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ND Department of Commerce commissioner featured speaker

Chamber annual meeting set for Oct. 25

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn. This year's annual meeting will feature North Dakota Department of Commerce Commissioner Jay Schuler. Schuler will discuss new programs and changes in the Department of Commerce with emphasis on the Governor's Main Street Initiative.

Cost is \$30 per person and \$300 for a reserved table up front, with guaranteed seating for eight. Lunch is included. Please RSVP by Friday, Oct. 20. Register at www.minotchamber.org, select October 25 on the Chamber calendar and use your membership login information. For more information call 852-6000. No refunds after Oct. 20.

Chamber Open House

Chamber Members:

We would like to welcome you to stop in and visit with us during an open house at the Chamber office. This is an opportunity for you to visit with Chamber staff, learn about what we're doing, and provide input.

Please stop by for coffee, cookies and conversation. We would love to see you here!

Wednesday, September 13 • 2 - 4 p.m.
1020 20th Ave. SW

Social media "eBoot Camp" set for Wednesday, Sept 11

Business managers understand the need for social media, but might be struggling to see meaningful results. Now is your chance to register for the interactive workshop, "eBoot Camp" to learn how to harness the power of power of social media. The workshop will be held Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Sleep Inn & Suites, 2400 10th Street SW.

Business After Hours: Sept. 21

Thursday, Sept. 21 • 5-7 p.m.
MAYSA Arena

2501 Burdick Expressway W.

Check out the new arena, network with other chamber members, enjoy some delicious food, and take your chance at some great prizes, including \$500 in

Chamber Bucks! If winner is not present, \$50 in Chamber Bucks is guaranteed.

(Must be present to win)
\$5 charge at the door



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New Members

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

COMMUNITY MEDICAL SERVICES: 300 30th Ave. NW, Suite D • Minot, ND 58701
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Community Medical Services is a CARF-accredited addiction treatment program providing medication-assisted treatment and counseling in Minot and surrounding communities.

MICHAEL BUSETH AGENCY

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Michael Buseth, Insurance Professional

Michael Buseth Agency offers auto, home, life, and business insurance products with great rates and local service.

SPORT SPECIALTIES

111 45th Ave NE • PO Box 430 • Minot, ND 58702 • 844-887-1434 • Fax: 888-392-0290

Email: kim@sportsspecialtiesminot.com • Web page: www.sportsspecialtiesminot.com

Kim Connole, Business Manager • Joel Lochtowe, General Manager

Sport Specialties is a motor sports business, carrying the Yamaha brand and Starcraft marine products with Yamaha outboard motors. Sport Specialties also offers service, parts and accessories.

Save the Date: Business After Hours

Wednesday, October 4 • 5 – 7 p.m.

Y's Men's Rodeo – Upper Atrium ND State Fair Center

Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership through Aug. 24, 2017. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

AT & T Wireless	Magic City Garage Door & Awning	Olson & Burns, P.C.
Bishop Ryan Catholic School	Main Electric Construction, Inc.	Outback Autobody, Inc.
Boot Barn	Margie's Art Glass Studio	Paradise Spas & Motorsports
Broadway Family Dentistry	Microtel Inn & Suites	Park University
Candlewood Suites	Minot AFB Homes	Preferred Travel Inc.
Coca-Cola Bottling Company	Minot Health & Rehab	Professional Answering Service, Inc.
High Country	Minot Lumber & Hardware, Inc.	Rehab Services, Inc.
Country Inn & Suites	Minot Public Library	Sherwin-Williams Company
Ebenezer's Eatery & Irish Pub	Montessori of Minot	Sierra Inn Minot
Edgewood Minot Senior Living, LLC	Mouse River Players	Sons of Norway
Excavating Inc.	Community Theatre	SpartanNash
Faith United Methodist Church	North Central Research	State Farm Insurance - Paul Siebert
Freedom Financial Group	Extension Center	Superior Auto Repair
Headquarters Styling Salon	North Country Mercantile	The UPS Store
Holiday Inn Riverside and Convention Center	Northern Brake Service	US Bank
Home Sweet Home	Northland PACE	Zaback Wealth Management
Independence, Inc.	Off the Vine, LLC	
Lutheran Social Services of ND	OfficeMax	

Minot Air Force Base Updates:

TF 21 gears up for DC symposium, modernization of weapons systems

Good news was in abundance the week Aug. 21. For the first time in over 35 years the nation's strategic weapons systems are under contract for modernization. The Air Force on Monday announced that the Boeing Co. and Northrup Grumman Systems Corp. were awarded contracts for the ground-based strategic deterrent system which will replace the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile system, operated by the 91 Missile Wing. Then on Aug. 23, the Air Force announced that Lockheed Martin Corp. and Raytheon Co. were awarded con-

tracts for the development of a new nuclear cruise missile for the nation's bomber fleet, which includes the B-52 which is flown by the 5th Bomb Wing.

This good news came in the midst of planning for the sixth Symposium sponsored by Task Force 21 which focuses on nuclear Triad issues. On Sept. 28 in Washington, D.C., TF 21 will host an unclassified forum entitled "The Nuclear Deterrent Enterprise Going Forward: Challenges and Opportunities." Currently, there are 205 registrants for the event with a waiting list of over 30 who also wish to attend. Featured speak-

ers include: Gen Robert Kehler, former Commander, US STRATCOM; Lt Gen Jack Weinstein, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration; Vice Admiral Terry Benedict, Director, Navy Strategic Systems Programs; North Dakota Senators John Hoeven and Heidi Heitkamp, and Congressman Kevin Cramer. Look for a wrap up of the Symposium and other TF 21 activities in the monthly Chamber Communicator.

Women Connect event offers constructive feedback training Sept. 13

Women in leadership are faced with a gamut of situations in which genuine constructive feedback becomes difficult. If you are assertive with a woman, they may find you too aggressive, you may find yourself not being able to be as assertive with a man because he dominates the conversation, or possibly you're a younger leader not being able to find the words that will resonate with a more tenured employee.

