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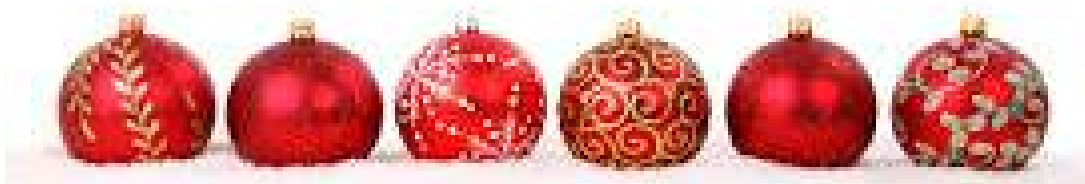
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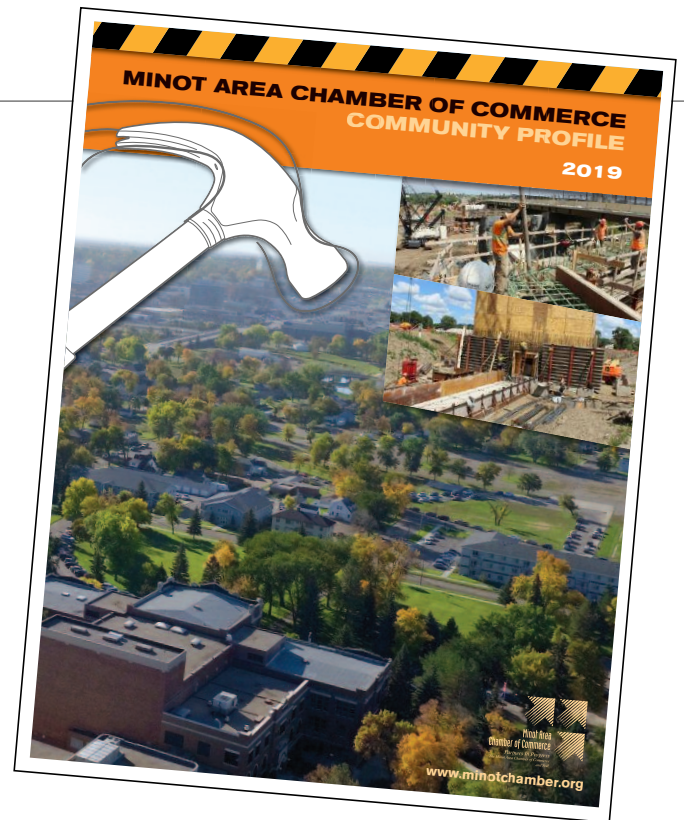
The Chamber extends a big “THANK YOU” to our members who have renewed their membership from Oct. 25 through Nov. 26, 2018. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

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

Minot's cost of living measured 3.1% higher than the national average for the third quarter of 2018 (U.S. Average Composite Index = 100%). The cost of living index is published by the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association (ACCRA). The ACCRA Cost of Living Index measures differences between areas in the cost of consumer goods and services, excluding taxes and non-consumer expenditures. It is based on 100,000 data points, for which prices are collected quarterly by the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and 288 other urban areas across the nation.

Cost of Living Index: Third Quarter 2018 (U.S. Average Composite Index: 100%)

	Minot ND	Bismarck ND	Fargo/Moorhead Metro	Minneapolis MN	Pierre SD
COMPOSITE INDEX	103.1	95.9	99.7	107.0	98.0
GROCERY ITEMS	112.8	105.0	109.0	105.0	103.3
HOUSING	102.3	91.9	85.5	102.8	109.1
UTILITIES	88.4	93.7	89.2	98.1	92.1
TRANSPORTATION	114.9	99.2	103.2	106.2	93.8
HEALTH CARE	114.5	114.3	118.8	106.7	95.9
MISC. GOODS	99.7	93.0	107.1	114.0	90.9

Annual Sportsmen's Feed celebrates community

The 54th annual Sportsmen's Feed is set for Sunday, Jan. 20 at the Jimmy Doolittle Center on MAFB. The event provides Air Force personnel with a place to watch the NFC/AFC football playoffs, win some prizes and eat some great food.

