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THE MINOT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND YOU!

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## Chamber chair expresses optimism

by Doug Hollingsworth, Chair,  
Minot Area Chamber of Commerce

As a cooperative group of businesses, we come together for the benefit of one another. Your continuous support of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce enables us to continue to promote all of the businesses in this great community. I truly thank each of you!

It's no secret we're experiencing some very difficult times for some businesses. We've witnessed the closing of several businesses over the past year. We embrace the good times as well as the struggles we face during bad times.

I think it's appropriate for us to pause so we can think outside the box for other opportunities while at the same time continuing what has been successful for us. We'll strengthen our bonds with current partners and seek other relationships to promote our community.

Encourage and support one another. If you know of a business that is not a member, share the benefits of being a member with them or you may have a staff member contact them.

We have a small staff dedicated to seeing the success of each of your businesses. Their tireless efforts do not go unnoticed. What they do behind the scenes is truly remarkable. I thank each one of them for what they do every day.

I look forward to being your chair for the next year. It is an honor and privilege, and I welcome any challenges that lie ahead. I appreciate your support and confidence as we look to a brighter future together.



**Doug Hollingsworth**  
North Star Community  
Credit Union

## Chamber annual meeting set for Oct. 17

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Hotel. This year's annual meeting will feature Jim Kowalski, government relations vice president and the corporate lead executive in Bossier City, LA, for Northrop Grumman.

Cost is \$30 per person and \$300 for a reserved table up front, with guaranteed seating for eight. Lunch is included. Please RSVP by Friday, Oct. 12. Register at [www.minotchamber.org](http://www.minotchamber.org), select October 17 on the Chamber calendar and use your membership login information. For more information call 852-6000. No refunds after Oct. 12.

## Business After Hours Y's Men's Rodeo

**Thursday, Oct. 4 • 5–7 p.m.**

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## Chamber Sponsors Open House

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018 • 2 – 4 p.m.**

**Minot Area Chamber of Commerce: 1020 20th Ave SW**

*Stop by the Chamber office and visit with Chamber staff. This is your Chamber, and we want to hear from you. Join us for coffee and cookies.*

## Renewals

The Chamber extends a big “THANK YOU” to our members who have renewed their membership from Aug. 25 through Sept. 21, 2018. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

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# Minot man set to compete at Y's Men's Rodeo

Blake Eggl is competitive. In high school and college, football fed his competitive drive. When he graduated from Minot State University in 2012 and school sports were over, rodeo filled the void. And for the first time, the Minot native will compete at the pro rodeo in his hometown.

Eggl is one of twelve tie-down ropers to qualify for the upcoming Y's Men's Rodeo, hosting the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo. To compete at the Badlands Circuit Finals, a cowboy has to be one of the top twelve in his or her event, after the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association season of rodeos in North Dakota and South Dakota is complete.

Eggl began rodeo as soon as he was able to ride a horse, by the age of seven

or eight. He traveled with his dad, Kelly Eggl, also a tie-down roper, and the duo went to rodeos sanctioned by the Rough Riders; those rodeos had events for both adults and kids.

But rodeo was on the back burner during high school and college. "Growing up, I loved football, and still do," he said. A college scholarship to play football was a priority. He played for Minot State as a running back and on special teams as an underclassman. His senior year, Eggl was a starter.

After college graduation in 2012, Eggl was back to the rodeo arena. He continued competition in the Rough Riders, traveling with his dad again, and also at PRCA rodeos. His dad had roped at the Y's Men's Rodeo, before it hosted the Badlands Circuit Finals, and Blake remembered sitting in the stands, watching. He wanted to rope at the Y's Men's Rodeo, but it required being in the top twelve in the circuit.

And each year, there was an obstacle. Two knee surgeries and a back surgery, all from football injuries, limited his rodeo. This year, he was ready. "This is the healthiest I've been since I was 22," he said. Eggl roped at 35 pro rodeos and another 30-plus amateur rodeos this year.

Juggling work and rodeo has been a challenge. Working for an agricultural company, he's free to compete on the weekends. Sometimes he would get home on Monday morning in the wee hours and be ready for work by 8 am.

And this time, Eggl will be at the rodeo, but not in the stands. He'll be roping. "I've always wanted to make the circuit finals, but when it's in your hometown, man, I really want to make it," he said. "I'm super excited."

