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Members proposed for Chamber board

Nominees have been proposed for three-year terms on the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors beginning Oct. 1, 2018. They are Randy Schwan, (Trinity Health) Missy Feist Erickson (Peoples State Bank), Shannon Webster (Town & Country Credit Union), Dan Sem (Dakota Agronomy), and Tadd DeMars (FMI).

Schwan is a vice president at Trinity

Health, where he has worked since 1995. A Minot native, he had a successful law enforcement career after graduating from Minot High School, serving with agencies in Minot and Williston.

He earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Minot State University in 1993 and graduated in 1995 from the University of

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Randy Schwan
Trinity Health



**Missy Feist
Erickson**
Peoples State Bank



Shannon Webster
Town & Country
Credit Union



Dan Sem
Dakota Agronomy



Tadd DeMars
FMI

Northern Neighbors Day and Space Show set for Aug. 4

Air Force Thunderbirds headline

The Air Force Thunderbirds will headline a wide variety of aerial performers during Northern Neighbors Day Air and Space Show on Aug. 4 at the Minot Air Force Base flightline. The show will be free and open to the general public.

Gates for the airshow will open at 9 a.m. with the airshow beginning at noon. The event will also feature a variety of static displays composed of past and present military aircraft.

With security being Minot AFB's No. 1 priority, visitors will be prohibited from bringing concealed weapons, ice chests, backpacks, large bags, rollerblades, alcohol, glass containers, bicycles and

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New Members

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skateboards. These items must be left in the vehicle. Pets, with the exception of assistance or guide dogs, will not be allowed at the event.

The latest information on Northern Neighbors Day can be obtained by visiting: <https://www.minot.af.mil/airshow/> or on the Team Minot App.

Renewals

The Chamber extends a big “THANK YOU” to our members who have renewed their membership from June 27 through July 26, 2018. 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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Minnesota's Carlson School of Business with a master's in business administration.

Schwan is a past president of Minot's Sunrise Rotary and serves on a number of boards for area nonprofit and church organizations. His family includes his wife of 37 years, Lynn, their three grown children, and four grandchildren. Lynn is employed with Minot Public Schools.

Feist Erickson is vice president of Peoples State Bank in Minot, where she has worked since 2009. She is the current treasurer for the Chamber of Commerce board, and serves as a Chamber Ambassador and Junior Achievement volunteer. In the community, Feist Erickson is also the current president and a charter member of Women United, an affinity group of the United Way. She is an Advisory Board Member for Minot High School's FACS program, a member of ICBND's Emerging Leaders Development Program, and a board member appointed by the governor for the Commission on the Status of Women.

She graduated from NDSU with

degrees in business administration and fashion merchandising. In her free time, she helps her husband, Arlo, with his ranching and rodeo bull company. They have two children, Ace and Emma.

Webster is the Chief Marketing Officer at Town & Country Credit Union, a position she has held for six years.

She previously served as the Marketing Director at the North Dakota State Fair from 2008 – 2012.

Originally from Minot, Webster is a graduate of the University of North Dakota where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing and later an MBA. In July 2015, she earned the designation of Certified Credit Union Executive from the Credit Union National Association.

Webster is a member of the Minot Young Professionals and Minot Area Professional Communicators.

She and her husband, Jason, have two young children: Cole and Cora.

Dan Sem is the general manager for Dakota Agronomy Partners. He has worked for 26 years in business agriculture, including grain, agronomy and livestock.

Sem was a one-year appointee to the

Chamber board last year. In the community, he serves on area boards for Minot Hockey Boosters and Pheasants for the Future. He also serves on the Chamber's AgriBusiness Committee.

He received his college education at both Dickinson State and Minot State. He and his wife Sarah have raised three daughters in Minot.

Minot native Tadd DeMars is president at FMI (Food Management Investors). He has been with the company since 2006.

Demars was a one-year appointee to the board last year. He completed the CLI program through the Chamber of Commerce, and is also very involved in Bishop Ryan Catholic Schools, currently serving as the president of the Special Events Committee (formerly Booster Club). He graduated from Minot State University with a degree in finance. He also enjoys volunteer coaching for the many different activities in which his children are involved.

He and his wife Jody, also a Minot native, have three children: Olivia, Violet, and Leo, as well as three dogs.

