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## Minot city election set for Tuesday, June 13

A special city election has been set for Tuesday June 13. This election is necessary because of the vote to change the size of the City Council in June of 2016.

Voters will elect six candidates to replace the existing 14-member council. The top three vote-getters will serve three years, until June 2020. The next three highest vote-getters will serve one year, until June 2018. Going forward from the 2018 and 2020 elections, council members will serve four-year terms, with half the six members elected every two years.

Mayor Chuck Barney will complete his term, which ends in June 2018. The mayor

position will become a voting member of the council.

Council members running again are Shannon Straight from Ward 1; Stephan Podrygula from Ward 3; David Shomento from Ward 4; Shaun Sipma from Ward 5; Mark Jantzer from Ward 6; and Lisa Olson and Kenton Kossan from Ward 7. Edward Montez and Josh Wolsky, both newcomers to the process, round out the contenders. As a result, nine candidates are running for six seats.

Be sure to get out and vote June 13!

## Junior Achievement thanks donors and volunteers

In its 20th year, the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Junior Achievement program has grown substantially and that has meant more volunteers, more fundraising and more coordi-

nation. But Chamber members never fail to step up to help the program succeed.

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### June Lunch-n-Learn :

## Emergency preparedness set for June 8

Join us June 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sleep Inn and Suites for Lunch and Learn on Emergency Preparedness. While individuals need to be ready for what could happen, so do businesses. Sometimes, we don't have all the areas covered and we need to brush up on the check list.

Ward County Emergency Manager Amanda Schooling will present information on emergency plans, evacuation, and what to do during severe weather at your place of business. She will offer information about what is needed in an emergency kit, as well as generator safety.

Cecily Fong, North Dakota's Department of Emergency Services public information director, will offer insight on the Dakota Access Pipeline protest, how it affected the area, and lessons learned.

To sign up, visit [minotchamber.org](http://minotchamber.org) and click on June 8 under Chamber events.

**Thursday, June 8 | 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Sleep Inn & Suites | 2400 10th St. SW  
Lunch included | \$15 | Visit [minotchamber.org](http://minotchamber.org)**

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## Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership through May 23, 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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	Northern Plains Inn	
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## Chamber of Commerce seeks board members

Members of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce have until June 15 to suggest nominees for the board of directors. Suggestions must be sent in writing to the Nomination Committee at the Chamber office.

The committee will select and secure acceptance of five candidates on or

before July 15. Those names will then be announced in the August newsletter. At that time, members can again nominate candidates by a petition consisting of 15% of the Chamber's voting membership, which must be submitted to the Chamber office by Aug. 15. Call 852-6000 for more information.

**Save the Date:**

**Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble:**

**July 10**

**Minot Country Club**

## May Eagle Awards

A record 22 Eagle Award winners were recognized in May 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](http://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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# Junior Achievement, *Continued from page 1*

This year there were 160 classes in both Minot public and private schools, and 152 volunteers helped to make this possible. A big thank you to each of them for taking time out of their busy schedules to teach young people about the free enterprise system.

Jessica Ackerman (2) ..... Westlie Motor Co.  
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Dakota PTA	MDU	Town & Country Credit Union
Edison PTA	Minot Community Endowment Fund	United Community Bank
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First Western Bank & Trust	Minot Zoo Crew	Verendrye Electric Cooperative
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Brenda Lakoduk ..... Trinity Health  
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Faculty members offer a unique blend of vision, inspiration, and practical skills. This year's faculty includes Bill Hybels, founder and senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church; Sheryl

Sandberg, chief operating officer of Facebook; Marcus Buckingham, best-selling author, and founder of the Marcus Buckingham Company; Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative; Marcus Lemonis, star of NBC's *The Profit*, CEO of Camping World and Good Sam; Laszlo Bock, senior advisor at Google and best-selling author; plus many other world-renowned leaders and motivators.

For more information or to register, visit [willowcreek.com/summit](http://willowcreek.com/summit).

## Military Day at the Zoo June 16

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, in conjunction with the Minot Park System, Roosevelt Park Zoo, and MAYSA Arena, will sponsor Military Day at the Zoo Friday, June 16.

The event, which starts at 10 a.m. and runs through 8 p.m., will feature free admission to the zoo and pool (weather permitting) with military ID. There will also be a free meal from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. under the tent just west of the zoo. Military members and their families can ice skate for free at the MAYSA Arena from 4 to 6 p.m. Military members will also receive a free round of golf with a military ID at the Souris Valley Golf Course. Call 857-4189 in advance for a tee time. The day is set aside for active and retired military and their families.

This is made possible thanks to the Minot Park District and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee. For more information contact the Chamber at 852-6000.

## Save the Date: YP Golf Tournament June 26

The YP Golf Tournament will be held Monday, June 26 at the Minot Country Club. Registration and social begin at 5 p.m. with a 6:30 p.m. shotgun start.

For more information, please contact either Preston Phillips: [pPhillips@firstintlbank.com](mailto:pPhillips@firstintlbank.com) or Nathan Stremick: [nathans.minot@gmail.com](mailto:nathans.minot@gmail.com).



