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## *Downtown businesses get creative in face of long-term construction projects*

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As the saying goes, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!" When life gives you construction downtown, get creative and make the best of it. That's the mantra for many of the businesses being impacted by the Downtown Infrastructure Improvements Project.

Take Debbie Harris, owner of Fiancee Bridal, for example. With her business and property near the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue she has had a front-row seat for last year's work on Central Avenue and this year's work on Main Street. And, much like her neighbors Mainstream Boutique and Main Street Books, it's been difficult, but a challenge she has been willing to accept.

"We have implemented more direct contact with our customers," said Harris. "This includes explaining to them about the construction, what roads are open, what to expect when they come downtown. We encourage them to use the parking structures, and we will pay for their parking. We tell them, 'Did you know that there are more than 1,000 parking spots within just 400 steps of all your favorite businesses downtown?' We are pushing this as a downtown association and as individual businesses."

Since Harris' business caters to brides and customers who often leave with their hands full of a dress, tuxedo, or wedding accesso-



ry, her employees are eager to go the extra mile if customers don't feel comfortable walking the extra block around the construction zone. It's just another way Fiancee Bridal is being creative.

Also on Main Street are two food service businesses which have seen their numbers impacted by the construction, yet they refuse to let tough times take them down.

"During these weeks of construction we have been able to do some social media campaigns that we otherwise wouldn't have done," said Mary Helen Hasby, owner of Cookies For You. "We have also been able to be more creative in the kitchen, providing scones for breakfast, puff pastries, tart pies, and lighter salads. It also helps that we aren't focused on a daily lack of customers; this gives us a chance to take a breath, get some coffee and bounce ideas off each other."

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## **Prairie Warrior Auction funds awarded**



*At the June Military Affairs Committee meeting, a \$45,292.34 check representing the proceeds from the Prairie Warrior Auction were presented to Col David Ballew, Vice Commander of the 5th Bomb Wing (center). The check was presented by Military Affairs Committee Chair Bruce Carlson (Verendrye Electric Cooperative) and Chamber President John MacMartin.*

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## New Members

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **Central Dakota Human Resource Association** and **Curb 2 Curb, LLC**. Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

**CENTRAL DAKOTA HUMAN RESOURCE ASSOCIATION (CDHRA)**  
P.O. Box 743 • Bismarck, ND 58502 • Jason Sutheimer, SPHR, SPHRM-SCP,  
President • Email: CDHRAWeb@gmail.com • Website: CDHRA.SJRM.org  
*Central Dakota Human Resource Association (CDHRA) is the second largest Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) affiliated chapter in the state of North Dakota. The CDHRA has taken oversight of the former Minot Area Human Resource Association and will be providing education, training, and networking opportunities in the Minot area.*

### CURB 2 CURB, LLC

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## Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership through June 21, 2016. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

10 North Main  
All America City Glass  
All Saints' Episcopal Church  
American Truck & Trailer  
Arrowhead Ace Hardware  
Avis Rent A Car-Meier &  
Company  
Best Western Kelly Inn  
Bierschbach Agency  
Bourgault Industries Ltd  
Brite-Way Window Cleaning,  
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Marketing  
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Dakota Pipe and Steel  
Copperhead Corporation  
Cummins NPower, LLC  
Dakota Fence  
Dakota Midland Grain, LLC  
Dakota Square Dental  
Dakota Tax & Accounting, Inc.  
Dakotah Rose Bed & Breakfast  
EAPC Architects Engineers  
Enbridge Pipelines (North  
Dakota) LLC

First Western Insurance  
Fisher Car Care Center  
Global Commodity LLC  
Gourmet Chef, Inc.  
Ground Round  
Harry's Tire Service/Dakota  
Truck & Farm Service  
U.S. Senator John Hoeven  
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Hyatt House - Minot  
Intervention Energy, LLC  
Jerome's Collision Center  
Jerome C. Jorgenson, CPA  
Karl's TV, Appliance and  
Furniture  
KMCY-TV - ABC  
Kopper Creek Building  
KXMC CBS13  
Larson Law Firm, P.C.  
Magic City Garage Door &  
Awning  
Make-A-Wish  
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Minot Area Council of the Arts  
Minot Health & Rehab  
Minot Multiple Listing Service  
Minot Plumbing & Heating Co.  
Murphy Motors Next to New,  
Inc.  
ND Division of Vocational  
Rehabilitation  
North Country Mercantile  
Northern Brake Service  
Northwest Tire & Auto Service  
Northwestern Electric, Inc.  
O'Day Equipment, Inc.

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Minot  
PATH ND, Inc.  
Peoples State Bank of Vela  
Pinkerton Animal Hospital  
Rainbow Photo Lab, Inc.  
RDO Equipment Co.  
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Minot Dakota Square Scheels  
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Souris Valley Dental Group  
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Siebert  
Stonebridge Farms of Minot  
Subway  
Taco John's  
Taney Engineering  
Thomas Family Funeral Home  
Thompson Larson Funeral Home  
Tires Plus Total Car Care  
TSC Farm Home Auto Store  
The Vegas Motel & Casino  
Wallwork Truck Center  
Wells Fargo  
WGO/Zoo/Sunny Radio  
Wilbur Ellis Company  
Wildwood Golf Course  
Winston-Noble Adjustment Co.

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"The regular customers have been great!" said Tiffany Lee, owner of Charlie's Café. "And while we have been fighting the preconceived notions of some customers who thought that with construction our doors were closed, we have been grateful for the recent media exposure and the promotions we have been running on Facebook. Most customers say it isn't that hard to get here."

