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## GNDC roundtable event set for Jan. 15

The Greater North Dakota Chamber (GNDC), in partnership with the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, will hold a CEO Roundtable event Jan. 15 at Hess Corporation Production Office. The theme of the event will be "Engaging Workforce."

GNDC holds four CEO Roundtable events throughout the year. They are open to CEO/C-suite leadership as well as business owners, managers, supervisors, and other company leaders to come together to exchange information, ideas, and network. There is no charge to attend the event for GNDC or Minot Area Chamber of Commerce members.

The event's agenda includes a presentation on attracting and retaining workforce through community building from Pat Bertagnolli (MBI Energy Services), a Workforce Development Council Update from Katie Ralston (ND Department of Commerce), and an engaging panel presentation from local Gen-Zers, moderated by Heather Ostrowski (Gate City Bank).



"Workforce is an ongoing issue for every business in North Dakota no matter the location, size, or industry. The agenda for this CEO Roundtable should assist businesses to develop internal tools that utilize local and state resources. These sessions will inform attendees while encouraging discussions about potential solutions to address the North Dakota workforce challenge," stated Arik Spencer, GNDC President & CEO.

Current supporting sponsors of the event are Hess Corporation, ND Guaranty & Title Company, Enbridge, and ND Department of Career and Technical Education.

To register for the event or for additional information on the speakers, visit [ndchamber.com](http://ndchamber.com) or click on the image above.

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## 3rd annual State of the City event Feb. 6 at MCC

The City of Minot's third annual State of the City is scheduled for Feb. 6, 2020. The event, with the theme of "One voice. One mission. One Minot," will highlight and discuss Minot's future vision. It will be held at the Arvel Graving Theater at Magic City Campus.

"The State of the City is an opportunity to share the City's vision for the next year with the community," said Minot Mayor Shaun Sipma. "It's important for residents of Minot to have the opportunity to visit with City staff and elected officials, and that's always a focus of this event."

City of Minot department heads and City staff will be looking to engage with the Minot community with a traveling City Hall to begin the evening, highlighting the work they do each day,

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## Business After Hours successful at The Depot



The December Business After Hours was hosted by The Depot, a restored historic building in downtown Minot. The event was well attended with 160 people on hand.

The group enjoyed delicious food from Elevation and great networking. Thank you to The Depot for hosting!



## Renewals

The Chamber extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from Nov. 26, 2019, through Jan. 6, 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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The View on Elk Drive

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answering questions, and getting to better understand the citizens, in addition to providing information about City projects.

The tentative schedule for the event:

- 4:45 p.m.: Traveling City Hall, featuring informational booths from City departments.
- 5:45 p.m.: Program begins with color

guard and national anthem. City Manager Tom Barry will make introductions, followed by a speech from Sipma.

- 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.: Social hour featuring hors d'oeuvres from local area restaurants.

"We encourage the community to join us at this growing event," Barry said. "If you have questions about the City of Minot government, or want to share in the discus-

sion of how Minot is moving forward, this is an opportunity to have your questions answered. We hope you'll join us on Feb. 6." All events are open to the public; no RSVP is required to attend. The public is asked to use the main doors to enter the building.

For additional information contact 857-4727 or by email at [pio@minotnd.org](mailto:pio@minotnd.org).

## City election set for June 9

### City of Minot election packets available

Candidates for City of Minot elected offices can pick up information packets at the City Clerk's office located in City Hall.

Candidates for City of Minot positions must submit signatures and mailing addresses of 300 qualified electors from within city limits by the deadline of 4 p.m. on April 6, 2020, to be placed on the ballot for the June 9, 2020, election. Candidates must also submit a statement of interest and a certificate of nomination. All information should be filed with

the City Clerk's office.

City of Minot positions on the June ballot are three seats on the City Council currently held by Josh Wolsky, Shannon Straight, and Stephan Podrygula.

Information packets for Minot Park District candidates can also be picked up and submitted to the City Clerk's office in City Hall.

