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Members proposed for Chamber board

Nominees have been proposed for three-year terms on the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors beginning Oct. 1, 2019. They are Ryon Boen (Western Agency), Jessica Merchant (Olson & Burns, P.C.), Tom Rafferty (Verendrye Electric Coop), Debbie Harris (Fiancée), and Cassidy Hjelmstad (SRT Communications).

Boen, a Minot native, is owner and CEO/president of Western Agency. He has served in that position since 2011 and has been with the company since 2007. Prior to

that, he spent 13 years as a software developer, then moved into sales and marketing.

Since joining Western Agency, the company has expanded to 11 locations. He earned his bachelor's degree from North Dakota State University, and his MBA from Moorhead State. He and his wife Kristen have three children ages 18, 16, and 14.

This will be his second three-year term.

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Ryon Boen
Western Agency



Jessica Merchant
Olson & Burns, P.C.



Tom Rafferty
Verendrye Electric
Cooperative



Debbie Harris
Fiancée



Cassidy Hjelmstad
SRT Communications

Federal Reserve regional outreach director featured speaker

Chamber annual meeting set for Oct. 16

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sleep Inn & Suites Convention Center. This year's annual meeting will feature Joe Mahon, regional outreach director of the Federal Reserve, Minneapolis, MN, speaking about the region's economy and trends.

Prior to serving as a regional outreach director for the Federal Reserve, Mahon served as a regional economist, and also as a staff writer and analyst for the Bank publication, The Region and fedgazette. Mahon's primary responsibilities involve tracking several sectors of the Ninth District economy — an area that covers Minnesota, North and South

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Joe Mahon

Sleep Inn & Suites Convention Center Business After Hours

Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019 • 5–7 p.m.

Sleep Inn & Suites: 2400 10th St. SW

Welcome back to the first Business After Hours of the season!

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 Member

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Save the Date

November: Showcase of Business
Thursday, November 14 • 5 – 8 p.m.
NDSF Center Magic Place - Superheroes Theme

Renewals

The Chamber extends a big “THANK YOU” to our members who have renewed their membership from May 24 through June 21, 2019. 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 native **Merchant** is a proud Minot native and is deeply involved with the business community and civic groups. She is an experienced litigator and advisor to families and companies doing business throughout North Dakota. She is currently a vice-president of Olson & Burns, PC, and serves as chair of its Condemnation & Eminent Domain Group. She is also a member of the Energy, Estate Planning & Litigation Groups.

Merchant is a graduate of the University of North Dakota & Thomas M. Cooley School of Law. She has served in different capacities with the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, Minot Sunrise Rotary, Ward County Bar Association, and State Bar Association of North Dakota.

She is past chair of the Chamber and this will be her second three-year term.

Harris, the sole owner and operator of Fiancée opened her doors in 1985. Fiancée is located in Downtown Minot featuring bridal, prom, and men's wear.

Harris has been honored to be on the Minot Chamber Board since November 2015. She is also serving on the Minot Area Community Foundation Board. She has served on the DBPA Board and has a great love for the downtown and Minot Community.

Harris and her significant other, Kevin Overland love traveling and try to get everyone they meet to move to Minot. This will be her second three-year term.

Rafferty is the member services and communications manager for Verendrye Electric Co-op. Rafferty chairs the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee and is a member of the Military Affairs and Infrastructure committees. He serves on the Souris Basin Planning Council Board. He is a member of the Minot Noon Rotary Club and plays trombone in the Minot Community Band. He has a bachelor's degree in economics from Minot State University and a master's degree in public administration from the University of North Dakota. He and his wife, Jessa, live in Minot and they have two children.

This will be his second three-year term.

Hjelmstad Cassidy Hjelmstad has been on the Chamber board of directors for over two years but has also been involved with a few different Chamber committees for almost nine years, ever since she began working at SRT Communications. She has been involved with the Chamber committees of Governmental Affairs, Military Affairs, and Junior Achievement. Additionally, she is the current vice chair of Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports Board of Directors, a member and former club president of Sunrise Rotary, Marketing Committee vice chair of NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association, member of NISC Marketing & Sales Committee, board member of the Minot Area Community Foundation and chair of its public relations committee, and a member of the Rural Leadership North Dakota Class V. She and her husband Travis have three kids. She enjoys family time at Lake Metigoshe, as well as attending or coaching her children's sporting activities.