The Center for Technology and Business, Women Connect, and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce present "Women in Leadership: The Dreaded Feedback" Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Arlene Theater, 115 1st St. SE, Minot, ND.

Research shows that feedback is critical for leaders and that creating a culture of feedback is key to a team's

success. Teams who receive feedback in a positive, supportive way will strive to continue to do well. At this Women Connect event, three dimensions of giving and receiving feedback will arm participants with key strategies to use in constructive conversations.

Panelists include Kelli Flermo, Minot fire chief; Erin Thuner, Pospishil and Associates clinical social worker/therapist; Kevin Kautzmann, Kum & Go district supervisor; Janice Katin, Affinity First Federal Credit Union CEO; and Lance Enget, Purina Animal Nutrition and Dale Carnegie.

To register, visit the Chamber [web-site](#). Go to September 13 on the Chamber Calendar and sign up with your username and password. Cost is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. Call 852-6000 for more information.

NEW LOCATION: Coffee with the President



Don't miss out on your chance to visit with your Chamber President. This month, John MacMartin — along with members of the Young Professionals — will be available at Broadway Bean & Bagel for some coffee and conversation.

Maybe you want to learn more about the Chamber or simply voice your concerns, gratitude, or provide some ideas. We hope you will stop by!

**Thursday, Sept. 20
1:30 p.m.
Broadway Bean
& Bagel
1701 S. Broadway**

July Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in August 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 Inn



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Trinity Health



GABBIE RENNOLDS
Scheels



BRITTANY PEERY
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Trinity Homes



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Trinity Homes



JOANN MOSSER
Trinity Homes



KYLENE ASKVIG
Bremer Bank



TERRY AANNERUD
SRT Communications, Inc.



KATHY BEETER
Trinity Health

Sertoma Beer Fest tickets on sale now

Tickets for Beer Fest, an annual event sponsored by the Minot Sertoma Club, are now on sale at Visit Minot. The event will be held Friday, Sept. 8, at the State Fair Center, and begins at 6 p.m. The evening will provide attendees with a tasting test of some of the best. Tickets are \$40 each in advance or a table of eight can be purchased for \$280; tickets are \$45 at the door.

Admission gets you free food, including brats, pulled pork, chips and coleslaw door prizes and a raffle, the Sertoma Saloon, snacks, a cash bar and fun! Proceeds will be used to benefit the hearing and speech initiatives of the Minot Sertoma Club.

For more information about Beer Fest or sponsorship opportunities, call Tawnya Bernsdorf at 240-3789.

Motor Magic speeds into Minot Sept. 1 - 3

The North Dakota State Fairgrounds will host Motor Magic, Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1-3 in Minot. The largest motorsports event in the Upper Midwest, Motor Magic provides entertainment for auto enthusiasts of all ages. Drag racing on the Magic City International Dragway will kick off the motor mayhem on Friday, Sept. 1 at 5 p.m., with races also starting at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 2 and 3. The North Dakota State Fair Grandstand will host an Enduro race on Friday at 7 p.m., and Sprint Car racing on Saturday and Sunday will begin at 5 p.m. Motor enthusiasts can visit the historic military vehicle display, the Dakota Cruisers Car Show, or even bid on one of the more

than 100 classic cars at the Motor Magic Classic Car Auction. New this year, kids and adults alike will be able to enjoy racing of a different style. A fairgrounds favorite, Daryl's Racing Pigs, will be set up for races throughout each day. Watch as these cute piggies compete to cross the finish line.

For a full schedule of events, visit www.motormagic.net/schedule. Admission to the North Dakota State Fairgrounds is free with major events priced separately. Take advantage of our free RV parking, or plug into electricity for just \$20 a night. For more information, visit www.motormagic.net or call 857-7620.

Schools.com says Minot is #4 of the 25 best college towns of 2017

Minot is featured among [the 25 best college towns](#) of 2017. The team from Schools.com ranked 170 college towns in the U.S. with populations less than 150,000 using the most recent government data. Each town was evaluated using a 20-point scale that considered factors important to

perspective college students including:

- * Median annual rent
- * Walkability data
- * Unemployment rate
- * Commute time

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This interactive workshop, learn how to use social media to harness its power in ways that directly impact the bottom line – from generating leads, content creation, to incorporating the latest social commerce tools. Corey Perlman, the president and founder of eBoot Camp, Inc., will guide you through these topics:

- Prioritizing your social media platforms
- The new rules of SEO: ways to outperform your competition on Google
- The 2017 website: mistakes that are hurting your credibility
- Written, pictures or video? how to craft content that can become all three

- The power of Facebook Live and why it needs to be part of your content strategy.
- Best practices for building fans, followers and fun on Facebook
- Instagram or Snapchat? Get clear answer and best practices for the winner.
- Resources: a list of sites to make it easy to consistently find and share compelling content.

Perlman has been in the field of digital marketing for over 15 years. He began his career with the eCommerce division of General Motors, helped build and sell a technology startup, and then started his speaking and consulting business in 2009. He's since worked with top brands such as Sysco Foods, The PGA Tour, Cox Media and The Dallas Cowboys. His latest book,

Social Media Overload, became an Amazon bestseller in every major business category. Corey's company, eBoot Camp, employs a team of highly-skilled digital marketing specialists who manage the social media accounts for over 40 companies around the world.

eBoot Camp is co-sponsored by the North Dakota Small Business Development Centers and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Cost is \$75 per person, with no refunds after Oct. 6. Register today by visiting www.minotchamber.org, clicking on October 11 on the Chamber calendar, then signing up with your user name and password.

Support your local businesses by buying local

*by L. John MacMartin,
Chamber President*

If you watch just a little TV it isn't long before you are bombarded with ads that suggest you don't need to leave home to order "stuff" for your pets, groceries to prepare a meal, the



devices to prepare that meal and much more. What happened to getting out and exploring your community?

