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ND State Fair: Where summer shines



In a little less than a month, North Dakota's largest annual event will captivate the city of Minot with exciting entertainment, food, fun, rides, education, and more. The competitive exhibits, carnival, commercial vendors and more will fill the Fairgrounds with fun. One of the biggest draws of the North Dakota State Fair is always the Grandstand Lineup.

The ND State Fair has booked an incredibly talented country lineup for 2017. Little Big Town, Brothers Osborne, Thomas Rhett, Lonestar, and Jason Aldean fill out the Country Showpass with amazing talent. Just this year, this group of artists has won five CMT awards in 2017. For just \$110, you can see all of the country acts, the Enduro Race, and new this year, The Western Grand National Truck and Tractor Pull.

The Saturday night concerts this year are Fergie and Paramore. Fergie returns to the magic city on Saturday, July 22. Paramore performs in Minot for the first time and they are bringing X Ambassadors with them to close out the Fair on Saturday, July 29.

Happenings at ND State Fair

Ag Committee serves breakfast

Agribusiness Committee members get up early to serve breakfast to livestock exhibitors Tuesday, July 25. The Committee will have donuts, coffee, juice, and milk on hand at 7 a.m. for those participating in the competitions. This is an annual event for the group who want to make sure those attending know how much they are appreciated as they represent the state's number one industry.

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Preliminary FEMA Risk maps now available to public

The preliminary Risk maps from FEMA are now available to the public. The new maps will effectively change the flood risk zoning of nearly 4,000 parcels of land in the valley, requiring several residents to carry flood insurance. A public open house will be held July 19, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Minot Municipal Auditorium to answer questions and address concerns the

public may have regarding the new maps. Representatives from the City of Minot, Ward County, State Water Commission, and FEMA will be available for questions.

For more information contact the Public Information Office at 857-4727 or by email at pio@minotnd.org.

City of Minot construction update, levee grant award

Minot awarded more than \$950,000 to upgrade existing levee system

The North Dakota State Water Commission has allocated \$950,254 to the City of Minot to help cover the cost of repairs and upgrades to the city's existing levee system. This announcement marks the first time the City of Minot has been granted these funds.

"Every year we do inspections with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on our existing levee system, and they have identified deficiencies that need to be corrected to bring the levees up to the new standards set by the Corps," said Dan Jonasson, City of Minot

Entrance/exit for Roosevelt Park Zoo moves to 11th Street SE

The main entrance to Roosevelt Park Zoo at 13th Street SE is closed to vehicle traffic, as construction on Burdick Expressway East progresses. Visitors can continue to use the temporary access point created at 11th Street SE, which will now serve as both the entrance and exit for the Zoo during this phase of construction. Pedestrians can also cross Burdick Expressway at 11th Street SE.

"It's vital that we maintain access to

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New Members

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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Global Leadership Summit set for Aug. 10 – 11

The Global Leadership Summit, two days of world-class leadership training, will be held Aug. 10 – 11, 2017, at MSU's Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. This HD telecast is one of more than 600 locations in 125 countries and 59 languages where participants leverage this resource to transform themselves and communities

Faculty members offer a unique blend of vision, inspiration, and practical skills. Presenters include CEOs, entrepreneurs, best-selling authors, and other world-renowned leaders and motivators. For more information or to register, visit wil-lowcreek.com/summit.

Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership through June 22, 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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Thomas Family Funeral Home
Thompson Larson Funeral Home
Tires Plus Total Car Care
TSC Farm Home Auto Store
Wilbur Ellis Company



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The North Dakota State Fair features nine nights of Grandstand entertainment, the state's largest carnival, 600 booths of shopping, livestock and horse events and all the Fair food you can eat. The State Fair also prides itself on being extremely family-friendly and a great bargain. Each year, the fair provides more than 12 stages of free entertainment. Highlights for 2017 include Captain Arr', Lexi Wyman, the Extreme Raptor Show, Flippen' Out, and of course, Daryl's Racing Pigs.

The best deal on the Fairgrounds is the Season Gate Pass. If you plan on attending the Fair more than three days you can save money by purchasing your Season Gate Pass for \$25!

For more information on all things Fair, check out the State Fair website at ndstatefair.com or call the State Fair office at 857-7620.

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Military Appreciation Day

The State Fair, along with the Military Affairs Committee of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, will offer special discounts to military members with a special coupon Tuesday, July 25.

The day includes a free lunch (sponsored by the ND Beef Commission, the ND Stockmen's Association, and the ND Cattlewomen) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., free carnival rides from 1 to 3 p.m., 50% off NPRA Championship Bull Riding admission, and 50% off the carnival wristbands, and 50% off gate admission with a Pepsi product for active military, reserve and National Guard members. Coupons are required to receive these discounts and may be picked up at the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce office, 1020 20th Ave. SW, Minot.

June Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in June 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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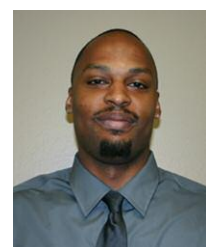
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Levee system, continued from page 1

Director of Public Works. “This funding allows us to continue working on our levees to ensure they comply with the standards established by the Corps.”

