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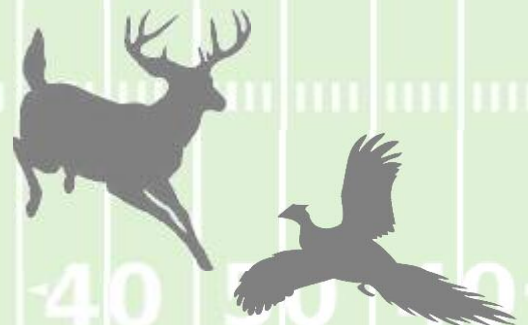
Sportsmen's Feed set for January 24

TEAM MINOT celebrates community spirit via annual event

The 51st annual Sportsmen's Feed is set for Sunday, Jan. 24 at Minot Air Force Base's Jimmy Doolittle Center. This event began to allow representatives of Minot's business community to become better acquainted with the airmen who serve at Minot Air Force Base.

Participants can enjoy the televised football games during AFC/NFC playoffs, take part in various games, and enjoy delicious food throughout the day. The day will kick off at noon with appetizers until 5 p.m. A full meal will be available beginning at 6 p.m. The menu includes walleye, venison, pheasant, Rocky Mountain Oysters, duck, and turkey, plus all the trimmings.

Tickets are \$30, and when one is purchased, one airman is able to attend free of charge. Tickets are available at the Minot Area chamber of Commerce office. Contact the Chamber at 852-6000 or chamber@minotchamber.org today to buy yours.



Business After Hours

Pinnacle Financial Group & Elite Real Estate

615 South Broadway, Suite L3

Thursday, Jan. 21 • 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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New Members

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **North Coast Sanitation, LLC**. Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

NORTH COAST SANITATION, LLC

Business Address: 2725 31st St. SE • Minot, ND
Mailing address: 1940 S. Broadway, #221 • Minot, ND 58701
701-263-5500

Mark Gagner, Owner • northcoastsanitation@outlook.com • www.minotdumpster.com

North Coast Sanitation is a dedicated roll-off container rental business proudly owned and operated in Minot with a service area up to and within 100 miles of Minot.

Become a featured member on our 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 on your business and a jpg logo and we'll feature your business for two weeks. This is for those companies that have not participated in this yet. Please email Carla at carla@minotchamber.org today.

Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership through Dec. 18, 2015. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

Aaron's Sales & Lease Ownership
Ackerman Surveying & Associates
Advanced Business Methods
Alamo/National Car Rental
Anderson, Wade & Whitty, PC
Angels Hands Home Care
Baymont Inn & Suites
Border States Electric Supply
Brite-Way Window Cleaning, Inc.
Central Machining & Pump Repair Inc.
2nd Chance Store Dakota Boys Ranch
Dakota Outdoor Advertising
Dude Walker's Music on Wheels
First International Bank & Trust
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Gutter Topper of North Dakota
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North Country Sportswear/School & Office Supply
North Dakota Envelope Co.
North Dakota Living
North Dakota Port Services, Inc.
Northern Plains Equipment
Pizza Ranch
Quality Health Associates of North Dakota
Quality Landscaping
Schatz Crossroads Truck Stop
Scherr's Cabinet & Doors, Inc.
Select Inn
Signal Management Corp.-SMC
Sterling Optical
Taco John's
Taney Engineering
Thomas Family Funeral Home
Thompson Larson Funeral Home
TSC Farm Home Auto Store
Tuff Trucks
United Blood Services
Valley Sport & Marine
Verendrye Electric Cooperative
The Wellington Assisted Living
Westlie Motor Co.

Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in December 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.



DEE DEE FROTHINGER
Image Marketing



KRISTA BECKER
First Choice Physical Therapy



PAM WALKER
McDonald's



VICTORIA SOLIS
Hyatt House of Minot



CHRISTINE STALEY
Magic City Hoagies



DR. BLERIM DIBRA
Premier Physical Therapy

Airmen Cookie Drive Successful

The annual airmen cookie drive resulted in donations of more than 15,000 cookies, which were then collected and packed for distribution to Minot Airmen living in the dormitories. Thank you to TEAM MINOT supporters and volunteers, which includes base personnel, as well as companies and families from Minot. The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce teamed up with the Minot Air Force Base Officers' Spouses Club, which chaired the annual cookie drive.



