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MAFB an important part of the community

Minot Air Force Base has long had an impact on the Magic City. Culturally, the people bring diversity to our area, while their presence enhances our pride in the military. Additionally, the Base is an economic boon to our area.

The Base has two wings, the 5th Bomb Wing, which is the host wing, and the 91st Missile Wing. The budget office of the 5th Bomb Wing Comptroller publicizes an annual economic impact analysis and unveiled the latest report at a Feb. 7 meeting of the Military Affairs Committee. The figures show a total impact of \$543.1 million for fiscal year 2018.

"Minot Air Force Base is a strong force in our



nation's military and to our area," said Minot Area Chamber of Commerce President John MacMartin. "That's why it's vital we continue to work diligently to keep the Base with our retention efforts through Task Force 21 (TF 21)." TF 21 is a committee of the Minot Chamber that has been working for more than 25 years to strengthen relationships with the military and to secure the future of MAFB.

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Prairie Warrior Auction celebrates TEAM MINOT

The 33rd annual Prairie Warrior Auction, set for Saturday, March 16 at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Minot, promises an evening of fun and entertainment for all. 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 will begin at 6:30 p.m. There is a \$25 charge at the door.

Every year, donations by area businesses and individuals make this event successful.

Items donated are serious, humorous, unusual, imaginative and creative. Some items may even have historical significance or other interesting details. Other donations include intangible gifts, such as services or memberships. The deadline for submitting items is March 1, 2019.

For further information about donating auction items, appropriate auction items, or to arrange for pick-up of auction items, please call the Chamber at 852-6000.

Prairie Federal Credit Union Business After Hours

Thursday, March 21, 2019

5–7 p.m. • 1430 S. Broadway

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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Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from Jan. 29 through Feb. 22, 2019. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

1st Minot Management	First International Insurance	Northern Brake Service
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President's Corner

This has been a busy month filled with legislative issues, Task Force 21 trips, and day-to-day operations.

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce has been making trips to Bismarck in support of several issues at the legislature. One of those issues is the licensure transfer for military spouses with specific careers who are trying to work in North Dakota, but finding a lot of hoops to jump in order to transfer their license. Spouses from MAFB were able to testify on the lengthy process of trying



L. John MacMartin
Chamber President

to obtain their ND license. I have also traveled to the legislature in support of the North Dakota State Fair and the need for prize money for 4-H, FFA and open class exhibitors at the fair. We continue to coordinate with the Greater North Dakota Chamber and other state Chambers on legislative matters.

I have had many conversations with members, not only during Coffee with the President, but throughout the month. Representatives from Dakota Square management and members of the Trinity Health board of directors have asked me to visit on various topics.

I was among a group of colleagues with Task Force 21 (TF 21) who visited with Sen. Kevin Cramer and Congressman

Kelly Armstrong on Minot Air Force Base to discuss national defense issues. TF 21 members and I also attended a Strategic Defense Workshop in Washington, D.C. We were also able to attend Col Tom Summers retirement. Summers had been based in Minot.

Our Maximize Minot Campaign continues to gain steam as I was part of a news story promoting emphasizing the need to buy here, hire local professionals here, and invest here.

The International Economic Development Commission report continues to be on our plate as I attend several meetings to discuss its findings and how we can better the community.

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. 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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Sponsors sought for annual Honors Banquet April 10

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce annual event recognizing top area students is set for Wednesday, April 10 at the Sleep Inn & Suites 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.

Save the Date

April Business After Hours

Thursday, April 18 • 5 – 7 p.m.

Spicy Pie

1100 N. Broadway

Military Ball set for April 6

The 31st annual International Military Ball, a formal event with a gourmet meal and entertainment, is set for Saturday, April 6 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.



Menu

- * Classic minestrone soup
- * Bacon-wrapped shrimp w/red pepper coulis
- * Wedge salad with ranch drizzled, baby carrots and plumb tomatoes
- * Grilled 12 oz. NY strip topped with cremini mushrooms poached in herbed butter and crunchy fried shallots
- * Squash, red pepper and red onion vegetables
- * Smashed yukon gold potato w/butter and creamy herb cheese
- * Red velvet cheesecake

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2019 Home and Garden Show March 1 – 2

Join the Minot Association of Builders March 1-2 at the North Dakota State Fair Center's Magic Place Room for the 2019 Home and Garden Show. The 2019 Home and Garden Show is open to the public on Friday, March 1 from Noon to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4.

Bring the family for events like the Ready Builders Lego Competition, Jellybeanstreet Workshops, and the Muus Lumber Kidzone. Take a rest at the Lowe's Garden Center Patio Pub and learn the basics of baking at Baking Classes with Prairie Sky Breads. Plus, the first 500 kids will receive a free hard hat and hammer from Future Builders. A complete description of the events follow.