The day will be filled with delicious food ranging from venison to rocky mountain oysters along with all the trimmings. Tickets are \$30 each and allow an

airman in for free. Your support is needed to make this event a success and to provide a fun, relaxing day for airmen who may otherwise be sitting in the dorms alone. The day starts at noon with appetizers and games throughout the day with supper around 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Chamber at 852-6000.



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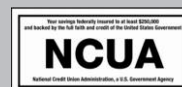


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CLI graduates raise funds for kids in need

The 2018 Community Leadership Class ended with a bang. That's because they made a huge impact on the community by providing nearly \$10,000 in cash and items to the Essentials for Learning project. Essentials for Learning is a program started by a group of Minot State University students in the Roger Looyenga Leadership Development Program. Their mission is to help students with their most basic needs in the Minot Public School System. CLI participants gathered deodorant, toothpaste, soap, socks, laundry soap and more to help students in need concentrate on their education. Way to go class of 2018!



CLI is a nine-week course offered through the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce to acquaint 25 participants with what Minot has to offer. The class is capped at 25 and there are 23 people already signed up for the 2019 class. Get your name in now if you would like to secure a spot.

City launches environmental review step for gathering place

The City of Minot is in the final stages of completing the environmental review process for the proposed downtown gathering place project.

Mayor Shaun Sipma has signed the required Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), which shows that no environmental related obstacles were identified during an assessment of the proposed site.

A mandatory 15-day waiting period for public comment began Nov. 7 with a published legal notice. After the waiting period, the environmental review will be immediately sent to the Denver Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The final steps require HUD approval and issuance of a "Release of Funds" notice

to the City. Once that notice is received, the City can proceed with offers to purchase property.

"The City has worked to expedite the environmental review for this project and to meet our own deadline of submitting the completed review to HUD in mid-November," Sipma said. "We're pleased that this project continues to make progress."

The National Environmental Protection Act, which governs all federal grant funds, stipulates that no project or activity can begin until an environmental review is completed and approved by the federal department or agency administering the grant.

"We're looking forward to taking the next steps to make this project a reality as

soon as possible," City Manager Tom Barry said. "We've proven that we are committed to this project, and we continue to work closely with HUD to accomplish our goal of bringing a new gathering place to downtown Minot."

John Zakian, disaster resilience grant program manager for the City of Minot, said he expects HUD to approve the environmental review fairly quickly. He said the City will be prepared to send out offers to property owners in the gathering place site footprint as soon as HUD approves the review.

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

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Ribbon Cuttings

If you know of a business that's new to town or is having a milestone, like a renovation or addition, contact Carla at 857-8205 to schedule a ribbon cutting.



Leela & Lavender: Dakota Square Mall • 2400 10th St SW • Minot, ND • 701-609-0954 • www.leelaandlavender.com
Mistie Sivertson, Store Director

*Minot Chamber Ambassadors helped open leela & lavender at Dakota Square Mall as they officially opened Nov. 8.
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Minot Chamber Ambassadors celebrated with a fellow ambassador as they cut the ribbon at Tom Miller's new location for his Edward Jones Investments. Stop by to learn about all your investment needs.

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Broadway Bridge: Minot

The \$21 million dollar Broadway Bridge reconstruction project officially opened in November 2018 after two years of construction. The structure provides four lanes of traffic plus a wider pedestrian walkway and lighting that ties in to the downtown theme. The new bridge was designed to remain open in the event of a flood, according to Tom Sorel, NDDOT director. The bridgework was funded by the city of Minot, the state of North Dakota, and the federal government.



Vallely Sport & Marine: 2125 Elk Dr • Minot, ND • 701- 852-1625 • www.vallelymarine.com • Tim Vallely

Ambassadors were happy to cut the ribbon at the new Vallely Sport & Marine following last year's fire. Check out all they have to offer for outdoor fun.

November Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in November 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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2018 Showcase of Business is a wrap

More than 750 people attended the 2018 Showcase of Business Nov. 15 at the ND State Fair Center Magic Place. The theme this year, tailgating, brought out some great food, fun and prizes! Those attending could sample everything from popcorn to chili to barbecue.

We extend a big thank you to our media sponsors, WGO Radio, KMOT TV, and Dakota Outdoor Advertising. Thank you also to Delta Vacations as our stage sponsor. Thank you to our Premium sponsor Clean Tech; Gold sponsors Ackerman-Estvold, Boppre Law Firm, Edgewood Senior Living, First International Bank & Trust, North Star Community Credit Union, SRT Communications, Inc., and Town & Country Credit Union. Thank you also to all the businesses with a booth. This is a major fundraiser for the Chamber and we are grateful to all who made this happen. The winner of the Delta Vacations trip was Annette Keller. The winner of the Traeger Grill from the Minot Chamber was Jedd Boyce of Minot.

The three businesses that took top honors for best booth were First International

Bank & Trust (first place), Bremer Bank (second place), Ackerman-Estvold (third place).

Join us again next year for Showcase of Business!



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Zaback achieves membership in Raymond James Financial Services Executive Council

Shane D. Zaback, branch manager, located at 1408 20th Ave SW, Suite 2, Minot, ND, was recently named a member of the 2019 Executive Council. This marks the first year that Zaback has qualified for this important recognition. Securities are offered through Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., member FINRA/SIPC.



Shane Zaback

Zaback, who joined Raymond James in 2017, has more than 20 years of experience in the financial services industry. Zaback offers comprehensive investing and planning solutions for his client's individual goals. His process helps clients adapt their strategy in a way that can best reach their goals and respond to changes in the market or in their life.

Scheels and local store members give \$500K to new children's museum

The Children's Museum of Minot Board of Directors is proud to announce the largest corporate donation to date for the Magic City Discovery Center capital campaign, \$500,000 from Scheels. This key investment in the future of the project shows Scheels' dedication to education and their desire to positively impact all children throughout the region.

"We couldn't be happier to make this announcement of support for the Magic City Discovery Center. A donation of this size requires buy-in from local store leadership and employees, and I am proud to say that 100% of our associates truly support this amazing addition to our region," said Lucas Hachmeister, Minot Scheels Store Leader.

Scheels has been a part of the Minot community for over 40 years, and although our stores may have changed over time, our commitment to supporting our local communities has remained steadfast," said Hachmeister. "Many

exciting improvements and developments are happening in Minot, and Scheels will continue to be an active supporter of this community."

The \$500,000 Scheels donation will sponsor the "Air Flow" exhibit gallery within the discovery center. Past and ongoing donations from the Dakota Square Mall Scheels store in the Minot region include the United Way, YWCA, Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Minot State University, Souris River Basin Longbeards, Dream Catchers, and many others every year.

"This is a legacy gift from Scheels and by all accounts is the largest donation of its kind from the company/store in the Minot region," said Mark Lyman, president of the MCDC Board of Directors. "We couldn't be more grateful to the Scheels corporation, and the local store leaders and employees who are showing their support for the Magic City Discovery Center through this enormous corporate donation."

A capital campaign is currently underway to raise at least \$7 million to construct a 21,000 square-foot building on Minot Park District land on north hill in Minot. The capital campaign funds will also design and build four to five exhibit galleries of varying sizes and set up funding for a museum endowment, along with other items.

For information about the Magic City Discovery Center, call Interim Executive Director Wendy Keller at 858-7529, or for the latest on the campaign, exhibit designs, and building designs, go to www.magiccitydiscoverycenter.com.

National banking honor Awarded to First International Bank & Trust

First International Bank & Trust, based in North Dakota with 27 branch locations across North Dakota, Minnesota and Arizona, was recently named the top extraordinary bank in the United States by The Institute for Extraordinary Banking™ at the Best Banks in America™ Super Conference.