Do you know that there is at least one pet store to which you can be accompanied by your pet? You can buy that pet toys, food and more. We have a number of traditional grocery stores, ethnic grocery stores and even a grocery store offering mainly organic foods. And then there is the kitchen store where you can buy almost any item imaginable to plan, prepare, cook and serve anything from a snack to a multi-course gourmet meal.

Where am I going you ask? Well I hope it is obvious. I want to remind you to unplug from your electronic device and get out, explore, and BUY LOCAL.

Buying local should give you the

entire experience where most of your senses are used, whether you are shopping for groceries, clothing or any number of other items you have decided you can't live without. In the grocery store you may smell the bread and the earthiness of the produce – even get damp when the water mister turns on to keep it fresh. If you have never taken your pet shopping, you are in for a real treat. Walk the aisles and let the pet take it all in. If you aren't careful there are bins with toys and treats right at their level and the pets will fill your basket. And I'm sure you know, you will get the chance to stand and visit with someone you haven't seen for quite some time.

In addition to the experience, there is the economic side to buying local. Let's not focus on a single store but look at a snapshot of transactions. You walk into a store and purchase some items and pay the customer service person on your way out of the store. Those dollars you spent let the owner pay for the items you purchased and pay the employees a salary and a variety of benefits. You repeat this process at a number of stores throughout the community. When all of those employees get paid, they repeat the process of

spending their hard-earned cash throughout the community too.

Each and every one of those transactions also generated a few pennies of sales tax on each dollar spent. The local governments use the sales tax to reduce property tax, pay for needed infrastructure and expand the economy and improve quality of life. Buying local really does so much more than one imagines.

The online purchase does none of that. You place the order, without using any of your senses except for sight. Money is taken from your account electronically and a box shows up at your door. The occasional one-off purchase is not the problem. The problem is you begin to create a habit. A habit of using your electronic device instead of buying local. And when the habits of everyone increase, then the local owner has less money to pay for inventory and to pay the employees. Cuts in hours or entire jobs occur and they have less or no money to spend to get life's necessities.

So, next time you pick up that electronic device to order online, stop, unplug, venture into the community, and buy local.

First Dollar of Profit

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.



El Azteca: 2035 North Broadway • Minot, ND 58703 • 701-837-0290 • Griselda Enriquez, Owner

Chamber Ambassadors presented El Azteca with the First Dollar of Profit Award. El Azteca offers authentic Mexican fast food on the go. Ingredients are always fresh to make sure customers get the best tacos, burritos, tamales and more.



Green Brothers Landscaping & Construction: P.O. Box 3513 • Minot, ND 58702 • 852-6135 • Email: GreenBrothers1@icloud.com

Chamber Ambassadors presented Green Brothers Landscaping & Construction with a First Dollar of Profit Award. Green Brothers offers dirt work, tilling, seeding, excavation, flat concrete work, snow contracts, foundation drainage work, and rock work at your service.

First Dollar of Profit

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

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

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



Volz Vintage Garden: 1107 N. Broadway • Minot, ND 58703 • 818-2746 • Email: volzvintagegarden@gmail.com

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Volz Vintage Garden has a little something for everyone, including a large selection of mini gardens and plants to choose from, as well as homemade gifts for that special someone.

Norsk Høstfest celebrates 40 years of pure Scandimonium

When Chester Reiten and early supporters determined that Minot needed an event to celebrate Scandinavian heritage, they couldn't have dreamed of where Norsk Høstfest would be today.

According to his son, David Reiten, Chester's interest began when he found letters in Norwegian to his family in the old country from the late 1800s and early 1900s. He was instantly curious, so he enlisted a translator and sent a letter to their city in hopes of finding any living relatives. Chester was successful and he began correspondence with his relatives living in Norway. From that point on, Chester wanted "everyone to take great pride in their ancestry and celebrate it," said David, who's taken after his father and now serves as the Norsk Høstfest president.

The first Høstfest was set up as a fall festival where local churches and other groups would bring Scandinavian food and crafts to sell. Duane Brekke, Høstfest board member, remembers when his parents attended the very first Høstfest at the All Seasons Arena. They represented the Sons of Norway lodge in Simcoe. The ladies of the lodge would make Norwegian delicacies like lefse, rømmegrøt and sandbakkels. "They were so excited, they were like high school girls getting ready for a tournament," Brekke said.

From there, with the help of many dedicated volunteers under Chet's leadership, the festival has continued to grow each year. "It continues to evolve," said Reiten. "It's been a fun process because we involve everybody from the people who come to

the people in charge of the halls. We figure out what should change, what should stay and what should be added. The evolution is a really positive thing for Høstfest."

Brekke was friends with Chester from the start and saw the evolution first hand. "When we started the General Store, they focused on bringing Scandinavian cheese to the attendees," said Brekke.

"We'd cut little samples to give to people and got them to taste it. Jarlsberg was the biggest one that caught on," Brekke continued. "I talked to the Marketplace Manager in casual conversation and learned that the introduction of Scandinavian cheese to our area made a tremendous difference in their inventory. By sampling, we really made a difference."

Cheese sales aren't the only impact Norsk Høstfest has had on the Minot area. Over the years, Schatz Crossroads started selling lutefisk during Høstfest. Home of Economy started selling more skillets to cook lefse and now even hosts lefse bake-offs in conjunction with the event.

"We had great leaders from the beginning," said Brekke. "And wonderful volunteers who matched people with the right jobs. Chester told everyone what to do. He was a little forceful, but a terrific leader. Volunteers responded well to him."

The one-day fall festival has now grown to an all-encompassing four-day festival experience at the North Dakota State Fair Center. But the planning team has never lost their do-it-yourself attitude.

