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The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Please let these new members know how much of a value they are to our community.

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Renewals

The Chamber extends a big “THANK YOU” to our members who have renewed their membership through Nov. 17, 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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#Throwback Thursday Showcase features Minot Memories

Nostalgia was the name of the game at the 27th Annual Showcase of Business which featured the theme #ThrowbackThursday: Minot Memories. The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored event was a huge success, with more than 70 businesses and 800 people enjoying memories of the good ol' days and delicious treats, including cheese Frenchie's like those made at King's Food Host and Little Joe Scrambles, like those

from Ryan's Family Dining.

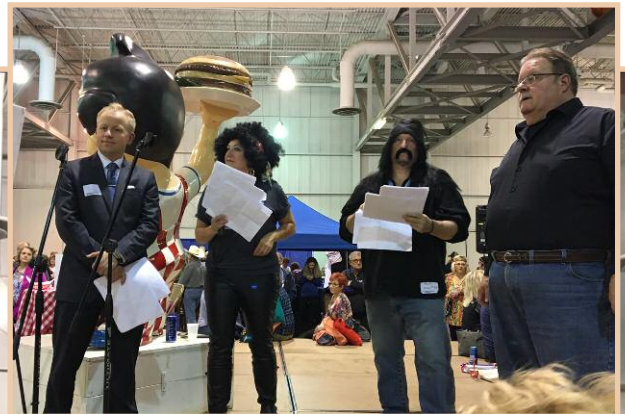
Businesses decorated their booth spaces to represent memories from an earlier time. The winning booths included Ackerman-Estvold, First International Bank & Trust, and Bremer Bank.

Many prizes were awarded throughout the night. The Minot Package, which included a two-night stay at Dakotah Rose Bed & Breakfast, a day treatment at Lor Spa, supper at Elevation Restaurant, and four Minot Symphony tickets was awarded. Delta Vacations sponsored a prize trip worth \$1,600, and Rilie Domres was the lucky winner in that drawing (pictured above). Congratulations to all who won and thanks to all who participated. Special thanks to these sponsors:



Representatives from Delta Vacations (including General Manager Shelley Knight and HR & Communications Specialist Michelle Weishaar) presented the Delta Vacations prize to Rilie Domres.

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A crowd of over 800 people attended the annual Showcase of Business at the ND State Fair Magic Place in November.

November Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in November 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.



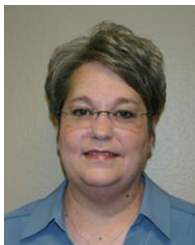
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ACCRA third quarter cost of living compares local costs to nationwide costs

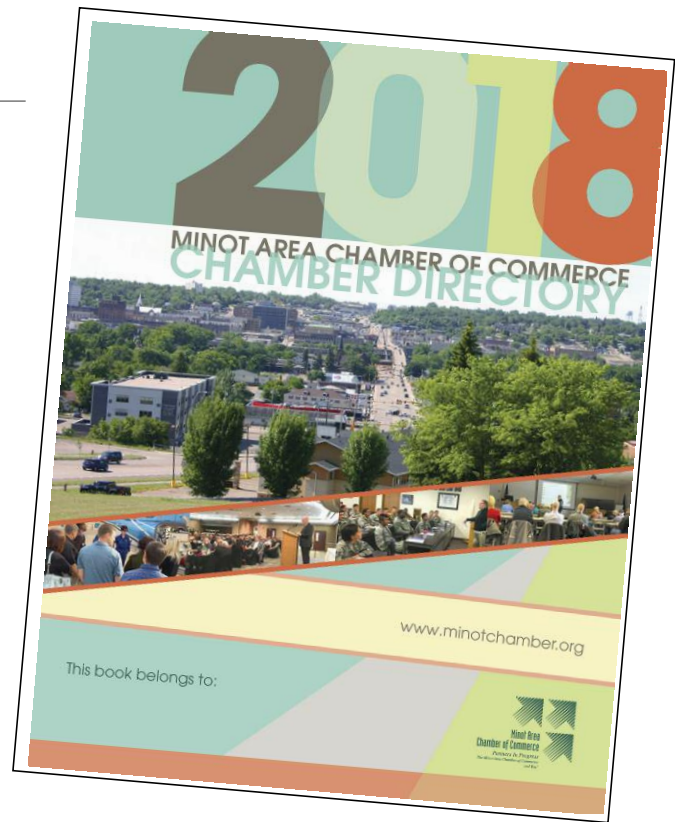
Minot's cost of living measured slightly higher than the national average in the third quarter of 2017, according to the Cost of Living Index, published by the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers' Association (ACCRA). This data presented represents average prices submitted for the third quarter of 2017.

