakota State Fairgrounds will host Motor Magic, Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2 – 4, 2016, in Minot. The largest motorsports event in the Upper Midwest, Motor Magic provides entertainment for auto enthusiasts of all ages.

Racing, provided by Nodak Speedway, will take place Friday evening at 7 p.m. in front of the North Dakota State Fair Grandstand. Sprint Cars racing takes place Saturday evening beginning at 6 p.m., and the Motor Magic Enduro Race will take place on Sunday. For more details and

updates on times, visit <http://racenodak.com/events/motor-magic/>.

Motor enthusiasts can visit many interesting displays and participate in other events beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Dakota Cruisers Classic Car Show will also begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Attendees can even bid on more than 100 classic cars at the Motor Magic Classic Car Auction, which takes place Sunday, Sept. 5, 2016. Viewing of the cars will begin at 8 a.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, with the auction beginning at 12:01 on Sunday. You

can also view the cars online at http://www.masternd.com/MM_Vehicles.php.

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

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

Veterans welcome to event Aug. 13

Veteran service officers from around the surrounding area are organizing the North Central Veterans Update and Welcome Home at the Sleep Inn Convention Center Aug. 13, 2016, from 6 to 9 p.m. The event is open to all veterans and their families, spotlighting veteran updates in the area of VA policies and veterans' issues. For more information, contact Ron Garcia at 240-1713.

Trinity Health makes national "Most Wired" list for eighth time

For the eighth time in nearly as many years, *Health & Hospitals Network* magazine has named Trinity Health among the nation's Most Wired health systems. The listing is based on results of the 18th annual HealthCare's Most Wired survey. It recognizes Trinity as one of only two North Dakota-based hospitals to make the Most Wired list.

"Receiving Most Wired designation for the eighth time provides further confirmation that Trinity Health is a leader in the digital hospital movement," said Trinity President and CEO John M. Kutch. "Our staff is doing tremendous work to enhance our IT system in ways that support care and improve service delivery."

Trinity Health adopted its electronic record system in 2006 and has continued to enhance its system. For example, doctors and other clinicians are using technology to improve the efficiency of care delivery and create a new dynamic in patient interactions. In addition, within the past two years, Trinity launched the Trinity Health Mobile App and My Trinity eConnect, an online patient portal that gives patients secure internet access to their medical records and other health information.

"Hospitals are breaking-out of their traditional four walls and providing care where and when patients need it," said Rick Pollack, president and CEO of the American Hospital Association.

HealthCare's Most Wired® survey, conducted between Jan. 15 and March 15, 2016, is published annually by Health & Hospitals Networks



NDDOT alerts residents of telephone consumer fraud scams

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is alerting North Dakota residents about fraudulent telephone calls claiming to be from representatives of the Motor Vehicle Division. Residents have reported receiving telephone calls that their registrations are overdue followed by instructions on how to make a payment.

The NDDOT does NOT make this type of phone call about motor vehicle registrations. This is a scam, designed to trick the recipient into giving out information and payment to a scam artist. The NDDOT urges North Dakotans to hang up on this type of phone call. Residents who have questions about their vehicle registrations or these calls should contact the NDDOT at 701-328-2725 or email their questions to the NDDOT email address: mv@nd.gov.

General information about common consumer scams is available at the attorney general's website: <http://www.ag.nd.gov/CPAT/CommonScams.htm>.

eter measuring information technology (IT) use and adoption among hospitals nationwide. The survey of 680 participants examines how organizations are leveraging IT to improve performance for value-based health care in the areas of infrastructure, business and administrative management; quality and safety; and clinical integration. Detailed results of the survey and study can be found in the July issue of H&HN. For a full list of winners, visit www.hhnmag.com.

Minot's SCORE chapter earns Platinum Level award

Minot's SCORE Chapter, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, recently had a chapter review with district SCORE leaders. The local chapter received the Platinum Level, which is the highest achievement available. The evaluation is based on the achievement of several goals and chapter activity.