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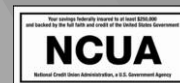
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Women United announces third annual luncheon

Join Women United members for their third Annual Luncheon on Wednesday, Aug. 22 starting at 11:30 a.m. at Grand Hotel. This informative luncheon will highlight accomplishments of Women United during this past year and a powerful message from Amy Roloff, most known for her role in her hit TLC show *Little People, BIG World*.



The challenges of having achondroplasia dwarfism and growing up between her childhood surgeries taught

her to turn “can’t” into “why not?” She believes her success comes from her faith and firm conviction that each person matters, has value and purpose – a message she is enthusiastic to share.

Visit www.svunitedway.com/wuluncheon or call the United Way office to reserve your seat for the luncheon today. Tickets are \$25 and table sponsor opportunities are available.

Missy Feist-Erickson, president of Women United, stated “Women United is an outstanding group of community women working hard to use our resources and funds to help well deserv-

ing women and organizations. I am excited see what this group of women will accomplish this year.”

Women United is an affinity group through Souris Valley United Way. The group consists of passionate women who offer their time, talent and financial resources to improve lives throughout the Souris Valley United Way service area. They exist to mobilize the power of women to advance the common good in the Minot area.

For more information or to become involved with Women United, contact Souris Valley United Way at 839-2994.

HUD approves City of Minot’s substantial amendment request

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved the City of Minot’s substantial amendment request, allowing the City to use up to \$2.5 million to acquire and demolish property plus complete site restoration for a downtown gathering space. This is the first substantial amendment approved for the 13 grantees in the National Disaster Resilience Competition.

The City can now start the required environmental review and begin several other activities, including establishing property values in order to make offers to owners of property on the site, and begin talks with the Minot Park District to establish its role in the design and construction of the project through a sub-

recipient agreement. The current preferred site for the gathering space is located east of First Street Southeast, between Central Avenue and First Avenue Southeast.

“HUD’s approval allows us to advance this project, starting by immediately launching the required environmental review, which kicked off today with a scoping session,” said John Zakian, manager of Minot’s National Disaster Resilience Program. “HUD requires us to separate the budget for the gathering space between acquisition and construction, and we’ve accomplished that with the approval of this substantial amend-

ment.”

Under HUD rules, no funds can be committed or decisions made limiting options until the environmental review is completed. The city has launched a collaborative effort which could result in positive recognition from two federal agencies, the Environmental Protection Agency and HUD, for leveraging federal grants. The city will partially fund the environmental assessment through funds in an EPA Brownfield environmental assessment grant it received two years ago and the HUD NDR grant.

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



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July Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in July 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, Rainbow Photo Lab, Anytime Fitness, and Waxing the City** for providing gift certificates for each Eagle recipient.

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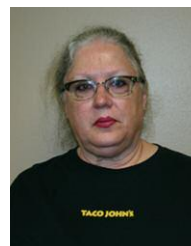
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Chamber University: WSI offers safety incentives

North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) believes that every North Dakota employee deserves a safe work environment and every employer deserves to have healthy employees. This is possible through loss control consultations, education and training, safety incentive programs, safety grants and continual focus on workplace safety by employers and employees. WSI is committed to helping employers and employees recognize and correct safety hazards to prevent workplace injuries. WSI offers the following Safety Incentive Programs (SIP):

- Safety Management Program (SMP)
 - Safety Action Menu (SAM)
- Combining the SMP and SAM

Employers are encouraged to enroll in both the SMP and SAM as the discounts of each program can be combined in the same premium period for a maximum discount of 25%. Please note that employers who wish to enroll in SMP and/or SAM must submit an application before the beginning of their premium period.

Join us for this Chamber University on Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sleep Inn & Suites. Cost is \$15 for Chamber members, \$25 for nonmembers. No refund after Aug. 27. Go to www.minotchamber.org and click on the date of Aug. 29 on the calendar to sign up today.

Ag Committee has ideal day for annual golf scramble

The annual Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble Committee could not have asked for better weather. The July 9 event featured 30 teams of four vying for Chamber Bucks, enjoying the beautiful course at the Minot Country Club, and even raising some money for local Ag related groups. The South Prairie FFA received \$480 from the sale of mulligans and the Ward County 4-H received \$250 from the chip contest. This event would not be possible without the help from our sponsors and committee members, led by Committee Chair Rob Orts (Verendrye Electric Cooperative) and Golf Scramble Chair Duane Poynter. Thank you to everyone!