The levee project includes removing trees, repairing any erosion damage along the river bank and other items. The estimated cost is \$2 million for the work that will be done over the next few years.

“We’re pleased that the State Water Commission takes the condition of our levee system as seriously as we do,” said Minot City Manager Tom Barry. “We have a responsibility to protect our residents, and this funding will help us maintain and upgrade a vital part of our city’s flood protection system. The state’s assistance in this important project is greatly appreciated.”

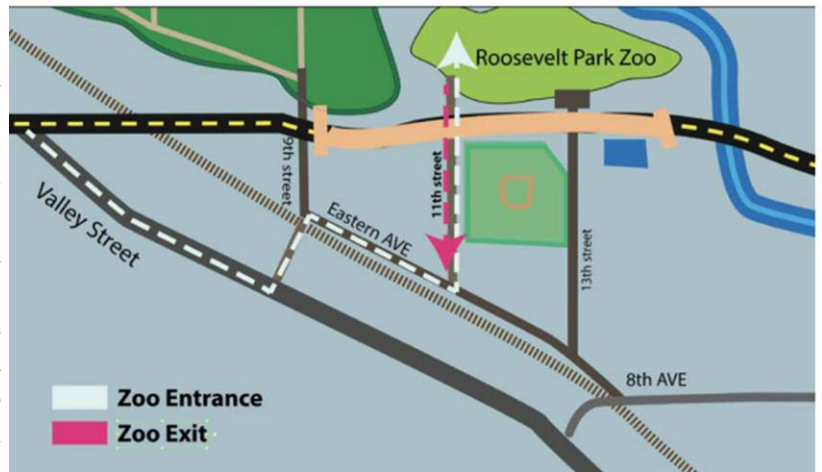
When Minot’s levees were created by the Corps, the earthen structures were built around existing trees in some locations. After Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and other areas in 2005, the Corps updated its standards for levees, and is now requiring upgrades and changes to meet those standards.

“The Corps had never required us to bring our levees up to their new standards before now,” Jonasson said. “We put together a program that outlines the deficiencies in our levee system, and the Corps has approved our work plan. By getting this funding for the first time ever, we can move forward and execute our plan.”

For additional information contact the Public Information Office at 857-4727 or by email at pio@minotnd.org.

Entrance/exit, continued from page 1

Roosevelt Park Zoo for the duration of the East Burdick Expressway project,” said City Engineer Lance Meyer. “Even though visitors have already been using the temporary access at 11th Street SE, with the closure of the intersection at 13th Street



SE we want to reinforce that 11th Street SE will be the entrance and exit for the Zoo.”

Signs have been placed on Valley Street to help direct traffic to the Zoo, Corbett Field and other locations, including the Roosevelt Plaza. Temporary traffic signals have been installed at the intersection of Valley Street and 13th Street SE and at the intersection of Valley Street and 27th Street SE to help manage the increased volume of traffic.

The Burdick Expressway East project will replace underground water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer pipes, while widening the driving lanes. New lighting, sidewalks, traffic signals and signage will also be installed. A portion of the curve just east of 9th St. SE will be straightened for safety reasons. The intersection of Burdick Expressway and 9th Street SE has a completion date of July 18 to accommodate the North Dakota State Fair Parade. Once over the viaduct, the parade will be routed onto 9th Street SE, then onto Eastern Avenue and 8th Avenue SE before entering the North Dakota State Fairgrounds. The entire Burdick Expressway project has a completion date of Oct. 28.

For additional information or interviews contact the Public Information Office at 857-4727 or by email at pio@minotnd.org.

Xcel Energy continues to support Junior Achievement program

A big thank you to Xcel Energy for their continued support of the Junior Achievement program. Xcel Energy helped launch the program 20 years ago and continues to support it year after year! Pictured is Kathy Aas, Xcel Energy’s Community Relations Manager, presenting a check to Minot Area Chamber of Commerce President John MacMartin.



First block of road construction finished in 2017 downtown work

The only block of First Avenue SW previously under construction is now open to east/west traffic, after Keller Paving and subcontractors finished their work today. This block, from Broadway through First Street SW, was the first road closed earlier this spring and is the first to re-open to traffic. City staff responsible for the Downtown Infrastructure Improvements Project say they look forward to seeing more roads open to the public soon.

“It’s nice to have good weather for construction this spring and to have a contractor finish a block prior to the Fourth of July,” said City Engineer Lance Meyer.

“As hopefully everybody knows, the downtown businesses continue to be open during this final year of construction on the underground and aboveground improvements – please come and experience the new sidewalks, roads, benches, flowers,



and other amenities.”

Drivers are asked to pay close attention to the construction signage when coming to downtown. Some of the best ways to get downtown are by using Main Street off Burdick Expressway, Second Avenue from either side of downtown, and Central Avenue from the east side of downtown (Third Street).

The road still being worked on by Keller Paving is one block of North Main Street, just north of Central Avenue. This work was leftover from their 2016 contracted work in downtown. Wagner Construction’s work this year includes five blocks of Third Avenue South, five blocks of First Street SW, and two blocks of Second Street East. Wagner is currently working on nine of those blocks.