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# North Dakota State Fair July 21 – 29

The North Dakota State Fair features nine nights of exciting entertainment, including concerts, live bands, rodeo events, bull riding and auto races. There are tons of choices for a mouth-watering fair food fix along the midway, as well as more than 600 booths of shopping throughout the grounds. The State Fair puts a special emphasis on agriculture and machinery row features the latest in agriculture products and services. The best of North Dakota is showcased through the more than 40,000 FFA, 4-H and Open Class exhibits that fill the barns with livestock and the State Fair Center with everything from apple pies to woodworking exhibits. Camping is \$20 per night and includes a 30-amp electrical hook-up.

For information about all the events that take place at the North Dakota State Fair Center visit our website at [www.ndstatefair.com](http://www.ndstatefair.com).

### Grandstand Showpass: \$110 Standing Room or Reserved

Friday, July 21.....	Little Big Town
Sunday, July 23.....	Brothers Osborne
Monday, July 24.....	Enduro Race*
Tuesday, July 25.....	Western Grand Nat'l. Truck & Tractor Pull*
Wednesday, July 26.....	Thomas Rhett
Thursday, July 27.....	Lonestar
Friday, July 28.....	Jason Aldean

\* General Admission

Saturday, July 22.....	Fergie (\$50)
Saturday, July 29.....	Paramore (\$50)

Visit [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com) or call 701-852-3247 (FAIR)

Separate gate admission required for entry on to Fairgrounds

## July 25 celebrates military, agribusiness Military Appreciation Day at the Fair July 25

The State Fair, along with the Military Affairs Committee of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, will offer special discounts to members of the military 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 Cattlemen) 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.

### Ag Committee serves breakfast July 25

Agribusiness Committee members get up early to serve breakfast to livestock exhibitors. 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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## Quick progress made in third year of downtown infrastructure improvements

An early start to the construction season and a relatively dry spring are allowing for two separate contractors to stay on schedule for work in downtown Minot.

Wagner Construction is the contractor on the Third Phase of the Downtown Infrastructure Improvements Project, and with crews working in three separate areas they are moving quickly on underground work. As of early June they are close to getting new concrete down to form the roadways on Second Street NE, Second Street SE and two blocks of Third Avenue SE.

Since the working is progressing well the contractor is pushing forward on underground work to be done on this final phase of the project. As of late May, they added blocks in the southwest corner of downtown. This includes milling up the roads by Trinity Health Center West - along First Street SW and Third Avenue SW and preparing them for underground work. On this phase of the project Wagner Construction will replace 3,500 linear feet of water main, 1,900 linear feet of sanitary sewer and 2,300 linear feet of storm sewer pipes. The 2017 portion of the project will also connect dozens of domestic water and sanitary sewer service lines, place concrete streets, curb and gutter, and sidewalks, and install new street lighting within 12 city blocks and two intersections of Downtown Minot.

For work that was carried over from the 2016 contract with Keller Paving, the contractor planned on starting placing concrete in early June on the block of First Avenue SW by Bremer Bank and the Federal Courthouse. The last block remaining on their contract is one block of North Main Street. Work in this area is moving about 10 days behind work on First Avenue SW. Both of these blocks should be open by the end of June or early July.

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 west side of downtown.

Funding for this project comes from a variety of sources. The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) agreed in May 2013 to award \$18 million in disaster recovery grant funding that will be matched by approximately \$4.9 million in funds from a street light assessment district and storm sewer

assessment district, \$5 million in CDBG-DR funding and \$1.7 million from North Dakota.

For additional construction information, including maps on the current construction zone and a business directory on how best to access a specific location downtown go to [www.downtownminot-isopen.com](http://www.downtownminot-isopen.com). You can also contact the public information officer for the project at 857-7205, and ask for Mark Lyman.

### Downtown Summer Wine Walk June 24

The Downtown Summer Wine Walk will be held Saturday, June 24, 2017, beginning at 4 p.m. An After Party will begin at 8 p.m.

This wine walk will have many “firsts,” including offering only local or North Dakota products. All wine will be made by the participating businesses at the new Urban Winery. Food products will be from Valley Meats in Burlington, T’s Tangles, Mikey’s Country Candy, Cookies For You, Bessie’s Best Cheese, Green Thumb Produce, and Sammy’s Pizza.

An “After Party” dance will be held at the North Parking Garage with food and beverages. The “passports” will have ballots for the Best Wine and Best Label, as we are encouraging businesses to reach out to local artist for label creations.

The passport cost is \$50 and can be used as free admission to the After Party. Tickets to the After Party are \$10.

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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.*



**Northern Plains Hospitality Inn:** 1515 22nd Ave SW • Minot, ND • 852-2201

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*The Northern Plains Inn (formerly the Comfort Inn) has embarked on a journey as an independent hotelier interested in offering, not only a quality lodging experience with superior service and an excellent location, but a desire to increase their involvement in the Minot community.*



**Volz Vintage Garden:** 1107 N. Broadway • Minot, ND • 818-2746 • Email: [volzvintagegarden@gmail.com](mailto:volzvintagegarden@gmail.com) • Judy Volz, Owner  
*Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon with Volz Vintage Garden, a new store that has a little something for everyone. Volz Vintage Garden offers a large selection of mini gardens and plants, as well as homemade gifts for that special someone.*



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**Ward County Parks - No Man's Land Disc Golf:** 8850 North Project Road • Burlington, ND • 58722 • 838-2810 • [www.co.ward.nd.us](http://www.co.ward.nd.us)  
*A ribbon cutting with the Minot Chamber Ambassadors celebrated a new nine-hole/basket disc golf course open to the public. The course is located at 8850 North Project Road, west of Old Settler's Park and Burlington.*



*As participants of the city's spring clean up, Enbridge crews cleaned along the bypass and at Sertoma Park.*

## Thank you for cleaning up Minot!

Minot entrances look more inviting following the citywide cleanup. Project CLEAN (Community Leaders Enhancing Area Neighborhoods), a committee of the Chamber, asked its members to help and they came out in full force. Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who took part in the effort May 5 & 6. A big thank you to the City of Minot, as well for providing the bags needed to pick up the garbage.

