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## Airport terminal open house set for Feb. 20

The new Minot International Airport Terminal is nearing completion and opening Feb. 29, 2016. On Feb. 20, the City of Minot and the Airport, will host a public open house allowing visitors the opportunity to enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the entire facility. This is an opportunity for local businesses to sponsor and support the event, and be recognized by the thousands of guests expected to attend. How can you help? The airport is seeking:

- door prizes: donated items of any kind are appreciated. If your organization donates, there will be sponsor recognition in various forms.
- donations in-kind (cash). If you want to be

an event sponsor to help defray the costs, then this sponsorship will be highlighted and your organization will be specially recognized.

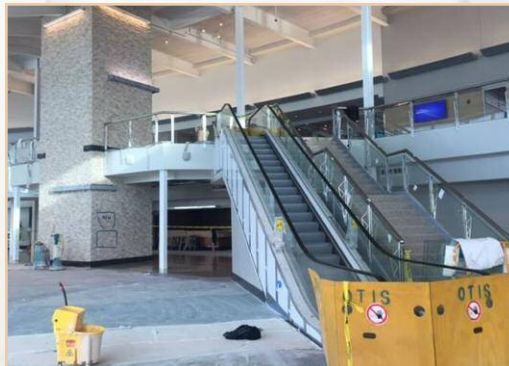
The airport is also seeking volunteers to assist with the open house, as well as those who may be able to assist for the first few months of operations:

- To assist with the special events in guiding and helping attendees (Feb. 20)
- To assist on opening day through the dedication (Feb. 29 – May 6) in helping passengers with directions, answering questions, and assisting as needed.
- Shifts of three to four hours any day of the week

If you have people within your organization who may be interested in volunteering a few hours when it's convenient for them, this is the place to be. We want all of our guests to feel welcome and have a great experience and this cannot be done without your support. We hope you will consider these requests.

These are great opportunities to help "Make Minot Yours" and a chance to have a wonderful impression on residents and visitors. Please consider these requests and share with your staff.

If you are interested please contact Airport Administration at 857-4724 or email [airport@minotnd.org](mailto:airport@minotnd.org).



*Workers continue to put the finishing touches on the Minot Airport for its open house Feb. 20 and first flight from the new facility Feb. 29.*

## Business After Hours

### Century 21 Action Realtors

500 20th Ave. SW

**Thursday, Feb. 25 • 5–7 p.m.**

*This is an opportunity to network with potential and established clients in a social, fun atmosphere. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a chance to win prizes, as well as \$500 in Chamber Bucks! If winner is not present, \$50 in Chamber Bucks is guaranteed.*

(Must be present to win)

*\$5 charge at the door*



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"This is one more way the Chamber can help promote our members and add non-dues revenue to our bottom line," said Chamber President, John Martin. The ads should be sent in a pdf or jpg format and can be emailed to carla@minotchamber.org. Contact Carla at 857-8205 for sizes and prices.

## New look for the new year!

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce monthly *Communicator* newsletter has a new look for 2016. Readers can enjoy the now strictly electronic newsletter with a updated, clean look to showcase the many happenings within the Chamber and our member businesses. The quarterly paper version has been eliminated to save postage and meet the trend toward digital communication.

That trend has been passed on to the Business After Hours postcard as well. The printed card was also eliminated with great success, that is, if increased attendance at the December Business After Hours was any indication. While most of us work at our computers or have our phones close by during the day, this is a more efficient way to capture more people in this electronic age.

## Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership through Jan. 22, 2016. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

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Thorsrud Supply Co., Inc.  
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## Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in January 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.



**JIM LUNSTAD**  
*Longfellow Elementary*



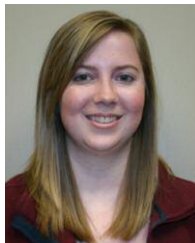
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*FedEx Ground*



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*Hobby Lobby*



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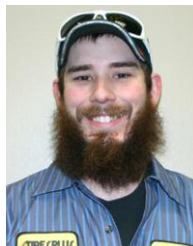
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*Cash Wise Foods*



**CHRISTY JURICK**  
*Tires Plus Total Car Care*



**CODY MORGAN**  
*Tires Plus Total Car Care*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**March 10 | Business After Hours | 5 – 7 p.m.**  
Roosevelt Park Zoo • 1219 Burdick Expy. E.

**March 17 | New Member Reception | 5 – 7 p.m.**  
Holiday Inn

**March 19 | Prairie Warrior Auction | 6 p.m.**  
Holiday Inn

**April 9 | International Military Ball | 6 p.m.**  
Grand Hotel • \$75 per person  
*Includes a meal, dancing, and much more!*

**April 13 | Honors Banquet | 6:30 p.m.**  
Grand Hotel

## Dale Carnegie training program

Look around at successful business people. You'll find that they are confident in their work and enthusiastic about getting things done. They are inspiring and they empower others around them to succeed. They are engaged in all aspects of their work and life.

