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Chamber emails offer additional value

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce strives to make sure everyone is getting the best experience possible through Chamber membership. The Chamber staff sends out monthly emails that include the Economy at a Glance and e-newsletter to keep you up to date on what's happening in the area, an additional value for your membership.



There are also several email communications that pop up throughout the month and if you are on a committee, you will receive those notices via email. Please be sure you are getting those emails as they will be

coming from the domain name minotchamber@minotchamber.org and will appear as Minot Chamber.

You may also receive emails from any of the staff including John MacMartin (macmarti@minotchamber.org), Carla Dolan (carla@minotchamber.org), Cheryl Wallen (cwallen@minotchamber.org), or Lisa Moldenhauer (lisam@minotchamber.org). Should you feel you would like to cut back on the amount of emails you receive from us, or simply opt out altogether, let us know. We want to make sure you are getting the most from your membership.

Ag Committee hosts Farm Transition Planning seminar

Every year the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Agribusiness Committee works to coordinate seminars and events for area farmers and ranchers. The first seminar in 2017 will be on Thursday, March 9 at the North Central Research Extension Center, south of Minot. Representatives from the CHS Inc., Inver Grove Heights (Minnesota office), and Nationwide Insurance will address common questions that producers have about transition planning, such as:

- Who should have a transition plan?
- How does transition planning help?

- How do you get a transition plan in place?
- What else do you need to know before getting started?

The free seminar will begin at 10 a.m. with lunch to follow at 11:30 a.m. A second seminar will be added if need be, which will start at 12:30 p.m., with lunch prior at 11:30 a.m. Space is limited for the seminars. If you wish to attend the free seminar, please RSVP to the chamber by March 3 by emailing chamber@minotchamber.org or by calling 852-6000.

Business After Hours: February 16

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017

5-7 p.m. • Spicy Pie • 1100 N. Broadway.

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



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New Members

The Minot Chamber welcomes new members. Join us in thanking **Sport Clips**. Please let them know how much of a value they are to our community.

SPORT CLIPS

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Sport Clips mission statement is to create a championship haircut experience for both men and boys in an exciting sport environment. Sport Clips is open seven days a week.

Saturday Legislative Forums

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Saturday Legislative Forums are underway at the ND State Fair Center. The Legislative Forums feature the 12 area legislators from four Minot districts who are able to attend.

Participants can submit a question to a moderator who then asks the question of the lawmakers. All meetings will be at the ND State Fair Center at 9 a.m. Watch for signs for the meeting room. Meetings are subject to change depending on the status of the Legislative session.

Jan. 28 | Feb. 4 & 18 | March 4 & 18 | April 1
9 – 11 a.m. | ND State Fair Center
Watch for signs for the correct meeting room

Renewals

The Chamber extends a big “THANK YOU” to our members who have renewed their membership through Jan. 19, 2017. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

1st Minot Management
Aaron's Sales & Lease Ownership
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American Legion
Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.
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Creative Printing
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Red Deer Ironworks
Riddles Jewelry
Ron's Transmission & Auto Repair
Staybridge Suites
Sublime Aesthetic Professionals
Trinity Health
TSC Farm Home Auto Store
Valley Sport & Marine
Verendrye Electric Cooperative
Zarr Financial Services

YP offers membership updates

Minot Young Professionals invites all young professionals ages 21 to 39 to join by visiting ypminot.com.

YP February Power Hour will be Wednesday, Feb. 22 at noon at Verendrye Electric Cooperative. Kayla Goetz will speak about investing. She is a LPL Financial Planner with Gate City Financial Planning with more than five years of experience in the financial and insurance

industry.

The next Marketing Team will be Wednesday, Feb. 15 at noon at Classic Rock Coffee. The next Outreach Team meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 16 at noon, at Broadway Bean and Bagel. The Social Team will meet Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 5:15 at Bootleggers to discuss upcoming social events. The next Professional

Save the Date:
February YP Power Hour
Wednesday, Feb. 22 | Noon
Verendrye Electric Cooperative

Development Team meeting will be Monday, Feb. 27 at noon at the Starving Rooster.

Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in January 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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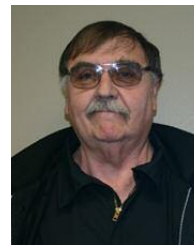
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Save the Date: March Business After Hours

March 23 | 5 to 7 p.m. | First International Bank & Trust | 2150 21st Ave. NW

Sportsmen's Feed

The annual Sportsmen's Feed was a great time for airmen at MAFB to watch the AFC/NFC playoffs and enjoy great food and games. Special thanks to Joe

Quaglia, Ron Garcia, and those in the kitchen for all their help with this event, especially our annual Sportsmen's Feed planner and chief chef, Gary Brevig.

Thank you also to the following sponsors for donating items to the event.

Affinity First Federal Credit Union

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The Computer Store

Dakota Outerwear

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Minot Airport

Harley's Arrowhead

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North Hill Bowl

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Roosevelt Park Zoo

Ryan Family Dealerships

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Sevens Bar & Restaurant

Sleep Inn & Suites

Souris Valley Golf Course

Sportsman's Loft

SRT Communications, Inc.