In earlier years, Brekke's father, Sam Brekke, handcrafted a Viking ship that filled the length of the stage and Duane's wife, Jeanne Brekke, painted it. She also painted the trolls you'll still see throughout the festival.

Becky Piehl coordinates the decorating each year and it takes two to three weeks of volunteer work to transform the

North Dakota State Fair Center into a Scandinavian wonderland.

"I give Becky a big heads up for how well she decorates the place each year," said Brekke. "At the beginning, we'd go in the day before, dust off the chairs and tables and go to work. The first year, people even brought their own tables!"

The mission of the event has remained constant, but some of the logistics have changed. According to Reiten, the most notable changes in recent years include adding Viking Village, renting additional venue space to support more exhibits, upgrading Høstfest University and recruiting Scandinavian acts.

Main stage performers include The Oak Ridge Boys, Celtic Thunder, Amy Grant, Jeff Dunham, Joe Diffie and John Michael Montgomery, The Doobie Brothers, Little River Band, Gary Allan and Josh Turner.

Performing on the free stages are: Dale Watson, Mollie B, Ricky Nelson Remembered, Bjørø Haaland, Williams & Ree, The European Highwaymen, Ingvar Olsen, Soulshine, Western Senators, Henrik Bothe, Ringling 5, Auntie Kreamsaugen, Trio Larsson, Ryan Keplin as Fiddling Lefty, Dakota Drifters, Swedish Fiddlers, Jenta O'Ja, Country Gentlemen, Millie & Glenn, Skålmusik, Wayne Faust, Ragnarøkk, The Sundrops, Telge Glima, Hunky Dory Scandinavian All-Stars, Swedes in the Weeds, Ingrid Utler, Sigrun and Helgi, Jardar Johansen, Daniel Starks, Kip Peltoniemi, Skandi Ski Fantasy, Høstfest Accordion Club, Magic Tap Cloggers, Tim Eggebraaten, Gordy Linquist as "Crazy Fingers", Western Plains Children's Choir, J-M-B Band, Uffda I Ate It All Eating Contest, Bunad Style Show, Scandinavian Antiques Show & Tell, and many more.

Besides great entertainment, Norsk Høstfest will spotlight Scandinavian culture, artisan crafts, Nordic shopping, nightly dances, and of course, great authentic Scandinavian cuisine.

When you combine a dream with some hard work and fantastic people, anything is possible — even 40 years of Scandimonium and the title of North America's largest Scandinavian festival!

To learn more, [visit hostfest.com](http://visit.hostfest.com) or call 852-2368.



#Throwback Thursday to send participants down memory lane

Honor your history with the Showcase of Business “#Throwback Thursday — Minot Memories,” set for Thursday, Nov. 16 at the ND State Fair Center Magic Place from 5 to 8 p.m.

Businesses decorate around this theme while showcasing products and services to nearly 1,000 attendees. Celebrate the roots of your business or a memory of a business you really liked. Remember the Skatium or Piggly Wiggly, or maybe Kings Food Host or Empire Theate?

The Chamber Ambassadors started the Showcase 27 years ago as a major fundraiser for the Chamber. Today, that function is as

important as it was 27 years ago. Business sponsorships help provide the financial backing for the Showcase, in addition to ensuring that the event continues as a Chamber fundraiser. The top two sponsorships will be recognized on fliers and media:

- Platinum Sponsor: \$1,000, includes three 10x10 booths at choice location, along with 30 admission tickets, and one quarter-page ad. (Six available)
- Gold Sponsor: \$500, includes two 10x10 booths at choice location, along with 20 admission tickets. (Ten available)

Single booths are also an option at \$175 for a 10x10 or \$275 for a 15x15 booth. All

booths include one eight-foot table with paper tablecloths and two chairs. Power outlets are available, but please bring your own extension cord. Plan for overhead lights that are dimmed in the evening.

Booth participants are also encouraged to offer a giveaway, and the winners will be announced at the end of the evening. Those attending enjoy the chance at door prizes, including a trip from Delta Vacations valued at \$1600 and a Minot weekend package for two from Showcase of Business. Sign up today. Go to www.minotchamber.org, click on November 16 on the calendar. Use your login and password.

Donations to tool drive will help build a better community

Donations to North Dakota’s first tool library are underway and community support to build its inventory is needed. The Minot Tool Library is a free service that will loan landscaping, gardening, and home improvement tools. The Minot Public Library, the home of the tool library, will host a tool drive on its parking lot on Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Members of the public are invited to contribute tools in good work-

ing condition and free of rust. Charitable donation receipts are available.

Developed in partnership with the Resilience AmeriCorps VISTAs and the Minot Public Library, the Minot Tool Library seeks to provide local residents with the proper tools and workshops needed for making improvements or modifications to their residence. The tool library will be open to Minot Public Library patrons. The process

to become a patron is a simple one; to obtain a library card, present photo identification and proof of residence to a staff member at the Minot Public Library.

“Libraries are about more than just books and the tool library is just another step the Minot Public Library is taking to meet the needs of our community,” said Janet Anderson, library director.



MORTGAGES: EXPERIENCE MATTERS



615 South Broadway
Minot, ND 58701
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townandcountry.org



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Jill Lohnes
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NMLS# 757152

Renata Buen
701.420.6727
NMLS# 789467

Here's what Minot Area Chamber of Commerce committees will learn about this month:

September 8:

Infrastructure Committee

7:30 a.m. – Homesteaders Restaurant

The group will hear from Brad Haugeberg, CHS SunPrairie on their infrastructure investments in our region and in the future.

September 15:

Governmental Affairs Committee

11:30 a.m. – Vegas Motel

Brian Kroshus, the newest commissioner at the Public Service Commission. In addition to introducing himself as the new commissioner, his presentation will focus on energy infrastructure and the role the PSC plays in regulating it.

September 28: Energy Committee

11:30 a.m. – Vegas Motel (Check the chamber calendar on our website for the topic of this meeting.)

