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## Help make Minot shine May 13 & 14

The trash in our community is not a welcome sight to any of us, especially visitors. That's why Project CLEAN (Community Leaders Enhancing Area Neighborhoods) is gearing up for the annual clean up May 13 & 14. This is a week later than earlier planned due to some scheduling conflicts.

The group will concentrate on sprucing up the entrances to the city, so summer views will be at their best. Groups can stop by the Chamber and sign up for designated areas

and pick up trash bags up to and on May 13. There will be no trash bags or sign ups available on Saturday, May 14. Volunteers can feel free to come in any time, even now, to pick up trash bags.

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

## Students and teachers honored for hard work during banquet

The 54th Annual Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Honors Banquet was well attended, with 196 people enjoying the event. Ninety-two seniors with a grade point average of 3.75 or higher from Glenburn, Berthold, Bishop Ryan, Minot, Our Redeemer's, Sawyer,



*Thanks to the sponsorship of many area businesses and individuals, nearly 100 students and teachers were recognized at the 54th Annual Honors Banquet in April at the Grand Hotel.*

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## Business After Hours: May 12

**May 12 • 5–7 p.m. • Corner of 16th Ave SE & Hiawatha  
Fireside Bistro at Edgewood Senior Living**

*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 **United Rentals**, **Høstfest-Heritage Foundation**, and the **Pour House**. Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

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*The Høstfest-Heritage Foundation is a charitable nonprofit committed to celebrating Scandinavian heritage by promoting and preserving traditional family, cultural, and community values for the benefit of all future generations.*

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*The Pour House is Minot's only "serve yourself" craft beer and wine bar, featuring a pour your own tap system.*

## Renewals

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

All American Trophies & Screen Printing	Hartland Mutual Insurance	Quality Landscaping
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Domino's	Minot Aero Center	Sundre Sand & Gravel, Inc.
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First Western Bank & Trust	Nite Train Pizza	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Gratech Company, LLC	Noble Inn	Wal-Mart Super Center
Hanson-Maves Co/ Bekins Van Lines	Nodak Mutual Insurance Company	Brock White
	North Prairie Rural Water District	Wild Bill's Motorsports
	Northern Bottling	Xcel Energy
	Northstar Steel Inc.	
	Pure Honda	

# Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in April and thanked for superior customer service skills. If you would like to nominate someone for outstanding customer service, please call the Chamber at 852-6000 for a nomination form, or visit the web-site 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.



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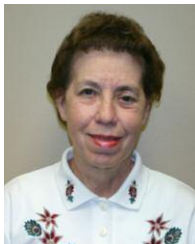
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**CHRIS CARLSON**  
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## Proposed overtime guidelines threaten business stability

The Minot Chamber Board of Directors has voted to support the efforts of the U.S. Chamber to pass the “Protecting Workplace Advancement and Opportunity Act” (S. 2707 / H.R. 4773) during this session of Congress. These two bills would correct a proposed administrative rule affecting employers, exempt employees and overtime compensation.

The Minot Chamber, because of its memberships in both the Greater North Dakota State Chamber and the U.S. Chamber, has the opportunity to periodically join coalitions to advocate for positions on issues or legislation that can have an effect on business. In the case of the state chamber, we join a business coalition during the state legislative sessions. That allows the state chamber to include the Minot business community in many business related issues. It makes a difference in the outcome of some legislation.

The U.S. Chamber deals primarily with national topics. It may mean litigation or it may involve trying to affect a proposed administrative rule or a pending bill(s) in Congress. Recently, the Minot Chamber became one of the supporting groups to the amicus brief that the US Chamber filed in regard to the coal and power plant regulations that the EPA has put forth.

Watch for updates on these issues in the Communicator. Additionally, information will be provided as the Board takes action on issues at the state and federal level.

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Surrey, and Des Lacs/Burlington were recognized. Additionally, the hard work of 20 teachers and staff members with 25 years of service was also celebrated. This event was made possible thanks to the generous support of the following Chamber members who sponsored students and teachers.



*Chuck Barney, Minot mayor and director of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy at MSU, addressed the students, teachers and families at the Honors Banquet, encouraging them to dream big.*

Central Power Cooperative, Inc.  
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Minot State University  
Minot Town & Country Investors  
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North Dakota Guaranty & Title

Prairie Federal Credit Union  
Preferred Restaurant dba Taco Johns  
Souris Valley United Way  
United Community Bank  
Verendrye Electric Cooperative  
White Drug



## ***Water Treatment Plant project forces road closure***

The HMGP–Water Treatment Plant Project is designed to prevent future floods from contaminating and interrupting the potable water supply production and transmission at the Minot Water Treatment Plant and High Service Pump Station.

With the ongoing construction well under way, crews will need to shut down a few blocks of 16th Street SW this summer, from Burdick Expressway to Forest Road. This work is scheduled to happen between school years to minimize disruption.