Both Lee and Hasby understand that there are times when you have to meet the customer more than halfway. They both have delivery systems in place – with Lee's taking a special twist. She decided to bring her food to the construction workers, taking orders at about 11 or 11:30 in the morning – and then walking the orders out to anyone on the site who is interested in local delivery. It's a tool she said has helped to build good customer relations.

"We are focusing on our customer service and building a relationship with those who aren't our regulars," said Lee. "We saw the construction workers one day eating pizza during their 30-minute break for lunch and we thought 'We can serve them!' The feedback has been very positive, we know many by first name and they are coming into the restaurant on their day off to eat downtown. It's been great!"

And while dozens of Chamber members and non-Chamber members are impacted on Main Street and adjoining streets this year, it was Chamber member Rory Schell, owner of Val's Cyclery, who went through this process first. His business was ground zero a year ago on the corner of Central Avenue and Third Street East. While it wasn't a cake walk, Schell thought it would be worse than it turned out to be.

"We had initially stopped an order, thinking it would be harder to get people here," said Schell. "But, we had to get that product in – as the bikes were still selling strong last year, despite the construction. We had a great year!"

Schell went above and beyond to extend an olive branch to the workers outside his front door, supplying them with a cold cooler of Powerade and water – even going so far as to buy lunch for them one day. Turns out that being generous and respectful paid off.

"On many occasions, the workers would stop what they were doing to help a customer cross over a gravel spot or temporary walkway with their bike. Even getting out of their backhoe to help with customer service. It worked out fabulous."



Hasby and Lee said they are seeing in 2016 the same thing that Schell experienced in 2015: The construction workers have been great to work with, given the conditions.

"I feel that they are moving extremely fast," said Hasby. "We just have to look forward. Summer will go so fast and construction will be over. We are planning some exciting downtown events for late this summer and fall. So we hope people just continue coming downtown!"

"I wish that people could see the local, loyal support that we are getting," said Lee. "Not just from the same two or three people. It's been very encouraging."

For the latest maps and information on how to reach businesses downtown, please go to [www.Downtownminotisopen.com](http://www.Downtownminotisopen.com) and sign up for the email alerts, and follow us on Facebook.

## Military Day at the Zoo

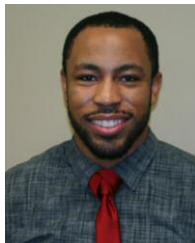


*Members of active and retired military forces and their families enjoyed a day at Roosevelt Park Zoo. The day included free admission to the zoo, the pool, the golf course, MAYSA Arena, and a free picnic lunch.*

# Eagle Awards

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

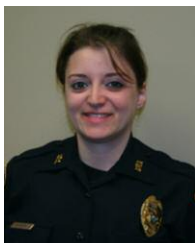
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*Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar*



**MARSHALL KNAUP**  
*UPS Store*

## Fourth of July Festival returns to Roosevelt

The Minot Park District announces the return of the Fourth of July Festival to Roosevelt Park.

“We are excited to bring back a Fourth of July Festival to Roosevelt Park,” said Ron Merritt, executive director of the Minot Park District. “It is day of celebration for our community as well as a day to honor all the men and women who serve in our military and our first responders.”

The schedule for the day includes:  
**8 a.m.** .....Zoo Fun Run  
**10:30 a.m.** .....Patriotic Ceremony at Medal of Honor Memorial  
**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.** .....Festival (food vendors, craft vendors, bounce castles, yard games, and much more)  
**Noon - 2 p.m.** .....Princess/Super Hero Meet and Greet  
**Noon - 1 p.m.** ....Music from Toppler Dixon  
**1 - 3 p.m.** .....Music from Lexi Wyman  
Admission to the event is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children between the ages of 3-12. Purchase of a wristband includes admission to the Roosevelt Park Pool; adults will receive half-priced admission to the Roosevelt Park Zoo at \$4.50 and children 12 and under are free. Also with the purchase of a wristband individuals will receive half off their admission price to races at the Nodak Speedway that evening only.  
For more information please contact Elly DesLauriers at 857-4136 or [elly@srt.com](mailto:elly@srt.com).

## 2017 Chamber of Commerce Directory planning underway

Lowe’s Printing, Inc., and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce are preparing the 2017 Membership Directory. This is a great opportunity to put your name, products and services at the fingertips of area decision makers. Lowe’s Printing will be contacting Chamber members to explore the benefits of advertising in the 2017 Membership Directory.

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

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

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

Business/organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# 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

**"...every time I return to North Dakota, I can feel my roots beneath my very feet and the past whispering in my ear."**

— Dale Brown



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.

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

Minot's cost of living measured .7% lower than the national average in the first quarter of 2016, according to the Cost of Living Index, published by the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers' Association (ACCRA). This data presented represents average prices submitted for the first quarter of 2016.