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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.



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Minot Chamber Ambassadors kicked off the 2018 ND State Fair with a ribbon cutting at the 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit. The exhibit is a tribute to those who lost their lives Sept. 11, 2001, offering a chance to educate people about that tragic day.

Ag Committee hosts breakfast for livestock producers at ND State Fair

Agribusiness Committee members of the Chamber hosted a breakfast for livestock producers and ranchers during the 2018 North Dakota State Fair.



Volunteers needed for Magic Day of Giving 2018

Magic Day of Giving is the largest single-day community service event coordinated by volunteers and completed by Minot residents. The 5th annual Magic Day of Giving is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 14, 2018. The past four years have been a huge success, drawing in more than 7,200 volunteers who collectively gave back 16,365 hours of community service valued at \$389,307 to the Minot area! Registration is now open for volunteers and project submissions at www.magicdayofgiving.org.

Sign up as a volunteer:

Volunteer teams of all ages are invited to sign up and complete a community service project of their choice or complete a project that has been submitted by the community and matched to their team. Volunteers will spend no more than two hours raking, painting, washing windows, improving local parks and nonprofit organizations all while giving back to the Magic City. Teachers are invited to sign up their classrooms to take part; last

year many classrooms completed projects they created (ex. food or other supply drives) or projects that were matched to them (at the teacher's request, projects that could be completed in or out of the classroom). Volunteer team registrations are due Aug. 28, 2018.

Submit a Project:

The community is invited to submit service projects on behalf of civic, religious and non-profit organizations. The organization will be required to supply any necessary supplies and Magic Day of Giving will supply the volunteers. Project submissions are due Aug. 14, 2018.

Sponsors Needed:

Organizations can sponsor projects, allowing Magic Day of Giving to purchase supplies. Many of these projects will be completed by area students in their classrooms. Project sponsorships range from \$50 to \$250. Sponsors can contact magicdayofgiving@gmail.com for more information.

The event will kick off on Friday, September 14 with a free breakfast from 8:30am to 10:00am at the Minot Auditorium where volunteers who check in will receive a free Magic Day of Giving t-shirt, while supplies last. Volunteer teams will then complete their two hour long projects throughout the day.

Blood Drive:

New for 2018, individuals can take part in Magic Day of Giving by donating blood at the Minot Auditorium. United Blood Services will be coordinating the blood drive from 8am to 2pm in room 301 of the Auditorium.

Magic Day of Giving is organized and coordinated by a group of volunteers from non-profits and area businesses. Learn more about Magic Day of Giving at www.magicdayofgiving.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/engagingforimpact.



Volunteers from Minot Air Force Base helped at the Men's Winter Refuge during last year's Magic Day of Giving.

HUMAN RESOURCE SPEAKER EVENT - Bismarck, ND - August 23, 2018

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Dakota Hope Clinic fundraising banquet to celebrate five years serving the community

Melissa Ohden was just fourteen when she learned she was a survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion in 1977. Melissa will share her remarkable story at the 5th Anniversary Fundraising Banquet for Dakota Hope Clinic in Minot on Sept. 17, 2018 at the State Fair Center. Doors will open at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:30.

Despite the initial concerns regarding Ohden's future after surviving the attempt to end her life at approximately seven months gestation, she has not only survived but thrived. With a master's



Melissa Ohden

degree in social work, she has worked in the fields of substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence and sexual assault counseling, and child welfare.

Ohden was formerly a college outreach speaker with Feminists for Life. She has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate and the Australian Parliament. She is on the board of directors for the Vitae Foundation, a national organization which uses media to advance a culture of life.

In 2012, Ohden founded the Abortion Survivors Network (ASN). ASN seeks to educate the public about failed abortions and survivors while providing emotional, mental and spiritual support to abortion survivors. Since ASN's inception, Ohden has been in contact with over 210 survivors.

She has been featured on television and radio programs including: The 700 Club, EWTN, Fox News, Focus on the Family, American Family Radio, the Mike Huckabee show, and the Teresa Tomeo show. She is the author of *You Carried Me, A Daughter's Memoir*, which was released in January of 2017.

