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Candidate forums well attended

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and *Minot Daily News* co-sponsored four candidate forums in May. The Minot Park Board, School Board, City Council and Mayoral Candidates were featured in the forums. Each one had great turnouts with under 100, while the mayoral forum had close to 500 people on hand to learn more from the candidates. A big thank you to the *Minot Daily News* for partnering with us for these informative sessions



Election set for June 12

The June Primary Election is set for Tuesday, June 12. Minot voters can go to Room 201 of the Minot Municipal Auditorium to cast their vote for five seats up for re-election. They are mayor, three council seats and municipal judge. Those running for Mayor are Nancy Bommelman, Timothy Mihalick and Shaun Sipma. There are six people running for the three seats on the Minot City Council. They are: Mark Jantzer (incumbent), Lisa Olson (incumbent), Edward Montez, Paul Pitner, Stephan Podrygula (incumbent), and David Shomento. As for the Minot Municipal Judge, Ashley Beall and current Judge Mark Rasmuson are running. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. June 12 at the Minot Municipal Auditorium.

Task Force 21 connects with congressional leadership

Two members of Task Force 21 were in Washington, DC, on May 10 to support a presentation by Senator Heidi Heitkamp on the nuclear triad. This was an important conversation that addressed modernization of the weapon systems. Additionally, it was stressed that all involved needed to help take the modernization story to the general public. More than 60 individuals attended, including embassy personnel from several allies.



Task Force 21 traveled to Washington, DC, on May 14 and 15 and had another successful series of meetings with Air Force leaders in the Pentagon. Visits included the Mr. Hartley, Assistant Secretary of Air Force for Installations and Energy, Mr. Donovan,

Under Secretary of Air Force, Lt Gen Jack Wiensteen, the A-10 of the Air Force, and MG Steve Bashem, Air Force Legislative Liaison. Topics covered included community partnerships, licensure portability, weapon systems modernization, and mission for the base. It was noted by the Air Force staff



Pictured from left to right are Sen. John Hoeven, Task Force 21 Chair Mark Jantzer, Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, and Mayor Chuck Barney.

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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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Renewals

The Chamber extends a big “THANK YOU” to our members who have renewed their membership from April 24 through May 24, 2018. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.	Monson Dental Center
Broadway Family Dentistry	Montessori of Minot
Captain's Cove	Nore's Auto & Trailer Sales
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Mindt Construction	Western Steel & Plumbing
Minot Aero Center	WGO/Zoo/Sunny Radio
Minot Area Community Foundation	The WriteDesign
Minot Association of Builders	Minot Family YMCA
Minot Welding Company	

Community volunteers spruce up City of Minot

Thank you for cleaning up Minot! Minot entrances look a lot more inviting following the citywide cleanup. Project CLEAN (Community Leaders Enhancing Area Neighborhoods), a committee of the Chamber, asked its members to help and they came out in full force. Thank you to the many businesses and individuals who took part in the effort May 4 & 5. A big thank you to the City of Minot as well for providing the bags needed to pick up the garbage.



Thank you to the following:

Blue Cross Blue Shield
Brokers 12
CHS SunPrairie
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Carpetland
Century 21
The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints
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Innovative Office Solutions
KX News
MDU
Midco
City of Minot Property
Maintenance

City of Minot Sewer
Department
City of Minot Street Department
City of Minot Water Treatment
Plant
Minot Lions Club
Moore Engineering
North Highlands Apartments
Northern Bottling
RDO Equipment
Scheels
Signal Realtors
Slumberland
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that Minot bringing the North Dakota Congressional Delegation along for the visit was rare.

TF 21 then joined the ND Army and Air Guard and the communities of Grand Forks and Fargo in hosting a reception in honor of the ND Congressional Delegation and invited guests. TF 21 has been hosting a reception similar to this since the early 1990s. TF 21 extends invitation to military members, both active duty and retired, who have served at Minot AFB. Key Air Force leadership is also invited, and this reception was fortunate to host the Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson and many general officers.

**Congratulations to
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Junior Achievement continues its success in Minot

Junior Achievement has been in Minot for 20 years and continues to be a strong part of Minot public and private schools. This year, 129 classrooms heard the message of the free enterprise system in grades K – 5. Trained volunteer consultants are in the classroom one hour a week for five weeks. The outside expertise is vital to students as they learn about

money management, city planning and assembly work among other topics.

Junior Achievement would not be possible without the volunteer hours and donations from businesses and individuals who take the time to make sure this happens. There is no cost to the schools, so JA relies on donations and grants from area businesses. Please take a moment to

read through the list below of those businesses that generously donated money to help supply the \$205 per classroom kits that supply the materials needed for the classrooms. Let them know how appreciative we are of their financial support. Also take a moment to thank the volunteers who spend their personal time teaching our future leaders.

Junior Achievement Contributors

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May Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in May 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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Minot resident



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Groundbreaking

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.



Bread of Life Lutheran Church: 1415 17th Ave SW • 838-3360 • www.breadoflifeminot.com • Pastor Taryn Montgomery
Minot Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to help break ground for the new multi-purpose addition to the Bread of Life Lutheran Church.

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.