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Eloise Ogden
(Minot Daily News).*

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.



Dyste Design: Minot, ND • 678-641-6597 • Deborah Miller Dyste, Registered Interior Designer
dystedesign@gmail.com • www.deborahdyste.houzz.com

Ambassadors helped Dyste Design celebrate with a ribbon cutting. Dyste Design offers renovation plans, new home selections, decorating projects, staging, and visual merchandising.



First District Health Unit Ribbon Cutting and Mortgage Burning:
801 11th Ave SW • 852-1376 • www.fdhru.org • Lisa Clute, Executive Officer

The First District Health Unit paid off its mortgage on its new addition and asked the Ambassadors to be on hand for a ribbon cutting to mark the occasion as they symbolically burned the mortgage papers. The mission of public health is to make a positive impact on the health and welfare of the community through service, education, prevention, and collaborative activities.

45th Annual KMOT Ag Expo set for Jan. 27-29

The 45th Annual KMOT Ag Expo will begin Wednesday, Jan. 27 and continue through Friday, Jan. 29. The KMOT Ag Expo will be held at the State Fair Center on the ND State Fairgrounds in Minot, ND. More than 350 exhibitors will display their wares and services in more than 1000 booths. In past years, between 30,000 and 40,000 people have attended the annual show, making it one of the largest indoor agricultural shows in the upper Midwest.

Visitors can expect to see the latest in agricultural technology and equipment, along with several other exhibits that cover all areas of agriculture in western North Dakota. The show is guaranteed to have something for everyone, including informative seminars.

Don't miss an hour-long presentation by North Dakota's Ag Commissioner, Doug

Goehring, on Friday, Jan. 29 at noon. The Chamber's Agribusiness Committee will sponsor this presentation.

Join area 4th graders as they learn how food gets from the farmer's fields to the grocery store shelves. The Living Ag Classroom has enjoyed amazing success, having seen over 13,000 students, plus teachers and parents, who learned about the food chain from the beginning. By taking a tour of the Living Ag Classroom visitors can learn about the production and distribution of food along with the many by-products of crops and animals that are raised in North Dakota. The classroom will be located on the upper mezzanine and is open to the public with sessions at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. SRT Communications and North Dakota Farmers Union sponsor the



Living Ag Classroom.

Everyone is invited to come out to the 2016 KMOT Ag Expo. Parking and admission are free, and there is a heated shuttle bus to transport visitors from the parking lot to the front door. Make sure to stop by the KMOT/Bremer Information Booth to pick up the official program with exhibitor maps and listing, as well as seminar room schedule. Doors open daily at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

For more information contact Jeff Emmert, Ag Expo assistant manager at 852-5254 or email agexpo@kmot.com.

ND Department of Commerce offers externship dollars to educators

Dollars are now available at the North Dakota Department of Commerce through the Educators in Industry Externship program. This program will place K-12 teachers, counselors and administrators and post-secondary instructors in a corporate work environment for a four week externship, scheduled to begin in June 2016. The externship will give classroom teachers, administrators or career counselors the opportunity to further understand the engineer-

ing design process and STEM related industries through practical work experience, which would give them the knowledge to pass on to their students, strengthening the education to industry pipeline.

The educators will earn a \$2000 stipend for completing the externship. \$1000 of that stipend will be funded through the Department of Commerce, with the employer providing a dollar for dollar match.

If you are interested in applying to host educators in your company, please complete this Employer Application (<http://www.workforce.nd.gov/workforce/TeacherinIndustry/EmployerApplication/>). Feel free to pass on this email to interested participants.

For questions or to learn more about this program, please visit OperationIntern.com or contact Jennifer Dahl (jdahl@nd.gov) at the ND Department of Commerce.

Business After Hours - December



Thank you to Ryan Chevrolet for sponsoring the December Business After Hours. The nearly 150 participants enjoyed a game of Candyland, delicious food, and a chance to network with other Chamber members.