She was appointed to serve the two years remaining on an unexpired term. This will be her first three-year term.

July Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in July and thanked for superior customer service skills. If you would like to nominate someone for outstanding customer service, please call the Chamber at 852-6000 for a nomination form, or visit the website at minotchamber.org. A special thank you goes out to **Homesteaders Restaurant, Rainbow Photo Lab, Anytime Fitness, and Waxing the City** for providing gift certificates for each Eagle recipient.



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Dakota, Montana, and portions of Wisconsin and Michigan. The Fed. sectors he follows closely include agriculture, manufacturing, energy, and mining. He holds degrees in economics and journalism from the University of Minnesota.

Cost is \$30 per person and \$300 for a reserved table up front, with guaranteed seating for eight. Lunch is included. The

Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 • 11:30 a.m.

Sleep Inn & Suites Convention Center • 2400 10th St. SW

menu includes house salad, rotisserie pork tenderloin, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, and peanut butter pie. Please RSVP by Friday, Oct. 11. Register at www.minotchamber.org,

select October 16 on the Chamber calendar and use your membership login information. For more information call 852-6000. No refunds after Oct. 11.

MAGIC Fund recipient nationally recognized

SkySkopes, a professional drone flight operator and MAGIC Fund grant recipient, was recognized as one of the top five drone service providers in the world by Frost & Sullivan (2019 report). Frost & Sullivan is a global consulting firm that identifies, develops, and creates transformational growth strategies for its clients. As a firm that seeks out innovative opportunities, it's no coincidence that Frost & Sullivan awarded SkySkopes such acknowledgement as SkySkopes has revolutionized the UAS industry.

The Minot Area Development Corporation (MADC) first met SkySkopes at a UAS conference in 2015, opened a Minot office in December 2016, and in 2017, SkySkopes was awarded MAGIC Fund dollars to further develop its operations.

"The MAGIC Fund helped SkySkopes establish our core competencies as an organization," said Matt Dunlevy, president & CEO of SkySkopes. "Putting the

best sensors in the hands of some of the most highly certified pilots in the world combined with SkySkopes locating in Minot creates a winning combination. The fund has also helped us establish partnerships with numerous industry-leading UAS companies. Being introduced to MADC, furthermore, was one of the most important events in our company's history. The establishment and their staff are one of the true jewels of the state of North Dakota, especially under the leadership of their president & CEO, Stephanie Hoffart. Members of the SkySkopes team always enjoy Stephanie's warm welcomes and wise counsel."

Since securing MAGIC Fund dollars and the opening of the Minot office, SkySkopes has been recognized by *Forbes*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and has achieved many other accolades. Minot's office has nine full-time benefited employees, including two executives

within the company. SkySkopes also has offices in Grand Forks (ND), Minneapolis (MN), and Ft. Worth (TX) with a total of 24 full-time employees. SkySkopes' journey is a great example of the purpose of the MAGIC Fund. It's not only created opportunities and jobs locally but has also increased efficiency and safety to the companies served by SkySkopes.

"Having Minot as a home base for SkySkopes is an absolutely essential component of our company and a major reason why we were ranked in the top five UAS companies in the global UAS industry," said Dunlevy. "In the future, SkySkopes will look to its foundation in the city of Minot for operations across the world and particularly in oil and gas. We see Minot as a gateway to the Bakken, and the Bakken as a key to the entire oil industry where we expect to have a major multi-national presence in years to come."