Cost of Living Index: Third Quarter 2017 (U.S. Average Composite Index: 100%)

	Minot ND	Bismarck ND	Fargo/Moorhead Metro	Grand Forks ND	Minneapolis MN	Pierre SD
COMPOSITE INDEX	102.5	98.8	100.6	97.7	104.9	98.5
GROCERY ITEMS	105.0	101.6	112.9	102.5	106.7	104.1
HOUSING	94.7	93.0	97.9	93.4	102.7	105.1
UTILITIES	82.8	86.5	82.0	83.0	91.1	95.9
TRANSPORTATION	114.8	113.5	93.8	108.4	106.1	96.0
HEALTH CARE	114.7	113.1	114.3	107.4	105.2	97.4
MISC. GOODS	108.6	100.2	103.7	99.3	109.5	92.5

Operation Thank You

*Look for delivery of your
2018 Chamber
Membership Directory
during
Operation Thank You
from Dec. 4 through 8.*



Annual Sportsmen's Feed celebrates community

The 53rd annual Sportsmen's Feed is set for Sunday, Jan. 21 at the Jimmy Doolittle Center on MAFB. The event provides Air Force personnel with a place to watch the NFC/AFC football playoffs, win some prizes and eat some great food.

The day will be filled with delicious food ranging from venison to rocky mountain oysters along with all the trimmings. Tickets are \$30 each and allow an

airman in for free. Your support is needed to make this event a success and to provide a fun, relaxing day for airmen who may otherwise be sitting in the dorms alone. The day starts at noon with appetizers and games throughout the day with supper around 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Chamber at 852-6000.



CLI graduates raise funds to support RP Zoo

The Community Leadership Institute (CLI) graduated 24 participants this year. Minot Mayor Chuck Barney spoke to the group during a graduation ceremony. His focus motivated the graduates to do their best to become a part of the community by getting involved in something in which they are passionate.

The community service project of the group turned to the education program at Roosevelt Park Zoo. On Nov. 9, the group donated more than \$2,000 to help the zoo provide more education outreach.



Ribbon Cuttings

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



Burdick Expressway

Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon to officially open Burdick Expressway East following a \$4.3 million project from 9th to 15th Street SE, which included new water lines, sewer pipes, and storm sewers.



Caleb's Clubhouse: 1304 4th Ave. NW, Suite 105 • Minot, ND

A ribbon cutting with the Chamber Ambassadors was held to celebrate the opening of the sensory gym at Caleb's Clubhouse. The Minot Area Community Foundation's Power of the Purse Giving Circle has granted \$12,000 to Caleb's Clubhouse for their indoor sensory gym.

Caleb's Clubhouse is a preschool and after school program that opened in Minot this past August. The funds granted by Power of the Purse enabled the program to purchase equipment for their sensory gym, providing the necessary tools and equipment for better sensory regulation throughout the children's day.

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The Putt District: 17 Main St. S., Suite A • Minot, ND 58701 • 857-7888 • Website: <http://theputtdistrict.com/>
Co-owners: Eric Thoenke and Scott Gordon

Minot Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon for The Putt District, which is a family-fun entertainment center featuring a 14-hole glow-in-the-dark miniature golf course, a game lounge for video game enthusiasts, and a clubhouse for board game enthusiasts.



Ward County Detention Center addition: 204 Front Street SE • Minot, ND

Minot Chamber Ambassadors celebrated by cutting the ribbon of the \$38 million expansion at the Ward County Detention Center. The jail capacity will increase from 104 beds to 300 beds.

Member Business Briefs

United Community Bank promotes Wyman to vice president

United Community Bank announced that Audra Wyman has been promoted to vice president.

Wyman has been employed at United Community for 11 years and has previous work experience in retail banking, mortgage lending, loan administration, and bank financial management.



Audra Wyman

Wyman is originally from Westhope and graduated from Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in finance. She is a board member for the Minot State Alumni Association, a YP member, and also participates in Junior Achievement.