For the latest maps of the construction zone go to www.downtownminotisopen.com, and to view the latest construction photos visit “Downtown Minot is Open” on Facebook or go to the project website. You can also contact Mark Lyman, public information officer for the project, at 857-7205 or mlyman@odney.com.



City hires special counsel for parking structure issues

The City of Minot has hired special counsel to assist with potential legal issues concerning the two downtown parking structures. The City Council approved on Tuesday the hiring of Dorsey & Whitney. The firm is headquartered in Minneapolis, MN, and currently represents the City on bond sales and pension issues.

“It’s time for the City to look more

closely at all of its legal options in protecting its investments and advancing these projects for the benefit of our community,” said Minot City Manager Tom Barry.

No legal action relating to the parking structures and involving the City of Minot is pending in the court system at this time, but Barry said it’s essential that the City fully review its options relating to the projects. Dorsey & Whitney has expertise

in, among other areas, construction law, contract review, and public/private partnership relationships. They are an international firm with more than 550 attorneys in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 857-4727 or by email at pio@minotnd.org.

Community Leadership Institute set — only 3 spots left!

Twenty five Chamber members are geared up to get a behind-the-scenes look at Minot as they take part in the 47th annual Community Leadership Institute or CLI. The 9-week course takes participants around the community to learn the ins and outs of Minot. The group will hear more on education, media, MAFB, economic development and more.

“This is a great course for newcomers to Minot so they can learn how to get involved,” said Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Program Director, Carla Dolan. “I’m amazed at those who have lived here all their lives and take the course and learn so much as well.”

CLI starts Sept. 7 and runs through Nov. 9. Students meet each Thursday morning except Oct. 5 at MAFB, which is all day. The class is capped at 25, and there are

CLI Schedule	
* Schedule is subject to change	
September 7.....	Get to know each other - Roosevelt Park Zoo
September 14.....	Healthcare – Trinity Health
September 21.....	Leadership
October 5.....	MAFB
October 12.....	Emergency Services – Minot Fire Department
October 19.....	Education – John Hoeven Elementary
October 26.....	Media – various locations
November 2.....	Economic Development – American Red Cross
November 9.....	Community Involvement – Sleep Inn
November 9.....	Graduation – Sleep Inn

only three spots remaining. Email carla@minotchamber.org if you would like to get in or call her at 857-8205 for more information. The cost of the 9-week course is \$300. When it fills, those who show interest will be placed on a waiting

list and will be called if someone should back out. If there isn’t a spot available, those on the waiting list will have the first shot at getting into next year’s class.

Agribusiness Committee serves breakfast to ag producers



Agribusiness Committee members of the Chamber were up bright and early to serve doughnuts, coffee, juice and milk to those attending the Ward County Shootout during the ND Junior Beef Expo at the ND State Fairgrounds in June.

Minot Park District Fourth of July Festival features a full day of family fun

The Minot Park District will host the annual Fourth of July Festival at Roosevelt Park. This is a day of celebration for the community as well as a day to honor all the men and women who serve in the military and first responders.

The schedule for the day includes:

- 10 a.m. Patriotic Ceremony at Medal of Honor Memorial
- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Festival (food vendors, craft vendors, bounce castles, yard games, and much more)
- Noon - 3 p.m. Princess/Super Hero Meet and Greet
- 1 - 3 p.m. Music from Lexi Wyman
- 3 p.m. Rubber Duck Race

Admission for children 2 and under is free, ages 3 to 12 is \$3, and adults are \$5. Purchase of a wristband includes admission to the Roosevelt Park Pool; adults will receive half-priced admission to the Roosevelt Park Zoo at \$5.50 and children 12 and under are free. For more information please call 857-4136 or email minotpark@srt.com.

Volunteers needed

The Minot Park District is requesting volunteers for the day of the festival. They need 30 volunteers for three different shifts: from 9 to 11a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., or from 1 to 3 p.m. Some of the duties include selling admission wristbands, helping with yard games, and bounce castles. Please contact Elly at the Park District at 857-4136 to let them know you can help.



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

Minot's cost of living measured slightly higher than the national average in the first 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 first quarter of 2017.

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

	Minot ND	Bismarck ND	Fargo/Moorhead Metro	Grand Forks ND	Minneapolis MN	Pierre SD
COMPOSITE INDEX	100.1	98.5	100.4	98.2	104.8	100.2
GROCERY ITEMS	103.6	103.8	104.2	101.0	109.4	103.2
HOUSING	92.6	91.8	98.7	93.6	106.2	113.1
UTILITIES	83.1	85.2	99.1	85.2	92.2	96.0
TRANSPORTATION	112.9	108.0	101.9	105.3	108.6	91.4
HEALTH CARE	115.7	113.1	113.0	106.4	104.6	99.1
MISC. GOODS	104.2	101.3	98.8	101.5	104.5	92.5

Magic 60 Awards over \$30,000 in grants to community

Over the last three years, Minot Young Professionals has generated partnerships with local community organizations to invest over \$30,000 in grants to community betterment efforts through Magic 60. Magic 60 is a community giving event where community members are asked to think of projects that add to the quality of life in Minot and present them to a judging panel. The only caveat: All presentations must be made in sixty seconds or less.