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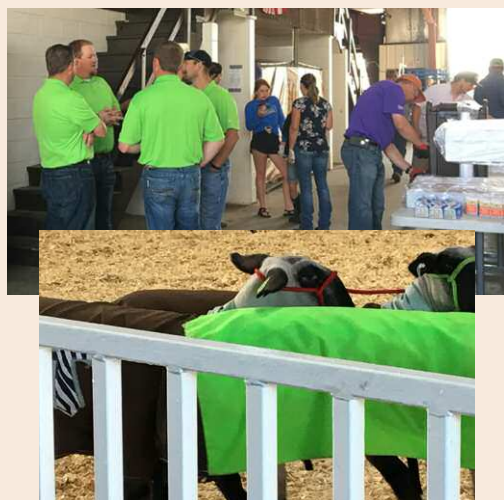
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Ag Committee hosts breakfast at ND State Fair

Agribusiness Committee members of the Chamber hosted a breakfast for livestock exhibitors during the 2019 North Dakota State Fair.



Ag Committee Golf Scramble draws more participation

The annual Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble featured more teams participating with 136 golfers. The July 8 event featured teams of four vying for Chamber Bucks, enjoying the beautiful course at the Minot Country Club, and even raising some money for local Ag related groups. The Des Lacs Burlington FFA received several hundred dollars from the sale of mulligans and the chipping contest. This event would not be possible without the help from our sponsors and committee members, led by Committee Chair Kyle Brossart (United Community Bank) and Golf Scramble Chair Duane Poynter. Thank you to everyone!



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FMCA returns to ND State Fairgrounds in August

The Family Motorcoach Association 100th International Convention and RV Expo will be back on the North Dakota State Fairgrounds in August. This will be the fourth time in 30 years that FMCA will be in Minot. Previous rallies were in 1990, 1995, and 2005.

FMCA's biannual international conventions bring together thousands of people for four days of everything RVing: education, shopping, entertainment, camaraderie. The fairgrounds will be filled with

exhibitors selling RV's, service providers/parts suppliers for RV's, and over 5000 attendees.

"Minot offers a small-town feel with big-town amenities and attractions and will make a great destination for this special celebration of FMCA's 100th convention," said FMCA events director Doug Uhlenbrock.

The Family Motorcoach Association is inviting all Minot area residents to the Rally on Saturday, Aug. 17. More infor-



mation is available at <https://www.fmca.com/fmca-minot-2019-learn-more>

Women Connect rescheduled for Sept. 12:

Back on my feet: changing perceptions, changing lives

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Women Connect will sponsor "Back on My Feet: Changing Perceptions, Changing Lives" Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Grand Hotel. This event was previously scheduled for June 4, but presenter Anne M. Mahlum notified event planners that she had been in an accident. Planners are excited for Mahlum to share her message and are grateful for her speedy recovery.

Bismarck native Mahlum is the founder, owner and CEO of a fast-growing boutique fitness company [solidcore] which she founded in Washington, DC, in 2013. In five years, she has grown her company to

43 locations with more than 100,000 clients.

Mahlum's compelling personal story and work with Back on My Feet is a powerful and inspirational example of how change happens. In this engaging and inspiring program, she shows us that we all need the same things in life to grow and succeed, to be noticed, to be appreciated, to be valued and to be cared for. She teaches that changing the way we see ourselves and our circumstances is at the core of change and that only then can we begin to move out of our comfort zones and create real and lasting change in our lives. With raw vulnerability, grace and lots of humor, Mahlum

takes audiences on an emotional journey that will leave them feeling motivated, purposeful, and empowered to create real change in their lives.

Key outcomes: learn how to begin to change the way they see themselves (and others); learn tips and tools for moving out of their comfort zones; leave feeling inspired, purposeful, and empowered to create real change in their lives

Cost is \$40 for military, \$50 for members, and \$60 for non-members. Register today on the Chamber website: www.minotchamber.org. Go to September 12 on the Events page.

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.



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Ribbon Cuttings

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North Dakota State Fair: 857-7620 • www.ndstatefair.com

Minot Chamber Ambassadors kicked off the 2019 ND State Fair with a ribbon cutting. The red coats welcomed new carnival owners Crabtree to the fair this year.



Gordmans: 3220 16th St. SW • 852-1006 • www.gordmans.com • Becky Slade, Manager

Minot Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Gordmans Opening Tour for a re-grand opening, a celebration of Gordmans' recent growth and an introduction to its new off-price concept. This means bigger deals and smaller prices on merchandise for the entire family. Employees of Gordmans also donated \$1,000 to Perket Elementary during the ceremony.