Senior art exhibition features truth and perspective

"Enigma: Truth and Perspective," a senior art exhibition showcasing the work of Minot State University student Cassandra Stauffer, will be on display at the Northwest Art Center's Hartnett Hall Gallery Dec. 5-29, 2017, with an opening reception with the artist Thursday, Dec. 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

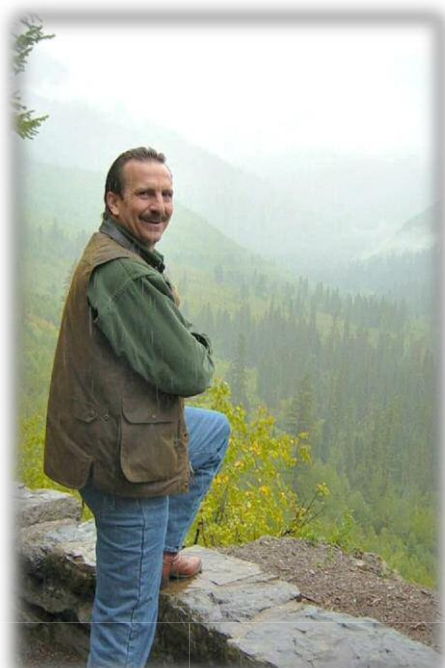
Stauffer's exhibit will feature acrylic paintings and an installation sculpture based on her travels to Israel and Palestine. Stauffer solicited stories from people she met in both countries, and developed paintings based on the experiences they shared with her. Her exhibit includes written communications from her acquaintances, and Stauffer's pictorial reaction to each story.

Born and raised in Minot, ND, Stauffer began her interest in art at a young age. She found the love of drawing before she could walk, and her passion grew once she began studying art in school. Her faith, study of art and various travels have

shaped her current world view.

Stauffer is completing an undergraduate degree in art education and elementary education at MSU. Although Stauffer views creating works of art as a form of self-expression, she also sees it as a form of communication. She has shared her artistic ideas in exhibits at the North Dakota State Fair, Taube Museum of Art and at 62 Doors Gallery. She plans to graduate from Minot State University in 2018. Later, she hopes to go on to graduate school, and then teach in her home state of North Dakota.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and by appointment. Parking in MSU lots is unrestricted after 5 p.m. This program is funded in part by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.



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Strengthen ND announces grant writing boot camp in Minot

Strengthen ND is partnering with the Northwest North Dakota Grant Writers Roundtable to host a Grant Writing Boot Camp on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017, at the Roosevelt Park Zoo. The retreat will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. The Nonprofit Retreat will be led by Megan Laudenschlager, executive director of Strengthen ND.

“Through the Grant Writing Boot Camp, attendees will receive essential information and practical strategies to utilize in their grant writing endeavors to raise more money to power their programs,” remarked Laudenschlager.

Sessions included in the Grant Writing Boot Camp include:

- Why you? Documenting your organization’s strengths, capacity, and achievements
- Needs and target demographic: who are you hoping to impact and why?
- Goals, objectives, and outcomes: developing the “how” of your proposal
- Budget and budget narrative: aligning your resources accurately and responsibly
- Project design: aligning the when and where with the “how”

To register, individuals are asked to contact Laudenschlager at 701-303-0840 or megan@strengthennd.com. The cost of registration is \$35, and the deadline to register is Monday, Dec. 11. More information about Strengthen ND can be found at www.StrengthenND.com.

Waller becomes ISA certified arborist

Lowe’s Garden Center proudly announces that Doria Waller has successfully completed extensive course work from the International Society of

Arboriculture and is now an ISA Certified Arborist. Certified Arborists are individuals who have achieved a high level of knowledge in the art and science of tree care



Doria Waller

Trinity Health secures bond financing for new hospital

Trinity Health received approval today from the Ward County Board of Commissioners to issue up to \$380 million in Health Care Revenue Bonds as a second step toward financing a new hospital and medical park in southwest Minot.

The County Commission approved up to \$63 million for Trinity Health in August to refinance existing long-term debt at a lower interest rate, and to cover preliminary construction costs.

Trinity President/CEO John M. Kutch says this second bond issuance will be used in combination with operating funds and private philanthropy to finance construction of the new health-care complex, including architectural, construction, equipment, and other costs associated with the new campus buildings.