“We recognize that closing down 16th Street this summer will make it more difficult for those traveling north or south on the west side of town,” said Dan Jonasson, Minot public works director. “Yet what this allows us to do is finish all the storm water improvements under the road, the base for the temporary road closures, and resurface the road. This is a critical component of long-term flood protection of our most precious resource, the clean water in our region.”

Jonasson said the closure of this two-

block portion of 16th Street SW is part of the workflow transition from moving pipelines subgrade to forming floodwalls above ground. In total, 1,720 linear feet of concrete floodwalls on the south side of the Mouse River will be installed on this project to protect against a 2011-level flood event, plus freeboard.

The exact road closure date for 16th Street SW hasn’t yet been set, but residents can anticipate it taking place from about the end of the current school year until the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

The various storm water collection and pumping portions of the project are necessary to accommodate rain and melt events during a potential flood.

Residents with questions are encouraged to follow the City of Minot Facebook page, like the Mouse River Plan Facebook page, sign up for email alerts through the city’s website or [www.mouseriverplan.com](http://www.mouseriverplan.com), or contact the public information officer for the project, Mark Lyman with Odney at 857-7205.

## ***Oak Park bridge replacement underway***

A major east-west roadway will be closed to all traffic through July. The Oak Park Bridge on 4th Avenue NW is being replaced at a cost of about \$1.6 million. The project involves replacing the bridge just east of 16th Street NW and the street lighting from 17th Street to the river by 10th Street.

4th Avenue NW has been closed to all traffic just east of 16th St NW since April 5. A detour is in place that takes motorists northbound on 16th St NW, eastbound on

University Ave, and southbound on Broadway. Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes as traffic will be heavy on those corridors. In addition, motorists are reminded that residential speed limits are 25 mph, and will be strictly enforced. Many pedestrians, including children, frequent this detour area.

Construction is expected to last through July 8, 2016.

## ***Minot YP to host ND State Treasurer***

Please join the Minot Young Professionals for lunch at the Roosevelt Park Zoo’s Visitor’s Center from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 19.



The May Power Hour features North Dakota State Treasurer Kelly Schmidt who will speak to the YP group about the Legacy Fund and other issues currently affecting North Dakota.

Be sure to RSVP for this exciting Power Hour, sponsored by First Western Bank & Trust! Lunch will be catered at a cost of \$10 for members (and sponsors) and \$15 for non-members. Please RSVP by Friday, May 13.

## ***MVD offices to be closed***

Those in need of vehicle registration tags, changes to titles, and license plates in May, will want to take note: the Minot Motor Vehicle Department office will be closed on May 12 and 13 so staff can attend training in Bismarck. The training will be on the new motor vehicle registration software which will go into use mid-June. The process will make MVD even more efficient.

“Our six-member team has been working with motorists on license plates, title changes and tags for many years, and looks forward to serving them better with new and improved software,” said Motor Vehicle Department Manager Carla Vannett.

## ***What’s on your mind?***

## ***Coffee with the President continues at new time***



**May 18 at 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

Everyone has something to say, and now’s your chance to visit about it with your Chamber President. Every third Wednesday of the month, John MacMartin will be available in the Chamber’s conference room for some coffee and conversation.

Maybe you want to learn more about the Chamber or simply voice your concerns, gratitude, or provide some ideas. We are here to listen. We hope you will stop by at 1020 20th Ave SW on the third Wednesday of the month!





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# Groundbreaking

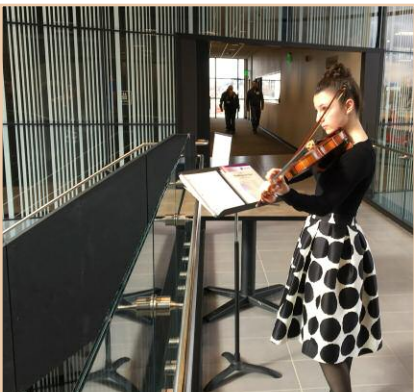
*If you know of a business that's new to town or is having a milestone, like a renovation or addition, contact Carla at 857-8205 to schedule a ribbon cutting.*



## Ward County Jail Expansion

*Ward County Commissioners, along with employees and contractors, joined the Chamber's Ambassadors to pitch some dirt for the expansion of the Ward County Jail. The expansion will more than double the number of beds available for inmates in Ward County.*

# Business After Hours - April



*Music was provided by Shelby Huston, Ward County Commissioner Alan Walter's granddaughter.*

*Thank you to JLG Architects, Mowbray & Son Plumbing and Heating, Mattson Construction, and Wheeler Contracting for sponsoring the April 7 Business After Hours. Two hundred and fifty people enjoyed a look at the new building, delicious food, great networking and a chance at Chamber Bucks.*



## Ribbon Cuttings



**Fast Positivity Life Coaching:** 315 South Main Street, Suite 209 • Minot, ND 58701 • Sarah Fast • [www.fastpositivity.com](http://www.fastpositivity.com) • 701-578-5559