Staybridge Suites

Tires Plus Total Car Care

United Community Bank

The Vegas Motel & Casino

Vardon Golf Club

Verendrye Electric Cooperative

Wal-Mart Super Center

Wells Fargo Bank

Westlie Motor Co.

YMCA



January Business After Hours



Thank you to Thorman Insurance & Financial Services, Inc., for sponsoring the January Business After Hours event. Seventy people enjoyed delicious food, great networking, and prizes. A big thank you to Kellie and her staff for opening up their doors to us!

Save the Date: Military Ball

April 8 | 6 p.m. | Grand Hotel |





HOME & GARDEN SHOW

Minot Association of Builders



NEW TIMES!

NEW EVENTS!

MARCH 3 & 4

Friday March 3rd

12 PM - 7 PM

Saturday March 4th

10 AM - 5 PM

NDSF Center - Magic Place

NEW EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR!

Parade of Home Passes
Ready Builders Lego Homebuilding Competition
Pub in the Park Presented by Lowe's Garden Center
Belt Sander Races
The Market on 4th Workshops
The Youngster Yard

THURSDAY PREVIEW NIGHT

Presented by Town & Country Credit Union

FOR MAB MEMBERS ONLY!

6-8 PM Thursday March 2nd, 2017



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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.



Make a Scene Kid's Theatre: 110 1st Street SE • Minot, ND • 507-398-3327 • www.makeascenekids.com

A non-profit organization

Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Make A Scene Kid's Theatre, which celebrated the opening of their new home.



Miranda Schuler Agency - Farmers Insurance: 811 S. Broadway, Suite B • Minot, ND • 838-8144 • 838-2019

Miranda Schuler, Owner • <http://www.farmersagent.com/mschuler>

Minot Chamber Ambassadors celebrated the change of ownership for an established insurance agency with over 30 years of dedicated service to families and businesses in the region.



Sunrise City Taxes of North Dakota, LLC: 1310 Burdick Expressway East, Suite 8 • Minot, ND • 701-630-6776

Owners: Emmanuel Many Ribs • Sheila Many Ribs

Minot Chamber Ambassadors celebrated the opening of Sunrise City Taxes, which is a family owned and operated business that prepares personal taxes at an affordable price.

Prairie Warrior Auction celebrates 31 years of TEAM MINOT spirit

In its previous 30 years, the annual Military Affairs Committee Prairie Warrior Competition has raised more than a half a million dollars. The funds support many base organizations and functions designed to improve the morale of the men and women stationed at Minot AFB. This includes expenses incurred by competition teams, squadron activities and annual awards banquets. Funds also go to the Thanksgiving baskets project during the holiday season and Operation Warmheart, a program for families in need.

The 31st annual auction, set for Saturday, March 18, will be held in the Holiday Inn in Minot with a preview of auction merchandise beginning at 5:30 p.m. The live auction, with auctioneer John Bearman, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and there is a \$25 charge at the door.

Each year, the event raises thousands of dollars to help with the expenses for Minot Air Force Base competitions. Every year, donations by area businesses and individu-

als make this event successful.

Items donated can be serious, humorous, unusual, imaginative or creative. Any special instructions or information about the items, such as historical significance, should be included if applicable as the information may increase the items' value during bidding.

For further information about donating auction items, appropriate auction items, or to arrange for pick-up of auction items, please call the Chamber at 852-6000.

Military Affairs Committee MAFB Economic Impact study revealed

February 2 | Noon | Grand Hotel

Ward County Parks looking for artists and visionaries

The Ward County Visioning Committee is accepting applications from individuals, businesses, and other entities in our community that would like to create an art installation for our trails in Ward County, ND. There are currently two different trails that are constructed and in use: the Minot to Burlington Trail along County Road 15 and the Freedom Trail along County Road 19 towards Minot Air Force Base.

If you feel you have an innovative idea

and want to share it with the community then this is the opportunity for you. To request a submission form please contact the Ward County Parks Office and be sure to return your submission back by April 14, 2017, for review.

For more information, call 838-2114, mail: PO Box 5005, Minot, ND 58702-5005, or email: parcs@wardnd.com

After all submissions have been received, each application will be carefully

evaluated and the committee will notify the participants of the final selections. All materials, time, and labor must be voluntary and free of charge. Upon completion of the art installation, Ward County Parks will mount each sculpture to a concrete pad near one of our trails in Ward County. A 12-inch by 12-inch plaque will be mounted at the base of the sculpture to notify the public about the work and creators.



Our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is designed to promote teamwork, provide solutions and enhance productivity.

Counseling Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marital and family• Work-related issues• Emotional and behavioral• Alcohol and drug dependence	Other Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Management consultations and training• Education and training• Crisis line• Online resources• Informational materials
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Minot Public Library spearheads movement:

Build Minot seeks to develop community engagement opportunities

How do we build a thriving community of neighborhoods, businesses, schools, art, recreation and more? Many Minot businesses and organizations, including the Minot Public Library, are all fighting for the same thing: community engagement brought about by a vibrant and passionate citizenship. Rather than seek this engage-

ment separately, let's work together to "Build Minot"!

After the 2011 flood and the oil boom (and bust), it is time for citizens to physically and emotionally build Minot back into the community we all know it can be. With the "Build Minot" campaign the Minot Public Library and other partners

will reach out to the community to find out what the people want their city to be. Build Minot gives a name to the rebuilding effort and shows the community that the City and important key players are taking action and asking for the community member's input.