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PRMI, a locally operated and managed mortgage brokerage company, offers over 300 mortgage loan products. Owner Chad Vogel has more than 16 years of mortgage banking experience and as of July 1, opened up the first branch of PRMI in ND. Chamber Ambassadors helped celebrate with a ribbon cutting.



Direct Travel: 1015 South Broadway • Suite 39 • 701-838-1000 • www.directtravelnd.com • Ann Scheig, Manager

Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Direct Travel at Town & Country Center. The travel agency underwent a name change from Satrom Travel. Stop by 1015 South Broadway to book your vacation today.

Ribbon Cutting

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4R Home Thrift:

412 3rd St NE • 907-231-0558

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Gregory Rousey, owner

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Chamber and Community Happenings

Chamber's Shubra completes Women's Leadership Program

The Chamber's Membership/Finance Director, Sara-Lynn Shubra, recently completed the Women's Leadership Program through the ND Women's Business Center/Center for Technology & Business. Shubra was among 13 women who took part in the six month program. Once the course was complete, the class voted to have her speak at the graduation. Way to go Sara-Lynn!



JA receives grant from Minot Community Endowment Fund

Junior Achievement of Minot is grateful for all donations given to make the project happen. A big thank you to the Minot Community Endowment Fund for their recent donation. Program Director Carla Dolan accepted the money on the Chamber's behalf. JA was among many organizations receiving money through this grant program.



U.S. Postal Service unveils new Forever stamp at NDSF

The North Dakota State Fair was the backdrop for a major unveiling July 25 of new the Forever Stamp, which features state and county fairs. The stamps are four whimsical se-tenant stamps that illustrate the fun of America's state and county fairs. Chamber President John MacMartin and Program Director Carla Dolan were honored to be invited to this event.

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6th Annual Magic Day of giving set for Sept. 13

Volunteers needed for Magic Day of Giving 2019

The 6th annual Magic Day of Giving is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 13, 2019 in Minot. Registration is now open for volunteers and project submissions at www.magicdayofgiving.org.

Magic Day of Giving is the largest single-day community service event coordinated by volunteers and completed by Minot residents. The past five years have been a huge success, drawing in more than 10,100 volunteers who collectively gave back 22,365 hours of community service valued at \$532,209 to the Minot area!

Sign up as a volunteer:

Volunteer teams of all ages are invited to sign up and complete a community service project of their choice or complete

a project that has been submitted by the community and matched to their team. Volunteers will spend no more than two hours raking, painting, washing windows, improving local parks and nonprofit organizations all while giving back to the Magic City. Volunteer team registrations are due Aug. 28, 2019.

Teachers are invited to sign up their classrooms to take part where classrooms can complete projects they create (ex. food or other supply drives) or a project can be matched to them (at the teacher's request, projects that could be completed in or out of the classroom).

Submit a project:

The community is invited to submit service projects on behalf of civic, reli-

gious and non-profit organizations. The organization will be required to supply any necessary supplies and Magic Day of Giving will supply the volunteers. Project submissions are due Aug. 21, 2019.

Magic Day of Giving is organized and coordinated by a group of volunteers from non-profits and area businesses. Learn more about Magic Day of Giving at www.magicdayofgiving.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/engagingforimpact.



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Discover the Magic with the Magic City Discovery Center meeting Aug. 27

Everyone involved with the Magic City Discovery Center is excited about the progress that has been made toward the goal of building a new world class museum on North Hill in Minot. Ackerman Estvold, an amazing partner providing design work pro-bono, is 99% complete on the building design. The exhibit design experts, MindSplash Innovative Playscapes (Chicago, IL) and Paul Orselli (Long Island, NY) have progressed from the Conceptual Exhibit Design Phase to

Schematic Development and Design for our 11 exhibit galleries plus iconic Magic Climber which will complete our first two floors.