"It takes the committed participation of many to achieve the goal of Platinum Level," said president Jan Barlow.

SCORE members are experienced business mentors dedicated to helping small businesses get started, grow, and achieve their goals. Mentors provide general business advice on every aspect of business, startup management, and growth. The U.S. Small Business Administration supports the work of SCORE members.

The Minot chapter eagerly welcomes the business members of the community to join with others to enhance the leadership and service to small business entrepreneurs.

The Minot SCORE chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. in

the conference room of the Minot Commission on Aging offices in the Parker Center located in downtown Minot. Visitors and prospective members are invited to join the platinum-honored SCORE chapter.

Strengthen ND and MSU establish nonprofit certificate program

Strengthen ND and Minot State University's Center for Extended Learning have worked together to establish a Nonprofit Certificate Program to meet the capacity building needs of nonprofit professionals and volunteers.

Strengthen ND and Minot State will leverage the expertise of professionals within the area to facilitate program sessions featuring topics of nonprofit management, including board governance, finance ethics, human resources, grant seeking and grant writing, marketing and public relations, fundraising, strategic planning, and action planning.

"The intent of the Nonprofit Certificate Program is to provide an opportunity for nonprofit professionals and volunteers to learn the basics of nonprofit management," remarked Megan Laudenschlager, executive director of Strengthen ND.

The Nonprofit Certificate Program will meet monthly from 8 a.m. to noon for six months beginning Oct. 5, 2016. The cost to attend is \$300 per person, which includes all materials. To register, contact Megan Laudenschlager at Strengthen ND at 701-303-0840 or megan@strengthen-nd.com. More information about Strengthen ND and the Nonprofit Certificate program can be found at www.StrengthenND.com.



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Meet Cameon. At Ackerman-Estvold, she's busy shaping our future while preserving our past as a GIS analyst and registered archaeologist. However, we know there is much more to Cameon than digging and data. Away from the maps and artifacts, she's taking aim as a three-gun competitive shooter and firearms educator. As a Young Professional, Rotarian and volunteer, she's definitely making her mark in our community.



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Marco named one of the country's best workplaces for millennials

Marco is keenly aware that millennials represent the future of the economy, and that this generation of younger workers is reshaping company cultures by expecting more from the workplace. That's why we're proud to announce that consulting firm Great Place to Work® and Fortune have named Marco one of the country's 100 Best Workplaces for Millennials in 2016.

Marco earned a place on this list based on our millennial team members' responses to anonymous survey questions asking about the levels of trust, pride and camaraderie they experience in the workplace.

"At Marco, we are excited to tap into the talents of millennials, and to prepare our younger workers for greater responsibilities," said Sara Lommel, director of human resources.

The 100 Best Workplaces for Millennials is one of a series of rankings by Great Place to Work® and Fortune based upon employee survey feedback from Great Place to Work®-certified organizations.

Marco also ranked as one of the country's 30 Best Workplaces to Retire From in 2016. In 2015, Marco was named 100 Best Workplaces For Women and Best Small & Medium Workplaces by Great Place to Work® and Fortune.

Hometown Elegance offers new tent

Minot area outdoor venue options increase with the introduction of the region's first and only Clear Span Tent

In their quest to #MakeMinotBetter, Hometown Elegance is proud to announce the release of the region's and possibly the state's first clear span tent beginning July 2016. This is the region's only scalable temporary structure available to the public. It stands at 40' wide and 118' long, has a roof peak of 16.4', an eave/sidewall height of 10', no interior poles or outside staking or strapping, and a roof structure capable of suspending 500 pounds of lighting or sound equipment per rafter. This is one of the largest and most versatile tents available in the region. Because of its structure, it can be set up on any surface; even the

Help Sunrise Rotary fill the bus with new school supplies

The annual Sunrise Rotary Fill the Bus is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016 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 (both for high school and middle school), college-ruled notebooks, three- and five-subject notebooks, #2 mechanical pencils, thumb drives, protractors, compasses, water color paint sets, dry erase markers, college ruled loose leaf paper, pocket folders in solid primary colors, calculators (scientific or graphing), Kleenex, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes.

