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Women Connect:

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” Tuesday, June 4, 2019, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Anne Nicole Nelson Hall on the campus of Minot State University.

Bismarck native Anne M. 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

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Citywide Cleanup set for first weekend in May

Spring’s arrival is always a good thing, but it uncovers something we don’t want to see — trash, and plenty of it. That’s why Project CLEAN (Community Leaders Enhancing Area Neighborhoods) Committee will sponsor the annual Citywide Cleanup May 3 and 4, 2019.

Chamber members are asked to clean up around their buildings and to provide volunteers to help clean the city entrances. Please send a team captain to the Chamber to pick up garbage bags up until 5 p.m. Friday, May 3 and sign up for a location. Be

sure to wear gloves and head out on Friday, May 3 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and fill up those trash bags. Once bags are filled, place them together along the roadway so city crews can pick them up. Thanks to the City of Minot for supplying the garbage bags.

If you have questions or suggestions call the Chamber at 852-6000 or email chamber@minotchamber.org. Let’s make Minot shine!

Hometown Elegance Catering & Productions Business After Hours

Thursday, May 30, 2019 • 5–7 p.m.

**Hosted at the 1st & 1st Event Center in Downtown Minot
(104 1st Ave. SE - former YMCA and Sure ID building)**

Enjoy the inaugural event for the Event Center and the celebration of Hometown Elegance’s 10-year anniversary.

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



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New Members

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

WINGATE BY WYNDHAM

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Under new ownership since November 2018, Wingate by Wyndham is preparing for a full renovation. We look forward to sharing our changes with the community.

CREATIVE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INC.

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Creative Property Management is a locally owned property management company in Minot, ND, specializing in the management of homes, apartments, condos, town homes, storage units, and office spaces. Creative Property offers over 60 years of combined experience in the industry.

Committee highlights this month:

Thursday, May 2: Military Affairs Committee

Noon – Jimmy Doolittle Center
Topic: ND State Fair

Friday, May 10: Infrastructure Committee

7:30 a.m. – Homesteaders
Restaurant
Topic: TBD

Thursday, May 23: Energy Committee

11:30 a.m. – Buffalo Wings & Rings
Topic: TBD

Thursday, May 30: Governmental Affairs Committee

11:30 a.m. – Badlands Restaurant
Topic: Legislative Recap

Renewals

The Chamber extends a big “THANK YOU” to our members who have renewed their membership from March 21 through April 22, 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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Environmental Services)
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Advertising Group LLC)
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Souris Valley Animal Shelter
SRT Communications, Inc.
State Farm Insurance – Jessica
Aardahl
TSC Farm Home Auto Store
Souris Valley United Way
Walmart Super Center

Women Connect

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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

Register today on the Chamber website: www.minotchamber.org. Go to June 4 on the Events page.

Cost for early registration is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. After May 1, the cost is \$50 for Chamber members and \$60 for Non-members.

Spicy Pie sponsors successful April Business After Hours

Nearly 110 participants at the April Business After Hours enjoyed delicious pizza, grinders, and desserts, along with music, and of course networking. Special thanks to Spicy Pie for hosting.



April Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in April 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.



NATALIA BOYKO
Longhorn Steakhouse



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Kroll's Diner



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Trinity Health



JULIE ERZ
Gate City Bank



MICHELLE BASSLER
Daily Buzz

April 10 Honors Banquet features 143 outstanding students

The 57th Annual Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Honors Banquet featured 143 students from nine area schools for being at the top of their class. This event recognizes the hard work and dedication



of the students who reach a 3.75 grade point average or higher from Berthold, Bishop Ryan Catholic School, Des Lacs Burlington, Glenburn, Minot, Nedrose, Our Redeemers, South

Prairie and Surrey. The evening featured Minot Education Association Teacher of the Year Sara Medalen who talked to the students about how life is messy, and there will be setbacks, but never lose sight of your dream. The event also featured 17 teachers and staff from the area schools with 25 years of experience. The evening wouldn't be possible without the outstanding support from



these Minot Area Chamber of Commerce members.