Citizens Public Safety Academy begins in September

The purpose of the Citizens Public Safety Academy is to involve members of the public with the duties of their fire and police departments in a hands-on learning environment. Attendees participate in a wide range of classes and activities showing them how their firefighters and police officers serve the public by combining academic instruction, discussion, and practical exercises in a fun environment. Any interested resident in the Minot or Ward County area who is 18 years of age or older at the time of the application may participate. Applicants must consent to a background check in order to be considered for participation. Applicants with some negative history are NOT automatically disqualified. If interested, please apply.

The Academy lasts for eight weeks, meeting each Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m., from Sept. 5, 2017 through Oct. 24, 2017.

The first four meetings of the Academy, attendees join with the fire department. The remaining four meetings are with the police department. Additionally, attendees have the option of individually scheduling a ride-along with the police department's patrol division at a mutually agreeable time.

Applications can be printed out from the Minot Police Department [website](#). Applications can also be mailed or emailed to applicants. Direct questions to Senior Officer Aaron Moss at the Police Department by email at: aaron.moss@minotnd.org or call 857-9823.



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Minot Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon at AT & T's new location, where they have the first of its kind prototype store design in the nation. AT & T is excited to join the Minot community with all their communication and entertainment needs!



Caleb's Clubhouse: 1308 4th Ave. NW • Minot, ND 58703 • 701-852-2532 (85-CALEB) • cchminot.org
Sharon Schmidt, Executive Director

Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors celebrated with representatives of Caleb's Clubhouse, as they prepare to open the first inclusive program center in North Dakota offering a unique preschool and after-school program for children of all abilities with a sensory gym onsite. The mission of Caleb's Clubhouse is to love and encourage all children.

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City of Minot - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Water Treatment Plant:

The Chamber Ambassadors and dignitaries from all levels of government cut the ribbon to dedicate the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program-Water Treatment Plant flood protection project. Mayor Chuck Barney was joined by U.S. Sen. John Hoeven, U.S. Rep. Kevin Cramer, FEMA Region VIII Risk Analysis Branch Chief Ryan Pietramali, NDDES Disaster Recovery Chief Cody Schulz and others in marking the end of a flood protection project that will provide permanent protection to prevent floods from impacting the Minot Water Treatment Plant. The ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the end of a two-year construction project, after an 18-month design period.



Tires Only, Inc.: 8201 4th Ave. NE • Minot, ND 58703 • 701-852-5080 • 701-839-3512

Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors celebrated the opening of Tires Only new facility. Tires Only is a tire wholesaler supplying tires to Minot and the surrounding areas, including South Dakota, Minnesota, and Montana. Established in 1993, Tires Only outgrew their original location after enduring the 2011 flood. The new 63,800 square foot facility will allow a better selection and service to customers.

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City of Minot's fire protection rating improves to Class 2

The City of Minot's fire protection rating, a national insurance industry risk rating of a municipality's structural fire suppression delivery system, has been raised to a Class 2 by the Insurance Services Office.

The change takes effect Dec. 1. The change not only means that the Minot Fire Department's level of fire protection service has improved, according to the ISO analysis, but it could also mean lower property insurance rates for homeowners and business owners within Minot.

"The news of the lower rating is exciting for the city, as well as for personnel at the Minot Fire Department, the dispatch center and the water department," said Minot Fire Chief Kelli Flermo. "This was not an overnight task, as our personnel had to work hard to keep up standards, adjust to changes with operating procedures, and update information in all areas of fire protection in the city."

ISO rates municipalities on a scale of 1 to 10. An ISO Class 10 rating is considered the least effective structural fire suppression delivery system while an ISO Class 1 rating is the most effective from an insurance analysis perspective. ISO ratings play an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies, according to Flermo. Most U.S. insurers use these ratings as part of their decision-making process when considering coverages and pricing for personal or commercial property insurance.

Of 46,042 fire departments inspected nationwide, only 241 achieved a Class 1 ISO rating. Minot joins just 1,324 other fire departments in the nation that have achieved a Class 2 rating.

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

Community Wish List grant opportunity

Together, United Community Bank of ND and the Minot Area Community Foundation have opened applications for their Community Wish List grant opportunity. The purpose of this program is to help support non-profit organizations in providing new and unique events and programs to the Minot community and surrounding areas. The goal is to help fund new programs that improve the quality of life for families and individuals living in the Minot area.

Applications for community events or projects will be accepted until 5pm on Friday, Sept. 15. Following this deadline, three applicants will be chosen and promoted on United Community Bank's Facebook page, giving the opportunity for community members to vote. The organization with the most votes via Facebook will be awarded a grant in the amount of \$2500. The remaining finalists will have an opportunity to be provided with funding from the Minot Area Community Foundation.

Application requirements include:

- Must be a new program, event or new equipment benefitting or established by a non-profit organization.
- Event or program must benefit a community within 50 miles of Minot.
- Grant applications must be received no later than 5pm, Friday, September 15. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Organizations who have been a previous winner or finalist are welcome to apply but the program/event submitted must be new to applying for the grant.

To fill out the application found on the United Community Bank website, www.ucbnd.com, or Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ucbnorthdakota. Hard copies of the application can also be found at the Minot United Community

Bank location and at the Minot Area Community Foundation office.

For additional information contact Jennifer Hubrig with United Community Bank at 839-3500 or orjhubrig@ucbnd.com with any questions.

Ackerman-Estvold announces Dylan Weber, EI, as civil engineer

Dylan Weber, EI, has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as a full-time civil engineer. Weber earned a bachelor of science in civil engineering from North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND. He has worked in the Minot office as a seasonal intern since 2013. Weber joined the water resources team and will serve clients throughout western North Dakota.



