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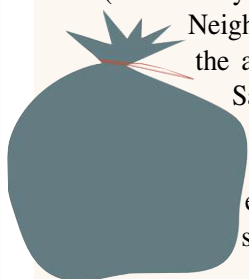
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Citywide cleanup set for May 5 & 6

As spring approaches, the trash in our ditches surrounding the community becomes visible, offering an unwelcome sight to everyone. That's why Project CLEAN (Community Leaders Enhancing Area Neighborhoods) is gearing up for the annual clean up Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6.



The group will concentrate on sprucing up the entrances to the city, so summer views will be at

their best. Groups can stop by the Chamber and sign up for designated areas and pick up trash bags up to and on May 5. There will be no trash bags or sign ups available on Saturday, May 6.

Volunteers can help between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have questions or suggestions call the Chamber at 852-6000 or email chamber@minotchamber.org.

Council election set for 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.

Watch your Chamber email for information on upcoming candidate forums.

Business After Hours: Season Finale May 18

Thursday, May 18, 2017 • 5–7 p.m.

Badlands Grill & Saloon (1400 31st Ave. SW)

This is your last chance to network with other Chamber members during Business After Hours until September. Enjoy some delicious food, and take your chance at some great prizes, including \$500 in Chamber Bucks! If winner is not present, \$50 in Chamber Bucks is guaranteed. Must be present to win. \$5 charge at the door



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Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership through April 20, 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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	Monson Dental Center	Wold Engineering, P.C.
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April Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in April 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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Dakota Kids Dentistry

May Lunch-n-Learn : First Aid education offered May 17

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and the North Dakota Safety Council present First Aid Fast Facts for your business.

According to a National Safety Council survey, two out of five companies do not understand the basic OSHA requirements for first aid and CPR. This course will be jam-packed with facts about OSHA's First Aid and blood borne pathogens standards and will explain the importance of AEDs in the workplace. During this cram session, we will address some of your most pressing questions, including:

- How does OSHA define close proximity?
- How do I determine response time?
- Who must be trained in CPR and first aid?
- What is an AED, why is it important and what do I need to have in place to minimize liability?

The cost is \$15 per person and lunch is included. Go to www.minotchamber.org and May 17 on the calendar to sign up today!

April Business After Hours



Thank you to Capital RV Center for sponsoring the April 20 Business After Hours. Just around 120 people attended the event to learn more about the possibilities to hit the road and enjoy camping. The night included delicious appetizers, great prizes, and a chance to network with other Chamber members.

Road construction projects get underway in City

Construction projects are kicking it into gear this May in the City of Minot. Over twenty projects are breaking ground in 2017 and several on major thoroughfares.

On Broadway, the demolition of the Broadway Bridge continues. This two-year reconstruction project is a shared project with the North Dakota Department of Transportation and the City of Minot. This year, the efforts will be on the east bridge. After the demolition of the 50-year-old structure crews will erect a new bridge. Meanwhile, traffic is reduced to head-to-head lanes on the west bridge and access to Central Avenue can be found by using Second Avenue. Completion of the first year isn't expected until this fall.

With the Broadway Bridge comes two more shared projects between the state and city. Residents see that work west of Minot on the Highway 83 bypass and on

East Burdick. The two-year expansion of the bypass began in April. This project will be converting the two-lane highway system to a wide five lane system, allowing for passing and turning lanes. The majority of work will be to the west of the current roadway and impact to travelers will be limited.

It's a different story on Burdick Expressway where work will begin in late May. The now winding road will be straightened east of the viaduct and will detour through traffic onto Valley Street. This construction will impact access to anything to the east for several months, including the North Dakota State Fair and the Norsk Høstfest along with all other events or businesses on east Burdick. Motorists are urged to allow for more time to navigate through the detour when work begins.

As Burdick Expressway experiences a closure, Minot's Downtown remains

open. The third and final phase of the Downtown Infrastructure Improvement project is also underway in the Magic City. This final phase will have less impacted intersections than the two prior but still pose a few obstacles for shoppers and residents. Throughout the Summer work will progress on Third Avenue Southeast and First Street Southwest. Clear access points are available on Second Avenue or Burdick via Broadway or Third Street. Access to Mina street can be found on Central avenue by way of Third street.

The City of Minot will also be undertaking several sewer, water and street light improvement projects throughout the summer. You may find additional information at minotnd.org.