The world famous Dale Carnegie Course is one of the only organizational communication training programs that is proven to make you more effective by boosting your engagement levels. People who have taken the Dale Carnegie Course are 62% more likely to be engaged in the workplace than the average employee.

In this course you'll learn to strengthen interpersonal relationships, manage stress and handle fast-changing workplace conditions. You'll be better equipped to perform as a persuasive communicator, problem-solver and focused leader. And you'll develop a take-charge attitude initiated with confidence and enthusiasm.

Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up!

## Counterfeit Money Warning

The Minot Police Department Crime Prevention Unit would like to make area merchants aware of reports of counterfeit money being discovered. Several area businesses and financial institutions have reported finding counterfeit \$100 bills are being passed.

The Minot Police Department requests businesses finding these bills to note the suspect's physical description, other identifying information, vehicle descriptions, and license plates and notify Minot Central Dispatch at 852-0111.



# *Prairie Warrior Auction celebrates 30 years of TEAM MINOT spirit*

In its previous 29 years, the annual Military Affairs Committee Prairie Warrior Competition has raised more than a half a million dollars. The funds support many base organizations and functions designed to improve the morale of the men and women stationed at Minot AFB. This includes expenses incurred by competition teams, squadron activities and annual awards banquets. Funds also go to the Thanksgiving baskets project during the holiday season and Operation Warmheart, a program for families in need.

The 30th annual auction, set for

Saturday, March 19, will be held in the Holiday Inn in Minot with a preview of auction merchandise beginning at 5:30 p.m. The live auction, with auctioneer John Bearman, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and there is a \$25 charge at the door.

Each year, the event raises thousands of dollars to help with the expenses for Minot Air Force Base competitions. Every year, donations by area businesses and individuals make this event successful.

Items donated can be serious, humorous, unusual, imaginative or creative. Any

special instructions or information about the items, such as historical significance, should be included if applicable as the information may increase the items' value during bidding.

If an item is an intangible gift such as a service or membership, a certificate or letter from the donor or business must be included.

For further information about donating auction items, appropriate auction items, or to arrange for pick-up of auction items, please call the Chamber at 852-6000.

## *Minot awarded \$74.3 million in HUD resilience competition*

U.S. Senators Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) and John Hoeven (R-ND) announced that the City of Minot has been awarded \$74.3 Million in the National Disaster Resilience Competition. At a press conference at Minot's City Hall, Mayor Chuck Barney said that the City should be proud and excited about the announcement.

"This is certainly great news for the

City of Minot," Barney said. "Everyone who has worked so tirelessly over the past year to insure our success should be proud on this historic day. The entire community has always shown how resilient we are in the face of a challenge, and these federal funds will move us to the next level in being prepared against natural disasters, economic disasters, and so many other stresses that this competition has helped us realize were a threat to our city."

City Manager Lee Staab added that the community as a whole was integral to the outcome of the competition. "During this competition, we were told over and over that input from the community was paramount to our success, and the residents of Minot and the Souris River Basin showed up in a big way to make sure that we would be noticed, and that we would be successful." Staab added that the support of the community was evident throughout

the entire process. "We held over 60 public meetings here in Minot and up and down the Souris River basin. We heard from a wide range of folks who opened our eyes to what we need to do in order to be more resilient. All of the effort from each of you who participated has paid off in a big way today."

Minot was one of 13 communities selected from 40 applications to receive an award. The applicants included both cities and states. The funds will help Minot both recover from the previous disaster and make plans, decisions, and investments that make them more resilient to the next disaster. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Rockefeller Foundation will outline the specific projects that will be funded later this week.



**VOTE MARCH 1, 2016**

**Minot City Election**

**This election proposes an amendment  
that allows changes to be made to the Minot Home Rule Charter**

# Sportsmen's Feed

The annual Sportsmen's Feed was a great time for airmen at MAFB to watch the AFC/NFC playoffs and enjoy great food and games. Special thanks to Joe

Quaglia, Ron Garcia, and those in the kitchen for all their help with this event, especially our annual Sportsmen's Feed planner and chief chef, Gary Brevig.

Thank you also to the following sponsors for donating items to the event.

Affinity First Federal Credit Union  
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Blom's Locker & Processing Plant  
Capital RV Center  
The Computer Store  
Dacotah Bank  
Don Bessette Motors, Inc.  
Grand Hotel

Harley's Arrowhead Cenex  
Homesteaders Restaurant  
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La Quinta Inn and Suites  
MAFB Bowling Center  
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Tires Plus Total Car Care

Trinity Health  
United Community Bank  
Vardon Golf Course  
Verendrye Electric Cooperative  
Visit Minot  
Wells Fargo Bank  
Westlie Motor Co.  
YMCA



*The Sportsmen's Feed brought the downtown and base communities together as 350 people gathered to watch football, participate in games, and enjoy a wild-game-feed based meal.*

## ND State Fair announces concert lineup

Kenny Chesney, KISS, Fall Out Boy, Jake Owen, Billy Currington, Old Dominion and LOCASH will all perform at the 2016 North Dakota State Fair, July 22-30th. Tickets will go on sale on March 1st at 8 a.m.