### Cost of Living Index: First Quarter 2016

U.S. Average Composite Index: 100%

	Minot ND	Bismarck ND	Fargo/Moorhead Metro	Denver CO	Minneapolis MN	Pierre SD
COMPOSITE INDEX	99.3	96.1	96.9	109.3	104.4	101.3
GROCERY ITEMS	110.8	98.5	105.2	106.4	104.8	101.1
HOUSING	99.9	98.6	130.7	130.7	106.1	116.8
UTILITIES	77.7	88.7	91.7	91.7	97.1	99.1
TRANSPORTATION	78.9	95.0	99.6	99.6	94.9	94.7
HEALTH CARE	113.9	113.1	106.5	106.5	105.4	94.8
MISC. GOODS	105.8	93.3	101.5	101.5	108.1	92.1

# 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.*



**Waxing the City:** 305 20th Ave. SW, Suite #3 • Minot, ND • 701-839-2929 • 701-208-0935 • [www.waxingthecity.com](http://www.waxingthecity.com)

*The Chamber Ambassadors helped cut the ribbon at the grand opening of Waxing the City. Waxing the City offers expert waxing services in the friendliest and most fun studio out there and is “serious about smooth.”*



**Magic City Ribfest:** Tom Ross, Show Coordinator • [www.magiccityribfest.com](http://www.magiccityribfest.com) • 721-7763

*In its second year, the Magic City Ribfest was moved to the Minot Auditorium for a more central location. Four world-class ribbers cooked up the best ribs, brisket, chicken, and all the fixins’ during the four-day event, which included evening entertainment.*

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### **Cook's Court: 1810 2nd Street SE • Minot, ND**

*The Chamber Ambassadors, Beyond Shelter, Inc., Minot Housing Authority, and the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency co-hosted a ribbon-cutting celebration to dedicate this apartment-style development for households age 55 and older. The property will have an on-site activity service coordinator and noon meals will be provided through the Senior Meals Program. The city of Minot provided Cook's Court with \$1.82 million from the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program for site acquisition and site and street improvements. Wells Fargo Affordable Housing CDC capitalized the federal tax credits.*



### **The Willows: 304-382 Riverwood Drive • Burlington, ND**

*The Chamber Ambassadors, Beyond Shelter, Inc., Minot Housing Authority, and the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency co-hosted a ribbon-cutting celebration to dedicate this affordable and family friendly housing project for individuals employed in lower-wage positions in Burlington and the surrounding communities. Ward County provided The Willows with \$2.75 million from the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program for project construction and \$3.55 million for site acquisition and site and street improvements.*

## Ribbon Cutting



### Story Stroll Walk Opens at Oak Park

*The Chamber's Ambassadors helped celebrate the opening of the Story Stroll Walk, where visitors can read a story along the walking path through Oak Park. The Story Stroll Walk was sponsored by Minot Public Library, Minot Public Schools Title I program and Nutrition Services, Minot Adult Learning Center, Ward County Public Library, North Central Reading Council, Minot Park District, Burdick Job Corps, and MPS 21st Century CLC programs.*

## Passing of the Guard



*Randy Hauck (Verendrye Electric Cooperative), at left, took over as chair of the Chamber's Military Affairs Committee from Bruce Carlson (right), who retired from Verendrye Electric Cooperative earlier this year. Many thanks to Carlson, who served as chair of the Military Affairs Committee for many years prior to his retirement. In the center is Chamber Chair Duane Poynter.*

### UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS:

**Ag Golf Scramble | July 11 | Minot Country Club**

**Military Appreciation Day at the ND State Fair | July 26 | Start: 8 a.m.**

**Ag Committee Serves Breakfast to Livestock Exhibitors | July 26 | 8 a.m.**



## Chamber events at the ND State Fair

### *Ag Committee to serve breakfast July 26*

The Chamber's Agribusiness Committee will serve breakfast to State Fair livestock exhibitors Tuesday, July 26 in the Livestock Expo building. This is an annual event for the group. Committee members get up bright and early to serve by 7 a.m. The breakfast includes donuts, juice, milk, and coffee to those displaying their livestock.

### *Military Day at the Fair set for July 26*

The State Fair, along with the Military Affairs Committee of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, will offer special discounts to members of the military with a special military Chamber coupon Tuesday, July 26. The day includes a free lunch (sponsored by the ND Beef Commission, the ND Stockmen's Association, and the ND Cattlemen) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., free carnival rides from 1 to 3 p.m., 50%

off NPRA Championship Bull Riding admission, and 50% off the carnival wristbands, and 50% off gate admission with a Pepsi product for active military, reserve and National Guard members. Coupons are required to receive these discounts and may be picked up at the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce office, 1020 20th Ave. SW, Minot.



### *What's new at this year's Fair?*

## *North Dakota State Fair: Where Summer Shines*

The North Dakota State Fair is just a few short weeks away and this year's nine days of fun include some brand new attractions that you get free with gate admission.

#### *Yoga on the Fairgrounds presented by YogifyU*

Yoga will be offered in the new Sports Zone at 8 a.m. each morning of the Fair. Get your season gate pass and take part in the free classes offered by the YogifyU teachers. Enjoy the fairgrounds before they get busy and take advantage of this new activity!

#### *Tiny House*

Recently featured on the show "Tiny House, Big Living," two tiny houses will be available for viewing on the Fairgrounds. Built by a local company, these houses are truly a sight to see.

#### *State Fair Volleyball Tournament*

The State Fair Volleyball Tournament will run five days of tournaments. Teams of four will compete to name the State Fair volleyball champs. A middle school, high school, women's, men's and coed tournaments will take place in the new Sports Zone. Visit [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com) for registration information.

#### *Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead*

A new program at the Fair this year will focus on real-world education. The

STEAM Education program will feature interactive classes on science, technology, engineering, agriculture and math. Each class will be at 2 p.m. July 25-29 in Magic Place.

The STEAM classes will show how science is applied to everyday life and how to use it to solve problems. Participants will also learn about careers in the STEAM related fields.

Unique to the North Dakota State Fair will be the agriculture class. A focus of the Fair is bringing agriculture education to all fairgoers. This interactive class will allow kids and adults to see the impact of agriculture in their everyday life.

The STEAM Education program is pos-

sible because of partnerships with local businesses. Each day will feature a different topic and be presented by a different organization.