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

## 49th Annual KMOT Ag Expo set to begin Jan. 29

Coming up on nearly 50 years since the show's inception, the KMOT Ag Expo has grown to become one of the Midwest's largest indoor farm shows, revealing the latest technological advancements in agriculture and showcasing larger than life iron-built farm machinery. The 49th annual KMOT Ag Expo, one of the premier farming shows in the upper Midwest, kicks off Wednesday, Jan. 29 and will continue through Friday, Jan. 31 at the ND State Fair Center. This year's KMOT Ag Expo will feature approximately 1,050 10x10 booths with over 350 exhibitors from all over the Midwest and Canada.

# Annual Sportsmen's Feed celebrates community

The 55th annual Sportsmen's Feed is set for Sunday, Jan. 19 at the Jimmy Doolittle Center on MAFB. The event provides Air Force personnel with a place to watch the NFC/AFC football playoffs, win some prizes, and eat some great food.

The day will be filled with delicious food ranging from venison to rocky

mountain oysters along with all the trimmings. Tickets are \$35 each and allow an airman in for free. Your support is needed to make this event a success and to provide a fun, relaxing day for airmen who may otherwise be sitting in the dorms alone. The day starts at noon with appetizers and games throughout the day with supper around 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Chamber at 852-6000.

Tickets are \$35, and with each ticket purchased, one airman is



able to attend free of charge. Tickets are available at the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce office. Contact the Chamber at 852-6000 or [chamber@minotchamber.org](mailto:chamber@minotchamber.org) to purchase your ticket.

**Tickets: \$35**

*Purchase one ticket and an airman  
can attend free of charge.*

*Call 852-6000 for more information.*

## December Eagle Awards

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



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## Dale Carnegie course to begin Jan. 14

The Dale Carnegie Course helps you and your organization master the skills necessary in today's demanding business environment. Time-tested skills and principles strengthen your inner voice, giving you the confidence to perform as a persuasive communicator, diligent problem solver, and focused leader. Gain techniques for developing a commanding attitude of your role.

During this 60-minute session, you will experience Dale Carnegie in a real setting with real content. As with every Dale Carnegie program, you will walk away with tools you can apply immediately. We call this event a preview, because it gives you an opportunity to experience a portion of The Dale Carnegie Course and see all it has to offer! It will be offered on Thursday, January 14, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Chamber office, 1020 20th Ave SW.

Register for the Dale Carnegie Course Free Session at: <https://www.dalecarnegie.com/locations/north-dakota/en/>



Visit: [Lignite Energy Council](http://LigniteEnergyCouncil.org)

# Minot Women Connect event set for Jan. 14

Minot Women Connect has announced that its next learning event, Be a Woman of Impact!, will be held Jan. 14, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. at The Depot, which is located at 15 Main Street North in Minot.

Minot Women Connect's focus is to empower attendees to be impactful by taking risks, overcoming obstacles, and blazing new trails in their personal and professional lives. The event will be a panel session, featuring five accomplished North Dakota women:

- Marci Narum, Owner, Inspired Women magazine
- Megan Laudenschlager, Executive Director, Strengthen ND
- Cindy Cook, Principal, Minot Public Schools
- Annie Carlson, Owner, Morning Joy Farm
- Victoria Morales, MSgt, USAF, Section Chief, Food Service Ops, 5 Force Support Squadron

Interested participants can register for this Women Connect event at the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce website, [minotchamber.org](http://minotchamber.org), by navigating to the calendar

and selecting January 14. The cost to attend is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members.



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Minot Women Connect is a program focused on developing female professionals through sessions that focus on topics important to a woman's professional and personal life and is sponsored by The Depot, Xcel Energy, Verendrye Electric, and Strengthen ND. Special recognition to our partner Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and location sponsor The Depot. Women Connect will address unique challenges professional women face in today's business environment and provide connections, inspiration and an opportunity to socialize with and encourage one another, tapping into the sense of community women crave. For more information including sponsorships, visit <https://www.minotchamber.org/about/committees/women-connect/>.

## Kalix Recycling Center downsizes recycling operation

The Kalix Recycling Center in Minot announced that as of February 2020, the only products accepted and processed will be confidential documents and mixed office paper. January 31 will be the last day for dropping off cardboard, aluminum, and other recyclable materials. Tokens may be redeemed at MarketPlace Foods through March 31.