What exactly is Build Minot? The plan is to have blocks and permanent markers in different, rotating spots in town. Community members can write on the block how they want to "build" Minot or their vision for our community. Then they add their building block to the others to make a sculpture. After all of the building blocks have been collected, MPL hopes to have an area artist take all the blocks and make a sculpture. This fun campaign for the Minot Public Library, and the people of Minot, is ultimately rooted in the gathering of data and aspirations for our community.

Currently, the Minot Public Library is looking for local businesses and organizations who are willing to host one of these sculptures for up to two weeks to give their customers and guests the opportunity to share their ideas for building a better community. With a variety of different locations, we will be able to reach diverse ages and community sectors.

The Library is also looking for people to help with the Build Minot wrap-up event which is tentatively scheduled for June. This event will include a large community fair showcasing the different cultures and histories that make our community unique. In order to make this community fair a reality, we will need many different groups and vendors, as well as financial support. Following the wrap-up event, the Minot Public Library staff will tabulate the data gathered and distribute it to all the partners and supporters of Build Minot.

The goal of this campaign is to go beyond building structures, so that we can answer the question of how to build a thriving community of neighborhoods, businesses, schools, art, recreation and more. Help us answer this question and help us to "Build Minot." Contact Library staff at 852-1045 or at build.minot@gmail.com to get started!



- ♥ Bottineau (701) 228-3613 ♥
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- ♥ Mountrail (701) 628-2924 ♥
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- ♥ Renville (701) 756-6374 ♥
- ♥ Ward (701) 852-3552 ♥
- ♥ PATH/AASK (701) 839-8887 ♥

2017 HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

NDSF Center  March 3-4

March 3RD - 12 PM to 7 PM  March 4TH - 10 AM to 5 PM



Renew. Refresh. Redesign.

We at the Minot Association of Builders determined it was time to try something new. The 2017 Home and Garden Show will have a new look! You'll see a whole host of new activities intended to refresh and reinvigorate the Show!



WE HAVE SO MANY NEW EVENTS TO TELL YOU ABOUT!

Parade of Home Passes

Want to learn more about the 2017 Parade of Homes? The Home and Garden Show is the perfect place to get the first details of next year's Parade and be the first to pre-buy tickets!

The Youngster Yard

Do you want to keep shopping but the kids are ready to go home? Let them play at the Youngster Yard! Make a Scene Kids Theater will have an area set up for kids to make and play with sock puppets and learn about MASK's newest play, *Busytown*. Other activities will include face painting, a coloring station and much more!

The Pub in the Park

The Pub in the Park presented by Lowe's Garden Center will welcome you into the Home and Garden Show. It's an indoor park that will feature landscaping, plants, flowers and even grass INSIDE the Magic Place room! Visit the Pub to rest your feet after a long day of planning your future!

Ready Builders Lego Home Building Competition

Do you have a junior builder in your house? The Minot Association of Builders and Ready Builders are hosting the first annual Lego homebuilding competition at the Home and Garden Show on March 4th, 2017. Children ages 5-12 will compete in building houses out of Legos.

Belt Sander Races

Is your belt sander bad to the bone? We won't believe it unless we see it! Dress your sander up or bring it as is to compete against others! The fastest one wins!

Preview Night Sponsored by Town & Country Credit Union

All Association members, guests and exhibitors are invited special evening sponsored by Town & Country Credit Union to get a preview of the Home and Garden Show the night before it begins on Thursday, March 2nd from 6 PM until 8 PM. Join us for appetizers and cocktails! Get a peak at the Pub in the Park as well as the rest of the new features for 2017! MAB MEMBERS NOT EXHIBITING IN THE HOME & GARDEN SHOW CAN PURCHASE EXTRA TICKETS AT A COST OF \$5 PER TICKET.

Workshops

Have trouble getting into those sold out Market on 4th workshops? You're in luck! The Market on 4th is coming to us! Join us Friday, March 3rd and Saturday, March 4th for two workshops a day!



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Souris Valley United Way third annual donor recognition luncheon Feb. 1

Souris Valley United Way will celebrate the 2016 campaign year at the Third Annual Donor Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Grand Hotel.

Tickets are \$20 for individuals or \$250 for a table sponsor of eight. Register online at: www.svunitedway.com/recognitionluncheon or contact the United

Way office at 839-2994.

Businesses will be recognized for their donations at a Leadership Level, Level Up from last year's donation, and the Top Ten. Other awards include individuals who donate at the Tocqueville Level (\$10,000) and significant contribution to the Souris Valley United Way Endowment Fund.

For more information visit www.svunitedway.com call 839-2994.



Community Rocks set for Feb. 4

Community Rocks is back, with a 30-piece symphony orchestra, electric bass, drums and 15 of your favorite classic rock tunes from the 60s to the present.

After two sold-out shows the past two years, the third annual Community Rocks concert will be held at The Grand on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017.

