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Showcase of Business will celebrate “Fairytale Favorites - Your Childhood Stories” this year, set for Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016, at the North Dakota State Fair Center Magic Place from 5 to 8 p.m.

In its 26th year, the Showcase often features more than 70 businesses and their sponsored booths decorated to the theme. “We continue to strive to make this the premiere event of the fall for Chamber members,” said Chamber President John MacMartin. “The Showcase is an event not only for businesses, but for the

public to see what they have to offer.”

Booth sponsorships are still available. The cost is \$175 for a 10 by 10 and \$275 for a 15 by 15 for Chamber members. The cost to attend is just \$10. Expect to see great prizes, food and entertainment. To sign up for a booth, log onto www.minotchamber.org and go to November 17 on the Chamber calendar to input your log in and password.



Annual meeting showcases community award winners

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce 93rd Annual Meeting took place Oct. 19 at the Grand Hotel. The noon hour meeting was a time for outgoing Chair Duane Poynter (Off Broadway Laundromat) to reflect on the past year and new Chair Jessica Merchant (Olson & Burns, PC.) to look toward the future.

Merchant thanked Poynter for his year and added that the Chamber maintained membership during a downturn in the economy. She is looking forward to her year as chair and the adventure it brings for her and the membership.

During the meeting, outgoing board members Randy Hauck (Verendrye Electric Coop.), Tige Engelhard (Gooseneck Implement), Tanya Harden (First International Bank & Trust), and Katie Harsaager (Enbridge) were recognized for their work on the board.

Four awards were presented. These awards celebrate the mission and vision of local busi-

nesses and business people. The growth opportunities and activities work in harmony with the spirit of Minot.

Fiancée received the Spirit of Growth Award, which honors a small business that sees more than simple success and growth. This award looks at companies where employees are active in the community in addition to having a strong, positive impact. The management team has a vision for the future and encourages growth in other business professionals.

Fiancée owner Debbie Harris has been in business in Minot for 32 years, opening first in Dakota Square Mall and then moving to the current downtown location. Fiancée has strongly supported the Annual International Military Ball, efforts to promote downtown, the Chamber’s Showcase of Business, as well as the seasonal



Incoming chair Jessica Merchant (left) and outgoing chair Duane Poynter (right) presented the Spirit of Growth award to Fiancée owner Debbie Harris.



Outgoing Chamber Chair Duane Poynter officially passed the gavel to incoming chair Jessica Merchant.

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Advertising opportunities are available in our monthly newsletter. As you may have seen, the Chamber's newsletter is no longer printed, but businesses can still promote themselves and gain valuable exposure with advertising in the monthly digital edition of the Communicator. Each monthly publication will have a maximum of two full-page ads, four half page ads and six 1/4 page ads.

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

Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership through Oct. 18, 2016. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

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Annual meeting celebrations and awards featured

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celebrations and decorations of the downtown area. Individually, Harris has been a strong Chamber Board member, the master mind of creativity for the Showcase of Business and has been the driving force behind the Downtown Adult Halloween Party.

The 2016 Minot Chamber of Commerce Impact award was presented to Farm Credit Services of North Dakota. The "Impact Award" showcases a business that continues to influence and alter the Magic City in a positive way. The impact Farm Credit

Services has on the Minot community goes beyond its business activity. Employees are active in the community through 4-H, the Chamber Ag Committee, the citywide cleanup, the Magic Day of Giving, and helping provide scholarships to area youth. The company's mission for success is closely woven into the same fabric and spirit that makes Minot the Magic City. As a proud member of the community for 100 years, Farm Credit Services helps educate, encourage, and support the next generation of community leaders. Farm Credit Services of ND contributes an estimated \$100,000 in sponsorships each year to organizations and programs in their business territory. In 2016, they started the Pat-NOW Community Fund, which offers grant money for projects and organizations that positively impact agriculture in northwest North Dakota.

The Business Stewardship Award was awarded to Mark Hildahl (Souris Valley Dental) for individual achievement. This award honors an individual who epitomizes the meaning of stewardship: the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving. Hildahl embodies this definition on a daily

basis. He is someone who is involved, but doesn't want any recognition for his involvement. As a Kiwanis member, he is the first to arrive at the After Prom party and the last to leave.