"The decision to downsize operations was based primarily on economics, but is also consistent with changes in Kalix's approach towards employment opportunities," explained Borgi Beeler, President/CEO of Kalix. "As the disability services industry has shifted toward more community employment, Kalix has put more emphasis on supporting program participants to work for other businesses and less on employing people directly. Kalix also works with local businesses to identify unmet needs and develop custom jobs for individuals with

varying abilities and interest."

More information on the KEEP (Kalix Employer-Employee Partnership) program is available at [www.KalixND.org/employment](http://www.KalixND.org/employment). During the last legislative session, North Dakota passed House Bill 1406 to establish an income tax credit to further encourage employers to hire through a qualified Customized Employment program.

Beeler also noted that the decision was not a reaction to discussions by the City of Minot regarding implementation of curbside recycling. Kalix has consistently expressed public support for a curbside recycling program and continues to support City efforts to establish a comprehensive and convenient recycling program for community residents.

Rod Martinson, director of Employment Services, added that Kalix will continue offering Confidential Document Destruction, including regular pick-up of documents to be shredded. Drop-off of large-

er quantities may be arranged by calling 855-909-9729. In addition, Kalix plans to schedule occasional public drop-off events for documents to be shredded.

"Office paper gets baled along with shredded paper, so we will continue to take office paper because it supports our shredding business. Office paper also happens to sell for a higher price than any other fiber product," explained Martinson. "We will continue to ship shredded paper to mills for final processing into new products. It has always been our commitment to provide top customer service with a secure environment and shred in compliance with industry standards. That hasn't changed," continued Martinson.

Kalix has offered recycling services in Minot since 1994 and celebrated 25 years of recycling last summer. All recyclable items accepted through Jan. 31 will be sent to mills for recycling into new products.

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## 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.*



**Slim Chickens:** 1416 South Broadway • Minot, ND • 839-7838 • [www.slimchickens.com](http://www.slimchickens.com)

*Minot Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to cut the ribbon at Minot's newest restaurant, Slim Chickens. Located on south Broadway, this hot spot offers delicious chicken in wraps or salads, tenders or wings. Stop by today!*



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## Ribbon Cuttings

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**Mi Mexico Express:** 2400 10th St. SW • Dakota Square Mall Food Court • 858-0777

*Minot Chamber Ambassadors helped celebrate a second location of Mi Mexico at Dakota Square. After opening the family-run business in 2008, Mi Mexico became Minot's finest authentic Mexican cuisine. Come in and experience authentic Mexican cuisine.*



**State Farm Insurance Jessica Aardahl:** 1809 S Bdwy • Suite P • Minot, ND • 852-2757

*Minot Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon at the second location for State Farm Insurance agent Jessica Aardahl. Aardahl has been providing "Good Neighbor" service since 2003, including auto insurance, homeowner's insurance, renters' insurance, and life insurance. They will continue to serve customers' insurance and financial services from both locations (2151 36th Ave SW Suite C and 1809 S Broadway Suite P).*

# HOME GROWN



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### Miller receives designation

Financial Advisor Tom Miller of the financial services firm Edward Jones in Minot has achieved the professional designation of Accredited Asset Management Specialist (SM).

Miller successfully completed the Accredited Asset Management Specialist, or AAMS®, Professional Education Program from the Denver-based College for Financial Planning. Those who complete the program, pass a final exam, and sign a code of ethics and disclosure form earn the AAMS® designation.

This advanced training offers investment professionals the hands-on information needed to provide comprehensive financial services. Study topics include understanding the asset management process and understanding asset allocation and strategies.

Miller and Branch Office Administrator Kathy Pasillas can be reached at 839-6339. You may also visit Miller's website at [edwardjones.com/t-miller](http://edwardjones.com/t-miller).

### New Central Dispatch manager named

Chief Jason Olson announced that Margaret Haugan has been named as the new Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) manager to lead Minot Central Dispatch beginning Feb. 1. Haugan will replace Barb McPeak, who retires at the end of January. Haugan currently works in Minot Central Dispatch as a lead dispatcher. She began her career with Minot Police Department in 2007 as a dispatcher.