Eggl, along with the other competitors, will compete four times: Friday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 7 at 1:30 p.m. The year-end champion and average champion (the contestant with the fastest times or highest scores after four runs) will be determined on Sunday and qualify for the RAM National Circuit Finals Rodeo in Florida next April.

The 64th annual Minot Y's Men's Rodeo is Oct. 5 - 7 at All Seasons Arena at the North Dakota State Fair Center. Note that there is no Thursday night show this year; it has been moved to a Saturday matinee. Tickets range in price from \$13 to \$33 and can be purchased online at [www.MinotYsMensRodeo.com](http://www.MinotYsMensRodeo.com). For more information, visit the website or call 833-1761.



**Minot native Blake Eggl will tie-down rope at the Y's Men's Rodeo Oct. 5-7. The former college football player has rodeoed since he was a kid, and rodeo fills the competitive void after school sports ended.**

*Photo courtesy of Jackie Jensen*

## Minot named 2018 City of the Year by ND League of Cities

The North Dakota League of Cities has selected Minot as its 2018 City of the Year. The award was announced at the NDLC's Annual Conference in Grand Forks.

The City of the Year honor was established in 1984 to recognize North Dakota cities for the quality, number, and progressiveness of activities undertaken in the community. This is the first time Minot has won the award.

"It truly is an honor to receive this recognition from the North Dakota League of Cities," said Minot Mayor Shaun Sipma. "We certainly thank them for this award and for recognizing some

of our major past achievements, but we also know our great city has much work ahead as we continue to move forward in creating a more resilient community."

Several critical accomplishments were key to Minot earning the recognition, according to NDLC Executive Director Blake Crosby, who presented the award. Those projects include:

- \* Completion of the three-year, \$29 million downtown Minot infrastructure project that helped create a revitalized downtown that is prepared for future development
- \* Ongoing work on the Northwest Area

Water Supply project, which establishes Minot as a source of reliable drinking water for other cities in the region

- \* The ongoing Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection project that will ultimately help protect the entire basin from future flooding
- \* Completed work to protect the Minot Water Treatment Plant from future flooding

For more information contact the Public Information Office at 857-4727 or by email at [pio@minotnd.org](mailto:pio@minotnd.org).



## Chamber of Commerce opposes Measures 1 & 3 on November ballot

The November general election is right around the corner. Besides the candidate races there are several measures on the ballot. Specifically, Measure 1 is the proposal to create new ethics rules and set up an ethics committee. Measure 3 would legalize recreational marijuana. The Governmental Affairs Committee met on Sept. 20 to learn more about both measures. Matt Gardner, the Governmental Affairs Director of the Greater North Dakota Chamber (GNDC), presented information about both measures and further discussed the concerns that GNDC has about the measures.

After discussion and consideration of the points outlined in this article, the Committee forwarded a recommendation to oppose both measures and join the coalitions formed to defeat the measures. The Board of Directors considered and concurred with the recommendations.

The committee discussed the following four main reasons why Measure 1 should be defeated:

- The ethics commission set up under the measure would be given too much authority to regulate public policy. It would be unaccountable to the people because mem-

bers would not be elected, and in other states that have similar laws, these commissions are used as political weapons during election years.

- The measure makes changes to our State Constitution and has a supremacy clause. Any changes to our constitution should be taken very seriously because they would be very difficult to remove later. The measure also includes a supremacy clause which would make it difficult, if not impossible, to ever declare it unconstitutional. The supremacy clause also means what is written in its rules would override other laws.
- About 95% of the funding supporting the measure is from out of state, the majority of which is from the Hollywood, CA, area.
- It would jeopardize free speech and scare organizations away from publicly supporting or opposing causes. The measure requires donors to identify the "true source" of funding. This could mean if an organization like the Minot Chamber donates money to advocate for or against public policy, it would be required to publicize its list of members and the dues they pay.

