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Members proposed for Chamber board

Nominees have been proposed for threeyear terms on the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors beginning Oct. 1, 2017. They are **Doug Hollingsworth** (Northern Tier Federal Credit Union), **Jeff McElwain** (Ackerman-Estvold), **Mary Prough** (Ryan Chevrolet), **Ben Slind** (Thompson Larson Funeral Home), and **Cathy Tweten** (Dakota Square Mall).

Hollingsworth is vice president and chief



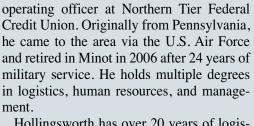
Doug Hollingsworth Northern Tier Federal Credit Union



Jeff McElwain Ackerman-Estvold



Mary Prough Ryan Chevrolet



Hollingsworth has over 20 years of logistics and management experience, four years

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gh Ben Slind et Thompson Larson Funeral Home



Cathy Tweten Dakota Square Mall

Minot Air Force Base Updates

Chamber leaders work behind the scenes on Minot AFB future

Talks of budget cuts and base closures are always of concern to the community. Recent rumblings in Washington, D.C. have rekindled that conversation. But the community has always been prepared. There is a group within the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce whose job it is to help secure Minot Air Force Base. Task Force 21 (TF 21) works tirelessly behind the scenes for the future of Minot Air Force Base. TF 96 and TF 21 have been doing so for nearly 28 years.

"The first task force was formed prior to the 1991 Base Closure and Realignment Commission or BRAC," said Chamber President John MacMartin. That group, TF 96, was successful in keeping Minot's base intact. But that didn't mean

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Business After Hours: Sept. 21

Thursday, Sept. 21 • 5–7 p.m. MAYSA Arena 2501 Burdick Expressway W.

Check out the new arena, 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.

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P.O. Box 2012 • Minot, ND 58702 • 701-858-3185 • Fax: 701-858-3823 Email: wpopera@yahoo.com • Web page: www.wpopera.org Elizabeth Colby, Business Manager

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For over 40 years, Paradiso Mexican Restaurant has been the place to celebrate birthdays, gatherings, and events. Kids 8 and under eat free on Sundays.

Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership through July 21, 2017. 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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as a recruiter, and 11 years in finance. In the community, he has served as a sports official, and currently umpires softball for the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference and North Dakota USA Softball. He and his wife of more than 34 years, Mindy, have three adult children and two granddaughters.

McElwain is the construction division manager for Ackerman-Estvold. He has been with the company since its beginning in 2003, where he is also one of a group of owners. Additionally, he farms with his brother in the Max area.

McElwain is a member of the Colin Brown Y's Mens, chairman of the YMCA building committee, a member of the YMCA board of directors, and serves as current chair of the Chamber's Infrastructure Committee.

He and his wife Holly have one son, James, who is a sophomore at Central Campus and is involved in numerous sports activities.

Prough, general manager of Ryan Chevrolet, is a lifelong native of Minot. A 1996 graduate of Bishop Ryan High School, she received her bachelor's degree from Minot State University in 2008. Throughout school, she continued to devote herself to learning the ins and outs of the car business, something she's done since she was 15 years old. That on-the-job training at Ryan Family Dealerships included graduating from the NADA Academy in 2006, which put her in position to take on a greater leadership role in the organization.

She and her husband, Shane are proud — and very busy — parents of five young boys: Michael, Jack, Thomas, Charlie and Daniel.

Slind, a life-long Minot resident, has been a licensed funeral director since 2001, and a member of the Thompson-Larson Funeral Home professional staff of licensed funeral directors since June of 2004. As of Aug. 1, he also became coowner of Thompson-Larson Funeral Home.

Slind graduated with a bachelor's degree in business management from Minot State University, then completed his applied associates degree in Funeral Service Education from Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, OR, in

2001. He also specializes in helping make pre-arrangements for funerals or for those of loved ones. In 2008, Ben attained his North Dakota Insurance Producers License and has assisted numerous people in setting up a life insurance policy or funeral trust account.

Slind and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters: Eve and Avery.

As assistant general manager at Dakota Square, **Tweten** is a Minot native who has worked in retail for the past 18 years and for Dakota Square's owner, CBL & Associates, since 2012. Although ownership of the mall has changed many times, she has worked in leasing and management for most of her years in the industry.

Tweten attended Minot State University and is also a past graduate of the Chamber's Community Leadership Institute. She earned the professional SLD designation from ICSC and has received numerous awards for achievements from CBL Properties and Associates. She is an active participant and contribitor to local events.

Tweten has three children: Christopher, Calli, and Carly.

Minot Air Force Base Updates

Minot Air Force Base was safe. The threat remained and so a new task force, TF 21, was established in 1997.