“We’re excited to take this important next step toward constructing an extraordinary facility that will serve our communities for decades to come,” Kutch

said. “We’ve worked hard over many months to achieve a design that is viable and sustainable, and yet represents the future of how patient-centered health care should be delivered.”

He says teams of department leaders have worked productively with the project manager, Yates Construction, and architects and other contractors to refine the project with the goal of delivering exceptional care at the most reasonable cost. Trinity Health officials are still targeting the construction project, slated to include a new hospital and medical office building, to begin next spring. They project it will take approximately three years to build out the new campus.

The proposal to Ward County Commissioners doesn’t impose any responsibility on the county to pay off the bonds. Approval merely allows Trinity Health to issue tax-exempt bonds, which are a less expensive way to finance projects.



through experience and by passing a comprehensive examination developed by some of the nation’s leading experts on tree care. Continuing education programs must be completed at regular intervals, ensuring that the ISA Certified Arborist has continuously updated information. Waller is the only ISA Certified Arborist

in Minot and proudly joins the 17 other ISA Certified Arborists in North Dakota.

For more information, contact Dorian Waller at 839-2000 or by email at dorian@lowesfloral.com. For more information on the International Society of Arboriculture, go to www.isa-arbor.com/.

Vocational Rehab professionals honored

The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) presented performance and recognition awards to eight individual employees and other team members at its training conference on Oct. 26, 2017.

Department vocational rehabilitation professionals helped 613 North Dakotans with disabilities obtain competitive, integrated employment in their community last federal fiscal year.

The division presented Bobbie Bosworth of the Minot office with the Director's Award for Excellence. Peers nominated Bosworth for demonstrating dedication, productivity and dependability while managing office operations and providing excellent customer service.

Allyson Berner of the Minot office received an Award for Counselor Achievement, which recognizes the top 10 percent of counselors who helped the most people become employed.

Minot region employee Kyle Peterson received the Award for Counselor Achievement – Honorable Mention for having the second highest number of clients to achieve employment.

DVR presented Tanya Ide and her colleagues in the Minot DVR office with the Exemplary Service Award for providing outstanding case service to clients through creative thinking, direct work with multiple agencies and consistent client follow-up.

VR Team Participation Awards were presented to both the Minot and Williston DVR offices for their involvement in community activities on behalf of the division.

Division staff members provide assessments and counseling to help individuals identify strengths and goals, connect individuals to training, education, assistive technology and supportive services, and provide job placement assistance.

To receive DVR services, individuals must have a disability that is a barrier to employment, and they must want to work

and be available to work. Many of the individuals served have a physical or cognitive disability.

DVR also connects businesses to qualified prospective employees who can meet their workforce needs and provides assistance so businesses can retain employees affected by disabilities and find solutions to other disability-related issues.

Information about services is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/index.html or by contacting the division at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1B, Bismarck, ND 58501, 701-328-8950, 800-755-2745, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or dhsvr@nd.gov.

NDSF receives award from Extension honorary organization

Epsilon Sigma Phi, the North Dakota State University Extension Service honorary organization, presented awards during the NDSU Extension Service/Research Extension Center fall conference held Oct. 24-27 in Fargo.

Among the honored was Renae Korslien, general manager of the North Dakota State Fair, who says one the best parts of her job is working with the youth of North Dakota. Korslien was given a Friend of Extension Award from Brad Brummond, an agent in NDSU Extension's Walsh County office and president of the Upsilon Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi (left), and NDSU Extension Director Chris Boerboom.



Dakota CDC welcomes Hemberger

Dakota Certified Development Corporation is pleased to welcome Erin Hemberger to the team as office manag-

er/receptionist. She will be responsible for day-to-day office operations, coordinating and organizing company activities, and customer service for visitors and callers.



Erin Hemberger

A native of McLeod, ND, Hemberger graduated from University of Northern Colorado with a business degree. She brings 14 years of experience in a variety of customer service and management roles to the team. As a member of the small business lending team, she is excited for the opportunity to work in a new industry and be part of helping people achieve their business dreams. She and her family enjoy outdoor activities, with her favorites being softball and golf.