Kenny Chesney will take the stage on Thursday, July 28. The country superstar and ND State Fair favorite will bring his new hits including songs like "Come Over," "You and Tequila," and "American Kids" as well as his opening act Courtney Cole. Chesney, an eight-time Entertainer of the Year, with over 20 #1 hits is sure to put on an outstanding show.

The "Hottest Band in the World," KISS, will close out the Fair Saturday, July 30. KISS has legions of devoted fans that follow the band known for hits such as "Rock and Roll All Nite," "Beth," "Detroit Rock City," and "I Was Made for Loving You."

Fall Out Boy will be the first rock act on Friday, July 22. The group has been a mainstay on the charts for the last ten years with platinum-selling singles such as "Sugar, We're Goin Down," "Dance, Dance," "My Songs Know What You Did in the Dark (Light Em Up)", and "Centuries."

Jake Owen is set to rock the Fair on Friday, July 29. Owen ascended to stardom with five #1 hits including "Barefoot Blue Jean Night", "Anywhere with You," "Alone with You," "The One That Got Away," and the critically acclaimed "What We Ain't Got." Owen's latest hit "Real Life" released to rave reviews.

Billy Currington will be on Friday, July 23. Since 2003, Currington has scored nine #1 singles, including such memorable hits as "Good Directions," "Let Me Down Easy," "Must Be Doin' Something Right," "Hey Girl," and "We Are Tonight."

LOCASH will take the stage on Sunday, July 24. The duo has enjoyed hits with songs such as "Keep In Mind," "The Best Seat in The House," and their new single "I Love This Life."

Old Dominion will be performing on Wednesday, July 27th. Old Dominion has emerged as one of the hottest breaking bands in country music. Their new single "Break Up With Him" has stayed high on the charts as well as the hard-charging rock riot "Shut Me Up" and the slow strutting "Nowhere Fast."

**2016 Grandstand Country Showpass Lineup:**

Friday, July 22 – Fall Out Boy  
Saturday, July 23 – Billy Currington  
Sunday, July 24 – LOCASH  
Monday, July 25 – Enduro Race  
Tuesday, July 26 – Monster Truck Show  
Wednesday July 27 – Old Dominion  
Thursday, July 28 – Kenny Chesney  
w/ special guest Courtney Cole  
Friday, July 29 – Jake Owen  
Saturday, July 30 -- KISS

New this year is a Monster Truck Show featuring the original Big Foot, Bounty Hunter, Iron Outlaw, Nitro Menace and the Raging Inferno Jet Truck.

NPRA Championship Bull Riding will be held on Monday, July 25 & Tuesday, July 26.

Other items available for purchase on March 1 include: Season and Daily Gate Passes, Mega Ride Carnival Passes, Ranch Rodeo tickets, beer tickets and nine day camping spots.

For ticket information visit [www.ndstatefair.com](http://www.ndstatefair.com), call 701-857-7620 or visit the North Dakota State Fair office from 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday, at the State Fair Center. Dates for the 2016 State Fair are July 22-30.

More information is available at [www.ndstatefair.com](http://www.ndstatefair.com).



## Ribbon Cuttings

*If you know of a business that's new to town or is having a milestone, like a renovation or addition, contact Carla at 857-8205 to schedule a ribbon cutting.*



**Sanford Occmed:** 801 21st Ave. SE • Minot, ND • Sanford Health • 839-5902 • 888-600-2378 • [www.sanfordoccmed.com](http://www.sanfordoccmed.com)  
*Sanford Occmed is committed to providing businesses and their workforce with occupational medicine services that are simple, convenient, comprehensive, and high quality. Ambassadors were on hand for the re-grand opening Jan. 14.*



**Thrivent Financial:** 2201 36th Ave. SW, Suite C • Minot, ND • 839-1714 • Fax: 852-5121 • Thrivent Financial, Northland Region  
Financial Associates: Andy Leraas, Brian Eichhorn, Edwin Haugen, Michael Lauckner, and Theresa Voeller  
Northland Region partner: Ron Gullet • Community Engagement leader: Kyle Debertin  
*Thrivent Financial has expanded financial services in north central and western North Dakota with the opening of a new regional office in the Highlander Office Park in southwest Minot.*

## Business After Hours - January



*Thank you to Pinnacle Financial Group & Elite Real Estate for hosting the January Business After Hours. One hundred fifty people were on hand to enjoy delicious food, great networking and a chance at Chamber Bucks.*

## *Safety professionals invited to MASA first meeting*

Minot area safety professionals are invited to become part of a new organization in the Minot area. The first meeting of the Minot Area Safety Association will be held Wednesday, March 9 at 11:45 a.m. at the Vegas Motel. This newly-formed organization seeks to bring together safety professionals to network and learn from each other, participate in joint trainings, and help build a safer region.