*The Chamber's Ambassadors helped celebrate the opening of Fast Positivity Life Coaching, which offers stress management and mental wellness coaching. Fast Positivity Life Coaching aims to help individuals live and feel better, resulting in a more positive and productive life.*



**Classic Rock Coffee Company:** 1408 2nd Ave. SW • Minot, ND • 837-1001 • Owners: Shelley Knight, Richard Galster, Christian Meland

*The Chamber's Ambassadors celebrated the opening of the Classic Rock Coffee Company. Classic Rock Coffee Company takes great pride in sourcing great tasting coffees. Lots of companies roast coffee beans, but Classic Rock Coffee Company rocks the roaster. The coffee beans are literally infused with classic rock music during the roasting process.*





**Enerbase Cooperative Resources:** 205 46th Ave. NE • Minot, ND • 852-2501 • [www.enerbase.coop](http://www.enerbase.coop)

*Enerbase moved to a new location late last year to improve customer interaction with the employees and to also allow better access to growers with large equipment, as well as petroleum drivers. The Chamber's Ambassadors helped celebrate with a ribbon cutting ceremony.*

## Governmental Affairs

### ***Fedorchak honored by MAFB leaders***

Col Thomas Kirkham of the 5MXG, along with Col Jason Armagost of the 5th Bomb Wing and Col Michael Lutton of the 91st Missile Wing, presented Betty Fedorchak



(Esoterica) with a number of gifts to say thank you for her support of the military as a past long-time Honorary Commander for the 5MXG/CC. Betty also has led the fundraising efforts for the Prairie Warrior Auction the past thirty years raising hundreds of thousands of dollars. Thank you Betty for all you do!



*The Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee toured the new Ward County Administration Building and heard from all five county commissioners while there.*

### ***Community Leadership Institute set to begin Sept. 1 for 25 participants***

Twenty-five Chamber members will be among an elite group who attend the Community Leadership Institute this fall through the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce. The group will be the 46th class to participate in the nine-week course that is a behind-the-scenes look at

the City of Minot. The course includes information on economic development, media, Minot Air Force Base, emergency services, education, healthcare and leadership. The group will also work as a team on a project that will benefit Minot. The course is every Thursday morning

beginning Sept. 1, except during Norsk Høstfest, and will wrap up Nov. 3. The cost is \$300 per person. Contact Carla at [carla@minotchamber.org](mailto:carla@minotchamber.org) or 857-8205 at the Chamber today to sign up as 15 people have already secured spots for this popular program!



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# ***ND Guard, U.S. Africa Command furnish needed medical supplies for Ghanaian National Ambulance Service***

The ND National Guard, through its State Partnership Program (SPP), along with U.S. Africa Command, recently assisted with the delivery of more than \$7,300 in medical supplies to the Ghanaian National Ambulance Service. The excess supplies were procured through Operation United Assistance, a U.S. Department of Defense response mechanism designed to provide the coordination of logistics, training and engineering support to the U.S. Agency for International Development in West Africa to help contain the spread of Ebola virus.

The ND National Guard and the ND Department of Health have furthered the state's partnership with Ghana by assisting the West African nation with strengthening its emergency management services. These efforts began in 2010 when North Dakota's state agencies supported missions to assess and identify the capabilities of the Ghanaian National Ambulance Service.

"One of our goals is to continue to expand our partnership with Ghana through additional participation and involvement from civilian agencies and organizations throughout the state of North Dakota," said Maj. Gen. Alan Dohrmann, ND adjutant general.

The Ghanaian National Ambulance Service was formed in 2004, with seven ambulance stations and less than 60 staff members. Today, there are 130 stations in 10 regions across Ghana, with nearly 1,700 personnel on staff.

"The outstanding partnership between the ND National Guard, the ND Department of Health and the National Ambulance Service of Ghana allowed us the perfect avenue to donate the extra medical supplies," said Maj. Mark McEvers, bilateral affairs officer for the ND National Guard, who supports SPP efforts while residing in Ghana.

To bolster Ghana's emergency management services efforts, North Dakota's state agency representatives have led a handful of training courses over the years during visits to Africa. Most recently, in January, a five-person SPP team, which included members of the ND National Guard and ND Department of Health, led conversations over a two-week period with Ghanaian emergency medical technician

(EMT) station managers, administrators and dispatchers about a range of topics, including ambulance operations, professional licensure, leadership principals, infection control, public relations and protocol.

Additionally, North Dakota facilitated advanced paramedic training in Fargo for a visiting Ghanaian EMT through Sanford Health's EMS Education department. The student, who is staying with a host family during the paramedic course, will return to Ghana with the training and provide advanced life support education to his counterparts upon his return. The initiative was developed through the ND Department of Health with support from Sanford Health.

Dr. Jeffery Sather, ND Department of Health medical director for emergency medical services, was one of the SPP team members who traveled to Ghana in January. He said the Ghanaian National Ambulance Service and the country's emergency management services continue to make strides, though there is still room for growth.