Dylan Weber

Ackerman-Estvold's Anderson earns professional license

Ackerman-Estvold is pleased to announce that Ryan Anderson, AIA, NCARB, recently earned his Montana and Minnesota architecture licenses from their respective Boards of Registration. Anderson has over 13 years of architecture industry experience and has been with Ackerman-Estvold for nearly two years serving as senior architect in the Minot office. His work includes project management, building code studies, cost estimating, project development, construction drawings and specifications, and construction administration throughout the region. Anderson earned a bachelor of architecture degree and a bachelor of science degree in environmental design from North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND.

Member Business Briefs

Country Inn & Suites earns awards

The Country Inn & Suites by Carlson, Minot, ND, was presented with a 2016 Country Inns & Suites President's Award, as well as the 2016 Be Our Guest Award. The President's Award is presented to the hotels that achieved top scores in guest satisfaction as measured by guest feedback for cleanliness and consistency in meeting (and often exceeding) the brand's product quality standards. The Be Our Guest Award is presented for hotels with the highest guest satisfaction ratings. Jeffrey Freund, senior vice president for Country Inns & Suites by Carlson, presented the awards to Cheryl L. Stanley, general manager of the Minot facility.

Stanley noted that she as "pleased to accept" the awards "on behalf of everyone on my staff in Minot. Their hard work and dedication to our hotel and the Country Inn & Suites by Carlson brand make" these awards possible. "We appreciate our guests for their many reviews and comments," said Stanley.



First Western offers staff updates

Dawn Ystaas has accepted the role of chief financial officer at First Western Bank & Trust. Ystaas graduated from the University of North Dakota with a major in accounting, and then worked as a bank examiner for six years. Ystaas worked for a financial institution before coming to First Western Bank & Trust for nearly 10 years as the chief risk officer. She has participated in Junior Achievement and Women United Little Black Dress Campaign. Ystaas joined the bank in December 2016 as vice president of project management.



Dawn Ystaas

Ron Rauschenberger has joined the Board of Directors of First Western Bank & Trust. Rauschenberger resides in Bismarck. He served as chief of staff for Governor John Hoeven and Governor Jack Dalrymple, and most recently, was special advisor to Governor Burgum. He retired from public service and has started a consulting business.



Ron Rauschenberger

Rauschenberger has been active as a director on the ND Development Fund, Souris Basin Revolving Loan Fund, Minot Magic Fund representing rural

communities, ND Retailers Association and GNDA. First Western Bank and Trust is pleased to have him join the board.

First Western Bank & Trust earns safer .BANK web domain

In order to better serve its customers, First Western Bank & Trust announced its adoption of a new online domain, www.FirstWestern.Bank. Moving from a .COM to a .BANK allows customers peace of mind that their information is protected at the highest level of security in our increasingly connected world. It is an easily identifiable channel for trusted communication between banks and their customers.

Since the .BANK domain is exclusive to the banking industry, it provides unmatched protection compared to traditional internet environments by requiring banks to meet enhanced levels of security.

"We are delighted to adopt .BANK for our internet operations and be one of the first in North Dakota to do so," said Brenda Foster, First Western Bank & Trust President. "The increased value of FirstWestern.Bank enables us to build a high-trust environment for our customers to better protect them from cybercrime attacks."

In addition, First Western Insurance, the division of First Western Bank & Trust that manages insurance policies, has earned the .INSURANCE domain and is moving to the new online domain, www.FirstWestern.Insurance.

An advertisement for Lignite. It features a background image of a man with glasses speaking. Overlaid on the image is large yellow text that reads 'RARELY DO 8 OUT OF 10 VOTERS AGREE ON ANYTHING'. Below this, in white text, is 'Find out what 84% of North Dakotans want for the Future'. At the bottom, the website 'www.lignite.com' is displayed in white. The Lignite logo is in the bottom right corner.

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Elite Real Estate agents and brokers earn designations and certifications

A number of Elite Real Estate agents/brokers have earned designations. Additionally, new agents have joined the team.

Elite Real Estate agents Corey Harvey and Curt Guss each received their North Dakota Real Estate Broker license.

Elite's new agents are Michael Buseth, Tiffanie Finstrom, and Jessica Morey. Experienced agents that joined the Elite Real Estate Family are Angela Olson and Stephanie Edwards.

Agents Jennifer Cook and Neil Gush earned the the Military Relocation Professional (MRP) certification. The MRP certification program educates REALTORS® about working with current and former U.S. service members and their families to find housing solutions that best suit their needs while taking full advantage of available benefits and support.

Broker Carl Lade earned his Short Sales and Foreclosure

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Dakota Hope fundraising banquet set for Sept. 18

Twin brothers who became the center of a national media firestorm when they refused to compromise their Christian principles are the featured speakers at this year's sixth annual Dakota Hope Clinic fundraising banquet Monday, Sept. 18, at the Holiday Inn Riverside.

In 2014, David and Jason Benham drew the attention of national media due to their business success. HGTV offered them a reality show that was set to air that fall. But the show was abruptly cancelled because of the Benham brothers' commitment to Biblical values. The brothers immediately found themselves in the midst of a media firestorm because they refused to back down under the pressure. CNN, Fox News, ESPN, ABC's Nightline and Good Morning America all covered the controversy. The Benhams tell their story in the book they wrote, *Whatever The Cost*. They are also the authors of *Living Among Lions*. These identical twins feel blessed to have done everything together, from both of them playing professional baseball to building a business empire and even living on the same street in North Carolina with their wives and nine combined children. Learn more about their ministry at www.benhambrothers.com.

"They are spiritually challenging, inspiring and really funny all at the same time," says Dakota Hope Clinic Board Member Marsha Rogne, who met the brothers and

heard them speak at a conference. "We feel fortunate to have them as our keynote speakers this year."

DHC Director Nadia Smetana said the banquet is the clinic's largest fundraising activity. Limited to adults only, the evening includes a complimentary dinner funded by sponsors. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the event begins at 6:30. There is no charge, but those who attend will be offered the opportunity to make a financial gift. To plan accordingly, reservations are required. Please RSVP by Sept. 4 to dakotahope@minot.com or call 701-852-4675.