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## May Business After Hours



*Thank you to Badlands Restaurant and Bar for hosting the May 18 Business After Hours. One hundred and fifteen people attended, enjoying food, great prizes, and networking with other Chamber members. The next Business After Hours event will be held in September. Be sure to watch your emails for updates.*



## First Dollar of Profit Awards

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**Magic City Hoagies:** 1515 24th Ave SW, Minot, ND • 839-4771 • Christine Staley, Owner [www.facebook.com/magiccityhoagies](http://www.facebook.com/magiccityhoagies)

*A first dollar of profit award was given to Magic City Hoagies, which offers hoagie-style subs packed with quality fresh-cut deli meats, cheeses, and crunchy veggies inside a freshly-baked crusty but chewy roll. Stop by or call them to cater.*



**The Club Outlet:** 1901 South Broadway • Minot, ND • Owners: Jacob Feil & Jay Lundeen

*The Minot Chamber Ambassadors awarded a First Dollar of Profit award to the Club Outlet. The store features high-quality merchandise and returned products from big box retailers and wholesale clubs, offering 20 - 60% discounts on clothing, electronics, non-perishables, furniture, housewares, toys, jewelry, paper products, appliances, bedding and more.*



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**Total Nutrition:** 3302 16th St. SW • Minot, ND • 837-0320 • Daniel Marver, Owner • Jordan Bialke, General Manager

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**The Spot:** 6 2nd St. NE • Minot, ND • 852-7768 • Sherry McGlaughlin, Owner

*Minot Chamber Ambassadors awarded a First Dollar of Profit award to The Spot, which features 25 pool tables, five dart boards, batting cages, golf simulator, 18 beers on tap, 70 beers and wine in bottles, and gaming sponsored by Minot State Beaver Boosters.*



### ***Park South renovations begins***

This summer, the renovation of Park South Apartments begins, the first major project of the City of Minot's National Disaster Resilience (NDR) Program.

The sixty-year old building began its life as a convent and later served as a business college. It hasn't had a major update since the 1980's when it was converted to an apartment complex. This rehab will be extensive, impacting all of the building's housing units and common spaces, the heating and cooling and fire suppression systems, and the exterior and grounds. Once complete, 30 of the building's housing units will be reserved for income-qualified households. The 10 remaining units will rent at market rate. Four of the units will be fully accessible.

To ensure the affordability of the income-restricted units, in addition to the City of Minot's NDR Program support, the project has received financial commitments from North Dakota Housing Finance Agency's (NDHFA) Housing Incentive Fund and Bank of North Dakota's FlexPACE program. The storm water management work already underway at the site is supported by the Governor's Community Development Block Grant Discretionary Funds and it will benefit the whole neighborhood.

Before the building renovations begin,

we invite you to walk through the property to learn about the planned changes, to ask questions of the developers, and to visit with the staff of the city and state agencies that have committed government resources to the project.

The guided tour will take place Wednesday, June 7, at 11 a.m. CDT at 234 14th Ave. SE, Minot, ND. Please respond to Sarah Mudder, NDHFA's communications coordinator, smudder@nd.gov, by May 31 if you wish to participate in the tour.

If you have questions about the project, you may contact NDHFA Director of Public Affairs Max Wetz at 701-328-8098, or Park South Holdings Developer Bruce Walker at 701-833-9000.

### ***Bike safety event June 6***

Community Options and the Minot Police Department will host a Bike Safety Event Tuesday, June 6, 2017. The event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Minot Auditorium parking lot at 420 3rd Ave. SW.

The first 35 kids will receive a free helmet. All participants will be able to register their bike with the police department for free, check out a police car, and learn about how to become better biking citizens. Free popsicles will also be given away. Special thanks to donors Walmart

and Food Services of America.

For more information, please call Community Options at 852-0174.

### ***Cahoon, Hagen join DFC Consultants***

Lucas Cahoon has joined the team at DFC Consultants, Ltd. as an accountant/consultant. He will be assisting customers with their accounting needs. Cahoon has four years of account-



***Lucas Cahoon***

ing experience and most recently worked for Western Products. He holds an accounting degree from the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

Julie Hagen has joined DFC Consultants as a business system analyst and solutions consultant. She will be helping customers improve their business processes with automation and software. Hagen has over 20 years of experience and most recently worked for Microsoft.



***Julie Hagen***

She holds a degree in mathematics education and computer information systems from Mayville State University.