"There are things that we take for granted in the U.S. that aren't the norm in other countries," he said. "As we train the EMTs and ambulance service, we must be aware that they could progress very quickly and outpace the hospitals in the area."

Later this year, North Dakota's SPP is planning three additional visits to further work with Ghana's emergency management and emergency medical services personnel. Soldiers and Airmen from the ND National Guard also continue to build relationships and share expertise with their counterparts in the Ghanaian Armed Forces through partnership exchanges. The cross-training runs across a spectrum of military specialties and fields, including combat medical training, combat engineering, public affairs, chaplain services, disaster response, military police procedures, family programs and Air Force maintenance and operations.



***Maj. Mark McEvers, bilateral affairs officer for the North Dakota National Guard, center, assists with the delivery of \$7,300 in medical supplies to representatives of the Ghanaian National Ambulance Service located at the 37th Military Hospital and Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research in Accra, Ghana. The excess supplies were procured through Operation United Assistance, a U.S. Department of Defense response mechanism designed to provide the coordination of logistics, training and engineering support to the U.S. Agency for International Development in West Africa. (Courtesy Photo)***

The SPP between North Dakota and Ghana began in 2004. Over the last ten years, the North Dakota's and Ghana's partnership has grown from military-to-military engagements and missions with members and units of the ND National Guard to now including civilian-to-civilian and business-to-business partnerships.

In February 2014, North Dakota broadened its participation in the SPP by entering into new partnerships with the West African countries Republic of Benin and the Togolese Republic. North Dakota's partnerships with Ghana, Benin and Togo represent the formalization of a regional SPP relationship, which is a cost-effective approach to strengthening the cooperation, communication and interoperability of neighboring countries in a manner that benefits U.S. national interests.

Since the 2001 terrorist attacks on America, the ND National Guard has mobilized more than 4,200 Soldiers and over 2,600 Airmen in support of the Global War on Terrorism. About 70 percent of all members serving today have joined since that time. Currently, nearly 10 ND Guardsmen are mobilized for overseas and domestic service. With a total force of about 4,100 Guardsmen, the ND National Guard remains ready for stateside response and national defense. For every 10,000 citizens in North Dakota, 65 serve in the ND National Guard, a rate that's more than four times the national average.





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## Member Business Briefs

### ***Magic 60 offers community members chance to effect change***

In an effort to engage community members in improving Minot, the Minot Young Professionals, United Community Bank, Souris Valley United Way, and Minot Area Community Foundation have partnered to bring back Magic 60, a microgrant program, as a vehicle for residents to make an impact on our community.

The premise of Magic 60 is that community members are asked to think of projects that add to the quality of life in Minot and present them to a judging panel. The only caveat: All presentations must be made in sixty seconds or less.

Community members are encouraged to submit project ideas that run the gamut, from community art and music projects to events and charity programs. A panel of community members will judge each project throughout the event and make funding decisions before the event concludes. All potential projects must be to improve the Minot community, and private business ideas will not be considered.

Magic 60 will provide funding in the following focus areas:

- \* Arts, Culture, and Creativity
  - \* Basic Human Needs
  - \* Community Building
  - \* Education
  - \* Other Charitable Purposes and Intent
- \$10,000 has been raised for the Magic

60 grant pool to be distributed to great ideas during the event, with \$3,000 being given from Minot Area Community Foundation's Bremer Impact Fund, \$2,500 from United Community Bank, \$2,000 from Souris Valley United Way, and \$2,500 from Minot Young Professionals.

"We are so grateful for the support of the Bremer Impact Fund, United Community Bank, and Souris Valley United Way and the ability to provide dollars to help better our community," remarked Gabriel Mejia, president of Minot Young Professionals. "When Magic 60 took place last fall, we were so impressed with the caliber of project ideas and the impact the event had on the community. We look forward to making another impact on Minot in May."

Magic 60 will be held Thursday, May 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mouse River Players Theater. Individuals are encouraged to submit their project ideas by April 30 by emailing [minotndyp@gmail.com](mailto:minotndyp@gmail.com) with a 150-word maximum description of their project, including a budget and contact information. For more information, interested individuals are asked to contact Minot Young Professionals at 701-500-7960 or 701-303-0840.

### ***Dakota CDC welcomes Jenece Erfle to the team as loan assistant.***

Jenece Erfle recently graduated from

North Dakota State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. At Dakota CDC, she is responsible for administrative tasks, loan servicing, and marketing. Her prior experience includes billing and accounting.



***Jenece Erfle***

She is based out of the Fargo office and may be reached by calling 701-293-8892 or 1-800-611-8997 or visit [dakotacdc.com](http://dakotacdc.com).

### ***Pour House opens May 10***

The Pour House is Minot's newest and only "pour your own beer" bar. Featuring a self-serve tap system, the Pour House is an exciting addition to Minot's downtown area in the Bricks on Central building. The Pour House will feature 10 taps of the best craft beer available, or domestic beer, import beer, or wine is also available.