The Magic City Discover Center held a partner event in April and the responses were overwhelming. Guests walked out saying, "I had no idea that it would be this fantastic." A similar event is planned on Aug. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Hotel entitled, "Discover the Magic." The entire community is invited to see updated renderings of the Magic City Discovery Center building and exhibits. The design team will provide details about the updated building and exhibit designs and answer questions from the community. Find out why the Magic City Discovery Center is so vital to the children of our region and why

it is not just something we want but something we need!

Fundraising for the Center is over halfway to the goal of \$9,000,000. Fundraising is right on schedule and an announcement will soon be made when groundbreaking will occur. The Magic City Discovery Center will be a state-of-the-art facility that will make every North Dakotan proud.

At the last meeting, Paul Orselli of Paul Orselli Workshop (POW), a worldwide developer of interactive exhibits and museums, said "The Magic City Discovery Center will not only be an amazing museum for North Dakota, it would be an amazing museum ANYWHERE!"

You are invited to attend Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Hotel Convention Center.



Hess donates to Roosevelt Park Zoo

Hess Corporation announced that it has given out \$23,500 in donations over two years to the New Habitat for a New Century capital campaign at the Roosevelt Park Zoo in Minot. The zoo campaign donations will go toward the public announcement system to aid zookeepers at both the new lion and tiger exhibits and educational signage to help the zoo staff tell the story of the majestic animals they are helping to preserve.

"This Hess donation will go a long way in terms of conservation and education, two critical elements of our mission as we are working hard to promote wildlife understanding at the zoo," said Becky Dewitz, Roosevelt Park Zoo director. "The Roosevelt Park Zoo Centennial Capital Campaign is an investment in the culture of our community and through generous donations from corporations like Hess and others we can achieve the goal of enriching lives in the greater Minot area."

The campaign is focused on improving aged 1970s infrastructure that houses the zoo's big cats. Dewitz says the zoo has currently \$4.7 million pledged toward the \$5.8 million goal. The Amur Tiger and African Lion exhibits will be upgraded in a big way as a result of these exhibits, with one exhibit growing from 1,200 square feet to nearly 16,000 square feet.

"We are proud to do our part in the conservation of these amazing big cats, as we take pride in what the Roosevelt Park Zoo is doing for animals," said Brent Lohnes, Hess general manager. "With construction on the zoo improvements starting to wrap up soon, the final product will be an asset many in the region will be able to enjoy. We are pleased to support programs that aim to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in the communities where we live and work."

For more information on the New Habitat for a New Century: Roosevelt Park Zoo Centennial Capital Campaign go to www.rpzoo.com or contact Becky at 857-4166.



Kuntz named United Community Bank president/CEO

United Community Bank (UCB) is pleased to announce that Bill Kuntz has been promoted to president/CEO and will be assuming responsibility for all four United Community Bank locations (Drake, Minot, Leeds and Burlington).



Bill Kuntz

Kuntz has been employed with UCB for 21 years with 20 of those years serving as Drake market president and on the UCB Board of Directors. Kuntz has played an integral role in the development of United Community Bank and this opportunity will allow him to share his experience with staff across all locations.

"We have an incredible team of talented, customer-focused employees, and they serve as our greatest asset to our brand," said Kuntz. "I look forward to partnering with this team in order to continue to deepen our relationships with consumers and businesses in all of our markets."

Kuntz was raised on a cattle ranch south of Towner, ND, and is a graduate of North Dakota State University where he received a bachelor's degree in economics with a minor in business administration.

United Community Bank of North Dakota was founded in Leeds, ND in 1912. It expanded to Drake and Burlington in 1994, and Minot in 1996. The bank has approximately \$358 million in assets.

Wald hired as mortgage loan officer

United Community Bank announces the hiring of Jordan Wald as mortgage loan officer. Employed as a mortgage lender since 2012, Wald provides trusted financial advice to help customers purchase not just a house, but their home. "Jordan is experienced, professional, and committed to customer service," said Bill Kuntz, CEO/President. "We look forward to working with him."