TCCU's Hoewt earns AAP certification

Chanda Hoewt has received her Accredited ACH Professional (AAP)

Certification, upon passing a nationally administered exam. AAPs are a group of highly-skilled payments professionals nationally recognized for their electronic



Chanda Hoewt

payments expertise, particularly within the field of Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments. Chanda has been employed at Town & Country Credit Union since 1998, and currently serves as an Accounting Specialist in the credit union's Minot office. This certification will provide her with the expertise to plan payments strategies and manage payments services and will help the credit union mitigate loss, risk and fraud while increasing operational processes.

Minot Sertoma sponsors

Christmas in the Park in Oak Park

The Minot Sertoma Club will bring light once again to Oak Park in Minot through its display of Christmas-themed lights for the community to enjoy. The Christmas lights are displayed beginning Nov. 24, and lasting through Dec. 31, from 6 to 10 every evening. The cost for viewing Christmas in the Park is \$5 per car with a rate for limos and buses. Christmas in the Park is a way for Sertoma to earn money and give back to the community by supporting local businesses with beautifully lighted Christmas displays.

Sertoma would like to again extend you an offer for discounted tickets; if you pre-purchase tickets you will receive 5 tickets for \$20. The tickets make great recognition gifts and stocking stuffers for your employees, friends and family. Tickets can be purchased through Visit Minot or by contacting Kathleen White at kathleen.white@trinityhealth.org or 701-240-4458.

Money to support Sertoma activities is raised through a variety of activities such as Christmas in the Park. Money earned goes back into the community through the different activities sponsored by Sertoma.

Sertoma is a community service group with the ultimate purpose of meeting the needs of communities through service. Minot Sertoma, which is short for "service to mankind," has served the Minot community for over 50 years. Membership consists of more than 80 area business men and women who are committed to giving back to their community.

Minot Sertoma serves the Minot community in a variety of ways, including speech and hearing disorders and youth-related activities. Sertoma supports local education through scholarships, supports organized activities such as Dream Catchers, Minot Family YMCA and MAYSA Arena; financially supports the ND Center for Persons with Disabilities, Hands & Voices, and the Induction Looping at Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at Minot State University; and provides assistance to those with very specific needs.

If you have any questions about pre-purchasing tickets, please call Kathleen White at 240-4458.



Edgewood opens first CaringEdge location in North Dakota

Edgewood Healthcare announced the opening of its first CaringEdge location in North Dakota, located at the Edgewood Vista Assisted Living and Memory Care community in Minot. CaringEdge is Edgewood's healthcare and home care division, specializing in Medicare certified home health, therapy and hospice services, along with in-home personal care services (PCS). Edgewood's first CaringEdge location opened earlier this year in the Boise and Treasure Valley region of Idaho, where the company operates ten independent living, assisted living and memory care communities.

"Our joint venture and eventual acquisition of All Care Health Solutions in Eagle, ID, resulted in enhanced healthcare services within our Assisted Living communities, and allowed us to provide these needed services in residents' homes as well," said Philip Gisi, chairman and CEO of Edgewood Healthcare. "One of the keys to the success of CaringEdge is our well trained and caring staff, also having a close relationship with the resident and their family, physicians and other caregivers to better coordinate care and to identify opportunities to improve the health and welfare of the people we serve."

CaringEdge of Minot will offer home health services to include skilled nursing, nursing assistance, therapy services (physical, occupational and speech therapy), palliative care and hospice services.

"Having these additional on-site services means that our residents can receive therapy services conveniently and more frequently, enabling quicker recovery from illness or injury," said Russ Kubik, president of Edgewood Healthcare. "Additionally, the services we can provide through CaringEdge are covered by Medicare and other insurance plans; it's a

win for our residents and other Minot-area customers we plan to serve."

Personal Care Services (CaringEdge PCS) will be an additional offering available to people in the Minot area. These services include nonmedical tasks in senior's homes, such as cooking, cleaning, bathing assistance, medication management, companionship, transportation, etc. CaringEdge of Minot is managed by Brendan Weidler, RN, BSN, a Velva, ND, native. Weidler recently welcomed Jenna Perlichek to the CaringEdge team as the Director of Therapy Services. Perlichek is an occupational therapist and Des Lacs native. Weidler and Perlichek are actively recruiting physical therapists to join their team. For additional information contact Brendan at 852-1399.