First International Bank & Trust was

recognized as the 2018 Extraordinary Bank of the Year, a national honor for exemplary performance in five areas of banking: philanthropy, customer service, thought leadership, workplace culture, and financial literacy education.

"Being recognized as the 2018 Extraordinary Bank of the Year was an awesome accomplishment," said Peter Stenehjelm, fourth-generation banker and President of First International Bank & Trust. "We have been expanding our footprint by building new branches while other banks are contracting. We're integrating the latest technology online and in the branches to enhance customer experiences and have reimaged the traditional branch environment by adding restaurants/breweries all under one roof. The acquisition of leading FINTECH company, Kotapay, is the next phase in our ever-evolving effort to not only stay relevant within the community banking arena but thrive in it. We are positioned well to continue our growth and prosper for another 100 years - taking us into the fifth generation and beyond!"

The Extraordinary Banking™ Awards highlight the vital, yet often overlooked, role that community banks play in our economy. The Banky™ recognizes the top 1% of banks: The Best Banks in America™.

"We are extremely proud to receive this top honor," said John Drady, Central Market President of First International Bank & Trust. "I would like to thank our employees who are driven to care for and create extraordinary experiences for our customers and communities, each and every day."

To learn more about what was shared to help First International Bank & Trust earn this award, visit www.firstintlbank.com/ExtraordinaryBankoftheYear.



SRT to donate \$100,000 to Roosevelt Park Zoo Amur Tiger exhibit

SRT announces a \$100,000 gift to the Roosevelt Park Zoo New Habitat for a New Century Capital Campaign that will significantly impact the Amur Tiger River Valley Exhibit. The Amur Tiger River Valley will include housing, three separate play yards with water falls, overhead catwalks and allow for guests to walk between and around the tiger habitat. Roosevelt Park Zoo's big cat exhibits were over 40 years old and in need of updates. SRT will receive naming rights to the Amur Tiger Catwalk: Yard 2 & 3, which also includes a community gathering space.

"SRT is honored to invest in our community and the Zoo's role in making this a great place to live. The enhancements to the animal habitats will allow over 90,000 visitors a year to get a greater appreciation for these animals and conservation," said SRT General Manager/CEO Steve Lysne. "We see the zoo and projects like this as an opportunity to support impactful additions to the quality of life in our community."

"We sincerely appreciate the generosity of SRT on this important project to improve our Zoo and we applaud their commitment to our community," said Becky Dewitz, Zoo director. "This project will dramatically enhance the experience of our Zoo for our visitors and the quality of life for our big cats helping to keep the magic in the Magic City."

"We are extremely grateful for SRT's continued support of the Minot Park District," said Executive Director Minot Park District, Ron Merritt. "Their most recent gift of \$100,000 towards the New Habitat for a New Century Capital Campaign is a great example of their commitment to the quality of life for the community of Minot."

Sipma issues Mayor's Youth Challenge for 2019 State of the City

Mayor Shaun Sipma has encouraged Minot's youth to be part of the 2019 State

of the City event by issuing his Mayor's Youth Challenge during the Minot City Council meeting Monday night.

"The State of the City is an opportunity to communicate directly with the residents of Minot, and we want to make sure our youth are represented and included in the event," Sipma said. "The Mayor's Youth Challenge offers a variety of ways for our youth to be involved, and we look forward to their involvement."

The Mayor's Youth Challenge includes three categories:

- Grades 3-4 will take part in a visual arts challenge to create original artwork with the theme "Illustrate how you feel about living in Minot."
- Grades 5-6 will take part in a language arts challenge with the theme "If I were Mayor..." The winner of this category will be named "Mayor for a Day" and will participate in events on the Mayor's official calendar that day.
- Grades 7-12 will participate in a video production challenge, with the goal of creating a video commercial between 1 minute and 3 minutes in length that exemplifies why Minot is a great place to live, work, and play.

The winners will be announced during the 2019 State of the City event and will receive a monetary award. More details can be found on the City of Minot website at www.minotnd.org.