Margaret Haugan

"There are some exciting changes taking place with the advancement of the State Interoperable Radio Network project into implementation stages that will make major improvements in public safety communications statewide," said Chief Olson. "Margaret will play a major role in getting Minot's dispatch center upgraded."

The Minot Central Dispatch staff of 16 employees provides 911 answering and

emergency dispatching to dozens of regional first responder agencies, including law enforcement, fire and ambulance services throughout the county. The center handled over 147,000 phone calls in 2018, over 20,000 of which were of an emergency nature.

Haugan also has many years of experience serving with Minot Rural Fire Department as a volunteer. She and her husband, Kelly, who is the Ward County Assistant Emergency Manager, have a grown daughter and two granddaughters.

### Marco promotions strengthen company

Marco's leadership team is growing with four new promotions to help expand and enhance the company's offerings. The changes include a new chief technology officer and three new vice presidents in information technology and sales.

See the faces behind Marco's new leadership here:

<https://www.marconet.com/press-releases/recent-marco-promotions-strengthen-companys-growth-plan>.

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### ***Affinity First Federal Credit Union names Duchsherer president/CEO***

Affinity First Federal Credit Union in Minot has named Kelly Duchsherer as the new President/CEO. Duchsherer has over 22 years of experience with Affinity First, from part-time teller to vice president and various other positions in between.

Duchsherer is passionate about the Credit Union Difference and is dedicated to the continued success of Affinity First. She strives to improve the financial lives of our members every day. Her favorite part of work is interacting with the membership and watching as their lives have grown and changed over the years.

Duchsherer is a graduate of the Women's Leadership Program, as well as the Community Leadership Institute. Having grown up in Minot, she has strong ties to the community and enjoys giving back when she can. She is a volunteer



***Kelly Duchsherer***

with Junior Achievement and is a "Hockey Mom" for the Minot State Beaver hockey program.

She and her husband Mike can usually be found at the local hockey rink watching their son play goalie for his team. They also enjoy watching their "hockey son" play goalie for the MSU Beavers. Duchsherer's family is rounded out by her three dachshund pups at home. She also enjoys traveling, and Wisconsin is a frequent destination to visit extended family.

### ***JDee Douglas joins Brokers 12 team***

Minot native JDee Douglas has joined Brokers 12. Douglas spent nearly 15 years in customer service, sales and marketing which allowed her to cultivate the consumer experience. She previously designed and sold system-built homes. JDee enjoys spending time with her husband, whom she met when he was stationed at Minot Air Force Base and whom she now works



***JDee Douglas***

alongside in real estate, and their two beautiful girls, two loving step-kiddos, and a French bulldog. She also loves traveling, reading, trying new recipes, dancing, exercising, or trying new things with her family.

### ***Prairie Business announces its 2019 40 Under 40 list***

*Prairie Business* magazine is pleased to announce its annual 40 Under 40 list, featuring 40 of the top business professionals under the age of 40 in the northern Plains.

Congratulations to the following professionals from the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce:

- Rick Beall, President/CEO (Peoples State Bank of Velva), Minot, ND
- Kent Kirkhammer, President/CEO (Newkota Services & Rentals), Minot, ND
- Perry Olson, Business Development Specialist (First International Bank & Trust), Minot, ND

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## ***Minot Valvoline Instant Oil Change crowned King of Cars 2019***

*Service center recognized nationally for record-breaking sales volume and service*

Minot's Valvoline Instant Oil ChangeSM (VIOC), owned by Jarid Lundeen, has been recognized nationally for a record-breaking 2019 by winning four awards for outstanding oil change volume and sales.

Every year, the King of Cars award is presented to the Valvoline Instant Oil Change franchise location that has the highest number of oil changes in the nation. The Diamond Club is awarded to recognize exemplary guest service and sales.

In November 2019 the locally-owned Minot VIOC, which has been in operation for less than three years, competed against more than 1,170 other franchised service centers to win the national title of King of Cars, and also achieved a place among approximately five percent of centers that are honored as a member of the Valvoline Diamond Club.

In a growing field of auto dealerships and oil change centers, the Minot Valvoline Instant Oil Change is leading the way with service and sales.

For more information about Lundeen's Valvoline Instant Oil Change or Tires Plus, please contact them at 701-837-1302 or find them on Facebook.