The Base has been a part of our community as TEAM MINOT since it was built in the late '50s. The mission of Minot's base is two-fold with the 5th Bomb Wing and the 91st Missile Wing. That gives our community an advantage, but as many prior military communities will tell you, nothing is for sure. That's why TF 21 meets regularly to stay on top of what is happening in Washington, D.C., across the nation, and in the world. The group consists of a dozen people; Minot Mayor Chuck Barney, Chamber President John MacMartin, Chamber Chair Jessica Merchant (Olson & Burns, PC), TF 21 Chair and Minot City Councilman Mark

Jantzer (The Computer Store, Inc.), State Senator Randy Burckhard, Bruce Christianson (Magic City Financial Group, LP), Randy Hauck (Verendrye Electric Cooperative), Pete Hankla, (McGee Law Firm), Jonn Knecht (American Bank Center), Brekka Kramer (Odney), and Bruce Walker (Coldwell Banker). They regularly hear from consultant Greg Power, Major General, (Air Force, retired), on the status of happenings at the Pentagon, D.C., and within the military community. This group attends many military related events and travels to keep in touch with both civilian and military decision makers in order to keep Minot Air Force Base a vital part of our economy.



The MMIII replica was a culmination of by the Military Affairs Committee of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce in fundraising to honor and thank the men and women of Minot Air Force Base. The model, a ¼ inch scale replica of a MMIII Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, was presented in July and can be viewed when entering MAFB at the main intersection of the base.

July Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in July 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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Women IInited a ounces second annua eon Aug. 23

Join Women United members for their second Annual Luncheon on Wednesday, Aug. 23 starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Hotel. This informative luncheon will highlight accomplishments of Women United during this past year and a powerful message from Holly Hoffman, the last remaining member of the Espada Tribe and the last woman standing on Season 21 of the CBS hit reality show "Survivor Nicaragua." Through her experience on the show, and others throughout her life, Hoffman is inspired to share her message of positivity, determination and confidence with many people across the nation. Luncheon tickets are \$20 and table sponsor opportunities are available. Visit

www.svunitedway.com/womenunitedlun-

cheon or call the United Way office to reserve your seat today.

Kelly Loos, president of Women United, stated "Women United continues to develop. With this progress, we were able again this year to use our resources to help well deserving groups and organizations in our community and surrounding area. We are all looking to the future and our continuous efforts to make a difference!"

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, existing to mobilize the power of women to advance the common good in the Minot

The Women area. United group combines the financial power and collective talents of philanthropic women to address needs in the community. This volunteer driven group is an organization of its own design. It creates its own initiatives. It sets its own

goals. It seeks its own answers and implements its own strategies. For more information or become involved with Women United, contact Souris Valley United Way at 839-2994.

Holly Hoffman

Survivor

participant

<u>Junior Achievement program grant recipient</u> Minot Community Endowment Fund awards grants to organizations

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Junior Achievement program recently received a \$3,000 grant from the Minot Community Endowment Fund. The Minot Community Endowment Fund awarded grants totaling \$64,600 to 15 local nonprofit organizations supporting the Minot area at the Roosevelt Park Zoo on Monday afternoon. Members of the endowment fund Advisory Committee presented the awards, along with a representative from the North Dakota Community Foundation, which manages the endowment fund for Minot.

The 15 applicants to receive funding: Junior Achievement - \$3,000 Children's Advocacy Center - \$5,000 Roosevelt Park Zoo - \$23,392 Companions for Children - \$2,000 Second Story - \$1,000 Domestic Violence Crisis Center - \$1,500 Souris Valley Animal Shelter - \$4,621 Homeless Coalition - \$4,000 Souris Valley United Way - \$1,150 Taube Museum - \$4,550 Men's Winter Refuge - \$1,900 The Village - \$2,000 Minot Commission on Aging - \$4,000 YWCA - \$1,487

ND Boys and Girls Ranch - \$5,000

The Advisory Committee reviewed 25 requests totaling more than \$150,000. "All of the projects were worthy of funding, but we simply could not fund all of them. It was a difficult decision, but we're confi-



dent that the ones that received a grant will make a big difference for our community," said Renata Buen, an Advisory Committee member.

The largest grant was awarded to the Roosevelt Park Zoo for a new feature that will promote reading for young visitors to the zoo. The grant will be used to purchase four (4) outdoor, all-weather Varro Books for the Children's Zoo on the North Trail. Each book will be on a pedestal stand along the walking paths, featuring classic storybook tales that match the habitats.

The Minot Community Endowment Fund was established in 1981 by a grant from the Otto Bremer Trust (formerly the Otto Bremer Foundation), and is a permanent part of the North Dakota Community Foundation, which provides professional management of the fund. The fund is governed locally by an Advisory Committee, made up of volunteers from various service clubs in Minot. The Committee recommends grants annually, and conducts activities to help increase the fund and the total amount available to grant.

Currently, the endowment fund has approximately \$1.5 million in assets, thanks in part to two generous estate gifts from T.A. and Anna Solheim, and Charles and Madge Westlie. All gifts to the fund are pooled and invested, and only a portion of the earnings are used to grant back to the community each year. As the fund grows, so does the annual grantable amount. Therefore, the community has a strong financial resource to support the nonprofit sector and the changing needs of the community forever.

For more information, or to make a contribution, please visit www.NDCF.net/Minot. All donations are tax deductible, and some gifts may qualify for the ND Income Tax Credit for gifts to qualified endowment funds. See www.NDCF.net for more information about the tax credit.