He sets up all the gaming equipment, and even if he has something else going on, he still attends. He is an important part of the Minot Curling Club, Minot Country Club, Sanford Health Board of Directors, Jr. Golf, the Moose Lodge and so much more. It's that selflessness and tenacity that makes him the recipient for this award.

Annual meeting keynote speaker Andy Peterson, Greater North Dakota Chamber CEO and President, talked about how North Dakota stands in the business community and the positive aspects of what is ahead for the state.



Mark Hildahl received the Chamber's Business Stewardship Award.



Outgoing Chamber Chair Duane Poynter (left) and incoming Chair Jessica Merchant (right) presented the Impact Award to Farm Credit Services. Dan Beyer (center) accepted the award on behalf of Farm Credit Services.

Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in October and thanked for superior customer service skills. If you would like to nominate someone for outstanding customer service, please call the Chamber at 852-6000 for a nomination form, or visit the website at minotchamber.org. A special thank you goes out to **Homesteaders Restaurant** and **Rainbow Photo Lab** for providing gift certificates for each Eagle recipient.



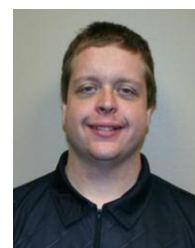
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Bring the day home: Shop small businesses Nov. 26

In 2015, a record number of Neighborhood Champions across the country rallied their communities for Small Business Saturday®. Small Business Saturday, set for Nov. 26, 2016, is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses across the country. Founded by American Express in 2010, this day is celebrated each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

As a consumer, you can support small business in lots of ways. You can go shopping or dining at a local small business, invite friends to shop with you, or share on your social networks where you #ShopSmall. Find new small businesses in your community through the Shop Small Map at ShopSmallNow.com.



Young Professionals name new leadership for 2016-17

The Minot Young Professionals announces its new leadership team for the 2016-2017 year: President: Megan Laudenschlager; Vice President: Becky Dolley; Secretary: Jessica Hoffer; Treasurer: Fred Beuchler; Marketing

Team: Victoria Cofell and Lorena Starkey; Social Team: Preston Philips and Nathan Stremick; Outreach Team: Jessica Henderson and Nancy Simpson; and Professional Development: Kayla Burkhart and Tracey Mays.

YP Membership is open to any young professional, ages 21-39, residing in Minot or the surrounding area who has an interest in and commitment to our city. For more information about YP check out the website: www.ypminot.com or on Facebook.

Heartland Ag Showcase set for Nov. 15-16

The second annual Heartland Ag Showcase will be Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 15 and 16, 2016, at the North Dakota State Fair Center in Minot. Admission and parking are free. The Heartland Ag Showcase is an agricultural trade show that improves the way farmers prepare for the upcoming season.

As the prime agriculture purchase season has shifted to the last quarter of the year, visitors and exhibitors alike now have a mutually rewarding opportunity to take action with year-end purchases and sales of seed, fertilizers, chemicals, tractors, balers and other equipment. Only agriculturally-related exhibitors are

allowed, so this show is relevant to all that attend.

The Heartland Ag Showcase also offers top-notch speakers with informative, agricultural-related topics. Also new this year is a farm toy show featuring vendors with small farm toys for purchase. In addition to the ag displays on the main floors, the Benno Brothers will perform on Tuesday afternoon in the Upper Mezzanine area.

Enthusiasm is high, but space is limited, so if you're looking to reserve a booth, you must act quickly. Potential exhibitors, sponsors, members of the press, or volun-



teers should contact event@farmshowminot.com. For more information, please visit www.heartlandagshowcase.com.

Save the Date: December Business After Hours

**Dec. 1 | 5 to 7 p.m. | Elevation - Minot Country Club
(1912 Valley Bluff Drive)**



25 graduate from CLI November 3

The following participants of the 2016 Community Leadership Institute (CLI) graduate Nov. 3 at a luncheon ceremony at the TheVegas Motel. We look forward to seeing these community-minded participants in action to better our community.