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

Construction on Phase 3 of the Downtown improvements underway

"This is the last phase of a three-year project that is truly transforming the downtown, both below and above ground," said Lance Meyer, city engineer for the City of Minot. "And, as was true the last two years, it is important that residents know that Downtown Minot businesses will be open during construction, so please come on down."

Work to be done this year includes two blocks and one intersection of construction by Keller Paving from their 2016 contract, and 12 blocks and two intersections of construction to be done by Wagner Construction, Inc. based on a 2017 contract. For the latest information on the roads that are under construction and how to access businesses in these areas go to www.downtownminotisopen.com



Construction on Phase 3 of city infrastructure improvements began in mid-April at this intersection of 1st Street SW and 1st Avenue SW.

U.S. 83 Broadway bridge construction begins in late March

The North Dakota Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the City of Minot, is replacing the existing U.S. 83 Broadway bridge in the heart of Minot. Construction started on the project in late March, with the demolition of the east bridge. While the contractor on

the project, Lunda Construction of Wisconsin, continues finishing the demolition, they are also getting started on the new abutments and footings on the north side of the Mouse River that will support the base of the new bridge.

This is a two-year project that will cost roughly \$20 million to construct. It is

anticipated that normal north/south traffic will return to the new east bridge in October/November 2017.

To view the latest progress reports go to the City of Minot's Facebook page or the construction page on the City's website, www.minotnd.org.

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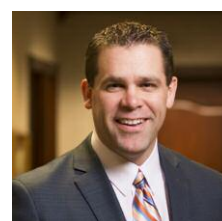
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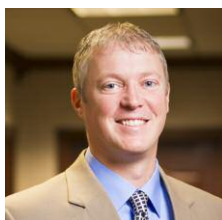
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Coffee with the President



April's Coffee with the President had a special guest. Those attending were able to visit with North Dakota Congressman Kevin Cramer.

Save the Date: Lunch-n-Learn Thursday, June 8

11:30 a.m.

Sleep Inn & Suites

Topic: Emergency
Preparedness

Cost: \$15 and
includes lunch.

We will hear from the Ward County Emergency Manager, Amanda Schooling, and the Public Information Officer for the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services, Cecily Fong.

Schooling will discuss emergency response for businesses and Fong will discuss the Dakota Access Pipeline protests and the lessons learned there.

Visit the calendar:
www.minotchamber.org and
find June 8 to sign up today.

Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project (MREFPP):

2nd Avenue SW will be temporarily closed to install culvert

As work continues on Phase MI-2A (Perkett Ditch Improvements) of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project (MREFPP), a road closure has been scheduled to accommodate the installation of a new box culvert under 2nd Avenue SW. Beginning Thursday, April 20th, 2nd Avenue SW from Westfield Circle to 24th Street SW will be closed to through traffic. A detour will be in place to route traffic along 18th Street SW to West Central Avenue and over to 25th Street SW. Residents in the area will have local access to their prop-

erty. The roadway is scheduled to re-open in mid June. This phase of the MREFPP focuses on interior drainage improvements to manage the storm water runoff on the dry side of the proposed levees. The project scope includes improvements to the existing Perkett Ditch, storm sewer upgrades within 2nd Ave SW, and the construction of a regional detention/retention pond, which was substantially completed last year. Safety is always a priority so please be vigilant near the construction zone. Leach Park is intended to remain open



throughout construction. For more information about the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project, visit www.mouseriverplan.com, or visit us on Facebook at Mouse River Plan.

Students and teachers honored at 55th annual event

Nearly 300 people attended the 55th Annual Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Honors Banquet. One hundred fifty students and 31 staff with 25 years of service were honored for their hard work at the April 12 event at the Holiday Inn. The event is a time set aside to recognize graduating seniors from eight area schools with a grade point average of 3.75 or higher. Students from Glenburn, Berthold, Bishop Ryan, Des Lacs/Burlington, Minot, Nedrose, Our

Redeemer's, and Surrey were highlighted during the evening, along with staff and teachers from Des Lacs/Burlington, Minot, and Our Redeemer's with 25 years of service.



This year's featured speaker was Minot Fire Chief Kelli Flermoen. She emphasized how hard work and dedication will continue to benefit the honorees throughout their careers.

The Honors Banquet is possible thanks to the generous support of Chamber members who sponsor students and teachers.