The Pour House will be open for business on May 10, 2016, but be sure to check out the Grand Opening Celebration on May 20. The grand opening will feature the musical talents of the Social Animals, Andrew Emmel, and other local musicians beginning at 4 p.m., a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. The Social Animals will play at 8 p.m. It is sure to be a night full of fun.



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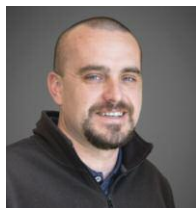


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## Brody Rowley joins Houston Engineering, Inc.



**Brody Rowley**

Brody Rowley joins HEI's Minot office as a survey crew chief. Brody will be assisting the registered professional land surveyors with various field survey duties, planning and operating various instruments, and performing office related duties such as CAD/research and data evaluation. When construction season arrives, Rowley will move into a field crew-chief position. Rowley is originally from Fillmore, UT. He brings with him almost 12 years of experience in the surveying industry. Rowley previously worked for Uintah Engineering and Land Surveying in Minot.



## Minot Street Art Movement kicks off first volunteer painting event May 15

The Minot Street Art Movement (MSAM) is proud to announce the kick-off painting event on May 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. Volunteers must sign up in advance to participate. MSAM expects over 70 volunteers to pick up two-hour painting shifts. This event is geared toward families. Children will be directed to designated areas to create art installations that will decorate the downtown parking garage construction site, while the adults paint the outside of the building.

The MSAM team is dedicated to organizing painting events each month, where community groups and families can come together to show Minot's downtown small businesses that we stand with them through difficult times of construction.

Less than a year ago, this project was just an idea. But this simple idea had a big goal – promote walkability, urban vitality and access to public art in the Minot downtown area. Founder Carissa Botton pitched her idea at the 2015 Magic 60 event, a micro-grant event sponsored by the Minot Area Community

Foundation and Young Professionals organization, and received funding. Now, she's recruited a passionate team and the dream is becoming a reality.

"I encourage everyone to sign up and help create public art in our downtown area. There is no art experience required – only a willingness to work, a positive attitude and a desire to make your mark on our community," said Botton. Volunteering is free and all volunteers receive a t-shirt.

To volunteer, please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4baea628a7f94-volunteer/>. For more information, visit the [Facebook.com/MinotStreetArtMovement](https://www.facebook.com/MinotStreetArtMovement).

## Karvakko staff completes training



**Cory Boushee**

& monitoring.

With this training, Boushee has the ability to train staff at other entities to manage their storm water and maintain the site's compliance with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.



**Suyi Hou**

Temporary Traffic Control Technician.

The course taught proper procedures for designing traffic control on various road projects, how to look up what signs and spacing is needed and how to implement safety for all workers, motorists, bicyclists and



**Andrew Crotty**



**Lynn Eaton**

pedestrians.

Selina Gilbertson, civil engineer at Karvakko, has completed two training courses through MNDOT. In February, she completed both the Bituminous Plant 1 and Concrete Plant 1 courses.



**Selina Gilbertson**

The Bituminous Plant course went in depth to cover bituminous, how it is created and tested in a plant. Gilbertson completed and passed a lab test a week after the training at the MnDOT District 2 office. The Concrete Plant course was held over two days and covered concrete, including how it is created and tested in a plant.

## Herslip-Stevens named development director for NDSF Foundation

Leslie Herslip-Stevens has been named development director for the North Dakota State Fair Foundation.

"The Foundation is pleased to hire someone with so much dedication and passion for the North Dakota State Fair," said Todd Berning, foundation president. Herslip-Stevens has served the ND State Fair in many roles and brings with her a wealth of experience. We are excited to have Stevens lead our Foundation."



**Leslie Herslip-Stevens**

Stevens is originally from Bottineau and lives in Carpio with her husband, Troy. A graduate of NDSU with a degree in mass communications and public relations, she has over 20 years of experience in marketing, event management, public relations, fundraising, grant writing and research. Currently she serves as a board member with the Miss Rodeo North Dakota organization, a National Advisory Council member for Miss Rodeo America and is a member of the AQHA, NDAQHA and Minot Trail Riders saddle club.

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### ***Sanford Health announces new clinic***

Sanford Health is expanding its existing services by opening a new clinic in northwest Minot.

Sanford Health Northwest Clinic, located at 1500 21st Ave. NW in the Lakeside Plaza, is scheduled to open Aug. 1 and will include family medicine along with specialty services. Sanford Health Highway 2 Clinic will remain open, providing walk-in services, primary care and occupational medicine.

Specialty physicians will provide care in the new clinic, including adult and pediatric cardiology, medical oncology, general surgery, orthopedics and podiatry. The \$1.52 million, 6,800 square foot clinic will feature 16 exam rooms, two procedure rooms, an X-ray area and lab.

