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Minot One Brand Campaign unveiled

Leaders from Visit Minot, Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, the Minot Area Development Corporation (MADC), with partners from the community revealed all that makes Minot magic through a city-wide cohesive brand effort called It's Magic in Minot!

Colorful and vibrant just like the city, It's Magic in Minot features a unified logo, messaging and plan to highlight a community full of energy and a spirit for being a better place to live, visit and love. The brand was developed through a collaborative effort by community partners to highlight the city to those who live in North Dakota and beyond.

The three core partners have been teasing the reveal of the new brand by silently unveiling



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the logo on social media, digital billboards, and a mural in downtown Minot. The goal was to get the community talking about the colorful new images they were seeing and make them want to be part of this magic, too.

Citizens and organizations of Minot are invited to share what makes Minot magic to them. Upload a photo or video to www.magicinminot.com or use the hashtag #MagicInMinot with your picture.

Merger talks remain on the front burner

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and the MADC Executive Boards continue behind the scenes work on combining the two organizations. The group is working with legal counsel on bylaws and regulations, while a committee has been designated to work on the makeup of budgeting and finances including membership dues.

"As we continue this process, we can see the benefits of the merger and how it will be a good

fit not only for our members, but the community and our employees," said John MacMartin, Minot Chamber president and MADC interim president. "This makes sense on so many levels and it seems that the timing is also ideal with staffing needs in both organizations," MacMartin said. The boards from MADC and the Chamber continue to work towards the goal of merging with a plan on all being complete by first quarter of 2021.

Business After Hours - Roosevelt Park Zoo

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020 • 5–7 p.m.

Roosevelt Park Zoo

Come out and enjoy the new exhibits while social distancing! 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.

LIFE HYDRATION

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Life Hydration will work with health-oriented individuals interested in making changes to make the world a greater place. Additionally, Life Hydration offers education classes on hydration, health, and chemical reduction.

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The goal of PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) is to assist individuals who are at risk of nursing home care to remain living safely in their home and community with the supportive services of Northland PACE.

Chamber members to collect census information

Census volunteers will work at the Marketplace Arrowhead location to encourage those who haven't filled out the census to do so there. They will have an iPad and information on filling out the census in just minutes. Watch for those volunteers at Marketplace Arrowhead Aug. 3 through 8. Thank you to those of you who have signed up to help!

Find ways to navigate change & uncertainty

Mark your calendars for the next Minot Women Connect event on Sept. 15: "You Got This! Small Steps to Wellbeing during Dynamic Times." Join the conversation about navigating change and uncertainty. Discover small steps to boost your mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing at work and home. Women Connect favorite Maggie Bohannon, a licensed therapist, will be leading a discussion on what you can do to help yourself and those around you during times of social isolation and economic unrest.

Interested participants can register for this Women Connect event at the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce website www.minotchamber.org by navigating to the calendar and selecting September 15. The cost to attend is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. Attendance will be virtual and in person socially distanced at Oak Park Theater. We will be surveying attendees ahead of time to provide feedback as to topics they may be challenged with and/or seeking more information. Please email minotwomenconnect@gmail.com to be included in the survey.



Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from June 26 through July 24, 2020. 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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Northland Health Centers
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Olive Garden
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Signal Realtors
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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**, **Anytime Fitness**, and **Waxing the City** for providing gift certificates for each Eagle recipient.



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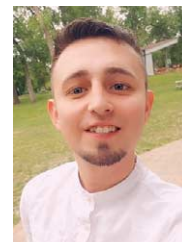
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ABEL SALAZAR
North Hill Dollar Tree



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HUD approves substantial amendment to reallocate \$6 million

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved a substantial amendment request from the City of Minot to reallocate \$6 million from the now-abandoned gathering space project to two other projects.

John Zakian, the City of Minot's National Disaster Resilience program manager, said the \$6 million originally intended for the gathering space project will be split between two other approved projects in the City's initial action plan: \$4 million to the relocation of City Hall and the Minot Police Department's central dispatch, and \$2 million to the Center for Technical Education.

"HUD's approval with no conditions reinforces their continued confidence in

the City of Minot's management of the federal grants, especially our commitment to assuring strict compliance with all applicable federal rules and regulations," Zakian said.