This year's proceeds will be donated to the Roosevelt Park Zoo to help fund revisions to the Children's Zoo. This project will allow the addition of interactive features to the children's zoo barn, including bridges, steps, and walkways for the enrichment and use of dwarf goats. Children will gain a unique visitor experience by watching the goats play, climb and use the bridges to move from pen to pen. The Zoo also intends to provide supervised, hands-on interaction where youth can feed and touch the goats.

Live auction items will include a dinner and private concert at the Andersons'; a signed guitar by the three members of Cream: Eric Clapton, Ginger Baker, Jack Bruce; a signed guitar by Roger Waters of Pink Floyd (who is on a North American tour in 2017), a Fergie package; an MSU Engagement Package including dinner with the president and season tickets to events; a karaoke duet with Melissa Spelchen.

Tickets are \$45 general admission or \$60 reserved and may be purchased from Roosevelt Zoo, Jacobsen Music, or Classic Rock Café.

Join us at the Grand for a thrilling evening of music, silent and live auctions, food and drink, and a celebration of local talent coming together to benefit the community Roosevelt Park Zoo.




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Member Business Briefs

First Western promotes employees

First Western Chris Lamoureux has been promoted to executive vice president at First Western Bank & Trust. He is a native of Newburg, ND, and a 1989 graduate of Minot State University, where he received a B.S. degree in accounting. He joined the Trust



Department of First Western Bank in 1990, and was named manager in 1996. Lamoureux has completed the National Graduate Trust

Chris Lamoureux School, a comprehensive three-year program sponsored by the Trust Division of the American Bankers Association, in cooperation with Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He is chairman of the Trust and Trust Investment committees and is a member of the First Western Bank & Trust's Management and Loan committees. In addition he serves on North Dakota Banking Association Trust Committee.

Lamoureux presently serves as a Board of Director and Vice President of the Board for Center Mutual Insurance Company of Rugby, ND. He has been active on the boards of Christ Lutheran

Church Foundation and the Minot Area Community Foundation, and a former member of the Sertoma Club of Minot. Lamoureux has also served on the Board of Directors for the Beaver Boosters Club at Minot State University and is a member of the Minot State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Fred Beuchler has been promoted to senior vice president, chief lending officer with First Western Bank & Trust. He is a native of Minot and has been with the bank since 2007.



Fred Beuchler graduated from North Dakota State University where he received his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics and recently graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado. In the Minot community, Beuchler serves on Minot Family YMCA Board, Minot Y's Men's Rodeo Board and Past Chair, Minot High School Ag Education Advisory Board Chair and Minot Young Professionals Treasurer.

Luis Estrada has been promoted to senior vice president of operations at First Western Bank & Trust. Estrada is originally from Texas, but has been in the



Luis Estrada

Minot community for many years. He graduated from Minot High School and Minot State University with a bachelor's in music and Spanish in 2005.

He has held a variety of position within the bank in the 13 years he has worked for First Western Bank & Trust.

Jersey Benson has been promoted to vice president of commercial lending at First Western Bank & Trust in Minot. Benson is a Minot native, who graduated from Minot High School and the University of North Dakota with a bachelor's degree in banking and financial economics. He began his career with First Western Bank & Trust as a credit analyst in 2011.



Jersey Benson

Benson is involved in the Souris Basin Planning Council & Minot Y's Men's. He is also an active member of the Emerging Leaders Group, a state-wide organization associated with the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota.

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AN OUTDOORSMAN.
A BROTHER. A LEADER.

ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD.

Meet Nathan. He's a young, forward-thinking civil engineer. But we know there's more to Nathan than that. He's a friend, a volunteer, and your next door neighbor. Whether he's on the hockey rink or out hunting with his dog, this Minot native knows the community and has grown along with it. So when Nathan is creating the latest hydraulic model analyzing stormwater routes, he knows he's not only protecting our future, he's building his.



www.ackerman-estvold.com

First Western offers employee updates

Ilene Baker has been promoted to assistant vice president human resource manager at First Western Bank & Trust. She was hired as human resource manager in October 2013. Baker is a native of Watford City and graduated magna cum



Ilene Baker

laude from the University of North Dakota with a bachelor's degree in accounting. In 2005 she became certified as a Professional in Human Resource Management by the HR Certification Institute and achieved the SHRM Certified Professional by the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) in 2015. Baker has served in multiple officer positions with the Minot Area Human Resource Association and the North Dakota State Society of Human Resource Management Council. In 2008 the Minot Area Human Resource Association awarded Ilene the chapter's Human Service Award.

Sabrina Herrmann has been promoted to marketing specialist officer at First Western Bank & Trust. Herrmann is a Minot native who graduated from Minot High School and Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in science of management. Herrmann is involved in a variety of organizations in the Minot community, including the Minot Chamber Ambassadors, Minot Optimist, and MSU Alumni Board. She has been with First Western Bank & Trust since October 2014.



Sabrina Herrmann

Brent Mattson has been promoted to vice president at First Western Insurance and is the commercial lines manager.



Brent Mattson

Mattson has lived in Minot for over 12 years. He is a graduate from the University of North Dakota. He is involved in a variety of organizations in the Minot community,

including Trinity Health and Foundation Boards, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation Board, Norsk Høstfest Board, and the YMCA Board. He has been with First Western Insurance since August of 2014.