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## Member Business Briefs

### *New Aging Life Care™ manager to serve Minot region*

As an Aging Life Care™ Manager, Cheryl Coyle will help seniors live as independently and safely as possible, listen to what each older adult wants and needs and offer solutions, help to enhance each person's life satisfaction and be a support to those who may not have family or friends who can help.



*Cheryl Coyle*

Coyle is a native of North Dakota and a graduate of North Dakota State University. She is a long-time resident of Minot and has experience working with older adults in the community for more than 20 years. Coyle is involved with the Minot Area Senior Coalition, the Minot Chamber Ambassadors, Minot Lions Club and is active in her church.

"This program...provides a much-needed link between older adults and the resources available to them. The services can be tailored to each individual's needs and circumstances. I can be the care manager and advocate for our seniors," said Coyle.

For more information about Aging Life Care in our area, please contact Coyle at 701-271-3251.

### *CHS SunPrairie promotions named*

Andrea Beyer has joined the team at CHS SunPrairie as a grain marketing and sales analyst. Her role will include research projects to track sales behaviors and customer gaps, and also inputting outbound sales orders and social media outreach. Beyer is a graduate from Bismarck State University with an associate degree. She transferred to Minot State to further her education, graduating in 2016 with a bachelor's in business management and a minor in marketing. Beyer is originally from Bottineau.

Jeremy Burkhart recently took on the new role of multi-commodity and project manager for CHS SunPrairie. In addition to overseeing the commodity positions, Burkhart will be working on the new grain shuttle loading facility in the Lansford area that is slated to be com-

### *Town & Country Credit Union partners with area businesses for food drive*

After hearing that the Minot Salvation Army food pantry was running low, Town & Country Credit Union's mortgage department challenged area real estate businesses to a food drive collecting kid-friendly food items. The six businesses who took part in the challenge included Brokers 12, Century 21 Action Realty, Coldwell Banker, Dacotah Bank, NextHome Legendary Properties of Minot and North Dakota Guaranty & Title Company.

The challenge created an outpouring of support with 1,783 pounds of food being collected and donated. Additionally, Coldwell Banker made a \$570 donation to the Salvation Army which was equivalent to 328 pounds of food.

"Not only am I proud to be a part of the community of Minot, but I'm proud to be a member of the real estate business community," commented Renata Buen, executive mortgage officer at Town & Country Credit Union. "Whether we're helping someone find a home, gain home financing or providing title services, we're all in the business of helping people and the food drive is a true representation of that."

Century 21 Action Realtors collected and donated the most food items, winning the food drive challenge. As a reward for winning the challenge Town & Country Credit Union made a \$500 donation to the Minot Salvation Army in honor of Century 21 Action Realtors.



pleted in 2018. Burkhart is based out of the Minot office and has been the Grain Division manager since 2010. He came to CHS SunPrairie in 2003 after graduating from NDSU with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. Burkhart is originally from Burlington.

Kayla Burkhart has been promoted to Grain Division Manager after six years as a broker/procurement officer in the Grain Marketing department at CHS SunPrairie. Burkhart started with the cooperative through the CHS Ag Associate program, spending a year and a half in the program not only within country operations, but also a six-month tour with grain marketing and a six-month tour with CHS's hedging division. Burkhart holds a bachelor's degree from Montana State University in agricultural business with a concentration in economics. Burkhart is originally from Pullman, WA, and moved to Minot in 2009.

Alea Samsal has been promoted to accounting assistant after being with CHS SunPrairie since May of 2015. Samsal was hired originally to work in

the areas of human resources and recruiting. She will continue her HR & Recruiting duties as well as accounting work. Samsal graduated from Confederation College in Thunder Bay, Ontario, in 2012 with a business administration degree, specializing in human resources. Samsal is originally from Dryden, Ontario.

Dawn Poitra has been promoted to accounting specialist after three years working as a grain check writer and Accounting Assistant at CHS SunPrairie. Poitra is currently attending Minot State University part time working toward her Bachelor's Degree with a concentration in accounting. She moved to Minot in 1996 and attended Minot State University, while working at Gate City Bank as a personal loan officer. Poitra then went to work for North Dakota Guaranty and Escrow in Minot as a closer/settlement agent and started with CHS SunPrairie in November 2013.





# VERENDRYE ELECTRIC'S 78TH ANNUAL MEETING

Verendrye Electric Cooperative provides the best value in dependable, affordable electricity. A large part of our success is you, our members. Please join us for the 78th Annual Meeting Thursday, June 8th at the North Dakota State Fair Center in Minot. Registration begins at 4 p.m. with a free meal, craft and display booths, entertainment, and several prizes, including a \$2,000 or \$780 prize for a member who is present and registered at the time of the drawing. Governor Doug Burgum will be in attendance, along with local fiddler, Shelby Huston, who will perform from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Bring your dancing shoes and join us! That's the power of human connections.



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## **Souris Valley United Way hosts community baby shower**

Souris Valley United Way will host the 5th Annual Community Baby Shower beginning June 1, with numerous businesses acting as donation drop-offs. The donation drive will end June 22 with a collection event at the Dakota Square Mall Food Court from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"The goal is to collect 12,000 diapers," explained Danielle Rued, campaign coordinator. "To make a donation, text: diapers to: 313131 and SVUW volunteers will do the shopping for you. Monetary donations can be sent to the office or completed on the Souris Valley United Way website as well."