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President's Corner

Now that the Legislative Session is wrapping up, Minot has had some victories per se. The Chamber has been a part of a collaborative team working to see that military spouse employment, military retiree pay is exempt from state income tax, and telemedicine for access to necessary behavioral treatment not offered in ND is approved. As Minot Area Chamber of Commerce president, I was pleased to take a group of people to Bismarck to work for these issues and achieved success on all three. We also worked to support the Commerce Department budget for base retention

money. Our committee, Task Force 21, works hard to recognize that MAFB is a vital part of our community and economy; this takes additional dollars from the state along with dollars raised locally.

I continue to work with the Steering Committee which was established as an outcome of the International Economic Development Council report to bring forward a One Brand Marketing concept that would include MADC and Visit Minot. The group has approached the MAGIC Fund for money to accomplish this.

The Chamber continues to promote Minot through our Maximize Minot cam-

paign. This effort urges everyone to think before you buy online. Can you get it locally? Will this impact my community? This isn't only an effort to buy local, but to invest local and hire local. Hire local means to use the professional services here in Minot. This affects our economy, our workforce, our tax base, and so much more.



L. John MacMartin
Chamber President

Elegance and tradition part of 31st Annual International Military Ball

The 31st Annual International Military Ball did not disappoint. More than 200 people took part in the



evening's events which featured Bagpipers from the 26th Field Regiment RCA Pipes and Drums, the Minot Air Force Base Honor Guard, and the Heartland of America Band, Raptor, not to mention a delicious seven course meal. This evening is set aside to recognize the outstanding relationship between the U.S. and Canada and between the City of Minot and our military. As those who have attended can attest, the evening was filled with great conversation, delicious food,

and an evening of dancing.

Thank you to the protocol offices of the 5th Bomb Wing & 91st Missile Wing along with the 5th Bomb Wing public affairs office for all the help in pulling this off once again this year. Be sure to mark April 4, 2020, on your calendar to attend next year!



Save the Date

November: Showcase of Business

Thursday, November 14 • 5 – 8 p.m.

North Dakota State Fair Center Magic Place

Theme: Superheroes

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.



Redfox Staffing: 1509 2nd Ave. SW • Minot, ND • 701-822-1558 • 701-822-1559 • redfoxstaffing.com

Minot Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon at the new location for Redfox Staffing. Redfox is committed to providing the best talent to fit all staffing needs, including permanent placement, temp. to hire, or same day staffing.



Vintage City: 2001 8th Ave. SE, Ste. C • Minot, ND • 701-720-0215 • Marla Rae & Bill Uscensky, Owners

<https://www.facebook.com/VintageCityMinot/>

Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to cut the ribbon at Vintage City, where owners celebrated their sixth anniversary and realized they had never had a ribbon cutting — so no time like the present! Check out their vast assortment of ever changing inventory including furniture, glassware, pottery, linens, collectables and retro décor!

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Total Beauty Supply: 2400 10th St. SW • Dakota Square Mall • 701-837-9911 • info@totalbeautynd.com • www.totalbeauty.com
Minot Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon to open Total Beauty Supply at Dakota Square Mall where you can find hair and beauty products to meet all your style options.

GNDC CEO Roundtable set for May 8 in Minot

Senior Canadian trade official to headline gathering of state business leaders

The Greater North Dakota Chamber hosts five CEO Roundtables per year, which are designed to serve as both a networking opportunity and forum for the exchange of ideas, insights, and information.

GNDC's next CEO Roundtable will be held in collaboration with the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce on May 8 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Baker Hughes facility, 4525 8th Street NW, Minot, ND 58703.

Suzanne Cormie, senior trade commissioner for the Canadian Consulate in

Minneapolis, will headline the event and address the status the USMCA trade agreement and other bilateral trade issues. Attendees will also hear from GNDC officials who will provide a review of the 2019 legislative session, and presentations from the managers of Baker Hughes and AGT Foods, both of which have major operations located in Minot.