Mike Humphreys has been promoted to vice president of insurance at First Western Insurance. Humphreys is a Minot High graduate and has over 25 years of retail, wholesale and financial services management. Humphreys is a member of both the Independent Insurance Agents of North Dakota and Professional Insurance Agents of North Dakota, as well as the Minot Home Builders Association. He is also board member on United Fire & Casualty Insurance Agents advisory board. Humphreys joined First Western Insurance in December of 2016 with the acquisition of Humphreys Insurance & Surety by First Western Bank & Trust.



Mike Humphreys

First Western Bank & Trust is excited to announce the addition of Kiernan Bullinger, Eric Mueller, and Lacey Klose to their team.

Bullinger joined as a mortgage lending loan processor in September 2016. A Bottineau, ND, native, she graduated from Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in business management. Kiernan comes to First Western Bank and Trust after nine years with IRET Properties, where she worked as a project manager for the Development Department.



Kiernan Bullinger

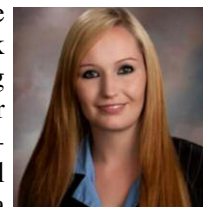
Mueller moved to Minot in fall of 2012, joining as a consumer loan officer in November 2016. Originally from Seward, NE, he graduated from the University of Nebraska with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Mueller has worked in a variety of lender positions locally, most recently with Town and Country Credit Union.



Eric Mueller

Lacey Klose has been hired for the position of consumer loan officer. Klose has over four years of banking experience and her expertise will be put to use in the Bismarck office. She was most recently at Gate City Bank for four years. She has worked in customer service her entire career.

Klose is an active part of the Bismarck community by serving as a Junior Achievement volunteer teaching local youth. She is also a member of the Bismarck Optimist Club, Mandan Kiwanis International and Young Professionals Network. She also enjoys volunteering on the United Way day of Caring.



Lacey Klose

Ackerman-Estvold welcomes Fabre

David Fabre, EI, CFM, has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as a Civil Engineer. Fabre graduated from New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, where he earned bachelor of science degrees in geology and geological engineering. Fabre has registrations as an Engineer in Training and a Certified Floodplain Manager. Fabre has joined the Water Resources group and will provide engineering expertise to public and private entities throughout the region.

Hysjulien named parts controller

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 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



Sierra Hysjulien

position she will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Agrabase parts department, including shipping, receiving and inventory management.

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NPCAC Champagne and Ice Gala set for Feb. 18 at Grand Hotel

The Northern Plains Children Advocacy Center (NPCAC) will host the seventh annual Champagne and Ice Gala. The event will be Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Grand Hotel, beginning with a 6 p.m. cocktail hour. Live dance music will be provided by singer, songwriter, and DJ Kody Ternes. Minot's Shaun Sipma will serve as emcee, John Bearman will serve as auctioneer.

The purpose of the Champagne and Ice Gala is to raise community awareness and funds for the NPCAC. Tickets will be sold for \$50, which will include hors d'oeuvres and champagne. Following the cocktail hour will be a silent and live auction. There will also be a raffle for diamonds from Knowles Jewelry. Although there is not a dress code, feel free to dress to impress. Otis & James will be on hand with a photo booth to capture the evening.

To purchase tickets or donate, please contact Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center, 20 1st St SW, Ste. 202, Minot or by calling 852-0836. Tickets are also available for purchase at Broadway Bean & Bagel and The Starving Rooster.

The mission of the NPCAC is to protect children by providing on-site agency collaboration using a multi-disciplinary team approach in prevention, investigation, assessment, and referral for prosecution and treatment of child abuse, significantly reducing the trauma associated with reporting child abuse. The NPCAC provides services in northwest and north central North Dakota, including Minot, Minot Air Force Base, Turtle Mountain Tribe Reservation, and Fort Berthold Reservation.

Enerbase awarding up to \$8,000 in scholarships

Each year Enerbase Cooperative Resources awards \$1,000 scholarships to area students who are entering their first semester of college. In 2016 there were eight students who received a \$1,000 scholarship. Applications are numbered and then submitted to the board of directors for their blind review. Applicants are chosen strictly based on community involvement, school activities, GPA, and an essay submission that explains how

they are associated with cooperatives and how cooperatives have benefitted their families. For a student to be eligible for a scholarship their parent/guardian must be an active patron of Enerbase (that has done at least \$2,500 in business in 2016). Applications are available at any of the ten Enerbase Cenex-branded c-stores in Minot, Washburn, Glenburn and Ryder, at the corporate office on Minot's North Hill, and online at www.enerbase.coop/scholarships. Scholarships will also be sent out to area school's guidance counselors. Applications are due Feb. 19, 2017, and the winners will be notified in early March. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at Enerbase's Annual Meeting on March 30, 2017, at the Grand Hotel. Contact Jayme Burkhart at 852-2501 with any questions.

Anagnost named CEO, Schuchard named board president at KLJ

The board of directors of KLJ Solutions Holding Co., parent organization of Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. (KLJ), headquartered in Bismarck, ND, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dean Anagnost as the organization's new chief executive officer (CEO). The transition, effective immediately, is a result of former CEO Niles Hushka's decision to retire at the end of 2016. Hushka served the company for more than 35 years and, for nearly a decade, led as president and CEO.