Fulfilling the purpose that she believes God set out for her when He saved her

from the certain death of the abortion attempt, Melissa is truly a voice for the voiceless.

Dakota Hope Clinic is the only life-affirming pregnancy help center in north central and northwest North Dakota. The 501(c)(3) Christian non-profit organization was formed to help women and men facing an unintended pregnancy. All services at Dakota Hope Clinic are 100% free and confidential.

Anyone interested in attending the Fundraising Banquet can call Dakota Hope at 852-4675 or reserve your seat online at www.dakotahope.org. The banquet is the kickoff event to celebrate the organization's 5th Anniversary. Reservations are for adults only.

North Dakota franchise of Dale Carnegie sells to new owners

For more than 100 years, Dale Carnegie has helped communities all over the world prosper by improving the personal and financial well-being of the people who live there and the companies that do business there. The recent sale of the North Dakota franchise to Jay Peltier from Tonya Stende and Tamara Anderson provides access to continued alignment of people, culture and strategy to help organizations grow for the future of business.

"The sale supports the continued growth of the Dale Carnegie of ND and NW MN brand by bringing energy, passion and big-thinking to our clients," said Anderson. Peltier's entrepreneurial experience, thought-leadership and coaching skills, combined with Stende and Anderson's year-long involvement provides substantial strategic value.

"You can expect the same services and business solutions you've come to value from us. It's business as usual with no changes in the way we work together including continued support of Chamber University," said Peltier.

For more information, contact Michelle J. Wall at 701-255-8476.

U.S. Bank offers new online tool for customers to schedule appointments

U.S. Bank announces online appointment scheduling, a service that allows users to make an appointment when it's most convenient for them through online banking, the U.S. Bank mobile app or by visiting www.usbank.com/book.

Online appointment scheduling was born out of the U.S. Bank Dynamic Dozen, an annual reverse mentoring program in which the bank brings together a group of millennial employees to help the company better serve the next generation of customers and employees.

"We are continuously looking for ways to make banking simple and convenient for our customers," said John Elmore, U.S. Bank Community Banking and Branch Delivery vice chair.

Customers make the appointment online by filling out their banking need and choosing a convenient appointment date, time and branch location. They are connected to a local banker who is notified of the upcoming appointment.

"The ability to schedule online appointments demonstrates U.S. Bank's commitment to serve customers when, where and how they desire," said Dan Hoke, U.S. Bank Community Banking and Branch Delivery strategy manager. "We are providing customers with another option for fulfilling their banking needs in a way that fits into their daily lives."

The announcement of the capability is the latest in a series of technology-based innovations aimed at making the customer experience more simple and efficient. Those offerings include voice banking the person-to-person payment service Zelle, an online tool to receive quick car loan approvals via AutoGravity, and the U.S. Bank Loan Portal for mortgage customers.

First International Bank and Trust congratulates Dave Pankow

First International Bank & Trust (FIB&T) is proud to announce the promotion of Dave Pankow. Pankow started working at FIB&T Sept. 5, 2017 as a business banker. He was most recently promoted to VP/Director of Real Estate & Construction.



Dave Pankow

With his new role, Pankow will be responsible for overseeing the physical security team, facilities manager, and the real estate and construction team. Pankow will continue to participate in project meetings as well as construction and remodel oversight. He will continue with his business development efforts, especially focusing on industries such as engineering, architecture and contractors. Pankow has a wealth of experience on large commercial and complex construction lending projects.

Since joining FIB&T, Pankow has provided direction for a number of new bank

buildings such as our FIB&T offices in Rugby, Grand Forks and Bismarck. Dave is married to Tonya and has two children, Abby and Ethan. Congratulations Dave!

Magical Horizons: Chasing Adventure from the Plains of North Dakota

The Taube Museum of Art's Lower Gallery will feature *Magical Horizons: Chasing Adventure from the Plains of North Dakota* by local photographer Jake Nixon. *Magical Horizons* is a collection of photographs that takes viewers on an adventure far from the plains of North Dakota. Trekking through four countries, 13 states and two Canadian provinces, Nixon offers the best from over 50,000 images taken. Nixon was the recipient of the 2017 Taube Museum of Art Biennial Photography Exhibition's Best of Show and People's Choice awards.