Minot Young Professionals wrapped up its third Magic 60 event on May 25, which was conducted in partnership with United Community Bank. Through the event, \$7,500 was able to be invested in the following projects:

- \$500 to Visit Minot to market Magic City Games
- \$3,250 to the Magic City Discovery Center to construct new children's museum exhibits
- \$1,500 to the Minot Park District to purchase expression swings for Oak Park
- \$500 to the Domestic Violence Crisis Center to support their children's program
- \$750 to the YWCA to purchase drug testing materials
- \$1,000 to Creative Night Out First Thursday to host events Downtown

Magic 60 could not be held without the support of the Minot community. Minot Young Professionals would like to thank several businesses and people who contributed to the event's success: Jennifer Hubrig (United Community Bank, event sponsor), judge; Marisa Trueblood (Midcontinent Communications), judge; Kayla Burkhart (CHS SunPrairie), judge; Tom Rafferty (Verendrye Electric), judge; Shaun Sipma (Farmers Union Insurance), emcee; and Elevation, food and beverage sponsor.

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Military Day at the Zoo



Approximately 1,600 people enjoyed a delicious meal on June 16 during Military Day at the Zoo. A big thank you to the members of the Military Affairs Committee who helped to dish up food and hand out wristbands. Thank you also to the SCORE Chapter for providing volunteers. Military members were able to enjoy the zoo, pool, golf course, and MAYSA Arena.

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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.



Adopt-a-Lot Program:

Sponsoring agencies: City of Minot • Minot Young Professionals • Minot Park District • Resilience AmeriCorps VISTA

Contact: Andrianna Betts • Email: andrianna.betts@minotnd.org

The Chamber Ambassadors helped celebrate the opening of the Adopt-a-Lot program with a ribbon cutting. The Adopt-a-Lot program is designed to contribute to the vibrancy and resiliency of Minot by having local organizations and businesses care for vacant city-owned land. Initially funded by a grant from the Xcel Energy Foundation, there are nine participating groups: Minot Air Force Base (5th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 5th Civil Engineer Squadron, 741st Missile Squadron), CHS SunPrairie, Little Bear Daycare, Magic City Lions, Minot Commission on Aging, Minot Lions Club, and the NDSU Master Gardener Club. Projects, which can have no permanent construction due to the flood plain, will include vegetable and pollinator gardens, community art, and a passive park.



Roosevelt Park Zoo: 1219 Burdick Expressway East • Minot, ND 58701 • 857-4166 • www.rpzoo.com

Chamber Ambassadors celebrated with a ribbon cutting at the Roosevelt Park Zoo goat bridge exhibit. Roosevelt Park Zoo partnered with Community Rocks 2017 to enhance the Children's Zoo with the addition of a miniature goat bridge and the baby Nigerian Dwarf goats who now call the completed goat bridge home.

Ribbon Cuttings

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Marco's Pizza: 1250 4th Ave. NW • Minot, ND 58703 • 852-7492 • www.marcos.com

Owners: Chris Lindbo, Nathan Heinert, Dr. Darrell Williams, Jeremy Feller

The Minot Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Marco's Pizza, which prides itself on authentic Italian artisan pizza, made with fresh, real ingredients and dough made in the store daily. They have pizza, subs, salads, wings, cheezy bread, and more. Delivery, catering, fundraising, and more are all part of the Marco's Pizza experience.

Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble set for July 10

One hundred sixteen golfers will take to the links to compete for top honors at the annual Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble sponsored by the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee. The event will take place July 10 at the Minot Country Club with a 12:30 shotgun start.

Farmers from around the area will enjoy the course while competing for prizes. This is an event the committee enjoys hosting to highlight agriculture, the state's number one industry. It's also an opportunity to thank farmers for their hard work and take a day off.

The tournament is full and thanks to area sponsors, golfers will enjoy the game free of charge.

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IRS warns of new phone scam

The Internal Revenue Service today warned people to beware of a new scam linked to the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS), where fraudsters call to demand an immediate tax payment through a prepaid debit card. This scam is being reported across the country, so taxpayers should be alert to the details.

In the latest twist, the scammer claims to be from the IRS and tells the victim about two certified letters purportedly sent to the taxpayer in the mail but returned as undeliverable. The scam artist then threatens arrest if a payment is not made through a prepaid debit card. The scammer also tells the victim that the card is linked to the EFTPS system when, in fact, it is entirely controlled by the scammer. The victim is also warned not to contact their tax preparer, an attorney or their local IRS office until after the tax payment is made.

"This is a new twist to an old scam," said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. "Just because tax season is over, scams and schemes do not take the summer off. People should stay vigilant against IRS impersonation scams. People should remember that the first contact they receive from IRS will not be through a random, threatening phone call."

EFTPS is an automated system for pay-

ing federal taxes electronically using the Internet or by phone using the EFTPS Voice Response System. EFTPS is offered free by the U.S. Department of Treasury and does not require the purchase of a prepaid debit card. Since EFTPS is an automated system, taxpayers won't receive a call from the IRS. In addition, taxpayers have several options for paying a real tax bill and are not required to use a specific one.

