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A message from the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce president

Continue supporting local businesses and MVD

The effects of COVID-19 on the economy are far reaching. Some have been immediate, while others will show up in time. The Chamber has been connecting with our members to find out what we can do in the wake of the pandemic.



L. JOHN MACMARTIN
*Minot Area Chamber of
Commerce President*

Many of those who closed during the months of March and April are open again and customers are grateful to be able to get back to some sort of normal. Our message is and continues to be #MaximizeMinot! We urge you to use this hashtag as well in your social media posts. Many of you already have and we are grateful! We also encourage you to use the logo of the Minot Chamber on your website and

Facebook to show support for us, as we too are affected by the pandemic with a decrease in non-dues revenue from Motor Vehicle Department and in member dues. That is what we rely on to stay in business. Your support of MVD is crucial, as the fees charged there pay the Motor Vehicle Department staff and are a portion of income for the Chamber. Please be sure to renew your registration and titles with our office at Arrowhead Shopping Center. They are still there to serve you, but with limited contact.

This is certainly a trying time, but we will get through this together. We count on one another for our future success and this time is no different. Please contact us if you have any issues we can help with during this time: 701-852-6000 or chamber@minotchamber.org.

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#MAXIMIZE MINOT

Minot Chamber and MADC continue merger talks

The executive boards of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Minot Area Development Center plan to meet in June. The two have been unable to have a face to face conversation due to COVID-19, delaying talks on the subject. The groups want to sit down and discuss the way forward. Previously, the two groups heard from Bismarck-Mandan Chamber/EDC director, Brian Ritter on the process it took to combine the Bismarck-

Mandan Chamber and EDC.

The two executive committees will meet to begin the conversation regarding changes in bylaws, vision, mission, financial policies and procedures, and more will be worked on in the coming 12 to 15 months. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and acting MADC President John MacMartin at 701-852-6000.

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New Member

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

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Columbia College opened in 1851 and has been servicing the military since 1973. Columbia MS is a regionally-accredited and non-profit program offering accelerated online and in-seat classes six times a year for eight-week sessions. Columbia College also offers military and nationwide tuition rates, plus military spouse grants, with no fees and no book costs. The Minot AFB center officially opened April 6, 2020. Columbia College offers seven undergraduate degrees in-seat, online undergraduate, and graduate degrees. The college accepts up to 90 transfer credit hours and has exceptional transfer policies for military training.

Renewals

The Chamber extends a big “THANK YOU” to our members who have renewed their membership from April 25 through May 22, 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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Overhead Door Company of Minot
Paradiso Mexican Restaurant
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Signs Today, Inc.
Mr. Greg Simonson
Souris Valley Dental Group
State Farm Insurance – Jessica Aardahl
Sundre Sand & Gravel, Inc.
Top Notch Travel
Souris Valley United Way
Western Agency Inc.
Xcel Energy

Minot Chamber/MADC welcomes DeCent

You may have heard her voice or received an email, and soon, you can meet face to face with our new Finance Director, Chanda DeCent. The Minot native comes to us from Dakota Fire Extinguishers. She has twins, a son and daughter who are 16 and will be juniors at Minot High School.

DeCent is the Finance Director for both

the Chamber and MADC, whether the two merge or not. Give DeCent a call, send an email, or stop by when we are able to visit again to welcome her to the new position.



CHANDA DECENT
Chamber/MADC
Finance Director

Community Leadership Institute set for fall

Chamber members have something to look forward to as Community Leadership Institute (CLI) is set for this fall, starting Sept. 3 and running through Oct. 22. The eight-week course is a great way for newcomers to Minot to learn all about the community. We have found that even longtime residents who take the course are amazed at what they learn. The class is a behind-the-scenes look at

what makes our community tick. Twenty-five participants will learn about Minot Air Force base, economic development, education, healthcare, and more. It meets once a week on Thursday mornings. This class fills up fast and there are only four spots remaining. Contact Carla at 701-857-8205 or carla@minotchamber.org to secure your spot. Cost is \$300 per person.

Chamber of Commerce seeks board members

Members of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce have until June 15 to suggest nominees for the board of directors. Suggestions must be sent in writing to the Nomination Committee at the Chamber office.

