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Annual meeting features ND Chamber executive

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Hotel. This year's annual meeting will feature North Dakota Chamber of Commerce CEO & President Andy Peterson.

Cost is \$25 per person, and lunch is included. Please RSVP by Friday, Oct. 14. Register at www.minotchamber.org, select October 19 on the Chamber calendar and use your membership login information. For more information call 852-6000.

Magic Day of Giving set for Sept. 9

With over 1,400 volunteers already committed, the third annual Magic Day of Giving will take place on Friday, Sept. 9, and make a great impact on the community!

Volunteers of all ages are invited to sign up and take part in Magic Day of Giving individually or as a team. Volunteers can create their own project giving back to the community in a way that utilizes their talents, or volunteers can request to be partnered with a project that has been submitted by the community. Many valuable projects have been submitted, including stuffing envelopes for a mailing, painting railings, cleaning and organizing nonprofit facilities, working at the zoo, building shelves, painting, and outdoor yard work. Projects are designed to last no more than two hours. The deadline to sign up a Volunteer Team online at

www.magicdayofgiving.org is Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016.

Magic Day of Giving will kick off with a free continental breakfast for volunteers from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Roosevelt Park Zoo Auditorium. The first 1,000 volunteers to check in will receive a free Magic Day of Giving t-shirt. Volunteer teams will then complete their two-hour projects throughout the day.

Magic Day of Giving is organized and coordinated by volunteers from area businesses and non-profits. Learn more at www.magicdayofgiving.org and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/engagingforimpact. If you have any questions about Magic Day of Giving please contact Megan Laudenschlager at 701-303-0840 or megan@strengthennd.com.

Business After Hours: Sept. 8

Thursday, Sept. 8 • 5–7 p.m. • Holiday Inn*
2200 Burdick Expressway East

Network with other chamber members, enjoy some delicious food, and take your chance at some great prizes, including \$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

* Due to construction delays, Magic City Indian Motorcycles was unable to host the September event and will host one in the future.



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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 Aug. 26, 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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Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in August 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.



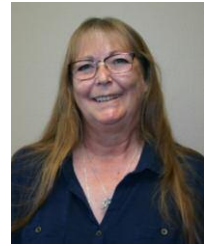
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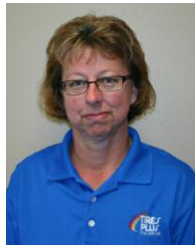
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Update on EPA's Clean Power Plan offered

At a triumphant White House ceremony on Aug. 3, 2015, President Obama released the final version of the Environmental Protection Agency's "Clean Power Plan" (CPP, or Costly Power Plan, as it is also known).

Today, the CPP turns one, and it sure has been a rocky 12 months for the President's sweeping effort to take over America's electricity grid. As one of 166 business associations that signed an amicus brief in support of the U.S. Chamber's legal challenge to the rule, here is a quick review and update on the Costly Power Plan's birthday.

Since the President finalized the regulation last year, a number of key events have taken place:

- First, in October 2015, an unprecedented number and diversity of stakeholders immediately sued to stop EPA from imposing CPP upon the states. All told, 159 entities filed suit, including 27 states, 71 utilities, 8 labor unions, and 25 different trade associations (16 of which sued as part of the U.S. chamber-led business coalition).
- On Feb. 9, 2016, the Supreme Court sent shockwaves through Washington when it granted our litigation coalition's request

for a stay to block EPA's implementation of the rule until its legality could be decided upon by the courts, including the Supreme Court. The importance of the stay cannot be overstated, especially given EPA's "Catch Me If You Can" regulatory strategy that forces states and utilities to make irreversible power plant shutdown decisions before the courts have time to determine whether EPA rules are lawful.

- Despite the stay, EPA has continued to pressure states to undertake compliance efforts by (among other things) asserting that key implementation deadlines will not be pushed back after judicial review is complete. Fortunately, the vast majority of states have chosen not to bow to this pressure and have halted formal decision-making processes that could force premature shutdowns or other costly actions.
- While the lawsuits proceeded, the CPP remained the centerpiece of President Obama's efforts to negotiate an international climate deal in Paris last December—an agreement that commits the U.S. to major emissions restrictions while giving much of the rest of the world a pass.
- Finally, earlier this summer the

Department of Energy handed EPA yet another stinging rebuke. Despite repeated EPA boasts that the CPP would create jobs and boost the economy, DOE's own modeling of the rule found just the opposite, projecting the CPP would drive up electricity rates and bills, reduce GDP by an average of \$58 billion per year, and result in 376,000 fewer jobs in 2030. Coming from the Obama Administration's own top energy experts, these projections speak volumes.

What's Next

The next key date in the Clean Power Plan litigation will be Sept. 27 when state and industry lawyers present oral arguments on their case to the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. A decision is not likely to come until a few months after, but we will keep you posted on these proceedings and other relevant news and info that you should be aware of.

For more information, contact the John MacMartin at 852-6000.

First Dollar of Profit Awards

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.