<i>Ackerman-Estvold</i>	<i>Harry's Tire Service/Dakota Truck</i>	<i>Minot State University</i>	<i>Pringle & Herigstad</i>
<i>Dakota College at Bottineau</i>	<i>& Farm Service</i>	<i>Northern Brake</i>	<i>Souris Valley United Way</i>
<i>Fiancée</i>	<i>IRET</i>	<i>Papa Murphy's</i>	<i>Town & Country Credit Union</i>
<i>First International Bank & Trust</i>	<i>Minot Area Homeless Coalition</i>	<i>Preferred Restaurant dba Taco</i>	<i>United Community Bank of ND</i>
<i>First Western Bank & Trust</i>	<i>Minot Plumbing & Heating</i>	<i>Johns</i>	<i>Verendrye Electric Cooperative</i>

Ribbon Cutting

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.



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

The Minot Chamber Ambassadors celebrated with the Club Outlet for the opening of a south Minot store. 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.

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.



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

A ribbon cutting with the Minot Chamber Ambassadors celebrated Minot's newest gathering place. The Spot 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.



Ryan Nissan: 3915 South Broadway, Minot, ND • Kathy & Mike Gaddie, Owners • www.RyanNissan.com

Minot Chamber Ambassadors celebrated the opening of the new Nissan dealership in Minot. With its exciting, innovative lineup of cars, cross-overs, vans, trucks and SUVs, Ryan Family Dealerships is proud to bring Nissan back to Minot with the opening of an all-new, full-service dealership, Ryan Nissan, at 3915 South Broadway.

Women Connect has outstanding support

The first ever Women Connect meeting had nearly 100 people attend to learn more about leadership. Tamara Anderson, Team Performance Strategist from Dale Carnegie of ND and MN, spoke to the group about leadership and provided tips on how to be a confident, assertive leader in today's workplace. In addition to the Chamber, the event was co-sponsored by the Center for Technology and Business and Dale Carnegie. Feedback from the group has been positive and the Chamber is working on another session next quarter.



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Legislature approves \$193 million for flood protection projects

The City of Minot's flood protection efforts received a significant funding boost this week, as the North Dakota Legislature on Wednesday gave final approval to legislation providing \$193 million for flood control projects within the city.

"It's incredible to have this funding secured," said City of Minot City Manager Tom Barry. "With this bill, the future of flood control in Minot is significantly more clear."

House Bill 1020 provides the City with a measure of clarity as construction on the initial three phases of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project is expected to begin this fall.

The \$193 million will fund the state's portion of the first four phases of Minot's flood protection plan through 2025 and the tieback levees needed. The estimated total cost for the initial four phases is \$324.8 million; the City of Minot's share is an estimated \$131.8 million. The first four phases, along with the tieback levees, would protect approximately 60 percent of at-risk properties which will be in the new Federal Emergency Management Agency flood plain when

the Flood Insurance Rate Maps become active in the city.

As part of the legislation, the Souris River Joint Board and the City of Minot would not be able to request more flood protection funding until the 2025 legislative session for work in the City limits.

The first four phases of the Minot flood protection plan include:

-Phase 1. The 4th Avenue project is located between just west of Broadway and just east of Third Street NE. The project includes floodwalls, earthen levees, a large pump station and other features. This phase is designed to protect a portion of northeast Minot.

-Phase 2. The Napa Valley portion of the project begins at the west edge of Minot at the Highway 83 Bypass and ends at 16th Street SW on the north side of the river near the Minot Water Treatment Plant. This portion is mostly earthen levees and includes a road closure to protect portions of southwest Minot.

-Phase 3. The Forest Road project will provide improvements near the Souris Valley Golf Course, and will protect a portion of southwest Minot.

-Phase 4. The Maple Diversion will redirect water in instances of a flood threat, and will protect a large portion of northwest Minot.

Tieback levees on the east and west ends of Phase 1 and Phase 2 will tie the flood protection into high ground.

The bill now goes to Gov. Doug Burgum for his signature. The bill passed through conference committee on Tuesday, and was approved by members of the House of Representatives later that day. The Senate approved the bill on Wednesday.

"Thanks to our state and city leaders, Minot is well on its way to being a more resilient community. These first four phases will help alleviate a lot of stress and burden from so many of our citizens. There isn't a price tag you can really put on that sense of security," said Barry.

For additional information or interviews contact the Public Information Office at 701-857-4727 or by email at pio@minotnd.org.