A newborn needs 10 to 12 diapers a day, and toddlers need up to eight diapers per day. An adequate supply of diapers can cost around \$100 per month per child. Set a goal to diaper a newborn in need for a month (300 diapers), three months (900 diapers), or a year (3,650). Diapers are not covered by WIC or other forms of public assistance.

"This year several businesses will participate as drop-off locations and they are all listed on our website and Facebook page," added Rued.

In addition to diapers, other baby care items are welcome, including baby wipes, lotions, health care items and adult personal care items. Items will be donated to the following organizations for distribution to those in need: Our Lady of Grace, Domestic Violence, The Lord's Cupboard, Minot Area Homeless Coalition Community Action Partnership, YWCA, and the Salvation Army

For more information visit [www.svunit-edway.com](http://www.svunit-edway.com) or call 839-2994.

## **Bakk earns designation**

Kausha Bakk, a broker associate at Brokers 12 Inc, in Minot has been awarded the Certified Residential Specialist Designation. REALTORS® who receive the CRS Designation have completed advanced professional training and demonstrated outstanding professional achievement in residential real estate. Only 3% of



**Kausha Bakk**

REALTORS® nationwide have earned the credential. Bakk has sold hundreds of properties, has been a top producing agent, and has continued to grow her career by branching into commercial as well as residential real estate.

## **Gault and Halland join Brokers 12**

Donovan Gault, a Minot native, has spent most of his life living in North Dakota. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and fishing, as well as playing golf and hockey. Gault is currently a member of the Minot Multiple Listing Services (MMLS), the North Dakota REALTORS® Association (NDAR), and the National Realtors Association (NAR).

Gault welcomes the challenge of helping clients through the buying and selling process, offering understanding of the Minot area and surrounding communities. Whether you are looking to buy or sell your home, call 701-721-4751, email [donovan@brokers12.com](mailto:donovan@brokers12.com), or visit [www.brokers12.com](http://www.brokers12.com).

Brandy Halland, a Williston native, has been a Minot resident for the past nine years with her husband and two children. Halland spent 21 years as a cosmetologist where she developed a deep my passion for working with people. The cosmetology profession allowed a flexible schedule until her daughters were old enough to start school. Additionally, she has assisted



**Brandy Halland**

her husband with his business for the past few years. Bookkeeping, invoicing, and billing were her contribution to that business, and those skills continue to aid her in the detail-oriented work necessary in real estate.

Her many years of personalized customer service experience and ability to listen to the needs and wants of other people are just a few things that make a great fit to complete real estate transactions. Call 701-578-5316, email [brandy@brokers12.com](mailto:brandy@brokers12.com), or visit the web at [www.brokers12.com](http://www.brokers12.com).



**Donovan Gault**

## **Trinity Health names new marketing/community relations director**

Trinity Health is pleased to announce that Karim Tripodina has been named Director of Marketing and Community Relations. She succeeds Randy Schwan, MBA, who continues to serve as Vice President of Mission Integration.

Tripodina joined Trinity Health last year as patient experience coordinator and subsequently earned praise for guiding a number of patient satisfaction initiatives, including a program to train all Trinity staff in the RELATE? patient-centered communication model.

"Karim brings a solid record of achievement to her new role," said John M. Kutch, Trinity's chief executive officer. "As patient experience coordinator, she's been a champion of patient-centered care and has been instrumental in providing tools that have helped us all become more effective communicators. She'll be a great addition to our leadership team."

As marketing director Tripodina will oversee all communication and educational programs aimed at improving the health of the community and educating the public about Trinity Health's providers and service lines.

"This is an exciting time for Trinity Health as we look forward to a future new hospital and medical facility," Tripodina said. "It's also an interesting time for healthcare in general, with patients enjoying more choice and information about where to get their care. I most look forward to sharing the stories of our wonderful patients and how they've been touched by the warmth, humanity and expertise of the people who work here."

Tripodina received her bachelor of arts in English, Summa Cum Laude, from Suffolk University in Boston. She previously provided marketing and development for health centers in Maine and Wyoming, as well as branding and advertising for a nationwide financial services organization. She and her husband live in Berthold, where she enjoys photographing the beauty of North Dakota.



**Karim Tripodina**



## Member Business Briefs

### ***Ribfest ready to rock the Fairgrounds***

Minot's Ribfest is ready to rock the Fairgrounds, June 16, 17, and 18. Concerts, food, and fun are planned for the summer festival hosted at the ND State Fairgrounds.

"We've been planning and preparing to host this exciting Minot event on the Fairgrounds and we're ready for Ribfest," said Renae Korslien, manager of the North Dakota State Fair. Wristbands for the festival will be \$5 per day and will include the entertainment in the evenings.

On Friday, June 16, the Ribfest gates will be open with free admission from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the ribbers will be offering free sides for the Friday lunch hours.

You will have the opportunity to listen, sing, or dance to music on Friday and Saturday night. The iHeart Music stage will feature Even 5 and Soul Shine on Friday night, as well as Frankly Scarlett and SFO – A Journey Tribute out of Nashville, TN, on Saturday. A karaoke contest will be held on Saturday and CJ Andrist will also be entertaining Saturday afternoon.