NATHAN AMICK
Ackerman-Estvold



JOIE ARMSTRONG
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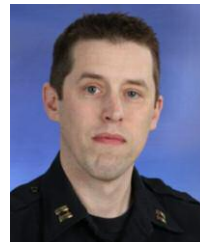
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Ground Breaking

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.



CHS SunPrairie Shuttle Loading Facility: 1800 13th St. SE • Minot, ND • 852-1429 • www.chssunprairie.com

*Ambassadors were on hand to pitch some dirt during a groundbreaking ceremony. CHS SunPrairie is excited about the new 900,000-bushel grain shuttle loading facility that is being constructed just **northeast of Lansford, ND**, on Highway 83 N which will be the 11th location for CHS SunPrairie in north central North Dakota.*

Mortgage Burning



Domestic Violence Crisis Center: P.O. Box 881 • Minot, ND • 852-2258 • www.courage4change.org

The Chamber Ambassadors helped the Domestic Violence Crisis Center staff and officials celebrate the completion of a loan challenge. The Domestic Violence Crisis Center is humbled by the generosity of the community response to the Tollefson challenge, which will pay of the construction loan for the DVCC campus.

MAFB Cookie Drive looking for volunteer bakers

The Minot AFB Airman Cookie Drive will take place Dec. 5 – 9, 2016, with the cookies being packaged and delivered on Dec. 10.

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce will once again play host as the cookie collection site during those dates. If you have questions, please call the Chamber at 852-

6000 or Summer Cisneros, Minot Officers Spouses Club and Airmen Cookie Drive chair, at 406-781-5785.

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.



Mattress Firm Broadway: 400 South Broadway • Minot, ND • 701-838-8111

Jason Sellers, Owner • www.mattressfirm.com

Ambassadors cut the ribbon at the second Minot location for Mattress Firm. Stop in and check out their selection today on Broadway and in southwest Minot on 22nd Avenue.



North Star Community Credit Union: 1400 South Broadway • Minot, ND • 858-9300

Bob Herrington, CEO • Susan Bergman, Branch Manager

The Chamber Ambassadors celebrated with a ribbon cutting at the new North Star Community Credit Union. North Star is excited to open a sixth branch in Minot and be able to offer its popular services to current and potential members.

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.



Dakota College at Bottineau - Trinity Health: 307 5th Ave. SE • Minot, ND OR 105 Simrall Blvd. • Bottineau ND 58318
701-228-5433 • 701-857-2922 • Website: www.dakotacollege.edu

Ambassadors cut the ribbon at the Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB). DCB, a partner in the Dakota Nursing Program, educates practical nursing students and associate degree nursing (ADN) students in Bottineau, Rugby, Valley City, and Minot. The new location on the south side of the Trinity Health on 5th Avenue allows classes to be set up in a hospital setting including medical surgery rooms, pediatric rooms, trauma bay, an emergency room, and an OB suite, making it more realistic for the students.



Chumas Plaza: 225 3rd St. SE • Minot, ND

Minot Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon at the Chumas Plaza, which is the green space located by the Ward County Office Building where Minot Food was formerly located. On Thursday, city and county representatives, as well as friends and family, paid tribute to the late George Chumas, who owned the business. He sold it to Ward County in 2005. Chumas was a fixture in downtown Minot and is remembered by generations of Minot residents, many of them loyal customers.

Ribbon Cutting

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.



Firehouse Subs: 3112 16th St. SW, Ste. D • 852-7827 • Denise Pardon • www.firehousesubs.com

Minot Chamber Ambassadors welcomed Minot's newest Sub place, Firehouse Subs. Firehouse Subs is a U.S.-based, fast casual food restaurant chain that specializes in hot subs. Founded in 1994 in Jacksonville, Florida, by former firefighter brothers Robin and Chris Sorensen, Firehouse Subs serves sandwiches with meats and cheeses, "steamed" hot and placed on a toasted sub roll.



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CHS SunPrairie announces employee promotions

Jeremy Burkhart recently took on the new role of Multi-Commodity & Project Manager for CHS SunPrairie. In addition to overseeing the commodity positions,



Jeremy Burkhart

Burkhart will be working on the new grain shuttle loading facility in the Lansford area that is slated to be completed in 2018. Burkhart is based out of the Minot office and has been the Grain Division Manager since 2010. He came to CHS SunPrairie in 2003 after graduating from NDSU with a bachelor degree in Agricultural Economics. Burkhart is originally from Burlington.