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 1 – 2. Children ages 5-12 will create their dream home out of Legos!

Lowe's Garden Center Patio Pub

The Lowe's Garden Center Patio Pub 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

Patio Pub to rest your feet after a long day of planning your future!

JellyBeanStreet Workshops

Make your children's finger paintings look as though it was created by a famous artist to proudly hang in your home. Babies and kids can participate in a kinder fine-art workshop!

Muus Lumber KidZone

Burn off some energy in a bounce house provided by Muus Lumber and Hardware, Baking classes with Prairie Sky Breads

Learn about baking basics and more with Prairie Sky Breads. Get your hands dirty and take home some baked goods when you purchase a ticket to a hands-on class Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2.

Where's Homer? Join the quest to find our gnome

Homer 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!

Visit the website www.minotab.com/homeshow or our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/mabhomeshow> for more details!

Committee highlights this month:

Friday, March 8: Infrastructure Committee

7:30 a.m. – Homesteaders Restaurant

Topic: City of Minot recycling plans

Thursday, March 28: Energy Committee

11:30 a.m. – Buffalo Wings & Rings

Topic: TBD

Cost of living slightly higher than national average in 2018

Minot's cost of living measured at 2.2% higher than the national average for 2018, 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: 2018 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	102.2	97.2	99.2	96.0	106.3	99.9
GROCERY ITEMS	108.8	103.9	110.5	97.6	105.3	100.9
HOUSING	98.3	91.1	88.9	97.9	103.7	115.0
UTILITIES	89.0	93.7	89.8	95.1	97.5	91.4
TRANSPORTATION	115.3	105.2	100.1	97.0	108.2	89.4
HEALTH CARE	113.2	113.7	115.7	105.3	105.9	98.2
MISC. GOODS	101.4	96.5	103.7	92.7	110.8	92.0

Ribbon Cuttings

If you know of a business that's new to town or is having a milestone, like a renovation or addition, contact Carla at 857-8205 to schedule a ribbon cutting.



Red Lotus Boutique: 115 1st Ave. NE • Minot, ND • Kari Keller & Nicki Head, Owners
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Red Lotus Boutique is a family owned and operated boutique offering women's and men's apparel, accessories and gifts. They are excited to be a part of the community and getting to know everyone. The store is open Thursday from 12:30 to 7 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and every second and fourth Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Trinity Health East Ridge: 1250 21st Ave. SE • Minot, ND • 857-7470 and 701-857-7387 • www.trinityhealth.org

Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Trinity Health's newest clinic, East Ridge, on Feb. 5 The clinic specializes in allergy and immunology along with family medicine.

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.



Easter Seals Goodwill, Inc.: 2505 16th St. SW • Minot, ND 58701 • CEO Gordon Hauge • 701-839-4121 • www.esgwnd.org
Easter Seals Goodwill ND, Inc. is grateful that the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce could help open the newest building to the public and show the Minot area what great services are provided to those in need across North Dakota.

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For most commuters near New Town, ND, taking the HWY 23B bypass will save some time, but when Senior Transportation Engineer, Tim Arens, PE, designed this route, he was more concerned with saving lives.

Developed to relieve heavy truck traffic through town, this highway provides a safer route protecting motorists and pedestrians alike.

Tim's passion is protection, for the residents of New Town and those in every community we serve.



To learn more about the New Town Northeast Truck Reliever Route, visit our website at www.ackerman-estvold.com/projects

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Microtel sponsors successful March Business After Hours

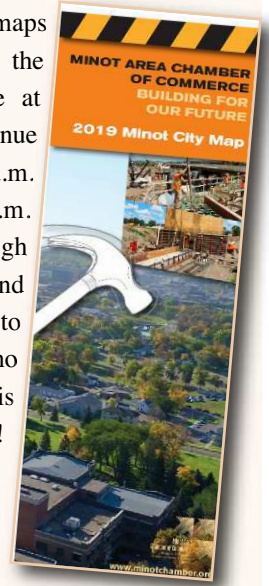
Thanks to Microtel Inn & Suites for sponsoring the February Business After Hours. About 100 people attended the March event, where they enjoyed delicious food, networked with area business representatives, and won some prizes. The group was visited by Ace from the Sabre Dogs as Microtel is a sponsor of the team. Check them out this summer for their second season!



2019 City Maps available

The City of Minot has changed dramatically in the past few years. The newly designed, vertical Chamber 2019 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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KX News to host 2019 KX Sport Show, set for March 8 – 10

With over 145 vendors gathering at the ND State Fair Center, the KX Sport Show is an event that is attended by many throughout the state of North Dakota. “The timing of our sport show ties in well for our vendors and community to come together, as spring fever and enjoying the outdoors are on North Dakotan’s minds in March,” said Tammy Blumhagen, VP/general manager KX News.