Jordan Wald

Wald is a native of Minot and highly dedicated to the community. He serves on the Capital Campaign Committee for Roosevelt Park Zoo, is involved in Minot Young Professionals, a member of Minot Y's Men, and was awarded the Minot Board of Realtors 2018 Affiliate of the Year.



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Minot Downtown Infrastructure Improvements Project receives APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award

The Minot Downtown Infrastructure Improvements project was recently selected as a recipient of the American Public Works Association's (APWA) 2019 Public Works Project of the Year Award for infrastructure projects publicly developed, owned, and maintained, that promote excellence in construction management and administration. These awards recognize the alliance between the managing agency, the contractor, the consultant, and their cooperative achievements.

The APWA Public Works Projects of the Year Awards are presented annually at APWA's Public Works Expo conference. Awards are given in four divisions and five categories. The divisions are: (1) Projects less than \$5 million; (2) Projects of \$5 million, but less than \$25 million; (3) Projects of \$25 million to \$75 million; and (4) Projects of more than \$75 million. The categories are Structures, Transportation, Environment, Historical Restoration/Preservation, and Disaster or Emergency Construction Repair.

The Minot Downtown Infrastructure Improvements project received APWA's 2019 Public Works Project of the Year Award in the Historical Restoration/Preservation category for projects between \$25 million and less than \$75 million.

Minot's downtown dates back to the late 1800s, and its oldest buildings have seen more than a century of use. The City of Minot worked to reconstruct 26 square blocks of public infrastructure over a period of three years for improved public use. This included the restoration of a 119-year-old fountain that was gifted to the City of Minot in 1910. The project was a joint effort between the City of Minot; Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI); and MWH (now part of Stantec).

Dale Carnegie Course graduate recognized for professional development

The following individual received an award from Dale Carnegie of North Dakota during a recent Dale Carnegie Course. Frank Cowper (Hess Corporation) received the Highest Award for Achievement.

Dale Carnegie Training, founded in 1912, is an international organization that strives to build personal and professional skills. According to Dale Carnegie & Associates, the aim is to "sharpen skills and improve performance in order to build positive, steady, and profitable results." Although Dale Carnegie Training offers several courses, ranging from presentation skills to sales success, the Dale Carnegie Course is the signature offering.

The course is presented so participants can "discover how to form closer, more rewarding relationships built on trust and respect." Graduates of the course are able to "increase their confidence and competence in interacting with others, which will gain the influence needed to reach new heights in both personal and professional lives." All awards were presented by course trainer and area manager, Michelle Wall, who notes that "The Dale Carnegie Course is a transformational experience by helping participants achieve business and personal results by changing their ways of being."

Vitalant (United Blood Services) hosts grand opening Aug. 15

Vitalant, formerly United Blood Services, will host a grand opening and ribbon cutting Thursday, Aug. 15 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Minot Donation Center, 1919 North Broadway in Minot. All are



Frank Cowper

invited to attend and enjoy drinks, appetizers, and fun prizes for those in attendance. For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877-258-4825 or visit vitalant.org.

BeMobile Verizon hosts annual backpack giveaway July 30 – Aug. 2

BeMobile Verizon will host its 6th Annual Backpack Giveaway event, and rather than offering the event for one day, this year's event offers more people the opportunity to attend by extending the giveaway across four days. From July 30 to Aug. 2, parents can bring in their children for a FREE backpack to help prep for back to school. These backpacks are filled with school supplies intended for children in preschool through the sixth grade. Visit any BeMobile location. Doors open at 10 a.m., and while there are lots of backpacks, this event is only while supplies last. Children must be accompanied by an adult, but no purchase is necessary.

Elmcroft of Minot hosts Tug of War featuring local first responders Aug. 28

Elmcroft of Minot is hosting a Tug of War event starring local police officers, firefighters, and ambulance crew. The event will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 28 in the community room and courtyard at Elmcroft, located at 3515 10th St. SW in Minot. Food and refreshments will also be served. Attendees are asked to use the north entrance.

"We are hoping to make this into a yearly event to thank our police, fire and ambulance men and women for their hard work and dedication to our community," said LeAnn Alyea, sales director for Elmcroft by Eclipse Senior Living. "We would like to see as many people as possible at this event as these men and women put their lives on hold and in harm's way for all of us each day!"