Bath & Body Works: Dakota Square Mall • 2400 10th St SW • 839-5202 • www.bathandbodyworks.com

Minot Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to cut the ribbon at Bath & Body Works at Dakota Square Mall as they have renovated their space to provide an even better shopping experience.



Brokers 12 Real Estate: 1201 S. Broadway • Minot, ND • 852-3757 • Fax: 839-6514 • Website: Brokers12.com

Owner(s): Julie Albertson, Kausha Bakk, Mark Bickler, Chery Bourdeau, Bob Houim, Michael Houim, Monica Houim, Angela Simonson, Kalli Swanson, DeLynn Weishaar, DelRae Zimmerman

Minot Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to cut the ribbon at Brokers 12 Real Estate. Voted Minot's #1 real estate company, Brokers 12 has been around for 38 years and recently completed a large-scaled interior renovation to match their multi-million dollar business inside and out! Brokers 12 strives to lead the local market with superior real estate knowledge, forward thinking marketing and unprecedented customer service for the past, present & future clients.

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Full STEAM Ahead Studio: 2915 10th St. SW • 507-398-3327 • www.makeascenekids.com • Allison Auch – founder
Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Full STEAM Ahead studio where Make a Scene Kids Theater, Minot Robotics and many more programs are located.



South Hill Softball Complex Artificial Turf Fields: Minot Recreation Commission • 857-4727 • Scott Collins, director
Surrounded by teams ready to play, Minot Chamber Ambassadors helped cut the ribbon of the Minot Recreation Commission's two new artificial turf fields at the South Hill Softball Complex.

American Pickers to film in North Dakota this summer

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to North Dakota! They plan to film episodes of the hit series American Pickers throughout your area.



American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique 'picking' on History. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections or accumulations and learn the interesting stories behind them. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them. American Pickers is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST.

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.



Tires Plus Total Car Care: 1301 20th Ave. SW • Minot, ND • 837-1301 • Jarid Lundeen, Owner • www.tiresplusnd.com
Minot Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to cut the ribbon at newly remodeled showroom of Tires Plus Total Car Care.

Magic 60 returns this summer

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

The premise of Magic 60 is that community members are asked to think of projects that add to the quality of life in Minot and present them to a judging panel. The only caveat: All presentations must be made in sixty seconds or less.

The format for 2018's Magic 60 is changing to engage more community members and garner more excitement from the general public through an online submission and voting platform, where the number of Facebook "likes" received by a participant's video will be factored into their judging score.

Community members are encouraged to submit project ideas that run the gamut, from community art and music projects to events and charity programs. Once a community member submits their project idea, they will be invited to create their sixty second video and participate in Magic 60's online voting period. A panel of community members will judge each project's potential impact and level of community engage-

ment and support to make funding decisions in early August. All potential projects must be to improve the Minot community, and private business ideas will not be considered. \$5,000 has been raised for the Magic 60 grant pool to be distributed to great ideas, with \$2,500 from United Community Bank and \$2,500 from Minot Young Professionals.

"We are so grateful for the support of United Community Bank and the ability to provide dollars to help better our community," remarked Preston Phillips, President of Minot Young Professionals. We look forward to making another impact on Minot in this summer."

Individuals are encouraged to submit their project ideas by June 15th by emailing minotndyp@gmail.com with a brief description of their project (150-word maximum), including a budget, and their contact information. The online voting period for videos and projects will begin on July 1st and conclude on July 31st. Magic 60 awards will be announced early August.

For more information, interested individuals are asked to contact Minot Young Professionals at 701-303-0840.

Chamber University:

Get Your Business Online June 6

Four out of five consumers use search engines to find local information nearby, yet only 37% of businesses have claimed their listing on a search engine," said Emily Harris, manager of Google's Get Your Business Online program. "Small businesses are the engine of local economies and when they flourish, their communities do as well."

Get Your Business Online is a program that empowers communities to support their local businesses and encourage them to get on the map. Local businesses keep our communities strong; when we help them succeed on the web, they make our communities even stronger. This Chamber University workshop is a Google presentation hosted by the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Development Center. This three-hour seminar will include three topics: "Get Found on Google Search," Intro to Online Marketing" and "Share your Story through Video."

Join us for this Chamber University on Wednesday, June 6 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Hotel. Cost is \$25 for Chamber members, \$45 for nonmembers. Go to www.minotchamber.org and click on the date of June 6 on the Calendar to sign up today.

Chamber of Commerce seeks board members

Members of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce have until June 15 to suggest nominees for the board of directors. Suggestions must be sent in writing to the Nomination Committee at the Chamber office.

The committee will select and secure acceptance of five candidates on or before July 15. Those names will then be

announced in the August newsletter. At that time, members can again nominate candidates by a petition consisting of 15% of the Chamber's voting membership, which must be submitted to the Chamber office by Aug. 15. Call 852-6000 for more information.

Military Day at the Zoo set for June 22

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, in conjunction with the Minot Park System, Roosevelt Park Zoo, and MAYSA Arena, will sponsor Military Day at the Zoo Friday, June 22.

The event, which starts at 10 a.m. and runs through 8 p.m., will feature free admission to the zoo and pool (weather permitting) with military ID. The pool is open from 1 to 8 p.m. There will also be a free meal from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. under the tent just west of the zoo. Military members and their families can ice

skate for free at the MAYSA Arena from 4 to 6 p.m. Military members will also receive a free round of golf with a military ID at the Souris Valley Golf Course. Call 857-4189 in advance for a tee time. The day is set aside for active and retired military and their families.