Timm joins Alliance Real Estate-Minot

Bob Timm has been an active REALTOR® in the Minot area for more than a dozen years. Prior to joining Alliance Real Estate-Minot, Timm was a broker/owner of another local agency, recently joining Alliance because they share his values of "honesty, dedication, and results." Joining a team with a rich history of providing results helps him achieve his goal of providing the best possible service to his clientele.



Bob Timm

Timm is married to Carol, and they have two children, Tina (17) and Timmothy (16). "We are a very close family and most of our free time is centered around our faith family at Our Saviors Lutheran Church," he said.

Many know Timm as a blogger at www.RealMan.ActiveRain.com and for the weekly radio show "Minot Real Estate Today," which is aired on two local radio stations.

For more information, contact Timm through the Minot office at 839-2217, on his cell phone number at 701-720-8513, or via email at bobt@minothome.com.

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Enerbase Cooperative Resources offers employee announcements

Enerbase Cooperative Resources welcomes Craig Giroux to the team in our Equipment Sales department. Giroux previously worked in petroleum equipment sales for both retail and commercial operators. He comes from a large family in Sawyer, and has always lived in the Minot area. Giroux and his wife Shelly have two sons and one daughter that attend Burlington and Des Lacs schools. Giroux enjoys spending time with the family, hunting, fishing, & woodworking.



Craig Giroux

Enerbase Cooperative Resources welcomes Lolly Gorze to the team as human resources director.

Gorze has an associates of information processing degree from Minot State University and is currently working on her bachelor of science degree from there as well. Gorze was with BCBS of ND for 15 years, followed by one year as a supervisor at Trinity Health Recruitment, and one year at Sanford OccMed as an employer relations representative. She is a Surrey native, and she and her husband, Jeff, have three sons.

Warren Boehler has accepted the position of wholesale and sales distributor with Agrabase (owned and operated by Enerbase Cooperative Resources). Boehler previously was in equipment sales on the Enerbase side of the cooperative since 2012. He will be responsible for retail sales as well as business development on the wholesale side of the company. His transition to this position took place Oct. 3, 2016. Boehler is originally from Hazen and has lived in Minot since 2010.

Jeremy Benjamin has accepted the position of equipment sales for Enerbase Cooperative Resources. Benjamin previously worked in the Enerbase hardware department since August 2015. He will be responsible for machinery sales and

tradeshow support. His transition took place Oct. 3, 2016. Benjamin is originally from Minot.

Sierra Hysjulien has accepted the position of parts controller for Agrabase, which is owned and operated by Enerbase Cooperative Resources. Hysjulien officially began her duties on Jan. 16, 2017. Hysjulien joined Enerbase in 2012, gaining her knowledge of the Agrabase division working through the integration of Aemsco with the corporation. Most recently she held the position of Agrabase's receptionist. In this new position she will oversee the day to day operations of the Agrabase parts department, including shipping, receiving and inventory management.

Minot Police Department announces employee promotions

Effective Nov. 5, 2017, Senior Officer Krista Mattice will be promoted to the rank of police sergeant. Senior Officer Mattice joined the Minot Police Department in 2008 as a patrol officer, and in 2012, was promoted to senior police officer.



Krista Mattice

She was transferred to the Investigations Division in 2013 where she took on the position of case management/license compliance officer, playing a lead role in conducting many alcohol compliance checks. Officer Mattice became a detective in 2015 and has been involved as a lead detective in a number of high profile cases. She has served as a field training officer for new patrol officers, as a bike patrol officer, as a crime scene response unit member, and has specialized training in homicide, forensic analysis and crimi-

nal investigations. She is also an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigator. Officer Mattice has achieved over 1,600 hours of police training during her career. Sergeant Mattice is a graduate of Velva High School and Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Officer Stephanie Zifchock began her career with the Minot Police Department in 2013 as a patrol officer, transferring to the Investigations Division as an investigator in 2016. She successfully completed the requirements to be promoted to senior police officer effective Nov. 4, 2017. Officer Zifchock has served as a member of the Crime Scene Response



Stephanie Zifchock

Unit and is currently a member of the Crisis Negotiations Team. She is in the process of taking over as the Crimes Against Women investigator. Stephanie is a graduate from Trumansburg High School of Trumansburg, NY.

