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TF 21 meets with Boeing regarding ICBMs

Minot AFB provides Strategic Deterrence to the nation, and it is a focus area for TF 21. Recently, the task force met with Boeing Company representatives in Minot, on their second visit to the Magic City in the last year. A separate, familiar division of the Boeing Company is deeply involved with the mighty B-52; these representatives were here to discuss the ICBMs.

In August of last year, the Air Force selected two companies to continue to compete to be selected to transition to the follow on ICBM system, currently known as the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent or GBSD. The Boeing representatives, Dr. Patti Dare and Andy Healy, stressed the long-term relationship with the Minot community which started in 1958 with the installation of some of the first ICBM's in the United States.

GBSD work to be done involves the entire weapon system from the missile, silo and the command and control components.

"Boeing built the Minuteman system when



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Pictured left to right are Boeing representatives Dr. Patti Dare and Andy Healy

awarded the contract in 1968, and Boeing is ready to repeat the process again and put a new system out in the field – a missile system that the Air Force wants and the nation needs," said Healy.

The Task Force will continue to work with the Air Force, industry partners and the ND Congressional Delegation to ensure that the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent system is fully fielded. Earlier this year, TF 21 met with representatives of Northrup Grumman, which is the other contractor picked by the Air Force to compete.

Save big, have more fun at the State Fair

We've been waiting all year for July, and it has finally arrived. The North Dakota State Fair is back, with more concerts, carnival rides, and corn dogs than ever before. It's time to make some new memories that will last a lifetime. The best part is, with State Fair savings you can have even more fun without stretching the budget!

One way to save is to purchase a North Dakota State Fair Season Pass, which gives you admittance into the Fair all nine days for just one price. The Adult Season Pass is \$25, while the Junior Season Pass, for ages 7-12, is only \$15. That's only \$2.78 for adults per day! If you plan on spending more than two days at the Fair, this is a must buy. Even if you're unsure how many days you plan to attend, give yourself some flexibility and

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peace of mind knowing you won't have to purchase tickets each day. Save up to \$65 with the Season Pass!

Another way to make your dollar go further is to take advantage of North Dakota State Fair coupons and special promotional days.

- Monday, July 23 is KMOT Pride of Dakota Day, and coupons can be found in the North Dakota State Fair tabloid good for \$2 off NPRA Championship Bull Riding general admission and \$5 off daily unlimited ride wristband. Thanks to Spicy Pie and

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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.

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Engage Marketing provides upper-level marketing support to companies, both new and well-established. Owner Kristen Haverluck has the ability and resources to handle every aspect of a company's marketing strategy, including websites, as well as traditional and digital marketing.

New Chamber finance/membership director hired

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce has hired a finance/membership director to its staff after long-time employee, Cheryl Wallen, retired. Sara-Lynn Shubra comes from the Clarion where she was the



Sara-Lynn Shubra

catering/sales manager. Shubra is originally from a small town in Pennsylvania.

"I look forward to continuing building relationships within the community and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and to strengthen the membership." Shubra will be in charge of bookkeeping and membership sales.

Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from May 25 through June 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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Minot Dakota Square Scheels
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Taco John's
Terhorst Manufacturing
Thomas Family Funeral Home
Thompson Larson Funeral Home
Wilbur Ellis Company

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Midco, the first 5,000 juniors 12 and under get in free with a coupon found at www.pizzagrinderstacos.com/free. Plus, Monday is the 7th Annual Food Drive, and you can receive \$1 off daily gate admission with a donation of a non-perishable food item.

- Tuesday is Pepsi Deals Day, which will give you half off daily gate admission with a Pepsi product and special half off deals throughout the fairgrounds. We celebrate our military as well on July 24th with a half off coupon for Bull Riding and half off daily unlimited ride wristband for military members with a coupon found at the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce. Military members also receive free carnival rides from 1 to 3 p.m.
- Bring a coupon found at cooperatives throughout North Dakota on Wednesday, July 25 for KX Co-Op Day and receive \$5 off daily unlimited ride wristband and \$1 off daily gate admission and Ranch Rodeo admission.
- On Thursday, seniors 65 and over receive half price daily gate admission all day!
- Plus look in your local newspaper for a \$5 off coupon for daily unlimited ride wristband and \$1 off coupon for daily gate admission.