Because both projects were already funded within the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience Action Plan, the City has launched the required environmental review process. HUD approval on the City Hall environmental review is expected within two weeks, with approval of the environmental review for the Center for Technical Education expected around Labor Day. Once the approvals have been received, the City can proceed.

Both projects are planned to be located

in downtown Minot; one of the program's goals is to invest CDBG-NDR funds to support sustained growth. The gathering space component of the City's CDBG-NDR Action Plan was eliminated by the City Council earlier this year after agreement could not be reached on a suitable site in downtown Minot.

The City was awarded \$74.3 million in 2016 through HUD's National Disaster Resilience competition. The funds must be spent by Sept. 30, 2022, although the 13 grantees have requested that deadline be extended to 2025.

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

Chamber University

Learn best practices for creating a YouTube channel Aug. 12

Chamber University presents an opportunity to further promote your business. Learn how to get best practices for creating a YouTube Channel and compelling video content that promotes your products and services, and drives engagement with your brand.

In this workshop best practices will be discussed for:

- Understanding different video formats
- How to setup a YouTube channel
- Making good creative videos, and how to target and measure the results

Set for Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 11:30 a.m., this webinar is free for members. Sign up today at the link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6210840327220731916>.



It's Magic in Minot!

There's a positive movement going on in Minot. We're rediscovering that our community is full of energy and a spirit for being a better place to live, to visit and to love. We have friendly and helpful faces, big ideas, a can-do attitude and fun things to do everywhere. Get excited again about the Magic City. Join the conversation and share why you think it's #MagicInMinot.



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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, 2020. They are as follows:

Jason Zimmerman is the president of the Minot Area Community Foundation and a third generation Minot native. Zimmerman is a past partner of The Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express in Minot, the former Flood Recovery Coordinator with the City of Minot & Ward County and was most recently employed with First Western Bank & Trust as a Business Banking officer.



Jason Zimmerman
Minot Area
Community Foundation

He is extensively active in and around the Minot community. He is a past chair and current board member of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and a Commissioner of the ND State Water Commission.

Zimmerman is married to Dusty and enjoys golfing, skiing, and hunting.

Jeff McElwain, chair-elect for the Chamber Board of Directors, is the construction division manager for Ackerman-Estvold. He has been with the company since its beginning in 2003, where he is also one of a group of owners. Additionally, he farms with his brother in the Max area.

McElwain is a member of the Colin Brown Y's Mens, chairman of the YMCA building committee, a member of the YMCA board of directors, and served as past chair of the Chamber's Infrastructure Committee.



Jeff McElwain
Ackerman-Estvold

He and his wife Holly have one son, James.

Les Knudson (AGT Foods) grew up in Crosby, ND, where he still lives. He received a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of North Dakota. He owned Superior Grains, a grain and seed business, which he sold to AGT Foods in 2007.

He has worked for AGT Foods since then. In a five-year time-frame, he helped build facilities all over the world for AGT Foods. He was integral in the design and build of the Minot operation, and has served as the manager of the Minot operation since 2012. He is currently Division Head of Ingredients Operations.



Les Knudson
AGT Foods

Mary Prough is a lifelong native of Minot. A 1996 graduate of Bishop Ryan High School, she received her bachelor's degree from Minot State University in 2008. Since the age of 15, she devoted herself to learning the ins and outs of the car business. That on-the-job training at Ryan Family Dealerships included graduating from the NADA Academy in 2006, which put her in position to take on a greater leadership role in the organization. Prough currently serves as general manager at both Ryan Nissan and Ryan Honda.



Mary Prough
Ryan Chevrolet

She and her husband, Shane are proud parents of five young boys: Michael, Jack, Thomas, Charlie and Daniel.

Ben Slind, a life-long Minot resident, has been a licensed funeral director since 2001, and a member of the Thompson-Larson Funeral Home professional staff of licensed funeral directors since June of 2004

Slind graduated with a bachelor's degree in business management from Minot State University, then completed his applied associates degree in Funeral Service Education from Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, OR, in 2001. He also specializes in helping make pre-arrangements for funerals or for those of loved ones. In 2008, Ben attained his North Dakota Insurance Producers License and has assisted numerous people in setting up a life insurance policy or funeral trust account.

Slind and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters: Eve and Avery.



Ben Slind
Thompson-Larson
Funeral Home

Monica Peterson was most recently a one-year board appointee, and will be filling in for another board member who is unable to fulfill their term.