Breakfast served

The Agribusiness Committee of the Minot

area Chamber of Commerce got up bright

and early to serve doughnuts to livestock

exhibitors at the ND State Fair in a show of

Agribusiness Committee Updates

Ag Golf Scramble enjoyed by all

It was a beautiful day on the course for the 116 golfers who took part in the annual Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble. The event is a chance for the Minot Agribusiness Committee of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce to invite farmers and producers to enjoy a day of golf at the Minot Country Club. Twenty nine teams of four were in competition for some great prizes. The top three teams were Northern Plains Equipment with first place, Valent with second, and Town & Country Credit Union with third.

Thank you to all our sponsors for their support of the annual Ag Golf Scramble:



Winning team representing Northern Plains Equipment

Meals: First International Bank & Trust Mycogen Ulteig Hole in One: Gooseneck Implement Western Agency Green and Tee: Ag Systems American Bank Center BASF Bayer Birdsall Grain Cleaning CHS SunPrairie Dakota Agronomy Partners



Longest Putt: Bremer Bank

Minot Area Chamber of Commerce

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Scheels

Silver:

Community Development Committee recommends awards

The Minot City Council's Community Development Committee on Wednesday recommended awarding approximately \$4.8 million to seven community facility project requests. The full City Council is scheduled to act on the recommendations at its Aug. 7 regular meeting. If approved by the Council, the funds would be dispersed in 2018. At its July 20 meeting, the Community Development Committee reviewed nine requests totaling approximately \$11.9 million. The fund has an estimated \$4.8 million available. On Wednesday, the committee recommended seven awards:

- \$1 million to Magic City Discovery Center to help finance the construction of a 20,000- foot with exhibition museum space, educational classrooms. and а multi-purpose community space. The project had requested \$2.5 million.
- \$1 million to the Roosevelt Park Zoo to assist with construction of

new habitats for the big cats at the zoo. The project had requested \$3 million.

- \$1 million to Minot State University to help replace seating in the Dome. The project had requested \$2 million.
- \$787,500 to the City of Minot to help fund a recycling transfer facility. The project had requested \$2.5 million.
- A \$550,000 request from the City of Minot for structural repairs to the Carnegie Center was fully funded.
- A \$392,500 request from the City of Minot to replace the Minot Municipal Auditorium's main arena floor and light fixtures was fully funded.
- A \$70,000 request from the City of Minot to install physical and technical upgrades to Council Chambers at City Hall was fully funded.

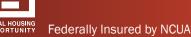
The approved requests for the Discovery Center, Roosevelt Park Zoo, MSU, and the City of Minot's recycling transfer facility include a requirement that those entities must raise at least 50 percent of the amount awarded by Dec. 31, 2018.

Two project requests did not receive recommendations for funding:

- Souris Valley Animal Shelter requested \$900,000 to partially fund phase 1 of a plan to remodel and expand their facility.
- YWCA requested \$5,000 to convert a bathroom into a handicapped accessible bathroom and to create a new program called "Fresh Start."

The Community Facilities Fund receives sales tax appropriations from one of Minot's 1-cent city sales taxes, with 30 percent of the City's second 1-cent sales tax being directed to community facilities. For additional information or interviews contact the Public Information Office at 857-4727 or by email at pio@minotnd.org.





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Capital Financial Services, Inc.: 1821 Burdick Expressway W. • Minot, ND 58701 • 701-837-9600 • Fax: 701-857-9999 Email: ecolby@cfsbd.com • Web page: www.capfin.com Chamber Ambassadors celebrated the new office building of Capital Financial Services, Inc. with a ribbon cutting. Capital Financial Services is a broker, dealer and investment advisory firm.



Graham Construction: 917 20th Ave. SE • Minot, ND 58701 • 701-838-1114 • www.grahamus.com Chamber Ambassadors celebrated with a ribbon cutting at the newly constructed building of Graham Construction, which is also celebrating 10 years in Minot and a commitment to stay and grow in the Minot and North Dakota regions.

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North Dakota State Fair: 2005 Burdick Expy. East • Minot, ND • 857-7620 • www.ndstatefair.com Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors were honored to once again open up the ND State Fair with a ribbon cutting. This is an annual tradition and the group this year was near the OMG ride to kick of the 2017 ND State Fair.



NextHome Legendary Properties: 400 4th St. SW • Minot, ND 58701 • 701-852-8151 • www.nexthomelegendary.com Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors celebrated the grand reopening of a newly remodeled building. NextHome Corporate Vice President Imran Pladi attended the event as well.

Grand Hotel recognized with Above and Beyond award

The Grand Hotel is being recognized for their Shuttle Series, a project they have taken upon themselves to market Minot. They have selected various points of interest to share with their guests and on social media.

The Grand highlighted Mainstream Boutique and many other downtown businesses during some of their features. They recognize the challenges downtown is enduring for the third year of construction. Their goal is to drive traffic into businesses, and other destinations around Minot by featuring fun, lively and creative videos informing their guests and community all that downtown has to offer. This provided great exposure at no cost to the businesses, but with great benefits for everyone.

Pam Karpenko of Mainstream Boutique nominated the Grand Hotel and asked that the Chamber award these members of #TeamGrand for their tireless commitment to promoting Minot and sharing our great community with others!"