For more information, call 839-3320.

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Ackerman-Estvold hires Audet as civil engineer

Joe Audet has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as a full-time civil engineer. Audet recently earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND. He has worked in the Minot office as a seasonal intern for the last two summers. Audet will work with the municipal group providing assistance to communities throughout the region.



Joe Audet

MPD promotes Foley to sergeant

Senior Officer Jared Foley was promoted to the rank of sergeant on July 21, 2019.

Senior Officer Foley started his career with the Minot Police Department in December 2010. He was promoted to senior police officer in 2014. Foley has been assigned to the Patrol Division - Afternoon Shift where he serves as a field training officer for new recruits.



Sgt. Jared Foley

Foley is the team leader of the MPD Crisis Negotiation Team, which is part of the Minot PD SWAT Team. He is a certified law enforcement instructor by the ND POST board, a certified RADAR instructor, and expert in de-escalation techniques.

Foley has played a lead role in the Minot Regional Law Enforcement Explorer Post #9472 since its inception in 2014. This program gives youth ages 13 to 21 a chance to experience different aspects of what a career in law enforcement entails, with hands on experience, engagement and skill building activities.

Foley's promotion to sergeant will result in a move to day shift where he will serve as a supervisor for the officers on that shift.

He lives in the Minot area with his wife, Hannah.

KLJ hires Clark

KLJ, an engineering firm, is proud to announce that Eric Clark has joined the Minot office.

Clark works as a survey technician. He has an associate degree from Anthem College. Clark is also a technical engineer for the Army National Guard.



Eric Clark

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation letters of intent due Aug. 15

The deadline for Letters of Intent for grants from St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation is Thursday, Aug. 15, 2019. This year another \$50,000 has been dedicated for a total of \$300,000.00 to the Twice Blessed Program which means a possible \$600,000.00 in Twice Blessed Grants. Twice Blessed grant participants and grant recipients will be selected from the Letters of Intent.

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) public charity community foundation formed in June of 1998. The Foundation has awarded over \$7.6 million in grants to organizations for many worthwhile projects to assist with programs that address quality of life issues in their communities.

Grant funds are available to organizations for projects and initiatives that address the mental, physical, emotional and/or spiritual needs of residents in the counties of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Ward and Wells.

A Letter of Intent form is available on the website at sjchfd.com, or contact Shelly Weppler, President, St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation, 308 2nd Ave SW, Minot, ND 58701, 701-837-1726, e-mail sjchf@minot.com.

JLG Architects moves up on annual national architecture firm ranking

JLG Architects has been named #104 on the Architectural Record Top 300 Firms list, which ranks architecture, architecture/engineering, and architecture/

engineering/construction firms headquartered in the United States by annual revenue. JLG was #163 in 2018, and has been consistently on the list since 2014.

SRT board of directors changes occur at annual meeting

Four directors were elected to the SRT Board of Directors at its annual meeting on Thursday, June 20 at the North Dakota State Fair Center in Minot, with three new faces joining the SRT Board. Directors elected to serve a three-year term include: District 1, Allan Engh (incumbent) from Sherwood; District 2, Tom Jespersen from Velva; District 3, Stuart Rothe from Newburg; and District 4, Benjamin Robertson from Minot.



Allan Engh



Benjamin Robertson

The Board also held a reorganizational meeting in which the following board officers were decided: president, Allan Engh; vice-president, Kristi Miller; secretary/treasurer, Deanna Klein; and assistant secretary/treasurer, Stacey Diehl.



Tom Jespersen

"SRT welcomes the three new members to the board, and congratulates Allan Engh on his re-election as board president," said Steve Lysne, CEO/General Manager. "Each of our board members bring unique qualities and experience to the table, and SRT looks forward to working with the new directors and getting them up to speed on the telecommunications industry."

Over 2,500 people attended the annual meeting which, in addition to the business meeting, also included a complimentary meal, entertainment by Too Old To Stand, and a kids activity zone.