Peterson grew up in Mohall, ND, and has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of North Dakota, as well as a senior certified professional designation from the Society of Human Resource Management. Peterson has been in the HR field for 15

years, most recently as an HR Advisor with Enbridge. She is involved with many community organizations, including Souris Valley United Way, Minot Noon Rotary, Minot Curling Club, and Minot Family YMCA, to name a few.

Peterson tries to stay active by utilizing local parks and facilities for running, biking, golfing, cross country skiing, curling, etc. Two of her loves are food and travel, so she always seeks out new foods wherever she goes.



Monica Peterson
Enbridge

Groundbreaking

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.



Blu on Broadway: 1629 South Broadway
EPIC Companies

The Chamber Ambassadors attended a groundbreaking ceremony for Minot's Blu on Broadway, which will be a five-story mixed-use development. Located in the space of the former home of the Northern Bottling facility, this building will house over 8,000 square feet of Class A, main-level commercial/office space and 42 residential apartments on floors two through five. These units will be guaranteed affordable for 20-year period thanks in part to the NDR program in the city of Minot.

Dale Carnegie Course graduates receive awards

Jaime Hauge (MADC), Emily Berg (Souris Basin Planning Council), and John Potts (CHS SunPrairie/Dakota Agronomy Partners) have received awards from Dale Carnegie of North Dakota for the Dale Carnegie Course in Minot.

- Jaime Hauge, MADC: Outstanding Performance Award and Human Relations Award

This award is especially significant because it was presented by a vote of Hauge's fellow class members. It reflects that Hauge has achieved measurable results by applying the principles of communication, human relations, and leadership, according to Michelle Wall, Dale Carnegie instructor.



Jaime Hauge
(MADC)
Dale Carnegie
Outstanding
Performance and
Human Relations
awards

- Emily Berg, Souris Basin Planning Council: Business Application Project Award
- John Potts, CHS SunPrairie/Dakota Agronomy Partners: 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 you need to reach new heights in your personal and professional life."

All awards were presented by course



Dale Carnegie Course graduates (pictured) received awards. The Highest Award for Achievement was awarded to John Potts (left), CHS SunPrairie/Dakota Agronomy Partners. The Business Application Project Award was awarded to Emily Berg (right), Souris Basin Planning Council.

trainer and area manager, Michelle Wall, who notes that "The Dale Carnegie Course is a transformational experience. We help participants achieve business and personal results by changing their ways of being.

Ag Committee hosts breakfast at Ward County Shootout

Agribusiness Committee members of the Chamber hosted a breakfast for livestock exhibitors during Ward County Shootout July 17 at the ND State Fairgrounds.



Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble draws great support

The Annual Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble was well attended July 6. This event is an opportunity to thank area ag producers for all they do and to enjoy a day of golf. 132 golfers enjoyed the Minot Country Club golf course along with a delicious meal by Elevation afterwards. Thanks to all our sponsors who made this happen. A special thanks to organizer Duane Poynter!



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Town & Country Credit Union
Town & Country Insurance
United Agronomy, Vision
Research Park, Genesis
United Community Bank
UPL
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Foster, Kutch named to *Prairie Business Leaders & Legacies*

Prairie Business is pleased to announce this year's Leaders & Legacies award recipients. The magazine's Leaders & Legacies award recognizes executives "for the great things they have done in business, whether in recent years (Leaders) or over a lifetime (Legacies)," said *Prairie Business* Publisher Korrie Wenzel.

Colleagues from across the region nominated individuals for the award based on their exemplary leadership and accomplishments while serving as an executive. *Prairie Business* also nominated a few regional executives. While each of this year's nominees achieved impressive results as a business leader, the 10 selected for this year's awards are exemplary.



Brenda Foster



John Kutch

This year's recipients from the Minot area include:

- Brenda Foster, chairwoman, president and CEO, First Western Bank & Trust, North Dakota and Minnesota
- John M. Kutch, president and CEO, Trinity Health, Minot, ND

This year's Leaders & Legacies recipients are featured in the July issue of the magazine.

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation to award grants

The grant application deadline for grants from St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation is Monday, Aug. 17, 2020.

"This year, \$450,000 is available for grants with \$350,000 dedicated to the Twice Blessed Program for a possible \$700,000 in Twice Blessed Grants," said Shelly Wepler, president, St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation.