The Pursuit Church of Minot will bring its Father's Day Service with special music to Ribfest on Sunday at 11:15 a.m. There will be free admission during the church service.

Both Nodak Speedway and the Magic City International Drag Way are offering special discounts to Ribfest attendees.

Wristbands purchased on Friday or Saturday can be used for half price admission to the Saturday Drag Race at the Magic City International Drag Way, and individuals who purchase a wristband on Sunday will receive \$5 off their ticket to Nodak Races that evening.

In addition to great food and music, a corn-hole tournament, string art class, painting class, and more are being planned for this fun-filled weekend. The festival will feature 15 bounce houses for \$10 per day and the Nodak Knockouts have also planned a bout for 5 p.m. on Saturday at Ribfest.

There will be something for everyone in the family to enjoy at Minot's Ribfest, June 16, 17, and 18, 2017, at the ND State Fairgrounds.

### ***Bankers meet with White House***

Peter Stenehjelm, president of First International Bank & Trust, and more than 100 community bankers and the Independent Community Bankers of America® (ICBA), gathered for a meeting with President Donald Trump and other top administration officials at the White House as part of the 2017 ICBA Capital Summit. In the meeting with President Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, NEC Director Gary Cohn and Small Business Administration chief Linda McMahon, Trump said the administration is focused on addressing regulatory burdens to help community banks lend

to small businesses.

Community bankers presented President Trump with a red "Make Community Banking Great Again" cap. In attendance at the meeting were community bankers from ICBA's executive committee, board of directors, Federal Delegate Board, and policy committees.

More than 1,000 community bankers were in Washington for ICBA's Capital Summit to discuss critical issues facing community banks and their communities, such as excessive regulatory burdens that affect their ability to serve their customers, make loans and create jobs. The industry's solution to the regulatory burden problem—ICBA's Plan for Prosperity—is a pro-growth platform to eliminate onerous and unnecessary regulatory burdens that inhibit lending and innovation. The summit featured meetings with policymakers, remarks from speakers such as Secretary Mnuchin and House Financial Services Committee Chairman Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas), and the first-ever ICBA Future of Banking Symposium, which offered insights into the future of the rapidly changing community.

More information about ICBA's Capital Summit, Future of Banking Symposium, and Plan for Prosperity is available on the ICBA website.



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## **Minot State's SGA names professors and advisor of the year**

The Student Government Association selected Tawnya Bernsdorf, Dan Conn, Eileen Solberg and Naomi Winburn as 2016-17 Professors and Advisor of the Year. These awards honor faculty members from Minot State University's three colleges and one faculty or staff advisor for their dedication to students.

"Student Government Association recognizes the commitment and remarkable work of Minot State professors and advisors and congratulates the 2016-2017 recipients for what they do in and outside of the classroom," said Aaron Richard, SGA president.

Bernsdorf, business administration instructor, was selected Professor of the Year for the College of Business, while Conn, assistant professor of teacher education and human performance, was chosen for the College of Education and Health Sciences. Winburn, chemistry instructor, was selected as Professor of the Year for the College of Arts and Sciences. Solberg, College of Business advisor and student relations, was named Advisor of the Year.

For questions, contact Richard at [sga@minotstateu.edu](mailto:sga@minotstateu.edu).



**Above, left to right: Solberg, Bernsdorf, Winburn and Richard. Conn is pictured at right.**

## **MSU students learn from WWII veterans**

Minot State University's Westlie Room proved the right venue for a presentation by World War II veterans. Lynn Aas, who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and Ben Tollefson, who was sent to Japan, talked about their experiences in History Professor Ernst Pijning's "U.S. History



since 1877" class. The students paid full attention as they heard how Aas was received in Belgium, 70 years after he helped to liberate the area from Nazi occupation and defeated the last German offensive against the American troops. The people of Belgium showed their gratitude, as Aas was personally honored by the local community, by school classes, as well as battle field impersonators.

Yet the most dramatic event was Aas' visit to Margraten, the large military cemetery in the Netherlands. On two occasions, he visited the graves of comrades buried there, some of whom died right by his side. In Germany, he participated in Operation Varsity, the largest airborne operation in World War II, meant to let the allied forces safely cross the Rhine and capture the German heartland in 1945. Aas was sent in a glider, and of the five soldiers, only one remained unharmed. Aas was wounded on the battlefield and that was the end of the war for him.

The students also listened to Ben Tollefson, who was transported by ship to the Pacific. However before he saw active combat, the two nuclear bombs had been dropped in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which ended the war. Both Tollefson and Aas explained that this probably saved their lives. As horrible as dropping the bombs was, it ultimately saved the lives of many people.

Aas and Tollefson were assisted by Aas' son David, an MSU alumnus, and their friend, Bob Marquardt, who organized the activity. The students posed many questions, not only about the war itself, but also about the lives of veterans afterward. In the end, all believed that it was a great honor to receive the veterans, in the room dedicated to MSU's contributions during those trying times.

For questions, contact Pijning at [ernst.pijning@minotstateu.edu](mailto:ernst.pijning@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3509.

## **City of Minot offers new resource for development projects**

The City of Minot has launched a new resource that enables developers to meet with key city staff members at the same time, creating an effective method to review proposals at the beginning of the approval process.