The committee also discussed the following reasons why Measure 3 should be defeated:

- This is a workforce issue. Some businesses already struggle to hire employees. This would result in more people failing drug tests. It's difficult or impossible from a blood or urine test to determine when the plant was last used, making it basically impossible to know if an employee used during work, the day before, or even a month before.
- There would be basically no rules on where marijuana can be grown or used and no limits on the amount that can be grown or possessed.
- Whether you disagree or agree with recreational marijuana, the measure is poorly written. Proponents argue the Legislature can make fixes, but that is unclear. Like Measure 1, this measure also has a supremacy clause.
- North Dakota would have the most liberal marijuana laws in the nation under this measure.
- More people would use marijuana, resulting in more traffic accidents, crime, use by kids, and more healthcare issues.

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# Chamber and Valley Partnership for Prosperity sponsor university presidents

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Valley Partnership for Prosperity to hear from the NDSU and UND presidents in regard to the impact from the research done at the two universities. This event is Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 a.m. at the ND State Fair Center. There will be a breakfast buffet at a cost of \$10 per person. Please RSVP to the Chamber at 852-6000 by noon on Monday, Oct. 1.

The joint presentation by North Dakota State University President Dean Bresciani and University of North Dakota President Mark Kennedy include the impact of and the future of the university research enter-

prise. They propose an initiative that would provide \$100 million over a four-year period to the two universities to fund promising research that is important for sustaining North Dakota's competitive advantage and developing new opportunities. This includes autonomous systems, including unmanned aerial systems (UAS); agriculture and food safety; healthcare and biomedical services and technologies; energy and natural resources; material sciences; and advanced manufacturing.

According to the National Science Foundation, NDSU and UND perform over \$225 million in research on an annual basis. University R&D also plays an important

part in building the skilled talent pipeline for employers in North Dakota and the region and partnering with the state's businesses to bring new products, processes and services to the marketplace.

This is one in a series of statewide events co-hosted by the Valley Prosperity Partnership, an initiative led by business executives to identify and advance common strategic economic development opportunities. This is a great opportunity for business, education, and community leaders in the Minot area to let them know about their expectations for future-oriented research that can have an impact in your region.

## Minot Area Chamber of Commerce committee activities:

### Thursday, Oct. 4: Military Affairs

Noon – ND Armed Forces Reserve Center  
*Topic: Camp Grafton Expansion*

### Wednesday, Oct. 10: Agribusiness

Noon – Badlands Restaurant  
*Topic: SBARE*

### Friday, Oct. 12: Infrastructure

7:30 a.m. – Homesteaders Restaurant  
*Topic: SRT Communications fiber optics*

### Thursday, Oct. 18: Governmental Affairs

11:30 a.m. – Badlands Restaurant  
*Topic: Legislative issues*

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# Chamber Chair appoints two new board members

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Chair, Doug Hollingsworth (North Star Community Credit Union), appointed two of three possible new board members to one-year terms as allowed by Chamber bylaws. The third board member will be announced in a future issue of the newsletter. They are Carrie Montoya (Watne Realtors) and Lucas Hachmeister (Scheels).

**Montoya** is a realtor and part owner of Watne Realtors, Inc. She has been a realtor in the area for more than 16 years. She and her family moved here from Colorado Springs, where she served in the United States Air Force. Prior to retiring from the USAF after 22 years, she had served as medical inspector for the Space Command Inspector General Office.

She holds an associate's degree in medical administration and a bachelor's degree in human resource management. Montoya has been a long-time member of the Chamber of Commerce and has served as president of the Minot Board of Realtors. Additionally, she has been active with the VFW post.

She and her husband, who also served 27 years before retiring from the USAF, have three grown children. They enjoy spending time at their lake house, boating, fishing, and the outdoor activities North Dakota has to offer.

**Hachmeister** serves as the store leader at SCHEELS All Sports in Minot, a position he's held since January 2017. He previously worked in various capacities in Nebraska, Illinois, Kansas, and Fargo. He received a bachelor of science degree from Creighton University.



*Carrie Montoya*  
Watne Realtors



*Lucas Hachmeister*  
SCHEELS All Sports

Hachmeister is currently working with the Chamber's Maximize Minot Committee, and serves as a member on the boards of the Western North Dakota Red Cross and the Magic City Discovery Center.

He and his wife have a three-year-old son and a one-and-a-half-year-old daughter. When not spending time with family, he enjoys hunting and fishing.