#TeamGrand members pictured

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29th Annual Great Tomato Festival set for Aug. 9

The 29th Annual Great Tomato Festival will be held Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017, at the ND State Fair Center, 4H Hall, 2005 Burdick Expressway East. This classic community fundraising event was established in 1989 by Jeff and Peggy Miller. It has become the annual end of summer gourmet picnic to attend! The menu consists of smoked pork chops cooked to perfection by master chefs, a top-secret recipe of roasted tomatoes stuffed with rice, along with chips and salsa, tomato and cucumber salad, beer batter bread and brownies.

The evening also includes entertainment by the Dakota Dixie Jazz Band and Minot Symphony Orchestra Musicians, creative tomato displays, a social hour serving tomato hors d'oeuvres, and an amazing silent auction. New this year will be a live auction, which will include vacation destination getaways, autographed memorabilia, and more. The silent auction will include more than 250 auction items including tickets to sporting events, theater and music, restaurant meals, kids' activities, vacation stays, art, furniture, and more. Returning again is the Great Chocolate Cake Revival. A selection of fancy chocolate cakes will be available to bid on and take home that evening. The creator of the cake with the highest bid will receive a prize. Doors open for browsing at 5:30 p.m. with social hour at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Attendees must be 21 to attend. Advance tickets are available at Minot Public Library, Taube Museum of Art, Artmain, Interiors Plus, The Computer Store or online at www.greattomatofestival.com. Pick up your tickets now to ensure yourself a spot at this fun-filled evening!

The Great Tomato Festival is a community fundraiser, which has benefitted a number of non-profit organizations since its inception. The mission of the fundraiser is "Working together with the purpose of raising funds to enhance the services of the specific nonprofit organizations." It currently benefits the Minot Public Library, Taube Museum of Art, and Minot Symphony Orchestra. All net proceeds from ticket sales and silent auction are directly granted to the sponsoring organizations.

For more information please contact: greattomatofestival@srt.com; Janet Anderson (Minot Public Library); 852-1045; Nancy F. Walter (Taube Museum of Art): 838-4445; or Ellen Fenner (Minot Symphony Orchestra): 858-4228.

New realtors join Brokers 12 team

Alec Swanson was born and raised right here in North Dakota. He is a member of the Minot Multiple Listing Service, Minot Board of REALTORS®, and the National

Association of REAL-TORS[®]. As a REAL-TOR[®] at Brokers 12 Inc., Swanson is part of a strong team of agents committed to providing the most knowledgeable and positive real estate



Alec Swanson

experience. Swanson also enjoys golf, snowboarding and spending time at the lake. For more information, contact Swanson at 340-9191, 852-3757, or email to alec@brokers12.com.

Karla Philip grew up in Stanley, ND, but has called Minot home for over 25 years. She received her master's degree at MSU and has been a longtime educator in Minot. She has lived and worked at Minot Air Force Base, making her aware of the



aking her aware of the needs and challenges military families face when seeking to purchase or sell a home. If you are looking for a realtor who is responsive, honest, and willing to work diligently to help you find your

Karla Philip

new home or sell your existing home, call 720-9407 or send an email to karla@brokers12.com.

Burdick named scholarship recipient

North Dakota Bankers Association has named Zach Burdick a recipient of the Prochnow Educational Foundation/ North Dakota Bankers Association Scholarship. Burdick, commercial loan officer at United Community Bank of North Dakota in Minot, will receive a \$1,300 discount from the regularly charged fees for each of the three years of the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

This \$3,900 scholarship, established and funded by the Herbert V. Prochnow Educational Foundation, furthers the goal of supporting banker education. The scholarship is made available annually to a selected individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and a commitment to his or her community and to the banking industry.

"The banking industry and the communities we serve have a bright future because of the leadership of individuals such as Zach," said Rick Clayburgh of the North Dakota Bankers Association. "This scholarship is in recognition of Zach's leadership at United Community Bank of North Dakota and the community it serves," Clayburgh continued.

Burdick received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Minot State University. He has ten years of banking experience and is involved in Junior Achievement and the Beaver Booster Board.

The Herbert V. Prochnow Educational Foundation, a not-for-profit support organization to the Graduate School of Banking, has promoted the growth of banker education throughout the United States. The Graduate School of Banking was established in 1945 and has more than 20,000 alumni.

NDBA sponsors the Graduate School of Banking through its membership in the Central States Conference of State Bankers Associations. Rick Clayburgh of NDBA is a member of the school's Board of Trustees.

For more information regarding the scholarship, please contact Dorothy Lick at NDBA. For additional information regarding the Graduate School of Banking, please visit gsb.org.

Harrington joins Century 21 Realtors

Brad Harrington has recently joined the Century 21 Action Realtors team.



Harrington grew up on a dairy farm in the eastern part of North Dakota. He first served as a law enforcement officer for 15 years, most recently with the Bottineau County Sheriff's Department.