- Monday, July 25: Science, Dakota College at Bottineau
- Tuesday, July 26: Technology, SRT
- Wednesday, July 27: Engineering, Ackerman Estvold
- Thursday, July 28: Agriculture, Ward County Extension Service
- Friday, July 29: Math, United Community Bank

For more information on all things Fair, check out the State Fair website at [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com) or call the State Fair at 857-7620.

### ***Grandstand Showpass: \$110 Standing Room or Reserved***

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

*\* General Admission*

Friday, July 22 .....	Fall Out Boy: \$50
Saturday, July 30 .....	KISS: \$65

**Visit [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com) or call 701-852-3247 (FAIR)**

*Separate gate admission required for entry on to Fairgrounds*

## Agribusiness Committee serves breakfast



*Agribusiness Committee members were up early Friday, June 24 to serve donuts, coffee, juice and milk to those attending the Ward County Shootout as part of the North Dakota Junior Point Show Association events on the Fairgrounds.*

## Affordable housing a key consideration

When making decisions about the future, having access to affordable housing is a key consideration for everyone from community and business leaders to workers and consumers.

“Without affordable housing, it is challenging for businesses to recruit and retain employees,” says Jolene Kline, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency executive director. “And, seniors and disabled individuals need safe, suitable options to be able to remain in a community.”

Through the support of state taxpayers,

NDHFA’s Housing Incentive Fund has proven to be an excellent resource in addressing the state’s most critical housing needs. The program provides low-cost financing to developers of affordable housing.

“Since HIF’s inception, we have allocated over \$89.6 million to 78 projects,” said Kline. “These dollars have leveraged more than \$425 million in construction financing to support the development of 2,450 new housing units statewide.”

NDHFA is currently focused on fully cap-

italizing the program so it can honor commitments made to projects in Bismarck, Bowman, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo, Gwinner, Minot, Valley City and Williston. The agency has until Dec. 31, 2016, to raise the \$3 million needed.

HIF contributors receive a dollar-for-dollar state income tax credit and can target contributions to a specific project or community. Learn more online at [www.ndhousingincentivefund.org](http://www.ndhousingincentivefund.org) or by contacting NDHFA at (800) 292-8621 or [hfainfo@nd.gov](mailto:hfainfo@nd.gov).

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## MSU research project selected for ND EPSCoR Funding

Mikhail Bobylev, Minot State University chemistry professor, was recently awarded a competitive North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research seed award to the tune of \$100,000. Bobylev's proposal, "Novel Type Sustainable Materials and a Novel Method for their Synthesis" was selected for funding in June 2015 under N.D. EPSCoR's Center for Sustainable Materials Science. Under the current award, \$100,000 per researcher over a four year period was extended to North Dakota's four Primarily Undergraduate Institutions.

This is the first time ND EPSCoR has partnered with the four PUI's. The ND EPSCoR staff toured the PUIs June 2 - 3 to discuss the impact the ND EPSCoR funded program is having on each campus.

"This partnership is really about the student side and being able to provide resources to get students engaged, expose them to more and provide greater opportunities," said Jean Ostrom-Blonigen, N.D. EPSCoR project administrator.

"North Dakota has over 15,000 jobs available in the STEM field, and it's important for students to be exposed to the lab work," said Kelly Rusch, N.D. EPSCoR project director and NDSU vice president for research and creative activity. "Whether they apply it to a job they begin after getting their undergrad degree, or if they want to continue their education and get a graduate degree."

"This collaboration also offers opportunities for students to participate in conferences and meetings and matches them up with students from other programs,"

said Claudia Tomany, NDSU College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies dean. "It reflects well on MSU and helps the students when they apply for a competitive position at graduate school or for a job opportunity."

For questions, contact Bobylev at 858-3066 or mikhail.bobylev@minotstateu.edu.

## Minot State professor publishes book

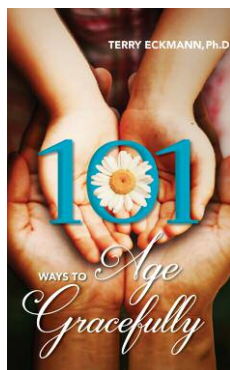
Terry Eckman, physical education professor and motivational speaker, published her second book, 101 Ways to Age Gracefully, in May. The book serves as a guide to lead individuals toward better health and well-being and includes photos of women of all ages from the Minot area.

"The book is dedicated to women in my life who are aging gracefully by living life to the fullest," said Eckman. "They are women who touched my life during my university years at MSU."

Eckman has over 30 years of experience in the fitness industry and presents internationally on a variety of topics related to health and wellness. Her book "101 Brain Boosters" was published in 2013 and is used by a multitude of individuals, educators and communities all over the world.

"101 Ways to Age Gracefully" is available for purchase in Minot at Main Street Books, Minot State University Bookstore, and Home Sweet Home.

For questions, contact Eckmann at Terry.Eckmann@minotstateu.edu.



Wentz has nearly three decades of experience in the financial services industry. In his most recent position, he was market president and principal relationship manager at Wells Fargo. Wentz also has a business administration degree from North Dakota State University in Fargo.



**Grant Wentz**

"Grant is a wonderful addition to our team," said Wes Black, market manager for the region. "He brings a wealth of banking experience along with a tremendous knowledge of the varied needs of area businesses. Grant also has a deep understanding of the region as someone who was raised in Central North Dakota and continues to live here."

Outside of work, Wentz contributes his time and talents to the community. He is on the Board of Regents for Minot State University and is also a member of both the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce Energy Committee. He resides in Minot with his wife and two children. He works at the Bremer Bank branch located at 20 First Street.