One of the biggest attractions at the North Dakota State Fair is the food. This year, a brand new contest will help you find the tastiest treats with the biggest savings. Bargain Bites gives our food vendors the chance to showcase special food items that are priced \$5 and under. Find these savings at many of the food booths throughout the Fair, and vote on our Facebook page which is your favorite.

Find out more on how you can save big and have more fun at www.ndstatefair.com.

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.

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Prairie Warrior Auction funds donated

Military Affairs Committee Chair, Randy Hauck presented the proceeds from the March Prairie Warrior Auction to Col. Brad Cochran of the 5th Bomb Wing and Col. Colin Connor of the 91st Missile Wing.

The check, for \$29,000, will go to help provide the base with support during competition teams, squadron activities, and annual awards banquets, as well as Thanksgiving baskets during the holiday season.



Military Affairs Committee Chair, Randy Hauck (Verendrye Electric Cooperative), presented the funds from the Prairie Warrior Auction to Col. Cochran and Col Connor.

Minot Park District recipient of Above and Beyond award

“Making the Minot area community a better place to live and work.” That is the motto for the Chamber’s Above and Beyond program. This program was designed to recognize businesses and organizations for their extraordinary efforts in community service.



The Minot Park District has been selected for the Above and Beyond Award. Minot Park District was selected because of the excellent upkeep of the Minot park system. Below is the wording on the nomination submitted by Darlene Kannianen.

“I am very impressed by the excellent upkeep of the beautiful Minot parks. The Minot Park District personnel are very friendly and ambitious, keeping on task and enhancing the parks, creating such relaxing areas for all of us to enjoy... thank you!”



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June Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in June 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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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.



Roosevelt Park Zoo: 1219 Burdick Expy. E. • Minot, ND • www.rpzoo.com • Becky Dewitz, zoo director

Minot Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to help break ground for the large cat habitat at the zoo. The project includes new habitat for the Amur tigers near the Visitors Center and new habitat for the African lions on the east loop of the zoo where other African species are located. The third phase of the project will be the renovation of the existing large cat habitat into a space that encourages climbing for the Amur leopards and snow leopards. The three-phase project is projected to be completed by the zoo's centennial year in 2021.

Ribbon Cuttings

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CHS SunPrairie Shuttle Loading Facility: northeast of Lansford, ND • Brad Haugeberg, CHS SunPrairie general manager
Minot Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to cut the ribbon at the new 900,000-bushel grain shuttle loading facility just northeast of Lansford, ND, on Highway 83 N as it is officially open. This new 180-acre campus is the tenth location for CHS SunPrairie in north central North Dakota.



Corbett Field New Turf: Minot Park District • Ron Merritt, Director • 701-857-4136 • www.minotparks.com
Minot Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to cut the ribbon at Corbett Field, which features recent turf renovations. The Corbett Field improvements include a \$1 million renovation from a natural grass playing surface to artificial turf. The project was made possible with funding from the Minot Park District and the City of Minot Community Facilities Fund.

Ribbon Cuttings

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Dakota Safety Strategies: 2015 6th St. SE • Minot, ND • Lenny Brewer, Owner • 701-509-6492 • www.dakotasafetystrategies.com
Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Dakota Safety Strategies to announce the offering of premier safety training services, utilizing extensive knowledge and real world experience to employees and managers in the construction, general, and oil and gas industries.



Michael Buseth Agency - Farmers Insurance: 6 1st St. SW • Minot ND 58701 • 701-839-9444 • Michael Buseth, Owner
Website: www.MichaelBusethAgency.com

Chamber Ambassadors helped celebrate with a ribbon cutting at Michael Buseth Agency - Farmers Insurance for the new office building located in downtown Minot, allowing clients to visit the permanent, convenient location for all insurance needs.

Ribbon Cuttings

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Flower Box: 301 Burdick Expy West • Minot, ND • www.flowerboxnd.com • 838-9302 • Tammy Holen, owner
Minot Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to celebrate with Tammy Holen as the new owner of The Flower Box.



Johnson Controls: 1251 30th St NW, Suite B • 866-818-5332

Minot Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon at the new office for Johnson Controls. While they have been in Minot for many years, they have never had an office as employees have worked from home. Johnson Controls is a leading provider of equipment and controls for heating, ventilating, air-conditioning and refrigeration, as well as security systems for buildings.