This is made possible thanks to the Minot Park District and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee. For more information contact the Chamber at 852-6000.

Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble:

July 9 • Minot Country Club

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee will sponsor the annual Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble July 9 at the Minot Country Club. If you would like to sponsor a tee, a green, or have a team, give us a call at 852-6000.

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PUT MY EXPERIENCE TO WORK FOR YOU!

The 2018 ND State Fair is “Where Summer Shines!”

The anticipation and excitement is building every day as we move closer to the 2018 North Dakota State Fair, the state’s largest event. The staff at the State Fair has been planning to make 2018 the biggest and grandest Fair in our history. In 2017, nearly 300,000 people walked through the fairgrounds during the 9 days of the Fair, creating memories that will last a lifetime. This year, expect more thrills, music, rides, food, exhibits, contests, and family fun than you’ve ever seen before.

The ND State Fair has a history of welcoming only the best concerts to the Grandstand. The Country Showpass features both artists at the height of their careers and a few that are headed for super-stardom. Headliners include Florida Georgia Line, Dierks Bentley, Cole Swindell, Kip Moore, and Michael Ray. Admission to the Enduro Race and Western Grand National Truck & Tractor Pull are included with the Showpass. For \$110, you receive 7 nights of unforgettable entertainment that you’ll be talking about for years to come.

Rock returns to the Grandstand with a taste of classic and modern. If you want to see what it’s like to be a rock star, you can’t miss Nickelback on July 28. Sing along with the world famous, multi-platinum selling group for just \$50. Relive the glory days and hear all of your classic favorites mixed in with some new hits with Cheap Trick on July 26. Tickets to see Cheap Trick are only \$25.

The ND State Fair is honored to announce an historic display that will be featured on the Fairgrounds this year. The 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit is a massive 1,000 square foot exhibit, dedicated to preserving the memory of those brave individuals who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect American citizens. Free guided tours will be given by First Responders who were on duty during that fateful day. The 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit will be open all 9 days of the Fair from noon to 7pm. Other free stage entertainment includes The Kachunga Alligator Show, ZuZu African Acrobats, Majestik Spectacular

motorcycle stunt show, Disc-Connected K9s, and of course Daryl’s Racing Pigs.

With nine days of family fun, the state’s largest carnival, 600 booths of shopping, livestock and horse events, and competitive exhibits ranging from baking to quilt-making, the ND State Fair gives you incredible value for your entertainment. If you plan on attending the Fair more than two days you can save money by purchasing your season gate pass for only \$25!

For more information, visit ndstatefair.com or call 857-7620.

Celebrate military, agribusiness

Military Appreciation Day at the Fair July 24

The ND State Fair, along with the Military Affairs Committee of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, will offer special discounts to members of the military with a special coupon Tuesday, July 24.

The day includes a free lunch (sponsored by the ND Beef Commission, the ND Stockmen’s Association, and the ND Cattlewomen) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., free carnival rides from 1 to 3 p.m., 50% off NPRA Championship Bull Riding admission, and 50% off the carnival wristbands, and 50% off gate admission with a Pepsi product for active military, reserve and National Guard members. Coupons are required to receive the rodeo discounts and may be picked up at the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce office, 1020 20th Ave. SW.

Ag Committee serves breakfast July 24

Agribusiness Committee members get up early to serve breakfast to livestock exhibitors. The Committee will have donuts, coffee, juice, and milk on hand at 7 a.m. for those participating in the competitions. This is an annual event for the group who want to make sure those attending know how much they are appreciated as they represent the state’s number one industry.



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ND Guaranty & Title Co hosts final Business After Hours event of the season

Thank you to North Dakota Guaranty & Title Co for hosting the May 17 Business After Hours. Delicious food from Homesteaders was enjoyed by 141 people, who also networked with other Chamber members, learned about the business, and some even went home with prizes! The next Business After Hours will be in September. Check your Chamber calendar for details.



Food, music, and fun set for Minot's Ribfest June 15-17

Sweet, juicy, tangy ribs are making a triumphant return to the North Dakota State Fairgrounds June 15-17 for Minot's Ribfest. What's there to love about Minot's annual celebration of tender, savory ribs? More than ever!

Nothing goes better with ribs than some amazing music, all included with \$5 gate admission. On Friday, June 15, hear Soul Shine at 5:30 p.m. and The Front Fenders at 7:30 p.m. on the iHeart Media Stage. Saturday, the sounds of All Aces at 5:30 p.m. and a tribute to Santana

and the Doobie Brothers at 7:30 p.m. will fill the Fairgrounds. Come early on Sunday morning for a special Father's Day Service with The Pursuit Minot at 11:15 a.m. and stay for the World of Outlaws Magic City Showdown at 7:30 p.m.

More entertainment awaits you at Minot's Ribfest, including Friday only events, like the lunch special from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. that features free admission and free sides; a classic car show, and a Cornhole tournament. Exclusive to

Saturday is the Kite Building Class brought to you by Nature's Nook at 1 p.m. You can also check out kids' bounce houses, The Escape Room, mini golf by The Putt District, basketball, and other vendors.