## Eggl Joins KK BOLD

Ashley Eggl has joined KK BOLD advertising agency as an account executive in its Minot office. In this position, Eggl will work to meet the marketing needs of KK BOLD's Minot-area clients.

A 2010 graduate of Minot High School, Eggl graduated from Minot State University in 2013 with a double major in marketing and management. Prior to joining KK BOLD, she worked at Nuverra Environmental Solutions.



**Ashley Eggl**

KK BOLD is a brand-building agency designed for a digital world. With offices in Bismarck and Minot, N.D., and Las Vegas, the agency provides cutting-edge services in advertising, branding, interactive, media, public relations, marketing and public affairs consulting.

## Bremer Bank hires Grant Wentz as business banking manager

Bremer Bank is pleased to announce the addition of Grant Wentz as senior vice president and business banking manager in Minot. He will serve the varied business banking needs of clients in Minot and the surrounding area.



**Left to right: Claudia Tomany, Jean Ostrom-Blonigen, Scott Hanson, Kelly Rusch and Mikhail Bobylev**

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### **First International Bank & Trust expands into Rugby market**

On Thursday, June 16, 2016, First International Bank & Trust broke ground on a new bank in the city of Rugby.

"We have a strong heritage and track record in all the communities we serve to be active and supportive in helping to drive the local economy and helping our



customer's dreams come true one by one," said Mark Friedt, Rural Market President, First International Bank.

Designed by JLG Architects, the new facility was inspired by the values of First International Bank: stability, safety, and community. To give the feeling of permanence and partnership, the bank is a modern interpretation of a lake cabin. A large timber roofline provides protection from the summer sun and the winter elements. Inside, traditional materials like natural stone provide regional context for a sense of community and expanses of glass offer panoramic views of the prairie. The sign from "The Hub," the longtime tenant on the site, will be prominently displayed to pay homage to the history of the property and the City of Rugby. A redesigned central core decreases the amount staff will need to walk so as to keep wait times to a minimum, and an indoor fireplace and outdoor patio gives customers and employees a place to sit and take in the surroundings.

The Bank will be located at the Northeast corner of the intersection of Highway #2 and Highway #3. The prominence of the site and the flexibility of the design has allowed the Bank to open the building up to potential office tenants. "We really wanted to create a landmark," said Tracy Jordre, Architect at JLG Architects. "It was very important to First International Bank & Trust to provide a Wow! factor while still being respectful of the

surrounding community."

The project is expected to complete in the Spring of 2017.

### **Aaron Faken joins AE2S Construction**

AE2S Construction has hired Aaron Faken as its general contracting division manager to be located in Minot. He will primarily be responsible for business development and project management for general contracting services, focused on meeting the construction needs of clients.

Before joining AE2S, Faken was the owner of Adventure Divers, Inc. for 14 years, where he provided commercial diving services for installation and repairs on intakes, tanks and reservoirs, sewer outfalls, box culverts, and bridges across the United States. Faken also has experience with dredging services responsible for projects such as waste removal in Radio Tower Bay in Duluth, MN; an irrigation reservoir in Belle Fourche, SD to remove sediment and reclaim intake grates; and the removal of lake sediment and debris from Prairie Rose State Park in Des Moines, IA.

Some of Faken's other significant past projects include working on the site of the I-35 bridge collapse in Minneapolis, MN, and the Four Bears Bridge demolition and construction in New Town, ND.

"Aaron brings valuable general contracting experience to AE2S Construction and its clients, plus the added value of his unique background in commercial diving, hydraulic dredging, and high-density polyethylene (HDPE) fusion, which are a perfect fit with other AE2S pursuits," said Craig Pietruszewski, General Manager and Controller at AE2S Construction.

Originally from Granville, ND, Faken holds an associate of science degree from North Dakota State University in Bottineau, and an associate of science degree from North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton.



**Aaron Faken**

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## Schobinger joins First Western Insurance

First Western Bank & Trust is pleased to announce the addition of Randy Schobinger to First Western Insurance as an agent. Schobinger joined First Western Bank & Trust in March of 2016.



**Randy Schobinger**

Schobinger earned his degree in economics from Minot State University, and was first was licensed to sell insurance in 2009. Schobinger has also served as a North Dakota Senator that represented Minot's District #3.

## New Premier 4 Bears Event Center opens with national artist Toby Keith

Officials from the 4 Bears Casino & Lodge have announced the first entertainment act to take the stage at the brand new Event Center. Superstar Toby Keith will perform Saturday, Aug. 19, as part of his current Interstates & Tailgates tour Presented by Ford F-Series in New Town, N.D. Tickets sales for this grand opening concert began at midnight on Friday, June 24 for the general public.

This performance will mark the second time Toby Keith has been the opening act for 4 Bears; Keith also wowed fans when the smaller 2,300 seat Event Center was opened at the Casino & Lodge in 2000.

"This is the next stage for our oasis for fun," said 4 Bears General Manager Patrick Packineau. "Having Toby Keith return to be the first national performer symbolizes our commitment to continue bringing top entertainment and better amenities to the region. This is just the first of many exciting events we'll be scheduling in this new, \$47 million state-of-the-



art space."

art space."

The 85,000 square-foot Event Center will now be able to facilitate larger entertainment productions, with plans to host tradeshows, rodeos, pow-wows, motorsports, sporting events and theatrical productions. 4 Bears previous Event Center was refurbished into a 400-seat ballroom and expanded the casino's gaming floor by moving the smoking slots parlor to make it bigger with better air control. The Casino & Lodge have remained open throughout the construction period.