Ribbon Cuttings

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Victoria's Secret: 2400 10th Street SW • Suite 222 • 852-0819 • www.victoriassecret.com

Minot Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to cut the ribbon at the newly remodeled Victoria's Secret and the addition of a Pink store in Dakota Square Mall.



N8's Bin Cleaning Service Plus, LLC: 701-720-4338 • Nate Routhier, Owner/ Operator • www.n8sbincleaningserviceplus.com •

Facebook: N8's Bin Cleaning Services Plus@YourCansareinGoodHands

Minot Chamber Ambassadors helped to welcome N8's Bin Cleaning Services Plus, LLC, to the Minot business community with a ribbon cutting. N8's cleans and sanitizes the city's new garbage cans along with power washing decks, driveways, garage floors and more.

Xcel Energy continues big support of Junior Achievement



A big thank you to Xcel Energy for their continued support of the Junior Achievement program. Xcel Energy helped launch the program 21 years ago and continues to support it year after year! Kathy Aas (Xcel Energy, community relations manager) presents a check to Carla Dolan (Minot Area Chamber of Commerce program director).

Agribusiness Committee serves breakfast

Agribusiness Committee members of the Chamber were up bright and early to serve doughnuts, coffee, juice and milk to those attending the Ward County Shootout during the ND Junior Beef Expo at the ND State Fairgrounds in June.



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Military Day at the Zoo serves a full house

More than 1,800 military men and women and their families took part in the annual Military Day at the Zoo. The event is sponsored by the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, the Minot Park District, Roosevelt Park Zoo, MAYSA Arena and the Souris Valley Golf Course. The event featured free admission to the zoo, a free meal served by Military Affairs Committee members, ice skating, golf and swimming. The perfect weather brought out a bigger crowd than last year.

"This event is designed to thank those serving and those who have served in the military for all they do," said John MacMartin, Minot Chamber president. "It's also an opportunity to thank their families, as they have also sacrificed time with their loved one who is serving."

Thank you also goes out to CHS SunPrairie for the use of their grill and to the staff of the Minot Park District and Roosevelt Park Zoo for all their help in making this happen!



Above: a special cake celebrating the 50th anniversary of both the 91st Missile Wing and the 5th Bomb wing was presented to those attending.



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Ackerman-Estvold design donation paves the way for children's museum

The Children's Museum board in Minot announces that Ackerman-Estvold has donated the architectural and civil engineering design services for the new Magic City Discovery Center (MCDC), to be built on Minot Park District land on north hill in Minot. This investment in excess of \$200,000 from Ackerman-Estvold has allowed the project to be ahead of the curve on two key items, the pre-design work related to location selection and early design associated with the beginning stages of the MCDC Capital Campaign.

"Ackerman-Estvold is proud to be a part of bringing the Magic City Discovery Center's vision to life," said Ryan Ackerman, president/CEO of Ackerman-Estvold.

"The Board of Directors wants to thank Ackerman-Estvold and their employees for this generous gift toward the design of the Magic City Discovery Center," said Mark Lyman, president of the MCDC Board of Directors. "This wonderful donation will help us immensely in our goal of creating a children's museum in Minot, that will benefit every child in our



region and throughout the state."

The Magic City Discovery Center operated for four years as an interim museum in the Dakota Territory Air Museum facility, open only during the winter months. A capital campaign is currently underway to raise the \$7 million estimated to construct a 20,000 square-foot building, design and build 4-5 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.

Minot Area Community Foundation Bremer Impact Fund grants \$25,000 to Magic City Discovery Center

The Minot Area Community Foundation's Bremer Impact Fund has granted \$25,000 to The Magic City Discovery Center for their Capital Campaign.

The Magic City Discovery Center (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. According to MCDC, receiving funds from early supporters like the MACF Bremer Impact Fund goes a long way to making a state-of-the-art,



STEAM-based children's museum a reality for the region.

"We want to thank the MACF Bremer Impact Fund for their generous support of our Capital Campaign," said MCDC Board President, Mark Lyman. "The new building overlooking Minot, from our location on North Hill, will be a beacon and source of pride for everyone in Minot and throughout the area. We will be utilizing STEAM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) to excite our children about education and motivate them to become the scientists, engineers, teachers and artists of the future."