"We want to keep people close to home rather than have them drive out of town for care," said Craig Lambrecht, MD, president of the West region of Sanford Health. "This new clinic will allow patients better access to primary care and specialty care. We're committed to growing along with the city of Minot and providing quality, state-of-the-art health care to Minot."

In addition to the northwest clinic, Sanford recently exercised its option to purchase land in south Minot. Purchase details are still being negotiated, and all possibilities remain on the table around how best to use that land.

For more information about the Sanford Health Northwest Clinic, visit [sanfordhealth.org](http://sanfordhealth.org) keyword: Minot.



### ***Marco introduces UCaaS***

Marco recently announced the introduction of a new Unified Communications as a Service (UCaaS) solution. The cloud-based service will be delivered through the company's long-time technology partner Mitel.

UCaaS enables clients to move a variety of their communication and collabora-

tion applications to the cloud. The services are delivered through a public or private IP network. Doing so allows users to access the applications from any device, anywhere. Moving the applications to the cloud significantly reduces capital and maintenance expenditures while providing faster system deployment and built-in redundancy. Marco's clients will have access to a host of advanced Unified Communications features such as unified messaging, mobility, conferencing, collaboration, video, chat, contact center, call recording and business analytics.

Marco's UCaaS solution is unique in that it offers a "client-first design." Clients will have the flexibility to bring their own carrier, as well as pick and choose which components of the solution are the right fit for their business.

Marco's decision to partner with Mitel is based on a 20+ year relationship with the technology industry leader and Mitel's vast experience designing, implementing and supporting Unified Communications solutions. For more information, read Marco's latest Technology Insights blog on UCaaS at <http://marconet.co/1UxUXou>.

### ***MSU receives Major Challenge grant***

The ND Higher Education Challenge Fund Grant Review Committee awarded nearly \$1 million in matching grant funds to Minot State University on a \$2 million gift from alumnus Clint Severson and Conni Ahart. Thanks to this partnership between MSU, Clint Severson and Conni Ahart, and the ND Higher Education Challenge Fund, the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy at MSU will have ongoing support for students in entrepreneurship training.

"These investments in the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy will not only benefit countless future MSU students, but will also further enhance entrepreneurship education and training for our state" said Steven Shirley, MSU president.

In February, Severson and Ahart donated \$2 million to Minot State University. This is the largest gift in MSU's history.

The ND Higher Education Challenge Fund is funded by the N.D. Legislature to

advance academics at institutions of higher education in the state. The program provides \$1 of matching grant funds for \$2 privately raised by N.D. university and college foundations.

The Severson Entrepreneurship Academy provides unique opportunities for both students and the community. It uses existing College of Business courses to teach multidisciplinary classes related to the creative process of building a business. Within the structure of the Entrepreneurship Club, students help write, analyze and evaluate business plans, both those from students and from community members. The club also gives seed money to those student business plans that are exceptional. This gives young entrepreneurs an authentic experience to begin their own business ventures. In addition, a resource center related to the needs of entrepreneurs and a speaker series are part of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy.

### ***AT & T raises money for JA program***

Junior Achievement (JA) provides students with relevant experiences and opportunities that empower them to make a connection between what they learn in school and how it can be applied in the real world. JA programs enhance the relevance of classroom learning, help students understand the value of staying in school, and provide them with the skills they need to succeed.

Kris Kingsley of Minot's AT & T store is supporting JA's important work by participating in JA bigBowl. He is asking you to support his efforts with a tax-deductible donation. To make a gift, click on Kris' link ([2016 JA bigBowl](#)), then the "GIVE NOW" button in the upper right corner. To further leverage your gift, check to see if your company has a matching gift program (check with your HR or benefits department). Because of your generosity, Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest will be able to provide real world skills and experiences to more than 161,000 local students this school year.

Thank you for supporting Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest, Inc.

### ***Family Night at the Museum May 6***

Creativity is the cornerstone for children's imagination. The Taube Museum of Art is pleased to host Family Night at the Museum, a new fundraiser to help kick off the summer art classes at the Taube Museum of Art. There is even the possibility of an appearance by the museum's ghost, which is said to roam the galleries!

Family Night at the Museum will be held Friday, May 6 from 6 - 9 pm. This exciting new event will be fun for all ages, and is going to be an evening filled with dinosaur-themed art activity stations, as well as other art activities based on the movie Night at the Museum. There will also be entertainment, photo opportunities, a scavenger hunt, face painting, temporary tattoos, enticing food, story time, and a movie viewing. Staff and volunteers will be dressed in costume, based on the movie, to help lend an authentic atmosphere to the event. Fees for this fun filled, open house style fundraiser are \$38 per family of four or \$10 per person, which is less than taking your family to the movies! Every child will go home with great projects and event favors!

"The museum staff designed the event as way to share the mysteries of the Museum with families already familiar with the museum, as well as for families entering the doors for the first time," said Nancy Walter, executive director. This is an opportunity for families to learn about the rich history of the Taube Museum in a fun filled environment.