Telltale signs of a scam:

The IRS (and its authorized private collection agencies) will never:

- * Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. The IRS does not use these methods for tax payments. Generally, the IRS will first mail a bill to any taxpayer who owes taxes. All tax payments should only be made payable to the U.S. Treasury and checks should never be made payable to third parties.
- * Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.
- * Demand that taxes be paid without giving the taxpayer the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.
- * Ask for credit or debit card numbers

over the phone.

For anyone who doesn't owe taxes and has no reason to think they do:

- * Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.
- * Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration to report the call. Use their IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting web page. Alternatively, call 800-366-4484.
- * Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the FTC Complaint Assistant on FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

For anyone who owes tax or thinks they do:

- * View your tax account information online at IRS.gov to see the actual amount you owe. You can then also review your payment options.
- * Call the number on the billing notice, or call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help.

The IRS does not use email, text messages or social media to discuss personal tax issues, such as those involving bills or refunds. For more information, visit the "Tax Scams and Consumer Alerts" page on IRS.gov. Additional information about tax scams is available on IRS social media sites, including YouTube videos.



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Minot Area Community Foundation Grants \$70,000 to Caleb's Clubhouse

The Minot Area Community Foundation's Arnold I. Besserud Fund has granted \$70,000 to Caleb's Clubhouse in Minot to assist in the construction of their facility in Minot. Caleb's Clubhouse, a preschool and after school program, will open in Oak Park Village this August. The programs at Caleb's Clubhouse will specialize in early intervention and treatment for children with development needs.

"It is so important to reach a child at his/her level. By expounding on a child's strengths and building the foundation for creating and maintaining relationships; we are setting our children up for success in all aspects of life," says Shannon Schmidt, executive director of Caleb's Clubhouse. Schmidt stresses that "Caleb's Clubhouse is inclusive, meaning it is for ALL children and focuses on social communication with a high staff to child ratio for more individualized learning."

The Minot Area Community Foundation's Arnold I. Besserud Fund provides funding for humanitarian needs in the community. "We were so impressed with Shannon and all the work she has done to bring Caleb's Clubhouse to our community. We knew immediately after meeting with Shannon that we had to be involved with this incredible program," said Ken Kitman, president of the Minot Area Community Foundation.

A groundbreaking ceremony took place at Caleb's Clubhouse (1304 4th Ave NW, Suite 105) on June 20.

DFC Consultants named one of the best workplaces by Inc.

DFC Consultants, an industry leader providing software for small to medium businesses, has been named one of the best workplaces nationwide by Inc. Magazine. Inc.'s Best Workplaces celebrates companies that actively strive to build vibrant and engaging cultures.

At DFC, leaders stress the importance of open communication internally and with customers. DFC also offers flexible work schedules, allowing employees to come and go for appointments or other activities. During the summer months, employees take turns leaving work at noon on Fridays in order to have more

Run for the Hills donates to Companions for Children

United Community Bank of ND and the Minot Country Club hosted the 3rd Annual Run for the Hills event on June 5. This unique event was held on the front nine holes of the Minot Country Club and featured over 1,000 feet of elevation change throughout the two-mile course.

Taking first place overall was Jeff Steen with a time of 14:43, and first place in the women's division and third overall was Danielle Turk-Bly with a time of 15:09. This year, over 120 individuals registered for the race and over \$2000 was donated to Companions for Children.

"Companions for Children is an outstanding organization that provides great opportunity for youth in our community," said Jennifer Hubrig, United Community Bank marketing director. "We look forward to continue to partner on this event and help bring awareness to such an important need in our community."

"The families, mentors, staff and Board of Directors greatly appreciates the continued support from United Community Bank," said Heather Cymbaluk, Companions for Children executive director. "For the second year in a row, UCB has financially supported the event costs in addition to bank employees volunteering their time to make sure things run smoothly the day of. We enjoy seeing Minot residents come out to support Companions for Children as well as discover what the beautiful Minot Country Club has to offer. Without the support from businesses such as United Community Bank, we would not be able to continue our mission to provide mentors and role-models to children in the Minot community."

Companions for Children has served Minot and the surrounding area since 1972. During this time they have provided hundreds of children with volunteer mentors. These mentors serve as role models to help youth through challenging and crucial times in their lives.



time to enjoy the warm weather. Team building activities and group outings throughout the year add to the strong team environment. DFC Consultants' full bio is listed on Inc.'s website.

The team at DFC Consultants works with businesses nationwide to match each company's unique needs with a streamlined and tailored software system. DFC also offers accounting and bookkeeping services, business technology advice, cloud solutions, and custom programming.

The Best Workplaces award recognizes U.S. companies based on a third party administered employee satisfaction survey from Quantum Workplace. Each par-

ticipating company administered an employee survey on issues like career development, communication, trust in leadership, team dynamics, and individual needs. Employees answered 30 questions using a six-point scale ranging from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree. To have its results qualify, each company had to achieve a statistically significant response rate based on employee count. Survey scores account for employer size to level the playing field between small and large businesses.

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EAPC wins marketing awards

Zweig Group, a full-service Architecture and Engineering consulting firm based in Fayetteville, Arkansas, announces that EAPC Architects Engineers has received Marketing Excellence Awards for two categories including Website and Holiday.