The featured speaker at this luncheon event will be Doug McHenry of ND Workforce Safety and Insurance. Lunch may be ordered off the menu at the meeting.

Membership fees are \$150 per year for the first person in an organization, and \$50 per year for additional members of the same organization. Applications may be completed at the first meeting or by emailing one of the following board members: president Scott Zimmerman ([scott.zimmerman@whiting.com](mailto:scott.zimmerman@whiting.com)), vice president Susanne Hoskins ([susanneh@srttel.com](mailto:susanneh@srttel.com)), secretary Jordan Schmitt ([jordan.schmitt@trinityhealth.org](mailto:jordan.schmitt@trinityhealth.org)), treasurer Lolly Gorze ([lolanda.gorze@sanford-health.org](mailto:lolanda.gorze@sanford-health.org)), Doug McHenry ([dmchenry@nd.gov](mailto:dmchenry@nd.gov)), or Kevin McGlaughlin ([kmcgloughlin@hess.com](mailto:kmcgloughlin@hess.com)).

### **Military Affairs Committee hosts presentation Feb. 4**

### **Minot Air Force Base Economic Impact Report Released**

On Thursday, Feb. 4, the Military Affairs Committee will hear the annual Economic Impact report on how much of an effect the installation has on our area. Join our committee on Thursday, February 4 at noon at the Grand Hotel.

There is a cost for lunch, and those attending can pay at the door.

## *Ag Committee sponsors grain marketing workshop March 17*

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee will sponsor "Five Common Mistakes in Grain Marketing" Thursday, March 17 at the North Central Research Extension Center. Participants may choose to attend the 10 a.m. session, which includes lunch at 11:30 a.m., or the 1 p.m. session, which begins with lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Edward Usset, a grain marketing economist for the Center for Farm Financial Management at the University of Minnesota, will offer a different approach to marketing. He will identify common mistakes in grain marketing, including the reluctance toward pre-harvest marketing, lack of an exit strategy, and holding grain in storage too long. Discover that great marketing is not predicting

prices, but eliminating mistakes in everyday decisions. See how eliminating mistakes can create a solid foundation in the development of marketing plans. Participants can apply these techniques and lessons to the development of a pre-harvest marketing plan.

Usset is the developer of the "Winning the Game" series of workshops. He also manages Commodity Challenge, an online marketing education game that uses real-time cash and futures data. The second edition of his book, *Grain Marketing Is Simple (It's Just Not Easy)*, was released in November 2015.

Cost to attend is \$10 person, which includes lunch. Please RSVP by March 10 to [chamber@minotchamber.org](mailto:chamber@minotchamber.org) or by calling 852-6000.





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A FISHERMAN. A GARDENER.  
A FATHER. AN ARCHITECT.  
**ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD.**

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He's a dad that enjoys exploring North Dakota with his wife and son; someone who understands a remodel project because he's most likely doing the same in his own home. As a Minot native, he takes pride in growing this community. So when Ryan designs the next church, bank or medical facility, he's not only shaping our future, he's building his.



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### ***SVUW awards luncheon set for Feb. 3***

Save the date for the 2nd Annual Donor Recognition Awards lunch. Join the Souris Valley United Way in celebrating those who give. A luncheon will be held at the Grand Hotel Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 11:30 a.m. For more information, tickets or sponsorship information, please call 839-2994 or visit the website at [www.svunitedway.com](http://www.svunitedway.com).

### ***SCORE sponsors "Simple Steps in Starting Your Business"***

Minot SCORE Chapter has arranged a free workshop for persons interested in starting a business. The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Minot Public Library, 516 2nd Avenue SW, Minot, ND.

The program will include important details regarding the operation of a business, including appropriate information for those in business and others who are considering the starting of a business. Time will be allowed for general discussion and the accepting of questions.

The local SCORE chapter is a member of SCORE, a national organization. All members are volunteers with skills in assisting individuals with mentoring. Anyone interested in having a mentoring

session with SCORE may call the SCORE office and leave a message for return contact.

Register by email to [scoreminot@srt.com](mailto:scoreminot@srt.com) or call 852-6883.

### ***Community Rocks! 2016 to benefit music program for youth***

With proceeds benefitting the Minot String Academy, the second annual Community Rocks! concert will be Feb. 6 at the Grand Hotel in Minot. Local orchestra musicians will present three sets of rock favorites by acts such as the Rolling Stones, Aerosmith, Styx, Heart, Metallica, Cold Play and many others. Erik M. Anderson, a junior in Minot State University's music program, arranged many of the songs for the orchestra, and several songs will feature Melissa Spelchen, MSU assistant professor of criminal justice and interim Honors director, on vocals.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a social, hors d'oeuvres and silent auction, followed by the first music set at 7. Cash bars will be available throughout the event. Open seating is available in two areas. Reserved seats (\$60) are all center rows, while general admission seats are \$45. Tickets are available at Budget Music and Video in downtown Minot

and at Jacobsen Music on 31st Ave. S.W., Minot. The event is open to all ages.