New this year is a grant portal for online applications. The grant application portal is located on the Foundation's website at sjchfnd.com on the grants page. Applicants can also contact Shelly Wepler, president, St. Joseph's

Community Health Foundation, 308 2nd Ave SW, Minot, ND 58701, 701-837-1726, e-mail sjchf@minot.com. Twice Blessed Grant participants and grant recipients will be selected from online applications.

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.

Local Scouts celebrate milestone

Help celebrate the 90th anniversary of the dedication of the Big 4 Scout Camp. The event will be held at the Big 4 Scout Camp, located at 756-940 54th St NW, Minot, ND 58703 on Sept. 1 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Come learn about the history of Big 4, tour the many improvements and projects that have been accomplished at Big 4, and learn about projects that are in the works!

Burgers/brats, chips, and a drink will be available for \$5 per meal at the anniversary celebration! Come out to show your support for this beautiful camp.

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**"I thatched my roof when the sun was shining,
and now I am not afraid of the storm".**



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Member Business Briefs

First Western Bank & Trust offers employee updates

First Western Bank & Trust welcomes Katelyn Denne, Matt Flom, Hannah Lautenschlager, Karissa Moe, and Haley Neshem to its team of employees.

Katelyn Denne has been named internal auditor and is located in the Minot North Hill office. Denne is a Minot native who graduated from Bishop Ryan High School and received a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance from Minot State University in 2015. She comes to us from Brady Martz & Associates with experience in tax preparation and auditing. Denne is a member of the BRHS Alumni Association and St. Leo's Financial Council.



Katelyn Denne

Matt Flom has been promoted to credit analyst for First Western Bank & Trust.

He is a Minot native, graduating from Minot High School and also from Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in finance. Flom has been with the bank since 2017 and was previously a teller at our Main Bank location in Minot.



Matt Flom

Hannah Lautenschlager is a Dickinson native who graduated from Trinity High School and also from North Dakota State University with a degree in university studies in 2019. She brings over two years of banking experience to her role as a mortgage loan officer.



Hannah Lautenschlager

Karissa Moe has joined First Western Bank & Trust as a cash management spe-

cialist. Moe grew up in Bottineau and Minot, graduating from Minot High School. She comes to First Western with over seven years of experience in the financial industry. Moe has served as an EMT for the Burlington First Responders.

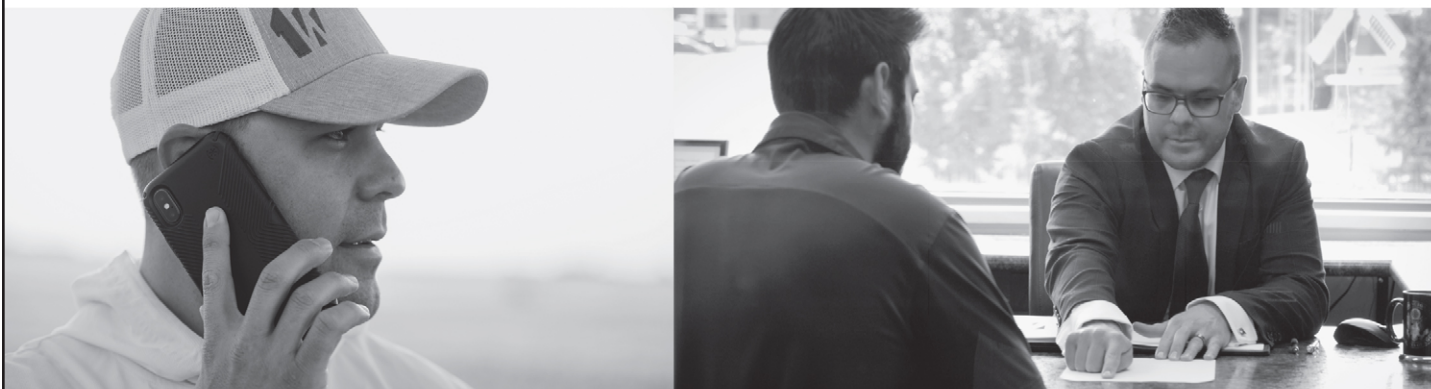


Karissa Moe

Haley Neshem has joined First Western Bank & Trust as an internal auditor. Neshem graduated from Berthold High School and received a bachelor's degree in accountancy from the University of North Dakota in 2016. She comes to First Western with over three years of experience in the financial industry.