The Development Review Team (DRT) is a pre-application meeting designed to work through all aspects of a specific development proposal prior to the project being submitted to the City of Minot. The goal is to help ensure efficient coordination of development services through effective use of staff time, consistent technical interpretation and quality decision making, which is essential to the success of a project.

"Developers have praised the process because it allows them to sit down with the City Engineer, the Public Works Director, the Chief Building Official, and the Planning Department to hear comments regarding their project at the same time," said Robert Davis, City of Minot planning director and chief resilience officer.

City of Minot Principal Planner Lance Lang leads the DRT, which is comprised of a cross-section of the City's key staff members, including department and division heads who deal with development issues on a daily basis. The mission of DRT is to provide the best possible customer service by maintaining close contact with the project representatives, by providing thorough review and feedback on every major proposed project, and by working to resolve issues at the earliest possible stage of development.

For developers, the effectiveness of DRT is best implemented by asking the project's team of professionals (architect, owner, civil engineer, and project liaison) to provide a complete development plan, and then contacting Sue Nilson at the City of Minot Planning Department at 852-4122 or email at [sue.nilson@minotnd.org](mailto:sue.nilson@minotnd.org).

For additional information or interviews contact the Public Information Office at 857-4727 or by email at [pio@minotnd.org](mailto:pio@minotnd.org).

## Five at Minot State University earn achievement awards

Three faculty members, Kristi Berg, Niki Roed and ShaunAnne Tangney, and two staff members, Andy Heitkamp and Gretchen Ingledue, received MSU Board of Regents Achievement Awards May 10 during Minot State University's annual Employee Recognition and Retirement Event. The awards are as follows:

**Teaching** — Kristi Berg, associate professor of business information technology, has taught at Minot State since 2001. The MSU alumna always had her sights set on becoming a teacher, but truly found her calling when she had the opportunity to teach at MSU, while obtaining her master's degree. When she began teaching at MSU, the opportunity to teach online was a new venture and one she embraced. Berg has developed and taught both online and campus classes since beginning her career at MSU. In fact, she achieved her doctorate online in 2011. She teaches both undergraduate and graduate classes in the field of information systems. Berg also enjoys facilitating workforce training and development seminars via MSU's Center for Extended Learning.



**Kristi Berg**

Berg embraces an active teaching and flip learning style which challenges learners to become better prepared to explore content in greater depth. She uses humor and wit to engage students while they explore the ever-changing field of information systems. Berg serves as a mentor to senior students in the information management information systems program as they prepare to enter the workforce. Teaching is her place, the place where she continuously strives for excellence, professional growth and student success.

**Service** — Niki Roed, assistant professor of nursing, has taught at Minot State and served as the Department of Nursing chair since 2011. Roed serves as a teacher, advisor, mentor, manager and



**Niki Roed**

leader for nursing students, faculty and staff.

Roed embraced the challenge of transitioning from nursing practice to academics. Under her leadership, the Department of Nursing received continued North Dakota Board of Nursing approval and continued national accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. In addition to her department responsibilities, she served as a member for the University Prioritization and Budget Recommendation Committees. She has also been a member and chair of the Faculty Senate Budget and Salary Committee. Roed is active in the North Dakota nursing community and is involved in the North Dakota Center for Nursing, College and University Nursing Education Administrators, and the N.D. Board of Nursing Education Committee. As a retired military officer, she is also an active member of the VFW and American Legion.

**Scholarship** — ShaunAnne Tangney is a professor of English at Minot State, where she teaches American literature, critical theory and creative writing. Her scholarly interests focus on the literature of the American West. She is a noted Robinson Jeffers scholar and has published several essays on the poet and his work as well as a collection of critical essays published by the University of New Mexico Press. She has also published various essays and book chapters. Her essay on Montana poet Paul Zarzyski was nominated for the Don D. Walker prize for the best writing on literature of the U.S. West. She has presented at more than 50 academic conferences, most of them at the national level. She is also a poet, and her work has been published in the United States, Great Britain and Australia.



**ShaunAnne Tangney**

For Andrew Heitkamp, Veterans Center director, April 2017 marks the completion of year three. The center serves as a guide for active duty, transitioning active duty, veterans and military dependents and spouses into the university education sys-

tem. Center staff strive to ensure those individuals are able to put earned benefits to use in a quality education at Minot State, providing referrals to academic and financial assistance as well as to physical and mental health well-being support.



**Military service**, both federal and state, **Andrew Heitkamp** is entrenched in Heitkamp's upbringing. His grandfather was a World War I veteran, his father a World War II veteran, and his brother a Gulf War veteran. He spent eight years serving in the North Dakota Army National Guard 141, being honorably discharged August 1991. The opportunity that he was afforded to serve the North Dakota University System, working with university students over the past 29 years, 26 years in athletics, has fostered many teachable lessons for students, and he has developed many partnerships.

The Mantador native earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Mayville State. He and his wife, Deb, have three children and eight grandchildren.

Gretchen Ingledue began her journey at Minot State Sept. 5, 2006, as an athletic facilities worker at the Dome. Ingledue transferred to the main campus custodial staff April 2007, cleaning in Memorial Hall and the Student Center in the bookstore, the pool, and anywhere she was needed. In April 2010, she became a day team leader and was promoted to custodial supervisor in July 2011, the summer of



the flood. In 2009, the Ohio native, who was raised on a farm, became an active member of the Sustainability Committee and was its president from 2012 to 2014. During that time, she organized Earth Day activities. In 2016, she was elected to Staff Senate.