Domestic Violence Crisis Center Wins KK BOLD's "Step Up!" Contest

The Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Minot, ND, has won the KK BOLD Step Up! community service contest and will receive up to \$15,000 in free creative services from the marketing firm.

Domestic Violence Crisis Center was selected through a public nomination and voting process. Non-profit/not-for-profit organizations in Bismarck/Mandan or Minot, N.D., (KK BOLD's key in-state service areas) or those with statewide missions were eligible to win.

"Our team is excited about the opportunity to work with the Domestic Violence Crisis Center," said LaRoy Kingsley, KK BOLD president. "We're looking forward to our new role in helping the center stop the cycle of violence."

This is the third time the advertising agency has invited public participation in a Step Up! community service project. The nomination process began on July 18, 2017, and 44 nominations were received. The KK BOLD team narrowed the field to six finalists; public voting on KK BOLD's website and Facebook page ended at midnight Aug. 14, 2017.

"Our thanks to everyone who participated in the Step Up! nomination and voting process," said Kingsley. "There are so many ways to give back to others, and each of the organizations that were nominated is an inspiration to all of us at KK BOLD."

In addition to the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, the finalists were:

- * North Dakota Head Start Association, Fargo
- * Charles Hall Youth Services, Bismarck
- * Gateway to Science, Bismarck
- * Community Action Program/Backpacks for Kids, Bismarck
- * Triangle Y Camp, Garrison

In addition to the services provided to the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, for the first time, KK BOLD is offering brief consultative services to the finalists who came in second and third in the voting. These agencies are the North Dakota Head Start Association and Charles Hall Youth Services.

For updates on the agency's work for the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, follow KK BOLD on Facebook at facebook.com/kkbold.

Registration open for Strengthen ND's Nonprofit Certificate Program

Registration is now open for Strengthen ND's Nonprofit Certificate Program, which is hosted in partnership with Minot State University. Limited to 15 participants annually, the Nonprofit Certificate Program is meant to serve as a learning opportunity for nonprofit professionals, board members, and volunteers.

Strengthen ND and Minot State leverage the expertise of professionals within the area to facilitate program sessions featuring topics of nonprofit management, including board governance, finance basics, human resources, grant seeking and grant writing, marketing and public relations, fundraising, strategic planning, and action planning.

"The intent of the Nonprofit Certificate Program is to provide an opportunity for nonprofit professionals and volunteers to learn the basics of nonprofit management," remarked Megan Laudenschlager, Executive Director of Strengthen ND. "Through the small group atmosphere provided, we are able to create an intimate network of professionals committed to bettering themselves and their organizations."

The Nonprofit Certificate Program will meet monthly from 8:00 a.m. to noon for six months beginning October 4th, 2017. The cost to attend is \$300 per person, which includes all materials. To register, interested individuals can contact Megan Laudenschlager at Strengthen ND at (701) 303-0840 or megan@strengthennd.com.

More information about Strengthen ND and the Nonprofit Certificate Program can be found at www.StrengthenND.com.

Trinity receives refinancing approval

Trinity Health received authority today from the Ward County Board of Commissioners to issue up to \$63 million in Health Care Revenue Bonds as a first step toward financing a new hospital and medical park in southwest Minot. The majority of the tax-exempt bonds would be used to refinance existing debt. The rest would go toward funding preliminary work on the project, including site preparation and construction planning.

Trinity President/CEO John M. Kutch said the proposal is the first of two bond issuances that will provide financial support for the healthcare complex in combination with operating funds and private philanthropy. He said the aim of this first issuance is to take advantage of favorable market conditions in refinancing old debt.

"This is an opportunity to secure a lower interest rate on current debt prior to securing financing for the new hospital," Kutch noted. "Our priority is to be good stewards of our resources - to offer the best care for the best value, so it makes fiscal sense to take this approach."

He said Trinity Health has made a concerted effort these past several months to proceed deliberately and thoughtfully in planning the facility to make sure the project is done right. Designs for the project have been refined with the goal of delivering exceptional care at the most reasonable cost. Kutch says the process has resulted in better plans for patient flow, increased use of space and natural light, and decreased project expenses.

"As a mission-based, non-profit organization, we exist to provide the region a stable, viable, and sustainable care system that will serve our communities with high quality services for decades to come. It's important to ensure that a building project of this magnitude supports the future model of how healthcare will be delivered."

Trinity Health is making refinements to the project which could impact the final price, and expects to know more about

that number within the next two months. Yates, the project manager, is working with local and regional contractors over the next several weeks to acquire more details and tighter estimates for that financing package to be completed.

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

Trinity offers nurse residency program

Trinity Health is pleased to announce the implementation of a nurse residency program to support newly graduated nurses as they transition from an educational environment to a fast-paced hospital setting.

Chief Nursing Officer Karen Zimmerman says the program is part of Trinity's commitment to promote nursing excellence and meet the demand for nurses in the region.

"The real world of nursing can be overwhelming," Zimmerman said. "No matter how well-trained you are you can still feel challenged by all the responsibility and decision-making. We've supported nurse graduates in the past with mentoring programs; now, nurse residency will exceed those efforts by supporting new RNs with a comprehensive learning environment that builds critical-thinking skills and gets their career off to a good start."

In seeking out residency options, Trinity chose the Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency Program™, a one-year course accredited by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The only such program in North Dakota, Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency is utilized by over 300 hospitals and health systems nationwide.

Zimmerman says the program emphasizes hands-on experience, a robust curriculum, and a supportive learning environment where participants gain knowledge from each other. "They'll learn

alongside the same cohort of peers throughout the program, so they'll all benefit from the collaboration and teamwork that emerge over the course of their residency," she said. "What I especially liked about the program is that it emphasizes evidence-based practices that focus on clinical outcomes, which not only helps participating nurses but also our patients."