The 38th Annual KX Sport Show kicks off on Friday, March 8 at 1 p.m. and will continue through Sunday, March 10, 2019,

at the 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. The 2019 event will feature “Twiggy the Waterskiing Squirrel,” the Black Hills Raptor Center, and the Youth Fun Zone, which features archery and other hands-on activities for kids.

There are many seminars for attendees to take in this year including:

- Q&A on locators, trolling motors, rods, reels & tackle with fishing pros Pearl

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- Kayaking safety with Sandy McKay of Missouri River Kayak
- Dog obedience training with Carrie Bush of Ambush Kennels
- Basics of jigging with fishing pro Bernie Keefe
- Meet the birds with John Engler from the Black Hills Raptor Center

For more details and Sport Show hours please visit www.ndkxsportshow.com.

United Airlines adds third daily flight between Minot, Denver

United Airlines has added a third daily round trip flight between Minot International Airport and Denver International Airport, boosting the number of daily seats available by 50 percent.

The new flight will begin June 6 but is already available for reservations. When the additional flight begins, United Airlines’ daily schedule will have three departures and arrivals:

- Approximate Minot departures: 6:15 a.m., 3:15 p.m., 8:10 p.m.
- Approximate Minot arrivals: 1 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11 p.m.

“We’ve been working with United and other airlines to showcase Minot and encourage additional service,” said Rick Feltner, Minot International Airport Director. “I think this shows United has a high level of confidence in our community’s ability to support the additional service. Hopefully, advance bookings will be strong so United makes this a permanent addition to Minot’s daily schedule.”

The current 50-seat ERJ-145 aircraft will continue to be used, boosting the daily available seats from 100 to 150.

Feltner said airlines invest much research

before making changes to their daily flight schedules.

“They don’t make these decisions lightly,” he said. “But this truly benefits our community because from Denver, you can get just about anywhere in the United States and there are many international destinations available, too. This really opens up a lot of options for passengers flying out of Minot.”

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

CBP to hold Global Entry Enrollment Workshop in Minot

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Office of Field Operations announces a Global Entry enrollment workshop to be held by CBP in Minot. During this enrollment event, CBP will conduct interviews for conditionally approved Global Entry applicants.

Global Entry is a voluntary expedited clearance initiative for pre-approved low-risk international travelers, who are processed by biometric identification using a designated kiosk, rather than waiting in line for entry processing by a CBP officer when entering the U.S. at a participating airport. The kiosks facilitate entry by reducing wait and processing times.

For the event, the temporary Enrollment Center will be open May 7-8. Enrollment Center hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

To become a Global Entry member, individuals must apply online, undergo a background investigation and complete an in-person interview with a CBP officer. If no disqualifying information is found, travelers receive the benefit of expedited processing. The \$100 application fee allows for five years of membership, and travelers can use nearly 300 kiosks located at 34 U.S. airports and 10 preclearance locations in Canada and Ireland.

“CBP’s goal for this enrollment event is to provide a convenient, easy-access, local venue for conditionally approved Global Entry applicants to complete the required interview with a CBP officer,” said Area Port of Pembina Port Director Jason Schmelz.

Travelers interested in applying for Global Entry need to apply online utilizing

the Global Online Enrollment System. With the enrollment event quickly approaching, any applicant wishing to take advantage of this opportunity, needs to start the application process immediately. CBP strongly suggests that applications are submitted no later than Feb. 27 as the application vetting process typically takes six to eight weeks for conditional approval.

Global Entry also provides access to the TSA Pre?TM initiative which offers expedited screening through domestic airport security checkpoints. Benefits of TSA Pre?TM include being able to leave shoes, light outerwear and belts on, and not having to remove laptops from carrying cases.

More information on CBP’s Global Entry Program can be found at Global Entry or by visiting the CBP homepage at www.cbp.gov.

Wind energy blows business into Industrial Park of Minot

Watco Supply Chain Services is the Minot Area Development Corporation's newest tenant at the Industrial Park of Minot. A Watco Companies subsidiary, the Arkansas-based division was officially launched in 2014 to provide efficient, cost-effective supply chain solutions for their customers. Watco Companies, is the largest, privately held, rail-based entity in the United States.

The company entered into an agreement with MADC in late 2018 to lease 76 acres of land at the industrial park in northeast Minot for a period of 24 months. Watco Supply Chain Services is using the land as a staging



and deployment location for a future wind turbine development. Wind turbine components arrived via truck and rail, were offloaded, and placed on bunks on the ground. The 680 total components, including tower sections, hubs, and blades, will remain on the structures until they're assigned to the 89 unit wind farm.