Anagnost, a registered professional engineer and 30-year veteran of the engineering consulting industry, joined KLJ in 1991 to develop the telecommunications practice. He joined the board of directors in 2001 and transitioned into the CFO role in 2007. He provides strong technical, business, and fiscal leadership to the company. As part of the senior executive leadership team, Anagnost challenges traditional thought processes and brings a unique perspective to opportunities and decisions.

Additionally, Barry Schuchard, KLJ's current Chief Production Officer (CPO), will also serve as president of the board. Schuchard, who most recently served as vice president of the board, will lead the board in its governance of the company. Schuchard joined KLJ in 1983 and has been instrumental in the success of the

surface transportation practice, which he led from 2001 until 2008 when he moved into the role of CPO. As the company's CPO, Schuchard is responsible for the customer-focused delivery of a comprehensive portfolio of engineering, survey and science-led services.



MSU business students compete and present internationally

Miriam Dumes (Fresno, TX) and Erin Kampen (Reserve, MT), College of Business students, recently competed on two separate teams with University of Regina students at the school's Hill Case Competition. Twenty-eight teams competed. Kampen's team took second place overall, and Dumas' team received the Most Professional Presentation Award. The two Minot State University students were the only delegates from the United States. All teams worked on a case regarding how to motivate millennials for volunteerism for the United Way.

The students spent the first day in educational sessions to prepare for the competition and come up with team strategies to go forward. Case competitions allow for students to practice managerial skills; build assessment skills of strengths and weaknesses of different organizations, garner experience in identifying strategic issues, evaluating alternatives, and forming plans; enhance business judgement and gain exposure to different industries and types of organization.

The last day, students competed in teams of four to deconstruct the case, focused around the central theme of business strategy. Students spent three hours deconstructing their cases, followed by a 15-minute presentation to the judges with a five-minute question-and-answer session. The competition concluded with an Awards Gala to celebrate the winners and the teams' participation.

For questions, contact Jacek Mrozik, College of Business dean, at 858-3110 or jacek.mrozik@minotstateu.edu.

Minot State visited by Minot Air Force Base 5th Bomb Wing officials

Minot Air Force Base 5th Bomb Wing Commander, Col. Matthew Brooks and Command Chief Master Sergeant Paul Elliott visited Minot State University Jan. 9 to learn more about the university's Veterans Center and the services available to current and past service members, their spouses and dependents. They witnessed the various opportunities that exist for students as well as Minot Air Force Base personal.



Pictured, left to right, are MSU Veterans Center Director Andy Heitkamp, Command Chief Master Sergeant Paul Elliott, MSU President Steven Shirley and Minot Air Force Base 5th Bomb Wing Commander, Col. Matthew Brooks.

Erne named Marco IT vice president

As 2017 commences, Marco is proud to announce the promotion of Todd Erne to Vice President of IT Solutions. Since January 2016, Erne had assumed the role of director of sales, based in the St. Louis Park, Minnesota office of Marco.

Erne, a 15-year veteran with Cisco, said he regularly worked with Marco on solutions for customers, leading to a great relationship.

"I basically had a 15-year relationship with Marco with all of our previous projects together," Erne said. "That relationship and their growth was really what attracted me to come to Marco."

Continuing growth is a main goal for Erne as he steps in as VP of IT Solutions, with plans to push Marco over the \$1-billion mark. Erne believes this is attainable through the hiring of great people, expanding the IT solutions Marco pro-

vides to all of its footprints and by expanding current customers' adoption of new solutions.

In his time with Cisco, Erne grew his region of North and South Dakota, Minnesota and eastern Wisconsin from \$35M to \$175M over eight years as Regional Manager. Erne worked as a Unified Communications Specialist and Account Manager prior to becoming a Regional Manager.

Trinity Hearts Gala set for Feb. 10

The Trinity Health Auxiliary Healthy Hearts Club will host a Hearts Gala on Friday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Riverside. The black and white themed Gala includes a social, a chicken cordon bleu and chef-carved beef buffet dinner, a silent auction, and entertainment from Midwest Dueling Pianos.

"We are very excited about this year's event," said Jordan Schmitt, coordinator of the Healthy Hearts Club. "We know Midwest Dueling Pianos is going to put on a great show for us."

Proceeds from the event will go toward purchasing cardiac chairs for Trinity's heart patients. "These chairs are designed to help patients in their recovery from heart surgery," said Schmitt. "They are similar to hospital beds, except they provide the patient with specialized support, allowing them to sit upright without putting undue stress on their fragile heart."

Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased at the Trinity Hospital Gift Shop, online at www.trinityhealth.org/auxiliarygala, or by calling Sherry at 857-5221.

The Gala is sponsored by Ryan GMC/Buick/Cadillac, Holiday Inn Riverside and KMOT TV.

Town & Country Credit Union announces new hire and promotions

Holly McElwain has joined the mortgage team at Town & Country Credit Union in Minot. In her new role as a mortgage loan assistant, she will



Holly McElwain

provide borrowers with personalized service while processing their loan. She comes to the credit union with more than 14 years of mortgage processing experience and was a recipient of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Eagle



Laura Bryant

Award in recognition of her dedication to customer service.