Souris Valley United Way hosts 8th Annual Bowlapalooza May 6

Souris Valley United Way will host the 8th Annual Bowlapalooza event on Saturday, May 6 from Noon to 3 p.m. The entry fee is \$120 per four person team.

No bowling experience is needed. Sign up today for this fun, three-game event. Prizes will be awarded for Best Theme, Best Team Name, High and Low Bowlers, Chance Drawings, and Grand Prize winner.

Registration forms are located at www.svunitedway.com, North Hill Bowl or contact us by email to register. Space is limited. For more information visit svuw-campaign@srt.com or call 839-2994.

Ackerman-Estvold welcomes architectural designer Rocha Egge

Jessica Rocha Egge, Assoc. AIA, has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office in our architecture group. Rocha Egge earned her bachelor of science in architecture from Universidad de las Americas, Puebla, Mexico. Rocha Egge has worked in the architecture industry throughout the region for 20 years. Her responsibilities will include conceptual design, design development, construction management, and interior design on architectural projects throughout the region.



*Jessica
Rocha Egge*

Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch 12th Annual BLT Day set for May 13

The Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch annual

BLT Day will not only have delicious food and music but also will offer a chance to purchase your spring plants. The BLT lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 7, followed by a program at noon. Cost for the meal is \$7 per person or \$15 for families of three or more. The spring plant sale will include vegetables, herbs, ornamental grasses, flowers, succulents, new perennials, and a potting station. You can bring your own pots, buy the plants, and they will pot them for you. There is also a birdhouse and yard sign sale, as well as a Dakota Cruisers Car Show. Take a moment for some campus tours as well. Proceeds benefit the Verendrye Electric Cooperative Greenhouse Technology Program on the Dakota Girls and Boys Ranch Minot campus.

Art camp at the Taube Museum: Get set for a "Cacophony of Creation"

The Taube Museum of Art is offering the Annual Summer Art Camp June 26-29, with two sessions to choose from: 9 a.m. to Noon, or 1 to 4 p.m. This camp is open to children ages 5 and up. Artcamp registrations are now being accepted online at www.taubemuseum.org. Your child will learn about contemporary artists, their techniques, and so much more. Local artist, Carol Fielhaber, will have her paintings on exhibit in the Lower Gallery at the Taube Museum of Art during this week. She will be present to give an "artist talk" to the children on the second day of class. This is an art camp for children interested in a hands-on experience with the visual arts. Experienced art educators will work with

your children developing their art skills.

Additional summer art classes will be offered and will be available for online registration by the end of April. Classes will begin the first week of June and run all summer through August, so there is sure to be a class that will tempt your child to be inspired.

A Summer Art Class Kick-off Event will be held May 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. entitled A Night at the Museum II – "Masters" at the Museum. All are invited to see what the summer art classes are all about and meet the Taube summer teaching staff. There will be art projects, food, giveaways, story time, and photo ops by Mandi Carroll Photography. All summer class registrations paid that evening will receive a 10% discount. More information will be available soon, so be sure to check our website and Facebook.

For more information about classes at the Taube Museum of Art call 838-4445 or email taubeeducation@srt.com. Register for Summer Art Camp online at www.taubemuseum.org/summer-art-camp.htm or check out the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/EveryDayIsArtDay/.

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. 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. Contact Nancy F. Walter, executive director at the Taube Museum of Art, at 838-4445 for more information.

City of Minot housing assessments: more options, lower valuations

Citizens in Minot now have more housing options under the \$200,000 level than last year, according to information from Minot City Assessor Kevin Ternes. In March 2017, there were 136 properties with assessed values under \$200,000 within the city limits, up from 94 properties last March, according to the City Assessor's 2017 Annual Report. Ternes said most Minot property owners will see a decrease in their property valuations in 2017, with total overall valuation for 2017 dropping approximately 8 percent from 2016. This year, residential valua-

tion in Minot declined roughly 5 percent from the previous year, according to an annual report prepared by the City Assessor's Office.

"This is the first time in recent years that there has been a significant decrease in overall property valuation from the prior year," Ternes said. "We saw a slight reduction in the residential and commercial market selling prices in 2016, and that has contributed to the decline in property valuations."

Minot's typical 2017 commercial valuation decreased approximately 6 percent

from last year. The valuation of motels and apartments has decreased between 20 percent and 30 percent, according to figures prepared by the assessor's office. The annual report from the Assessor's Office was presented at the Board of Equalization meeting April 11 at City Council Chambers in City Hall. For additional information or interviews, contact the Public Information Office at 857-4727 or by email at pio@minotnd.org.

