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*The Gratitude Workshop*

## ***Customer service seminar March 27***

The business community knows that times have changed. The shift in the economy is affecting everyone. One thing, however, remains the same, and that is the need for great customer service. Now more than ever it's important. That's why the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and SRT Communications, Inc. will co-sponsor "The Gratitude Workshop" through Chamber University.

The three-hour morning session will feature author VJ Smith of Brookings, SD. Smith wrote the book, "Richest Man in Town," all about his friend Marty. The Walmart worker was known

### **Chamber University**

**Tuesday, March 27 • 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

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**\$75 for Non-Chamber Members**

*No refund after March 22*

for his kind, gracious demeanor as he worked the checkout at the big box store. Smith discovered Marty was no regular cashier as he witnessed him taking the time to interact with the

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## ***Prairie Warrior Auction supports Minot AFB***

The 32nd annual Prairie Warrior Auction, set for Saturday, March 3, will be held in the Holiday Inn in Minot. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a preview of merchandise, refreshments and hors d'oeuvres, and opening of the silent auction. The live auction, with

auctioneer John Bearman, will begin at 6:30 p.m. There is a \$25 charge at the door.

In its previous 31 years, the auction has raised nearly \$650,000. The funds support many base organizations and functions

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## ***Minot AFB 2017 economic impact released***

Minot is home to the 5th Bomb Wing and 91st Missile Wing and the community is proud of that! Minot Air Force Base brings so much to the City of Minot, including a group of people that are outstanding at volunteering around town whenever they are needed, bringing diversity to our community, and contributing to an economic impact that keeps our economy strong. On Feb. 1, the MAFB 5th Bomb Wing Comptroller budget office released the 2017 economic impact report during the monthly

**MAFB 2017 Total Economic Impact**  
**\$580,442,607**

Chamber Military Affairs Committee meeting. It shows that there are 12,195 personnel living on the base and the total economic impact is \$580,442,607. Minot Air Force Base provides a significant economic contribution to our area and that of the state, but it's the people that make it outstanding, as only the "Best Come North!"

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## **Gravel Products Business After Hours**

**Thursday, March 29 (Note date change)**

**5–7 p.m. • 2920 Railway Ave.**

*Network with other chamber members, enjoy some delicious food, and take your chance at some great prizes, including \$500 in Chamber Bucks! If winner is not present, \$50 in Chamber Bucks is guaranteed. (Must be present to win) \$5 charge at the door*



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## New Members

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

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## Sportsmen's Feed Donor: Vardon Golf Course

*Last month, we inadvertently left off the Vardon Golf Course as a donor to the Sportsmen's Feed. Thank you to the Vardon Golf Course and everyone who donated to make that event a success.*

**Save the Date: Thursday, April 26, 2018**

**April Business After Hours:  
Sevens Restaurant - 2315 N. Broadway**

## Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from Jan. 19 through Feb. 23, 2018. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

AFLAC - Cassie Loard  
AGT Foods  
All-State Contracting  
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Kim Albert Agency  
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Magic City Discovery Center  
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### *Customer service continued from page 1*

customers and even coming around to the customer to shake their hand after the transaction.

Smith will touch on how important it is to be grateful for each and every customer. If you want people coming back, you have to give them a reason and something as simple as a smile and a thank you can make the difference. Ask anyone who knew Marty, despite having several cashier lines open, Marty's line would be the longest, as people would insist on checking out with him.

### *Auction continued from page 1*

designed to improve the morale of the men and women stationed at Minot AFB. This includes expenses incurred by competition teams, squadron activities and annual awards banquets.

Join us, Tuesday, March 27 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Sleep Inn & Suites. Space is limited, so sign up today at [www.minotchamber.org](http://www.minotchamber.org) and go to the calendar. When you click on March 27, you will need your login and password. The cost is \$50 for Chamber members or \$75 for non-Chamber members. Contact the Chamber for more information at 852-6000.



*VJ Smith*

Every year, donations by area businesses and individuals make this event successful. For more information, please call the Chamber at 852-6000.

## **Chamber bucks: great way to promote your business and buy local**

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce offers Chamber Bucks, which is a gift certificate program as an additional way to promote your business or as gifts for employees for a job well done. The Chamber has a list of members who accept Chamber Bucks on the back of the 8 1/2 by 11 certificate that comes in various denominations from \$5 to \$25. The program works well for member businesses as the business simply accepts the certificate as cash, honoring it at face value, then either returns or collects additional cash for the difference between the purchase price and

the Chamber Buck. In turn, the Chamber will mail a check to the member who collected the certificate, on the 15th and 30th of the month, for the full face value.

Please be sure to educate your employees on these certificates so that when they are brought into your store, the person using them can do so without hassle. The Chamber believes this program encourages people to shop local! If you would like to participate, contact the Chamber at 852-6000.

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## February Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in February 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](http://minotchamber.org). A special thank you goes out to **Homesteaders Restaurant**, **Rainbow Photo Lab**, and **Anytime Fitness** for providing gift certificates for each Eagle recipient.