Haley Neshem



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Member Business Briefs

Henderson Hired, Feist Promoted at Town & Country Credit Union

Recently, Town & Country Credit Union welcomed Jessica Henderson and promoted Rhea Feist in their Minot Main office.

Jessica Henderson joined the credit union as the accounting manager. A Burlington native, Henderson graduated from Minot State University with a degree in accounting. She brings 19 years of banking experience, including 12 years in bank accounting to her new position at the credit union. She also currently serves as the treasurer of the Board for the Magic City Discovery Center.



As the accounting manager, Henderson is responsible for all daily activities related to financial reporting, directing the activities of the accounting department, and assisting senior management. She is based in our Minot Main branch.

Rhea Feist was promoted to member services associate. A Burlington native, she brings 11 years of customer service experience to her new role. Feist joined the credit union in 2019 as a member services representative and quickly took on additional responsibilities. She truly believes in the credit union's focus on helping members make the best decisions for them.



Rhea Feist

In her new role, she will be responsible for opening new accounts for consumer and business, opening and managing IRA and HSA accounts, and assisting our Visa department. Feist will remain at the Minot Main Town & Country Credit Union location.

Town & Country Credit Union has been positively impacting the communities it serves for over 80 years. With 11 convenient locations in North Dakota, over 150 employees and a focus on continual growth, Town & Country Credit Union provides meaningful value to more than 21,000 members every day. Membership in the credit union is open to anyone living within 75 miles of Minot and 50 miles of Fargo or Kenmare. More information can be found at www.townandcountry.org.

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Minot State University prepares for Fall 2020 Beavers restart

Preparation for the fall semester looks a little different on the Minot State campus this year. In addition to normal summer maintenance and projects, the University is rearranging classrooms, installing new technology, fitting physical barriers in labs, clinics, and offices, and continuing to develop protocols for safety.

“Following the abrupt conversion of the spring semester to an online environment in March, we are excited to welcome our students back to Minot State for the fall semester and have been undertaking many measures throughout campus to prepare for their arrival next month,” said Minot State President Steven Shirley.

The Fall 2020 semester begins Aug. 24 with 4 p.m. classes, which will include a blend of face-to-face, HyFlex, and fully online formats with an emphasis on offering the face-to-face experience. Minot State plans for courses to run the entire scheduled fall semester, which ends on Dec. 18.

“One of Minot State’s strengths is its personalized approach to teaching...students have overwhelmingly indicated their preference for face-to-face instruction as well as other aspects of the on-campus experience,” said Laurie Geller, vice president for academic affairs.

In following both federal and state recommendations and guidelines, MSU is

working to reduce risk for students, faculty, and staff while continuing to provide a high-quality education. One way to meet that goal is by repurposing spaces such as Ann Nicole Nelson Hall and Aleshire Theatre into learning spaces for classes with large enrollment numbers.

Another option, HyFlex — or the Hybrid-Flexible format — has students attending either in person or online at the same time. In some cases, students will rotate between face-to-face and remote attendance to reduce classroom capacity. Ninety classrooms on campus are currently being equipped with the technology required to provide this opportunity.

To allow for 6-feet physical distancing and to meet the needs of students with accommodations resulting from ADA-covered health concerns, all faculty teaching face-to-face will also be prepared to offer their courses remotely for those students who cannot attend in person.

Beavers Restart includes adhering to 6-feet physical distancing, frequent hand-washing, enhanced cleaning protocols, and self-monitoring before coming to campus. Dispensers of hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes can be found throughout the University.

As the spread and effects of COVID-19 continues to be studied, the CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public, especially where physical distancing is difficult to maintain. The University

will provide two reusable masks to each student, new and current, in a welcome bag.

Effective Aug. 17, face coverings must be worn by students, faculty, staff, and visitors when in classrooms, instructional spaces, indoor common spaces, and while attending indoor events on the Minot State University campus. Anywhere on campus where a 6-feet distance cannot be maintained, masks must be worn. The decision follows recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Additional information about the Beavers Restart can be found at MinotStateU.edu/covid.

Elite adds realtors

Elite Real Estate would like to announce that two new agents have joined the Elite team. Please visit with Steve Boyer or Jason Hiatt for all your real estate needs. Visit the office at 1829 S. Broadway, Suite 1, Minot, ND or call 701-838-4040.