Kayla Burkhart has been promoted to Grain Division Manager after six years as a Broker/Procurement Officer in the Grain Marketing department at CHS SunPrairie. Burkhart started with the cooperative through the CHS Ag Associate program, spending a year and a half in the program not only within Country Operations, but also a



Kayla Burkhart

six-month tour with grain marketing, and a six-month tour with CHS's Hedging division. Burkhart holds a bachelor degree from Montana State University in Agricultural Business with a concentration in economics. Burkhart is originally from Pullman, WA, and moved to Minot in 2009.

Alea Samsal has been promoted to accounting assistant after being with CHS SunPrairie since May of 2015. Samsal was hired on originally to work in the areas of Human Resources & Recruiting. She will continue her HR & Recruiting duties as well as take on accounting work. Samsal graduated from Confederation College in Thunder Bay, Ontario, in 2012 with a Business Administration degree, specializing in Human Resources. Samsal is originally from Dryden, Ontario.



Alea Samsal

Dawn Poitra has been promoted to accounting specialist after three years working as a grain check writer and accounting assistant at CHS SunPrairie. Poitra is currently attending



Dawn Poitra

Minot State University part time working toward her bachelor's degree with a concentration in accounting. She moved to Minot in 1996, attended Minot State University, and worked at Gate City Bank as a personal loan officer. Poitra then went to work for North Dakota Guaranty and Escrow in Minot as a Closer/Settlement Agent and started with CHS SunPrairie in November 2013.

Enerbase Cooperative Resources new HR director

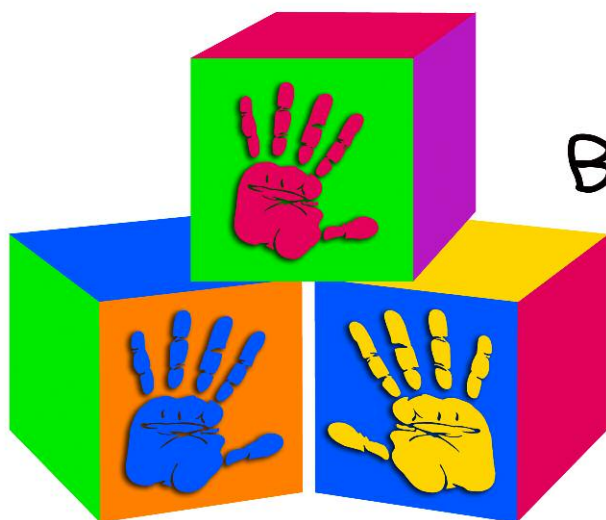
Enerbase Cooperative Resources welcomes Lolly Gorze to the team as Human Resources Director.

Gorze has an Associates of Information Processing degree from Minot State University and is currently working on her bachelor of science



Lolly Gorze

degree from there as well. Gorze was with BCBS of ND for 15 years, followed by one year as a supervisor at Trinity Health Recruitment and one year at Sanford OccMed as an Employer Relations Representative. Gorze is a Surrey native and she and her husband, Jeff, have three sons.



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CDC's Hambrick appointed to board

Dakota CDC welcomes Jim Hambrick to the board of directors. Hambrick was selected as a new board member on Sept. 7, 2016, and will represent the Lending sector. Dakota CDC Board of Directors elected Hambrick due to his extensive experience in business banking. With over 34 years of experience serving North Dakota and promoting development through small business growth, the board believes Hambrick will be a valuable contributor to the continuing success and growth of Dakota CDC.



Jim Hambrick

Hambrick is a Carrington, ND, native and a proud graduate of NDSU in Fargo. For nearly his entire banking career, he has worked as a business banker with a focus on relationship management for small to large sized operating businesses. He has experience in banking management in addition to his SVP/business banker role. Hambrick has been involved with a number of local community non-profit organizations including the Red Cross, United Way, and Fraser, Ltd. He currently serves on the board of directors for the NDSU Team Makers and NDSU Alumni Association.