Packineau continued, "Many parts of our 2020 vision of making 4 Bears a luxury destination in North Dakota are coming to life with the completion of this Event Center, recent renovations of the Lodge and meeting rooms, remodel of the Lodge's Cache Buffet, Bison Room Steakhouse and Corner Café restaurants, expansion and redesign of the gaming floor and entertainment options over the last two years. Basically, the whole property is all new to say thank you to loyal patrons and tourists alike."

Built as an addition to the Casino & Lodge complex, the all new 4 Bears Event Center seats 4,000 people in a variety of configurations to best suit the event and includes high-end suite accommodations. It has the amenities necessary to attract national entertainment acts yet fans will experience an intimate, exclusive setting and will get closer to the performers.

Toby Keith concert tickets will range from \$125 - \$150 for general admission, floor and special "T-Pit" tickets around the stage area. 4 Bears Casino & Lodge will be offering a special room and show package for the concert that will be offered through the general public ticket sales.

## Keller and Young join Houston Engineering

Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI) welcomes Brock Keller and Aaron Young to the team.

Keller joins HEI's Minot office as a

civil technician. He is a Minot native and earned his BS degree in industrial technology from University of North Dakota. His responsibilities will include construction observation for various projects including the Minot Downtown Infrastructure Improvements and the Hazard Mitigation project at the water treatment plant. Keller interned for HEI last summer and also previously worked for Ackerman Estvold.



**Brock Keller**

Young joins HEI's Fargo office as a civil engineer. He is a Stanton, ND,



**Aaron Young**

native and earned his BS degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University. Young will be assisting the water resources group in hydraulic modeling and analysis. Young previously worked for BNI Coal, North Dakota State Historical Society, and City of Fargo.

## Liberty Business Systems to distribute wide-format printing solutions

Liberty Business Systems has been chosen by KIP America to distribute their award-winning wide format printing solutions. KIP is a leader in the marketplace with their KIP 800 Series Color Systems and has a history of successful black/white products. Adding KIP to the array of wide format products that Liberty Business Systems sells was an easy choice. Liberty Business Systems, which is celebrating 30 years of business this year, is the exclusive KIP, Canon, and Oce wide format dealer in the area."

For more information, please contact Erica Skogen, sales support specialist with Liberty Business Systems, at 701-241-8504 or by email: [eskogen@liberty-business.com](mailto:eskogen@liberty-business.com).

## JLG Architects receives "50 Best Workplaces" Award

JLG Architects is the only architecture firm to be named one of Inc. magazine's "50 Best Workplaces" in the United States in 2016. Inc.'s award program is the first of its kind, measuring American companies with up to 500 employees that, according to the Inc. website, "deploy state-of-the-art techniques keep their staff happy and productive."

"Building a workplace culture that allows your staff to grow with your company is absolutely crucial," said Eric Schurenberg, Inc. president and editor-at-large.

A 100% employee-owned company, JLG Architects provides such benefits as a 401k double-match up to 6% for a total of 12% matching, summer hours and flex-time, and time off and funds for continuing education. JLG also offers a number of unique career development programs, including JLGdna, which trains new graduates as they work towards their architecture licensure.

The 2016 Inc. Best Workplaces Awards assessed applicants on a collection of multiple choice, scaled, and open-ended items. Responses were evaluated by the research team at Quantum Workplace. Core components of the scoring include company practices around management, employee recognition, performance communication, benefits, and other elements of the employee experience. To qualify, companies had to be U.S.-based, privately held, and independent—not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies. The minimum revenue required for 2015 is \$2 million, in business at least three

years, with full time employees count ranging between 5 and 500.

JLG Architects has also made the Inc. 5000 List for fastest-growing companies in the United States for the past two years in a row. To view the 50 Best Places to Work list, visit [www.inc.com/magazine/201606/inc-staff/best-workplaces-2016.html](http://www.inc.com/magazine/201606/inc-staff/best-workplaces-2016.html).

## Berg receives Spherion's Special Achievement Award

Spherion Staffing Services, a local recruiting, staffing and workforce solutions provider backed by the resources of a \$2 billion global workforce leader, recently honored Jill Berg, owner of the Bismarck, Fargo and Minot offices in North Dakota and Perham office in Minnesota, with the company's 2016 Special Achievement Award. The annual award recognizes the Spherion franchise owner who achieves significant results across all target growth areas, along with an unparalleled commitment to team development and community involvement.

Berg and her staffing teams carried over momentum from a successful 2014-15, in which she was named the Spherion Owner of the Year, by exceeding gross profit and revenue goals, namely in the direct hire sales practice.

"Jill Berg personifies the hard work, discipline and dedication that define the Spherion culture, and enable us to deliver exceptional service," said Sandy Mazur, division president of Spherion. "The results that Jill's teams achieve are a direct reflection of her ability to motivate and lead by example."

Entering her 22nd year as a Spherion owner, Berg has expanded her team to include 21 staffing specialists with dedicated expertise in the clerical and light industrial markets. Under Berg's leadership, Spherion has expanded its community presence through involvement in local chambers of commerce and Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) chapters, along with regional branches of the United Way and American Red Cross.

## Pederson hired as ag loan officer

United Community Bank is pleased to announce the recent hiring of Ryan Pederson as a vice president and ag loan officer in the Drake location. Pederson brings with him 19



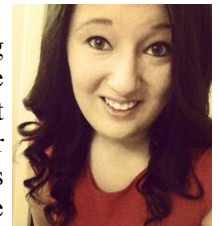
**Ryan Pederson**

years of ag lending experience. He and his wife, Kera, have three children and live in Velva.