Yates-Northwest Employed to manage Trinity Health hospital project

Yates-Northwest Contracting, a joint venture, has been selected to manage the project's next step – evaluating and refining materials and cost estimates to bring them in line with the project's targeted budget.

Trinity Health Facilities Vice President Dave Kohlman said Yates is one of the top construction providers in the nation and has already engaged with architects and planners to present construction estimates that will be used to engage the construction team.

"It's been a smooth transition," Kohlman says. "The design of the hospital and medical office building continues to be refined to accommodate the services that will be housed on the campus within the project's scope. We anticipate more tweaks as we adapt to changes in the costs of labor and materials, and find ways to improve the flow of patients and care throughout the system."

He said one design change put forward by TEG Architects, the project's designers, is to possibly re-position the medical office building in relation to the hospital to significantly reduce the amount of concrete needed. "The MOB was slated to be positioned alongside the hospital, running parallel, which resulted in a more expensive design. Instead, our design places the MOB perpendicular with the hospital, saving millions of dollars in costs while gaining more natural light into the adjacent hospital facility."

In the meantime, work has been steady on the project throughout the winter months, and site preparations will continue, with an official groundbreaking planned for this summer. Other project milestones, such as financing and approval by the North Dakota Department of Health, are also proceeding on schedule.

Trinity Health President and CEO, John M. Kutch, said the goal is to ensure future generations have convenient access to the highest quality of care close to home. "The excitement for this project continues to grow within our organization and throughout our entire service area, as we all recognize its significance for our patients, families, employees and communities," he said.

Plans call for a \$275 million facility

with a construction site covering 76 acres and featuring ample parking for patients, visitors and staff. The project is expected to be completed in early 2020.

For more information, call Mary Muhlbradt at 833-3341.



Make-A-Wish North Dakota seeking volunteers

Are you looking to make a difference in the life of a child with a life-threatening medical condition? Make-A-Wish® North Dakota is currently seeking volunteers in the Minot area. We are in need of wish granters as well as event volunteers.

Wish granting volunteers are generally the first in-person contact Make-A-Wish has with wish kids and their families. Wish granters meet the wish child, work with them to determine their one true wish, and coordinate specific aspects of their wish such as the reveal and send-off and welcome home.

This volunteer position is extremely rewarding. This is a key part of making a child's one true wish come true. All volunteers go through onboarding, and wish granters will participate in additional wish granting training.

We are also in need of event volunteers in the Minot area. Event volunteers help with local fundraising and awareness events.

Volunteer roles and time commitments are flexible and we work to fit into your schedule. Encourage a friend to volunteer too!

Visit our website (link underlined text to: <http://northdakota.wish.org/ways-to-help/volunteering/become-a-volunteer>) to learn more about all of our volunteer roles and find the volunteer application.

Please consider volunteering your time and talents with Make-A-Wish North Dakota. Together we can transform lives, one wish at a time!

If interested, please contact Sutton C. Lauinger, volunteer and development coordinator, Make-A-Wish® North Dakota at slauinger@northdakota-wish.org or by calling 701-280-9474.

Trinity recognized for support of National Guard employee

Trinity Health has received the "Above and Beyond Award" from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves (ESGR), an office of the US Defense Department. The award recognizes employers at the state and local level who have gone above and beyond the legal requirements for granting leave and providing support for military duty by their employees. It is one of three of ESGR's employer recognition awards given in limited numbers by state committees.

Trinity Health was nominated for the award by Ashley King, an athletic trainer with Trinity Health and a sergeant in the State Medical Detachment of the North Dakota Army National Guard. King nominated the organization after her recent activation to the protest in Cannon Ball. "I feel I have 100 percent support from my supervisor and co-workers about the oath I took to defend our state and country," says King. "I also feel like I have wonderful job security, which is a huge weight off my shoulders when I am required to leave for different reasons."

King also nominated her supervisor, Trinity Health Sports Medicine Manager Robyn Gust, MS, ATC, for the "Patriot Award" for her support during King's deployment. Gust says receiving the award is "an honor and very humbling."

The awards were presented by ESGR State Chair Robert O. "Bob" Wefald at a recognition ceremony on Tuesday at Trinity Health.