Curb 2 Curb, LLC: Minot, ND • 702-449-3104 • Crystal Hendrickson, Owner
Email: curb2curb@outlook.com • Website: www.curb2curbonline.com

The Chamber Ambassadors presented a First Dollar of Profit award to Curb 2 Curb. Curb 2 Curb helps develop your business parking lot into a welcome mat for business, offering line painting, crack sealing, and sealcoat creating bold, bright, and beautiful results.



Farmers Insurance - Bradley Wolff: 1310 Burdick Expressway East, Suite M • Minot, ND • 701-214-5612 • 701-858-9361
Email: bwolff@farmersagent.com • Website: <http://www.farmersagent.com/bwolff>

Bradly Wolff and the Chamber Ambassadors celebrated the company's first dollar of profit. Farmers Insurance offers local, professional services, and agent Bradley Wolff is dedicated to customer service and community involvement.

Ribbon Cuttings

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Flower Box: 301 Burdick Expy W • Minot, ND • 838-9302 • Email: flowerbx@srt.com • Website: www.flowerboxnd.com

Michael & Samantha Davis, Owners

The Chamber Ambassadors celebrated with a ribbon cutting and a grand re-opening event. Flower Box new owners, Michael and Samantha Davis also sponsored the event to show appreciation for long-time owner Nancy Larson.



4 Bears Event Center: 202 Frontage Road • New Town, ND • 800-294-5454

The Chamber Ambassadors attended the grand opening ceremony for 4 Bears Casino and Lodge's new Event Center Aug. 19. Toby Keith was the first entertainer to perform in the \$47 million, 87,000 square foot facility. Built as an addition to the Casino and Lodge, the Event Center can accommodate 4,000 people.

Ribbon Cuttings

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John Hoeven Elementary School: 3600 13th St SE • Minot, ND • 701-418-1600

Ambassadors were on hand for the dedication of Minot's newest school, John Hoeven Elementary in southeast Minot. The \$23 million facility can accommodate 550 students. U.S. Senator John Hoeven and his wife Mikey, along with two of their grandsons, were on hand to cut the ribbon. The Media Center in the school is named after Lowell Latimer, long-time Minot Public Schools educator, administrator, community volunteer, and Chamber Ambassador.



Kalix Recycling Center: 605 27th St. SE • Minot, ND • 852-1014 • Website: www.KalixND.org

The Kalix Recycling Center held a ribbon-cutting to announce the beginning of a new partnership with CyclePoint – a national network of electronics recyclers – that will serve northwestern North Dakota with expanded and enhanced services in the areas of electronics recycling and hard drive erasure/destruction.

Ribbon Cuttings

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AGT Foods and Ingredients: 625 42nd St. NE • Minot, ND • 701-839-7530 • Website: www.agtfoods.com

The Chamber Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting for AGT's recent multi-million dollar expansion. Founder and president/CEO of AGT Foods, Murad Al-Katib was in attendance, as well as city, state and federal leaders. AGT Foods and Ingredients is a world supplier of value added pulses, staple foods, and ingredients.

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Phase MI-2A of Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection construction begins

Work started on Phase MI-2A (Perkett Ditch Improvements) of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project (MREFPP). This is one of the first phases to be constructed as a part of the multi-million dollar flood risk reduction project being developed throughout the Mouse River Basin.

This phase focuses on interior drainage improvements to manage the storm water runoff on the dry side of the proposed levees. The project scope includes improvements to the existing Perkett Ditch, storm sewer upgrades within 2nd Ave SW and the construction of a regional detention/retention pond.

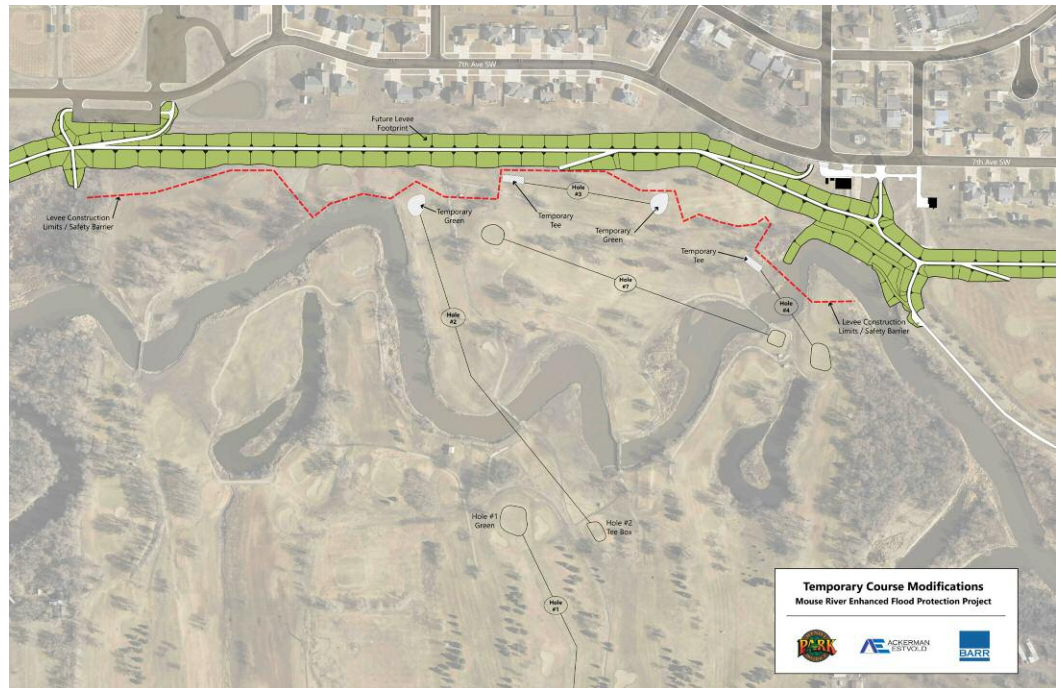
Leach Park and Hoeven Baseball Complex are intended to remain open throughout construction. As construction progresses, local detours along 2nd Ave SW are anticipated.