Evidence shows that early musical training has profound effects on the developing child, producing long-lasting changes in motor abilities and brain structure. Funds from Community Rocks! 2016 will provide the instruments, supplies and instruction necessary to begin the Minot String Academy. The academy will be dedicated to providing one-on-one lessons and string orchestra experiences to low-income children, beginning in the first grade. This head start will provide social and academic benefits, as well as create the future leaders of the Minot Public Schools orchestra program.

Co-founded by Minot State Professors Erik Anderson and Andy Bertsch, Community Rocks! exemplifies local initiative and talent coming together to benefit the community. The orchestra, which plays favorites from the '60s to the present, consists of local string, brass, and wind players, plus trap set and electric bass.

For questions, contact Erik Anderson at [erik.anderson@minotstateu.edu](mailto:erik.anderson@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3576.

## ***Save the Date:***

## **February 11 Giving Hearts Day**

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Junior Achievement program will participate in this annual, community fundraiser.



## 2016 Women of Distinction awards open for nominations

The 25th Annual YWCA Women of Distinction Banquet is taking place on March 31, 2016. This event recognizes area women who inspire others in their communities through various ways.

Individuals can be nominated in ten categories. A business/organization will also be recognized for their work in empowering women. Nominations can be made in the categories of Arts & Communications, Business, Community Service, Education, Faith Community, Lifetime Achievement, Military, Professional, Volunteer Service, Young Woman of Today & Tomorrow, Business/Organization that Empowers Women.

Winners will be recognized at the Women of Distinction Banquet on March 31, 2016, at the Grand Hotel in Minot. The public is invited to attend and help celebrate 101 years of success. Proceeds from this event help provide operating funds for the Emergency Women's Shelter at the YWCA. The night consists of inspirational speakers, award winners' recognition, a diamond jewelry drawing, and an elegant dinner. Tickets are available now at [ywcaminot.org](http://ywcaminot.org) or by calling the YWCA Minot at (701) 838-1812.

## Champagne & Ice Gala Feb. 20

The Northern Plains Children Advocacy Center (NPCAC) will present the sixth annual Champagne and Ice Gala at the Grand Hotel Saturday, Feb. 20.

We'll get to enjoy live entertainment provided by Soulshine, Shaun Sipma as emcee, John Bearman as auctioneer, as well as professional photographer, Otis and James.

The event will begin with a cocktail hour starting at 6 p.m. Tickets will be sold for \$25, which will include complimentary hors d'oeuvres and champagne. Following the cocktail hour will be a silent and live auction. There will also be a raffle for diamonds from our major diamond sponsor, Knowles Jewelry.

There is not a dress code; however, feel free to dress to impress. Otis & James will be on hand with a photo booth to capture the evening.

The purpose of the Champagne and Ice Gala is to raise community awareness and funds for the NPCAC. The mission of the NPCAC is to protect children by providing on-site agency collaboration utilizing a multi-disciplinary team approach in prevention, investigation, assessment, and referral for prosecution and treatment of child abuse.

It is the goal of the NPCAC to provide a compassionate and effective way to bring services to children victimized by abuse. This public-private collaboration significantly reduces the trauma associated with reporting child abuse and holds offenders accountable.

Out-of-pocket expenses for the services of the NPCAC are not the responsibility of the family. The NPCAC is solely funded from grants, reimbursements, dona-

tions, and fundraisers.

To purchase tickets or if interested in donating, please contact Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center, located at 20 1st St SW, Suite 202 in Minot or by calling 852-0836.

## MSU announces scholarship awardees

Two Minot State University students, John Newcomb and Jennifer Hutchins, will receive Bakken U scholarships for spring semester. The Bakken U scholarships were made available to recently displaced oil workers, current oil workers, or spouses of oil workers who wish to expand their knowledge and job marketability in North Dakota. The recipients were selected based on a review from a scholarship committee.

Newcomb is employed as a line technician by Minot Aero Center. He is currently a sophomore at MSU and eventually wants to become a petroleum engineer.

Hutchins, a spouse of an oilfield worker, is an administrative secretary in the university's Student Health Center. She is pursuing a nursing degree.

"Minot State is pleased to participate in the Bakken U program by offering scholarship dollars to assist these students in making their educational and career goals a reality," MSU President Steven W. Shirley said.

For questions about these scholarships, contact Kevin Harmon, vice president for student affairs, at [kevin.harmon@minot-stateu.edu](mailto:kevin.harmon@minot-stateu.edu).