Enjoy Minot's Ribfest from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday through Sunday, June 15 – 17 at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds. Visit minotribfest.com to sign up for special events and for more information.

IRS offers ways to communicate a "paycheck checkup"

The IRS has been working diligently to communicate with taxpayers about the need to complete a "paycheck checkup" to make sure they have the right amount of tax withheld from their paychecks.

Sending the same message over and over doesn't grab people's attention. So we've created a series of messages for different groups of taxpayers. Today's groups are:

1. People who itemize
2. People who have a seasonal job
3. People who work part time

To help you communicate this message to these groups, we have a series of articles on IRS.gov, drop in articles for your newsletters, Tweets and images for social media. Use anything and everything that works for you and your clients or members! Employers are encouraged to share these articles with their employees.

See the following links and attachments:

- IR-18-120: Taxpayers who usually itemize deductions should check their withholding to avoid tax surprises (Available in

English and Spanish)

- If you itemize deductions, avoid tax surprises with a "Paycheck Checkup"
- Tweets: paycheck checkup/itemized – English
- IR-18-118: Seasonal, part-year workers urged to check tax withholding amount (Available in English and Spanish)
- Seasonal and part-year workers: Time for a "Paycheck Checkup"
- Tweets & images: #PaycheckCheckup seasonal work – English and Spanish

First International Bank and Trust congratulates winners of the 2018 Live First Community Grants

First International Bank & Trust (FIB&T) is proud to announce the winners of the Fourth Annual Live First Community Giving Campaign. There were 73 community organizations that applied for the grant that attracted over 25,000 votes on social media. The following community groups have been selected as recipients for the 2018 Live First Community Grants:

- \$5,000 Award – Hope Blooms, Fargo, ND: You matter. These two tiny words hold a special meaning because they are the inspiration behind the inception of Hope Blooms. They exemplify belonging and inclusion and illustrate a person's fundamental value as a human being. Hope Blooms directly invests in the local community by spreading joy through flower bouquet donations to our community's most vulnerable individuals.
- \$1,000 Award – Start Bismarck, Bismarck, ND: Start Bismarck exists to create and connect a community of startups. They embrace risk-taking, promote entrepreneurial activity, and organize grassroots community-building events in Bismarck, ND. Start Bismarck answers the question: "How can we change the face of our startup community by sharing 1 million cups of coffee?" The entrepreneur shares his/her story, and then engages in meaningful conversation with the audience. This weekly event gives business owners permission to think bigger and better.
- \$1,000 Award – United Chinese Americans Fargo-Moorhead, Fargo, ND & Moorhead, MN: The purpose of United Chinese Americans Fargo-Moorhead (UCAFM) is to promote fellowship and friendship among Chinese Americans; increase public awareness and understanding of the Chinese arts and culture; and help Chinese Americans integrate into the Fargo-Moorhead Community.
- \$1000 Award –Addie's Royal Cupcake Stand, Moorhead, MN: Each summer Addie hosts a lemonade and cupcake

stand to help make dreams come true for kids on the wait list from the Sunshine Foundation. The Sunshine Foundation Grants dreams come true to kids who have disabilities, illness or who have been abused. Addie has helped raise nearly \$20,000 and made five dreams come true.

Peter Stenebjem, president of First International Bank & Trust, shared, "I am amazed by the overwhelming engagement from our community. With nearly double the number of participating organizations this year, we are excited to share that four additional recipients will also be awarded a grant."

- \$500 Award – Central Lakes College Student Senate, Staples, MN: The Central Lakes College Student Senate (CLC) has a long history of holding community events for local area children and their parents. Throughout the academic year, the CLC student volunteers plan and coordinate such events as the Fall Festival, CLC Haunted House, Kids Christmas Party, and the Community Egg Hunt. These events seek to provide area kids with a free, fun, and safe experience while also teaching the college student community the importance of engagement with their local communities.
- \$500 Award – Kalix, Minot, ND: 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. Its goal is 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 doesn't require them to remember why they are there or where they have come from. The Kalix Outdoor Space & Sensory Garden will provide multisensory stimulation from the environment including: engaging with nature, relaxation, exercise, and an opportunity to socialize by connecting with others in a shared experience.
- \$500 Award – Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND: The Rough Rider Center has recently been approved by the Parks and Recreation board to put a playground in the downstairs pool area

of the Rough Rider Center. This playground will benefit many in the community with the many activities that are held at the Rough Rider Center. It will also benefit the many families with young children and grandparents who need and want a place to enjoy taking their kids, especially in the winter months.

- \$500 Award – Heart of America Care Center, Rugby, ND: Heart of America Care Center, a 55 bed Skilled Nursing Facility, has been serving North Central North Dakota since 1963, ensuring that families are able to remain close through all stages of life. There is a nation-wide initiative to reduce high risk medication use in the elderly population. An Aroma Therapy program will improve the quality of life for residents by decreasing their risk for falls, improving appetite, improving sleep patterns, and decreasing negative side effects such as stroke or even death.

Due to the overwhelming response to the Live First Community Grant program, First International Bank & Trust plans to continue the annual tradition in the future. For more information, contact: Marketing, First International Bank and Trust, 701-893-3542, marketing@firstintlbank.com.