This week contractors installed safety fence and erosion control measures and began tree and topsoil removal to prepare

the site for full construction to begin next week. Construction is expected to be completed in 2017.

For more information about the Mouse

River Enhanced Flood Protection Project, visit www.mouseriverplan.com, or visit us on Facebook at Mouse River Plan.



Nominate organizations for First District Wellness Award

How healthy is your circle? Every place we interact influences our wellness. Does your office break room only offer sweets? Does your idea of fun usually involve sitting? Often times we are vulnerable to unhealthy choices because they are simply the only choices.

Is there a business, organization, employer, church etc. that you would like to nominate that promotes wellness? This could include a place that encourages healthy eating or a physically active lifestyle. This could also include a site that offers wellness education, a tobacco cessation program or incentives for wellness.

Go to www.fdh.org, click on WIC and nutrition, click on Minot Area Team Wellness-Moving More Eating Smarter wellness award. The Minot Area Team Wellness/Walk Minot facebook page also has the nomination form. Complete and submit the form to nominate the organization to receive the Moving More Eating Smarter Wellness Award. Applications can also be mailed to the Minot Area Team Wellness address listed on the form. Applications are accepted at any time. A winner will be chosen among entries each spring and fall. Together we can make a difference.



Women United donates items to Ward County Social Services

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Women United members presented employees from Ward County Social Services with some uplifting items to enhance children and parent interaction during their visitation sessions.

Nicole Brown, foster care supervisor said, "Families and children can now engage in a welcoming environment with this wonderful donation from Women United." New games, toys, and wall features were donated by Women United.

Dusty Zimmerman, president of Women United, stated "As we grow, we will seek out projects that will enhance our commu-

nity and make a difference in the lives of all who call this place home."

Women United is an affinity group through Souris Valley United Way. The group consists of passionate women who offer their time, talent and financial resources to improve lives throughout the Souris Valley United Way service area. The Women United group combines the financial power and collective talents of philanthropic women to address needs in the community.

For more information or become



involved with Women United, contact Souris Valley United Way at 839-2994.

Late summer means fun runs and possible pitfalls

In recent years, the number of fun runs – themed races such as Color Runs and obstacle and Mud Runs – offered to racing enthusiasts and beginners has grown significantly. Though many of these races deliver on their promise of fun and adventure, there have been some issues in recent years. Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota (BBB) offers some tips to help runners look out for potential problems and keep their racing schedules on course.

"The running community is very wired in and passionate," said Dana Badgerow, president and CEO of BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota. "Because of this, problems runners have had with different races in the recent past have attracted a lot of attention – which helps other runners."

In 2014, a number of 5K Foam Fest races – including events scheduled to be held in Duluth, Rochester and St. Paul – were canceled after previous races fell through without notice. It was later determined that the entity supposedly organizing the races had done little more than create an official-looking website to collect registration fees upfront. However, issues with races aren't just limited to Fun Runs. In early June of this year, the Minneapolis Marathon was canceled after organizers failed to secure the required city permits.

Whether you're thinking about participating in a themed Fun Run or a much longer race, here are some BBB tips:

- Do your research. Check out the race organizer's BBB Business Review and look online for additional information before signing up. Read customer reviews from runners who have participated in previous races or events.
- Don't be fooled by a well-designed website. Scammers can easily create an official-looking website. Look for misspellings or poor grammar, which is a sign you might be dealing with fraudsters.
- Check the local venue. Contact the park or host venue to confirm that the event is on the calendar. It's also a good idea to contact city offices to ensure race permits have been obtained.
- Pay with a credit card. Charges made on a credit card can be disputed after a purchase, whereas debit, cash or wire transfer transactions cannot.
- Understand the terms and conditions. In a lot of cases, promoters say right on their websites that they don't offer refunds. However, many consumers don't read the fine print before hitting "I agree" when registering for a race.
- Keep documentation of your order. After completing the online registration

process, you should receive a confirmation receipt. Print out and keep a copy of the confirmation and any supporting documentation for future reference.

- Check out the charity. Many fun runs are for-profit, but some have a charitable aim. If race organizers claim a portion of the proceeds will go to charity, ask for more details. Contact the charity to make sure there's a connection. You can also do your research on give.org to make sure your donation is going to a trustworthy charity. Be wary of sound-alike names similar to those of more established charities.