**DR. JENNIFER HUNTER**  
*Trinity Health*



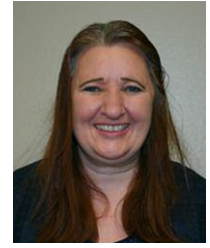
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*Napa Auto Parts*

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

### Thursday, March 1: Military Affairs Committee

Noon – Jimmy Doolittle Center, MAFB  
*Update on the 791 MXS (Maintenance Squadron)*

### Friday, March 9: Infrastructure Committee

7:30 a.m. – Homesteaders Restaurant  
*U.S. Post Office representative will talk about trends in the industry.*

### Friday, March 16: Governmental Affairs Committee

11:30 a.m. – Seven's Restaurant  
*ND Tax Commissioner - Ryan Rauschenberger*

### Thursday, March 22: Energy Committee

11:30 a.m. – Seven's Restaurant  
*Check the Chamber website for more information*

# Ribbon Cutting

*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.*



**Moore Engineering, Inc.:** 2080 36th Avenue Southwest, Suite 215 • Minot, ND 58701 • 839-1590 • Employee Owned  
<https://www.mooreengineeringinc.com/>

*Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon for the new location of Moore Engineering. Moore Engineering works to build an even stronger region by developing sound engineering solutions for the challenges that impact our everyday lives – clean drinking water, wastewater treatment, flood control, storm water management, safe and efficient transportation routes, and more.*

## Cost of living slightly higher than national average in 2017

Minot’s cost of living measured at 1.8% higher than the national average for 2017, according to the Cost of Living Index, published by the Council for Community and Economic Research. 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: 2017 Annual Average Data

U.S. Average Composite Index: 100%

	Minot ND	Bismarck ND	Fargo/Moorhead Metro	Grand Forks, ND	Minneapolis MN	Pierre, SD
COMPOSITE INDEX	101.8	98.8	100.0	98.2	104.9	99.5
GROCERY ITEMS	107.4	102.8	108.6	102.3	107.0	102.3
HOUSING	94.2	92.9	98.0	94.3	104.8	110.2
UTILITIES	83.1	86.4	87.1	83.7	91.6	97.1
TRANSPORTATION	113.8	108.3	98.9	107.3	107.9	93.2
HEALTH CARE	115.8	114.5	115.2	107.6	104.9	99.2
MISC. GOODS	106.1	101.1	100.2	100.3	107.3	92.0

# 2018 ND State Fair announces Grandstand lineup

**Friday, July 20:** Cole Swindell with special guest Morgan Evans kicks things off at the Fair on Friday, July 20. Swindell's platinum-certified "You Should Be Here" already boasts over 115 million streams and over 52 million YouTube views. The song joins Swindell's six other number one consecutive singles as a solo artist.

**Saturday, July 21:** Florida Georgia Line with special guest Adam Doleac will take the stage on Saturday, July 21. FGL's musical evolution Dig Your Roots propelled the history-making duo to #1 on the all-green Billboard Artist 100 and country album charts, delivering the two-time platinum-certified lead single "H.O.L.Y.," gold-certified hit "May We All" featuring Tim McGraw, and current standout, "God, Your Mama, and Me" featuring Backstreet Boys.

**Sunday, July 22:** Michael Ray showcases his talent on Sunday, July 22. Ray catapulted to the big time with the release of his first single, "Kiss You in the

Morning." The debut single went #1 in just 24 weeks. Ray's second #1 single came not long after with "Think a Little Less," also off his debut self-titled album.

**Wednesday, July 25:** Kip Moore takes the stage Wednesday, July 25. Moore's latest album, Slowheart, is his most unflinching, distinct testimony yet. Oore views his shows as an emotional roller coaster with both he and his audience hanging on at every turn. With hits like "More Girls Like You," "Beer Money," and "Hey Pretty Girl," his honesty shines through.

**Thursday, July 26:** Cheap Trick brings classic rock back to the Grandstand on Thursday, July 26. Fast approaching their fifth decade, Cheap Trick is among the most active and successful in music history. Celebrate their Rock and Roll Hall of Fame career with hits like, "Surrender," "I Want You to Want Me," "The Flame," and "Dream Police."

**Friday, July 27:** Dierks Bentley will bring his show to the Grandstand on

Friday, July 27. His 2014 mega-hit album Riser was a critical and commercial home run, sending three consecutive singles to number one. The journey continues with his latest album Black, filled with songs that take a look at the way romance and relationships evolve. New favorites include "Freedom," "Pickup," "Can't Be Replaced," and "Mardi Gras."

**Saturday, July 28:** Nickelback will close out the fair on Saturday, July 28. Globally celebrated, multi-platinum rock band Nickelback have cemented themselves as one of the most commercially viable and important acts of the past two decades. With more than 23 chart-topping singles and fans spanning the globe, Nickelback boasts twelve consecutive sold-out world tours. Come enjoy "How You Remind Me," "Rockstar," "Burn It to the Ground," and "Some Day," along with their other greatest hits.

For more information, visit [www.ndstatefair.com](http://www.ndstatefair.com) or call 857-7620.

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# New GNDC president & CEO named

The Greater North Dakota Chamber (GNDC) is pleased to announce that Arik Spencer has been selected as GNDC's new president & CEO. The Board of Directors approved the selection after the organization conducted an extensive nationwide search.

Spencer is currently executive vice president of the North Dakota Motor Carriers Association (NDMCA), which represents North Dakota's trucking industry. He will begin his new duties with GNDC on April 1.

"I am honored to join the Greater North Dakota Chamber," said Spencer. "GNDC has been the voice of business in North Dakota for over 90 years, and I am grateful for the opportunity lead this vital organization. I look forward to working with the GNDC Board, staff, and members in growing GNDC and ensuring North Dakota maintains the very best business climate in the country."

Spencer joins GNDC with extensive experience in public policy, business advocacy, organizational management, and state government. Prior to joining the NDMCA in 2013, Spencer spent seven years with the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department, where he worked on public policy issues impacting the state's recreational industry and program development and event management. His experience in state government easily translated into his effectiveness as NDMCA executive vice

president where he has focused on promoting common sense transportation legislation that lessens regulatory burdens without sacrificing highway safety, increased transportation funding, workforce development, and reasonable taxation.