The committee will select and secure acceptance of five candidates on or before July 15. Those names will then be announced in the August newsletter. At that time, members can again nominate candidates by a petition consisting of 15% of the Chamber's voting membership, which must be submitted to the Chamber office by Aug. 15. Call 852-6000 for more information.

Vardon hosts successful Business After Hours May 28

Thank you to the Vardon for hosting a wonderful Business After Hours event at the golf course.



Survey seeks public comment about use of education aid

BISMARCK, ND – North Dakota State School Superintendent Kirsten Baesler is asking for public suggestions about the best uses for federal education aid that was recently approved by Congress.

The Department of Public Instruction has \$3.1 million in discretionary federal aid, and considerable flexibility on how it is used for state and local education needs, Baesler said. The NDDPI funds are on top of \$30.06 million in federal grants that are being distributed to school districts. The money was included in a \$2 trillion emer-

gency relief package that was approved by Congress in late March.

Baesler has distributed a survey to educators, family members, education groups, advocacy organizations and state lawmakers that asks for their views on improving distance learning, how federal aid spending should be prioritized, and how best to support student learning needs during this pandemic.

The multiple-choice survey is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NDDPICOVIDsurvey>. It has four questions

and invites participants to add comments as they wish. One question asks: “What supports would be most helpful to provide effective distance learning for students in the event that we need to address this option again in the future?”

North Dakota’s K-12 students have been attending class via distance education since mid-March, when Gov. Doug Burgum closed schools to student in-person instruction. Many districts plan to continue distance education instruction for summer school.

Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee holds forums

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee sponsored three candidate forums in May. Thanks to the City of Minot for hosting

them in city council chambers as this allowed us to achieve social distance guidelines and broadcast the forums over Facebook Live for the Chamber and the

City, on the city’s You Tube Channel, and on Channel 19. The election is June 9, but voters have been casting their votes via mail.



Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble:

July 6 • Minot Country Club

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee is planning to hold the annual Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble July 6 with social distancing rules in mind at the Minot Country Club. If you would like to sponsor a tee, a green, or have a team, give us a call at 852-6000.

Junior Achievement program affected by COVID 19

Since 1997, Junior Achievement has been teaching our youth the importance of the free enterprise system. This year, only a handful of the 127 classrooms were able to hear all five lessons from their volunteer as COVID-19 put an end to several that were set for spring. Some classes were cut short mid-way through. Despite that, the volunteers were once again so supportive of getting these lessons out to students in Minot public and private

schools in grades K -5. Trained volunteer consultants are in the classroom one hour a week for five weeks. The outside expertise is vital to students as they learn about money management, city planning and assembly work among other topics.

Junior Achievement would not be possible without the volunteer hours and donations from businesses and individuals who take the time to make sure this happens. There is no cost to the schools,

so JA relies on donations and grants from area businesses. Please take a moment to read through the list of those businesses that generously donated money to help supply the \$210 per classroom kits that supply the materials needed for the classrooms. Let them know how appreciative we are of their financial support. Also take a moment to thank the volunteers who spend their personal time teaching our future leaders.

Junior Achievement Contributors

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Barksdale Trophy takes flight over ND hospitals

As a demonstration of appreciation to front-line responders, essential workers and volunteers during the coronavirus pandemic, a crew in a B-52H Stratofortress took flight from Minot Air Force Base to travel across cities of North Dakota. The crew had the Barksdale Trophy along for the ride, which was awarded to Minot for its outstanding community support. The B-52 crew conducted a flyover for the hospitals in Bismarck, Grand Forks, Fargo, and Minot May 18, 2020.



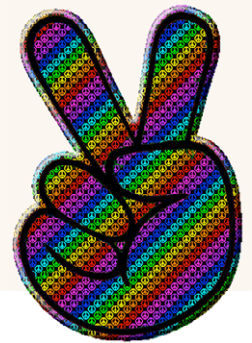
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November Showcase of Business

Thursday, November 12 • 5 – 8 p.m.

North Dakota State Fair Center - Magic Place

Theme: "Get Back into the Groove of Things"



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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.



Northern Testing, Inc.: 2201 15th St. SW • Minot ND 58701 • 701-839-4730 • After hours: 701-240-0550

Brenda and Richard Borders, Owners • <https://drugtestminot.com/>

Northern Testing, Inc. has a new home, providing drug, alcohol, hair, and DNA testing, along with background and TPA (Third Party Administrator) services.