The Marketing Excellence Awards recognize outstanding and effective marketing in the architecture, engineering, planning, and environmental consulting industry. Awards were given in the categories of social media, holiday, special event, internal marketing, external newsletter, integrated marketing, proposal presentation, and website.

"It is exciting to compete with some of the best AE firms in the country," said Lori Bakken, EAPC Marketing Director. "We are continuously looking for creative ways to educate our clients on the services EAPC provides, as well as thank them for trusting us as their design partner in the AE industry."

EAPC and all winners will be celebrated at the Hot Firm and A/E Industry Awards Conference held at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel in Seattle, Washington on Sept. 21-22, 2017.

Silverthorn earns human resources designation

Stephanie Silverthorn, human resources generalist at Town & Country Credit Union, has earned the designation of Certified Professional from the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). The Certified Professional credential recognizes recipients as experts and leaders in the field of human resource management.

A Minot native and Minot State University graduate, Silverthorn has been employed at Town & Country since 2014 and has six years of experience in human resources.



Stephanie Silverthorn

Brien and Jorgensen join Houston Engineering, Inc.

Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI) announces two new hires joining our teams in Fargo and Minot: Gabe Brien and Clay Jorgensen.

Gabe Brien joins HEI's Minot office as a civil engineer. Brien will be acting resi-

dent project representative on the Sundre Pipeline Relocation project. After that project is complete he will be part of HEI's design and construction team. Brien is originally from Belcourt, ND. He earned his BS in civil engineering from North Dakota State University and recently earned his MEng (Master of Engineering) from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Brien previously interned for HEI as an inspector and was an aeromechanics intern for NASA Ames RC in Mountain View, CA.

Clay Jorgensen, EI, joins HEI's Fargo office as a civil engineer. Jorgensen will be working with our water resources group and his responsibilities include hydrologic / hydraulic modeling and civil design for Water Resource Districts and Watershed Districts. Jorgensen is originally from Viborg, SD, and earned his BS in civil engineering from South Dakota State University. He previously interned for Banner Associates Inc. in Brookings, SD.



Gabe Brien



Clay Jorgensen

IRS approves first group of certified professional employer organizations

The Internal Revenue Service issued notices of certification to 84 organizations that applied for voluntary certification as a Certified Professional Employer Organization (CPEO).

After the IRS receives the required surety bond from an approved CPEO applicant, the IRS will publish that CPEO's name, address, and effective date of certification on IRS.gov.

Under legislation enacted in late 2014, the IRS established a voluntary certification program for professional employer organizations (PEOs). These organizations typically handle various payroll administration and tax reporting responsibilities for their business clients.

Certification affects the employment tax liabilities of both the CPEO and its clients. A CPEO is generally treated as the employer of any individual performing services for a client of the CPEO and covered by a CPEO contract between the

CPEO with the client, but only for wages and other compensation paid to the individual by the CPEO.

To become and remain certified under the new program, CPEOs must meet tax compliance, background, experience, business location, financial reporting, bonding, and other requirements.

The IRS continues to process CPEO applications and those applicants not yet receiving a notice of certification will receive a decision from the IRS in coming weeks and months.

Further details on the voluntary certification program for professional employer organizations may be found on irs.gov.

- Check out "Stay Exempt" on IRS.gov [here](#).
- Savings Plans for Small Businesses
- Follow @IRSNews on Twitter@IRS news is an IRS Twitter feed offering daily news and guidance for the public and the press. Follow it [here](#). For more information, call 763-347-7375.

Trinity 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, said 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.

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."

Fill the talent pool with apprenticeships

Finding qualified employees can be a challenge. Apprenticeships offer a great way to grow highly-skilled employees in many industries. Even positions in health-care, information technology, energy and manufacturing are a fit for apprenticeship training programs. Apprentices learn while on the job, giving you the ability to train the skills you need all while creating a loyal workforce.

Learn more about apprenticeships and their advantages at one of the statewide information meetings being held this summer. You'll be able to:

- Learn about the apprenticeship model and its advantages.
- Visit with companies already using apprenticeships as a talent development strategy.
- Connect with information and resources to begin to build an apprenticeship program for your organization.
- Learn if financial and technical resources may be available to start

your apprenticeship program.

Meetings are focused on creating non-traditional apprenticeships in the manufacturing, energy, IT and healthcare industries. Mark your calendars to attend the date and location that is best suited to you.

- Grand Forks | July 11 | 1 - 4 p.m.
UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- Fargo | July 12 | 9 a.m. - Noon
NDSCS, Fargo Location
- Minot | July 25 | 9 a.m. - Noon
Grand Hotel
- Williston | August 15 | 1 - 4 p.m.
TrainND Workforce Training Centre
- Dickinson | August 16 | 9 a.m. - Noon
MDT | Elks Lodge #1137

Register to attend a session [here](#).

Know of others who might want to attend? Please feel free to forward at will! This program is brought to you by North Dakota Legendary, the Department of Labor, North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education, and Job Service ND.

Open house planned for Graham Construction

As they continue to help their clients build new environments for the places in which they live, learn, work and heal, Graham Construction is excited to announce that they, too, have moved due to recent growth and a long term commitment to North Dakota. Please join them on July 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. for a meal and refreshments to celebrate the new Minot office space at 917 20th Avenue SE.