## Town & Country Credit Union donates \$50,000 to MAYSA third rink addition

Town & Country Credit Union has committed to donating \$50,000 to the MAYSA Arena expansion. Darrell Olson, president and CEO of Town & Country Credit Union, presented Ron Merritt, executive director of the Minot Park District, with a check at the Wednesday, Dec. 30 Minotauros hockey game.

"Town & Country Credit Union has a strong history of supporting the community of Minot. I am proud that we are continuing to build on that history with this donation to the MAYSA Arena expansion," commented Olson.

The MAYSA Arena was opened in 2000 and currently has two sheets of ice, with the main rink able to accommodate about 1,000 spectators. The new rink will include seating for 2,000. Construction began this fall on the third rink addition.

"The MAYSA Arena already provides many benefits to our community and with those benefits come opportunities. Adding a third ice rink will provide additional opportunities for our youth, area businesses and will ultimately contribute to this region's quality of life. All areas of value to Town & Country," added Olson.

For more information on Town & Country Credit Union visit [www.townandcountry.org](http://www.townandcountry.org)



**Darrell Olson (left), president/CEO of Town & Country Credit Union, presented Ron Merritt, executive director of the Minot Park District, with a donation of \$50,000 to the MAYSA arena expansion project.**



## Member Business Briefs

### *First Western names new appointees*

The Board of Directors of First Western Bank & Trust announces the following promotions:

Brenda Foster, who has been with First Western Bank & Trust for over 34 years, has been elected by the board of directors as the new president & CEO.



**Brenda Foster**

Foster, who previously served as the executive vice president, assumed her role as president on Jan. 1 when Rich Campbell retired.

"We couldn't be more pleased with Brenda's appointment by the board. Brenda really understands the culture here, and she has been a big part of developing it over the past 34 years," Campbell said. "The board was looking for someone that truly understands the commitment to customer service, has the banking background, and believes in giving back to the Minot community. Brenda encompasses all of those qualities to the fullest."

Campbell also said that Foster's education and in-depth experience in the North Dakota banking industry will serve First Western Bank & Trust well.

Foster is looking forward to her new role as President & CEO.

"It is an honor and privilege to be elected as President and CEO of the bank I have grown up in. I look forward to continuing to work with our wonderful customers and dedicated, quality staff. We will continue to focus on our customers and provide them with the excellent customer service they deserve. First Western is prepared to continue to grow along with the Minot region and I am excited to be part of this growth."

Foster started working at First Western Bank & Trust in 1981, while still in high school. She completed an associate's degree from Minot State University, then later returned to complete her bachelor's of science degree in accounting with a

concentration in banking and finance in 1992. Foster is a past president for the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota. She is a current member of the Board of Regents for MSU and a Board member for Minot Public Schools. She was raised in Minot and continues to reside here with her husband, Wayne. They have two children Danielle and



**Angie Hansen**

Dustin, both currently attending Minot State University.

Angie Hansen has been promoted to loan operations officer. She has been with the bank for 18 years, and was previously an internal auditor with the bank. Hansen is involved as the treasurer for the Tough Enough To Wear Pink campaign with the Minot Y's Mens' Rodeo.

Jordan Dalby has been promoted to consumer loan officer. She has been with the bank for six months, and was previously a consumer lender with the bank. Dalby is also a member of the Young Professionals of Minot.



**Jordan Dalby**



**Juliene Mowan**

Juliene Mowan has been promoted to assistant vice president in mortgage lending. She has been with the bank for 30 years, and was previously a mortgage loan officer with the bank.

Katie Ogaard has been promoted to executive assistant and corporate secretary. She has been with the bank for one year, and was previously an executive assistant with the bank. Ogaard is involved with the MSU Alumni Board and is a member of Minot's Young Professionals.



**Katie Ogaard**

Tina Olson has been promoted to vice of president of insurance. She has been with the bank 2 1/2 years and was previously an assistant vice president of insurance. Olson is



**Tina Olson**

involved with the Minot Kiwanis and serves on the Board of Directors for ND Independent Insurance Agents Association.

Luis Estrada has been promoted to vice president of operations. He has been with the bank 12 years and was previously the assistant vice president data processing administrator.

Nancy Wegenast has been promoted to vice president of consumer lending. She has been with the bank for 17 years, and was previously an assistant vice president of consumer lending with the bank. Wegenast is involved as the vice president of Women United, secretary of the Salvation Army Board, and Ambassador with the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce.



**Nancy Wegenast**

### *Trinity reports record births in 2015*

For the third year in a row, Trinity Health has reported a record number of deliveries at Trinity Hospital.

Women's and Children's Services Director Lorrie Antos says the hospital logged 1,716 deliveries in 2015, up three from 2014. Some of the deliveries involved multiple births, putting the total number of babies born in 2015 at 1,732.

She noted that while the number of deliveries continues to grow, the small increase this past year indicates that the pace of growth may have eased for now.