## *Are you ready for tailgating?*

# Showcase of Business set for Nov. 15 at ND State Fair Center

The 28th annual Showcase of Business is set for Thursday, Nov. 15 at the ND State Fair Center Magic Place from 5 to 8 p.m. This year's theme is "Tailgate Party!" Businesses are asked to decorate and share their favorite tailgate recipe while showcasing products and services to nearly 1,000 attendees.

The Chamber Ambassadors started the Showcase 28 years ago as a major fundraiser for the Chamber. Today, that function is as important as it was back then. Business sponsorships help provide the financial backing for the Showcase, in addition to ensuring that the event continues as a Chamber fundraiser. The top two sponsorships will be recognized on

fliers and media:

- Platinum Sponsor: \$1,000 - includes three 10x10 booths at choice location, along with 30 admission tickets, and one quarter-page ad. (Six available)
- Gold Sponsor: \$500 - includes two 10x10 booths at choice location, along with 20 admission tickets. (Ten available)

Single booths are also an option at \$175 for a 10x10 or \$275 for a 15x15 booth. All booths include one eight-foot table with paper tablecloths and two chairs. Power outlets are available, but please bring your own extension cord. Plan for overhead lights that are dimmed in the evening.

*Special thanks to media sponsors WGO Radio and KMOT, as well as stage sponsor Delta Vacations!*

Booth participants are also encouraged to offer a giveaway, and the winners will be announced at the end of the evening. Those attending stick around for the drawings, including a trip from Delta Vacations, valued at \$1600, and a Minot tailgating package from Showcase of Business.

Go to [www.minotchamber.org](http://www.minotchamber.org) and sign up under November 15 using your log in and password. Sign up today.

## Chamber University: WSI offers safety incentives

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

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

Join us for this Chamber University on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sleep Inn & Suites. Cost is \$15 for Chamber members, \$25 for nonmembers. No refund after Oct. 29. Go to [www.minotchamber.org](http://www.minotchamber.org) and click on the date of October 31 on the calendar to sign up today.

# September Eagle Awards

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



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# Dakota Square Mall hosts Business After Hours

Thank you to Dakota Square for sponsoring the September Business After Hours. Nearly 100 people enjoyed delicious food from the food court, great prizes from many of the mall stores, and of course, networking.



## Your community benefits the most when everyone counts Why Census 2020 is important to North Dakota

Did you know that the distribution of political posts and taxpayer’s dollars is based upon how many residents are counted in an area, not how many may live there?

One of the best ways to ensure all populations are treated fairly in the distribution of public goods and services is to ensure they are equally represented in the political process. This starts by making

sure everyone is counted in the Census. The Census is conducted every 10 years to ensure equal representation in an elected government at both federal and state levels.

The Census establishes North Dakota’s proportion number for all federal funds for the next 10 years. In fiscal year 2015, \$1.45 billion in federal funds were obligated in North Dakota based

upon resident counts from Census 2010 and subsequent annual population estimates.

Program	2015 Federal Obligations in ND
Medicaid & Medicare Part B	\$883.6 M
Highway Planning & Construction	\$237.1 M
Supplemental Nutrition Programs (SNAP, WIC, National School Lunch Program)	\$107.8 M
Head Start & Education Grants	\$98.2 M
Housing & Energy Assistance	\$69.6 M
Family & Child Assistance (S-CHIP, Foster Care, Child Care)	\$39.9 M
Health Center Programs (Community, Migrant, Homeless, Public Housing)	\$9.1 M

This equates to \$1,910 in federal funds distributed annually for each North Dakota resident.

Minorities, those in poverty, recent migrants and rural residents tend to be the most difficult to count. They are also more likely to be consumers of federally funded programs.

Watch for further details regarding the 2020 census in the *Communicator*.