Additional event information, including background information on our speakers, may be found online at www.ndchamber.com/events.

10 a.m.	Welcome
Arik Spencer (GNDC President & CEO)	
John MacMartin (Minot Area Chamber of Commerce President)	
10:15 a.m.	Canadian Consulate General
Suzanne Cormie (Senior Trade Commissioner)	
10:40 a.m.	Baker Hughes
Kalvin Larson – District Manager	
11:45 a.m.	Lunch/Networking
12:45 p.m.	Recap of the 2019 ND Legislative Session
Arik Spencer (GNDC President & CEO)	
Matt Gardner (GNDC Director of Government Affairs)	
1:30 p.m.	AGT Foods
Les Knudson – U.S. Operations Manager	
2:00 p.m.	Tour of AGT Foods Facility
Bus transportation will be provided for attendees	

TIM SAVES LIVES

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

SAFETYFIRST

Military Day at the Roosevelt Park Zoo set for June 28

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, in conjunction with the Minot Park System, Roosevelt Park Zoo, and MAYSA Arena, will sponsor Military Day at the Zoo Friday, June 28.

The event, which starts at 10 a.m. and runs through 8 p.m., will feature free admission to the zoo and pool (weather

permitting) with military ID. The pool is open from 1 to 8 p.m. There will also be a free meal from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. under the tent just west of the zoo. Military members and their families can ice skate for free at the MAYSA Arena from 4 to 6 p.m. Military members will also receive a free round of golf with a military ID at the Souris Valley Golf

Course. Call 857-4189 in advance for a tee time. The day is set aside for active and retired military and their families.

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

Maximize Minot promotes hiring local, buying local, investing local

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce is working to promote local. To do that, a campaign titled Maximize Minot began. The whole concept behind the idea is to hire local, meaning hire local professionals to complete your projects, buy local and invest local. The

committee spearheading this endeavor created large Minot letters that have been making the rounds from Trinity Hospital, to the ND Tourism Conference and the State Class B tournament. If you and your company would like to have the letters, contact

Carla at 857-8205 or email carla@minotchamber.org. We do have some companies on a waiting list,



so we will get you in as soon as possible. Let's do what we can to encourage everyone to Maximize Minot!



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The City makes a case for more low and moderate income housing

The City of Minot is working to provide more long-term, affordable housing for low and moderate income (LMI) residents. The need for this type of housing still exists, as evidenced by the 230 households on the waiting list for assistance through the Minot Housing Authority (MHA) as of February 2019. The definition of affordable housing is paying no more than 30 percent of annual income for housing, including utility costs. It is generally accepted that when people spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing, they are considered housing cost burdened and are often challenged to pay for other necessities, such as medicine and food.

The 2011 flood devastated neighborhoods with the city's greatest supply of affordable housing, reducing that supply. At the same time, the Bakken oil boom attracted oil companies and their employees to the region, creating an unprecedented demand for housing. With roughly one-fourth of housing stock damaged or destroyed, the cost of housing increased significantly, pricing many people out of the market and in some cases, out of the region. The service industry had a hard time filling jobs, creating a burden for business owners and their existing employees during the flood. The lack of affordable housing constrained the availability of the local workforce, driving up labor costs. Creating long-term, affordable housing is important for citywide resilience, it encourages workers with a range of skills

to stay in Minot and is helps local businesses access the workforce they need to compete.

The city has several projects under way to create long-term, affordable housing for LMI households. The units must remain affordable, in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, for a minimum of 20 years.

- The North Dakota Housing and Finance Agency (NDHFA) is assisting the city with the resilient homebuyer program. NDHFA is a self-supporting state agency dedicated to making housing affordable for all North Dakotans.
- The City of Minot has entered into a sub-recipient agreement with Minot Housing Authority to rehabilitate Milton Young Towers in downtown Minot. This agree-

ment is for resilience improvements to the 221-unit apartment building.