This contract is a direct result of the Industrial Park of Minot earning BNSF Railway's stamp of approval as a Certified Site in the fall of 2017.

"The decision to pursue site certification wasn't an easy sell. Time and resources had to be diverted to complete the intensive screening process," said MADC President and CEO Stephanie Hoffart. "Our contract with Watco Supply Chain Services is a strong representation of the ROI realized from being vetted by BSNF Railway."

"The purpose of BNSF's Certified Sites, like the one in Minot, is to give communities a jump start on development opportunities," said Colby Tanner, AVP Economic Development, BNSF Railway. "MADC's

work to gain this certification with BNSF opened the door for more economic growth in Minot and we're pleased to be a part of that." BNSF Railway currently has 18 sites in their select inventory; the Industrial Park of Minot is the only Certified Site in North Dakota.

Barth West, Vice President of Operations & Rail Logistics for Watco Supply Chain Services, talked about the importance of identifying key partnerships, "It is Watco's obligation to devise and implement solid business solutions for our customers. A key element in this process is to locate and build strong relationships with great partners such as MADC and the entire Minot community."

West indicated there is potential for expansion in the local market, "We would also like to thank MADC, current MADC tenants, and local businesses for the partnerships and hospitality. We hope to grow our wind energy footprint in the Minot area."

HUD releases funds for Minot's downtown gathering place project

The City of Minot can proceed with the downtown gathering place after the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development accepted the project's environmental review.

In approving the review, HUD sent an approval of Request for Release of Funds to the City. Under the National Environmental Protection Act, an environmental review must be completed and approved by the federal department administering the grant before any funds can be spent.

"It's great to get this approval, which means HUD recognizes we've fully complied with their regulations and requirements," Minot Mayor Shaun Sipma said. "Now, we can move forward with the next

steps to bring this exciting project to our downtown."

As a result of HUD's approval, purchase offer letters were sent to the owners of properties inside the footprint of the project. The City also sent a draft sub-recipient agreement to the Minot Park District to involve the district in the project's design and construction.

City Manager Tom Barry noted that project costs must remain within the approved budget. Federal Community Development Block Grant-National Disaster Resilience funds will be used for the project, including \$2.5 million for acquisition, relocation, demolition, and site restoration, and \$3.5 million for design and construction.

Property will be acquired under the federal voluntary acquisition program, which means the City cannot use eminent domain or any related court action to acquire properties.

"Actual design of the project cannot begin until the City knows the boundaries of acquired properties. Federal rules require that negotiations must be based on the current value of each property and not what value the property might have based on the project or project design," said John R. Zakian, Disaster Resilience Grant Program Manager.

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

Member Business Briefs

Minot Community Endowment Fund accepting grant applications

The Minot Community Endowment Fund began accepting grant applications for the 2019 grant cycle on Jan. 1. Only applications submitted online will be accepted, and technical assistance will be available for anyone who needs it. Applicants must be designated by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, or a government agency. Groups without such designation seeking to apply may enlist a fiscal sponsor. Applications must be submitted by May 31.

For instructions on how to register your organization and to apply for a grant, visit www.NDCF.net/Minot and click on the Apply tab. If you have questions, you are encouraged to call the North Dakota Community Foundation at 701-222-8349.

The Minot Community Endowment Fund was established in 1981 as a permanent endowment fund managed by the North Dakota Community Foundation.

Earnings from the fund are given as grants every year to organizations that support the Minot community.

Mahone joins YWCA Minot Board of Directors

Kelsey Mahone, assistant branch manager at Town & Country Credit Union, recently joined the Board of Directors for the YWCA Minot women's and children's homeless shelter.



Kelsey Mahone

"I am hoping to raise awareness of the needs of the women in our community by participating in programs and educating our community on the work being done to ensure women are able to stand up for themselves, survive hard times, overcome racism, become key contributors in economic advancements, and better their lives for themselves and their family," said Mahone.

Mahone joined the Town & Country Credit Union team in April of 2018. She serves as the assistant branch manager of the Minot main branch, overseeing the member services team and assisting members with new accounts, loans and more. Mahone is a native of Macon, GA, who moved to Minot five years ago. She's looking forward to getting more involved in the Minot community through the YWCA. Mahone joins another Town & Country Credit Union employee, marketing specialist Chelsea Gleich, on the YWCA Minot Board of Directors.

To learn more about the YWCA Minot and how they're helping the Minot area, visit www.ywcaminot.org.

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First Western promotes employees

Jim Paszek has been promoted to senior vice president, Trust Department manager and chief risk officer with First Western Bank & Trust. He previously worked as a bank examiner with the State of North Dakota and joined the bank's Trust Department in 1996.