Funding from this event will be used for continued arts programming to help fulfill their mission of enriching lives through the visual arts. This event is made possible with support from the Minot Area Community Foundation and Dakota Outdoor Advertising.

For further information contact Doug Pfliger, gallery manager at 838-4445.

### ***Partnership opportunity available: Kalix Employer/Employee Partnership (K.E.E.P.)***

Would you like access to a trained workforce which requires minimal investment of time and money and has the potential of bringing in great benefits,

including a positive impact on employee morale and company image? The K.E.E.P. (Kalix Employer/Employee Partnership) program can hit all those marks.

As part of a three-year grant from North Dakota Vocational Rehabilitation, Kalix's program will expand employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The K.E.E.P. program is seeking business partners that believe people with disabilities can accomplish great things with the right supports. Kalix staff will work together with the business representatives to identify tasks that both match a prospective employee's skills and fill a business need. Kalix will supply training and support for the new employee, as well as teach current employees methods of working with the K.E.E.P employee.

Businesses that employ one of these uniquely talented people often find that including somebody with disabilities on the team broadens everyone's perspective. Employees can gain a new sense of purpose, gratitude, and satisfaction with their job. Some businesses report that tools implemented to benefit the person with a disability increase everyone's productivity. Plus, a large group of family and friends of people with disabilities appreciate and support the effort.

Want to know more? Call 852-1014 and ask to speak with a representative of the Kalix Employer/Employee Partnership (KEEP), or e-mail [KEEP@kalixND.org](mailto:KEEP@kalixND.org).

### ***First Western Bank & Trust employee wins essay competition***

The Independent Community Bankers of North Dakota (ICBND) Emerging Leaders Development Program mentors young bankers in their careers in community banking. Its vision is to expand and broaden young bankers' current industry knowledge and to teach them to apply leadership skills to both their careers and communities served by their banks.

ICBND is headquartered in Bismarck, ND, and hosts three Emerging Leaders events per year at a pre-determined location, plus an annual ICBND convention held in the Capital city. Each event is held at various sites across North Dakota

and the Emerging Leaders will participate in a local community project during that event. Most recently, the Emerging Leaders helped remodel a women's shelter house and sorted food at the local food pantry while others painted and helped clean up the premise.

In addition, ICBND sponsors one Emerging Leaders member on a trip to the Washington Policy Summit in Washington, DC hosted by the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA). The candidate must submit an essay to ICBND expressing why they chose community banking as a career, why community banking is important to their community, and how Emerging Leaders has impacted the candidate both professionally and personally. The winning recipient for the 2016 Policy Summit is Jersey Benson, assistant vice president at First Western Bank and Trust.



***Jersey Benson***

The Policy Summit is a great opportunity for the candidate to meet with ND delegates and other state legislators to discuss current community banking matters in the state.

## **SAVE THE DATE "Swing Fore Shelter" YWCA Charity Golf Tournament**

**Saturday, Aug. 1, 2016**

**1 p.m. shotgun start**

**18-hole scramble**

**Vardon Golf Club**

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information.**





## Minot Association of Builders announces new executive officer

The Minot Association of Builders is excited to announce the recent addition of Elysha Head as their new executive officer. Head is a decade long Minot resident and joined the association in March. She was previously employed by Gooseneck Implement as their training coordinator. She earned a bachelor of science degree in marketing, management and international business. The association is eager to for the next stage of growth Head will bring.”



Elysha Head

## ‘Code Yellow’ drill coincides with Severe Weather Week

Trinity Health conducted a Code Yellow drill throughout its Minot, Williston and rural clinic facilities. A Code Yellow indicates severe weather is occurring and a tornado watch or warning has been issued for the immediate area.

Randy Schwan, vice president of mission integration, said the drill coincided with Severe Weather Awareness Week in North Dakota. The National Weather Service issued a test tornado warning across the state to evaluate communication systems. Staff performed Code Yellow procedures and evacuated all patients and visitors to designated areas and sheltered in place until the code was cleared.

“The safety of our patients and staff is our top priority, and since severe weather can strike during the most inconvenient of times, we exercise our plan to ensure that we respond appropriately any time of day or week – whether we’re busy or not,” said Schwan

For more information about severe weather safety, visit [www.co.ward.nd.us/156/Emergency-Disaster-Preparedness](http://www.co.ward.nd.us/156/Emergency-Disaster-Preparedness).

## Souris Valley United Way announces grant awards

Souris Valley United Way announced 25 local area programs will receive grants totaling \$419,570. Each grant directly addresses the areas of education, financial stability, and health. Grant

recipients were recognized on Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

Todd Jensen, board president stated, “SVUW continues to support Local programs which make a difference in our community. The Community Building Committee did a great job interviewing the agencies and ensuring grant dollars will make an impact in the community.”

“The message heard during the grant interviews was the increased demand for services due to the economic downturn” Patricia Smith, executive director said. “That is why it is so important to grow the 2016 Campaign.”