Brad Harrington Bottineau

Harrington enjoys helping people which is what attracted him to the real estate and insurance industries. In April of 2016, he opened the Brad Harrington Agency (Farmers Insurance Group) in Minot, offering auto, home, renters, business insurance, life insurance and more. A natural extension was to join the Century 21 team as a realtor. For assistance with your real estate and insurance needs, please contact Harrington at 570-5621 or brad.harrington@century21.com.

Souris Valley United Way sponsors hole in one fundraiser

What would you do with \$250,000? You could win it on September 14. Last year Rita Bates made a hole in one and won the \$100,000 paid out by Hole in One International. Souris Valley United Way is hosting the second Hole in One contest, which is open to everyone, whether you are a golfer or not.

Minot Country Club has had several holes in one this year, so join us Sept. 11-13 from Noon to 7 p.m. to try your luck at hitting the ball in the targeted area to qualify. The final day, Sept. 14, participants will be able to qualify until 5:30 p.m. All qualifiers must return at this time for instructions on the final rounds.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event please contact the Souris Valley United Way office by Aug. 15 at 839-2994 or svuwcampaign@srt.com. Proceeds will benefit the Souris Valley United Way 2017 Campaign. For more information visit www.svunitedway.com.

KLJ expands to Sioux Falls

KLJ is proud to announce the opening of an office in Sioux Falls, SD. "We are an engineering firm. We plan, design, and support infrastructure across the country such as roads, runways, pipelines, and parks and are excited to continue to expand our services in the Sioux Falls area," said CEO, Dean Anagnost. With offices in six states across the U.S., KLJ has been in South Dakota for more than 15 years with an office in Rapid City. KLJ continues its commitment to serving the infrastructure needs of communities and clients with the new office is Sioux Falls. "We are not new to Sioux Falls, as we have worked for many years on the Sioux Falls Regional Airport through a strategic partnership with Goldsmith and Heck Engineers," said Anagnost.

The office, located at 4800 E. 57th Street, Suite B, brings the firm to two office locations in South Dakota and a total of 24 office locations in six states.

KLJ is headquartered in Bismarck, ND. The move exemplifies the company's growth and goal toward engineering progressive infrastructure across the nation. This year, KLJ was recognized as a Best Place to work in various geographies and most recently ranked 130th in Engineering News Record's Top 500 Design Firms for its previous year's performance. KLJ is committed to helping make the communities in which we all live and work a better place, winning both regional and national engineering awards for project completed around the county. "Over nearly 80 years, KLJ has evolved into an industry leader by first excelling locally. Our office locations and local knowledge offer our clients a strategic advantage through understanding and knowing the communities in which we live and work," said Anagnost.



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Builder Ball Drop comes back to Minot

The Minot Association of Builders is excited to announce the 2nd annual Builder Ball Drop. The Birdie with the Builders Golf Tournament is taking place July 31 at the Minot Country Club. MAB has partnered with First International Bank & Trust, Sundre Sand and Gravel and iHeart Radio to make the Builder Ball Drop happen.

Numbered tickets will be sold for \$5 toward a chance to win a \$1,000 gift card to Direct Travel - Satrom Tours. The number on each ticket will correspond to a numbered golf ball. To kick off the annual event, all the numbered golf balls will be loaded into a helicopter courtesy of Sundre Sand and Gravel and dropped over the Minot Country Club at 10:30 a.m. The closest ball to the hole will win the gift certificate. The proceeds will benefit an activity center collaboration between the Minot Association of Builders and Minot Park District. Tickets are available at www.minotab.com/golf and ND Guaranty & Title.

Northwest Art Center receives arts grant

In support of their efforts to provide regional arts programming, the Northwest Art Center at Minot State University has been awarded a \$7,429 Institutional Support grant by the North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA).

The center, with its supporting organization, the Art Friends of the Northwest Art Center, was among 55 recipients of the most recent Institutional Support grants awarded by the NDCA.

The Institutional Support grant program is designed to benefit artists, arts organizations, and the general public. The program provides general support for qualifying arts and cultural organizations that have proven they have strong management and leadership, quality artistic programming and services, and are an important part of the arts infrastructure in their communities. A total of \$379,248 was awarded during this grant round.

The grant will help to provide funds for the center's art galleries on the campus of Minot State University, as well as programming for the Northwest Art Center Lecture Series. Construction is currently underway on a new gallery space for the center, which is expected to open early in 2018 in the lower level of the Gordon B. Olson Library.

"The NDCA grant helps the Northwest Art Center continue its role as an educational and cultural resource for northwest North Dakota," said Director Avis Veikley. "This is an exciting time for us as we prepare for the transition to a new facility. We are very appreciative of the support we receive from the Council on the Arts."

The center's galleries focus on works by contemporary artists. About 20 exhibits are presented each year, featuring a cross section of local, regional and national talent. Lecture series speakers include university faculty, regional lecturers, and visiting scholars. All exhibitions and lectures are free and open to the public.

For more information about the Institutional Support grant contact the Council on the Arts at 701-328-7592 or visit www.nd.gov/arts.



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National Night Out set for Aug. 1

This year's National Night Out will be held Tuesday, Aug. 1, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on the north side of Minot High School-Magic City Campus. This free event is sponsored by Trinity Health, the Minot Police Department, Target, SRT, American Bank Center, Burdick Job Corps, Credit Unions United Chapter, and many other Minot businesses and community agencies.