## 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.*



### **Xcel Energy Magic City-McHenry Transmission Line Project: 3870 86th St. SE • Minot, ND**

*Minot Chamber Ambassadors helped cut the ribbon to celebrate the completion of this \$50 million project, which began in 2017. This will provide enhanced electric reliability in Minot and the region by adding an additional electricity source for customers. The 20-mile transmission line runs between the existing McHenry Substation near Velva and the new Magic City Substation in Minot.*



### **Thrifty White Pharmacy: Town & Country Center • 1015 South Broadway, Suite 3 • 852-4181 • [www.thriftywhite.com](http://www.thriftywhite.com) Wayne Hermann, Senior Manager**

*Minot Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon at the re-grand opening of Thrifty White Pharmacy at Town & Country Center. The store had a complete remodeling with changes throughout and held an open house to showcase the changes. Be sure to stop in today to check it out!*

*Tom's To-Do List*

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### ***Minot Area Community Foundation offers food pantry challenge grant***

The Minot Area Community Foundation (MACF) announces their 2nd Annual Food Pantry Challenge Grant. Area organizations are invited to utilize the Donation Station in the coming months to collect items and stock area food pantries for a chance to win additional grant dollars for the food pantry of their choosing.

Participating organizations are asked to set a goal of collecting 1,000 pounds or more of food during a single collection

drive for a designated food pantry. If successful, that organization's designated food pantry will also receive a \$500 grant from The MACF Arnold I. Besserud Fund. As an extra incentive, the organization with the most pounds collected from a single event, will get an additional \$1,000 to be sent to the pantry of their choosing.

This is the second year that MACF is offering the challenge grant. Last year, 9 organizations participated, collecting over 8,000 pounds of food. A total of \$3,000 in grant money was distributed

because of the challenge grant's success.

This year's challenge grant will run from Sept. 1 – Feb. 28. Food collection events must take place within this time frame and The Donation Station must be utilized for the event. Eligible Minot food pantries include Our Lady of Grace, The Lord's Cupboard, and Salvation Army. Rural communities wanting to participate will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Please contact The Minot Area Community Foundation at 852-0646 for more information.

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## CO-OP MONTH — A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

October is Co-op Month — a great time to say again, “Thank you!” Join us for events throughout the month where you can get to know your cooperative. Drop by the Minot or Velva offices of Verendrye Electric Cooperative anytime in October for a chance to win prizes, including a **39” Vizio HDTV** to be given away November 1.

Follow us on Facebook for Co-op Month updates and celebrate the cooperative spirit that makes our communities strong.

**OCT 12**

Football  
Tailgating  
(Velva vs.  
Minot Ryan)  
Velva Football  
Field, 5:30pm

**OCT 17**

Join us for  
cookies and  
coffee at the  
Velva and  
Minot offices  
10am - 3pm

**OCT 23**

Free Co-op  
Lunch in Velva  
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### ***Trinity Health celebrates regional health facility with event***

Citing the importance of healthcare to the personal and economic well-being of North Dakotans, Trinity Health hosted a “Breaking More Ground” event to celebrate ongoing construction of its new regional healthcare campus and medical district. Community members gathered at the site of construction to hear about the project’s scope and significance, view a display of project renderings, and enjoy a community picnic.

President/CEO John M. Kutch called the occasion an exciting day for the future of Trinity Health, the Minot community, and northwestern North Dakota. “This project is not really about building or buildings. It is about people,” Kutch said. “It’s about fulfilling our mission to improve the health of the people, the community, and the region we serve. This represents our vision, our dream, and our future. It also embodies Trinity Health’s commitment to provide the highest quality healthcare to the people who entrust their care to us.”

Scheduled for completion in 2021, the \$350-million-dollar venture will provide the region a 21st century healthcare complex that offers a wide spectrum of advanced, patient-centered healthcare services. A six-story hospital tower will offer advanced cardiac, neurosurgical, and orthopedic care, and will include 200-plus private rooms, state-of-the-art surgical suites, a behavioral health section, and an emergency/level II trauma center with 24 treatment bays. Also planned is a medical office building for hospital-based specialists and other providers, plus a host of

other patient- and family-friendly services and amenities.

“We’ve incorporated an intuitive design to help create a supportive, comforting environment for patients and families from the moment of arrival to the time of discharge,” Kutch said. “Our goal is to make every aspect of their visit a positive experience.”

Planning for the roughly 970,000-square-foot campus began more than a decade ago with the purchase of land west of the Minot Family YMCA along 37th Avenue Southwest. A design phase incorporated several refinements to enhance collaboration between clinical departments to deliver exceptional patient care at a reasonable cost. Last November, Trinity Health received approval from the Ward County Board of Commissioners to issue up to \$380 million in Health Care Revenue Bonds. Meanwhile, construction on the site has been underway for more than a year.