Trinity Health earns award for heart attack care

Trinity Health has been recognized by the American Heart Association for exceptional performance in caring for people with STEMI heart attacks – the kind caused by a sudden blockage of a coronary artery.

Trinity earned the “Mission: Lifeline® Silver Receiving Quality Achievement Award” for consistently carrying out practices that are most effective when it comes to quickly identifying STEMI heart attacks and streamlining processes to promote rapid treatment.

“We commend Trinity Health for this achievement award, which reflects a significant institutional commitment to the highest quality of care for their heart attack patients,” said James G. Jollis, MD, Chair of the Mission: Lifeline Advisory Working Group.

The American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline program’s goal is to reduce system barriers to prompt treatment for heart attacks, beginning with the 9-1-1 call and continuing through hospital treatment. Trinity Health earned the silver award by meeting specific criteria over a designated period of time, including administering therapeutic drugs at critical junctures during a patient’s care and shortening the interval between the patient arriving at the hospital and the moment the artery is reopened through coronary intervention via balloon angioplasty.

“We’re pleased to be recognized for our achievements in cardiac care,” said Jeffrey Sather, MD, medical director of Trinity’s Emergency/Trauma Center and Chief of the Department of Medicine.”



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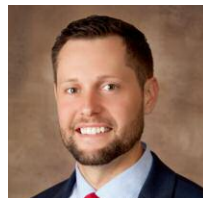
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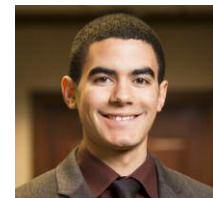
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First International promotes Watterud

First International Bank & Trust (FIB&T) is proud to announce the promotion of Tony Watterud to AVP/trust officer. Watterud has been with the bank for two years and currently works at the Minot Broadway branch.

Apply today to be a part of inaugural North Dakota Change Network Cohort

National Arts Strategies (NAS) is partnering with Strengthen ND and Vision Maker Media to offer Change Network, a year-long cohort-style program for North Dakotans working to lead change in their organizations and communities. Created by the Bush Foundation, Change Network will enable 15 participants to build their self-awareness, leadership abilities, and systems-change skill sets.

"We are honored to partner with the Bush Foundation, Strengthen ND, and Vision Maker Media to be a part of the Change Networks collaborative," said Gail Crider, president and CEO of National Arts Strategies. "NAS has a long history of cohort-based programs partnering with communities across the U.S. This is an exciting opportunity to add our expertise in arts and community development to support and grow community change in North Dakota."

The premise behind the Bush Foundation's Change Networks initiative is to provide North Dakotans with a supportive learning environment to learn the skills needed to enable them to lead change in a more equitable and inclusive manner. Participation in the Change Network is free and all participants will have access to a \$5,000 grant to implement an action plan or support a related on-going project.

"Through the Change Network, we are hoping to engage a diverse group of North Dakotans representative of a multitude of backgrounds, professions, ways of thinking, points of view, and age," remarked Megan Laudenschlager, executive director of Strengthen ND.

North Dakotans who see opportunities to make change in their community are encouraged to apply for the Change Network program by July 12, 2017. For more information and how to apply, please visit North Dakota Change Network [here](#).

Odney's Bruner recognized in LogoLounge

Sixteen logos designed by Mike Bruner, corporate creative director and partner at Odney, are being recognized by LogoLounge in its 10th anniversary publication. LogoLounge® houses logos from designers around the world, and allows designers to easily share their ideas and concepts with peers and clients anywhere. For this issue, LogoLounge received over 200,000 submissions, which were narrowed down to 40,000



Mike Bruner

judged by 10 top designers from around the world. The best 2,000 logos will be printed in the book. The projects in the book are selected for their quality, timeliness, and relevance, and inspirational nature.

"I can't tell you how good it feels to be placed next to some of the best logo designers working today, especially at 62 years old," Bruner said. "And, being included in Book 10 is very flattering. While the goal of logo design is always to create a strong visual identity for our clients, it's really special to have my work recognized among my peers."

Bruner's designs were also included in LogoLounge's Book 8 (2014) and Book 7 (2012). For more information, visit www.logolounge.com/.

Souris Valley United Way announces executive director successor

Souris Valley United Way (SVUW) Board of Directors is pleased to announce its selection and appointment of Richard Berg as the new executive director of SVUW.

Perry Olson, Souris Valley United Way board president said, "We are excited to have Rich representing Souris Valley United Way. We feel he will be an outstanding asset to our organization and help to further the work the organization does in the Minot area. I commend our ED search committee chair Monica Peterson and those who joined her in helping land such a talented leader."

A Bismarck native, Berg graduated from Bismarck High School and attended Bismarck State College before moving to Minot in 1979. He earned his Criminal

justice degree from Minot State University and has been employed by the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch (DGBR) for 34 years. Berg began his new role as executive director on June 1, 2017.

"I'm very excited to start this next chapter of my life, and to be joining the SVUW," said Berg. "I look forward to many good years and helping lead the organization to benefit those in our area who aren't as fortunate as others."