- The City of Minot has entered into a sub-recipient agreement with Minot Area Community Land Trust, which is a designated non-profit corporation that provides perpetually affordable housing options to income-eligible families. This agreement is to construct and substantially rehabilitate 10 single-family homes with a minimum of four new homes.
- The city has entered into a sub-recipient agreement with Essential Living to construct 22 town homes on the Park South property in southeast Minot. Essential Living is a non-profit entity focused on creating affordable and sustainable housing opportunities in Ward County.



City of Minot schedules first 2019 town hall meeting May 8

The City of Minot has scheduled its first town hall meeting of 2019 to provide information to community members and answer questions on specific topics.

The event is planned for May 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Perkett Elementary School, located at 2000 5th Ave. SW.

“We welcome the opportunity to meet with community members by essentially

bringing City Hall to a neighborhood setting, and we encourage everyone to join us on May 8,” Minot Mayor Shaun Sipma said. “Flood control will be a major topic of discussion, and Perkett Elementary represents one of many, many successful recovery stories in Minot since the 2011 flood.”

Topics scheduled for discussion at the

May 8 meeting include local impact of the 2019 legislative session, flood control funding and project progress, FEMA flood risk map timeline and impacts, and time for open discussion and questions.

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

Block joins Houston Engineering, Inc.

Kyle Block joined Houston Engineering, Inc.'s (HEI) Minot team as a



Kyle Block

Technician I. He will serve construction projects as a Resident Project Representative (RPR) on a variety of project types, serving as a liaison with contractors, and providing construction observa-

tion services.

A Minot native, Block has extensive experience working in the construction and contracting industries. He most recently worked for Northern Technologies, Inc. as an engineering technician. His experience will provide exceptional value to HEI's team as construction season kicks off.

New agent at Elite Real Estate

Minot native Amanda Folden has joined Elite Real Estate. The Our Redeemer's



Amanda Folden

graduate began working for a locally owned property management company as a leasing agent and property supervisor. From there she decided to get her real estate

license as she loved working in the property management industry. Folden is on the board of directors for the Magic City Apartment Association and volunteers with Companions for Children.

Relay for Life set for June 8

The annual Relay for Life is set for Saturday, June 8 in Downtown Minot. The even will begin with a Survivor Celebration at 2 p.m. followed by opening ceremonies at 3 p.m.

This event is open to the public and includes food, fun and games for everyone, along with a DJ and Silent Auction. A Pub Crawl with proceeds going to Relay for Life is being held Friday, June 7.

For more information email minotrelay@yahoo.com or call 838-7047. Teams, participants and sponsors are still invited

to participate. To get involved, call Laurie at 208-0773 or register at MinotRelay.com.

Minot Police Department announces promotions

Lieutenant Jason Sundbakken was promoted to captain at the Minot Police Department and will take over duties as the administration commander. Lt. Sundbakken has served with the police department since 1996 and is currently the day shift commander for the Patrol Division.



Lt. Jason Sundbakken

Sergeant Matt McLeod was promoted to lieutenant and will be assigned to serve as the shift commander for the afternoon



Sgt. Matt McLeod

shift. Sgt. McLeod has served with the police department since 2002 and is currently assigned to the Investigations Division.

Senior Officer Jason Bambenek was promoted to sergeant and assigned to serve as day shift supervisor. Officer Bambenek has been with the Minot Police Department since 2005 and was most recently assigned to night shift patrol.

First International Bank and Trust congratulates Rondi Deaver

First International Bank & Trust (FIB&T) is proud to announce the promotion of Rondi Deaver. Deaver started working at FIB&T in June 1994 as a Teller/CSR. She moved into the mortgage loan department as a processor in March 1995, was promoted to mortgage loan officer in April 2002, and became the manager of the Centralized Mortgage Loan Center in July 2005. Deaver became assistant vice president in July 2006.



Rondi Deaver

In her recent promotion to vice presi-

dent/mortgage operations manager, she oversees the mortgage operations department which consists of secondary market processing, secondary market closing/post-closing, and in-house processing/closing at the Minot North Hill office. She also oversees a secondary market processing group located at the Fargo Osgood office.