According to Zimmerman, hospitals that have implemented the residency program have seen reductions in nursing turnover and have experienced a positive impact on patient safety and quality of care.

For more information about the program, visit Trinity's website at trinity-health.org/nursing or call Danica Schaefer at 857-2352.

Nordquist promoted to shareholder

Brady Martz & Associates is pleased to announce the promotion of Tina Nordquist to shareholder, effective Oct. 1, 2017.

Nordquist began her career as an accountant at age 10, when she started helping with inventory counts and book-keeping at her parents' business. After graduating from the University of North Dakota in 2004, she spent two and a half years in Minneapolis working for an accounting firm. For



Tina Nordquist

the past 10 years Nordquist has worked at Brady Martz in a variety of capacities. She became the director of audit and accounting in 2015. Her specialties include quality control, outsourced CFO services, construction, not-for-profits and oil and gas. Nordquist is a Certified Public Accountant and belongs to the American Institute of CPA's.

For more information contact Rae Schobinger at 852-0196 or rae.schobinger@bradymartz.com.



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Town & Country Credit Union staff earn CCUFC designation

Four Town & Country Credit Union employees have successfully passed the required exams and earned the designation of Certified Credit Union Financial Counselor (CCUFC). The newly designated CCUFC's include: Lisa Lysne, financial services officer; Claudie Selzler, financial services officer; Laura Bryant, member services supervisor; and Karna Taft, VP business development.

The training and coursework completed by Lisa, Claudie, Laura and Karna has provided them with

the knowledge to confidently guide members through financial situations, ultimately helping members reach their financial goals. "Our mission is to build trusted financial relationships through personalized service. Trained financial counselors,

that can provide members with financial expertise, is key to fulfilling that mission," commented Darrell Olson, President and CEO.

The credit union will now have seven employees who have earned the CCUFC designation. "Having employees who are Certified Credit Union Financial Counselors reaffirms our commitment to helping members gain control of their financial future." Olson added.

The Certified Credit Union Financial Counselor designation is provided by the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Financial Counseling Certification Program (FiCEP).



Lisa Lysne



Claudie Selzler



Laura Bryant



Karna Taft

Minot Area Community Foundation offers food pantry challenge grant

The Minot Area Community Foundation (MACF) launched the Donation Station, a mobile trailer for giving back, in the fall of 2016. To get the Donation Station out into the community, MACF has issued a challenge grant. For every 1,000 pounds of food that is collected for Minot area food pantries using the Donation Station, The Minot Area Community Foundation's Arnold I. Besserud Fund will donate an additional \$500 to that food pantry.

The Donation Station is a mobile trailer that promotes giving back in a non-traditional way. Organizations within 30 miles of Minot can use the trailer for events and donation drives that benefit an underserved population. For this challenge grant, the drive must benefit one or more of the Minot food pantries – Our Lady of Grace, The Lord's Cupboard, and The Salvation Army. Organizations should contact these food pantries to get a better idea of what their current needs are and to set up donation drive dates.

The Food Pantry Challenge Grant will run from Aug. 1 through Dec. 31, 2017. You can book The Donation Station by contacting The Minot Area Community Foundation at 852-0646. For more information, visit the website at www.centerforcommunitygiving.com/donationstation.

Soltis named Rookie of the Year

Congratulations to Lori Soltis, Minot Board of REALTORS Rookie of the Year!

Soltis is a Brokers 12, Inc., realtor. She can be reached by calling 701-721-6455, 701-852-3757 and by email at lori@brokers12.com.



Lori Soltis

Souris Valley United Way sponsors Hole In One fundraiser in September

What would you do with a \$250,000? You could win it on Sept. 14!

Last year, Rita Bates made a hole in one and won the \$100,000 paid out by Hole in

One International. Souris Valley United Way is having the second Hole in One contest which is open to everyone, whether you are a golfer or not.

Minot Country Club has had several holes in one this year, so join us Sept. 11 - 13 from Noon to 7 p.m. to try your luck at hitting the ball in the targeted area to qualify. The final day, Sept. 14, participants will be able to qualify until 5:30 p.m. All qualifiers must return at this time for instructions on the final rounds. Proceeds will benefit the Souris Valley United Way 2017 campaign. For more information visit www.svunitedway.com.

Western Plains Opera production set for Sept. 8 and Sept. 10

Western Plains Opera Company will present Offenbach's "Orpheus in the Underworld" Friday, Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Sept. 10 at 3 p.m. at Ann Nicole Nelson Hall on the Minot State University campus.

Orpheus in the Underworld, the first of Offenbach's outrageously funny parodies of Greek mythology, is an unashamed comic version of the classic legend of Orpheus's pursuit of his wife Eurydice, who is carried off to Hades by Pluto, much to the annoyance of Jupiter. It involves nymphs, shepherds, gods and goddesses, with the fun reaching its climax in the riotous and well-known "Can-Can." This promises to be a lively and highly enjoyable show for both performers and audience, with many world-famous tunes.

Western Plains engages professional principal singers, nationally acclaimed conductors, and innovative stage directors. The remaining cast, chorus, and orchestra participants are selected among Minot State University students, Minot State University Faculty, and surrounding community members.

The conductor of the program is Maestro Efrain Amaya, current co-general director and associate professor of music at Minot State University. The stage director is Julie Wright-Costa.

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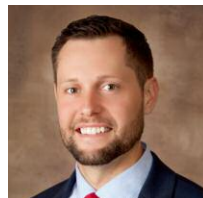
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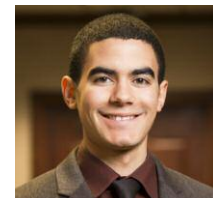
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24	25	26	27 Right Start Presentation , 11:40 a.m., MAFB Ribbon Cutting , 6 p.m., Nedrose High School, 5705 15th Ave. SE	28 Energy Committee , 11:30 a.m., Vegas Motel	29	30
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