Dispatcher Lacie Bjertness was promoted to senior dispatcher in Minot Central Dispatch center Oct. 10, 2017. Bjertness began her career with Minot Central Dispatch in 2014. She is a graduate of Minot High School.

For more information, please contact Chief Jason Olson at the Minot Police Department, 515 2nd Ave. SW, Minot, ND 58701; by email at jason.olson@minotnd.org; or by calling 857-4715.



Lacie Bjertness



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SBDC recognizes JL Beers as regional Small Business of the Year

The Minot Small Business Development Center (SBDC) recognizes JL Beers Minot as the regional 2017 Small Business of the Year. The award is given in recognition of outstanding small business leaders who help their communities create jobs, drive innovation and spur the economy.

ZZ Food Group opened JL Beers in March 2015 in Minot. The franchise is part of the JL Beers (ND based) franchise, which currently has twelve locations in three states. JL Beers offers an extensive line of craft beers, burgers and home-made chips/ fries.

This eclectic restaurant has a modern unique vibe which they boast has seating for 1000, 47 seats at a time! The décor is engaging and the small space and open kitchen concept lends itself to a unique customer experience. JL Beers relies heavily on social marketing which includes an interactive app, seasonal brew promotions, and store gear that helps to reinforce branding and customer interaction.

The key to JL Beer's success is their simplistic approach. They start with a small menu using fresh ingredients and state of the art equipment that cooks a burger in under three minutes. Chips or fries are cut and cooked to order while you watch. The result is quality food delivered quickly and reasonably priced.

Jesse and Wayne Zwak, father and son owners of ZZ Food Group, have also owned the Minot Perkins since 1983.

Zwak enlisted the Minot SBDC services when they began their pre-construction and financial planning stages of the project. Funding was approved by a local bank, SBA, and Dakota Certified Development Corp. Overall Zwak feels the SBDC services helped to enhance communications and to alleviate some of the stress involved with such a large project. The budget provided a break-even analysis that ensured debt service could be met and that the project was fiscally feasible. The plans provided the building blocks for the financial underwriters to review and analyze the information in the same light.

The Minot SBDC regional office is located in Minot and can be reached at 857-8211.



Photo by Sarah Zwak

Annual Holiday "Twilight" Tour of Homes Dec. 2

'Tis the season for the Taube Museum of Art's Holiday Twilight Tour of Homes Fundraiser! The Taube Museum of Art is happy to present, the Holiday "Twilight" Tour of Homes for 2017. It will be held Dec. 2, 2017, from 3 to 7 p.m., with tastefully decorated homes for you to enjoy and delight in every detail. Enjoy a day of dazzling fun with your \$16 ticket. Tickets are available at the Taube Museum of Art, Artmain, Interior's Plus, and all Marketplace Foods locations. By purchasing a ticket, attendees will be supporting the Taube Museum of Art and have a delightful time viewing:

- Randi and Trent Westmeyer: 1621 24th Ave NW * Every area of the house is transformed into a winter wonderland where you will find sparkling Christmas trees, cheery smiling snowmen, joyful holiday scenes and heart-warming nativity sets all coordinated with the theme or décor of the room.
- Tawnya Bernsdorf and Mike Miller: 808 5th St. NW * This home is full of 'Christmas Charm' with a delightful surprise around every corner. Christmas is a tradition in Tawnya's family that has been richly passed down from two wonderful grandmas who always went above and beyond in decking the halls, and an amazingly creative mom that made sure every single branch on the tree was wrapped perfectly in lights.
- * Ruth and Jess Starr: 3545 5th Ave SW * 'Tis the Season to celebrate our great savior's birth! Unique nativity sets. Carolers galore. An elegant table setting, waiting for family and friends. Nostalgic 20-piece plus Thomas Kincaid Village. A collection of American Girl Dolls dressed and ready for the festivities.
- * Becky and Luck Domres: 1105 Valley View Drive * It was purchased in 2009 from Bud Hoffle who designed the house and lived here until purchased by the Domres family. In 2013, a top to

bottom renovation began and addition as the family grew. When the project began, they wanted the house to have the same "feel" as was first intended.