Gust isn't the only Trinity Health associate to receive the Patriot Award. Trinity Health Speech Therapy Manager Chelsie Halland, MS, CCC-SLP, was recognized with the award last year for her support during an employee's mobilization.



Left to right: Robert O. Wefald, ESGR state chair; Robyn Gust, Trinity Health Sports Medicine manager; Sgt. Ashley King; and John M. Kutch, Trinity Health president and CEO.

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Magic 60 returns May 25

To engage community members in improving Minot, the Minot Young Professionals and United Community Bank have partnered to bring back Magic 60, a microgrant program, as a vehicle for residents to make an impact on our community. The premise of Magic 60 is that 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.

Community members are encouraged to submit project ideas that run the gamut, from community art and music projects to events and charity programs. A panel of community members will judge each project throughout the event and make funding decisions before the event concludes. All potential projects must be to improve the Minot community, and private business ideas will not be considered.

\$7,500 has been raised for the Magic



60 grant pool to be distributed to great ideas during the event, with \$2,500 from United Community Bank and \$5,000 from Minot Young Professionals.

“We are so grateful for the support of United Community Bank and the ability to provide dollars to help better our community,” remarked Megan Laudenschlager, president of Minot Young Professionals. “With Magic 60, we are always so impressed with the caliber of project ideas and the impact the event has on the community. We look forward to making another impact on Minot in May.”

Magic 60 will be held on Thursday, May 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the auditorium at Central Campus. Individuals are encouraged to submit their project ideas by May 19 by emailing minotndyp@gmail.com with a brief description of their project (150-word maximum), including a budget, and their contact information. For more information, interested individuals are asked to contact Minot Young Professionals at 701-303-0840.

Grand Forks and Minot Air Force bases Industry Day set for May 25

The Small Business Administration and ImpactPTAC will co-sponsor an industry day Thursday, May 25 at Spirit Lake Casino & Resort. The event will help business leaders learn how to become suppliers for the Grand Forks and Minot Air Force bases.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The event starts at 10 a.m. with a welcome by 319th Mission Support Group Commander Col Michael D. Holliday. Sessions will include information on understanding how bases buy supplies and how you can do business with them, what you must do to be ready to do business with the government, finding opportunities, government certifications, and an exhibit with squadron representatives. Lunch will be on your own.

The event will be held in the Walking Eagle Room at Spirit Lake Casino, 7889 Highway 57, St. Michael, ND. It is free to attend but registration is required. Visit <https://2017afindustryday.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact Sherri Komrosky at 701-239-5658 or sherri.komrosky@sba.gov.

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Live First Community grant award winners named

First International Bank & Trust (FIB&T) is proud to announce the winners of their third annual Live First Community Grant program. There were a total of 45 community groups that participated which attracted over 20,000 votes.

The following three community groups received the most votes from Facebook fans. The F5 Project not only received the most votes, but has been chosen as the grand prize winner of \$5,000.

1. \$5,000 Award – F5 Project, Fargo, ND

The F5 project believes that to have a better success rate with individuals coming out of jail, prisons, and treatment centers, it needs to be led by those who have succeeded. The F5 project has built relationships with employers, landlords, city and state officials, Fargo Police and Cass County Sheriff's Dept. and many other volunteers and are seeing great momentum.

2. \$1,000 Award – Support the Bruin Paw – Fargo South Football, Fargo, ND

Fargo South High School is highly diverse, serving youth from all social strata. Currently 41% of the student body utilizes free or reduced lunches. Last year alone, over 50% of the football team had to rely on scholarships for activity fees and summer camps. Funds will be used to defray costs of activity fees and camp fees for student athletes in need.

3. \$1,000 Award – 4 Luv of Dog Rescue, Fargo, ND

4 Luv of Dog Rescue accepts responsibility for care of dogs from local pounds,

owners who can't care for them anymore and other rescues who need help. They take dogs into their rescue regardless of their medical needs, age, or breed. They work with prospective adopters to give deserving dogs their forever homes.

Additional awards:

• \$2,500 Award – Lakewood Health System/Cardinal Pax, Staples, MN

Cardinal Pax is a backpack food program that aims to provide weekend subsidy of healthy balanced meals in small packs for children who have been identified as food insecure. The Cardinal Pax is distributed discretely to children via their backpack on Fridays for weekend and/or holiday consumption.