Laura Bryant has been promoted to member services supervisor. Bryant has been with the credit union since February 2015 when she started as a member services representative; she was later promoted to lead member services representative. In her new role she will be responsible for supervising the day-to-day operational activities of the front-line staff while ensuring processes and procedures meet regulatory requirements. Originally from Mohall, Bryant graduated from Minot State University with a bachelor of science degree in business management.

Karna Taft has been promoted to vice president, business development. She joined the credit union in 2013 taking on the role of plastics coordinator; she was later promoted to member services supervisor and most recently was named assistant vice president, member services. In her new role she will be responsible for the oversight of the credit union's consumer deposit and loan growth, supervising the daily operational activities of members services and plastics department, and managing processes, procedures and regulatory requirements. Taft has 14 years of experience in the financial industry with 11 years of management experience. She is a Minot native and attended Minot State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in management information systems and a minor in accounting.



Karna Taft

YWCA Women of Distinction nominees due by Feb. 13

YWCA is the only women and children's homeless shelter in Minot. Each year we host the annual Women of Distinction fundraising banquet that focuses on our "unseen heroes" in our local community. This event is an opportunity to recognize and honor women in a variety of areas who have contributed significantly and serve as a role model to other women. We present these awards to women whose lives, talents, passions, and resources improved or are improving the communities in which they live. These awards honor women who have demonstrated excellence, leadership, and integrity in their fields and in the community.

The nominee can be nominated by anyone, and can be anyone other than YWCA staff/board members. Nominations can be filled out at www.ywcaminotnd.com. Nominations are due Feb. 13, 2017.

Nomination categories are as follows:

- Professional
- Community Service
- Education
- Faith Community
- Arts & Communication
- Young Woman of Today & Tomorrow
- Business
- Lifetime Achievement (Yvonne Romine Schultz)
- Military
- Entrepreneur
- Health
- Energy
- Farming & Agriculture
- Business/Organization that Empowers Women

For more information or nomination forms, call 838-1812, send an email to: laurenmooreywca@gmail.com, or visit: www.ywcaminot.org/womenofdistinction.html

Trinity Health employee receives "Patriot Award"

Trinity Health Sports Medicine Manager Robyn Gust, MS, ATC, has received the "Patriot Award" from the Employer Support of the Guard and

Chamber University: Dale Carnegie Course begins Feb. 16

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to once again work with Dale Carnegie to bring you this course through our Chamber University.

The Dale Carnegie Course, which begins Feb. 16, will help you strengthen interpersonal relationships, manage stress and handle fast-changing workplace conditions, be better equipped to perform as a persuasive communicator, creative problem-solver, and focused leader, develop a positive attitude that allows you to initiate with confidence and enthusiasm, and stretch for and attain ambitious new goals

We see your spark. We see the inherent abilities hidden within you. We'll help you with the hard stuff – the things that intimidate you, that hold you back, the skills that really matter. Once you work with us, you'll never see yourself the same way again – and that's exactly our goal. Transformation starts here.

Call 701-255-8476, or email michelle.wall@dalecarnegie.com. For more information, visit http://northdakota.dalecarnegie.com/events/dale_carnegie_course/.

Reserves (ESGR), an office of the US Defense Department. This award is presented to employers who contribute to national security by demonstrating support for employee participation in America's Guard and Reserve Force.

Gust was nominated by Ashley King, an athletic trainer with Trinity Health and a member of the North Dakota National Guard. After King's recent activation to the protest in Cannon Ball, she nominated Gust for the award, writing: "My supervisor [Robyn] goes above and beyond to make sure I am able to attend and serve my country and state for duty. She does everything in her power to be sure that I am taken care of before and after my service duty."

Gust's support of King and her National Guard participation began before King was an employee of Trinity Health. "Hiring her was a no-brainer," Gust said. "I have known her since she was a student, and I knew that the work ethic that you have to have to be a part of that [National Guard] would carry over into the work she would do for us." Gust adds that the entire Sports Medicine Department rallies behind King with their support. "Our department understands the importance of her ability attend regular and extra training she may want or need and to be able to perform her military service at a moment's

notice."

For Gust, it's hard to put into words what receiving the award means to her. "I don't even know where to start," she said. "To be recognized as a person supporting our military is an honor and very humbling."

King also nominated Trinity Health for the "Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award," the highest Department of Defense recognition of employers for their support of National Guard and Service members.



Robyn Gust (left), Trinity Health Sports Medicine Manager, received the "Patriot Award" from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves (ESGR). Gust was nominated by Ashley King (right), an athletic trainer with Trinity Health and member of the North Dakota National Guard.

Taube invites photographers Biennial Photography Exhibition

The Taube Museum of Art is seeking photography submissions for the Biennial Photography Exhibition to be held from Feb. 14 – March 30, 2017 in the Main Gallery. This exhibition is open to all Minot and surrounding photographers, professional and nonprofessional alike. Photographs may be color, black and white, digital and traditionally printed photos. A number of entries will be selected for honors by Mandi Carroll of Mandi Carroll Photography.

Photographers are not required to be a member of the Museum to submit entries, but must be 18 years of age to submit works. All photographs must be mounted, framed and ready for hanging with wire hangers. Each photographer may be limited to three entries, depending on entries and sizes submitted. All photographs must be taken within the last three years. Subject matter is not limited, but final selection is at the discretion of the museum staff.