- * Sherry and Kevin McGlaughlin: 405 Homestead Drive * This newly built family home is comprised of two separate living spaces and both will be decorated with care by wonderful family members! It is decorated with ten Christmas trees throughout the home and also showcases a spiral staircase and a gorgeous chandelier in the foyer.
- * Artspace Suite 1 Gallery: 3 S. Main St This is an exciting artistic addition to the annual holiday event. The artist cooperative space is "decorated" with close to 30 local artists' works represented on their walls and shelves alongside their festive Christmas décor. There will be tasty treats offered for tour goers.

The homes may be visited in any order. Please wear slip on shoes as a bag will be provided for them. Stop at the Taube Museum of Art at 2 North Main Street to register for two \$250 gift certificates donated by I. Keating Furniture World, as well as many more door prizes totaling \$1,000. Enjoy a sip of cider, sweet treats, and view the art on display from the Festival of the Art Sale, and maybe do a little Christmas shopping. Remember to buy your homemade cookies and sweet treats from the Cookie Walk at the Taube Museum, sold by the pound, all starting at 3 p.m. until they are gone. The Taube Museum of Art will also feature Nancy's Fancies Jewelry "Pop Up" Showcase. Each piece of her designer jewelry has been hand-crafted and designed by her in her home studio. A portion of her proceeds will benefit the Taube Museum of Arts.

Anyone interested in having their home on the 2018 tour, please contact Mary Graner at 838-6719 to have your name added to the list. It's never too early to start planning!

Contact the Taube Museum of Art for additional information or visit our website at www.taubemuseum.org. For more information contact Nancy F. Walter, executive director at the Taube Museum of Art at 838-4445.

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Member Business Briefs

St. Joe's Community Health Foundation launches "Twice Blessed" campaign

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation announced the kick-off of its "Twice Blessed" campaign, a matching grant program that will double contributions made to 23 area non-profit organizations between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31, 2017.

"The Twice Blessed campaign provides a new approach to charitable giving in north-central North Dakota," said Shelly C. Weppler, SJCHF president. "Potential donors interested in improving the health and well-being of area residents can go to one website – twiceblessednd.com – to learn about the mission and goals of each of the 23 area organizations participating in the program. They can donate via the website or by sending contributions directly to our foundation or the participating organizations. No gift is too small, and gifts up to \$5,000 will be matched for each participating organization.

"The November and December timing of Twice Blessed is intentional," Weppler

said. "Charitable giving typically increases during the holidays when people reflect upon their own blessings and reach out to others. It's also the time of the year when people may be looking for federal tax deductions. In either case, Twice Blessed is a great way to double the impact of your gift."

See the following list of organizations participating in Twice Blessed follow. More information about the campaign is available at twiceblessednd.com.

Participating Non-Profit Organizations:

- Benedictine Living Center of Garrison
- Bottineau Area Christian Ministerial Association
- Burlington Recreation Commission
- CHI St. Alexius Health - Garrison
- Christ Lutheran Church, Mental Health Program - Minot
- Companions for Children - Minot
- Dakota Hope Clinic - Minot
- Domestic Violence Crisis Center – Minot
- Garrison-Max Ambulance District

- Heart of America Medical Center - Rugby
- Kenmare Fire Department
- Lutheran Social Services, Senior Companions – Minot
- Minot Area Homeless Coalition
- Minot Area Men's Winter Refuge
- Minot Public School Foundation
- Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center – Minot
- Parkinson's Support Group - Minot
- Second (2nd) Story - Minot
- Souris Valley United Way, Backpack Buddies – Minot
- St. Andrews Health Center - Bottineau
- St. Ann's Summer Camp - Belcourt
- St Vincent DePaul Society St. John Paul II Conference – Minot
- YWCA – Minot



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Ambassadors Committee, 7:30 a.m., SRT Communications, Inc.	2
3	4	5	6	7 Military Affairs Committee, Noon, Grand Hotel Business After Hours, 5 - 7 p.m., Delta Vacations, 2915 N. Brdwy.	8 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	9
10	11	12 Eagle Award Presentations, 10 a.m., Chamber office	13 Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., MAFB	14 Junior Achievement Committee, Noon, Chamber office	15 Governmental Affairs Committee, 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	16
17	18	19 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	20 Coffee with the President with the Young Professionals, 1:30 p.m., Chamber office	21	22 Right Start Committee, Noon, Chamber office	23
24	25 Office Closed Christmas Day 	26	27	28 Energy Committee, 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	29	30
31						

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