Deaver graduated from North Shore High School and attended Minot State University, graduating in 1993 with a degree in business administration and finance. She is married to Steve and has two children, Carson (12) and Cole (9).

\$25,000 to be awarded in Fifth Annual Live First Community Giving Campaign

First International Bank & Trust (FIB&T) is proud to announce the Fifth Annual Live First Community Giving Campaign. Members within our communities are encouraged to apply for a Live First Community Grant, with awards totaling \$25,000 for projects and causes making a difference within our communities.

2019 Live First Community Giving grant categories are as follows:

- Grand Prize: \$10,000
- NEW this year! Rising Star: this grant is designed for new projects or non-profits, or existing non-profits with new initiatives in need of a little kick-start. Five winners will be selected from across our footprint to receive \$2,000 each.
- Fan Favorite: this grant of up to \$1,000 each will be awarded based on the most votes from FIBT social media fans

Voting runs through Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

Additional details and Official Rules can be found on the First International Bank and Trust website (FIBT.com) and by visiting the First International Bank & Trust Facebook page.

Member Business Briefs

Farm Credit Services of North Dakota names Hanson chief executive officer

The Board of Directors of Farm Credit Services of North Dakota is pleased and excited to announce the appointment of Gordon D. Hanson to the role of president and chief executive officer in Minot effective July 1, 2019.



Hanson has worked **Gordon Hanson** with Farm Credit institutions for over 32 years, serving most recently as senior vice president and chief risk officer for Farm Credit Mid-America. Prior to joining Farm Credit Mid-America in January 2014, he served the Farm Credit Administration for 27 years in various capacities, with the last seven years as the agency's credit risk program manager. He also previously managed a farming operation in Colorado.

Hanson has a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from North Dakota State University and completed the Graduate School of Banking program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is also a commissioned federal bank examiner and a certified financial plannerTM.

He and his wife Gina have been married for almost 30 years and have three children. "I grew up on a family farm in northwest Minnesota and went to both the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University," Hanson stated. "I am very excited to return to North Dakota and partner with the Board of Directors, management and staff of Farm Credit Services of ND in serving the farmers and ranchers throughout this region."

Hanson will replace Claude Sem, who is retiring and has served as CEO since

January 2000. Sem started his career with the Farm Credit system in 1979 and has held various positions within the Farm Credit System throughout his career.

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch garden sale May 11

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch will host the annual GROW Garden Sale, formerly known as BLT Day, on Saturday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Not only does the event have a new name, it will also take place at a new location: the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Thrift Store, 1206 S. Broadway. Be sure to stop in and see all they have to offer.



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Small Art Works Exhibition & Auction entries sought

The Taube Museum of Art Main Gallery is seeking entries for their 12th annual Small Works Exhibit & Auction. The small works exhibition is scheduled to be on display from July 23 – Aug. 30, 2019. Entries will be accepted through Saturday, July 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Small Works guidelines:

- Open to all artists eighteen and older, with no entry fee.
- All works must be original by the artist submitting the artwork. Member artists may submit an unlimited number of entries, while nonmembers are limited to three.
- Two dimensional works maximum size of 80 square inches including the frame, ie 8"x10".
- Three-dimensional works may not exceed 8" x 8" x 8"

- Each framed entry must be ready to hang with wire hangers or saw tooth hangers. Plastic frames are not acceptable.
- All work must be available for purchase. Not For Sale work will not be accepted.
- Acceptable Media: collage, digital techniques, drawings, fiber arts, glass works, jewelry, metal, mixed media, paintings, pastels, photography, pottery, prints, sculptures, wood and everything in between!

Shipping and pickup:

- All mailed and/or hand delivered items must be received by Saturday, July 13. Mailed items may be sent to Taube Museum of Art, 2 N. Main St., Minot, ND 58703.
- A complete prospectus can be downloaded at www.taubemuseum.org or by stopping by the museum.