Ploof earns asbestos certifications

Ackerman-Estvold team member Kevin Ploof, REHS/RS, recently earned his Asbestos Inspector and Asbestos Management Planner Certifications through the University of North Dakota's Environmental Training Institute. Through Ploof's certifications, Ackerman-Estvold is now licensed to perform public and private asbestos inspections for area schools, municipalities, counties, and private businesses. Ackerman-Estvold's other environmental services include wetland delineations, US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permitting, Phase I & II Environmental Site Assessments, and septic system design.



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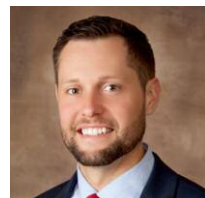
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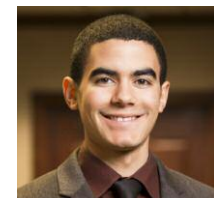
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SRT awards college scholarships

SRT gives \$8,500 to local students and announces two national scholarship winners

SRT is pleased to announce the winners of college scholarships to outstanding area students. Four winners were awarded the SRT College Scholarship and will receive \$1,500 each towards their college tuition. One winner was awarded the SRT \$2,500 Technical Scholarship, a newer scholarship opportunity introduced in 2016. Finally, two students were selected to receive a national scholarship from the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), in cooperation with NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association.

"It's an honor for SRT to play a role in advancing a student's education," said Steve Lysne, SRT General Manager/CEO. "We appreciate these students commitment to education and their communities. Not to mention, having two national winners also shows the caliber of students we're lucky to have in our local school systems."

Applicants for the \$1,500 scholarship were judged on their volunteerism and community involvement, scholastic performance, and an essay in which they were asked to discuss how they would teach the technology aspect of STEAM education in the classroom and how they'd adapt to ongoing changes in technology. In addition to the essay, students were required to submit a list of their community activities, school involvement and transcripts.

The SRT Technical Scholarship also required students to submit their volunteerism, community involvement and scholastic performance. Additionally, a letter of recommendation from a community member as well as an essay describing plans for a future career in the telecommunications industry was required.

The 2018 SRT \$1,500 Scholarship recipients are:

- * Stephen Ellingson – MLS-Mohall High School
- * Gage Jaeger – Minot High School
- * Ryleigh Poppinga – Our Redeemer's Christian School
- * Karena Verbitsky – South Prairie High School

The 2018 SRT \$2,500 Technical Scholarship winner is:

- * Nicholas Effertz – Velva High School

SRT is also pleased to announce two students from the SRT service area have been awarded nationally recognized scholarships from FRS. Out of 1,400 applicants across the nation, Lyndsey Spelhaug from Minot High School and SRT Technical Scholarship winner Nicholas Effertz from Velva High School were both selected to receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

"After much effort, our review committee finally selected 53 students who went above and beyond in their academics, hard work and community involvement—and I'm delighted to say that two of those winners came from SRT! And as if being part of such a select group weren't enough, both stood out to our reviewers for their dedication to the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields, and they were each awarded the prestigious JSI Staurulakis Family Foundation Scholarships for \$5,000 each. Congratulations Nicolas and Lyndsey!" stated FRS Executive Director Jessica Golden.

Scholarship recipients were honored at a special luncheon with the SRT Board of Directors and Executive Staff at the Grand Hotel (1505 N Broadway, Minot) on Wednesday, April 25 at 12pm. Recipients shared their essay, and talked about their plans for the future.

Fire Department graduates recruits

The Minot Fire Department hosted a graduation ceremony for its eight newest recruits on May 25. The ceremony was held at the Fire Department's Station 1, located at 2111 10th Street SW.

"These recruits have been in training for eight weeks, and have worked extremely hard to get to the point of graduation," said Minot Fire Chief Kelli Flermoen. "We wanted to take a moment to recognize their efforts and to offer the public the opportunity to meet them and other members of our staff."

Minot Symphony Association seeking gardeners for Secret Garden Tour

Do you have a "Green Thumb" or know someone who does? The Minot Symphony Association is looking for gardens to be featured on the 24th annual Secret Garden Tour!

Whether you have flowers, vegetables, herbs, raised beds, a waterfall or pond, unique trees or shrubbery, fun yard art, or have a great outdoor gathering space that is beautifully landscaped, yours could be one of the featured gardens.

The garden hosts receive two free 2018-19 main floor season tickets (for all six concerts) as a thank you.

For more information or for the Garden Tour committee to visit your garden, please call 858-4228 or send an email www.minotsymphony.com.

If you simply want to stop and smell the roses and other greenery, save the date: Wednesday, July 18. Tickets will be available by July 1 at Visit Minot and Lowe's Garden Center. Cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gardens. Plus, all attendees will be able to enter for a chance to win two free 2018-19 symphony season tickets.

Save the dates!