Jim Paszek

Paszek graduated from North Dakota State University where he received his bachelor's degree in business administration and a minor in economics. In the Minot community, Paszek serves on the advisory board for Salvation Army, American Legion, and Companions for Children. Paszek is succeeding former Trust Manager Chris Lamoureux, who was promoted to executive vice president and still remains active in the administration and investment management functions of the Trust Department.

Kristi Bertsch has been promoted to vice president of Insurance Placement & Bonds at First Western Bank & Trust. Bertsch is a Minot native, who graduated from Bishop Ryan High School.



Kristi Bertsch

Bertsch has been involved in the insurance industry for 28 Years, mainly focusing on commercial lines insurance & bonding. Bertsch started working for First Western Bank & Trust in the Insurance Department in June of 2013.

Tim Mihalick has been promoted to SVP business development / facilities. He will lead business development, oversee facilities & maintenance and leasing space in the buildings. Mihalick graduated from Minot State University with a degree in business administration. Mihalick is currently on the board of the Minot Family YMCA, the project manager for the City of Minot's Community Stakeholders Committee, and appointed to the State Board of Higher Education by Governor Burgum. He has served on the board of Trinity Health and as a past chair on the Minot State University Board of Regents.



Tim Mihalick

Becky Armstrong has been promoted to

teller manager at the North Hill location with First Western Bank & Trust. She is a native of Minot, graduated from Minot



Becky Armstrong

High School, and has been with the bank since 1988. She was inducted into the ICBND Hall of Fame in 2018. In the Minot community, Armstrong serves on Minot High School Hockey Blue Line Club and has served as a Minotauros Junior Hockey host family.

Mandy Semmen has been promoted to senior teller manager with First Western Bank & Trust. She is a native of Minot and graduate from Minot High School. Semmen has been with the bank since 2001.



Mandy Semmen

Amanda Vera has been promoted to customer service specialist/BSA officer at First Western Bank & Trust. Vera came to Minot while serving in the USAF 25 years ago. She holds a bachelor's degree in technical management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and is involved in the American Legion. Vera has been with First Western Bank & Trust since June of 2007.



Amanda Vera

Doug Fredrich has been promoted to data systems officer at First Western Bank & Trust. Fredrich is a Minot native who graduated from Minot High School and Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in computer science. He has been with First Western Bank & Trust since January of 2014.



Doug Fredrich

Brent Mattson has been promoted to senior vice president at First Western Insurance. Mattson and his family have resided in Minot the past 14 years. He is a graduate from the University of North Dakota. Mattson is involved in a variety of organizations in the Minot community,



Brent Mattson

including Trinity Health, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, and Norsk Høstfest. He has been with First Western Insurance for five years and has over 25 years of experience in the financial industry.

Eric Mueller has been promoted to assistant vice president collections officer at First Western Bank & Trust. Mueller is a native of Nebraska, who graduated from Seward High School and the University of Nebraska with a bachelor's degree in finance. He has been with First Western Bank & Trust since October of 2016.



Eric Mueller

Rotary Club announces essay winners

The Rotary Club of Minot and Sunrise Rotary Club would like to congratulate the 2019 winners of the Rotary "Four-Way Essay Test" Contest.

The Sunrise Rotary winner is Rebekah Larson, Glenburn High School, with the essay "Be Happy, Love Yourself." The Noon Rotary winner is Sarah Meier, Minot High School, with the essay "Will Art Soon be a Thing of the Past?"

Rotary supports the ideas of our young people and believe that it is important to reward our youth for expressing their views in a constructive and meaningful way. The Four-Way Test is an ethical guide that Rotarians use for their personal and professional relationships, and is recited at club meetings:

The Four-WayTest of the things we think, say, or do: 1. Is it the truth?

2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Students in their final two years of high school are eligible to participate, preparing an essay of 500 to 1,000 words in length, and using a topic of their choice that incorporates the use of the Rotary 4-Way Test.



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Citizens Academy accepting applications

The Minot Police Department is accepting applications for the 2019 Citizens Academy, scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday evenings May 7 – 28.

The purpose of the Academy is to invite members of the public to learn about various areas of law enforcement operations performed by 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. 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 can be picked up at and returned to the Minot Police Department at 515 2nd Ave SW, or by calling Senior Officer Aaron Moss at 857-4711.

MSU Student Government Association hosts speaker

The public is invited to attend a keynote address by Kyle Willkom, a leadership speaker, author, and entrepreneur April 1 at 7 p.m. in the Anne Nicole Nelson Hall at Minot State University. This free event is sponsored by the Minot State University Student Government Association. Check out the Student Government Facebook page for more information about the event or Kyle.