Program applications were accepted in the following areas and awarded:

Enter School Ready to Succeed .....	\$35,088
Productive & Engaged Youth .....	\$27,250
Healthy Behaviors .....	\$49,050
Healthy Nutrition for All .....	\$102,595
Mental & Emotional Wellness .....	\$43,224
Emergency Assistance .....	\$153,500
Promote Stable Living Environment.....	\$8,863

### Local Programs receiving funds:

American Red Cross  
Annie’s House Adaptive Recreation Program  
Backpack Buddies  
Boy Scouts - Northern Lights  
Catholic Charities ND - Guardianship Division  
Catholic Charities ND - Pregnancy Services  
Community Action Partnership  
Companions for Children  
Dolly Parton Imagination Library  
Domestic Violence Crisis Center - Children’s Advocate  
Domestic Violence Crisis Center - Emergency Shelter  
Domestic Violence Crisis Center – Volunteer Program  
First Link 2-1-1 Program – Information and Crisis hotline  
Girl Scouts - Dakota Horizons  
Lutheran Social Services - Senior Companions  
Minot Area Homeless Coalition  
Minot Area Men’s Winter Refuge  
Minot Commission on Aging – Meals on Wheels  
Minot Literacy Volunteers  
Northern Plains Child Advocacy Center



The Salvation Army  
Village Family Service Center - Pregnancy Counseling  
Village Family Service Center - Supervised Parenting  
YMCA - School Readiness & Success  
YWCA - Emergency Assistance

Souris Valley United Way is committed to supporting our community by helping individuals and families achieve their potential through education, income stability, and healthy lives. A complete list of grant award recipients can be found at [www.svunitedway.com](http://www.svunitedway.com) or by calling 701-839-2994.

## Dale Carnegie Training

Dale Carnegie Training would like to recognize the 2016 Minot Dale Carnegie Course graduates. A special acknowledgement goes to Pete Campbell, store manager from Tires Plus, as he won the Highest Award of Achievement. The recipient for this award is voted on by class members upon completion of the course. The criteria for this award is to exemplify the principles of Dale Carnegie training throughout the course, demonstrate significant personal and professional development, careful preparation and leadership throughout the class. Congratulations to Pete and all the graduates: Justin Ahmann, Ryan Anderson, Kelly Beck, Alex Fornshell, Staci Kenney, Mitchell McGee, Thomas Moller, Jessica Olson, Alea Samsal, Jeremy Sauer, Emily Schroeder, Anthony Smith, Cole Stober, Krystal Stober, Katie Woodbury.



Pete Campbell

Dale Carnegie Training offers public courses, seminars and workshops, as well as in-house customized training, corporate assessments, online reinforcement and one-on-one coaching. Dale Carnegie’s corporate specialists work with individuals, groups and organizations to design solutions that unleash your employees’ potential, enabling your organization to reach the next level of performance. For more information on the next Dale Carnegie opportunity contact Michelle Wall at 701.255.8476 or by email at [michelle.wall@dalecarnegie.com](mailto:michelle.wall@dalecarnegie.com).

# May 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <b>FTAC Right Start Presentation,</b> 9:45 a.m., MAFB	3 <b>First Dollar of Profit Presentations,</b> 10 a.m., various locations	4	5 <b>Ribbon Cutting,</b> 10 a.m., Waxing the City, 305 20th Ave. SW, Suite 3 <b>Military Affairs Committee,</b> Noon, Jimmy Doolittle Center, MAFB <b>Ambassadors Committee,</b> 4:30 p.m., Vegas Motel	6 <b>Ribbon Cutting,</b> 3:30 p.m., Roosevelt Park Zoo Red Panda Exhibit	7
8	9	10 <b>Eagle Awards Presentation,</b> 10 a.m., Chamber office	11 <b>Right Start Presentation,</b> 10 a.m., MAFB	12 <b>Business After Hours,</b> 5–7 p.m., Fireside Bistro at Edgewood Senior Living, corner of 16th Ave. SE & Hiawatha	13 <b>Infrastructure Committee,</b> 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant <b>Citywide Cleanup,</b> 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., city entrances	14 <b>Citywide Cleanup,</b> 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., city entrances <b>Ribbon Cutting - Nature's Nook Children's Toys &amp; Books,</b> 10 a.m., 700 21st Ave NW Suite B
15	16 <b>FTAC Right Start Presentation,</b> 9:45 a.m., MAFB	17 <b>Board of Directors,</b> 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	18 <b>Coffee with the President,</b> 1:30 p.m., Chamber office	19 <b>Ribbon Cutting,</b> 10 a.m., BeMobile, Dakota Square Mall	20 <b>Governmental Affairs Committee,</b> 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel <b>Ribbon Cutting,</b> 4:30 p.m., Pour House, 400 E. Central Ave., Ste. 102	21
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To view meeting changes or community events, log on to [www.minotchamber.org](http://www.minotchamber.org)