Fun Runs can indeed be fun, but have also led to headaches in some cases. Just as it's a good idea to stretch out and train before undertaking a race, it's also a good idea to do your research ahead of time to ensure your race will go off without a hitch.

The mission of Better Business Bureau is to be the leader in building marketplace trust by promoting, through self-regulation, the highest standards of business ethics and conduct, and to instill confidence in responsible businesses through programs of education and action that inform, assist and protect the general public. We are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact BBB at bbb.org or 651-699-1111, Toll-free at 1-800-646-6222.

Upcoming Community Events

Norsk Høstfest offers “Pure Scandemonium”

The 39th annual Norsk Høstfest kicks off Tuesday evening, Sept. 28, with the Scandinavian-American Hall of Fame Honoree Banquet. Doors to the festival open at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday with breakfast being served followed by entertainment and shopping beginning at 9 a.m. and lasting well through the evening.

Scheduled to appear in The Great Hall of the Vikings over the four days are Emmylou Harris, Daniel O'Donnell, Brenda Lee with special guest Dale Watson, Sara Evans, Dwight Yoakam with special guest Jackson Michelson, Chicago, and Tommy James and the Shondells. Wrapping up the festival is country music's Big & Rich.

Høstfest fans buying Big & Rich concert tickets can buy tickets to a reserved seat or join the crowd in the standing room “pit” area in front of the stage.

From blacksmithing to cooking to battles, there is an adventure for everyone

Who's ready for a real Viking Age experience?

Viking Village and the Nordic Greens are home to more than 75 fully costumed Vikings from around the world. The Nordic Greens is the outdoor area adjacent to the Village that features blacksmithing, cooking, wrestling, games and battle demonstrations. Always a family favorite, the Telge Glima, a Swedish wrestling and games group, offers daily public performances of all kinds of humorous, strenuous and very physical challenges as documented in Viking Age Scandinavia. The Viking Village includes lots of opportunities to handle and learn about replica artifacts like looms and spindles used for making cloths. There will also be plenty of merchants offering their handmade creations to Vikings of all ages – including toy swords, a kid favorite!

This year, the village features four new artists/presenters. The first is a culinary archaeologist from Sweden named Daniel Serra. The author of a Viking cookbook entitled, “An Early Meal: A Viking Age Cookbook and Culinary

Odyssey,” he'll be giving public presentations on the main stage in the village each day. The two new artists joining the village include Hanna Agren, a Swedish jewelry-maker who specializes in replica jewelry, and Scott Roush, a fantastic blacksmith from Wisconsin who makes his own iron smelting and specializes in making axes, knives and other tools from the Viking Age. Last, but not least, Owen Christianson and his wife join the village with their replica wood-frame house – a great conversation piece that Owen is happy to explain to visitors.

The organizers pride themselves on the variety of products, experiences and people the village brings together.

“If the Vikings did it, and we can legally replicate it, then I try to find someone to offer it,” said Tim Jorgensen, Viking Village coordinator.

For more information, call 852-2368 or visit hostfest.com.

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Upcoming Events

Motor Magic sponsors racing and motor three-day weekend

The North Dakota State Fairgrounds will host Motor Magic, Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2 – 4, 2016, in Minot. The largest motorsports event in the Upper Midwest, Motor Magic provides entertainment for auto enthusiasts of all ages.

Drag Racing, provided by the Magic City

International Dragway, begins Friday at 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Dirt track auto racing, provided by Nodak Speedway, will take place Friday evening at 7 p.m. in front of the North Dakota State Fair Grandstand. Sprint Cars racing takes place Saturday evening beginning at 6 p.m., and the Motor Magic Enduro Race will take place on Sunday at 4 p.m. for more details and updates on times, visit racenodak.com/events/motor-magic/.

Motor enthusiasts can visit many interesting displays and participate in other events beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Dakota Cruisers Classic Car Show will also

begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Attendees can even bid on more than 100 classic cars at the Motor Magic Classic Car Auction, which takes place Sunday, Sept. 5, 2016. Viewing of the cars will begin at 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 8 a.m. Sunday, with the auction beginning at 12:01 on Sunday. You can also view the cars online at www.masternd.com/MM_Vehicles.php.

For a full schedule of events, visit www.motormagic.net/schedule.

Admission to the North Dakota State Fairgrounds is free with major events priced separately. Take advantage of RV parking with electricity. For more information, visit www.motormagic.net or call 857-7620.

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Sertoma Beer Fest tickets on sale now

Tickets for Beer Fest, an annual event sponsored by the Minot Sertoma Club, are now on sale at Visit Minot.

The event will be held Friday, Sept. 9 at the State Fair Center and begins at 6 p.m. The evening will provide attendees with a tasting test of some of the best. Tickets are \$40 each or a table of eight can be purchased for \$280. Admission gets you free food, including brats, pulled pork, chips and coleslaw, door prizes, and a raffle, snacks, a cash bar, and fun. Proceeds will be used to benefit the hearing and speech initiatives of the Minot Sertoma Club.

For more information about Beer Fest or sponsorship opportunities, call Tawnya Bernsdorf at 701-240-3789.