Serving as Trinity Health’s architectural partner throughout the building process has been TEG Architects. Yates-Northwest Contracting, a joint venture, has managed the project’s construction.

With the new facility expected to open just a year shy of Trinity Health’s 2022 centennial, Trinity Health Board Chairman Patrick Holien extolled the grit of Trinity’s founders and the passion of succeeding generations, who never faltered in their quest to pursue medical excellence on behalf of the people they served. “Today, we reflect on our rich history and look forward to where we are headed in the next 100 years,” Holien said. “Our celebration is rooted in the conviction that our vision for the future is as powerful and true as the healthcare legacy that preceded us. Today, we break more ground with gratitude, determination, and pride.”

Trinity Health used the occasion of its

groundbreaking to unveil a new corporate brand identity. The new logo is a “living green” leaf design in the shape of a “t” with the tagline, Making More Possible. “Trinity Health is reinventing itself every day, creating continued processes of improvement; thus, allowing us to make more possible,” Kutch added. “In fact, making more possible has become ingrained in our culture as our ServiceFIRST culture becomes more of how we operate each day.”

The public may keep tabs on construction progress by logging on to Trinity Health’s live cam website at [www.trinity-health.org/livcam](http://www.trinity-health.org/livcam).

### ***Rotary Club of Minot announces new board members***

The Rotary Club of Minot welcomes four new board members to serve on the Rotary Board of Directors: Rick Feltner, Anthony Anderson, John Fishpaw, and Elly DesLauriers. Feltner will be filling a term ending 2019; Anderson will be filling a term ending 2020; and Fishpaw and DesLauriers will be filling terms ending 2021. Feltner is the airport director at the Minot International Airport. Anderson is an attorney at Olson & Burns, P.C. Fishpaw is a dentist at Dakota Dental Health Center; and DesLauriers is the marketing and development director for the Minot Park District.

The Rotary Board of Directors meets monthly to review all operations of the Rotary Club of Minot. The officers of the Board include: Wendy Keller, president; Staci Kenney, president-elect; Monica Peterson, vice-president; Stacy Askvig, secretary; Dave Lehner, treasurer; Kevin Harmon, past president. Directors of the Board include Kent Kirkhammer, Rick Feltner, Shannon Hanson, Anthony Anderson, John Fishpaw, and Elly DesLauriers. Standing Members of the Board include: CJ Craven, Ken Kitman, John MacMartin, Sharon Johnson, and Linda Langmaack.