This community event promotes public safety and gives recognition to those individuals and agencies who keep our community safe. There will be free games, food, music, face painting, and inflatables, as well as educational booths, Trinity Health's NorthStar Criticair helicopter, law enforcement special equipment displays, MAFB K9 demonstrations, and fingerprinting for school age children. This popular event has drawn more than 3,000 people.

National Night Out is an annual event designed to strengthen our communities by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with each other and with their local law enforcement partners. The goal is to heighten crime-prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and most importantly, send a message that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. It's also the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors and meet those who keep Minot area safe.

Rotary Club of Minot announces new board members

The Rotary Club of Minot would like to welcome three new board members to

serve on the Rotary Board of Directors: Kent Kirkhammer, Gabriel Mejia, and Shannon Hanson.

Kirkhammer will be filling a term ending

2019, and Mejia and Kent Kirkhammer Hanson will be filling

terms ending 2020. Kirkhammer is the president/CEO of NewKota Services &

Rentals. Mejia is the major gifts officer for The Sanford Health Foundation. Shannon Hanson is the owner/operator of Hanson's Excavating, Inc. and a staff pharmacist at Trinity Health.



Gabriel Mejia



The Rotary Board of Directors meets monthly to review all operations of the Rotary Club of Minot. The officers of the Board include Kevin Harmon,

Shannon Hanson president;

Wendy Keller, president-elect;

Staci Kenney, vice president; Stacy Askvig, secretary; Dave Lehner, treasurer; and CJ Craven, past president. Directors of the board include Sharon Johnson, Monica Peterson, Cara Olson, Kent Kirkhammer, Shannon Hanson, and Gabriel Mejia.

Volunteers needed for Magic Day of Giving

The 4th annual Magic Day of Giving is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 15, 2017, in Minot. Registration is now open for volunteers and project submissions at www.magicdayofgiving.org. Last year's event was a huge success, drawing in more than 2,500 volunteers who collectively gave back 5,925 hours of community service valued at \$143,030 to the Minot area.

Sign up as a volunteer: Volunteer teams of all ages are invited to sign up and complete a community service project of their choice or complete a project that has been submitted by the community and matched to their team. Volunteers will spend no more than two hours raking, painting, washing windows, improving local parks and nonprofit organizations all while giving back to the Magic City. Teachers are invited to sign up their classrooms to take part, last year many classrooms completed projects they created (ex. food or other supply drives) or projects that were matched to them (at the teacher's request, projects that could be completed in or out of the



classroom). Volunteer team registrations are due Aug. 29, 2017.

Submit a project: The community is invited to submit service projects on behalf of civic, religious and non-profit organizations. The organization will be required to supply any necessary supplies and Magic Day of Giving will supply the volunteers. Project submissions are due Aug. 15,2017.

Sponsors needed: Organizations can sponsor projects, allowing Magic Day of Giving to purchase supplies. Many of these projects will be completed by area students in their classrooms. Project sponsorships range from \$50 to \$250. **Sponsors** can contact magicdayofgiving@gmail.com for more information.

The event will kick off on Friday, Sept. 15 with a free breakfast from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at MAYSA Arena where volunteers who check in will receive a free Magic Day of Giving t-shirt, while supplies last. Volunteer teams will then complete their two hour long projects throughout the day.

Magic Day of Giving is organized and coordinated by a group of volunteers from city departments, non-profits and area businesses. Learn more about Magic Day of Giving at www.magicdayofgiving.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/engagingforimpact.

Trinity Health welcomes neurosurgeon

Thomas Frimpong, DO, a neurological and spine surgeon, has joined Trinity Health in the specialty of Neurosurgery. He brings a unique set of skills to the region, having the added qualification of being fellowship-trained in minimally invasive and complex spinal surgery. He also has a focus on surgery to correct adolescent and adult scoliosis.

A graduate of Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pennsylvania, he



completed his Neurosurgery residency at Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Roanoke. He did his post-residency fellowship in minimally invasive and complex spine surgery at Bassett

Frimpong, MD

Healthcare – Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, where he functioned as a neurosurgery attending and a clinical instructor in Neurological Surgery. He has practiced at Trinity Health on a locum basis since 2016.

Dr. Frimpong joins Dr. Charles Wood, Ashley Wallner, FNP-C, and Durand Jones, FNP-C, in offering the least invasive, most effective treatments to people with brain and spinal conditions resulting from disease or injury. Dr. Frimpong sees patients at Health Center – East, Suite 401, 20 Burdick Expressway West in Minot, with appointments at 857-5877

Transcription vendor impacted by cyberattack

Trinity Health received word that one of its vendors, Nuance Communications, Burlington, MA, had been impacted by a cyberattack originating in Europe. Trinity Health was not directly targeted.

Nuance is a multinational provider of voice and language tools, including transcription services and other programs that allow medical dictation directly into an electronic health record. It has many healthcare clients, including Trinity Health.

Karim Tripodina, Trinity's director of Marketing and Community Relations, says the company notified its clients that it had shut down its hosted systems as a precautionary move.