The life goal for Ingledue is to make a difference in someone else's life: to make them smile or make their day just a little bit better than it was.



## **Linda Benson recognized as staff emeritus at Minot State**

Linda Benson, public information specialist, retired May 31 after 34 years of service to Minot State University. Benson is the first staff member to be awarded staff emeritus status by MSU President Steven Shirley.

The Douglas native's engagement on campus started as a student, when she was a writer and eventual editor of the Red & Green student newspaper. As a student, she received recognition in the Who's Who



**Linda Benson**

Among American Colleges and Universities. Her membership in the Beta Theta Sorority also offered many opportunities to be involved in campus activities. She received two bachelor's degrees in accounting and management in 1983. She later added a history major, while working full time. When the College of Business launched its Master of Science in management program, she enrolled and completed a master's degree in 2000.

Benson's 34 years of service to the university include work in the Student Loan Collection Department, the Business Office and in the Public Information Office. Her daily announcements and "Inside," MSU's newsletter, kept the campus in touch with relevant news. Her news releases informed the community, state and region about the good work of MSU students, faculty and staff.

On campus, Benson demonstrated her leadership abilities through service in the Staff Senate, including four terms as its president and numerous times as secretary and vice president, and service as a charter member of State Staff Senate. She is also a charter member and past president of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Council. She helped revive the Beta Theta Sorority in 2013, and she has been its alumnae advisor since 2014. In addition, she was a Women's Heritage Month Committee member.

In the community, Benson belongs to Minot Eagle Auxiliary #2376, where she has advanced through most of the chairs and served as president multiple times. Currently, she serves as a Dakota

State Auxiliary trustee, and in 2016, she was inducted into the Dakota State Eagles Auxiliary Hall of Fame, the highest award given by the Dakota State Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. For more than 20 years, she has judged at the Ward County 4H Achievement Days. She also belongs to Sons of Norway Thor Lodge and the Women of the Moose.

## **Johnson joins AE2S Construction**

AE2S Construction has hired Charles Johnson as its General Manager located in Minot, ND. He will oversee business development and operations management, and will work closely with the leadership team to drive growth and deliver construction projects utilizing effective and efficient processes, with a focused eye on safety.



**Charles Johnson**

Johnson brings more than 28 years of industry experience. Before joining AE2S Construction, he worked in the engineering and construction industry, primarily in the oil and gas sector.

"I am pleased to see AE2S Construction doing so well at driving a culture of safety while at the same time bringing innovative processes and above and beyond customer service to the construction industry. I look forward to bringing added emphasis to a broadening spectrum of service lines," said Johnson.

Johnson holds a bachelor of business administration degree in management from the University of North Dakota, and a masters of business administration degree from the University of Houston.

## **Town & Country Credit Union wins three awards from State Credit Union Association**

Town & Country Credit Union was awarded a first place Louise Herring Philosophy-in-Action Member Service Award and the Five Star Award from the Credit Union Association of the Dakotas. The awards were presented during the Association's annual Summit in April in Deadwood, SD.

The Louise Herring Philosophy-in-Action Member Service Award is given to a credit union for its practical application of credit union philosophy within the operation of the credit union. It is awarded for internal programs and services that benefit membership.

The Five Star Award recognizes an individual credit union for its outstanding achievements for the year in Education, Legislative Activities, Public Relations, Member Contact and Community Service. The award provides formal recognition of the credit union accomplishments; recognizes credit union excellence and honors the credit union for increasing public awareness of credit unions.

The third award was presented to Tera Heiser, Town & Country Credit Union marketing coordinator. Tera received the First Time Presenter award from the National Youth Involvement Board in recognition of the number of financial literacy presentations and outreach activities she completed in 2016.



**Left to right: Joanne Lautenschlager, TCCU board chairman; Matt Tedrick, TCCU senior business credit analyst; Shannon Webster, TCCU SVP marketing; Jeff Olson, CUAD president; and Tera Heiser, TCCU marketing coordinator.**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> , 1 p.m., Marco's Pizza, 1210 4th Ave. NW	5 <b>FTAC Right Start Presentation</b> , 9:45 a.m., MAFB	6	7	8 <b>Lunch &amp; Learn: Emergency Preparedness</b> 11:30 a.m., Sleep Inn & Suites <b>Ambassadors Committee</b> , 4:30 p.m., Sleep Inn & Suites	9 <b>Infrastructure Committee</b> , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	10
11	12	13 <b>Eagle Awards Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., Chamber office	14 <b>Right Start Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., MAFB	15	16 <b>Military Day at the Zoo</b>	17
18	19 <b>FTAC Right Start Presentation</b> , 9:45 a.m., MAFB	20 <b>Board of Directors</b> , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	21 <b>Coffee with the President</b> , 1:30 p.m., Chamber office	22 <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> 4 p.m., NextHome Legendary Properties, 400 4th St. SW	23 <b>Agribusiness Committee serves breakfast at Ward County Shootout</b> , 7 a.m., ND State Fairgrounds	24
25	26	27	28 <b>Right Start Presentation</b> , 10 a.m., MAFB	29	30	

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