# Meet Our Team Dave Pankow

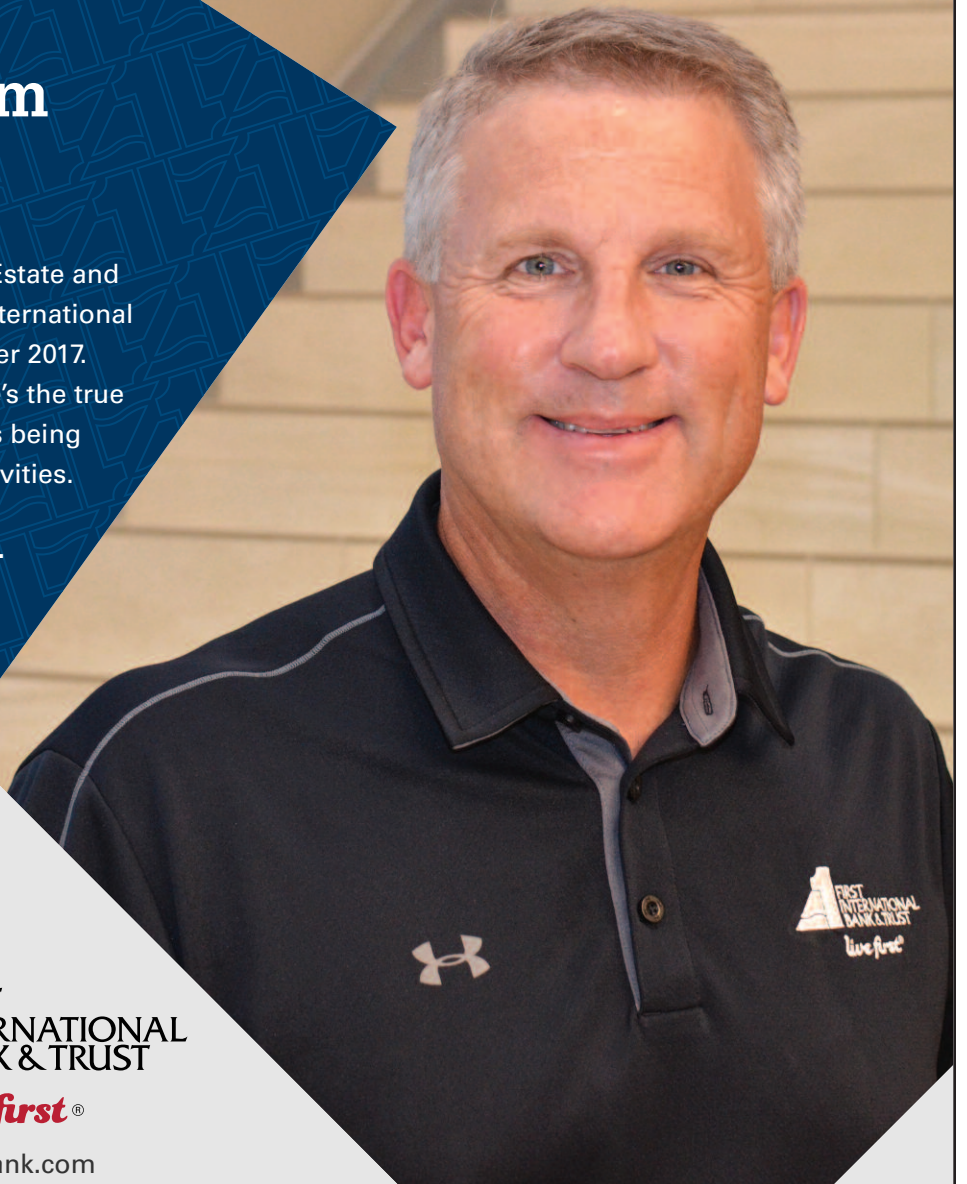
Dave Pankow, Director of Real Estate and Construction, joined the First International Bank & Trust family in September 2017. Living and working in Minot, he's the true fan of the Magicians and enjoys being involved with all of his kid's activities.

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### ***Johnson joins Houston Engineering, adding landscape architecture service***

Josh Johnson, PLA, ASLA, joins Houston Engineering, Inc.'s (HEI) team as a landscape architect. Johnson will be leading HEI's landscape architecture services for all HEI locations across the Upper Midwest. He has more than 20 years of design and project management experience working in both the public and private sectors. His experience spans a wide variety of projects from master planning and land use plans to commercial site design and includes client representation throughout the many stages of the approval process. Combining landscape architecture with civil engineering components, Johnson helps clients create places that are not only functional but aesthetic.



**Josh Johnson**

"Josh's expertise and previous project experience, along with his client service and management expertise, is a great addition to HEI's team and naturally complements our expanding planning service sector," states Jeff LeDoux, President/CEO. "Part of HEI's mission is to continue to adapt and evolve in our ever-changing industry. By adding Josh's skillset to our team, we'll be able to provide clients with a complete suite of services to help them with their projects from start to finish."

Johnson grew up in Spring Valley, MN, and attended North Dakota State University where he earned his bachelor's degree in environmental design and bachelor's degree in landscape architecture. After graduation, he started his career with firms in Rochester, MN, then continued his experience working in Huntsville, AL, for about five years until recently relocating to Sioux Falls, SD. Johnson has worked as a landscape architect and project manager for numerous projects throughout South Dakota and Minnesota

and is a registered Professional Landscape Architect in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Alabama with licensure in South Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin coming soon.

### ***First International named one of 50 Best Places to Work***

First International Bank & Trust has been recognized by Prairie Business Magazine as one of the 50 Best Places to Work for the fifth year in a row. Company officials say the workplace culture at First International inspires loyalty and enthusiasm among employees and management, which sets them apart from others.

### ***City of Minot's Neighbor Next Door program enjoys success***

The City of Minot's new Neighbor Next Door initiative has successfully assisted in the sale of 15 properties.