\$500 Award – Williston Downtowners Association, Williston, ND

The Williston Downtowners Association is seeking funding to provide a festive holiday atmosphere in Downtown Williston by purchasing outdoor Christmas decorations. Main Street has recently experienced revitalization with a new streetscape in 2015-2016.

\$500 Award – Papa's Pumpkin Patch: Education Destination, Bismarck, ND

The Bismarck Public Schools Foundation, Papa's Pumpkin Patch and The University of Mary have teamed up to create educationally packed elementary and middle school learning experiences at Papa's Pumpkin Patch. A University of Mary student will serve as the Education Coordinator at Papa's Pumpkin Patch charged with transforming traditional field trips into a standards based curriculum.

Based on the popularity, First International Bank & Trust plans to continue the annual tradition of their Live First Community Grant in 2018.

Signal Realtors employees receive licenses, awards

Andrea Savelkoul and Alecia Berg of Signal Realtors have recently earned their Real Estate Broker License by the North Dakota Real Estate Commission. They completed several requirements, including additional education, state approval of real estate record and background check, and passed the required Brokers examination to receive the upper level license.

Berg has been with Signal Realtors since 2009 and has been a top producing agent for the past seven years. She is a member of the Minot Multiple Listing Service, the ND Associate of Realtors, and the Minot Board of Realtors. She can be reached at 721-5996 or aberg@signal-realtors.com.

Savelkoul started her career in real estate at Signal in 2014. She was a top producer in 2016. She is a member of the Minot Multiple Listing Service, the ND Association of Realtors, and the Minot Board of Realtors. She can be reached at 833-2255 or andrea@signalrealtors.com.

Jeff Stremick of Signal Realtors received the coveted "Commercial Realtor of the Quarter 2017" award from the Minot Board of Realtors in recognition for his sales achievements. Stremick can be reached at 721-2584 or jeff@signalrealtors.com.

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Souris Valley United Way announces grant awards

Souris Valley United Way announced 25 local area programs will receive funding from the 2016 campaign totaling \$407,137. Each program directly addresses the areas of education, financial stability, and health. Grant recipients were recognized on Thursday, April 20, 2017.

Perry Olson, board president stated, "I'm so thrilled SVUW has continued the great tradition of supporting so many great agencies in our region. They make a difference each and every day by helping so many. Our Community Building Committee members worked hard to make sure grant dollars will again make the most impact possible."

"The message heard during the grant interviews was the increased demand for services due to the economic downturn," Patricia Smith, executive director said,



adding, "It will be important to grow the 2017 Campaign."

Local programs receiving funds included: American Red Cross, Annie's House Adaptive Recreation Program, Backpack Buddies, Boy Scouts – Northern Lights Council, Catholic Charities ND – Guardianship Division, Catholic Charities ND – Pregnancy Services, Community Action Partnership – Food Pantries,

Companions for Children, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Domestic Violence Crisis Center – Children's Advocate, Domestic Violence Crisis Center – Emergency Shelter, Domestic Violence Crisis Center – Community Relations Specialist, FirstLink – 2-1-1 Information and Crisis hotline, Girl Scouts – Dakota Horizons, Legal Service of North Dakota, Lutheran Social Services – Senior Companions, Lutheran Social Services – Violence Free, Minot Area Homeless Coalition, Minot Commission on Aging – Meals on Wheels, Minot Family YMCA – Youth Development, Northern Plains Child Advocacy Center, The Salvation Army, Village Family Service Center – Pregnancy Counseling, Village Family Service Center – Supervised Parenting, YWCA – Emergency Assistance

Visit www.svunitedway.com for a complete list of grant award recipients

Program applications and awards:

Enter School Ready to Succeed.....	\$52,266
Productive & Engaged Youth.....	\$12,679
Healthy Behaviors.....	\$39,455
Healthy Nutrition for All.....	\$129,000
Mental & Emotional Wellness.....	\$38,359
Emergency Assistance.....	\$120,025
Promote Stable Living Environment.....	\$15,353

Deadline approaches for Small Art Works Exhibition & Auction

The Taube Museum of Art Main Gallery is seeking entries for their tenth annual Small Works Exhibit & Auction. The small works exhibition is scheduled to be on display from June 20 – July 27, 2017. Deadline for entry, is no later than Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Small Works guidelines:

- Open to all artists eighteen and older, with no entry fee.
- All works must be original by the artist submitting the artwork. Member artists may submit an unlimited number of entries, while nonmembers are limited to three.
- Two dimensional works maximum size of 80 square inches including the frame, i.e. 8"x10".
- Three-dimensional works may not

exceed 8" x 8" x 8"

- Each framed entry must be ready to hang with wire hangers or saw tooth hangers. Plastic frames are not acceptable.
- All work must be available for purchase. Not For Sale work will not be accepted.
- Acceptable media: collage, digital techniques, drawings, fiber arts, glass works, jewelry, metal, mixed media, paintings, pastels, photography, pottery, prints, sculptures, wood and everything in between!
- All mailed and/or hand delivered items must be received by Saturday, June 3 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mailed items sent to Taube Museum of Art, 2 N. Main St., Minot, ND 58703.
- A complete prospectus can be downloaded at www.taubemuseum.org. As in the past, you may bid on pieces

directly at the museum or online bidding at the museum website or on Facebook. Art buyers also have the option to purchase a piece at the Buy It Now price and take the piece home right away rather than having to wait until the close of the exhibition.

A portion of the auction proceeds will support the Taube Museum of Art, a non-profit organization, with the rest to the artist.

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. 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. Please contact Doug Pfliger, Taube Museum of Art Gallery Manager, at 838-4445 for more information.

City schedules annual household hazardous waste collection days

The City of Minot will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program May 5-6 at the Public Works building. The program is only for Minot residents receiving sanitation services. Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. both days, all household hazardous waste not normally collected by Minot sanitation crews may be brought to the Public Works building free of charge. John Reynolds, City of Minot sanitation superintendent, said there will be signs to direct drivers to the proper entrance into the Public Works building. Household hazardous waste items accepted include paint, stains, varnishes, solvents, oil, pesticides, herbicides, car care products, fire extinguishers, propane bottles, light bulbs, and household cleaning products. E-waste (televisions, computers, etc.) will also be accepted free of charge dur-

ing the two-day collection program. Reynolds said the City collected approximately 14,000 pounds of e-waste in 2016 during the two-day program, along with about 9,000 pounds of other items. The City of Minot Public Works Building is located at 1025 31st St SE. For additional information or interviews contact the Public Information Office at 857-4727 or by email at pio@minotnd.org.

SRT transitioning wireless phone subscribers to Verizon Wireless

SRT Communications, Inc. has announced it is discontinuing its retail wireless phone operations. SRT has offered wireless phone service to the region for nearly 20 years and cites changes in technology and customer demand as factors in the decision. The transition to Verizon Wireless will allow SRT subscribers to have 4G LTE coverage, access to the latest phones available,

access to the nation's most robust national coverage, and the reliability of the #1 wireless provider in the market.

SRT is pleased to provide customers an opportunity to participate in an exclusive promotional offer from Verizon Wireless that will run through July 15, 2017. SRT wireless phone customers are encouraged to take their phones to any Verizon store or Verizon agent to take advantage of these offers. Verizon representatives will be available to discuss customer options, upgrades, and plans, as well as work with SRT customers to keep their phone number.

SRT wireless phone customers will receive a letter explaining more about the transition including a fact sheet. They can also visit srt.com/wireless. This change will only affect wireless cell phone service. No other services that SRT customers currently receive will be impacted by this change.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 FTAC Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., MAFB	2 First Dollar of Profit Presentations, 10 a.m., Various locations	3	4 Military Affairs Committee, Noon, MAFB Jimmy Doolittle Center	5 Ambassadors Committee, 7:30 a.m., Delta Vacations Citywide Cleanup, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., City Entrances	6 Citywide Cleanup, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., City Entrances
7	8	9 Eagle Awards Presentation, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., Chamber office	10 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	11	12 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	13 Ribbon Cutting, 10 a.m., Volz Vintage Gardens, 1107 North Broadway
14	15 FTAC Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., MAFB	16 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	17 Lunch & Learn: First Aid Facts Noon, NDSC Training Facility, 308 40th Ave. NE Coffee with the President, 1:30 p.m., Chamber office	18 Business After Hours, 5 – 7 p.m., Badlands Grill House & Saloon, 1400 31st Ave. SW	19 Governmental Affairs Committee, 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	20
21	22	23 Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., Ward County Park No Man's Land Disc Golf Course, West of Burlington and Old Settlers' Park	24 Right Start Presentation, 10 a.m., MAFB	25 Energy Committee, 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Office closed	30	31			

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