The Bremer Impact Fund is a donor advised fund under The Minot Area Community Foundation that was established in 2007. Since then, the fund has granted over \$328,000 to 22 area non-profit organizations in the community.

A check was presented to MCDC representatives at The Minot Area Community Foundation's office on Wednesday, May 30.

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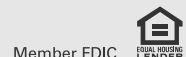
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First International Bank & Trust congratulates KALIX as a 2018 Live First Community Grant Recipient

First International Bank & Trust is pleased to announce that Kalix (Minot, ND) was one of the eight recipients of the 2018 LIVE FIRST Community Grants.

Kalix is licensed by the North Dakota Department of Human Services to provide a variety of residential and vocational programs to adults with developmental disabilities. They received \$500.00 to put towards their Outdoor Space and Sensory Garden. In spring 2017, Kalix designated an area on existing property where an outdoor space could be created to serve a variety of purposes and set about acquiring funding for this project. It was their goal to provide people with an opportunity to maintain their quality of life when experiencing dementia for as long as possible by taking a journey that didn't require them to remember why they were there or where they have come from. The Kalix Outdoor Space & Sensory Garden will provide multi-sensory stimulation from the environment including: engaging with nature, relaxation, exercise, and an opportunity to socialize by connecting with others in a shared experience.

Congratulations to Kalix and thank you for all you do for our community!



Riders and volunteers needed

The Anne Carlsen Center will be hosting two iCan Bike Camps around North Dakota this summer. The purpose is to teach individuals with disabilities how to ride a conventional two-wheel bike.

iCan Shine is a nonprofit organization that teaches about 3,000 individuals with disabilities each year how to ride a conventional two-wheel bicycle through its



from July 16-20.

Limited spots are available for riders:

- Must be at least 8 years old by start of camp and have a disability.
 - Must be able to walk without an assistive device and sidestep to both sides.
 - Must be able to attend the same 75-minute session each day of the five-day camp.
 - Must be under 220 pounds and have a minimum inseam measurement of 20" (measure from floor with sneakers on)
- Volunteer requirements:*
- At least 15 years old (unless accompanied by an adult)
 - Able to attend 90 minutes at the same time each of the 5 days of camp (15 minutes of training/daily debriefing)
 - Able to provide physical, emotional and motivational support to assigned rider
 - Able and willing to get some exercise (light jogging/running) for a great cause!

Those interested in this great program as a rider or volunteer should visit: <https://annecarlsen.org/services/real/ican-bike/>

Brian Knorr earns professional engineering license

Braun Intertec would like to congratulate their staff engineer in the Minot office, Brian Knorr, for recently obtaining his professional engineering license (PE) in the state of North Dakota. He joined the company in 2014 and performs routine geotechnical evaluation and construction materials testing for projects in residential, commercial, agricultural and energy markets.

Braun Intertec provides professional geotechnical, environmental consulting and materials testing for all stages of

program. For more info go to: <http://icanshine.org/>

North Dakota Bike Camps this summer will be offered in Minot from July 9 -13, and in Grand Forks

a project, from planning, to design and construction, to ongoing management and operations.

Gate City Bank promotes employees

Gate City has hired both Cole Stober and Heather Keller as mortgage loan officers.

In his role, Stober will help customers



Cole Stober

that are purchasing or refinancing a home. A native of Alberta, Canada, Stober graduated from Minot State in 2013. In his free time, he can be found playing softball, golfing, relaxing with family or spending time at the lake.

Keller brings four years of experience in the finance industry to her new role. She graduated from Minot State University with a bachelor of science degree. Keller lives in Minot with her husband and daughter. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and going to the lake.



Heather Keller

KLJ wins Marketing Excellence Award

KLJ announces that their team has been recognized by the Zweig Group as a 2018 Marketing Excellence Award recipient for their new website design. The Marketing Excellence Award recognizes "outstanding and effective marketing in the architecture, engineering, planning, and environmental consulting industry."

In 2017, KLJ completed a website redesign to demonstrate their depth of services in a more visually appealing way. KLJ's new site was built with the user in mind and includes easy navigation, whether a customer is searching for services offered, recent projects, or a video of what it's like to work at one of KLJ's many locations across the nation.