July 18th – Secret Garden Tour

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Minot Area Community Foundation Bremer Impact Fund grants \$100,000 to Roosevelt Park Zoo

The Minot Area Community Foundation's Bremer Impact Fund has granted \$100,000 to the Roosevelt Park Zoo's current redesign project. The Roosevelt Park Zoo will soon be breaking ground on their redesign project which will include moving the "Big Cat" exhibits. The \$100,000 from the Bremer Impact Fund will go towards the Cat Walk in the new Amur Tiger River Valley. "We are so appreciative of the generous support from MACF's Bremer Impact Fund. With their support of this project, we will be able to make dramatic improvements to our zoo that will increase the quality of life for our animals and offer a valuable zoo experience for our community and visitors" says Becky Dewitz, Zoo Director. "This is the largest grant ever made from MACF's Bremer Impact Fund,

which exemplifies the true commitment to our community" says Ken Kitzman, President, Minot Area Community Foundation. 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 presentation will take place at the Roosevelt Park Zoo on Thursday, May 10th at 11am. Photos and interviews will be available at that time.

Valvoline Instant Oil named "Rookie of the Year"

Minot's Valvoline Instant Oil was awarded "Rookie of the Year" with Valvoline Instant Oil Franchise network. This award is especially unique because a franchisee only has one opportunity to earn this award. The "Rookie of the Year" of the year is awarded to the organization

that has passion for customer service, a drive for results, and believes in the process.

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Strengthen ND to host rural design workshop later this year

The Citizens' Institute on Rural Design™ (CIRD), an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts managed by Project for Public Spaces, announced today that Strengthen ND was selected to host a rural design technical workshop later this year.

The workshops will bring together local leaders, non-profits, community organizations, and citizens with a team of rural planning and creative placemaking professionals to craft actionable solutions to their communities' development and design challenges.

The proposal submitted by Strengthen ND to utilize the opportunity to support their work in Tuttle, ND was one of four selected by an advisory panel from a competitive applicant pool this year. CIRD awardees receive a \$10,000 stipend to support the workshop and follow-up planning sessions. Each community also receives in-kind design expertise and technical assistance valued at \$35,000, and additional support through webinars and web-based resources on www.rural-design.org.

"It is exciting to witness the bold vision that Tuttle has for its future," said NEA Director of Design and Creative Placemaking Jen Hughes. "Design is an important tool to spark economic revitalization and bring new attention to local amenities. We're thrilled to support this CIRD workshop and deliver design expertise that will ultimately impact the quality of life for rural residents."

"This year's technical assistance focus areas - Main Street Revitalization, Healthy Living by Design, and Multi-Modal Transportation - reflect key overlapping issues facing rural communities across the country and provide a great opportunity for sharing hands on practices and applicable lessons learned across multiple sectors" said Cynthia Nikitin, CIRD Program Director and Senior Vice President of Project for Public Spaces, Inc.

Strengthen ND is supporting the community of Tuttle to develop plans for a new multi-use community space and economic engine, the Tuttle Rural Innovation Center (TRIC). The workshop will devel-

op design plans for the new innovation center featuring a small business and art space incubator, a commercial kitchen, event space, and a maker space for local artisans and crafters. The center has the potential to be an example of successful adaptive reuse, sparking a renaissance along Main Street. This project leverages community momentum in establishing a community-owned and volunteer-operated grocery store. Workshop partners include Tuttle Rural Innovation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development - North Dakota, North Dakota Local Foods Development Alliance, and Tuttle Betterment Club.

"We are so excited for the opportunity to host a CIRD workshop," remarked Megan Laudenschlager, Executive Director of Strengthen ND. "Not only will this workshop directly support our work in Tuttle, but it will also help us distill CIRD's philosophy and tools to our partners statewide."

For a complete list of selected communities and past workshop locations, please visit the Citizens' Institute on Rural Design™ website at www.rural-design.org/where-we-work

Schuler named business banking manager for Wells Fargo

Mark Schuler has been named business banking manager for Wells Fargo in Bismarck and Minot. In his new role, Schuler will lead a team serving businesses with annual sales generally from \$5 million to \$20 million, providing a range of services, including credit, cash management, risk management, succession, and wealth management.

A 24-year Wells Fargo veteran, Schuler worked in Sioux Falls, SD, Minneapolis, MN, and Scottsdale, AZ, before joining the team in Bismarck in 2016. Schuler is a graduate of the University of South Dakota and the University of South Dakota School of Law. He also serves as a trustee of the University of South Dakota Foundation and the Bismarck State College Foundation.



Mark Schuler

Annual summer art camp and classes set for the Taube Museum

Looking for that summer activity to bring out the creativity in your children? The Taube Museum of Art is offering the Annual Summer Art Camp June 25-28, with two sessions to choose from: 9 a.m. to Noon, or 1 to 4 p.m. This camp is open to children ages 5 and up. Your child will learn about local artists and their techniques, as part of the annual Small Works Exhibit and Auction, and so much more. Local artist Doug Pfliger will give an 'artist talk' to the children during the camp. What a treat! This is an art camp for children interested in a hands-on experience with the visual arts. Experienced art educators will work with your children developing their art skills. Artcamp registrations are now being accepted online at www.taubemuseum.org/education.htm.

An additional 31 summer art classes are also offered and are available for online registration, calling or stopping by the museum. Classes will begin the first week of June and run all summer through August, so there is sure to be a class that will tempt your child to be inspired! For all the information, be sure to check the website and also (soon-to-be-posted) on Facebook.