Minot PD warns about scams

The Minot Police Department Prevention Unit has received several calls from area residents reporting two possible telephone scam attempts.

The first attempt is from someone calling victims, identifying themselves as the "Peace Officers Coalition". The caller

POEM studio names winners of Flippin' Flea Market

POEM Studio announces the winners of Minot Area Flea Market Flippin' Flea Market. Four teams vied for \$500 cash prize after excitedly scurrying through the Minot Flea Market on Saturday to purchase items from local vendors. Contestants brought their purchases back to Poem Art Studio's Maker Space Workshop to 'Upcycle' their items on Sunday.

Their creations were judged by a panel of local artists with Sarah Danielson taking home the top prize of \$500 cash and a \$500 art studio gift certificate. Second prize was awarded to Seth Fetterolf, and third place went to Jenny Gaaskjolen.



The event was documented by Gina Foothe of Lostwood media and will be broadcast on local public access channel beginning in March.

POEM'S second Flippin' Flea Market will be held on April 6 – 7, 2019. Register for event tickets at www.eventbrite.com

POEM STUDIO has been servicing the community as a local 'Maker Space' providing hands-on training on new technology like 3D printers, industrial laser cutters, CNC machines and a well-equipped wood and metal shop.

POEM, People of Earth Matter, is a division of Mandaree Enterprises. For more information contact Amber at 701-629-1624, by email at amberbriggs09@gmail.com, or CEO Clarence O'Berry at 701-421-1001.

then requests money to pay for safety equipment for law enforcement officers. The Minot Police Department, North Dakota Peace Officers Association and the Fraternal Order of Police – Souris Valley Regional Lodge #7 do NOT solicit any money by phone. Further, none of these organizations is familiar with any group called the "Peace Officers Coalition."

The other scam attempt is type Social Security Scam. While not new, the Police Department has received a recent uptick in reports of this attempt. The caller sends a recorded message informing the victim that there is something wrong with their Social Security Account and threatens a benefits payment "freeze" unless they call back. Once the victim returns the call, the scammers attempt to obtain personal identifying information or sometimes con them into paying fees to prevent the stopping of benefits. The Social Security

Administration will never call beneficiaries requesting personal information or payments. They will always initiate contact in writing. Anyone who has questions about communication with the Social Security Administration is encouraged to call the nearest Social Security Office using their locally listed number, rather than one provided by a caller.

The best way to avoid being a scam victim is to simply hang up and not return their calls. For further information on common scams in North Dakota please visit Consumer Resources at the North Dakota Attorney General's website; <https://attorneygeneral.nd.gov/consumer-resources>.

Twice Blessed campaign helps distribute funds in matching program

Half a million dollars distributed by St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation to area organizations

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation distributed checks totaling \$557,660.37 to 42 area agencies on January 31. The agencies participated in the second annual Twice Blessed matching gift program, held Nov. 15 – Dec. 31, 2018. Twice Blessed is a local matching gift program hosted by St. Joseph's



Foundation President Shelly Weppler (left) presented a check to representatives from Kalix — Misty Wanner (CFO) and Borgi Beeler (CEO).

Community Health Foundation to double gifts given to prequalified agencies. Gifts and the matching grant funds are available for projects 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.

Contributors could visit one website — twiceblessednd.com — to learn about the mission and goals of each of the area organizations participating in the program. They could donate through the website or by sending contributions directly to the Foundation or to the participating organizations. No gift was too small, and gifts were matched accordingly, with four different levels up to a grand match total of \$250,000 provided by St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation.

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 \$7.3 million in grants to organizations for many worthwhile projects to assist with programs that address quality of life issues in our communities. More information can be found at sjchfnd.com or by contacting the Foundation President, Shelly Weppler at sjchf@minot.com or 837-1726.

UCB promotes Peterson

United Community Bank has announced that Shelly Peterson has been promoted to senior loan administrator. Peterson has ten years of experience as a loan administrator and has been employed with United Community Bank since 2016.

"Shelly's primary role has grown to provide oversight and review of the loan administration area, and she has played a major role in restructuring the workflow of the department. She provides a wealth of knowledge and experience in ag and commercial lending," said Randy Conway, president & CEO, United Community Bank.

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Minot PD 2018 staff awards announced

The Minot Police Department presented the annual awards for 2018. The Outstanding Police Employee of 2018 is Administrative Clerk Sarah White, and Outstanding Police Officer of 2018 is Sergeant Paul Burns.

These awards are given annually following a nomination and selection process by a group of their peers. This year there were 20 employees who were nominated to receive the awards.