As in the past, you may bid on pieces directly at the museum or online bidding at the museum website or on Facebook. Art buyers also have the option to purchase a piece at the Buy It Now price and take the piece home right away rather than having to wait until the close of the exhibition.

A portion of the auction proceeds will support the Taube Museum of Art, a non-profit organization, with the rest to the artist. Museum and gift shop hours are Tuesday – Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no charge for admission, but contributions are accepted to help the Taube Museum fulfill their mission of enriching lives through the visual arts.

Please contact Rachel Alfaro, gallery coordinator, Taube Museum of Art at 838-4445 for further information.

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Student exhibition winners announced

The Taube Museum of Art is pleased to announce the opening of the Annual North Dakota Juried Art Show from April 9 – April 27, 2019. There are 676 pieces of student artwork from across the state of North Dakota on display. Student art from kindergarten through 12th grade is divided into the following grade categories: K – 3, 4 – 6, 7 – 8, and 9– 12. The artwork is hung salon style, which creates a visually stunning wall to ceiling art experience. Come view the creations by North Dakota's finest, up and coming artists, and vote for your favorite People's Choice Award from Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High divisions.

This year's judges were Wendy Kimble, artist from Minot, and Deana Novak, artist and board member of the James Memorial Art Center in Williston. Together they selected the following sixteen award winners:

- Three Governor's Awards, sponsored by Governor Doug Burgum: Syndey Nelson, Valley City High School; Grant Hoffarth, South Middle School – Grand Forks; Eli Smith, Washington Elementary - Minot will be displayed in the Governor's offices.
- Five Congressional Art Awards sponsored by Rep. Kelly Armstrong: Senior High: Samantha Martens, Red River High School – Grand Forks to be displayed in the Washington DC corridor; Senior High: Danica Rumney, Minot Central Campus; Addison Peterson, Minot Central Campus; Junior High: Caina Dauphinais, Bishop Ryan - Minot; Elementary: Karter Blueshield, Jefferson Elementary – Valley City, to be displayed in the Representative's ND offices.
- Four Northern Visions Awards, sponsored by Sen. John Hoeven: Senior High: Yuki Coyle, Fargo South High School; Casey McMahon, Bishop Ryan - Minot; Junior High: Kendra Green, Valley City High School; Elementary: Khloe DeMontigny – Leeds Elementary, to be displayed in the Senator's ND offices.
- Four State of the Art Awards by Sen. Kevin Cramer: Senior High: Erika Tinjum, Grand Forks Central; Yuki

Coyle, Fargo South High School; Junior High: Gwynnie Johnson, Bishop Ryan - Minot; Elementary: Gavin Johnson – Kindred Elementary, to be displayed in the Senator's ND offices.

- Three Spotlight Award Winners: Senior High: Isabel Gonzales, Magic City Campus - Minot; Junior High: Tasian Subigca, Williston Middle School; Elementary: Addison Loehr, Washington Elementary, Valley City, to be included in the Traveling Exhibition.
- Nine People's Choice Awards: Senior High: Taylor Huber, Magic City Campus; Sidney Lovelace, Bishop Ryan - Minot, Taylor Schuman, Grand Forks Central; Junior High: Caina Dauphinais, Bishop Ryan – Minot; Lukas Heydt, Schroeder – Grand Forks, Braden Huesby, South Middle School – Grand Forks; Elementary: Valorosa Bloom, Washington Elem. – Minot, Rachel Strand, Kindred Elementary, Avery Whiteside, Schroeder Middle School – Grand Forks, to be included in the Traveling Exhibition.
- Four Taube Museum of Art Award Winners: Senior High: Mekenna Erickson, Grand Forks Central, Junior High: Carley Goven, Valley City High School, Elementary: Patricia Gange-Mack, Washington Elementary – Minot, Emily McDowell, Kindred Elementary, to be included in the Traveling Exhibition.
- Jurors also selected an additional eighty-four pieces from all categories to be part of a Traveling Exhibition for the upcoming year.