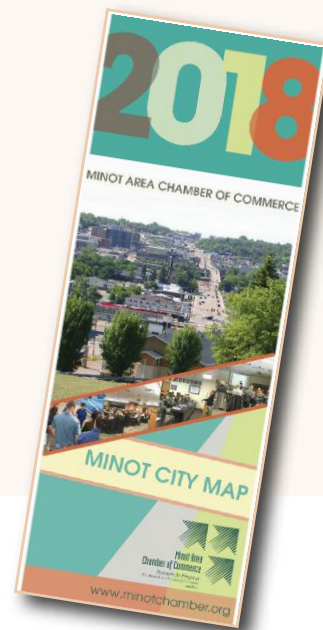
A Bismarck native, Spencer received his bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Mary. He is a member of the Trucking Associations Executive Council, the Western Trucking Association Executives Council, the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute Advisory Board, and the North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance Coordinating Council. Spencer previously served two terms on the Washburn School Board and on the boards of directors for the University of Mary Alumni Association, North Dakota Recreation and Park Association, America's Byway Resource Center, and Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation. Spencer and his wife, Wendy, live in Bismarck with their three children.

About the Greater North Dakota Chamber ([www.ndchamber.com](http://www.ndchamber.com)): The Greater North Dakota Chamber is the state's premier business advocacy organization. With more than 1,000 members across the state, in every economic sector, GNDC represents the interests of our members in promoting policies and initiatives in pursuit of making North Dakota's business climate the best in the nation.

## 2018 City Maps available

The City of Minot has changed dramatically in the past few years. The newly designed, vertical Chamber 2018 maps show the expansion of the community, including the newer sections of town.

These free maps are available at the Chamber office at 1020 20th Avenue SW between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We extend a big thank you to our sponsors who helped make this project possible!



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# February Business After Hours success

*Thank you to Souris River Designs for sponsoring the February Business After Hours. Approximately 90 people turned out and enjoyed an evening of networking and delicious food.*



## International Military Ball set for April 14

The 30th annual International Military Ball, a formal event with a gourmet meal and entertainment, is set for Saturday, April 14 at the Grand Hotel.



The black tie event begins with a social at 6 p.m. This will also be a time to take formal pictures and pass through the receiving line, which will include commanders of Minot AFB and our Canadian counterparts. At 7 p.m., dinner chimes will bring guests into a separate room for a formal meal. See the mouth-watering menu below. Enjoy the Canadian Pipes & Drums, the USAF Heartland of America Band - Raptor, and the Minot Air Force Base Honor Guard.

Don't miss out! Contact the Chamber today to sign up. Cost is \$75 per person. For more information or to register, please call 852-6000 or email [chamber@minotchamber.org](mailto:chamber@minotchamber.org).

### Menu

- \* Lobster Bisque
- \* Jumbo Spinach Stuffed Portabella Mushrooms
- \* Spring Mix with Mango Salsa and Mango Citrus Dressing
- \* Montreal Seasoned Ribeye
- \* Glazed Spiral Baked Potato
- \* Steamed Rainbow Carrots
- \* Wild Strawberry Cheesecake

## Honors Banquet April 11

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce annual event recognizing top area students is set for Wednesday, April 11 at the Grand Hotel at 6:30 p.m.

The Honors Banquet is possible thanks to the generous support of Chamber members who sponsor students and teachers. Businesses can sponsor meals of deserving recipients for \$20 each.

This is a special evening that recognizes the hard work of graduating seniors from nine schools with a grade point average of 3.75 or higher. Nearly 100 students from Glenburn, Berthold, Bishop Ryan, Minot, Nedrose, Our Redeemer's, South Prairie, Surrey, and Des Lacs Burlington are featured during the evening along with staff and teachers from the schools with 25 years of service.

For more information, please call the chamber at 852-6000.



# *2018 Home and Garden Show set for March 2-3*

The 2018 Home and Garden Show is set for March 2-3, 2018, at the North Dakota State Fair Center's Magic Place Room. The Minot Association of Builders invites you to bring the family for events like the Ready Builders Lego Competition, Silver Springs Garden Art, the Chalks and Smocks competition and much more! Plus, the first 500 kids will receive a free hard hat and hammer.

- Ready Builders Lego Competition: Do you have a junior builder in the house? The Minot Association of Builders will host the Ready Builders Lego Competition at the Home and Garden Show on March 3. Children ages 5-12 are invited to create their dream home out of Legos.
- Silver Springs Garden Art: Stop by the Silver Springs Garden Art booth and experience garden art. Kids of all ages are invited to brighten up their home by

painting their own flower pot.

- Your Cave. Your Rules. Man Cave: The man cave is a term that every man knows. It's his home within a home. Visit MAB's very own man cave created by I. Keating for a chance to unwind at the Home and Garden Show.
- Chalks and Smocks: Children ages 5-12 visiting the Home and Garden Show are invited to take part in the Chalks and Smocks Competition. Sketch your very own chalk home for a chance to win the competition.
- Pub in the Park: The Pub in the Park, presented by Lowe's Garden Center, will welcome you into the Home and Garden Show. It's an indoor park that will feature landscaping, plants, flowers and even grass inside the Magic Place room. Visit the Pub to rest your feet after a long day of planning your future.

- Belt Sander Races: These belt sanders are bad to the bone. Stop by the belt sander races to test your hand at winning the race.
- Workshops with the Foundry: Join us Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3 for workshops with The Foundry.
- Where's Norm? Join the quest to find our gnome: Norm is traveling the Home and Garden Show and blending in with the crowds. When you find him, take a picture and then visit the MAB booth to claim your prize!

The 2018 Home and Garden Show is open Friday, March 2 from Noon to 7 p.m., and on Saturday, March 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4. Visit the website at [www.minotab.com/homeshow](http://www.minotab.com/homeshow) or the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/mabhomeshow> for more details!

# *Minot welcomes KX Sport Show March 9, 10, 11*

The KX Sport Show is an event that the Minot community looks forward to every year. "March is a great time to hold the Sport Show because so many North Dakotans are starting to get spring fever and planning for warmer weather," said Tammy Blumhagen, KX Sport Show Manager.