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

Administrative Clerk Sarah White is recognized as the Outstanding Police Employee award winner for 2018. White has worked for the Minot Police Department since 2015. The following words are from her nomination letters:



Sarah White

- Sarah is a hard worker who keeps the Investigations Division efficiently moving in the right direction.
- Sarah is one of the department's Law Enforcement Records Management System experts. She is always eager to help others with using the computer system and frequently trains new officers for the department.
- Sarah's attitude is always positive and speaks volumes about herself. She always has a smile on her face.
- She goes above and beyond to help operations run smoothly.

Sergeant Paul Burns is recognized as the Outstanding Police Officer award winner for 2018. Sgt. Burns began his career with the Minot Police Department in 1995 as a police officer. He was promoted to senior police officer in 1999 and the rank of sergeant in 2008. Sgt. Burns is assigned to the patrol division on the afternoon shift where he serves as a supervisor. He also served for many years as a member of the Minot Police Department SWAT team.

The following words are from his nomination letter:

Sergeant Burns works tirelessly in the Cops and Kids and Stuff a Squad holiday fundraisers. These events have helped area children receive gifts and positive

interaction with law enforcement officers. Paul has built great partnerships with local businesses who support these events.

Sergeant Burns also leads the department with starting and maintaining its Registered Sex Offender monitoring program. The program involves assigning offenders to individual patrol officers who make periodic checks to ensure that the offenders are in compliance with registration requirements.



Sgt. Paul Burns

Sergeant Burns has maintained a passion for his profession for over 17 years. He frequently helps advise and guide younger staff to ensure that the department's goals are carried out successfully.

Sergeant Burns has served his country through his service in the U.S. Air Force, the Army National Guard, and the Air Force Reserve. He is a veteran of the Second Persian Gulf War.

The Minot Police Department is very fortunate to have staff of the caliber and excellence of Sarah White and Sergeant Paul Burns. We congratulate both on being selected for these awards by their peers.

First International Bank and Trust donates \$140,000 for Dome renovations

First International Bank & Trust (FIB&T) is proud to announce the donation of \$140,000 to aid in the renovation of the Minot State University Dome. Built in 1981, the Minot State Dome has hosted countless sporting and community events over nearly four decades. First International Bank & Trust is a proud partner in making sure the facility continues to be a point of pride in the Minot Community.

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Left to right: Andy Carter, John Drady, Rick Hedberg, Blaine DesLauriers, MSU President Dr. Steven Shirley

of our community. With seating for 10,000 spectators, Minot State estimates the State Class B boys tournament, which runs a single weekend brings between \$2 million to \$3 million to the community.

MSU says the renovation to replace seating inside the dome will help ensure high school tournaments stay in the community and provide a boost to the Beavers recruiting efforts.

First Baptist to host Women's Conference April 5 - 6

SHE Ministries of First Baptist Church, Minot, will host the 2019 Women's Conference, "I Surrender" April 5 - 6, 2019, at the Minot Sleep Inn & Suites Convention Center.

The conference will feature Jess Connolly (jessconnolly.com), who will be sharing her journey to surrender, obedience, and how God has transformed her life to use her as an instrument to influence women all over the world.

The conference fee is \$30 if registered by March 11, \$35 after March 11. The \$75 VIP Package, includes a meet and greet with Jess Connolly, reserved seating, and her book, Dance, Stand, Run. There is no early discount for the VIP Package. You may register online at www.fbcminot.org/wconf or contact First Baptist Church at 852-4533 or office@fbcminot.org.

Ackerman-Estvold welcomes project architect Scott Huber

Scott Huber, AIA, has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office in our architecture group. Huber earned bachelor degrees in environmental design and architecture from North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND. Huber has over 25 years of experience working in the architecture industry throughout North Dakota and Indiana. His responsibilities will include conceptual design, design development, and construction management on architectural projects throughout the region.



Scott Huber

Bolinske joins Elite Real Estate

A new agent has joined the staff at Elite Real Estate. Minot native Danielle Bolinske is a 2015 Minot State University graduate with a degree in graphic design and international business & marketing. She is the marketing director for Elite Real Estate and recently received her real estate license in January.



Danielle Bolinske

Tollefson family gift to sponsor 'Outside My Window' exhibit at Magic City Discovery Center

The Magic City Discovery Center Board of Directors is proud to announce that Roger and Michelle Tollefson, and Mark Tollefson and Peggy Visina have agreed to donate \$150,000 per couple to the Magic City Discovery Center (MCDC). The \$300,000 will sponsor the "Outside My Window" exhibit zone, as part of the stand-alone, 21,000 square foot museum on Minot Park District land on north hill in Minot. This exhibit will allow visitors to explore immersive environments that are inspired by the great outdoors of North Dakota and will represent activities that are available year-round as the seasons change. Filled with engaging activities, "Outside My Window" will provide young children with experiences that will nurture emerging skills and build foundations to create life-long learners.