Save the Date:
February 25
Business After Hours
5 – 7 p.m.

Century 21 Action
Realtors, Inc.
500 20th Ave. SW



A HUSBAND. A HANDYMAN.
A FISHERMAN. A GARDENER.
A FATHER. AN ARCHITECT.
ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD.

Meet Ryan. He's a creative and enthusiastic architect. As a member of our team, he's busy building on the groundwork laid by our engineers. But we understand there is more to Ryan than floor plans and elevations.

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.

Hauck named next Verendrye Electric Cooperative Manager

Randy Hauck, a longtime Verendrye Electric Cooperative employee, was hired to be the next manager by the cooperative's board of directors.



Randy Hauck

Hauck, who is currently the assistant manager and past Chamber chair, will take over as manager May 1 when current manager Bruce Carlson retires. Hauck has worked for Verendrye Electric for 31 years.

Blaine Bruner, chairman of Verendrye Electric, said Hauck's dedication to cooperative values and his experience are what made him the front-runner in the search process.

"The board wanted someone they knew would continue to provide a family atmosphere in the workplace and to build upon our strong reputation of member service excellence and community involvement," Bruner said. "We are pleased to be able to hire someone who has dedicated so many years to Verendrye Electric and we congratulate Randy on being chosen for the job."

Bruner also said Hauck's experience and education give him the qualifications to be a successful manager. "There's a lot that goes into running an electric cooperative," Bruner said. "The job requires technical, financial, management, government relations and other skills and Randy has all of those."

Hauck is looking forward to his new

role as manager.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be chosen the fifth manager in Verendrye's 77-year history," Hauck said. "We are here to serve the Verendrye members and our mission is to continue to provide the membership with best possible service excellence through your hired hands, our employees, who are the number one asset of the cooperative."

Hauck started working at Verendrye Electric in 1985 after graduating from North Dakota State University. He is originally from Richardton. He lives north of Velva with his wife, Theresa. They have two adult children, Danielle, who lives in Grand Forks, and Trevor, who lives in Bismarck.

Michael Oakleaf joins Hight Construction

Michael Oakleaf has been hired as Hight Construction's staff architect. Oakleaf comes to Hight Construction with a full array of architectural experience, from eight years as a registered architect to field project management. He owned and operated an architectural company in Arizona for about eight years before coming to North Dakota. His latest work was as field project manager for a RDO equipment building in Williston. Oakleaf has been in the architectural industry for about 20 years and is NCARB certified.



Michael Oakleaf

Scheels Day of Giving raises \$72,000

Scheels Dakota Square 52 area agencies with money raised during their annual Day of Giving promotion in December.

Scheels is proud to support the Minot and surrounding community. Representatives from Scheels presented the \$72,000 in charitable donations to representatives of the following organizations:

- All Saints Episcopal Church
- American Red Cross
- Berthold Sportsman Club
- Boy Scouts
- Catholic Charities
- Christ Lutheran Church
- Congregational United Church
- Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
- Dollars for Scholars
- Domestic Violence Crisis Center
- Dream Catchers
- Emmanuel Baptist Church
- Faith United Methodist Church
- First Lutheran Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- Girl Scouts
- Great Plains Food Pantry
- Gym Magic
- Junior Achievement
- Kalix
- Lord's Cupboard Pantry
- Lure Em' for Life
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Minot Commission on Aging
- Minot Headstart
- Minot Hockey Boosters
- Minot Homeless Coalition
- Minot Park District
- Minot Public Library
- Minot Rural Fire Department
- Minot Soccer Association
- Minot Swim Club
- ND Game and Fish
- ND Teen Challenge
- Northern Plains Children's Advocacy
- Our Lady of Grace Church
- PATH
- Path Finders
- Project Ignite Light
- Rehab Services, Inc.
- Roosevelt Park Zoo
- RSVP+
- 2nd Story
- Salvation Army Food Pantry
- Seventh Day Advent Church
- Souris Valley Bowmen
- Turkey Federation
- United Way
- Ward County 4H
- Ward County Historical Society
- Women's Emergency Shelter
- Youth for Christ