The 37th Annual KX Sport Show kicks off on Friday, March 9 at 1 pm and will

continue through Sunday, March 11, 2018, at the ND State Fair Center in Minot, ND.

The Sport Show makes a special effort to be a family friendly event, with children ages 17 and under receiving free admission. Back again this year will be the Youth Fun Zone, which features archery and other hands-on activities for kids.

This year's KX Sport Show will feature more than 100 booths and exhibits offering everything from hand-made fishing tackle to outdoor spas. Seminar presenters will include Hall of Fame professional angler Ted Takashi. For a detailed seminar schedule and Sport Show hours please visit the website, [www.ndkxssportshow.com](http://www.ndkxssportshow.com).

# *Downtown Business & Professional Association sponsors first-ever monthly Magic City Market*

The Downtown Business & Professional Association is hosting its first ever Magic City Market on Saturday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), 2018 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Parker Senior Center. Vendor booths will display food, arts, services, and products. There is no fee for DBPA members to sponsor a booth; non-members pay \$35.

Event coordinators hope to sponsor this

event one Saturday every month to get people downtown. The Magic City Express will offer transportation to base residents, including a stop at MSU. Visitors can stroll around with a new "Walking Map" in hand, visit their favorite restaurant, pub or boutique, and get a FREE ride back home again. This event welcomes everyone to the Magic City Market, and there is no admission

charge.

Please contact Eric Hansen (Urban Winery) at 612-919-7448 if you have any questions or wish to have a coupon on the walking map. A vendor application is available on the website: [downtown-minot.com](http://downtown-minot.com). The DBPA hopes to see you participate, help create a vibrant atmosphere, and bring people downtown since the construction is all done.

*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](http://www.ackerman-estvold.com/projects)





## Ackerman-Estvold hires Keller

Emma Keller, EI, has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as a full-time civil engineer. Keller earned associates of science and arts degrees from Williston State College, and a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University, Fargo. She has worked in the Minot office as a seasonal intern for the last five summers. Keller has joined the municipal team and will serve clients throughout western North Dakota.



**Emma Keller**

## Gaddie and Humphreys join Brokers 12

Brokers 12 has added two new realtors to the staff. Rachel Gaddie is a Minot native with a finance degree from Minot State University. Rachel has managed her family's business for the past 12 years. She and her husband John have three children, Graham, Penn and Hazel. She is a board member for the Domestic Violence Crisis Center and serves as the chair for their Cause to Rock fundraising event.



**Rachel Gaddie**

Kelsey Humphreys and Rachel have been working since 2014 as the client care coordinators for Team Rockstars at Brokers 12. Humphreys fell in love with this career and in 2018, became a licensed REALTOR®! She is a Minot native and feels her knowledge of the city helps clients in the buying and selling process. Humphreys enjoys hunting and spends Sundays watching Vikings football with family and friends. During the summer, she spends time fishing at the lake on the weekends. She recently got



**Kelsey Humphreys**

## Art 50! celebrates 50th anniversary of ND Council of the Arts with 50 ND artists

"Art 50!", an exhibit featuring the work of 50 North Dakota artists, organized in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the North Dakota Council on the Arts, will open at the Northwest Arts Center's Walter Piehl Gallery at Minot State University, March 1, 2018.

"Fifty artists for fifty years – each artist is a testament to growth of the arts in North Dakota, a snapshot of the present and a hope for the arts in the future of our state," said Linda Olson, curator of the show and past director of the North Dakota Art Gallery Association. Over the past fifty years, said Olson, the North Dakota Council on the Arts has helped the arts grow "from few opportunities, to the current prominence of the arts in our state, where we now have arts opportunities for all who wish to take part."

The exhibit was organized by NDAGA and NDCA with support from Starion Bank. It is touring the state during the anniversary year of NDCA. The exhibit will be on display at the Northwest Arts Center through March 29.

Minot and area artists in the exhibit are: Susana Amundarain, Micah Bloom, Brent Braniff, Susan Davy (Burlington), Bill Harbort, Roxi Mathis, Linda

Olson, Doug Pfliger, Walter Piehl, Ryan Stander, Avis Veikley, and Elizabeth Woods.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. The Walter Piehl Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and by appointment. Gallery entrance and parking are on the south side of the Gordon B. Olson Library. A visitor parking permit is available on request at the gallery office.

This program is funded in part by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.



**Works from "Art50!", on display March 1-29 at the Northwest Arts Center Walter Piehl Gallery at Minot State University: "Stoneware Pedestal Bowl," Susan Davy, Burlington; "Renewal," Elizabeth Woods, Minot; "Reflection," Roxi Mathis, Minot; "Idog-band#2," Doug Pfliger, Minot.**

engaged and is planning a wedding for October 2018.

## Sevens Bar & Restaurant remains open

Sevens Bar & Restaurant, along with the ballroom and meeting rooms, will continue to operate as normal despite the Vegas Motel closing their motel rooms. All booked events will continue as normal and all meetings in the popular Monte Carlo room will go on as usual. The Vegas Motel owner, Greg Pekovich from Billings, MT, and Steve Murphy, president of Sevens Bar and Restaurant, have a lease together that takes the business into the year 2024. Sevens Restaurant appreci-

ates the business their loyal customers have given them and look forward to continuing to serve the area for many years to come.

## YMCA annual meeting March 21

The Minot Family YMCA will hold its 74th Annual Meeting at the YMCA, 3515 16th St SW, on Wednesday, March 21 beginning at noon. Lunch will be served. No RSVP is necessary. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the YMCA and the impact that it has on our community. Please join them!



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### ***First International promotes employees***

First International Bank & Trust (FIB&T) is proud to announce the promotion of the following employees.