Soltis named Broker Associate with Brokers 12 Real Estate

Lori Soltis, a REALTOR® at Brokers 12 in Minot, was issued a Real Estate Broker license through the North Dakota Real Estate Commission. Soltis completed extensive education and passed the Broker's examination to obtain this upper level license.



Lori Soltis

She began her career in real estate in 2016, and since then, she has been selling real estate, been a top producing agent, and was also honored with the 2017 Minot Board of REALTORS Rookie REALTOR of the year award. She is a member of the Minot Multiple Listing Service, the North Dakota Association of REALTORS, the Minot Board of REALTORS, and has volunteered for various community organizations such as Meals on Wheels and local soup kitchens. Her strong work ethic, natural desire to assist others, the importance of "never stop learning" and her dedication are a few of her keys to success. You can contact Soltis at 701-721-6455, 701-852-3757, or via email: lori@brokers12.com.

Dakota Hope Clinic features Trent Horn to keynote event

Dakota Hope Clinic will welcome noted debater, pro-life advocate, and renowned Catholic apologist Trent Horn as keynote speaker for its 2019 annual fundraising banquet.

As a regular guest on the popular radio program Catholic Answers Live, Horn respectfully engages with pro-choice

advocates, atheists, and other challengers of the faith. His ability to graciously engage and skillfully debate opposing viewpoints has earned him national acclaim and widespread respect.

At the Dakota Hope banquet, Horn will outline non-religious reasons to oppose abortion, followed by practical strategies for defending the pro-life position in today's divisive culture. His persuasive pro-life presentation is convincing and constructive, leaving audiences with both the knowledge and the know-how to become pro-life advocates in their own lives.

Horn earned a master's degree in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, a master's degree in philosophy from Holy Apostles College, and is pursuing a master's degree in bioethics from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND. He is currently an adjunct professor of apologetics at Holy Apostles College and has been invited to debate academics at UC-Berkeley, UC-Santa Barbara, and Stanford. He has written five books, including *Persuasive Pro-Life*.

Dakota Hope Clinic is a charitable Christian outreach ministry formed to provide care, support, and education related to sexual health, pregnancy, and childbirth in our region.

The 2019 Annual Banquet is Monday, Sept. 16 at the State Fair Center in Minot. The event is free, and attendees will be asked to donate to Dakota Hope. Because of limited space, we ask that only adults attend and registration is required by Sept. 2. For information or to register click on the Partner With Us tab at www.dakotahopeclinic.org.

City of Minot schedules town hall meeting on NDR for Aug. 15

The City of Minot has scheduled its second town hall meeting of 2019 to provide information to the community with a focus on the National Disaster Resilience program. The event is planned for Aug. 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Washington Elementary School, located at 600 17th Ave. SE. Information from City administration will provide an update to the community on current progress of the NDR program as well as outline future objectives and how the activities help make Minot more resilient.

"We look forward to meeting with community members by essentially bringing City Hall to a neighborhood setting, and we encourage everyone to join us on Aug. 15," Minot Mayor Shaun Sipma said. "NDR is a major part of our overall goals as a City, and we want the public to be fully aware of what we're doing to make Minot more resilient and to allow for community dialogue as we move forward."

Topics scheduled for discussion at the Aug. 15 meeting include:

- * Strategic buyout/acquisition program
- * Multi-family affordable rental housing
- * Single-family affordable housing
- * Family homeless shelter
- * Center for Technical Education
- * City Hall relocation

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Ribbon Cutting, 10 a.m., Paninis Plus, Dakota Square Mall Military Affairs Committee, Noon, Jimmy Doolittle Center, MAFB	2 Ambassadors Committee, 7:30 a.m., That German Place, 15 1st Ave. SE	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	10
11	12	13 Eagle Award Presentations, 10 a.m., Chamber office	14 Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., MAFB	15 Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., Vitalant, 1919 N. Broadway	16 Ribbon Cutting, 9:30 a.m., Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch Thrift Store, 1206 South Broadway	17
18	19	20 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., MAFB Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., Expressway Inn & Suites, 1605 35th Ave. SW	29	30	31

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