Souris Valley United Way Casino Night set for Jan. 14

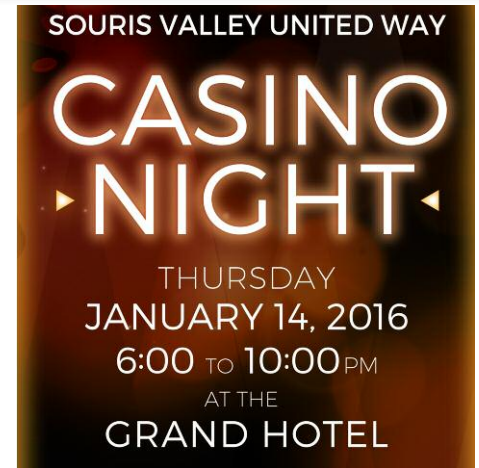
Bring your friends for a fun-filled evening on Thursday, Jan. 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Grand Hotel. The evening will feature Liquid Motion-Flair Bartenders, casino games, card tournament, fabulous prizes, silent auction, and raffles.

Your ticket will include gaming chips, drink ticket, heavy appetizers, and desserts. Advance tickets are \$60 each and are on sale at Souris Valley United Way office or Mary Me Bridal. Tickets

will be \$75 at the door.

Winner of the Texas Hold'Em will receive a two-night stay in Deadwood, South Dakota. Raffle prizes include golf clubs, kayak, and paddle board (donated by Scheels). Visit svunitedway.com for a complete list of prizes.

For more information, tickets or sponsorship information, please call 839-2994 or visit the website at www.svunitedway.com.



MSU student government names professors and advisor of the year

The Student Government Association selected Andy Bertsch, Dan Conn, Robert Crackel, Laurie Geller and Paul Markel as the 2014-15 Professors and Advisor of the Year. Annually, this award honors faculty members from Minot State University's three colleges and one faculty or staff advisor for their dedication to students.

"Student Government Association recognizes the amazing work done by professors and advisors at Minot State and would

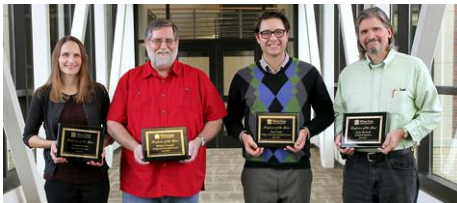
like to congratulate the 2014-2015 recipients for all the hard work they do both in and outside of the classroom!" said Alex Buchholz, SGA president.

Bertsch, professor of business administration, was selected Professor of the Year for the College of Business, and Crackel, associate professor of chemistry, was chosen for the College of Arts and Sciences. Both Conn, assistant professor of teacher education, and Markel, professor of psychology, represent the College of Education and Health Sciences. Geller, professor of mathematics, was selected as Advisor of the Year.

For more information, contact Buchholz at sga@minotstateu.edu.



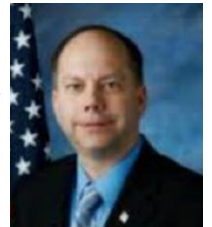
Paul Markel



Left to right: Laurie Geller, Robert Crackel, Dan Conn, Andy Bertsch

Veterans townhall meeting Jan. 25

North Dakota Veterans Affairs Commissioner Lonnie Wangen will be the featured guest at a townhall meeting Monday, Jan. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Minot State University Conference Center. This will be an opportunity for veterans to present ideas, voice their opinions, ask questions, and give feedback on services currently being provided.



Lonnie Wangen

For more information contact Rhonda Schauer at rschauer@nd.gov or 328-5445. For parking information, please contact Minot State University Veterans Services Center Director Andy Heitkamp at andy.heitkamp@minotstateu.edu or 858-4002.

Save the Date:

February 11 Giving Hearts Day

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



Tschetter joins Cornerstone Bank

David Tschetter has joined Cornerstone Bank as a business banker in Watford City. He will also support New Town. Tschetter has over 13 years of customer service and business experience, and earned his bachelor of science in accounting and business administration from Dickinson State University.