The Taube Museum of Art's Main Gallery will feature painting and encaustic work by Fargo artist Emily Williams-Wheeler. *Lint In My Pocket* will feature 47 original pieces that range in mediums including encaustics (bee's wax which is mixed with damar resin and pigment),

graphite, watercolor, oilstick, and acrylic. Williams-Wheeler has recently been named "Outstanding Artist of 2018" by The Arts Partnership in Fargo, ND. *Lint In My Pocket* is brought to you in part by the North Dakota Art Gallery Association.

Both exhibitions will run concurrently from Aug. 1-30, 2018 at the Taube Museum of Art with a public reception for the artists on Aug. 2 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., which is part of the First Thursday Creative Night Out events. Be sure to stop by on your adventures in downtown Minot.

Museum and Gift Shop hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by special appointment. There is no charge for admission, but contributions are accepted to help the Taube Museum fulfill their mission of enriching lives through the visual arts. Exhibitions are made possible with support from the North Dakota Council on the Arts. For more information contact Michael Chappo, gallery coordinator, at 838-4445.

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Dakota Business Lending sponsors Activate Women learning workshop

Dakota Business Lending is offering a FREE “Activate Women” learning workshop series: Activate Your Finances. Learn from women entrepreneurs throughout the community and dive into perhaps one of the most crucial aspects of your business: your financials.

The next scheduled event will be Aug. 14 at the Minot Public Library from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Featured speaker will be Becky Dolley, CPA, presenting “Understanding your balance sheet.” Lunch will be provided. Since seating is limited, reservations must be made by visiting <http://bit.ly/activatecashflow>.

This is an event for women-owners of small businesses. Feel free to share this event!

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 a.m. to noon for six months beginning Oct. 3, 2018, with the first session on Grantseeking & Grant Writing. 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@strengthen-nd.com.

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

\$250,000 Hole in One Shoot Out set for Sept. 13

What would you do with \$250,000? You could win it on Sept. 13!

Souris Valley United Way is teaming up with Farmers Union Insurance, Ressler-Sipma-Beuchler Agency, to bring you the 3rd Annual Hole in One Shootout. This four-day event is open to everyone, whether you are a golfer or not.

Stop by the Minot Country Club and try making the target area on the range to qualify, Sept. 10 to 12, from noon to 7 p.m. and Sept. 13 from noon to 5:30 p.m. Participants will only need to qualify once and return on the final day. The final day, Sept. 13, all qualifiers must check-in by 5:45 pm for instructions on the final round.

Current sponsors of the event are Ressler Sipma Beuchler Agency, Farmers Union Insurance; Minot Country Club and Scheels. Additional sponsorships available at www.svunitedway.com/holeinone. For more information, contact Josh Ressler (Farmers Union Insurance) at 852-3116 or by email at jressler@srt.com; or you may contact Danielle Rued (SVUW) at 839-2994 or by email at svuwcampaign@srt.com.

Northwest Arts Center receives arts \$7,429 grant by ND Council on the Arts

In support of its efforts to provide regional arts programming, the Northwest Arts Center at Minot State University has been awarded a \$7,429 Institutional

Support grant by the North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA).

The center, with its supporting organization, the Art Friends of the Northwest Arts Center, was among over 50 recipients of the most recent Institutional Support grants awarded by the NDCA.

The Institutional Support grant program is designed to benefit artists, arts organizations, and the general public. The program provides general support for qualifying arts and cultural organizations that have proven they have strong management and leadership, quality artistic programming and services, and are an important part of the arts infrastructure in their communities. Over \$380,000 was awarded during this grant round.

The grant will help to provide programming funds for the newly renovated Northwest Arts Center and Walter Piehl Gallery in the lower level of the Gordon B. Olson Library at Minot State University.

“The NDCA grant helps the Northwest Arts Center continue its role as an educational and cultural resource for northwest North Dakota,” said Director Avis Veikley. “This is an exciting time for us as we begin operations in our new facility. We are very appreciative of the support we receive from the Council on the Arts.”

The Walter Piehl Gallery focuses on works by contemporary artists. Approximately 20 exhibits will be presented in the coming year, featuring a cross section of local, regional and national talent. All exhibitions are free and open to the public.

The North Dakota Council on the Arts is the state agency responsible for the support and development of the arts throughout North Dakota through disbursement of funding received from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information about the Institutional Support grant contact the Council on the Arts at 328-7592 or visit www.nd.gov/arts.