Photographs may be hand delivered to the Taube Museum of Art or shipped in a sturdy reusable container with return postage included. All works must be received no later than Feb. 10, 2017. Email or phone confirmation of intent to submit is requested prior to deadline date. Digital inventory lists are required, submitted to taube2@srt.com. They must include title, size, and style of print, price, and a short bio.

The exhibition is made possible with support from the North Dakota Council on the Arts. For more information, call Nancy F. Walter, executive director, or Doug Pfliger, gallery manager at 838-4445.

Diehl to Represent District 4

SRT Communications is pleased to announce that Stacey Diehl has been appointed to the SRT Board of Directors for District 4, representing Minot, Burlington, and Surrey.

As senior vice president at First International Bank and Trust, Diehl brings a strong business acumen to SRT. Diehl has been in the banking industry for over 20 years and serving in commercial banking roles. Diehl also dedicates time as a board member for the Salvation Army in Minot and is a volunteer youth hockey coach.

Diehl stated, "I am thrilled to have been chosen to represent our District 4

members. I will strive to continue to fulfill the mission of the cooperative by putting the needs of our members first and serving as their voice."

Diehl replaces Thomas Seymour who recently moved out of District 4.



Stacey Diehl

CTB selects participants for women's leadership program in Minot

Center for Technology & Business (CTB) has selected participants for the fifth class of the CTB Women's Leadership Program in Minot. Participants were chosen from a pool of applicants submitted by outstanding women in the community looking to connect, grow and pay it forward through a challenging and inspiring experience. The women will join the statewide network of highly motivated and forward thinking individuals that are making a difference all across North Dakota.

- Jodeen Bergstrom-Dean, 42 Bistro
- Shelly Bohl, Domestic Violence Crisis Center
- Heather Cymbaluk, Companions for Children
- Courtney Feil, Prairie Engineering, P.C.
- Leslie Herslip-Stevens, Apple Core Enterprises
- Phil Koapke, NDSU North Central Research Extension Center
- Denise Larson, First International Bank & Trust
- Denise Martin, Peoples State Bank of Velva
- Tracey Mays, Minot State University
- Karla Paurus, First International Bank & Trust
- Nancy Simpson, AmeriCorps
- Tori Srey, Tori Dany Designs

The CTB Women's Leadership Program is dedicated to expanding the personal, professional, community and health leadership skills for women of all ages and backgrounds in Minot. Participants will hear from top leaders that will guide and challenge the women.

In its previous four years, the Minot program participants have raised almost \$54,000 in cash and in-kind donations for local organizations.

The public will be invited to attend a graduation ceremony on June 22. For more information visit ndwomenleaders.com.

City of Minot prepares for automated trash collection

For nearly a decade the City of Minot garbage collection rates have remained unchanged for residents. That will change in 2017 and so will the entire collection process.

"The last eight years we've offset the natural increase in cost for homeowners on their sanitation bill by using money generated from landfill tipping fees," said City of Minot Assistant Public Works Director, Jason Sorenson. "That just isn't a feasible financial method for the long-term."

Citizens will see about a \$6 per month increase on the sanitation fee in their monthly water bill. However, due to plans of automated collection in 2017, future rate increases will be minimized. "We're going to save about a half million dollars a year when we switch to automation," Says Sorenson.

The sanitation rate was set at \$10.18 per month in 2008, which has not covered costs of residential collection. The cost of collection has exceeded the sanitation rate by roughly \$5.25 per month per resident.

The City of Minot will save in labor costs moving toward automated collection, needing less personnel on garbage trucks for operations. Initial costs in 2017 will be greater due to the purchasing of new equipment.

"It's a long-term plan," explained the City of Minot Sanitation Superintendent, John Reynolds. "We'll save in operation costs and make a safer work environment by moving towards automation."

Currently, worker safety is among the top reasons for the move to automation. Sanitation makes up just four percent of the City of Minot's workforce, but has 20-25 percent of the Workforce Safety claims. "When those numbers go down we save money," said Reynolds.

The city plans on implementing automation in the summer of 2017. Meanwhile, asking residents to declare a specific specialized garbage container size, provided by the City of Minot. Postcards and an online campaign will be coming out in early spring. For additional information, please contact the Public Information Office at 701-857-4727 or email derek.hackett@minotnd.org.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Military Affairs Committee , Noon, Grand Hotel	3 Ambassadors Committee , 7:30 a.m., Broadway Bean & Bagel	4 Legislative Forum , 9 a.m., ND State Fair Center
5	6 FTAC Right Start Presentation , 10 a.m., MAFB	7 First Dollar of Profit Awards , 10 a.m., various locations	8 Right Start Presentation , 10 a.m., MAFB	9	10 Infrastructure Committee , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	11
12	13	14 Eagle Awards Presentation , 10 a.m., Chamber office	15 Coffee with the President , 1:30 p.m., Chamber office	16 Business After Hours , 5 – 7 p.m., Spicy Pie, 1100 North Broadway	17	18 Legislative Forum , 9 a.m., ND State Fair Center
19	20 President's Day: Office closed	21 Board of Directors , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	22 Right Start Presentation , 10 a.m., MAFB	23 Energy Committee , 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	24	25
26	27	28				

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