For more information, contact Mary Muhlbradt at 833-3341.

### **8th Annual Beardstock Festival coming March 2016**

It's time to step back. Time to set aside the razor, look into the mirror and like what you see. It's time for bigger, bolder beards. It's time for Beardstock 2016.



Beards, bands, and North Dakota pride will take over the Holiday Inn Riverside March 12 and 13 in an event for the hairy at heart. Enjoy free food, the bearded photo booth, limited edition Beardstock apparel, Pride of Dakota vendors, music and more. Participate in beard contests that include best overall, best trimmed and best fake beard and prove just how much you enjoyed putting that razor to bed.

Beards not for you? Take on the mustache contest, where military members who compete get a \$5 discount on admission price. For the ladies and children who cannot grow a beard no matter how hard they try, compete in the fake beard contest and build your own beard at the Build Your Own Beard booth and show the men a thing or two. And for those whose stomach is bigger than their beard, participate in the bearded rib eating contest, where we provide the fake beard and t-shirt and you provide the appetite for victory.

And where there's a great beard, there's usually great music. Local musicians and nationally-known artists will be playing all day, every day, including nationally recording artists Disciple, Decyfer Down, Seventh Day Slumber, Spoken, Children 18:3 and more. Check out the rest of the bands, schedule of events and ticket information on [Facebook.com/rocktheleaves](https://www.facebook.com/rocktheleaves). Admission is \$15.

It's time to step back. Time to show the world that a little bit of hair can be so much more than just a beard—It's a beardolution. Rock on, beard on, and we'll see you there.

### **Independence, Inc. to host Minot Chili Bowl Feb. 9, 2016**

Who has the best Chili in Minot? We will find out at the first annual Minot Chili Bowl. Everybody is invited to join area restaurants as they compete to settle who has the best chili in town on Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Riverside, 2200 Burdick Expressway East, Minot.

In addition to the public getting to sample and vote on the best chili in town, the event will include live music and a cash bar. A silent auction will be held. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from Independence, Inc., the Holiday Inn Riverside, or by calling 839-4724. All proceeds will benefit the operations of Independence, Inc. The mission of Independence, Inc. is to advocate for the freedom of choice for individuals with disabilities to live independently through the removal of all barriers. Independence serves 11 counties in northwest North Dakota.

### **MSU history professors receive grant to preserve Minot's heritage**

The National Endowment of the Humanities recently awarded Professors Bethany Andreasen and Dan Ringrose of the Minot State University History Department a grant to preserve Minot's common heritage. History students and faculty will host digitization days at the Minot Public Library and area assisted living centers, where members of the public will be invited to share photographs, artifacts, family letters and artworks related to family and community history.

Items will be digitized, along with descriptive information and context provided by the community attendees. Contributors will receive a free digital copy of their items as well as advice on preservation and tips for handling flood-damaged materials.

With the owner's permission, the digitized materials will be made publicly available through the Digital Minot Project (<http://digitalminot.minotstateu.edu/dm2015/>). Sessions will be followed

by electronic exhibits at the Digital Minot Project, as well as by a public presentation on community history in the fall.

Andreasen and Ringrose's grant proposal identified the motivation for the project as the desire to document the community's identity at a time when Minot is rapidly transforming after a disastrous flood and by significant population and industrial growth related to the explosion of oil activity in the region.

Andreasen has worked in local history projects for several years, supervising history students in internships as part of the Digital Minot Project.

"I appreciate the opportunity to guide history majors in interacting with the public at these digitization days, and in the research that follows, as it provides them with practical, hands-on experience in the field of history," Andreasen said.

Ringrose's work in digital history includes supporting the technology behind Digital Minot, the Veterans History Project and an online archival project digitizing letters from 19th century France.

"This grant supports an exciting partnership with Janet Anderson, Minot Public Library director, to preserve memories and documents from individuals across our community," Ringrose said.

This grant is among the first of 38 national awards made under NEH's Common Heritage grant program. Created in April 2015, this program is part of "The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square," an agency-wide initiative that seeks to enhance the role of the humanities in civic life (<http://www.neh.gov/common-good>).

The digitization day at the Minot Public Library will take place in early March. For more information about the project, visit the project webpage at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/history/commonheritage> or contact Andreasen at [bethany.andreasen@minotstateu.edu](mailto:atbethany.andreasen@minotstateu.edu) or Ringrose at [daniel.ringrose@minotstateu.edu](mailto:daniel.ringrose@minotstateu.edu).



### ***Dakota CDC Earns SBA District Director Award***

The Small Business Administration (SBA) presented Dakota Certified Development Corporation (CDC) with the SBA District Director Award on Jan. 6, 2016. The award recognizes Dakota CDC as the top SBA lender in the state of North Dakota. Dakota CDC received the award, leading in dollar amount and number of loans approved. This is the fifth consecutive year that Dakota CDC has been awarded the top honor. As a private, not-for-profit development corporation, Dakota CDC's mission is to provide financing solutions through collaborative partnerships in a supportive and creative environment to grow the economy and create and preserve quality jobs.