Supplies are donated to the Salvation Army, which then distributes supplies to students in need. Extra supplies will be donated to

area classrooms. Applications for backpacks are being collected July 25 - Aug 5 by the Salvation Army. Families can contact the Salvation Army at 838-8925 or stop by their office at 315 Western Avenue from 10 a.m. to Noon, and from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

See you at Town & Country on Aug. 10 as we Fill the Bus!



concrete streets of downtown pose no barrier to its set up.

Outdoor events in the Minot region have relied on the traditional pole style tents provided in the area. As a standard of the tent industry, the traditional pole tent has successfully provided cover from North Dakota's ever changing weather, serving the region well over the years.

With the demands from clients for more dramatic outdoor events, the traditional pole tent didn't meet the needs of our clients as well anymore. Traditional frame tents available in the industry haven't been able to scale to the size needed for most events that Hometown Elegance produces. Thus the search began.

According to senior event coordinator and co-owner, Carl Clemetson, "We wanted to bring a tent in that matched our commitment to #MakeMinotBetter. Our founding and operating principle has

been that Minot deserves better and this acquisition represents the continuation of that principle."

The process began late last year and culminated in securing the production contract from a manufacturer in early April. Production began in earnest at that time and in early June, it set sail for the ports of California and then on to Minot.

Hometown Elegance is currently the only event production company in the region with the capacity to handle the majority of a client's event needs in house. From linens, decor, rentals, lighting, catering, florals, and more, we make throwing a party stress free. Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting for the new tent July 11 (see page 7).

Town & Country Credit Union members have saved over \$1,000,000

Town & Country Credit Union launched EZ2 Save, a free debit card program, in 2009 to help members achieve their savings goals. With every Town & Country Credit Union debit card purchase members automatically round up their purchase to the next whole dollar amount. The difference is then transferred into their savings account. All of that extra change has added up to huge savings and members have now saved more than \$1,000,000.

A new addition to EZ2 Save launched this summer is that members can now round up an additional \$1 or \$2 to help their savings grow even faster.

More information on the credit union and its products can be found at www.townandcountry.org or by calling 852-2018.

Western ND Charity Pro-Am Returns to the Vardon Golf Club.

The Vardon Golf Club will host the 34th Annual Western ND Charity Pro-Am. From Aug. 18 – 21, the top pros on the Dakotas Tour and nearly 100 amateurs are expected to participate in another great tournament that benefits many good causes throughout North Dakota.

In its third year back after the 2011 flood, the Pro-Am is about raising money for non-profits throughout the area. To date, the tournament has distributed in excess of \$1.5 million to these groups. In 2016 alone, the Pro-Am distributed a total of \$50,000 in contributions.

Come out and watch some great golf as the pros work to make it up the golf ladder and the amateurs feel some tournament pressure. Amateur golfing positions and sponsorships are still available. Please contact Todd Lee at the Vardon to get more information or email vardongolfclub@srt.com.

Flower Box under new ownership

The new owners of the Flower Box, Michael and Samantha Davis, invite the community to a ribbon cutting/grand opening and open house on Aug. 12.

The event will feature door prizes, refreshments, music by “Guy and a Girl,” live radio coverage, and television coverage. The event will also serve as a time of appreciation for Nancy Larson, who previously owned and operated the Flower Box for 37 years.

Flower Box will continue the services

28th Annual Great Tomato Festival set for Aug. 10

The 28th Annual Great Tomato Festival will be held Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016, at the ND State Fair Center, 4H Hall, 2005 Burdick Expressway East. This classic community fundraising event was established in 1989 by Jeff and Peggy Miller. It has become the annual end of summer gourmet picnic to attend. The menu consists of smoked pork chops cooked to perfection by master chefs, a top secret recipe of roasted tomatoes stuffed with rice, along with chips and salsa, tomato and cucumber salad, beer batter bread and brownies.