Steve Boyer



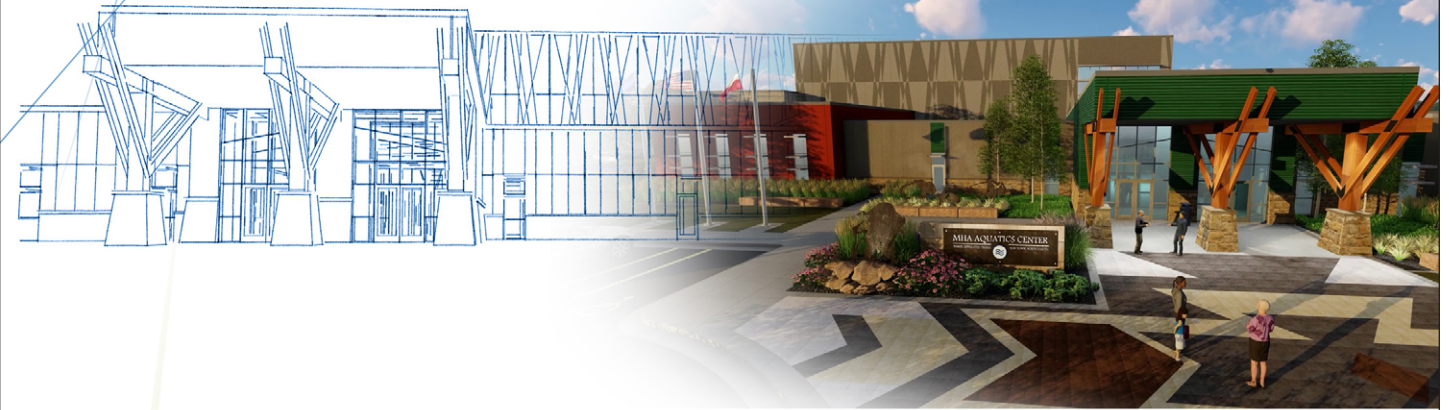
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Ackerman-Estvold welcomes Katie Rudser as receptionist

Katie Rudser has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as the receptionist. Rudser is a Minot native and has previously held business office positions at several local organizations. Her responsibilities will include overseeing client interactions and providing administrative team support.



Katie Rudser

Ackerman-Estvold is a professional engineering and architectural firm headquartered in Minot, ND, with additional offices location in Williston, ND, and Boise, ID.

MSU Summer Theatre project receives \$500,000 gift from MACF

The Minot State University Development Foundation and Minot State Summer Theatre announced a \$500,000 gift from the Minot Area Community Foundation (MACF) to support the Summer Theatre renovation project.

“The Minot Area Community Foundation has played a tremendous role in improving the quality of life in our region for the past two decades,” said Minot State President Steven Shirley. “MSU Summer Theatre is a terrific quality of life asset in Minot, and we are most appreciative of MACF for their \$500,000 gift today — it is a major boost to this campaign and will help ensure success as we enter the homestretch of our Summer Theatre fundraising efforts.”

The \$500,000 gift will create a pool of matching funds providing donors the opportunity to double their impact with a one-to-one match. The funds will be accessed once \$500,000 in private gifts are secured.

“This is an exciting announcement,” said Rick Hedberg, MSU Development Foundation executive director. “These funds will be leveraged to bring in an additional \$1 million to support the Summer Theatre renovation project. This is a matching fund, so we have to get out and raise some additional money, but we have the plan in place to do so.”

Updates to the amphitheater include the complete relocation of the main restrooms from the upper level to the lower/ground level of the complex providing additional accommodations and increased physical accessibility for patrons. The concession stand will also be relocated to the ground level, taking on a plaza-like appearance. Enhancement and expansion of the cast dressing rooms and the box office/ticketing area are being planned, along with the addition of a canopy covering the center stage. Improved overall landscaping and other improvements to the facility will enhance the aesthetics, comfort, and conveniences for the audience.

Donors to the renovation project will be identified on a permanent recognition board that will be prominently displayed at the amphitheater.

For more information on ways to donate to the MSU Summer Theatre renovation project, contact the Minot State Development Foundation at 701-858-3890, 1-800-777-0750 ext. 3890 or online at MSUSummerTheatre.com.