The awards will be distributed at the Hot Firm and A/E Industry Awards Conference held in Dallas, Texas Sept. 20-21, 2018.



Brian Knorr

Dakota Hope Clinic fundraising banquet celebrates 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. Ohden 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.



Melissa Ohden

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 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 701-852-4675 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.

Four earn professional engineer registrations at Houston Engineering, Inc.

Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI) congratulates the following staff on earning their Professional Engineer (PE) registrations: Wes Keller, Dan Korf, Joe Reiter, and Jerry Wallace.

Wes Keller serves out of HEI's Fargo office as an Engineer II. He specializes in bridge and structure design for a variety of projects, including projects involving DOTs, railroad, and the US Army Corps of Engineers.



Wes Keller



Dan Korf

Dan Korf serves out of HEI's Fargo office as an Engineer II. He specializes in water resources and works on projects involving flood protection and storm sewer lift stations.

Joe Reiter serves out of HEI's Minot office as an Engineer II. He works within the water resources sector designing water distri-



Joe Reiter

bution components such as pipelines, pump systems, and elevated tanks. In addition, Joe assists with construction management, construction coordination, and inspecting and is one of HEI's certified drone pilots.

Jerry Wallace serves out of HEI's Fargo office as an Engineer II. He is responsible for design, scheduling, construction scheduling, construction inspection and quality assurance, construction records and documentation, as well as topographic and construction survey. In addition, Jerry serves as one of HEI's certified drone pilots.



Jerry Wallace

Joint commencement ceremony slated for July 20

Park University & Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – Minot AFB would like to invite members of the Chamber of Commerce to the joint Park University & Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University commencement ceremony on July 20, 2018. These students are celebrated for their tenacity, perseverance, and hard work. The universities at Minot AFB are proud to partner with students in transforming their lives through education while they develop the communities around them. Help reward their hard work and support them through the next journey.

Please come celebrate all these students have already achieved and the futures that lay ahead. The ceremony will take place July 20, 2018, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Minot Auditorium, 420 3rd Ave. SE, Minot, ND 58701. Please RSVP attendance to: Sabrina Vargas-Ortiz (Park University) 701-727-0469 or svargasortiz@park.edu or Donna Daniels (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide) 701-727-9007 or danied15@erau.edu. Hope to see you there!

Town & Country Credit Union hires two, promotes two

Town & Country Credit Union has hired two new staff members in Minot and promoted two existing employees in Kenmare and Stanley.

Melissa Hubble joined Town & Country Credit Union as a plastics specialist in the Minot Main location. Hubble began her career in banking as a teller at Town & Country Credit Union in Kenmare in 2006.

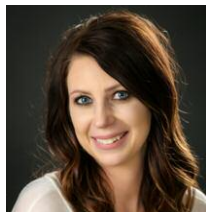


She relocated but continued her career over the last 12 years taking on duties in banking, operations, HR, compliance and benefits administration. Now that she's back at Town & Country Credit Union as the plastics specialist, Hubble manages the credit union's credit and debit card programs, as well as assisting members with Health Savings Accounts.

Kelsey Mahone was recently hired as the assistant branch manager of our Minot Main location. A native of Macon, Georgia, Mahone moved to Minot five years ago. She brings four years of experience to this role, including serving as a teller manager and personal loan specialist. As the Assistant Branch Manager, she will assist with the everyday management of the member services team and continue to build a positive environment for all members. Mahone specializes in cross-selling, lending and relationship building.



Kelsey Mahone



Andrea Stone

Andrea Stone was recently promoted to assistant branch manager of the Stanley location of Town & Country Credit Union. Stone has been with Town & Country Credit Union for five and a half years as a

member services representative prior to this promotion. In this new role, Andrea will focus on business and personal accounts, credit cards, consumer lending and manage the everyday operations of the member services team.

Tammy Knutson was recently promoted to assistant branch manager of Town & Country Credit Union's Kenmare office. Knutson joined the Town & Country team in November of 2016 and has over 15 years of member services, accounting and credit management experience. She holds a degree from Northwest Technical College in East Grand Forks. In this position, Knutson will handle day-to-day management of the member services team, as well as assist with opening new accounts and auto and personal loans.