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Minot Area Community Foundation unveils largest grant in its history

The Minot Area Community Foundation (MACF) has made its largest grant to date in the amount of \$750,000 to The Magic City Discovery Center (MCDC) for the Magic Climber exhibit to be located inside the new children's museum in Minot.

The Magic Climber will be a signature and unique multi-story climbing experience for visitors of all ages. Children will climb and maneuver through the many multi-dimensional levels with stops along the way to experience science, technology, engineering, arts and math.

"This is an incredibly exciting time for all of us at the Minot Area Community Foundation. To be able to make this significant of an impact on our community and region truly fits our mission," said Ken Kitzman, president of The Minot Area Community Foundation. "In our 18-year history, we have now granted out over \$16.2 million which translates to a priceless amount of impact on the quality of life for the communities we serve."

The MCDC is in the early stages of raising funds for a full-scale, permanent children's museum in Minot, located on



Minot Park District land on North Hill. MCDC operated a temporary museum during the winter months out of the Dakota Territory Air Museum over the past four years. The capital campaign that is currently underway will raise \$7 million to construct a 20,000 square-foot building, design and build four to five exhibit galleries of varying sizes, and set up funding for a museum endowment, along with other items.

"A gift of this magnitude, this early in our campaign, is just wonderful! The Minot Area Community Foundation has been doing amazing things within our

region for years, and we couldn't be more humbled and excited to be the non-profit group that is the recipient of the largest Minot Area Community Foundation gift to date," said Mark Lyman, Magic City Discovery Center board president. "The Foundation has been a strong supporter of this project for more than five years, when it was just a concept being considered by a passionate group of supporters. This gift takes us one big step closer to making the dream of a new, stand-alone, regional children's museum a distinct reality."

Minot SCORE Chapter hosts district meeting Sept. 18 and 19

Minot SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) Chapter will host the annual fall district meeting Sept. 18 and 19, 2018, at the Grand Hotel.

There are five chapters in the North Dakota District: Bismarck/Mandan, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, and Minot. The annual meeting is held to provide information and inspiration for the

representatives from each chapter.

SCORE members are available for mentoring to those who are interested in beginning a new business. The conference theme, "Mentoring from Birth to Grave," was selected to recognize the differences in thinking and communicating among the generational groups. Most SCORE members are retired and therefore have lived with differing experiences. The information will be helpful in recognizing the

generational diversity in the workplace and community.

The District director for North Dakota is Claus Lembke and the Minot Chapter Chairman is Gene Kaseman.

Appreciation is expressed to the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce for continuing to support to the Minot SCORE Chapter.

Member Business Briefs

Minot FD welcomes \$20,000 grant from Farm Credit Services

The Minot Fire Department accepted a \$20,000 grant from Farm Credit Services of North Dakota on Tuesday, with the funds used to purchase a new air compressor.

Minot Fire Chief Kelli Flermoer said the new compressor will allow the department to utilize its self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders to their full capability.

“Currently we’re unable to fill our 45-minute tanks to capacity because we can’t get enough pressure from the compressor,” Flermoer said. “With the new compressor, we’ll be able to put more air into those cylinders, which means our crews

can safely get a longer working time when they’re inside a burning building or in other hazardous environments.”

Flermoer said firefighters use SCBAs for clean breathing air when working in fires and other hazardous atmospheres.

“Farm Credit is pleased to provide grant funds for the purchase of a compressor to fill bottles for the self-contained breathing apparatus used by the first responders,” said Claude Sem, CEO of Farm Credit Services of North Dakota. “The Minot Fire Department is also the technical regional response team for northwest North Dakota, providing hazardous materials and technical rescue response at the highest level. Now they are even more

prepared to serve in that role for Minot and surrounding communities.”

The funds were provided through the Rural Community Grant Fund, which was established to assist in the implementation and development of projects and programs in communities and rural areas in western North Dakota that have been impacted by mineral exploration.

“We’re fortunate to have a great relationship with the community we serve, and we thank Farm Credit Services for their generosity,” Flermoer said.

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



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Fourth generation of Tollefsons featured in magazine

The fourth generation owners of Tollefson's Retail Group are featured in the current issue of *Family Business* magazine as a "NextGen to Watch."