Brock DesLauriers started working at FIB&T in May of 2005. He has held numerous positions such as teller, credit analyst, personal banker, mortgage loan officer, and commercial loan officer. He was promoted to vice president and is the Minot North Hill branch manager. DesLauriers graduated from Bishop Ryan High School in 2003 and Minot State University in 2007 with a degree in accounting & finance. He is married to Elly and has two daughters: Taylor and Raegan.



***Brock DesLauriers***



Amanda Geinert started her employment with FIB&T in July 2008. She started on the teller line and moved into the loan associate position primarily working with commercial loans. She transitioned into the mortgage department in January 2016 working as a mortgage loan assistant for the Minot lenders. She most recently was a mortgage loan originator prior to her promotion to mortgage loan officer. Geinert graduated from Bishop Ryan High School in 2008 and Minot State University in 2012 with a degree in Finance. She is married to Luke and has three boys: Carter, Gavin, and Carson.

### ***Optimist Club sponsors Pile Up PJs and Pillows to support DVCC***

The Minot Optimist Club has reached 40 years and over the years, has developed a relationship with the Domestic Violence Crisis Center. To honor our mission of giving back to the community, area businesses are encouraged to help

gather pajamas, pillows, twin sheets or monetary funds in support of the DVCC. United Community Bank will host a pajama party for kids of all ages and their families beginning at 10 a.m. on March 9. Party attendees can wear their pajamas and will be treated to a behind the scenes tour of the bank, popcorn, story time and a visit from Tank the Tauro. Those attending are encouraged to bring a cash donation, new kids' or women's pajamas, twin bedding, or pillows to benefit the Domestic Violence Crisis Center.

How can you help?

- \* Spread the word. Hang the included poster at your place of business or check out the Minot Optimist Club and share our post.
- \* Hold a product drive at your place business and collect kids' and women's pajamas, bedding and pillows.
- \* Support a night of safety! A night of safety for each woman and child at the Domestic Violence Crisis Center is an expense of approximately \$40. How many nights of safety can you provide?

In 2017, the Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC) sheltered 119 women, 73 children and responded to 1,173 crisis calls. Services are free and confidential and include 24-hour crisis lines, 24-hour emergency shelter for fleeing victims, and support groups for women and children who have experienced domestic and/or sexual assault.

### ***Minot Police Department accepting application for Citizens Academy***

The Minot Police Department is accepting applications for the Citizens Academy, scheduled for May 8 through 29 on Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. The Citizens Academy allows members of the public to learn about various areas of law enforcement operations at the Minot Police Department. Participants attend classroom instruction, join discussions, and receive hand-on instruction in the areas of patrol operations, crime scene response, special operations (SWAT, Bomb Squad,

K9), use of force policy, and weapons familiarization. Participants are also eligible to join a patrol officer for a ride-along to see police work in our community firsthand. No prior training, education or experience in law enforcement is required to attend.

Area residents who want to learn more about how the Minot Police Department serves the public is encouraged to apply. Applications are due by Monday, April 23, 2018. Applicants must be 18 years or older and be willing to undergo a background check. Applicants with some negative history are NOT automatically disqualified for participation. Applications are available at the Minot Police Department at 515 2nd Ave SW, or the website at [www.minotnd.org/219/Police-Department](http://www.minotnd.org/219/Police-Department) by clicking on the Citizens Academy link. For more information, call Senior Officer Aaron Moss at 857-4711.

### ***Sleep Number to hold open house March 17 for Chamber members***

Did you know that Sleep Number is the Official Sleep and Wellness Partner of the National Football League? The NFL shares our belief that sleep directly impacts personal performance and well-being, and that what you sleep on matters. As the Official Sleep and Wellness Partner of the NFL, every active player in the league will have the opportunity to sleep on a Sleep Number smart bed, connecting them to SleepIQ technology and helping them achieve better sleep. This reaffirms that Sleep Number quality sleep is the key to improved performance not only in athletics, but also at work, home and in our daily lives. Your local Sleep Number store in Dakota Square Mall would like to invite you to come see the Sleep Number difference at an open house March 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Chamber members will receive exclusive offers, St. Patrick's Day green lemonade, and cookies.

## Minot Police Department offers employee updates

Effective Feb. 11, 2018, Senior Officer Greg Johnson will be promoted to the rank of police sergeant. Officer Greg Johnson began his law enforcement career as a correctional officer for the Ward County Sheriff's Department from 1996 to 2004. He was a night shift supervisor during his service at the Ward County Jail. Officer Johnson joined the Minot Police Department in 2004 as a patrol officer. Following his promotion, Sergeant Greg Johnson will be assigned to the Patrol Division - Night Shift. Officer Johnson has achieved over 1600 hours of police training during his career, many of which are in areas of criminal investigation. He currently serves the department as a certified weapons instructor and firearms armorer. He is a graduate of Velva High School and Minot State University with a B.S. degree in criminal justice.



**Greg Johnson**

The Minot Police Department awarded Lead Dispatcher Sean Christie as the Outstanding Police Employee of 2017 and Senior Officer Ross Lakoduk as Outstanding Police Officer of 2017. These awards are given annually following a nomination and selection process by a group of their peers. This year there were eleven employees who were nominated to receive the awards.

Christie has worked in Minot Central Dispatch at the Minot Police Department since 2013. The following words are from his nomination letters: Through his knowledge of patrol officer's procedures, he has become an invaluable asset to this department and Minot Central Dispatch. He often runs checks and gathers information prior to an officer even requesting it. He goes above and beyond to get officer information that is useful on the street. He is extremely knowledgeable about his job.



**Sean Christie**

Lakoduk began his career with the

Minot Police Department in 2012 as a police officer. He was promoted to Senior Police Officer in 2016. Officer Lakoduk was recently appointed to serve on the Ward County Narcotics Task Force as an investigator. He also serves as a member of the Minot Police Department SWAT team. The following words are from his



**Ross Lakoduk**

nomination letter: Officer Lakoduk has demonstrated his career progress by becoming a Field Training Officer, being selected for the SWAT team, and most recently, having been selected to serve on the Ward County Narcotics Task Force as an investigator. Officer Lakoduk is a great representative of the Minot Police Department.