Run for the Hills donates to Companions for Children

United Community Bank of ND and the Minot Country Club hosted the 4th Annual Run for the Hills event on Monday, June 4. This unique event featured a new course since the inception of the run, which covered the back nine holes of the country club. A \$100 gift card was provided to the top male and female winners: Noah Rolfe (time 11:57) and Danielle Turk-Bly (time 12:40).

This year, over 150 individuals registered for the race and nearly \$2500 was donated to Companions for Children. "Companions for Children is an outstanding organization that provides great opportunity for youth in our community," said Jennifer Hubrig, United Community Bank marketing director. "We appreciate the opportunity to bring awareness to such

an important need in our community."

"The families, mentors, staff and Board of Directors greatly appreciate the continued support from United Community Bank," stated Heather Cymbaluk, Companions for Children executive director. "We enjoy seeing Minot area residents come out to support Companions for Children as well as discover what the beautiful Minot Country Club has to offer. Without the support from businesses such as United Community Bank, we would not be able to continue our mission and provide mentors to children in our community."

In under five years, Companions for Children has grown from serving 13 children in need of a role model in the Minot and surrounding area to nearly 100 children today. These mentors serve as role models giving children someone to confide in, talk to and rely on. Companions for Children currently has a big need for male mentors. If you are interested, visit their website at companionsforchildren.org.

Ackerman-Estvold's McElwain earns professional registration

Ackerman-Estvold is pleased to announce that Jeff McElwain recently earned his North Dakota Professional Engineer registration from the North Dakota State Board of Registration.



Jeff McElwain

McElwain is a founding partner of Ackerman-Estvold serving as vice president. He has led the construction group since the organization was founded in 2003 and has over 25 years of experience in the industry. McElwain earned an associate of science degree in civil engineering technology from North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, ND.

Area students awarded community based scholarships from United Community Bank - Minot

Throughout the month of May, Todd Vangsness, president of United Community Bank – Minot, made three unique surprise visits to area schools to recognize and award three high school seniors with a \$1000 scholarship.

The Our Community Scholarship Fund has been put in place to recognize and award area high school seniors who have given their time through non-profit and community service organizations to help make our communities a better place. In addition to the scholarship, each awarded student had the opportunity to choose a local non-profit organization to receive a \$500 donation on the student's behalf.

The Our Community Scholarship recipients and selected non-profits were:

Turtle Lake/Mercer Public School: Trey Klain – The Lord's Pantry

Minot High School: Rhett Pederson – Boy Scout Troup 433

Mohall/Lansford/Sherwood Public School: Mikaylee Bahl – Domestic Violence Crisis Center



Left to right: Todd Vangsness (UCB), Rhett Pederson (Minot High School), Mark Larson (Boys Scout Troup 433)



Left to right: Jennifer Hubrig (UCB), Renae (Domestic Violence Crisis Center), Mikaylee Bahl (Mohall/Lansford/Sherwood Public School), and Todd Vangsness (UCB).



Pastor Sonja (The Lords Pantry), Kyle Brossart (UCB), Trey Klain (Turtle Lake/Mercer High School), Todd Vangsness (UCB).

Kalix awarded CQL Accreditation in person-centered excellence

Kalix announces the recent Accreditation in Person-Centered Excellence through 2022 received from the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL).

Kalix has been accredited by CQL (and its predecessor organizations) since 1986. As a leader in the industry, Kalix has had the opportunity to work with CQL to define the Quality Measures and reaccreditation process. An accreditation review based on Quality Measures covers all aspects of an agency and focuses on continued growth and development. Once compliance with the basics is achieved, CQL works with the organization to further develop individualized services that lead to positive individual outcomes and enhanced community involvement.

Kalix has served as an incorporated agency since the 1960s, currently serving adults with disabilities both residentially and vocationally in five North Dakota locations including Minot, Belcourt, Rolla, Langdon, and Grand Forks. Employment opportunities offered by Kalix include The Recycling Center in Minot, a commercial laundry facility in Minot, a Thrift Store in Belcourt, and various federal contracts. Most recently,

Kalix expanded the Kalix Employee/Employer Partnership (K.E.E.P.) program, dedicated to supporting people to obtain competitive employment in integrated environments in Minot and surrounding communities.