Through their partnership with the SBA, area lenders and small businesses, Dakota CDC has provided \$42 million to borrowers throughout North Dakota in the last Federal fiscal year.

Presenting the award was Mike Gallagher, North Dakota SBA District Director, who stated, "This partnership resulted in 221 additional jobs in Bottineau, Williston, Grand Forks, Bismarck, Devils Lake, Minot, Fargo, Harvey and other communities."

Since inception, Dakota CDC has helped with financing projects totaling over \$1 billion in economic impact to small businesses in the area with their portion exceeding \$450 million in small business loans. Founded in 1982, Dakota CDC is the oldest, largest, and most experienced CDC in North Dakota and is



proud to be the number one SBA lender in North Dakota. Other board of directors not featured in the attached picture are: Mike Connor, Marlowe Johnson, John Phillips, Dan Carey, Andy Maragos, Dan Jacobson, Rich Becker, and Jim Stai.

### ***Home & Garden Show March 5 & 6***

The Minot Association of Builders (MAB) will present its 41st Annual Home & Garden Show at the Magic Place, ND State Fair Center on Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Exhibitors displaying the newest in products, materials and services from the home construction/remodeling industry, gardening/landscaping and many other associated businesses can be seen in over 50,000 feet of exhibit area. Interesting and useful seminars will be held both days.

Admission is \$4 for adults. For more information contact the MAB office at 852-0496.

### ***Make Valentine's Day extra special and support a good cause at heart's desire***

Make this Valentine's Day extra special with wine, dinner, musical entertainment, new cars, a silent auction and a chance to win \$1,000. That's right, one lucky guest will be going home with \$1,000 to use toward whatever their heart desires. Plus, it's all for a good cause as proceeds benefit Trinity Health's Cardiac Rehab patients.

Make it a date with your loved one or a group date with friends! Only 200 tickets are being sold, so get yours today! Call 857-5221 to purchase tickets.

### ***Marco purchases Missouri and Illinois companies; continues national expansion***

Marco, a leading technology services provider in the United States, announced today that it has purchased Data Comm, Inc. located in Missouri and Nexus Office Systems, Inc. in Illinois.

The purchase of Data Comm allows Marco to expand its geographic footprint and provide technical services from six locations throughout the state of Missouri.

Marco entered the Illinois market in October 2014 when they purchased Illinois Valley Business Equipment. With the purchase of Nexus Office Systems in Rockford, the company now has four locations in Illinois. Marco has completed 14 acquisitions over the past three years.

"Our acquisition strategy is to buy similar companies in locations where Marco doesn't already have a presence," said Marco CEO Jeff Gau. "We look forward to continuing our commitment to satisfying our new clients and expanding their technology service offerings."

Since 2010, the company has grown from 350 employees to 1,030 employees and now has 48 locations. Marco serves 30,000 customers throughout the Midwest and nationally.

Data Comm has been in business for 43 years and serves over 4,200 customers. "When you're a business owner and are considering selling the company you worked your entire life building, you want to make sure the company you sell to will carry on the same or even better value system," said Joe Birk, president of Data Comm. "I'm totally convinced Marco is that company. They will care for our employees who have become my family, and they have so many resources to do so much more for our customers. It's a winning situation for everyone involved."

Nexus has been in business for 34 years and serves over 1,200 customers. "We are proud to be joining the trusted Marco team," said Bill Rockwood, president of Nexus Office Systems. "They will provide our customers with the outstanding service they have come to expect from us and even more opportunities for our valued employees."

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> , 8:30 a.m., Ward County office building, 225 3rd St. SE <b>First Dollar of Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., various locations	3	4 <b>Military Affairs Committee</b> , Noon, Grand Hotel	5 <b>Ambassadors Committee</b> , 7:30 a.m., Visit Minot/Norsk Høstfest office, 1020 20th Ave. SW	6
7	8	9 <b>Eagle Awards Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., Chamber office	10 <b>Right Start Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., MAFB	11 <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> , 2 p.m., Downtown Renaissance Ramp	12 <b>Infrastructure Committee</b> , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	13
14	15 <b>Office closed - President's Day</b>	16 <b>Board of Directors</b> , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	17	18	19 <b>Governmental Affairs Committee</b> , 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	20
21	22	23	24 <b>Right Start Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., MAFB	25 <b>Energy Committee</b> , 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel <b>Business After Hours</b> , 5–7 p.m., Century 21 Action Realtors, 500 20th Ave. SW	26	27
28	29 <b>FTAC Right Start Presentation</b> , 9:45 a.m., MAFB					30

To view meeting changes or community events, log on to [www.minotchamber.org](http://www.minotchamber.org)