The Tollefson family believes the Magic City Discovery Center will give our children and grandchildren the oppor-

tunity to learn more about science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) in a safe and exciting environment. They believe the MCDC will be a wonderful place for the children of this region to go during the winter months when choices are limited for youth activities. The Tollefson family is excited to be a part of this wonderful new project which will become a major part of our city, like the zoo and Scandinavian Heritage Center."

"The Tollefson family has been an integral part of the Minot community for many years, generously supporting a variety of community projects," said Mark Lyman, President of the MCDC Board of Directors. "It's exciting to see that several members of the Tollefson family have decided to generously contribute their time and money to the success of the Magic City Discovery Center. Many thanks to Roger and Michelle, Mark and Peggy, and the entire Tollefson extended family for their continued community support."

The Magic City Discovery Center capital campaign is currently underway to raise at least \$7 million to construct a 21,000 square-foot building and design and build 4-5 exhibit galleries of varying sizes.

For information about the Magic City Discovery Center call Interim Executive Director Wendy Keller at 858-7529, or for the latest on the campaign, exhibit designs and building designs go to www.magiccitydiscoverycenter.com.

by Efraín Amaya, MSU assistant professor of music and music director of the Minot Symphony Orchestra, will make its symphony debut with the MSU's Concert Choir.

The symphony will perform a variety of movie scores including Richard Wagner's Ride of the Valkyries, immortalized in the film Apocalypse Now, and Ravel's Bolero, from the hit film 10.

Minot's own, Nathan Bowles, winner of the symphony's annual MSU Senior Honors Concerto Competition, will perform Maurice Ravel's Don Quichotte à Dulcinée. Bowles is no stranger to Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, as he sang with his own quartet, Vox Humana, with the symphony in December and was most recently featured in the Western Plains Opera Company's Into The Woods production.

Principal cellist, Erik Anderson will provide a pre-concert talk which is perfect for newcomers, experienced listeners, and anyone in between. The talk begins at 6:30 p.m. and is free with your concert ticket. Anderson will provide an engaging overview of the works being performed, talk about the story behind the music, the composer and historical context.

The symphony is collaborating with the MSU Veterans Center to host a paper product drive. Items collected will be donated to the Minot Area Homeless Coalition. Suggested items include toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue, diapers, baby wipes and paper plates. Items can be dropped off at Lien's Jewelry downtown Minot or the MSU Veterans Center located inside Dakota Hall M-F 8-4. Items will also be collected at the March 2nd symphony concert.

Don't miss the Minot Symphony Orchestra's annual Pops Concert, Movie Magic, part of the 2018-2019 concert series, The Magic of Music. Tickets start at \$25 for adults with senior and student discounts and can be purchased online at www.minotsymphony.com or call 701-858-4228.

Movie Magic with Minot Symphony March 2

The big screen takes stage with the Minot Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. at MSU's Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

The evening will begin with an armed forces salute featuring the Minot Air Force Color Guard. MSU's Alma Mater composed by Emerson Eads, MSU director of choral activities, and arranged



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Ambassadors Committee , 7:30 a.m., Wyatt Apartments Ambassadors Committee escort VIPs at Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament , Noon, MSU Dome	2
3	4	5	6 Ribbon cutting , 10 a.m., North Country Mercantile, 2000 20th Ave. SE	7 New Member Reception , 5 p.m., Minot Chamber	8 Infrastructure Committee , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	9 Legislative Forum , 9 a.m., ND State Fair Center Norse Room
10	11	12 Eagle Award Presentations , 10 a.m., Chamber office Ribbon Cutting , 4 p.m., All State Insurance Kim Albert Agency, 2825 South Broadway, Ste. 2	13 Right Start Presentation , 9:45 a.m., MAFB	14 Ribbon cutting , 4 p.m., Aces Lounge & Casino, 1524 S. Broadway, Suite 8	15	16 Prairie Warrior Auction , 5:30 p.m., Clarion Hotel & Convention Center
17	18	19 Board of Directors , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel Coffee with the President , 1:30 p.m., With Room Coffee, 400 Central Ave. E.	20	21 Business After Hours , 5 - 7 p.m., Prairie Federal Credit Union, 1430 S. Broadway	22	23 Legislative Forum , 9 a.m., ND State Fair Center Norse Room
24	25	26	27 Right Start Presentation , 9:45 a.m., MAFB	28 Energy Committee , 11:30 a.m., Buffalo Wings & Rings	29 Ribbon cutting , 10 a.m., Total Beauty Supply, Dakota Square Mall	30
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To view meeting changes or community events, log on to www.minotchamber.org