With Berg's beginning, the SVUW also announces the retirement of current executive director, Patricia Smith. Smith has been with the SVUW for nine years in her current role and will be leaving at the end of July. During that time, she oversaw record fundraising campaigns and worked closely with more than two dozen local agencies.

"It has been a privilege serving as the executive director of the SVUW," said Smith. "I was able to see first-hand the importance of non-profits in our community. I salute those behind our partner agencies for all they accomplish. I've thoroughly enjoyed playing a role in what they do so well."

During her time, Smith oversaw the birth of two programs that have enjoyed much success in the community. The Dolly Parton Imaginary Library (DPIL), and the Backpack Buddies program. DPIL provides a free book to children signed up in the program each month, while Backpack Buddies supplies many children from low-income families with food on Fridays to help supplement weekend meals during the school year.

"We salute and thank Pat for her years of service," said Olson. "The community is better off today thanks to her efforts, and we wish her nothing but the best moving forward."

Wellington Family Summer BBQ July 15

The Wellington Family Summer BBQ will be held Saturday, July 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 601 24th Ave. SW. Please join us and enjoy great food, fellowship, live music, dancing, yard games, and see some classic cars. Kids can get their faces painted and play in the bounce houses. A special thank you to Verendrye Electric Cooperative, sponsor of ice cream bars and door prizes. Be sure to mark your calendar, as you won't want to miss this great event.

Art by Carol Fielhaber opening at the Taube Museum of Art

The Lower Gallery of the Taube Museum of Art will feature Possess Your Vessel by Minot artist Carol Fielhaber. Fielhaber's work is a mix of message and mystery. The purpose at the heart of this exhibit is to encourage each individual as well as societies, communities, and cultures to be empowered, to take ownership of, and to grow their own vessel in a way that makes them whole and validated according to Fielhaber. Fielhaber goes on to say we are all born with a unique fingerprint, footprint, heartbeat and DNA. Somewhere along the line in our life's journey, many of us cease to remember our unique being and begin to seek to be someone else, to please someone else. These are choices we make consciously and unconsciously. Being female directs her imagery, concepts, and purposes, and even though they all come from a woman's perspective, she realizes that the struggle belongs to all of mankind.

Fielhaber uses the elements of color, texture, shape, line and value to express the diversity of the human heart and spirit. While painting, she often uses her hands and fingers to better express her thoughts and allows her to become a physical part of the piece. Fielhaber's exhibition runs through July 28.

Museum and gift shop hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m.

to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by special appointment. There is no charge for admission, but contributions are accepted to help the Taube Museum fulfill their mission of enriching lives through the visual arts. The exhibition is made possible with support from the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

For more information contact Doug Pfliger, gallery manager, at 838-4445.

Women United grants promote advancement of families

Women United, an affinity group of the Souris Valley United Way, announced that it has awarded 10 new grants totaling more than \$13,000 to support programs that benefit families in Minot and the surrounding area. These programs serve the needs of women, children and families of all ages and abilities.

In February, Women United members and friends participated in the second annual Little Black Dress Campaign which seeks to create awareness of local poverty and provide funding for the advancement of families. The event raised over \$13,000, which will support organizations whose 2016 fundraising revenue fell short of projected needs.

"We are proud of the support we received again this year for our Little Black Dress Campaign," said Kelly Loos, Women United president. "The 2017 Campaign was another success story for

Women United and the additional women in our community who share our mission. As participation grows from year to year, Women United will continue to create awareness for community concerns and extend financial assistance to select organizations."

The grant recipients for fiscal year 2017 include:

- Taube Museum of Art – Gallery on Wheels: \$2,000
- YWCA – Helping Hand Program \$2,500
- Domestic Violence Crisis Center – Daycare Assistance: \$500
- Independence, Inc. – Youth Ambassadors for Disability Awareness (YADA) Improv Group: \$500
- The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry: \$1,000
- The Salvation Army Food Pantry: \$1,000
- Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry: \$1,000
- Community Action Food Pantry: \$1,000
- Souris Valley United Way – Community Shower: \$2,000
- Women United Scholarship Fund: \$1,500

"Women United and Souris Valley United Way are compassionate partners in supporting many organizations in our local area," said Patricia Smith, executive director.

2018 Chamber of Commerce Directory planning underway

Lowe's Printing, Inc., and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce are preparing the 2018 Membership Directory. This is a great opportunity to put your name, products and services at the fingertips of area decision makers. Lowe's Printing will be contacting Chamber members to explore the benefits of advertising in the 2018 Membership Directory.

The directory is the Chamber's main promotional tool and the source the Chamber office uses for our daily business referrals. This spiral bound directory includes a list of members, both alphabetically and categorically, a business planner and a community profile. The community profile is reprinted as a separate piece and is filled with information valued by newcomers.

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16	17	18 Board of Directors , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	19	20 Ribbon Cutting , 10:30 a.m., Graham Construction, 917 20th Ave. SE Coffee with the President , 1:30 p.m., Chamber office Ribbon Cutting , 4 p.m., ND State Fair	21	22
23	24	25 Ag Committee serves breakfast to livestock exhibitors , 7 a.m., ND State Fair Military Day at the Fair	26 Right Start Presentation , 10 a.m., MAFB	27	28	29
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To view meeting changes or community events, log on to www.minotchamber.org