"We encourage all youth in these age groups to take part in the Mayor's Youth Challenge," Sipma said. "It will be a learning experience not only for them, but for us as well. We look forward to seeing different visions of Minot through the eyes of our youth."

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

Sertoma Club sponsors Christmas in the Park at Oak Park

The Minot Sertoma Club will bring light once again to Oak Park in Minot through its display of Christmas-themed lights for the community to enjoy. The Christmas lights are displayed through Dec. 31, from 6 to 10 every evening. Christmas in the

Park is a way for Sertoma to earn money and give back to the community by supporting local businesses with beautifully lighted Christmas displays.

The cost for viewing Christmas in the Park is \$5 per car with a rate for limos and buses. Discounted tickets are offered if you pre-purchase tickets: receive five tickets for \$20. The tickets make great recognition gifts and stocking stuffers for your employees, friends and family. Tickets can be purchased through Visit Minot.

"A drive through Christmas in the Park will definitely brighten your holidays," said Brenda Vennes, Christmas in the Park chair. "These beautiful displays of Christmas lights are sure to put a smile on everyone's face whether it's your first trip through or fifteenth."

Money to support Sertoma activities is raised through a variety of activities such as Christmas in the Park. Money earned goes back into the community through the different activities sponsored by Sertoma.

Sertoma is a community service group with the ultimate purpose of meeting the needs of communities through service. Minot Sertoma, which is short for "service to mankind," has served the Minot community since 1959. Membership consists of more than 70 area business men and women who are committed to giving back to their community.

Kiwanis sing off key to raise money for those in need this holiday season

The Kiwanis Club of Minot is doing their best to sing Christmas Carols in Minot restaurants and bars on Friday, Dec. 14. But they aren't that good! So, they will pass the hat in hopes that you will donate to a good cause, and then they will leave the establishment so you can enjoy the evening. The Kiwanis Karolers have been taking part in this adventure for 15 years and raised around \$2,500 each year for the Salvation Army and Community Action Opportunities. The group loads up in a bus and travels around to different establishments that know they are coming ahead of time. Once they have sung a couple of songs, they take off their Santa and Elf hats to ask for a donation. Please be sure to help! The group will be out and about on Friday, Dec. 14 from 6 until 10 p.m.



St. Joe's Community Health Foundation kicks off "Twice Blessed" campaign through Dec. 31

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation today announced the kick-off of its second annual "Twice Blessed" campaign, a matching grant program that will double contributions made to 23 area non-profit organizations between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31, 2018.

"The Twice Blessed campaign provides a new approach to charitable giving in north-central North Dakota," Shelly C. Weppler, SJCHF president said. "Potential donors interested in improving the health and well being of area residents can go to one website — twiceblessednd.com — to learn about the mission and goals of each of the 50-plus area organizations participating in the program. They can donate via the website or by sending contributions directly to our foundation or the participating organizations. No gift is too small, and gifts will be matched at four levels from \$2,500 to \$20,000. Visit twiceblessednd.com to learn more."

"Charitable giving typically increases during the holidays when people reflect upon their own blessings and reach out to others," Weppler said. "It's also the time of the year when people may be looking for federal tax deductions. In either case, Twice Blessed is a great way to double the impact of your gift."

In its second year the number of organizations participating has more than doubled. Members of the SJCHF board of directors and the organizations participating in Twice Blessed are listed below. More information about the campaign is available at twiceblessednd.com.

Minot Symphony Orchestra presents "Holiday Magic" Dec. 8

The Minot Symphony Orchestra presents "Holiday Magic" Saturday, Dec. 8 at Ann Nicole Nelson Hall - MSU. The symphony will fill you with the spirit of the season with this evening of holiday music.

"You will hear many of your favorite holiday classics along with some new ones. We are delighted to collaborate with the choirs of Minot High School and Minot State University along with the Minot Chamber Chorale to celebrate the music of the season with our annual holiday pops concert. Soprano, Jennifer

Paulino will fill the hall with her angelic voice for three works including one of my own original pieces, *Mater Dei*," describes music director Efraín Amaya.