Kalix is honored to work with the Council on Quality and Leadership, which provides human service organizations and systems a proven framework for quality monitoring and enhancement. Kalix will continue to partner with CQL as a support to provide quality services, work towards increased opportunities for independence, and develop community connection in fulfillment of maximum quality of life for all people served.



Kalix Leadership Team with CQL Quality Enhancement Specialists (from left to right): Elizabeth Sites (CQL), Roland Arrayan, Connie Lowman, Joy Smith, Rod Martinson, Christine Norris (CQL), Misty Wanner, Corey Boucher, Jodi Wright, Borgi Beeler, Diane Boutilier.

Minot SCORE Chapter hosts district meeting Sept. 18 - 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.

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



North Dakota Women's Business Center expands services

Center for Technology & Business (CTB) was recently awarded grant funding by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to open a second Women's Business Center, which will be located in Fargo. The new center will offer assistance, training, leadership development opportunities and other resources to women on the eastern half of the state.

"For the past 19 years, the ND WBC has served women across the state thanks to outstanding support from SBA and North Dakota Department of Commerce. The number of women who seek our services continues to grow so we are grateful and excited for this opportunity to expand our programming reach," CTB Executive Director Deb Eslinger said.

Deidre Hillman, director of the North Dakota Women's Business Center, added, "We have always been a state-wide entity, but with increasing demand for the services we provide, a second location will allow us to extend our resources and meet

the needs of more women leaders, business owners and entrepreneurs across the state."

During the 2017 fiscal year, the Women's Business Center program counseled and trained nearly 150,000 entrepreneurs nationwide. According to the SBA's Office of Advocacy, there are 9.9 million women-owned businesses in the U.S. They employ more than eight million workers, provide more than \$264 billion in wages and salaries to employees, and contribute \$1.4 trillion in sales to a national economy.

North Dakota continues to be a leader in this movement by cultivating a positive, growth environment for women entrepreneurs and business owners. In fact, the ND WBC's impact was recognized nationally by the SBA when the center received the 2016 Women's Business Center of Excellence Award in the category of SBA Resource Partners. More recently, North Dakota ranked first in economic vitality for women-owned businesses in the 2017 State of Women-Owned Businesses Report, commissioned

by American Express.

Each year, the ND WBC trains approximately 2700 individuals and counsels an average of 80 entrepreneurs in business development and growth strategies. "With a second Women's Business Center, those numbers are expected to grow exponentially and we are excited to get to work," Hillman said.

Center for Technology & Business operates the North Dakota Women's Business Center, which is part of a national network of more than 100 centers that offer one-on-one business counseling, training, networking, workshops, technical assistance and mentoring to women entrepreneurs on many business development topics, including business startup, financial management, marketing and procurement. Specific ND WBC programming opportunities include, the Women's Leadership Program, the Women's Business Summit and the North Dakota Leading Ladies Luncheons.

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

Minot's cost of living is 1.7% higher than the national average for the first 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: First Quarter 2018 (U.S. Average Composite Index: 100%)

	Minot ND	Bismarck ND	Fargo/Moorhead Metro	Grand Forks ND	Minneapolis MN	Pierre SD
COMPOSITE INDEX	101.7	98.5	99.5	96.2	105.0	101.2
GROCERY ITEMS	110.8	102.1	109.7	95.6	105.8	98.8
HOUSING	94.3	90.2	91.8	98.1	104.2	115.9
UTILITIES	91.1	93.9	91.9	96.7	96.1	90.6
TRANSPORTATION	115.4	115.7	97.8	99.8	108.1	90.2
HEALTH CARE	113.1	114.5	117.9	107.2	107.0	101.0
MISC. GOODS	102.0	98.5	102.1	92.3	106.8	96.1

July 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Office Closed Independence Day	5	6	7
8	9 Agribusiness Golf Scramble, 12:30 p.m., Minot Country Club	10 Eagle Award Presentations, 10 a.m., Chamber office	11 Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., MAFB	12	13 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	14
15	16	17 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	18 Coffee with the President, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Chamber office	19 ND State Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., ND State Fairgrounds	20	21
22	23	24 Ag Committee serves breakfast at the ND State Fair to livestock producers, 7 a.m., ND State Fair Livestock Barn Military Day at the ND State Fair	25 Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., Minot AFB	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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