Congratulations to Sean and Ross on receiving these awards. They exemplify the high quality of employees that work at the Minot Police Department.

## Minot PD warns of scams

The Minot Police Department Crime Prevention Unit has received reports of a scam targeting area residents known as the "Money Order Scam." These recent reports indicate that classified ads are being placed (in both newspapers and online) offering employment as a caregiver for elderly patients. The would-be victim contacts the scammer and provides their name and address. The scammer then agrees to send the victim an "advance" on their pay (usually a few hundred dollars). The scammer then sends forged/counterfeit money orders or cashier's checks, for amounts well over the agreed to wage. The victim is then directed to deposit the checks, keep the agreed upon amount of money, and wire transfer the remainder to someone else. Often times the counterfeit documents are not immediately recognized, but once the financial institution realizes the error, the account holder is responsible for reimbursement of the full amount of the money. In most cases this money is next to impossible to recover because the scammer is usually out of state or in a foreign country.

Another variation of this scam that is

being reported is known as the "Secret Shopper" scam. In this case the victim agrees to work as a secret shopper at area retail stores. The victim is mailed the forged/counterfeit money orders or checks and is instructed to deposit and keep an agreed to amount, spend another smaller amount at the chosen store, submit a customer service report, and wire transfer the remainder of the money to another person. The amounts that victims have been required to reimburse have ranged from a few hundred to several thousand dollars.

Money order and classified ad employment scams are not new to Minot, but due to these recently received reports, the Minot Police Department wants to remind area residents to be extra cautious when sharing personal information when responding to classified ads. We also recommend not attempting to cash or deposit financial instruments that are in excess of agreed to amounts. If it does not feel right, or seems to go to be true, it probably isn't right or true.

## Town & Country CU cuts member fees

Town & Country Credit Union recently decided to eliminate some fees for member services. The credit union removed 22 fees and decreased two others. A few that will no longer be charged include the annual Health Savings Account fee of \$25, the incoming wire transfer charge of \$10 per transfer, and the monthly \$5 dormant account charge.

"Cutting fees was one way that we could simplify things for our members and say thank you for trusting us with your money," said Jeremiah Kossen, president and CEO, Town & Country Credit Union.

The newly updated rate and charge schedule with the removed fees went into effect on Feb. 1, 2018. "Our commitment to providing the best value extends beyond just cutting fees," said Kossen. "We recently launched our Low Rate Guarantee which ensures members are receiving the best rate on home loans and lowered our Home Equity Loan rate to 2.99% Annual Percentage Rate."



## Member Business Briefs

### *First Western promotes employees*

Angie Hansen has been promoted to AVP of loan operations at First Western Bank & Trust. Hansen is a Minot native who graduated from Surrey High School and Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in business management and a finance minor. Hansen has served as the treasurer for the Y Men's Tough Enough to Wear Pink program for 11 years. She has been with First Western Bank & Trust since September of 1997.



**Angie Hansen**

Jackie Grosz has been promoted to custodial supervisor at First Western Bank & Trust. Grosz grew up in Devils Lake and has resided in Minot for over 20 years. She graduated from Devils



**Jackie Grosz**

Lake High School and has an associate's degree of applied science from the University of Minnesota. Grosz came to FWB&T from ING with over 15 years of experience in the financial industry. She and has been with First Western Bank & Trust since January of 2016.

Kelsey Aller has been promoted to HR generalist officer at First Western Bank & Trust. Aller is a Minot native, who graduated from Minot High School and Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in business management, marketing, and international business & Spanish. Allers is a member SHRM, Society for Human Resource Management, and is a SHRM-certified professional. She is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Minot and has been with First Western Bank & Trust since November of 2013.



**Kelsey Aller**

### *Tollefson wins award*

Floor Focus Magazine has announced Brandon Tollefson as a winner of the 2018 Future Focus Leaders award, which honors the up-and-coming next generation of talent in the dealer/retailer/contractor segment. Tollefson is a fourth generation co-owner of Tollefson's Retail Group.



**Brandon Tollefson**

In business since 1925, Tollefson's Retail Group Inc. owns and operates eight Carpet Garage's throughout North Dakota, Montana and Minnesota, eleven Slumberland Furniture franchises in Minot, Bismarck and northern Minnesota, Tollefson's Carpetland in Minot, and contract flooring divisions in Minot and West Fargo, ND.



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## Member Business Briefs

### **Dakota Business Lending welcomes Anderson**

Dakota Business Lending is pleased to welcome Katie Anderson to the team as loan closing specialist. She will be responsible for closing and funding all loan programs and ensuring loans are closed in compliance with SBA, USDA, Rural Development, and all other program rules and regulations.

A native of Moorhead, MN, Anderson graduated from Minnesota State University in Moorhead with a degree in sociology and psychology. While working 20 years in the banking/credit union industry, Anderson found her niche in small business and financing. She now has a wide range of experience to bring to the table including knowledge in processing, underwriting, and servicing of consumer and commercial loans. She decided to join to the Dakota Business Lending team because of her passion for helping small businesses achieve their dreams and

love for working for small businesses herself. Anderson and her family enjoy spending time outside and at sporting events.

Founded in 1982, Dakota Business Lending is the oldest, largest, and most experienced CDC in North Dakota. With staff in Fargo, Bismarck and Minot, Dakota Business Lending serves the entire state of North Dakota and five counties in western Minnesota.



**Katie Anderson**

### **Spin United event set for March 24**

The YMCA is teaming up with the Souris Valley United Way to host the 5th Annual Spin United event on March 24 at 9 a.m. Check-in begins at 8:30am. Proceeds from the event will support Backpack Buddies.