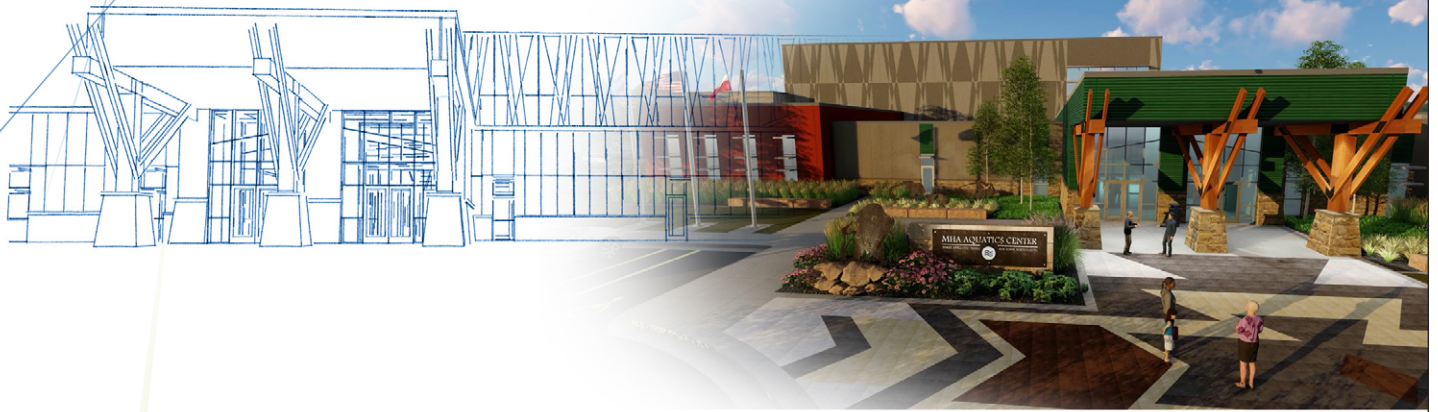


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Sports On Tap: 220 S. Broadway, #A • Minot, ND 58703 • 701-837-8220 • sportsontapminot.com
Minot Chamber Ambassadors helped celebrate a new addition to Sports on Tap. They cut the ribbon on top of the building for the rooftop bar that is now open. Stop by and enjoy the view of the city!

Ground Breaking

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.



Northridge Villas, LLC: 9th Ave. NW (off 27th St NW) • Minot, ND • 701-885-6050 • www.northridge-villas.com
Construction commenced mid-May on the first model villa in the Northridge planned residential community. Unique architecture, amenities, and an HOA-governed private community will bring a unique housing option to the Minot market. Contact Northridge's dedicated Homes Sales Consultant, Toni Meyer, at 701-885-6050 for more information.

The following story is reprinted this month as the photo of MSU nursing students was inadvertently placed incorrectly last month.

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation grants reach \$8.6 million in gifts

Grants totaling \$192,050.00 were distributed to support a wide variety of area projects, adding to the St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation Twice Blessed grants given on Jan. 23 in the amount of \$765,000.00.

Grants distributed to organizations are for projects that impact the mental, physical, spiritual and/or emotional well-being of people in the counties of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Ward and Wells. Fresh produce for diabetic individuals, new community resource center and food pantry, full time registered nurse and medical supplies, nutritional meals for senior meal programs, sterile gloves, hand sanitizer, CPR rate monitor, emergency prescription supplies and emergency dental aid, health/foot care clinics for seniors, automatic external defibrillators, education

for nurses, 21 area food pantries, rent and utility needs programs, supervised parenting exchange, mental health cultural arts project, walking path, playground, university scholarships, surveillance system and much more will be impacted by the grants given.

"At this time of so many unknowns, due to the COVID19 pandemic, we are especially thankful and grateful to the many organizations,

board members, staff and volun-

teers who work tirelessly in our region to secure a better quality of life by identifying and serving the needs



Shelly Wepler



This photo of the Minot State nursing students was inadvertently placed in the wrong article last month. The nursing program at MSU received grant money as part of SJCHF's grant award program.

in their communities," said Shelly Wepler, president, SJCHF.