Other board members include: Lori Gabriel, Mike Connor, Marlowe Johnson, John Phillips, Andy Maragos, Dan Jacobson, Rich Becker and Jim Stai.

SRT hosts "Technology Day" at Westhope School

October was Co-Op Month and as part of a variety of outreach activities, SRT Communications partnered with Westhope School for a Technology in the Classroom day.

Four different project-based learning activities took place and K-12 students rotated through stations. One project focused on computer programming as it relates to the popular game of Minecraft. Another project collaborates with the Minot Public Library's MakerSpace program, which involves robotics. Another station was a Hex Bug Maze that challenges student's creativity and problem-solving skills. The final station involved Scratch, which teaches coding language and programming concepts and was developed by MIT.

By hosting a school-wide Technology Day, SRT hopes to spark an interest in the Technology pillar of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) education by showing kids how their everyday life relates to technology and introduce them to people who work in technology related fields.

"SRT is thrilled to go to Westhope School as part of Co-Op Month and not only educate kids on technology concepts but also introduce them to careers that may very well see some of these kids end up in the communications field in the future" said Steve Lysne, CEO and General Manager of SRT.

"Freezin' for a Reason" brings awareness of homelessness, hunger

The Minot State University Student Social Work Organization is sponsoring "Freezin' for a Reason" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19 in the Marketplace Foods parking lot, located at 1930 South Broadway, Minot.

"MSU SSWO is excited for its 14th annual Freezin' for a Reason. Many people struggle with poverty and homelessness, especially in winter," said Alivia Poitra, event co-chair from Belcourt. "This year, Community Action Partnership-Minot Region will receive the food items, while the YWCA is the beneficiary of monetary donations."

MSU SSWO members stand in the cold and "freeze" to experience homelessness firsthand. Individuals can participate by dropping off food or monetary contributions at the parking lot or by "freezing" with the MSU SSWO members. Other MSU student organizations, such as the Beta Theta Sorority, are joining MSU SSWO members.

Kendra Bartel, Minot, is the other co-chair. For questions about the Minot event, contact Dionne Spooner, MSU SSWO faculty advisor, at 858-3142 or dionne.l.spooner@minotstateu.edu or SSWO members atsswo@minotstateu.edu.

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DVCC meets goal for Construction Loan Challenge Grant

The Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC) announces that the goal for the construction loan challenge grant has been met. The DVCC needed to raise \$165,000 to meet a local family's challenge and fully fund the construction loan on the New Beginnings Campus.

Earlier this spring, a challenge came from Mark Tollefson, in memory of Lori Tollefson, and Roger and Michelle Tollefson. The two families each pledged \$250,000 toward the existing construction loan if DVCC could raise the remaining balance of \$165,000.

The DVCC was met with an outpouring of community support through several different fundraisers. Together, these events raised the remaining funds needed to meet the \$165,000 goal, which will pay off the loan in full.

"We at DVCC are so grateful to our community for their financial gifts to meet the challenge and giving us the ability to pay off the construction loan," said Dena Filler, executive director of the Domestic Violence Crisis Center. "When state grant dollars were frozen it was a giant challenge to have the community come forward to assist us. I am overwhelmed by the community support DVCC has received. We live in a generous community."

See the "mortgage cutting" on page 6.

MSU Music Division to host percussion workshop and concert

The Music Division of Minot State University will host Fubuki Daiko, a traditional Japanese taiko drumming ensemble from Winnipeg, MB, in a Day of Percussion that includes percussion workshops and an evening percussion concert Nov. 4, 2016. Taiko is a high-energy, percussion-based art form that combines music, choreography, and costume in a performance that is visually exciting as well as musically appealing.

The percussion workshops will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Swain Hall. The day's activities will conclude

with a concert by Fubuki Daiko at 8 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

The workshop and concert are free and open to the public. The Day of Percussion is presented in conjunction with the MSU Music Division's Northwest International Festival of Music.

Workshops will accommodate up to 50 participants, and are open to high school and middle school percussion students and teachers, university students, and interested community members. Workshop participants are asked to register via e-mail atnac@minotstateu.edu.