The celebration of holiday music will open with Prokofiev's *Winter Bonfire Suite* narrated by John Warner and sung by an ensemble from Minot High School. The symphony is proud to present an original work by music director Efraín Amaya, *Mater Dei* (For God is Love), featuring soprano Jennifer Paulino. Mozart's *Alleluja!* from *Exsultate Jubilate* is another outstanding piece to feature our guest soprano and bring out your Christmas spirit. All three choirs will come together with the symphony for Poulenc's *Gloria*, a great way to end the first half of the performance.

Following intermission, you hear some of your favorite holiday classics including Anderson's *Song of the Bells*, a unique combination of holiday carols in Higgin's arrangement of *Christmas on Broadway* featuring the Vox Humana Quartet and a very popular piece from a holiday favorite, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* by Vince Guaraldi and Lee Mendelson arranged by David Pugh. Two works by David Lovrien, *Minor Alterations 2* and *We Come A-Darkly Caroling* featuring all three of our area choirs, will be a great finale to the evening.

The symphony will partner with Arny's 2.0 for a limited beer and wine beverage service for patrons age 21 and over at 7 p.m. as well as during intermission. Funds raised will be used to support future symphony programming.

Main floor tickets are \$25 or \$30 for balcony with senior and student discounts available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.minotsymphony.com or call 701-858-4228.

Ackerman-Estvold's Samson earns professional certification

Ackerman-Estvold is pleased to announce that Patrick Samson recently earned his Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) certification from the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM).

The CFM certification is a national program which started in 1999 and is overseen by the ASFPM. CFM's serve as trusted local advisors who promote safe floodplain development, assist communities

with the National Flood Insurance Program requirements, reduce community liability through mitigation, and aid in public outreach and understanding of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Samson currently serves as a vice president of Ackerman-Estvold and leads the municipal group. He is a registered professional engineer with over 17 years of experience in the industry. Samson earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.



Patrick Samson

DVCC holds 5th annual Cause to Rock

Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC) will hold their fifth annual Cause to Rock at the Clarion Hotel Jan. 12, 2019. This is an evening of hope, heart and rock and roll. Doors open at 6 p.m. for a social and appetizers; dinner begins at 7 p.m. featuring a guest speaker sharing her story of survival. Live and silent auctions will be held throughout the evening featuring jewelry, custom wrapped dorm fridge, Sabre Dogs merchandise, and more. Throughout the evening Soulshine will be rocking on the stage.

Tickets for this event are \$50 each, or you can purchase a table for eight for \$400. Tickets must be purchased in advance through the office or online at <https://courage4change.org/news-events/event-calendar.html/event-form/tickets/34090/tickets>.

"The funds raised in this one night allow us to be available 24/7 for victims of violence when they need help," said Jill McDonald, executive director of the DVCC. "We receive grant funding but these events fill in the gaps. In 2018, we were able to provide over 75 protection orders and over 3,400 nights of safety for victims and their children. When you purchase a ticket, not only are you going to have a fantastic time, you are helping provide a safe space for hope, healing and planning for survivors and their children in our region."

For more information on the center and/or the fundraiser, please call their office at 852-2258, or visit their website at www.courage4change.org.

TIM SAVES LIVES

For most commuters near New Town, ND, taking the HWY 23B bypass will save some time, but when Senior Transportation Engineer, Tim Arens, PE, designed this route, he was more concerned with saving lives.

Developed to relieve heavy truck traffic through town, this highway provides a safer route protecting motorists and pedestrians alike.

Tim's passion is protection; for the residents of New Town and those in every community we serve.