"We were informed of disruptions in transcription service and advised to implement a back-up plan for clinical documentation until the outage has ended," Tripodina said. "We're utilizing other options such as Dragon Medical, which wasn't impacted. Providers also have the option of charting on paper and entering the notes into the electronic record once the system has been restored."

She said Nuance is keeping clients apprised of the situation with regular communication updates, and it is working around the clock to remedy the situation with the help of leading security experts.

"According to the company there is no indication that any confidential information of its customers or patients has been removed from the network," Tripodina added. "They shut the network down to safeguard their system."

For more information, contact Mary Muhlbradt at 857-5116.

Providers join Trinity Health

Trinity Health announces that two providers have joined the staff in the specialties of Family Medicine and Psychology.

Priyanka Sharma, MD, is a Family Medicine specialist who practices at Health Center – Medical Arts. A graduate of Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine at McMaster University in Canada, she completed her Family Medicine residency at

the Halton McMaster Family Health Centre.

Robyn Hardie, PsyD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who practices at Health Center – Riverside. A graduate of McMaster University in



Robyn Hardie, PsyD



Priyanka Sharma, MD

Hamilton, ON, she completed both her master's and doctorate degrees in Clinical Psychology at Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Her residency in Clinical Psychology was completed at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, MT, in association with the University of Montana Department of Psychology.

For more information, contact Mary Muhlbradt at 857-5116.

Wish granters/event volunteers needed

Make-A-Wish® Foundation of North Dakota is seeking dedicated, self-motivated volunteers to assist in supporting our mission of granting wishes to children with life threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. We strive to empower our volunteers to become leaders in their communities as well as collaborate to create and host events. Currently we have over 150 volunteers across our great state. However, there are regions that are in great need of volunteers to help strengthen the organizations presence. If you are interested in joining the Make-A-Wish North Dakota team as a wish granter, airport greeter, fundraising volunteer or an event volunteer, please don't hesitate to contact our office or visit our webpage at the link below. Application and volunteer role details are available at the following link: http://northdakota.wish.org/ways-tohelp/volunteering/become-a-volunteer.

Western Plains Opera sponsors Patrons Gala Aug. 29

Come share an intimate evening with the professional guest artists of Western Plains Opera and see a glimpse into the fall opera production. This evening is free and open to the public.

Aug. 29, 2017 Lillian and Coleman Taube Museum of Art (2 N Main St.)

Social: 6 p.m.

(featuring appetizers and champagne) Musical Entertainment: 7 p.m. *(featuring guest artists)*

For more information on the Annual Patron's Gala or the fall production, Orpheus in the Underworld, please contact Elizabeth Colby at 701-626-2037.



Town & Country Credit Union announces promotions

Trevor Keney has been promoted to senior vice president, chief retail officer. Keney joined Town & Country Credit

Union in 2015 as vice president business development. He has 15 years of experience in the financial industry with eight years of management experience. A native of Bismarck, Keney is a



Trevor Kenev

graduate of Minnesota State University Moorhead. As an active member of the Fargo community, he is a Chamber Ambassador, Youth Soccer and Baseball coach, and a volunteer with the Moorhead Marlins swim team. As SVP, chief retail officer, Keney will oversee all retail functions including consumer loans, home equity loans, mortgages, deposit and time accounts as well as business development.

Kalli Schell has been promoted to senior vice president, chief operations officer. Schell has been employed at Town &



Kalli Schell

Country Credit Union for 17 years and is originally from Watford City. She began her career at the credit union as a teller. worked in the loan processing division and was later promot-

ed to vice president, loan servicing. In her new role she will be responsible for the coordination of all lending operation functions, work methods and flow throughout the organization. She is also responsible for providing operations support, guidance and process improvement.

Adam Silbernagel has been promoted to senior vice president, chief information officer. Originally from West Fargo, Silbernagel graduated from Minnesota State



Adam Silbernagel

University Moorhead with a B.S. in finance. He began working at the credit union in 2004 as a teller and later worked in loan processing, then operations. He most recently served as vice president, information technology. In his new role, he will work to establish the vision, strategy, roadmap, programs, related policies and management controls for the organization's information technology and facilities.

Mikki Kremer has been promoted to



vice president, human resources. Kremer joined Town & Country in 2013, as an HR specialist and is a Minot native. As a human resources professional, Kremer has

Mikki Kremer

earned the designation of Senior Professional in Human Resources as well as becoming certified by the Society for Human Resources Management as a Senior Certified Professional. From the Credit Union National Association she has been designated a Human Resources Compliance Professional. As the vice president, human resources, she will be responsible for all aspects of the human resources department including learning and development at the credit union.

Stephanie Silverthorn has been pro-

moted to human resources generalist. Originally from Minot, Silverthorn joined Town & Country Credit Union in 2014 as executive admin and HR coordinator. She has more than six years of HR experience, is gradu-



Stephanie Silverthorn

ate of Minot State University and has recently earned the designation of Certified Professional from the Society for Human Resource Management. In her new role she will assist in managing daily activities related to all aspects of

human resources including recruitment and staffing, benefits administration, employee relations, record keeping and regulatory compliance.