For more information about classes at the Taube Museum of Art call 838-4445 or email taubeeducation@srt.com. Summer Art Camp online registration: www.taubemuseum.org/education.htm or check the new Facebook page specifically for art classes at the Taube Museum of Art: www.facebook.com/EveryDayIsArDay/.

Museum and gift shop hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.. There is no charge for admission, but contributions are accepted to help the Taube Museum fulfill their mission of enriching lives through the visual arts.

Contact Nancy F. Walter, executive director, at 838-4445 for further information.

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Infrared Pothole Repair: A durable solution that fits your budget

Each year after the snow melts, property managers and homeowners should inspect the condition of their asphalt driveways and parking lots. As asphalt ages, potholes are inevitable.

How do potholes form?

An important aspect in treating potholes is understanding the factors that cause them. Activity below the surface initiates asphalt failures. Moisture seeps into the cracks of pavement, causing the supporting soil below to weaken. Water beneath the surface freezes, which causes the ground to

expand and the pavement to rise. In addition to the fatigue from the freeze thaw cycle, the pavement continues to wear with the pressure from traffic passing over the area. The first sign of a pothole is alligator cracking. Broken chunks of asphalt become dislodged, which leads to the formation of a pothole.

What are my options?

Prevention goes a long way. Protect the asphalt base by keeping the cracks sealed with a hot pour, flexible sealant. Repair alligator cracking and potholes with infrared before they grow into massive, unsightly defects that require

a paving company to fix. Infrared repairs restore the surface to an impermeable state. Small repairs are quick, affordable, and produce beautiful results.

How does infrared work?

A heated plate is placed over the pothole, softening the asphalt without burning it. After heating is completed, the once defective asphalt is recycled and raked back into place. Rejuvenating oil and fresh hot mix asphalt is added. The mixture is then smoothed and compacted to create a strong, seamless, thermal bond between the repaired area and the original asphalt.



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Des Lacs Burlington High School students awarded with community based scholarships

Jeana Rynestad, vice president of United Community Bank – Burlington, made a surprise visit to the Des Lacs Burlington High School in March to recognize and award two DLB 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 – Burlington recipients were Caitlyn Vogel and Arron Grandy. Caitlyn chose Dream Catchers Baseball to receive the donation and Arron chose American Red Cross – Minot. The DLB students were surprised in a special assembly by their classmates, parents and representatives from the Community Organization they chose.

United Community Bank – Minot will also be awarding three area scholarship recipients throughout the month of May.



Verendrye extends invitation to annual meeting June 14

The Board of Directors, management and staff of Verendrye Electric Cooperative cordially invites you to attend the 79th annual meeting of the cooperative to be held Thursday, June 14 at the ND State Fair Center in Minot. Registration begins at 4 p.m. A complimentary supper will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Special entertainment by singer and guitarist Daniel Starks will entertain guests from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be called to order at 6:30 p.m. and should conclude by 8 p.m. Gov. Doug Burgum will be in attendance and will speak to the VEC membership at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Verendrye Electric Cooperative's 2017 annual report is complete and available for you to view through the following link: <https://www.verendrye.com/content/annual-report-2017>.

United Community Bank promotes Perrin to chief financial officer

United Community Bank has announced that Kelly Perrin has been promoted to chief financial officer. Perrin was hired in 2013 as credit risk manager and has since grown his role to oversee the ALCO committee, manage UCB's investment portfolio and holds a spot on UCB's executive management team.



Kelly Perrin

"Kelly brings a wealth of knowledge to UCB and we are fortunate to have his expertise within our organization," said Randy Conway, President & CEO.

Perrin is a graduate of Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and is a licensed CPA. He serves on the Minot Soccer Association Board of Directors and is a board member of the Burlington Rural Fire Department.



Women United celebrates May Day with book donations

Women United members prepared and presented over 1,000 books for the May Day Book Baskets Event. On May 1, these baskets of books were delivered to area school children and classrooms. Women United is honored to assist our local students to encourage a love of reading. The children each received a book to take home and read with their families to help encourage reading and early learning.

Students who can read proficiently by 3rd grade are four times more likely to graduate from high school. Kelly Loos, president of Women United, stated, "In the vast words of Garrison Keillor, a book is a gift that you can open again and again. We are pleased to be able to extend the opportunity to share this gift with the children of Minot to encourage reading."

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. The Women United group combines the financial power and collective talents of philanthropic women to address needs in the community.

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

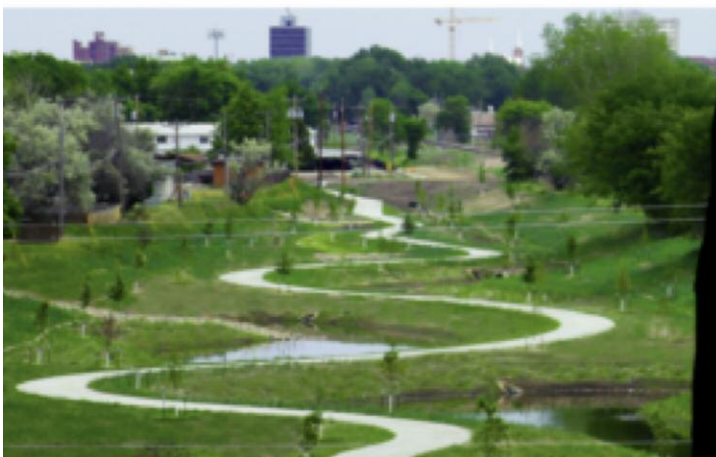
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Our Senior Water Resource Engineer, Tom, loves a challenge. That's why when designing a solution for stormwater retention/detention, Tom got creative. By creating an eco-friendly solution over a traditional pump station, this portion of flood control 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.