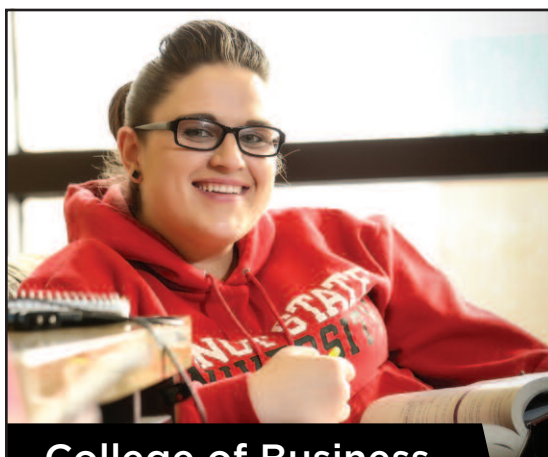
Each team consists of six members and

one spin bike. Each team member will ride for 20 minutes while winning prizes for best team name, best team costumes and name drawings throughout the event. No experience necessary - just spin! Space is limited.

For a chance at extra prizes, participants will create online fundraising pages to share on social media to raise funds for Backpack Buddies. Every \$50 raised enters the team member in a drawing for gift cards valued at \$100, \$75, and \$50.

Stay tuned for more information on registration and event sponsorships that will be available on Souris Valley United Way's website [www.svunitedway.com](http://www.svunitedway.com). Don't forget to check out the Facebook page for events and activities.

For more information on how you can participate, donate prizes, be an event sponsor or donate to Backpack Buddies, email Danielle Rued at [svuwcampaign@srt.com](mailto:svuwcampaign@srt.com) or call 839-2994.



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Program details and admission requirements can be found at [MinotStateU.edu/business](http://MinotStateU.edu/business).





### ***“The Wild, Wild West” Pops Concert set for March 10***

The Minot Symphony Orchestra (MSO) invites you to “saddle up and come on down” to MSU’s Ann Nicole Nelson Hall on Saturday, March 10, 2018, to take a ride through the “Wild West” with popular western music.

“What music could describe Minot better than music depicting life in the prairies? Aaron Copland captured the American spirit in Rodeo. Relive classic cowboy films when we bring you Dances With Wolves by John Barry and The Wild, Wild West by Richard Markowitz, along with the unforgettable theme to the Magnificent 7 by Elmer Bernstein” said music Director Efraín Amaya.

The concert will also debut Prologue, written by Minot native, Erik Mychal Anderson. Anderson was chosen the winner of the Minot Symphony Orchestra’s first annual Young Composer Competition. The competition was open

to aspiring composers age 30 and under who were living or pursuing music studies in ND, MN, MT, SD or WY. Applicants were judged on their originality, artistic promise, and score presentation by the renown composer John Stevens and MSO Music Director and composer, Efraín Amaya.

When asked what it means to him to have his work premiered by the symphony, Anderson said, “Winning this competition is both a capstone to my undergraduate degree and the beginning of a new life chapter. As I was writing ‘Prologue,’ I knew if I won, that my dad would be performing, so I decided to highlight this father-son moment by writing the first melody for solo cello. I hope this is the first of many times he gets to play something I wrote.”

Join principal cellist, Dr. Erik Anderson, for “Music in 3-D”, a pre-concert lecture to help prepare concertgoers for a more complete listening experience

with. The journey begins at 6:30 p.m. and is included with your ticket. The symphony will partner with Army’s 2.0 for a limited beer and wine beverage service for patrons age 21 and over following the pre-concert lecture as well as during intermission on the 4th floor. Funds raised will be used to support future programming.

Main floor tickets are \$25 or \$30 for balcony with senior and student discounts available. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.minotsymphony.com](http://www.minotsymphony.com) or call 858-4228. Military tickets can be purchased at the MAFB ITT Office.

The Minot Symphony Orchestra is a community orchestra that has been performing for Northwest North Dakota for over 90 years. Members of the symphony include area high school students, MSU students, MSU faculty, as well as community members from a wide variety of professions. The common thread among its musicians, is their love of music and performing.



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## Trinity Health expands orthopedic services, names resource coordinator

Trinity Health has expanded its team of orthopedic surgeons to enhance its expertise in the areas of sports medicine and total joint replacement.

Mohammad T. Hashemi, MD, specializes in joint replacement of the hip and knee, including minimally invasive approaches. A graduate of Saint George's University School of Medicine, he completed residency training in orthopedic surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, and did

his post-residency fellowship in total joint reconstruction at Desert Orthopaedic Center, Las Vegas. He is board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.



**Mohammad T. Hashemi, MD**

Daniel Lee, DO, MMS, specializes in arthroscopic procedures of the hip and knee, including ACL reconstruction, rotator cuff repair, labral repairs of the shoulder and hip, and arthroscopic surgery of the elbow and ankle. A graduate of New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, he received residency training in orthopedic surgery at New York Medical College and the University of South

Florida and completed his post-residency fellowship in sports medicine at Aspen Sports Medicine Foundation in Colorado. He's board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Shanda Cool, a Minot business woman with extensive experience in patient relations, marketing, insurance, and banking, has joined Trinity Health as Community Resource Coordinator.

Cool works with families and individuals who are patients of Trinity Health, assisting them in accessing public and private programs that can help cover the cost of medical care, prescription drugs, and other health related services.

A graduate of Minnesota State University Moorhead with a bachelor's degree in health services administration, she joined the Fargo-based North Dakota Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, serving as program coordinator before being promoted to district director. She moved back to her hometown of Minot and served four years in the Ag Lending and Insurance departments for First International Bank & Trust. In 2010, she pursued a culinary passion, working briefly as a pastry chef before opening her own business, Sweet & Flour Patisserie, Inc., which earned numerous awards and accolades before it closed in 2015.