To learn more about the New Town Northeast Truck Reliever Route, visit our website at www.ackerman-estvold.com/projects

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Taube sponsors Holiday Twilight Tour of Homes Fundraiser

'Tis the season for the Taube Museum of Art's Holiday Twilight Tour of Homes Fundraiser. The Taube Museum of Art is happy to present the Holiday "Twilight" Tour of Homes for 2018. It will be held Dec. 1, 2018 from 3 to 7 p.m., with tastefully decorated homes and cultural destinations for you to enjoy and delight in every detail. Enjoy a day of dazzling fun with your \$16 ticket. Tickets are available in advance at the Taube Museum of Art, Artmain, and all Marketplace Foods locations. Day of the Tour ticket is \$20 and will be available at the Taube Museum of Art, as well as at each home. By purchasing a ticket, attendees will be supporting the Taube Museum of Art and have a delightful time viewing:

- * Brady and Laura Wheeler's home at 3517 21st St SE was built in 2014 and was designed to feel bright and airy. Laura has always loved design, especially when it comes to decking the halls. She incorporates many different elements in her home. Brady and Laura are parents of three, so you will notice some elegance in the living room/kitchen, and as you move to other areas of the home, you will find trees decorated by them with unicorns, dinosaurs, and all things whimsy. Make sure to take a look all around — it's the most wonderful time of year.
- * Monica Peterson's home is located at 214 7th St SE in historic Eastwood Park. The house is over 100 years old and has seen its share of floods. The property has gone through a total restoration, top to bottom, inside and out. The goal was to combine modern style with historic charm. Decorating for Christmas is a tradition in Monica's family that has been passed down from her mom and aunts. They all go above and beyond in decking the halls with unique creativity. There is a mix of traditional, vintage, and modern touches throughout the home. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year, full of magic and nostalgia, reminding you that there is no place like home for the holidays.
- * Dr. Robert Thomas and Eric

Johnson's home at 1716 12th St NW is perched on top of Minot's North Hill, brimming with an eclectic sense of style. The highlight of the holiday season is the 10-foot tree covered in hand-painted blown glass ornaments. Their love of glass extends to the Viking vases in the dining room and Futura pottery above the stockings. The house is filled with an extensive art collection by artists from all across the country. Red and green are just two colors of a rainbow of colors in the salt water reef tank passed on the way to the kitchen where marathon cookie baking takes place each holiday. Robert and Eric are proud to partner with the Taube to celebrate the season and welcome all to their home.

- * Ken and Janet Dammen's home is filled with seasonal splendor at 1329 1st St SE. Just take a walk through the cozy home to enjoy a variety of holiday styles. Each room tells a personal story from the vintage cars and whimsical decorations in Ken's room to Victorian splendor in Janet's. Janet's eye for color and creative spirit showcase her custom-made floral swags and holiday wreaths in their festive glory.
- * Gol Stave Church — Scandinavian Heritage Park at 1020 S. Broadway will be decked out with the holiday spirit. If you have not had the opportunity to visit this cultural destination in Minot, this will be the perfect time. This church is replica of the original Gol Stave Church that was built in Gol, Hallingdal, Norway.
- * Creative Culture Studio and Spartan Firearms are both located in the old Speedway at 7101 Hwy 2 & 52 W. The Creative Culture Studio is an art studio business that will be transformed into a Winter Wonderland holiday style with treats for everyone who visits. Cross over to Spartan and be mesmerized with their holiday talents.
- * Northwest Art Center is a non-profit arts center operating on the campus of Minot State University located at 500 University Ave. W, on the south side of MSU Library. The Center houses the Walter Piehl Gallery, which will be decorated with traditional Christmas style

for all tour goers. There is a public reception area and climate-controlled collections storage for Minot State University's Permanent Art Collection and Native American Collections. Over the years the Center has enriched the artistic life of northwest North Dakota with year-round art exhibitions, a performing arts series, a public lecture series, and numerous workshops and artists-in-residence activities. Programming of the Northwest Arts Center is supported by entry fees from its juried competitions, grants, student activity fees, memberships, and private donations. All exhibits are free and open to the public.