Brandon Tollefson, Brent Tollefson, Emily (Tollefson) Mackner and husband John Mackner have taken over the 93-year-old family business. Tollefson's began in 1925 as a single furniture store and today has more than 200 employees in North Dakota, Minnesota, and Montana and multiple locations. Tollefson's Retail Group encompasses four businesses: Slumberland Furniture, The Carpet Garage Flooring Center, Tollefson's Carpetland and Tollefson's Contract Flooring.

Family Business is the only dedicated magazine that targets thriving multi-generational North American family companies.



Brandon Tollefson



Brent Tollefson



Emily (Tollefson) Mackner



John Mackner

Minot State receives largest donation in university history

Minot State University, along with the Minot State University Development Foundation, is pleased to announce a \$4.6 million gift bequeathed by the late Janis Dislevy. This endowed gift is the largest single donation in Minot State's history and is designated toward the Janis Ann Dislevy Endowed Chair, which will support faculty positions in the Minot State College of Business.

"Today is a remarkable day in the history of Minot State University and the Minot State Development Foundation thanks to the wonderful generosity and foresight of our special alumna Ms. Janis Dislevy," MSU President Steven Shirley said. "Her belief in MSU's mission has already benefitted campus and our College of Business in so many ways, and that benefit will now continue in perpetuity due to the kindness of this historic gift."

Dislevy, who completed a bachelor's degree at Minot State in education in 1960, passed away in June of 2016. She served on the Minot State College of Business Dean's Advisory Board and is a member of the MSU Old Main Society.

This latest gift brings the total donated by Dislevy over the past 15 years to approximately \$5.3 million. She established the Janis Ann Dislevy Trust Endowed Scholarship in 2003 and the Janis Ann Dislevy Endowed Chair in 2007.

"Janis has been a long-time friend of Minot State University," MSU Foundation Executive Director Rick Hedberg said. "She understood the value of a college education and wanted others

to be able to experience it. Her gift will have an ongoing impact on the university for decades to come."

The Janis Ann Dislevy Endowed Chair was initiated to support faculty in the Minot State University College of Business. Minot State will use the earnings generated by the endowment to fund faculty positions in the College of Business.

"Janis recognized that at least a portion of her success was due to her education at Minot State," said Marv Semrau, retired MSU Foundation Executive Director. "She was soft spoken and very intelligent. When she did speak, she was extremely thoughtful and accurate in her comments. Janis was just a wonderful human being."

Dislevy graduated from Butte High School in 1956. After graduating from Minot State, she taught business and home economics at Drake High School for one year before moving to California. Dislevy was an adult education instructor and worked for Aerojet General Corporation before a 22-year career with the State of California working as a stenographer, secretary, accounting technician, accountant, and accounting officer. She retired from the State of California in 1999.

She was a life member of the National Association of Investors Corporation and American Association of Individual Investors. She was a director with the Sacramento Area Chapter of NAIC where she held the offices of secretary and vice president. As a NAIC director, she had the opportunity to study at the New York Stock Exchange.

Tom's To-Do List

SAVE CLIENT \$10M



Our Senior Water Resource Engineer, Tom, loves a challenge. That's why when designing a solution for stormwater retention/detention, Tom got creative. By creating an eco-friendly solution over a traditional pump station, this portion of flood control provided an innovative approach and saved the Souris River Joint Board millions of dollars in the process.

Turning passion into progress, that's what Tom is most proud of. And we are, too.



To learn more about the Centennial Pond/Perkett Ditch project, visit our website at www.ackerman-estvold.com/projects



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		31	1	2 Military Affairs Committee , Noon, MAFB, Jimmy Doolittle Center Ribbon Cutting , 4:30 p.m., RE/MAX/Bakken Realty, 2915 10th Street SW, Suite A	3 Ambassadors Committee , 8:30 a.m., Chamber office	4
						
5	6	7	8 Right Start Presentation , 9:45 a.m., MAFB	9	10 Infrastructure Committee , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	11
12	13	14 Eagle Award Presentations , 10 a.m., Chamber office	15 Coffee with the President , 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Chamber office	16	17	18
19	20	21 Board of Directors , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	22 Right Start Presentation , 9:45 a.m., Minot AFB	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Chamber University Lunch & Learn: Workforce Safety Workshop , 11:30 a.m., Sleep Inn & Suites	30	31	

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