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Souris Valley United Way sponsors Hole In One fundraiser

What would you do with a \$100,000? You could win it Sept. 8.

Souris Valley United way is sponsoring a Hole in One contest which is open to everyone, whether you are a golfer or not.

You can qualify Sept. 6 through Sept. 8 between 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day at the Minot Country Club. Put the ball in the targeted area, and you'll be invited back as a finalist the evening of Sept. 8.

Sponsors of the event are Ressler Sipma Beuchler Agency, Farmers Union Insurance; Robert Dick, Raymond James; and Minot Country Club. Proceeds will benefit the Souris Valley United Way 2016 Campaign. For more information visit www.svunitedway.com call 839-2994.

Challenge Fund grant awarded to Minot State University

On July 20, the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund Grant Review Committee awarded \$480,000 in matching grant funds to Minot State University. In 2015, the North Dakota Legislature made \$22.6 million available to enhance North Dakota University System institutions through matching grant funds. MSU has secured a total of \$1.4 million in challenge grant funds.

"Minot State University is grateful to the donors who provided the significant financial contributions and pledges for qualifying gifts that will be matched through this program," said Steven Shirley, Minot State president. "The endowments that these funds are supporting will serve permanently as a great benefit to MSU students as they pursue their educational dreams. We are also thankful to the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund Committee, the North Dakota Legislature, the Governor's Office and the State Board of Higher Education for their support of this important program."

Seasonal air-supported dome under construction at Minot State

A new seasonal air-supported multisport dome is currently under construction at Minot State University's Herb Parker Stadium. This structure will soon provide the greater Minot community and region year-round access to an artificial turf field. The nearly \$1.9 million air-supported dome will be erected in November and removed in late April or early May.

The structure was paid for by non-university funds, including a \$1 million Community Facility Fund grant from the City of Minot, and another nearly \$900,000 privately raised.

Artificial turf was installed at the stadium in summer 2010, and the seasonal air-supported dome enables the turf to be utilized for a number of additional events such as weekend tournaments in youth, adult and collegiate soccer and softball, and non-tournament usage such as MSU softball, soccer, baseball and football, area schools soccer, softball, baseball, football, public walking and jogging, community events, Minot Recreation Commission activities, a golf driving range and more.

For questions, contact Rick Hedberg, vice president for advancement, at 858-4483 orrick.hedberg@minotstateu.edu.

MSU reports preliminary enrollment

The start of fall classes at Minot State University shows several positive enrollment trends. While first-day enrollment is 3,300, a slight decrease of 1 percent, a number of areas are trending upward.

The total number of new students, including freshmen, transfers and new graduate students is currently 791, up 10 percent over last year's first-day figures. Included in these new student numbers is the largest number of new transfer students in a decade. Additionally, following three years of decline, the number of new freshmen increased for the second straight year. Preliminary reports also show a significant increase in the number of Native American students attending MSU, as well as an increase in the number of students taking MSU classes at the Minot AFB.

"Although overall enrollment is still down slightly following a few challenging years since 2011," said Steven Shirley, Minot State president, "we are definitely trending in the right direction with these very positive increases in new students, especially freshmen and transfers, choosing to continue their education at Minot State University."

MSU enrollment numbers may change, as official enrollment numbers are not reported to the North Dakota University System until after the fourth full week of classes.

United Community Bank nationally recognized for community service event

This year, United Community Bank was recognized by the National Community Service Awards Program with an honorable mention for the PJs, Popcorn, & Story Time event benefitting the Domestic Violence Crisis Center. The National Community Bank Service Awards Program, presented by Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA), is in place to recognize community banks that provide compassionate and inspiring, hands-on volunteer community service programs. In total, three national awards and five honorable mentions are provided. The program focuses on new grassroots service activities that successfully address an important community need and achieve in bringing people together for a worthy cause.

The purpose of "Pjs, Popcorn, & Story Time" is to collect pajamas to be given to women and children upon entering the Domestic Violence Crisis Center. The event has been held two years, and to date, 318 pairs of pajamas have been donated to the center. Aside from providing the comfort of a pair of pajamas, an important part of the event is spreading awareness of the organization and its service to the community and surrounding areas.



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First Western Bank & Trust offers employee updates:

Beuchler graduates from Graduate School of Banking at Colorado

Fred Beuchler, vice president in agriculture lending at First Western Bank & Trust, recently graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado (GSBC), a 25-month banking school which provides management and leadership training for community-banking professionals. Beuchler was among 159 graduates of the 66th Annual School Session on the campus of the University of Colorado in Boulder.

"Completing the coursework and projects associated with the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado is a great accomplishment for community bankers around the country," said GSBC President Tim Koch, "Sponsoring organizations and communities should be very proud of the time and effort our graduates exhibit during their time as a student at GSBC."

Graduates receive a diploma upon suc-



Fred Beuchler

cessfully completing six weeks of classroom training which focuses on the areas of general management, lending, leadership and human-resource management and financial management in banks. Requirements for graduation also include comprehensive examinations, intersession research projects and participation in a bank-management simulation course designed to provide students with experience managing a bank.