David Tschetter

Miller joins SRT board as District 2 director

The SRT Board of Directors has appointed Kristi Miller to fill the vacated District 2 seat. Miller replaces former director Ronald Schepp. Miller is keenly aware of the Internet needs of rural residents, and is an advocate for the SRT cooperative values of bringing the best service to the area.



Kristi Miller

"Miller was selected from numerous applicants for this position. We look forward to her contributions to help SRT continue to provide quality products and services to its' cooperative members," said Board President Stanley Vangsness.

Miller's family includes her husband, Warren, who operates their 3rd generation family farm near Newburg, and Ashley and Ethan, who are both college students. Miller is the assistant vice president of Peoples State Bank and executive secretary of Peoples State Agency in Westhope.

Thrivent Financial expands services

Thrivent Financial has expanded financial services in north central North Dakota with the opening of a new regional office in southwest Minot. A grand opening is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016 from 4 to 6 p.m., with a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m.

Located in the new Highlander Office Park, at 2201 36th Ave. SW, Suite C.,

Thrivent Financial, provides financial guidance that connects faith and finances. "We at Thrivent are very excited about our expansion in the Minot market," said Ron Gullett, Northland Region partner. "This is an incredible community of giving people and we look forward to growing and giving back in this area. Thrivent's mission is to help people be wise with money and live generous lives. Our facility now gives us the opportunity to enhance our services and grow."

Thrivent Financial is a national Fortune 500, not-for-profit company, owned by its nearly 3 million members. It has been named one of the most ethical companies in the nation by the Ethisphere Institute. On a local level, the Thrivent Financial offices were formerly located at the Arrowhead Mall in Minot for over 20 years. Licensed financial associates providing full services in insurance and investment products include Andy Leraas, Brian Eichhorn, Edwin Haugen, Michael Lauckner, and Theresa Voeller. Expansion plans to serve the growing regional needs, include the addition of two additional financial representatives in 2016.

Thrivent Financial is committed to impacting its members, their communities, and churches in positive ways through Thrivent Action Teams and Thrivent Choice Dollar programs. Nationally, over \$209.8 million in total outreach from Thrivent and its members, helped communities last year and over 481 homes were built or repaired through the Thrivent Builds program in association with Habitat for Humanity.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, with evening and weekend appointments available by request. For more information, please call 839-1714 or 839-1422, fax to 852-5121 or 837-0810, or visit the website at thrivent.com.

Visit Minot announces 2016 board members

Three new 2016 Visit Minot board members have been named by Chuck Barney, mayor of Minot.

Incoming board members are Bruce Walker, Nicole Gebeck, and Megan Laudenschlager. They will take office at the January 2016 Visit Minot board meeting. The new members will replace Maria Effertz-Hanson, Jim Mello, and JoAnn Voeller whose terms expired Dec. 31, 2015.

The new members will join Chad Thompson, Joel Feist, Pam Karpenko, Bonny Kemper, Vance Castleman, and Kevin Connole on the nine-member board. The January meeting agenda also includes induction of Thompson as president, Joel Feist as first vice president, and election of other board officers.

The Visit Minot office is located at 1020 South Broadway in the Scandinavian Heritage building. For more information, call 857-8206 or email info@visitminot.org.



Ackerman-Estvold welcomes Anderson

Ryan Anderson, AIA, NCARB, has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office in our architecture division.

Anderson earned bachelor of science in environmental design and bachelor of architecture degrees from North Dakota State University, Fargo. Anderson has worked for several regional architecture and development firms over the last 12 years. His responsibilities will include project development, design, project management, and construction oversight on architectural projects throughout the region.



Ryan Anderson

January 2016

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17	18 FTAC Right Start Presentation , 9:45 a.m., MAFB	19 Board of Directors , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel Ribbon Cutting , 4:30 p.m., Thrivent Financial, 2201 36th Ave. SW, Suite C	20	21 Business After Hours , 5–7 p.m., Pinnacle Financial, 615 S. Bdwy., Suite L3	22	23
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To view meeting changes or community events, log on to www.minotchamber.org