## Lehner appointed general manager

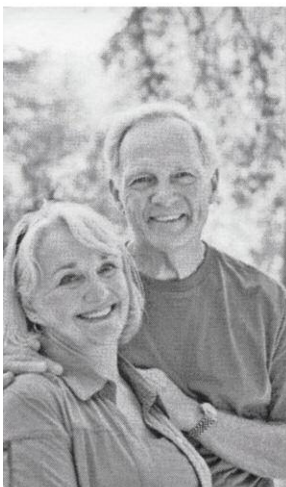
Sleep Inn & Suites is pleased to announce that Hannah Lehner has accepted the general manager position. In this role, Lehner will be responsible for managing hotel operations, budgets and controlling expenditures, setting and achieving sales and profit targets, working alongside team members, and providing superior guest service to each and every guest.

Prior to accepting this new position, she served as the assistant general manager and director of sales & marketing at the Sleep Inn & Suites. The hotel is owned and operated by Minot Lodging Expo.



**Hannah Lehner**

Lehner grew up in Minot and has worked with the Choice Hotels brand for the past six years. She is an active member of the Young Professionals network of Minot. When Lehner is not working, she enjoys camping, rollerblading, gardening, and spending time with her family and friends.



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## Experienced neurosurgeon joins Trinity Health

Charles O. Wood, a board certified neurosurgeon with more than 30 years of experience providing surgical care to people with brain and spinal disorders, has joined Trinity Health.

A 1979 graduate of Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Dr. Wood completed his neurosurgery residency and a fellowship in clinical neurotrauma at the Medical College of Virginia. He founded North Georgia Neurosurgical



Associates in 1985 and practiced there for two decades. In 2008 he was appointed Director of Neurosciences at Greenview Regional Hospital in Kentucky, where he co-developed the hospital's Neuroscience Center and co-directed the Stroke Center. More recently he practiced in Grand Forks and Glasgow, Kentucky.

Throughout his career, Dr. Wood has incorporated innovative approaches to neurological surgery into his practice, including minimally invasive and image-guided brain and spine surgery.

"The advantages of minimally-invasive or 'keyhole' surgery are obvious," Dr. Wood said. "The incisions are smaller and less disruptive to surrounding tissue. The result is less post-op pain so patients can get back on their feet and return to normal life more quickly."

Dr. Wood provides care for all aspects of the body's nervous system, including the brain, spine and peripheral nerves. His clinical interests include brain and spinal trauma, minimally invasive spine surgery, artificial disc replacement, image-guided brain and spinal surgery, intracranial and intraspinal tumors, reconstruction of the degenerative spine, extra- and intracranial vascular disease, and stroke management.

Dr. Wood is in Health Center – East, Suite 401, 20 Burdick Expressway West, Minot. For more information, contact Mary Muhlbardt at Trinity Health at 833-3341.

## Run for the Hills a success

United Community Bank hosted the 2nd Annual Run for the Hills event Monday, June 13. The unique event covered the front nine holes of the Minot Country Club and featured over 1,000 feet of elevation change throughout the two-mile course.

In total, 174 people registered to run, 154 attended, and \$2,960 was raised for Companions for Children.

"Companions for Children is an outstanding organization that provides great opportunities for our youth," said Jennifer Hubrig, United Community Bank marketing director. "We are honored to partner with them on this event and help fill an important need."

## Two join Karvacko

Karvacko recently added Sarah Day, EIT and Benji Hofstad to their team.

Day joined the team as an engineer. As a native of the Bemidji area, she received her associate's degree in engineering from Itasca Community College, and bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of North Dakota.



Sarah Day

Hofstad filled a new position as client relations manager. His main task is to serve as the liaison between the technical team and clients, ensuring seamless project delivery. Hofstad received his bachelor of science degree in construction management from Minnesota State University – Moorhead. He brings 20 years of experience in project management, providing construction oversight on civil and architectural projects.

Karvacko is headquartered in Bemidji, Minnesota, with branch offices in Minot, ND, and Houghton, MI. The firm provides engineering, architecture, surveying, planning, and landscape architecture services throughout the upper Midwest, specializing in the aviation, municipal, energy and transportation industries.

## Long joins Cornerstone Chiropractic

Crystal Long has joined chiropractic doctors Matt Hanson and Staci Fogarty at Cornerstone Chiropractic.

Dr. Long completed her undergraduate studies at Longwood University in Farmville, VA, then graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Port Orange, FL.



Dr. Crystal Long

She and her husband Michael have two children, Abigail and Bennett. They relocated to Minot in March 2014 as her husband serves in the U.S. Air Force.

## 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.

## Elite Real Estate moves to new location

Elite Real Estate has a new location at 1829 South Broadway Suite 1. A ribbon cutting is being planned to mark the occasion. Elite Real Estate opened its first office in Minot in December 2013 with a professional team of four brokers/agents. The company has since expanded to Bismarck and Dickinson, and has grown to 17 brokers/agents.

Elite Real Estate brokers/agents are experienced in all types of transactions, including residential, commercial, farmland, development acreage or projects, single family lots, lake homes/lake property, investment properties and second homes. These brokers/agents have been awarded the following designations: ABR (Accredited Buyer Representative), CRB (Certified Residential Broker), CRS (Certified Residential Specialist), e-Pro, GRI (Graduate Realtors Institute), GREEN, MRP (Military Relocation Professional), SFR (Short Sale and Foreclosure Resource), and SRES (Senior Real Estate Specialist). Contact Elite Real Estate at 838-4040 or visit [www.EliteRealEstateND.com](http://www.EliteRealEstateND.com).