Johnson and Keller join Bismarck First Western offices

First Western Bank & Trust is pleased to announce the addition of Chad Johnson to the position of market president and Rick Keller to the position of vice president of business banking for the Bismarck Loan Production Office.



Chad Johnson

Johnson brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in banking. He was most recently a business banker with the Bank of North Dakota for twelve years.

Johnson earned his bachelor of science degree in finance from Minot State

University in 1999 and is a 2006 graduate of the School of Banking at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

Johnson is an active part of the Bismarck community by volunteering for Bismarck Youth Baseball, Shiloh Christian School & Grace Point Church. He has also served on the ICBND's Emerging Leader Committee and is a member of NDBA.

Keller has over 20 years of banking experience and will

put his expertise to use in the Bismarck Loan Production Office. He was most recently at Gate City Bank for 14 years. Keller earned his



Rick Keller

bachelor of science degree in accounting and business management from Northern Arizona University.

Keller is an active part of the Bismarck community by serving as a Bismarck/Mandan Chamber Ambassador. He has also served on the Board of Student Housing for Bismarck State College and is active in the Knights of Columbus.



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Master Gardener Course begins Sept. 9

If you love gardening and sharing your knowledge with others, consider becoming a North Dakota Master Gardener volunteer in collaboration with the North Dakota State University Extension Service.

This year's Master Gardener training program will run for ten weeks beginning Sept. 9 and ending Dec. 2 with breaks for holidays.

The course will be offered online and in Minot. Classroom training will be held every Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes will not be held on Oct. 21, Veterans Day or the Friday after Thanksgiving.

"We do offer the course online but we encourage people to take the class in the Ward County NDSU Extension Service office," said Esther McGinnis, NDSU Extension horticulturist and North Dakota Master Gardener director. "We find that people learn more if they interact with their Extension agent and other students."

Training will be held in the Ward County NDSU Extension office at the Ward County Administration Building located at 225 3rd St SE in Minot. The classroom will be connected by webinar technology to NDSU in Fargo which will enable participants to ask questions of the instructors.

Course topics include annual and perennial flowers, tree selection and maintenance, soil health, composting, plant diseases and pests, and vegetable and fruit production. NDSU faculty and Extension personnel teach the classes.

Once participants complete the training, they are known as Master Gardener interns. They must volunteer 48 hours of time during a two-year period on horticultural projects in their home counties. After that, they will earn a Master Gardener certificate.

Projects include answering questions at county fairs, organizing horticultural workshops, and managing school and community gardens.

Tuition for the 2016 class is \$150 for those wishing to become a certified Master Gardener or \$400 for those just interested in taking the class. Computer knowledge, internet access and an email account are required.

Class size is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration deadline is Aug. 12.

A registration form is available at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/mastergardener/>. For more information, contact the Ward NDSU Extension Service office at 701-857-6444 or Esther McGinnis at 701-231-7406 or esther.mcginis@ndsu.edu.

EAPC receives multiple awards

EAPC Architects Engineers has received four awards from Zweig Group for 2016 including a Hot Firm (Top 100) award, a Best Place to Work For award, a Marketing Excellence award, and a Trifecta award.

The Hot Firm Award recognizes the 100 fastest growing architecture, engineering, planning and environmental consulting firms in the United States and Canada. These firms have outperformed the economy and competitors to become leaders in their chosen fields.

The EAPC Marketing Team placed in two out of their three submissions including Integrated Marketing category and External Newsletter category. EAPC Marketing Director Lori Bakken said she is particularly excited about the Marketing Excellence award. "It recognizes the great collaborative efforts and creativity of the team and certainly validates how this team stacks up against national competition."

EAPC is also one of the elite group of companies that received the coveted Trifecta Award. This award recognizes companies that receive the Zweig Group Hot Firm, Zweig Group Best Place to Work For, and a Marketing Excellence Award in the same year. "The partners of EAPC are humbled to receive these awards, especially knowing that our employees, through a survey, have expressed their personal level of satisfaction of where they work and contribute on a daily basis," said Alan Dostert, President and CEO of EAPC.

Minot Sunrise Rotarians receive district awards

Cassidy Hjelmstad and Susan Robb have been presented with Distinguished Rotarian awards by Rotary District 5580.

District 5580 is an international district consisting of southern Ontario, the north-western tip of Wisconsin, the northern half of Minnesota and all of North Dakota. Awards are given out annually at the Rotary District conference.

Cassidy Hjelmstad received the Distinguished Rotarian in the Area of Vocational Service. Hjelmstad received this award due to her leadership and work with the Minot Sunrise Rotary Winterfest community. She served as the club's co-chair for the first annual Winterfest that was held in February of this year. Hjelmstad is the director of corporate communications at SRT. She used her expertise, community involvement and resources available to her at SRT to make the event a success.

Susan "Sue" Robb received the Distinguished Rotarian in Club Service award. Robb received this award due to the roles she plays within the Sunrise Rotary Club of Minot. She serves as the club's secretary on the board of directors and excels at all of the duties associated with the position. She tracks attendance of all members, coordinates all communications with the district, takes notes at every board meeting, and provides weekly communications to members.