The Traveling Exhibit will be available for viewing at the following venues: ND State Fair in July, Cando Arts Center, Grand Forks, Kindred High School, James Memorial Art Center in Williston, The Northern Lights Gallery in Mayville, and Dickinson Museum Center.

The Taube Museum of Art will present the top 32 award winners a set of ten full-color note cards featuring their artwork. All 116 award winning students will receive a Certificate of Artistic Excellence signed by the Governor, Senator, or Representative and the Taube Museum of Art Executive Director.

For further information contact the

Museum at 838-4445.

SRT awards \$8,500 in scholarships

SRT is pleased to announce the winners of college scholarships to outstanding area students. Out of nearly 70 applications, four winners were awarded the SRT College Scholarship and each receive \$1,500 towards their college tuition. The SRT \$2,500 Technical Scholarship winner was also selected.

Applicants for the \$1,500 scholarship were not only judged on their scholastic performance and achievements, but also volunteerism and community involvement. Students were required to write an essay discussing how smart devices and tech gadgets have impacted their high school learning experience in a positive way.

The SRT Technical Scholarship also required students to submit their volunteerism and community involvement, scholastic performance, and an essay describing their plans for a future career in telecommunications or a computer technology related field. Additionally, a letter of recommendation from a community member or educator was required. This scholarship is also unique in that it can be awarded to a graduating high school senior or an undergraduate student currently enrolled in a two-year or four-year college.

The 2019 SRT \$1,500 Scholarship recipients are Grace Bachmeier (TGU-Granville High School), Chase Driscoll (MLS-Mohall High School), Trent Hunsakor (Newburg United High School), and Benjamin Van Berkum (Des Lacs-Burlington High School).

The 2019 SRT \$2,500 Technical Scholarship winner is Ethin Probst, a computer science and information technology major who will be transferring to Minot State University in fall 2019.

Scholarship recipients were honored at the SRT Youth Awards, a special luncheon with the SRT Board of Directors and Executive Staff at SRT Headquarters (3615 N Broadway, Minot) on April 24. Recipients shared their essays and talked about their plans for the future.



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Town & Country Credit Union names board leadership

The elections for the incoming board of directors for Town & Country Credit Union are complete and the executive committee has been named. Leah Dalton (West Fargo), Kevin Harmon (Minot) and Jay P. Hight (Minot) were elected as new members of the Board of Directors. They will each serve three-year terms.

Kevin Harmon will fill the open Minot-area board position. Harmon has been a member of the credit union since 1978 and currently serves as the vice president for student affairs at Minot State University. He is a Minot native and graduate of Minot State University and the University of North Dakota. He is an involved community member, giving generously of his time to multiple community organizations including the Mayor's Steering Committee on Addiction, Minot Area Community Foundation and more.



Kevin Harmon

Jay P. Hight will fill the second at-large board position. Jay has been the president of Hight Construction since 2001 when he



Jay P. Hight

took over for his father, LaVerne E. Hight. He is a graduate of North Dakota State University and has been actively involved in many community organizations including the Minot Air Force Base 5th Contracting Squadron Honorary Commander program and the MAGIC Fund screening committee. His father also served as a member of the Town & Country Credit Union Board of Directors from 1979-1988.

Leah Dalton will fill one at-large board position. Dalton is the operations manager for the Fargo branch of Patterson Dental Supply and oversees the service team and inside office staff with locations in Fargo, Sioux Falls, and Bismarck.

Harmon, Hight and Dalton are joined by Jim Anderson (Kenmare), Jerry Hatlestad (Fargo), Jeff Stremick (Minot), and DelRae Geinert (Minot) on the board of directors. At the April meeting, the

Board voted in the new executive committee. DelRae Geinert retained her position as board chair. Jim Anderson became the vice chair after serving as the secretary/treasurer, and Jeff Stremick joined the executive committee as the incoming secretary/treasurer.

Public invited to Marco open house for new Bismarck location

Marco has scheduled an open house in their Bismarck office on Thursday, May 9. Attend the event for networking with community leaders, local businesses and Marco leadership members, live music from a local DJ, prize giveaways, and complimentary food and adult beverages.