The evening also includes entertainment by the Dakota Dixie Jazz Band and Minot Symphony Orchestra musicians, creative tomato displays, a social hour serving tomato hors d’oeuvres, and an amazing silent auction. The more than 300 auction items include tickets to sporting events, theater and music, restaurant meals, kids’ activities, vacation stays, art, furniture, memorabilia and more. There will be two new exciting aspects added to the auction this year. One is a Mystery Bag section; buy a bag with the chance to win fun items. The second one is the Chocolate Cake Revival. A selection of fancy chocolate cakes will be available to bid on and take home that evening. The creator of the cake with the highest bid will receive a

prize. Doors open for browsing at 5:30 p.m. with social hour at 6 p.m., and dinner served at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Attendees must be 21 to attend. Advance tickets are available at Minot Public Library, Taube Museum of Art, Artmain, Interiors Plus, The Computer Store, or online at www.greatomatofestival.com. Pick up your tickets now to ensure yourself a spot at this fun-filled evening!

The Great Tomato Festival is a community fundraiser, which has benefited a number of non-profit organizations since its inception. The mission of the fundraiser is “working together with the purpose of raising funds to enhance the services of the specific nonprofit organizations.” It currently benefits the Minot Public Library, Taube Museum of Art, and Minot Symphony Orchestra. All net proceeds from ticket sales and silent auction are directly granted to the sponsoring organizations.

For more information please contact: greatomatofestival@srt.com; Janet Anderson (Minot Public Library): 852-1045; Nancy F. Walter (Taube Museum of Art): 838-4445; or Ellen Fenner (Minot Symphony Orchestra): 858-4228.

that have always been provided such as sympathy consultations, free wedding consultations, permanent botanical arrangements, and fresh cut arrangements. The Flower Box is also adding “Barn Wood Signs” and custom made wood signs, along with classes for all ages in creating wreaths, painting on barn wood, and other crafty creations.

Sanford Health Northwest Clinic open

To meet the growing needs of the community, Sanford Health is expanding its services in Minot. On Monday, Aug. 1, the health system will open Sanford Health Northwest Clinic, located at 1500 21st Ave NW in Minot. (See ribbon cutting on page 9.)

The \$1.52 million, 6,800 square foot clinic will provide family medicine and specialty care, including medical oncology, general surgery, orthopedics and sports medicine, podiatry,

neurosurgery and adult and pediatric cardiology. The clinic features 16 exam rooms, two procedure rooms, an X-ray area and lab.

“We have been a part of the Minot community since 2010, and we are excited to grow along with the region,” said Michael LeBeau, M.D., vice president of clinic operations for the West region of Sanford Health. “This new clinic will allow patients to be seen by their primary care provider and a number of specialty providers right here in Minot.”

Sanford Health Northwest Clinic will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. To make an appointment, call 701-418-4300. Sanford Health Highway 2 Clinic will remain open, providing walk-in services, primary care and occupational medicine.

For more information, visit sanfordhealth.org keyword: Minot NW Clinic.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 FTAC Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., MAFB	2 Eagle Awards Presentation, 2 p.m., Chamber office First Dollar of Profit Presentations, 2 p.m., Various locations	3	4 Military Affairs Committee, Noon, MAFB Jimmy Doolittle Center	5 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant Ambassadors Committee, 7:30 a.m., McDonald's, 711 S. Broadway Ribbon Cutting, 11:30 a.m., AGT Foods, 625 42nd St. NE	6
7	8	9 Ribbon Cutting, 11 a.m., Kalix, 605 27th St. SE	10	11	12 Ribbon Cutting, 11 a.m., Flower Box, 301 Burdick Expwy. West	13
14	15 FTAC Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., MAFB	16 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	17 Coffee with the President, 1:30 p.m., Chamber office	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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