The event will begin with an opening drum circle at 9:30 a.m. in the third floor atrium of Swain Hall, MSU. During the morning and afternoon, Fubuki Daiko will present hands-on workshops, teaching basic taiko moves and rhythms. Fubuki Daiko are active teachers of taiko across Manitoba through Arts in the Schools programs, and maintain a taiko training program in Winnipeg.

Additional workshop sessions will be presented by MSU percussion instructor Avis Veikley with assistance from the MSU Percussion Ensemble. Sessions will include instruction on percussion playing techniques, performance demonstrations, and hands-on activities.

The event is co-sponsored by Minot Public Schools, the MSU Music Division, the MSU Multicultural Fund, the ND chapter of the Percussive Arts Society, the MSU Percussive Arts Club, and the Sunnyside School DrumKidz. The program is funded in part by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, and by the Arts Midwest Touring Fund, a program of Arts Midwest that is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional contributions from the North Dakota Council on the Arts and the Crane Group.

For more information or to register for the workshop call 858-3264 or e-mail nac@minotstateu.edu.

Fubuki Daiko, a Japanese taiko ensemble from Winnipeg, MB, will present free percussion



workshops and a concert Nov. 4 at Minot State University.

The Wyatt sponsors Veterans' Appreciation Day Nov. 11

The Wyatt @ Northern Lights will offer a Veteran's Appreciation day at the Clubhouse during lunch time on Nov. 11. Catered food will be offered as well as activities for veterans and their families, including a photo booth and crafting tables. Veterans do not have to be residents of The Wyatt to attend.

For more information, please contact Keli Anderson, community manager at The Wyatt @ Northern Lights, 1410 30th Avenue NW, Minot, ND 58703, or call 852-9500 or visit www.thewyattminot.com.

Tires Plus Total Car Care promotes two

Congratulations to Kevin Weber for being promoted to Assistant/Co-Manager with locally-owned and operated "Tires Plus Total Car Care" Center in Minot.

Weber has served since 2003 as an ASE Certified Master Mechanic and Shop Foreman. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Master Chief E-7 and operated his own shop auto repair business.



Kevin Weber

Clarence Lundeen has also been promoted to store manager of the "Tires Plus Total Car Care" Center located at Minot Air Force Base. Lundeen was the service manager at the downtown Minot location for five years.

He has 20 years of extensive auto experience, and was in the U.S. Navy for four years. He looks forward to taking good care of our military personnel and veterans.



Clarence Lundeen

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MAGIC CITY DISCOVERY CENTER Museum Without Walls

Minot's own children's museum to kick off third season on Nov. 2,

The Magic City Discovery Center will open its doors for a third season on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Featured this year will be "The Science of an Amusement Park" exhibit designed to explore the science behind traditional amusement park rides through hands-on activities geared toward eager minds of all ages.

"We are excited to once again be located inside the Dakota Territory Air Museum just north of the airport off of Broadway and proud to be able to feature a new exhibit that takes children and their parents behind the scenes of an amusement park, exploring the physics behind the fun," said Children's Museum of Minot Board President Jessica Henderson. "Thanks to the dedicated board volunteers and hired staff who will keep the children's museum open during the upcoming winter months. Please come check out what's new and experience your favorite exhibits from previous seasons as well!"

Admission to this season's Magic City Discovery Center is available at the same, reasonable price of \$4/person (\$15 maximum per family) with those 12 months and younger getting in free. The Magic City Discovery Center is open Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m.

Also new this year is an increase in the number of corporate sponsorships and donations to the Magic City Discovery Center. On the first day the museum is open there is a planned check presentation from local electrical cooperative partners, Verendrye Electric Cooperative, Basin Electric Cooperative and CoBank. The \$7,500 donation will go toward exhibits in this year's museum and future endeavors by the non-profit board to continue outreach into schools.

"We are pleased to support this unique initiative in our region," said Tom Rafferty, Verendrye Electric Cooperative

member services manager. "As a group of dedicated cooperatives we are always interested in the quality of life available in our service area and love to support programs geared toward children and families."