## ***North Dakota State Fair recognized internationally for excellence***

The North Dakota State Fair earned international recognition at the 129th annual International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) convention, receiving six first place awards and five other Awards of Excellence. Fairs and exhibitions from around the world submit entries to IAFE each year, with the end goal of inspiring creativity and ingenuity.

There are five award categories: Agricultural, Communications,

Competitive, Sponsorship, and Non-Fair Facility Usage. Each category focuses on a different aspect of specific events and event planning. The North Dakota State Fair earned these awards:

- One IAFE Agricultural Award
- Foru IAFE Hall of Honor Communications Award
- One IAFE Competitive Exhibits Award
- Two IAFE Innovation in Sponsorship Awards
- Three IAFE Non-Fair Facility Usage Awards

General Manager of the State Fair Renae Korslien stated, "We are so honored to be recognized for the work we love to do for the North Dakota State Fair. Each year we do our best to keep the State Fair fun, safe, and always changing. With just under 46,000 competitive exhibits on display in 2019, we have so much to be proud of as a Fair."

The International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE), based in Springfield, Mo., is a voluntary, nonprofit corporation, serving state, provincial, regional, and county agricultural fairs, shows, exhibitions, and expositions. Its associate members include state and provincial associations of fairs, non-agricultural expositions and festivals, associations, corporations, and individuals engaged in providing products and services to its members, all of whom are interested in the improvement of fairs, shows, expositions, and allied fields.

## ***Ackerman-Estvold welcomes new hires, Carrie Fraser and Tony Benham***

Fraser has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as a full-time civil engineer. Fraser earned a Master of Science in Civil Engineering-Transportation from the University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL. Fraser also holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL. She has worked for several firms designing a variety of transportation projects throughout the state of Florida. Fraser will be working in the transportation group providing design expertise on projects throughout North Dakota and Montana.

Benham has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as a full-time senior designer. Benham earned an associate's

degree in Architectural Drafting and Estimating from the North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, ND. He has worked in the engineering industry in Minot for over 30 years. Benham will be providing design expertise on engineering and architectural projects throughout North Dakota and Idaho.

## ***Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project (MREFPP) announces 16th Street opening***

As work winds down for the winter on MI-2 and MI-3 of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project (MREFPP), 16th Street SW fully reopened on Dec. 13. Roadway construction including curb and gutter, utility installation along with temporary earth-work measures have been completed to allow for full use of the roadway through winter.

Access to 7th Ave SW will continue to be closed until additional utility work is complete. We anticipate this work will be completed in 4-6 weeks. Crews will continue work in the area as long as weather allows.

Safety is always a priority so please be vigilant near the construction zones.

For more information about the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project, visit [www.mouseriverplan.com](http://www.mouseriverplan.com), or visit us on Facebook at Mouse River Plan.

## ***Businesses can qualify for hiring vets award program***

The HIRE Vets Medallion Program is an employer recognition program administered by the Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS). Through the program, VETS accepts voluntary applications from employers for the HIRE Vets Medallion Award beginning Jan. 31 of each calendar year. The award recognizes employers who hire and retain veterans, including their efforts to establish employee development programs and veteran specific benefits to improve retention.

Employer-applicants meeting criteria can receive an award. Detailed information about how to gain eligibility can be found at [HIREVets.gov](http://HIREVets.gov).

## Member Business Briefs

### **Anne Carlsen hires Beth Thune as vice president, West Region**

Anne Carlsen Center, a non-profit organization providing individuals with developmental disabilities or delays with services and supports for more than 75 years, has hired Beth Thune as vice president of their West Region. In her role, she will oversee Anne Carlsen services in Bismarck, Minot, and all of western North Dakota.



**Beth Thune**

Thune received a Master of Science degree in speech language pathology from the University of North Dakota and a Master of Management from the University of Mary. She practiced hospital-based speech language pathology for many years, oversaw therapy services as director of rehabilitation services, and was the director of patient experience for an integrated healthcare system. Most recently, she served as a regional advisor in the patient experience industry. She has expertise in patient experience improvement initiatives, employee and medical care professional engagement, service excellence, and direct patient care.