The homes and locations may be visited in any order. Please wear slip on shoes as a bag will be provided for them as you walk through the homes. Stop at the Taube Museum of Art at 2 North Main Street to register for two \$250 gift certificates donated by I Keating Furniture World, artwork, jewelry by Nancy's Fancies, as well as many more door prizes totaling over \$1,000. Enjoy a sip of cider, sweet treats, and view the art on display from the Festival of the Art Sale, and maybe do a little Christmas shopping, all while enjoying the acoustic guitar playing by Leonard Haabak. Remember to buy your home-made cookies and sweet treats from the Cookie Walk at the Taube Museum, sold by the pound, all starting at 3 p.m., until they are gone. The Roaming Coffee Castle will be open outside the Museum for attendees to purchase hot drinks to warm up on our winter day. The Taube Museum of Art will also feature Nancy's Fancies Jewelry "Pop Up" Showcase. Each piece of her designer jewelry has been hand-crafted and designed by her in her home studio. A portion of her proceeds will benefit the Taube Museum of Art. Anyone interested in having their home on the 2019 tour, please contact Nancy Walter at 838-4445, to have your name added to the list. It's never too early to start planning.

Contact the Taube Museum of Art for additional information or visit our website at www.taubemuseum.org.

Member Business Briefs

American Trust Center names Vetter business development officer

American Trust Center (ATC) has announced that Mike Vetter has been named business development officer. Vetter is most commonly known as owner and photographer of Michael J Photography, which he owned for 34 years. He most recently carries four years of experience as an independent insurance agent for Knights of Columbus. In his new role, Vetter will focus on developing new relationships in the northwestern portion of North Dakota.



Mike Vetter

"Mike's knowledge of the area and customer-centered approach are fundamental to ATC's goal of continued long-term growth within the area," said Kathy Torske, ATC president/CEO. Vetter will be working out of the Minot ATC office, located in the lower level of United Community Bank.

STYX and Larry the Cable Guy offer "Laugh. Rock. Seriously." March 22

For one night only, STYX and Larry The Cable Guy will put on one helluva show on March 22 at Minot's North Dakota State Fair Event Center, billed as "Laugh. Rock. Seriously." One of the greatest rock bands of all time combined with a comedy legend together for the first time ever to rock and GIT-R-DONE. Two forces come together on stage for one unforgettable night of hits and jokes.

"We first ran into Larry the Cable Guy at a convenience store in Sarasota, Florida many moons ago," says STYX guitarist/singer Tommy Shaw. "Now we are pairing up for a fun night of music and comedy, something we could all use a big dose of!"

Larry the Cable Guy, on the other hand, has a hidden agenda as to why he is performing the shows. As he explains, "Ever since I ran into Tommy at a convenience store in Florida, I've always wanted to work some shows with the iconic band STYX. Not only because their music has

been a soundtrack to my life, but also to try and get back the 18 bucks I loaned him for honeybuns and coffee from that day in Florida."

STYX has the unique distinction of being the first band in rock history to have four consecutive certified multimillion-selling albums in a row. STYX draws from over four decades of barn burning chart hits, joyous singalongs, and hard-driving deep cuts. STYX set covers a wide range of stylistic cornerstones.

Larry the Cable Guy is a multi-Platinum recording artist, Grammy® nominee, Billboard award winner and one of the top comedians in the country. He has his own line of merchandise and continues to sell out theatres and arenas across the United States.

Tickets are available at JadePresents.com, at the North Dakota State Fair Event Center box office, located at 2005 E Burdick Expy, Minot (Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday), or by calling 866-300-8300.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6 Military Affairs Committee , noon, Grand Hotel	7 Ambassadors Committee , 7:30 a.m., Chamber office	8
9	10	11 Eagle Award Presentations , 10 a.m., Chamber office	12 Right Start Presentation , 9:45 a.m., MAFB	13 Right Start Committee , noon, Chamber office Business After Hours , 5 - 7 p.m., Northwest Art Center, MSU MAFB Cookie Drop Off , 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Jimmy Doolittle Center	14 Infrastructure Committee , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant MAFB Cookie Drop Off , 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Jimmy Doolittle Center	15
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16	17	18 Board of Directors , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	19 Coffee with the President , 1:30 p.m.	20	21	22
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30	31	Chamber closed Christmas day				

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