John Zakian, Minot's Disaster Resilience Grant Program Manager and Chief Resilience Officer, said the Neighbor Next Door initiative is patterned after programs used by many Housing and Urban Development grantees which have acquired properties to rid neighborhoods of spot blight and then offered the properties to adjacent owners to be maintained.

"There are two primary goals for the city's Neighbor Next Door program," Zakian said. "Those goals are to restore the properties to private ownership and to assure these properties are maintained in a manner which contributes to the stability of the neighborhood while supporting flood mitigation strategies."

The properties in Minot's program were not acquired using HUD funds, but were acquired by the city through various state grant programs received between 2013 and 2016. The properties acquired included homes which had been seriously damaged during the 2011 flood and the property owners did not have the financial means to rehabilitate the homes.

Zakian said Federal Emergency

Management Agency encourages cities that have suffered flooding to promote programs and initiatives that result in reducing damage from future flooding. By promoting the Neighbor Next Door program, which does not allow structures to be built on the parcels, the city is using a proactive approach to meet FEMA's goals.

"Returning these properties to private ownership both encourages private property owners to maintain these properties in productive ways while removing maintenance and related obligations by the City, thus reducing city operating costs," Zakian said.

Some properties were held out of this initial auction because of the possibility of uses related to flood control projects, but if it is determined that those properties are no longer needed for flood control, they will be added to the Neighbor Next Door initiative and auctioned.

Mayor Shaun Sipma recently signed paperwork to finalize the sales (photo attached).

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 857-4727 or by email at [pio@minotnd.org](mailto:pio@minotnd.org).

### ***U.S. Postal Service CAC hosts bulk mailing informational seminar Oct. 18***

The Minot Consumer Advisory Council of the U.S. Postal Service will host a free seminar about bulk mailing for businesses on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 3 p.m. at the Minot Chamber of Commerce offices, 1020 20th Ave. SW.

Presenter Tom Kimball, business mail entry manager from Sioux Falls, SD, will offer information about preparing your business mail, forms needed and form completion, mail classes and standards, and online preparation.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Tracey Harter, USPS customer relations coordinator, at 701-221-6535 or [tracey.d.harter@usps.gov](mailto:tracey.d.harter@usps.gov).

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1 Ribbon Cutting,</b> 10 a.m., SuduWOK, 1416 South Broadway	<b>2</b>	<b>3 Partnership for Prosperity Breakfast,</b> 7:30 a.m., ND State Fair Center <b>Chamber Open House, 2 – 4 p.m.,</b> 1020 20th Ave. SW	<b>4 Community Leadership Institute Opening Session,</b> 8 a.m., MAFB <b>Military Affairs Committee, Noon,</b> MAFB, ND Army Reserve Center <b>Business After Hours,</b> 5 – 7 p.m., Y's Men's Rodeo, ND State Fair Center Magic Place	<b>5 Ambassadors Committee, 7:30</b> a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant <b>Ribbon Cutting,</b> 9 a.m., Party City, Dakota Square Mall	<b>6 Ribbon Cutting,</b> 10 a.m., Jax & Henley, Dakota Square Mall
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9 Eagle Award Presentations,</b> 10 a.m., Chamber office	<b>10 Right Start Presentation,</b> 9:45 a.m., MAFB <b>Agribusiness Committee,</b> Noon, Badlands Restaurant	<b>11 CLI Healthcare Session, 8 a.m.,</b> Trinity Health Center - Riverside	<b>12 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30</b> a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	<b>13</b>
						
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16 Board of Directors,</b> 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	<b>17 Annual Meeting,</b> 11:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	<b>18 CLI Economic Development Session, 8 a.m.,</b> Gravel Products <b>Governmental Affairs Committee,</b> 11:30 a.m., Badlands Restaurant & Bar	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Right Start Presentation,</b> 9:45 a.m., MAFB <b>Junior Achievement Committee,</b> Noon, Chamber office	<b>25 CLI Economic Education Session,</b> 8 a.m., Hoeven Elementary <b>Energy Committee,</b> 11:30 a.m., Buffalo Wings & Rings, 910 24th Ave. SW	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31 Lunch &amp; Learn - Workforce Safety,</b> 11:30 a.m., Sleep Inn & Suites			

To view meeting changes or community events, log on to [www.minotchamber.org](http://www.minotchamber.org)