Angela Juarez has



Angela Juarez

been promoted to business analyst. Juarez began working at Town & Country Credit Union in 2013 as a loan servicing associate. She has worked in the financial services industry for ten years and is originally from Velva. As the credit union's business analyst she will be responsible for helping users and technical staff ensure information systems are fully, effectively and efficiently utilized. She'll be responsible for working with users and staff while providing assistance in needs assessment and identification and implementation of information systems.

Dakota CDC begins construction

Dakota Certified Development Corporation is excited to announce an important step forward in the evolution of their organization by breaking ground on a new headquarters office in South Fargo. Construction on the 5,800 square foot facility near the corner of Veterans Boulevard and 36th Avenue South officially began on June 2, 2017.

"The new location will further enhance our brand of 35 years, enable us to control our current and future growth, and provide a state of the art facility with which to recruit and retain a quality workforce," explained Dakota CDC's president and CEO, Steve Dusek. Dakota CDC has been at the current location for almost 10 years and recently has also outgrown the space.

The new facility will provide several opportunities for expansion and improvement for Dakota CDC's day to day operations. "The overall open, collaborative design will include space for current and future staff, board and presentation space that will be important to communicate a consistent brand to people outside of our organization, privacy areas for small group meetings or discussion, and social areas flexible for a variety of activities," added Dusek.



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HB 1296 requires electronic filing for quarterly reports and unemployment insurance taxes

During the 2017 legislative session, a bill was passed requiring electronic filing for all quarterly reports and electronic payment of Unemployment Insurance taxes due. The bill, HB 1296, is effective starting with the first quarter report of 2018. In addition to electronic reporting, the bill requires electronic payment of Unemployment Insurance taxes due. While electronic reporting has been required for employers with 25+ employees for many years, HB 1296 requires electronic reporting and payment from all employers regardless of how many employees or if any wages were paid. You don't have to wait until 2018 to file electronically. In fact, to provide for a smooth transition to electronic reporting in 2018, Job Service recommends that all employers begin filing reports electronically in 2017. You can begin with the second quarter of 2017 report. If you need assistance with electronic reporting, please do not hesitate to contact your local UI field representative or the UI Tax department.

For more information, contact Mary Schaefer, UI Tax & Field Services Supervisor, Job Service North Dakota, at 857-7554 or in Bismarck 328-2814. Follow this link to the newsletter: https://www.jobsnd.com/sites/ default/files/June2017InfoLink.pdf.

KK BOLD announces its 2017 "Step Up!" community service project

KK BOLD today announced the opening of nominations for a non-profit/notfor-profit agency to receive up to \$15,000 in free creative services from the advertising agency.

KK BOLD is inviting participation in Step Up!, its community service program. The winner will be determined by a public nomination and voting process. Nominations can be made on KK BOLD's website at kkbold.com; voting will take place on the agency's website and Facebook page.

Creative services for the Step Up! con-

test winner will begin Sept. 1, 2017, and will be completed by Aug. 31, 2018. To be eligible, non-profit/not-for-profit agencies must be located in Bismarck/Mandan or Minot, N.D., (KK BOLD's key in-state service areas) or have a statewide mission.

Previous recipients of KK BOLD agency services through Step Up! were Designer Genes, a Down syndrome support network, and Triple H Miniature Horse Rescue, an animal welfare organization.

Contest rules are available at kkbold.com. Key campaign dates include:

- * Nominations end at 11:59 p.m., July 31, 2017.
- * Finalists will be announced Aug. 4, 2017, and voting will begin.
- * Voting ends at 11:59 p.m., Aug. 14, 2017.
- * The winner will be announced Aug. 16, 2017.

With offices in Bismarck and Minot, ND, and Las Vegas, KK BOLD is a brandbuilding agency that provides cuttingedge services in advertising, branding, interactive, media, public relations, marketing and public affairs consulting.

Minot Association of Builders announces new board members

The Minot Association of Builders would like to welcome two new board members to serve on the MAB Board of Directors: Boyd Sivertson and Pat Bailey.



Both Sivertson and Bailey will fill terms ending 2020. Sivertson is the territory sales manager at Heartland Pella Windows and Doors and Bailey is

Boyd Sivertson the manager of Muus Lumber and Hardware.

The Minot Association of Builders

Board of Directors meets monthly to review all operations of the Minot Association of Builders. The officers of the Board include:



Chris Dahl, president; Melissa Francisco, vice president; Robb Rotramel, treasurer, Phil Risbrudt, past president. Directors of the Board include: Kal Larson, Eric Wanner, Rob Orts, Dawn Rasmussen, Al Schall, Stephen Worlund, Pat Bailey and Boyd Sivertson. Bruce Walker is a senior life director and Joe Stenvold is a life director. Walker and Stenvold sit on the board as non-voting members.

Pat Bailey



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6	7	8 Eagle Awards, 10 a.m., Chamber office First Dollar of Profit Awards, 2 p.m., Various locations	9 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	10 YP Global Leadership Ann Nicole Nelson Ha	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	18	19
20	21	22	23 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	24	25	26
27	28 FTAC Right Start presentation, 9:45 a.m., MAFB	29	30	31		

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