"I couldn't be more proud of these two Rotarians. They both exemplify the values of Rotary and it's great to see them recognized for their many contributions," said Kevin Black, Sunrise Rotary Club president.



Karvakko expands architectural team

Karvakko, P.A. recently welcomed Tari Rayala, AIA, and Joe Pawlowski to our team.

Rayala comes from Duluth, where she was the City Architect. At Karvakko, Rayala will serve the community as the architectural team leader. She received her master of architecture from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and is the current president of the AIA Minnesota Northern Chapter. Rayala is a LEED accredited professional, and a certified professional project manager. Additionally, she has achieved accreditation through the Construction Specifications Institute and Certified Document Technologist.



Tari Rayala

Pawlowski will serve as an architectural designer and project leader. Pawlowski received his bachelor of science in architecture from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, and holds LEED accreditation, specializing in new construction. He has nearly 30 years of architectural experience throughout the Midwest.



Joe Pawlowski

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

Marco purchases Missouri company

Marco, a leading technology services provider in the United States, announced that it has purchased Document & Network Technologies (DNT), a copier/printer and business IT services company located in

St. Louis, Missouri. Their 80 employees have joined the Marco team.

DNT has been providing clients with copiers/printers, managed services, IT

services, shredding and imaging services for over 15 years. This purchase allows Marco to further expand its geographic footprint and technical services in the state of Missouri.

“This is our largest acquisition to date,” said Jeff Gau, Marco CEO. “It supports our strategy for continued national growth. We look forward to providing DNT’s 3,400 clients with expanded technology services.”

This is the 14th acquisition the company has completed over the past three years. In January, Marco purchased Data Comm, a copier/printer and business IT services company in Missouri. They now have eight locations throughout Missouri.

“DNT is excited to become part of Marco’s strategy,” said Mike Golinvaux, President of DNT. “This strategic partnership will enhance our future by providing tremendous career opportunities for our employees and provide a best in class solution offering to our customers. We look forward to our continued commitment to support and give back to the communities we serve.”

NDSC continues expansion with Minot Training Facility

The North Dakota Safety Council is opening a new training facility in north Minot. The building features two large training rooms, a small training/conference room, and a garage bay where small hands-on trainings could potentially be held. The NDSC will host several safety trainings in the new facility every month, including CPR/AED/First Aid, HAZWOPER, H2S Awareness, Lift Truck Operator, and more.

Attend the NDSC’s Open House Tuesday, Sept. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to learn more about the organization. Enjoy a free lunch, participate in demonstrations, and meet the NDSC’s trainers. Plus, attend a free training session on OSHA’s new record keeping and confined space construction standards. RSVP today to SarahL@ndsc.org.

The NDSC is a private non-profit supported through grants, donations, memberships, and training. Its mission is to save lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, on the roads, and in our



homes and communities. The company has offices across the state, including in Beulah, Bismarck, and Fargo. The new Minot office is a part of its efforts to continue expanding its reach and make safety services accessible and affordable for companies.

The NDSC offers a wide array of services including safety training, site safety assessments, emergency operations planning, and supervisory development. To learn more, visit www.ndsc.org or contact Michael Meschke at michaelm@ndsc.org.

Learn how to conduct your business as a nonprofit by SCORE professionals

Minot SCORE Chapter has arranged a no cost workshop for those interested operating a nonprofit business. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016 at 8 a.m. at the Minot Commission on Aging, Parker Senior Center, 21 1st Avenue SE, Minot, ND.

The presentation is scheduled for two hours and will include important details regarding the operation of a business. This will include appropriate information for those nonprofits now in operation and others who are considering the starting of a nonprofit. Time will be allowed for general discussion and the accepting of questions.

SCORE, Service Corps of Retired Executives, chapter is a member of a national organization. All members are volunteers with skills in assisting individuals with mentoring. Anyone interested in having a mentoring session with SCORE may call the SCORE office and leave information for return contact.

Register by email to scoreminot@srt.com or call 852-6883 no later than Monday, Sept. 13, 2016.

Field work continues on medical park

Crews and equipment in southwest Minot are taking advantage of the warm, dry weather to make sure Trinity Health's proposed new hospital campus and medical district is built on a solid foundation.

Dave Kohlman, vice president of facilities, said contractors have been busy conducting soil tests that will assist engineers in planning the new construction. "We expect the initial groundwork to begin later this fall, while the serious digging and concrete will start in mid-2017," Kohlman said.

Meanwhile, physicians and departments within Trinity's network of hospitals and clinics have been meeting over the past week to finalize equipment and space needs for every aspect of the facility.

The 76-acre site southwest of the Minot Family YMCA will be home to the previously announced \$250-million medical park that will fulfill a strategic goal of Trinity Health to design a regional care system for the 21st Century.

According to Kohlman, the new facility design will offer significant upgrades for patients, visitors and staff. "Our current hospital was built in the early 1920s, and the way healthcare is delivered today is vastly different than it was even a few years ago," he noted. "The new facility will feature a modern design with new amenities to improve care quality and patient satisfaction, while providing better functioning spaces for caregivers."