### ***Minot Ready Mix drivers take two of top three driving awards***

On Saturday, June 11, the North Dakota Ready Mix and Concrete Products Association sponsored the 2nd annual truck driver challenge in Bismarck at the State Capital west parking lot. Twenty-six Ready Mix Truck drivers from across the state competed. It was highly competitive with several ready mix companies represented.

This challenge creates awareness that a ready mix truck driver has many responsibilities. Imagine driving a 72,000 lb. piece of equipment with a perishable product in a rotating drum, typically driving on uneven terrain. Drivers need to get into jobsites in a limited amount of time with the correct slump consistency of the product. This all typically happens while driving in reverse, following a contractor's hand motions.

The event challenges included:

- One hour limited 50-question written exam.
- Driving obstacle course with 10 truck driving challenges, which required drivers to "know their truck" through precision, distance and maneuverability.
- Another portion of the challenge center stage was a sabotaged ready mix truck. Drivers were required to find 15 items on the truck that were not in DOT compliance. They had five minutes to execute. The North Dakota High Patrol judged this challenge.
- The fourth challenge was a concrete delivery ticket. The competitors had to find 12 errors on the ready mix batch ticket within two minutes.

With a lot of hand shaking, good lucks, some ribbing and trash talk the competi-

tion was completed in late morning. Woodhouse restaurant provided burgers and brats while the final results were calculated. The winners were as follows:

The first place winner will represent North Dakota at the national event in Nashville Tennessee Sept. 18-20.

### ***SpartanNash Foundation launches companywide fundraising effort to support military heroes***

To coincide with the Fourth of July weekend, SpartanNash is launching its first-ever companywide fundraising campaign to support military heroes. The campaign will run through July 4.

During the campaign, each of the more than 55 SpartanNash-owned retail stores and fuel centers across the Midwest and Colorado will invite customers to donate \$1, \$5 or \$10 at any checkout lane. When customers make a donation, they will receive four coupons toward Spartan® or Our Family® brand products.

One hundred percent of all funds raised during the patriotic scan campaign will go directly to non-profit organizations that support military heroes, veterans and those who paid the ultimate price. SpartanNash underwrites the costs to run the scan campaign as well as contributes funding and encourages associates to volunteer with the Foundation's grant recipients.

Fundraising dollars will be evenly split between Honor and Remember – a national non-profit working to create and promote a nationally recognized flag to honor all fallen servicemen and service-women – and the Disabled Veterans National Foundation, which provides critically needed support for disabled and at-risk veteran who leave the military wounded either physically or psychologically.

"Patriotism is one of our company's core values, and SpartanNash is excited to support our nation's military and veterans," said Meredith Gremel, vice president of corporate affairs and communications and executive director of the SpartanNash Foundation. "The organizations we've partnered with have an established history of using their donation dollars wisely and delivering services and support in the communities we serve together. With this patriotic scan, it was

important to the SpartanNash Foundation that we make an impactful difference in the lives of servicemen and women, veterans and their families right where they live and work."

Stores in North and South Dakota, Colorado, Wisconsin and the Northern Lower and Upper Peninsula of Michigan will also host additional fundraising activities June 22-July 4 to benefit their two community partners.

"Honor and Remember is excited to partner with SpartanNash Foundation and its customers to give back to the families of the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation," said George Lutz, who founded Honor and Remember after losing his son in Iraq in 2005. "The generosity of SpartanNash shoppers will allow us to support our Gold Star families and let them know they are not alone. Equally important, our goal is to fly the flag below the American flag and alongside the MIA/POW flag across our nation, so the public never forgets our fallen heroes."

Participating SpartanNash store banners include D&W Fresh Market, Dan's Supermarket, Econofoods, Family Fare Supermarket, Family Fare Quick Stop, Family Fresh Market, Family Thrift Center, Family Thrift Express, FTE-Bottle Shop, Prairie Market, Sunmart, and Valu Land.

A complete list of locations participating in the companywide scan campaign and the organizations they are partnering with to support military heroes is available at [SpartanNash.com/military-heroes/](http://SpartanNash.com/military-heroes/).

"Through this scan campaign and through the generosity of the SpartanNash Foundation and SpartanNash's great customers, DVNF will be able to boost its support for veterans with wounds – both physical and psychological – and help others going through challenges to get back on their feet," said Joe Van Fonda, CEO of DVNF.

The patriotic scan is the third of five scan campaigns the SpartanNash Foundation will execute in 2016. To date, nearly \$350,000 has been raised for local Habitat for Humanity and Special Olympics partners.

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***1st Place: Wes Voigt (Souris Valley Ready Mix - Minot); 2nd Place: Jim Myers (Strata Corporation - Fargo); 3rd Place: Randy Christopher (Souris Valley Ready Mix - Minot).***

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10	<b>11 Ag Golf Scramble</b> Minot Country Club	<b>12 Eagle Awards Presentation,</b> 10 a.m., Chamber office	<b>13 Right Start Presentation,</b> 10 a.m., MAFB  <b>Groundbreaking,</b> 8 a.m., Tires Only, 8201 4th Ave NE	<b>14 Ribbon Cutting,</b> 4 p.m., Ulteig, 216 S. Broadway, Suite 200	<b>15 Ribbon Cutting,</b> 10 a.m. – Success Depot LLC 15 2nd Ave SW	16
17	<b>18 FTAC Right Start Presentation,</b> 9:45 a.m., MAFB	<b>19 Board of Directors,</b> 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	<b>20 Coffee with the President,</b> 1:30 p.m., Chamber office	<b>21 Ribbon Cutting,</b> 4 p.m., ND State Fair	22	23
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