Thune is originally from Valley City and resides in Bismarck with her husband and two children.

### **Minot Fire Department receives grant from Enbridge**

The Minot Fire Department received a \$7,500 grant from Enbridge Dec. 12, 2019, to assist the department in purchasing new life-saving equipment.

The funds, from the Enbridge Safe Community Program, will allow the Fire Department to acquire a battery-operated tool designed to help remove occupants from vehicles involved in accidents.

"Because this tool is battery operated, it's very mobile, and it's an all-in-one tool for cutting and spreading in the case of a vehicle accident," said City of Minot Assistant Fire Chief Lonnie Sather. "We appreciate Enbridge's commitment to the safety of our community. They've been a tremendous partner in helping us protect the residents of Minot."

### **Trinity Health Auxiliary Hearts Club hosts fundraiser musical comedy dinner show Feb. 14**

The Trinity Health Auxiliary Hearts Club will host "The Tribute to Lucy and Ricky Musical Comedy Show" Friday, Feb. 14, 2020. This "FUN-draiser for the heart" will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel in Minot, and will feature dinner, the show, a dance, a silent auction, and door prizes.

The musical comedy act pays tribute to comedic legends Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz with comedy sketches, musical numbers, and unforgettable moments from the television show. Unpredictable audience participation segments are the icing on the cake of this multigenerational, family-friendly entertainment.

Tickets are \$75 each or \$100 for two. Tickets are available at the Trinity Hospital Gift Shop or online at <http://trinityhealth.org/lucy>. For more information, call Sherry at 857-5221.



### **Trinity Health names Wilson new CFO**

Following an extensive national search and interview process, Trinity Health has selected Minot's Taylor Wilson, CPA, as its new chief financial officer.

"Taylor has a wealth of knowledge and experience that is unmatched in value-based contracting and population health management," said John M. Kutch, president and CEO of Trinity Health. "He remains a key member of our leadership team as we position Trinity Health for continued success in the ever-evolving healthcare field."

A native of Dallas, TX, Wilson initially started with Trinity Health in 2011 as a consultant engaged in complex financial

projects. In 2016, he joined the organization as vice president of payor strategies and clinical integration. Upon retirement of his predecessor last January, Wilson served as the interim vice president of finance. He helped lead the organization through significant growth, including the planning and financing of Trinity Health's new healthcare campus and medical district, the successful conversion of the health system's enterprise resource planning systems, and many other collaborative projects. Wilson supports Trinity Health's strong relationship with the Minot Air Force Base, becoming an honorary commander in 2014.

### **Save the Date**

**February Business After Hours:**  
**Wednesday, February 19**  
**5 – 7 p.m.**

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			<b>1 Happy New Year!</b>  	2	3	4
5	6	7	<b>8 Right Start Presentation,</b> 9:30 a.m., MAFB	<b>9 Business After Hours,</b> 5 – 7 p.m., Hyatt House Minot, 2301 Landmark Drive NW	<b>10 Infrastructure Committee,</b> 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	11
12	13	<b>14 Women Connect,</b> 8:30 a.m., The Depot, 15 Main St. N.  <b>Eagle Award Presentations,</b> 10 a.m., Chamber office  <b>Ribbon Cutting,</b> 10 a.m., Muus Lumber 2700 Burdick Expy E  <b>Dale Carnegie Training,</b> 1 p.m., Chamber office	<b>15 Coffee with the President,</b> 1:30 p.m., Minot Chamber  <b>Maximize Minot,</b> 3 p.m., Chamber office  <b>Ribbon Cutting,</b> 4:30 p.m., Dakota Burger Company, 315 Main St. S #200	<b>16 Governmental Affairs Committee,</b> 11:30 a.m., Badlands Restaurant  <b>Ambassadors Committee,</b> 4:30 p.m., Ruby Tuesday	17	18
<b>19 Sportsmen's Feed,</b> noon, Jimmy Doolittle Center MAFB	20	<b>21 Board of Directors,</b> 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	<b>22 Right Start Presentation,</b> 9:30 a.m., MAFB  <b>Junior Achievement Committee,</b> noon, Chamber office	<b>23 Energy Committee,</b> 11:30 a.m., Buffalo Wings & Rings	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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