"Verendrye Electric Cooperative and our other corporate sponsors are a big part of the early success of our temporary children's museum," said Henderson. "Without such great support for the discovery center we simply wouldn't be able to provide this indoor fun over the next five months."

This will be the final season for the temporary museum as the Children's Museum of Minot Board will be shifting the focus of their non-profit organization toward securing a location for a stand-alone, larger museum and fundraising for efforts to provide the region with a museum that will stand out in North Dakota as a premier location to fulfill our mission: To engage children and families in the magic of life-long learning through discovery, creativity, and play. Stay tuned for more details on these future plans and how the public can help!

This year's museum will have a full event schedule with special programming for children of all ages. More details on this feature will be released in coming weeks. To view the schedule as it is being developed go to facebook.com/magiccitydiscoverycenter.

North Dakota Navigator Project ready for open enrollment

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a center of excellence at Minot State University, was recently awarded \$300,000 as a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid to assist North Dakota consumers in accessing health insurance through the federal Marketplace with the North Dakota Navigator Project. This is the fourth year of funding and will support the efforts to bring awareness of the Affordable Care Act at the local level.

"Efforts have been made to inform and assist North Dakota residents in accessing health insurance," said Neil Scharpe, project director. "Through partnerships with Family Voices of North Dakota, the Federation of Families for Children's

Mental Health and DLN Consulting, we have certified 12-16 Navigators each year. These people are located in the eight major cities and have responsibility to cover the counties in their region."

While Navigators are not insurance agents, they can guide consumers through choosing a plan, but even more importantly, they can help by identifying options a person may have for accessing coverage and explaining how the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare) works. Many residents have not considered the options which may be available to them to lower their monthly premiums or provide coverage at no cost.

This year if an individual household income is below \$16,242 and the individual is single, they could get free health insurance. If a household income is \$16,500 and the individual is 30 years old, the person could get insurance for \$80 per month with no deductible and \$750 maximum out-of-pocket expense for the year.

As the program enters its fourth year of open enrollment, accessing insurance is much easier than it was the first year or two. The system works better, but a Navigator can help guide people through the process. There is no charge, and the Navigators know the pitfalls individuals may encounter.

The N.D. Legislature authorized the Expanded Medicaid portion of the ACA in 2010 with a sunset in 2017.

"If it is to continue, the legislature will have to act this session," Scharpe said. "It has been a positive addition to the health insurance coverage options. It also assists medical facilities with patients who would not ordinarily be able to pay for services. It helps consumers receive regular preventative care, which can identify medical issues early and avoid added expenses."

If someone does not have health insurance, they can contact a Navigator at 800-233-1737, www.ndcpd/navigator or follow on Facebook at ND Navigator Project.

If an organization would like a Navigator to speak to its staff or constituents, contact Scharpe at 858-3596 or neil.scharpe@minotstateu.edu.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 First Dollar of Profit Presentations, 10 a.m., Various locations	2 Ribbon Cutting, 11 a.m., Magic City Discovery Center, 100 34th Ave. NE	3 CLI Final Session, 8 a.m., Vegas Motel Ribbon Cutting, 10 a.m., KJ's Fresh Market, 1024 24th Ave. SW CLI Luncheon, Noon, Vegas Motel Military Affairs Committee, Noon, Grand Hotel	4 Ambassadors Committee, 7:30 a.m., Taco John's, 623 N. Broadway	5
6	7	8 Eagle Awards Presentation, 10 a.m., Chamber office	9 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB Ribbon Cutting, 10 a.m., Carter's OshKosh, Dakota Square	10 Honorary Commander Social, 5:30 p.m., Jimmy Doolittle Center Ribbon Cutting, 3 p.m., Cornerstone Mortgage, 300 3rd Ave. SW, Ste. E	11 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	12
13	14 FTAC Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., MAFB	15 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	16 Coffee with the President, 1:30 p.m., Chamber office	17 Showcase of Business, 5 – 8 p.m., ND State Fair Center Magic Place	18 Governmental Affairs Committee, 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel Ribbon Cutting, 10 a.m., HighAir Ground, 1210 4th Ave. NW	19
20	21	22	23 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	24 Thanksgiving Day Office closed 	25	26
27	28 FTAC Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., MAFB	29	30			

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