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Verendrye Electric Cooperative energizes one of state's first fast car charging stations

Enerbase and Verendrye Electric Cooperative have partnered to bring one of the first level 3 electric car charging stations to North Dakota that went online July 8. The charger is located in north Minot at the Enerbase Travel Plaza at 4750 North Broadway.

"We're excited to team up with Verendrye Electric to bring fast car charging to Minot," said Tony Bernhardt, general manager of Enerbase. "With their expertise in electricity and our facility, this is the perfect opportunity for cooperation among cooperatives."

As of early July, there were only a few level 3 chargers in the state, all owned by Tesla. There are plans for about a dozen level 3 chargers to be installed this year in North Dakota. Many of those are being installed by other electric cooperatives in multiple cities.

The charger is made by Chargepoint and has an output of 62,000 watts which can charge a car to 80% in as little as 30 minutes depending on the type of car. To put that amount of power in perspective, the peak power usage of the entire Enerbase Travel Plaza is around 100,000 watts.

"This will be a game changer for people

with electric vehicles who need to fill up in Minot," said Randy Hauck, general manager of Verendrye Electric. "Verendrye is proud to partner with another cooperative to bring this technology to Minot."

A level 2 charger uses a 240-volt power source and can add 20-25 miles per hour of charge. A level 1 charger uses a cord that plugs into a standard household outlet and only adds 3 miles per hour of charge.

Customers will be able to download an app from Chargepoint which will allow them to pay via credit card. The charger will initially be available at no charge. Details of how much it will cost customers to use charger later on have not yet been determined.

Enerbase and Verendrye received approval for a grant from the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality to pay for 80 percent of the cost of the project. The estimated cost is \$72,000.

The state received \$8.1 million from the federal government as part of a settlement with Volkswagen. That company had violated the Federal Clean Air Act when they installed devices on vehicles that helped them falsely pass certain emissions testing. The total settlement was \$14.7 billion and



each state received funds.

Verendrye has added a Chevy Bolt, an electric car, to its fleet. The car is being used for Verendrye's day-to-day business, and will also be a learning tool that will be showcased at events and schools. The car has a range of about 260 miles.

A ribbon cutting will take place for the car charging station at North Enerbase Travel Plaza at 2 p.m. Aug. 3.

Western ND Charity Pro-Am Distributes \$43,000 to Non-Profits

As a result of fundraising for the 2019 Western North Dakota Charity Pro-Am, checks totaling \$43,000 were distributed recently to various charities and non-profits throughout the central and western reaches of the state. Groups from Belfield to Bottineau, from Williston to Minot and to Bismarck were among the recipients. Some charities receiving funds included Triangle Y Camp, Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch, Trinity Hospice, Minot State Golf/Scholarships, Second Story, Minot Salvation Army, Williston Salvation

Army, Companions for Children, Taube Museum of Art, and Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports.

The 2020 Pro-Am is scheduled for Aug. 13 to 16 at the Vardon Golf Club. Please call Todd Lee at 701-858-0312 at the Vardon for sponsor and player information.



Some of the members of the Board of Directors of the Pro-Am pose in front of a check symbolizing the total of \$43,000 given recently to various non-profits throughout the region.



Did you know your electric cooperative is leading the charge to fuel electric vehicles? Verendrye Electric Cooperative has always worked to bring power and innovation to our communities. Now we've partnered with Enerbase to bring one of the first level 3 electric car charging stations to North Dakota. We can even show how it works with the electric car we've added to our fleet. It's another way we're with you down the road.

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2	3 Ribbon Cutting , 2 p.m., Verendrye Electric Cooperative Fast Car Charger, North Enerbase Travel Plaza, 4750 Hwy. 83	4 Groundbreaking , Noon, Souris Valley Animal Shelter, 1935 20th Ave. SE	5	6 Military Affairs Committee , Noon, via Zoom	7 Ambassadors Committee , 7:30 a.m., Dakota College on the campus of MSU	8
Chamber Hosts the Census Kiosk (Aug. 3rd-8th)						
9	10	11 Eagle Award Presentation 10 a.m., Chamber office	12 Right Start Presentation , 9:30 a.m., via Zoom Google Workshop , 11:30 a.m., Webinar	13	14	15
16	17	18 Board of Directors , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Right Start Presentation , 9:30 a.m., via Zoom	27	28	29
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