From 4 to 6:30 p.m., Marco will celebrate this new Bismarck location. The event will take place at the updated space: 2906 Morrison Ave, Suite 1, Bismarck ND.

Marco's location in Bismarck is home to a mix of IT and Copier Technology Advisors. A copier service manager also works from the new Bismarck office. Additional hiring for the office will continue growth and offer customers more technology experts to support business success.

Jonathan Warrey, chief operating officer for Marco, will attend the event to network and answer questions. Area clients, chamber members, press, Bismarck/Mandan contacts and their guests are anticipated to join the Open House.

Local travel professional earns CTA designation from the Travel Institute

Jessica Donamaria, CTA, of Preferred Travel in Minot, recently earned the distinguished Certified Travel Associate (CTA) designations from The Travel Institute, the travel industry's oldest education organization.

The Certified Travel Associate designation is awarded by The Travel Institute to travel professionals who complete a comprehensive exam-based training program, demonstrate extensive industry knowledge and experience, and continue to fulfill stringent education credit requirements each year.

The CTA curriculum focuses on the

essential skills needed to succeed as a frontline travel counselor – selling, customer service, destinations, niche markets and communication. The CTA is also the first step in earning the coveted Certified Travel Counselor Designation.

Donamaria has been a travel counselor for 11 years and has sent more than 1,500 clients on vacation experiences around the world. She specializes in the Caribbean, Mexico and Disney vacations. She is also a member of ASTA (American Society of Travel Advisors) and IATA (International Association of Travel Agents).

"Earning the elite CTA status not only demonstrates my commitment to lifelong learning, but also a commitment to my clients who will be better served because of my increased knowledge and skills," said Jessica.

For more information, please call 852-2345 or visit www.facebook.com/PreferredTravelMinot.

NDSC to host free training event

The North Dakota Safety Council (NDSC) is hosting a free member training event in Minot titled, Incident Investigation: What Every Employer Should Know. The event will be held Tuesday, June 11 from 11:30am to 1:00pm and includes a free lunch sponsored by CHS Pipelines & Terminals.

Incident investigations that focus on identifying and correcting root causes, instead of finding fault or blame, improve workplace morale and increase productivity by demonstrating an employer's commitment to a safe and healthy workplace. During this engaging and interactive training session, attendees will learn the National Safety Council's (NSC) 6 FUNDAMENTAL STEPS to a comprehensive incident investigation; test their knowledge during a MOCK INVESTIGATION group exercise; practice the NSC's fundamental steps; and learn key items to include in an incident investigation toolkit. Plus, all attendees will walk away with a free copy of the NSC's Incident Investigation Toolkit Checklist.

The event is free to NDSC members and only \$30 for non-members. Seating is limited. Register online at www.ndsc.org.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Military Affairs Committee , Noon, Jimmy Doolittle Center, MAFB Ambassadors Committee , 4:30 p.m., Aces Lounge & Casino	3 Citywide Cleanup , 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., City Entrances	4 Citywide Cleanup , 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., City Entrances
5	6	7	8 Right Start Presentation , 9:45 a.m., MAFB Greater North Dakota Chamber Roundtable , 10 a.m., Baker Hughes	9	10 Infrastructure Committee , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	11
12	13	14 Eagle Award Presentations , 10 a.m., Chamber office Maximize Minot , 2 p.m., Chamber office	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Board of Directors , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	22 Right Start Presentation , 9:45 a.m., MAFB Coffee with the President , 1:30 p.m., Roosevelt Park Zoo	23 Ribbon Cutting , 10 a.m., Zarr Financial, 1 North Main Energy Committee , 11:30 a.m., Buffalo Wings & Rings	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day - office closed	28	29	30 Governmental Affairs Committee , 11:30 a.m., Badlands Restaurant Business After Hours , 5 - 7 p.m., Hometown Elegance Catering & Productions, 1st & 1st Event Center Downtown, 104 1st Ave. SE	31	

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