**Shanda Cool**

Cool says she is now eager to put her expertise to work for patients. "I love working with a diverse patient population. Whether it's matching them with various programs or helping utilize their insurance properly, my goal is to help people live the healthiest life possible."

Cool resides in Minot with her husband and daughter.

## Benson promoted to vice president

Matt Benson was promoted to vice president, agricultural lending in January. He joined the Town & Country Credit Union team in Minot in 2009 and previously served as an agricultural lender. Benson has deep roots in agriculture and uses that background to provide the farmers and ranchers he serves with the best advice and services possible. Benson is based in the Minot Main branch.



**Matt Benson**

## Walter Piehl featured at the Taube

The Taube Museum of Art Main Gallery will feature mixed media acrylic paintings by Minot artist Walter Piehl. The Northern Plains National Heritage Area Suite features a series of eight large canvases that reflect local heritage and history that proved formative in the development of the United States. Each piece is connected with the public sites and locations along the free-flowing section of the Missouri River in the five North Dakota counties of Burleigh, McLean, Mercer, Morton and Oliver. Viewers to this exhibition can expect to see Piehl's expressionistic use of color, collage transfers, and his signature use of embedded old maps and other ephemera.

Piehl was selected for this commission because his work would be a contrasting style with the previous and prevalent contemporary representations of the landscape, people and cultures by the earliest as well as the present-day illustrators. Piehl stated, "My overriding intention was to make interesting stand-alone art works. I was also challenged and intrigued by the opportunity to educate and hopefully enrich the viewer by comparing and contrasting the more conventional styles other artists and photographers of the era used to deal with these major themes and my own expressionistic style."

The Northern Plains National Heritage Area is one of 49 such areas in the United States. This legacy started when President Ronald Reagan signed the first National Heritage Area into existence on Aug. 24, 1984. The series of paintings was commissioned through a Northern Plains Heritage Foundation grant to the Lewis and Clark Fort Mandan Foundation, and was matched by art benefactor Alvera Bergquist of Bismarck, ND.

The Northern Plains National Heritage Suite will be exhibited from Feb. 21 to March 31 at the Taube with a public reception for the artist on March 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Suite is also accompanied by works by the following featured artists: Cindi Finley Mintie, Colleen Lind Folven, Vern Erickson, Linda Whitney, Max Patzner, Monte Yellowbird – Black Pinto Horse, and Butch Thunderhawk.

The Lower Gallery exhibition will feature *Bean There, Done That* by Minot State University art student Shantelle Carey. *Bean There, Done That* is a light-hearted series of acrylic paintings based on Carey's interpretation of what it would be like to glimpse into the life of each type of bean she had depicted. Carey will also be in attendance for the public reception on March 15.

For more information, contact Doug Pfliger, gallery manager, at 838-4445.

A utility worker wearing a hard hat, safety glasses, and a harness is positioned in a white bucket. The bucket is suspended by a yellow crane arm and is being moved along a power line. The worker is looking up at the line. The background is a plain, light-colored sky.

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### *Hiatt named financial services specialist*

United Community Bank has announced that Megan Hiatt has been promoted to financial services specialist. Hiatt began her employment with United Community Bank in 2015 as a customer service representative and has most recently served as the front desk receptionist.



*Megan Hiatt*

In her new position, Hiatt will be responsible for developing relationships with new and current customers by assisting them with new checking, savings, CDs and IRAs, and online banking services. "Megan's commitment to helping customers makes her a great fit for this role," says Lisa Hiatt, VP – Retail & Operations.

Hiatt is originally from Minot and currently resides in Burlington with her husband, Josh.

### *Fortune recognizes U.S. Bank as a 2018 World's Most Admired Company*

The bank was named most admired superregional bank for the eighth consecutive year. Its management quality and use of assets was named most admired among all companies.

Fortune magazine today named U.S. Bank a World's Most Admired Company, recognizing several of U.S. Bank's attributes as most admired among all companies and naming it the world's most admired superregional bank for the eighth consecutive year.

Across the 680 companies across all industries, Fortune ranked U.S. Bank as No. 1 in both Management Quality and Use of Corporate Assets, as well as No. 2 in Value as a Long-Term Investment, No. 5 in People Management and No. 6 in both Financial Soundness and Social Responsibility.

"It's an honor to be recognized among

companies that are anticipating and shaping the future," said Andy Cecere, president and chief executive officer of U.S. Bancorp. "With the world around us changing faster than at any time in human history, positioning our company for growth tomorrow means creating the future today."

Fortune also named U.S. Bank the most admired superregional bank for the eighth consecutive year. Among superregional banks, the bank ranked No. 1 in eight of Fortune's nine key attributes of reputation: Quality of Management, Social Responsibility, Innovation, Quality of Products/Services, People Management, Use of Corporate Assets, Financial Soundness and Long-Term Investment Value. Overall, U.S. Bank's reputation within its industry is the fifth-highest of any company in any industry on the World's Most Admired Companies list.

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4	5	6	7	<b>8 Agribusiness Committee, 7:30</b> a.m., Chamber office	<b>9 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30</b> a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant  <b>Ambassadors Escort VIPs at</b> <b>Special Olympics,</b> 11:30 a.m., MSU Dome	10
11	12	<b>13 Eagle Award Presentations,</b> 10 a.m., Chamber office	<b>14 Right Start Presentation,</b> 9:45 a.m., MAFB  <b>Junior Achievement</b> <b>Board of Directors,</b> Noon, Chamber office	15	<b>16 Governmental Affairs Committee,</b> 11:30 a.m., Sevens Restaurant	17
18	19	<b>20 Board of Directors,</b> 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	<b>21 Coffee with the President,</b> 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Chamber office	<b>22 Energy Committee,</b> 11:30 a.m., Sevens Restaurant	23	24
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