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Governor takes major step to support opportunity for investment in downtown Minot

The City of Minot is one of 25 North Dakota communities approved for an Opportunity Zone as part of a new tax incentive program through the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Minot's Opportunity Zone includes the downtown business district.

This new tax incentive will allow investments for economic development activities to earn capital gains tax exemptions from the federal government to boost financing of commercial and business activities in the designation zone. Opportunity Zones are an investment initiative contained in the 2017 Tax Reform Act passed by Congress and signed by the President Donald Trump in December 2017.

Minot Mayor Chuck Barney praised Gov. Doug Burgum for including the city's downtown census tract as one of the 25 census tracts allowed for submission

for the Opportunity Zone designation.

"This can be significant for Minot and we're pleased the governor included downtown Minot as a designation," said Barney. "This may help develop a coordinated and sustainable strategy to encourage economic growth and business development in the downtown area."

The new federal law allows each governor to nominate a fixed number of census tracts. Upon review by the U.S. Department of Treasury of the nominated census tracts, the nominated areas are approved as Opportunity Zones.

Minot City Manager Tom Barry noted that the downtown census tract contains the state Renaissance Zone. Combining the Renaissance Zone with the Opportunity Zone designation will present the city with solid market opportunities to induce additional investment.

"It's a double positive," said Barry. "Between the two zoning incentives, the City of Minot could really see great impacts."

Barney added that the Opportunity Zone designation for Minot will also provide added motivation to support and take advantage of the governor's Main Street initiative.

John Zakian, the City's Disaster Resilience Grant Program manager, said with the capital gains tax breaks, the Opportunity Zone should encourage leverage investment from the private sector in federal grant projects in downtown, including the planned Gathering Place as well as rehabilitation of multi-family housing.

The Treasury Department is expected to post the rules and regulations governing Opportunity Zones and the benefits in the Federal Register in June.

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

Fuel the Fight program receives funds for cancer care patients' travel costs

Trinity Health Foundation was the recipient of more than \$11,000 representing both in-kind and cash value from the Women's Leadership Program for Fuel the Fight to provide gas cards for cancer care patients from rural areas. As part of the Women's Leadership Program through the Center for Technology and Business, Michelle Phillips (Hess Corporation), Candace Brekke (Ackerman-Estvold), and KayLee Bourquin (First International Bank & Trust) have been raising funds to purchase pre-paid gas cards for patients receiving care at the Trinity CancerCare Center. As a regional care facility, Trinity Health serves a very large geographic area, which leaves patients in rural areas with a lot of travel costs. The goal of this group is to ease this additional financial burden for those fighters.

Trinity Health Foundation is truly grate-



Left to right: Candace Brekke, KayLee Bourquin, and Michelle Phillips from the Women's Leadership Program present Shane Jordan (Trinity Health) with more than \$11,000 to provide gas cards to cancer care patients from rural areas.

ful for this group's work to help save and change people's lives, as well as make a positive impact in health and wellness in our region.

Another presentation will be held at a later date to recognize the various sponsors that have supported this effort.

For more information about their initiative, please visit: <https://www.fuelthefightforcancer.com/>.

Young Professionals host mayoral forum June 6

The position for Minot Mayor will be open for the 2018 election and three candidates have announced their intention to run. Nancy Bommelman, Shaun Sipma, and Tim Mihalick have all been asked to be a part of the YP Mayoral Forum Open Forum on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Auditorium in room 201. This is a great opportunity to get to know your candidates and ask your questions.

Lunch will be served. Cost is \$5 for YP members and \$10 for non-members.

Please RSVP to <http://ypminot2016.odney.com/events/mayoralforum/> by June 4.



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- 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Complimentary supper
- 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Drawings for cash prizes
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Music by Daniel Starks
- 6:30 p.m. Cooperative business meeting
Governor Doug Burgum scheduled to speak



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					1 Ribbon Cutting, , 6:10 p.m., Corbett Field	2
3	4	5	6 Chamber University Google, 8:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	7 Military Affairs Committee, Noon, Grand Hotel Ambassadors Committee, 4:30 p.m., Sammy's Pizza	8 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	9
10	11	12 Eagle Award Presentations, 10 a.m., Chamber office Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., Flower Box, 301 Burdick Expy. West	13 Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., MAFB	14 Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., Michael Buseth Agency, 6 1st St. SW	15	16
17	18	19 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel Groundbreaking, 11 a.m., Roosevelt Park Zoo	20 Coffee with the President, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Chamber office	21	22 Ag Committee serves breakfast at the Ward County Shootout, 7 a.m., ND State Fairgrounds Livestock Barn Ribbon Cutting, 9:45 a.m., Victoria's Secret, Dakota Square Military Day at the Zoo, 10 a.m., Roosevelt Park Zoo	23
24	25	26	27 Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., Minot AFB	28	29	30

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