Artist's rendering of the new facility

Trinity Homes welcomes germ-zapping robot, UV disinfection technology

Trinity Health has expanded its fleet of germ-zapping robots. The pulsed xenon UV robots quickly disinfect surfaces using ultraviolet light hundreds of times more intense than sunlight.

Last spring, Trinity Health became an early adopter of the UV disinfection technology by deploying two of the sanitizing



Johann, a germ-fighting robot, became the newest member of Trinity Homes' Housekeeping staff, which includes, from left, Ian Matzke, Sook Fahs, Dave Pope, Tara Sexton and Robin Barnett. Housekeeping Director Pope named the robot after Johann Ritter, best known for his discovery of ultraviolet light in 1801.

systems at its acute care hospital. Now, Trinity Homes has become the first long term care facility in North Dakota to incorporate the devices into its infection control practices. In the case of both facilities, the robots were purchased with funds provided by the Trinity Health Foundation Board.

Brenda Lokken, director of Infection Control at Trinity Homes, says the robots provide an extra layer of protection for nursing home residents. "We take our mission to maintain a safe environment for our residents very seriously," Lokken said. "The XENEX room disinfection system incorporates germicidal UV-C light, which studies show is extremely effective in eliminating viruses, bacteria and other pathogens on surfaces that could pose a health risk to our residents and employees."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has urged healthcare providers to intensify their efforts in the fight against multi-drug resistant organisms. Lokken says Trinity Homes already follows CDC best practices for curbing infections, but the nursing facility is proud to take an additional precaution. XENEX Germ-Zapping Robots have been credited for helping healthcare facilities in the U.S. decrease their Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), *Clostridium difficile* (C. diff) and surgical site infection rates by more than 50, 70 and 100 percent respectively, according to peer-reviewed literature.

Dave Pope, Housekeeping Director at Trinity Homes, says Housekeeping staff have spent the last week learning how to

operate the units. After standard cleaning procedures, a staff member wheels the robot into a room, begins the automated sequence, and then leaves the room to allow the robot to deliver a lethal dose of UV light to destroy bacteria, spores, fungus and viruses within minutes.

Lokken says both the Infection Control and Housekeeping departments will work closely with XENEX representatives in the coming months to implement a standard operating plan to achieve measurable outcomes toward the goal of reducing healthcare associated infections.

MSU/Strengthen ND offer program

Strengthen ND and Minot State University's Center for Extended Learning have worked together to establish a Nonprofit Certificate Program to meet the capacity building needs of nonprofit professionals and volunteers in western North Dakota. The Nonprofit Certificate Program is appropriate for those new to the nonprofit sector as well as long-time nonprofit professionals.

The Nonprofit Certificate Program will leverage the expertise of professionals within the area to facilitate program sessions featuring topics critical to successful nonprofit management, including:

- Board Governance - led by Cher Hersrud (independent nonprofit consultant)
- Finance Ethics & Human Resources - led by Dr. Tracey Mays (MSU) and Monica Peterson (Enbridge Pipelines)
- Strategic Planning & Action Planning - leader TBD
- Grantseeking & Grant Writing - led by Megan Laudenschlager (Strengthen ND)
- Marketing & Public Relations - led by Cassidy Hjelmstad (SRT Communications)
- Fundraising - led by Marv Semrau (MSU Development Foundation)

The Nonprofit Certificate Program will meet monthly from 8 a.m. to noon at Minot State University for six months beginning Oct. 5, 2016. The cost to attend is \$300 per person, which includes all materials and breakfast. Registration will be limited to the first 15 individuals. To register, interested individuals can contact Laudenschlager at Strengthen ND at 303-0840 or megan@strengthennd.com.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Community Leadership Institute , 8 a.m., Roosevelt Park Zoo Ribbon Cutting , 10 a.m., ND Safety Council, 308 40th Ave. NW Military Affairs Committee , Noon, Grand Hotel Ambassadors Committee , 4:30 p.m., Grand Hotel Lounge	2	3
4	5 Labor Day Office closed	6	7	8 CLI Healthcare Session , 8 a.m., Trinity Health - Town & Country Center, 1015 S. Brdwy. Business After Hours , 5 – 7 p.m., Holiday Inn, 2200 Burdick Expy. E.	9 Infrastructure Committee , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	10
11	12	13 Eagle Awards Presentation , 10 a.m., Chamber office	14 Right Start Presentation , 10 a.m., MAFB Lunch and Learn Overtime Pay , 11:30 a.m., Brady Martz & Associates	15 CLI Economic Development , 8 a.m., Visit Minot	16 Governmental Affairs Committee , 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	17
18	19 FTAC Right Start Presentation , 9:45 a.m., MAFB	20 Board of Directors , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	21 Coffee with the President , 1:30 p.m., Chamber office	22 CLI Leadership Session , 8 a.m., Minot State University Energy Committee , 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel Ribbon Cutting , 5 p.m., People of Earth Matter, 36 3rd St. NE	23	24
25	26	27	28 Right Start Presentation , 10 a.m., MAFB	29	30	

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