Grant recipients

- Benedictine Living Center Garrison
- Camp Bentley
- City of Columbus
- City of Velva
- Community Action Partnership
- Community Cupboard of Underwood
- Family Crisis Center
- Farm Safety 4 Just Kids
- First District Health Unit Safe Communities
- First District Health Unit
- Garrison Area Resource Center and Food Pantry
- International Music Camp
- Kenmare Wheels & Meals
- Metigoshe Ministries Bottineau
- Minot Family YMCA
- Minot Prairie Quilt Guild
- Minot State University

- Department of Nursing
- Mountrail Community Food Pantry
- Nedrose Public School
- North Dakota Association for the Disabled, Inc. (NDAD)
- North Dakota Association of Drug Court Professionals
- Oak Valley Lutheran Church
- On the Water Inc.
- Rolette Community Care Center
- Souris Basin Transportation Board, Inc.
- Turtle Mountain Community College
- Village Family Service Center, The (pregnancy)
- Village Family Service Center, The (visitation)
- Vincent United Methodist Church - Sowers of Love

Scholarships:

- MSU Nursing Scholarships
- MSU Communication Disorders Scholarship
- MSU Social Work Scholarship
- Dakota College Bottineau Scholarship

Food Pantries

- Burlington Community
- Central Dakota Food Pantry
- Harvey
- Dakota Prairie Community Action, Rolla
- Dunseith Food Pantry
- Glenburn Food Pantry
- Lansford Food Pantry
- McHenry County Food Pantry, Granville
- McLean Family Resource Center, Washburn

- Ministers Association of New Town
- Mountrail Community Food Pantry, Stanley
- Pierce County Food Pantry, Rugby
- Powers Lake Food Pantry
- Sheridan County Food Pantry, McClusky
- Sherwood Food Pantry
- Society of St. Stephens FP, Bowbells
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Broadway
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North Hill
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Companions for Children hires Tinnes as assistant director

Companions for Children has big hopes and dreams for the future of children in the Minot community! It is said



Jalisa Tinnes

that timing is everything, and in this case that happened to be more than true. Companions for Children is proud to announce the newest member of the team,

Jalisa Tinnes, as its first-ever assistant director.

Tinnes has called the Magic City home since 2013 when she moved from Custer, WA, to attend Minot State University – Go Beavers! She graduated with a degree in finance and continued her education by obtaining a master's degree in management in 2018.

Tinnes is enthusiastic about the success and well-being of all children in our community. She comes with a background in the nonprofit sector and is excited to continue her work making a difference in the lives of local children.

Tinnes enjoys spending her time with her husband Brett and two dogs Piper and Ted. She enjoys crafts, home improvement projects, cooking and most recently preparing for a new baby in August.

Companions for Children and Tinnes invite you to share in this growing local nonprofit by applying to become a Lunch Pal mentor for the 2020-21 school year! Sign up online today www.companions-forchildren.org.

KLJ jumps two spots in ranking of Top 500 Design Firms

Engineering News-Record (ENR) announced this week that KLJ has been named among the 2020 Top 500 Design Firms. The firm ranked 160, moving two numbers from the 2019 ranking. KLJ was evaluated based on revenue for design services performed in 2019. Design services assessed included general building, power, water supply, sewer/waste, industrial/petroleum, transportation, and telecommunications.

ENR, reports on the top design firms, both architects and engineers, and the top construction companies as well as project in the United States and around the world. The Top 500 Design Firms list, published annually in April, ranks the 500 largest U.S. based designs firms, both publicly and privately held, based on design-specific revenue. Companies engaged in general contracting specialty contracting, engineering, architecture, planning and studies are ranked through an annual survey. The rankings are then divided into specific market categories.

Local financial advisor honored for performance

Greg Tschetter, who has been an Edward Jones financial advisor in Minot since 2000, was recently invited to attend the Edward Jones Managing Partner's Conference in April in Scottsdale, AZ. The prestigious annual



Greg Tschetter

event honors the top 400 of the firm's more than 18,000 financial advisors.

The conference recognizes and celebrates Edward Jones' most successful financial advisors and provides them with the opportunity to hear from keynote speakers inside and outside of the firm and to share best practices for delivering exceptional client service.

This is the fifth time Tschetter has been invited to this event.

Local RE/MAX Bakken realtor receives national recognition

Ryan Turnage with RE/MAX Bakken Realty has been awarded the Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR®) designation by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council (REBAC) of the National Association of Realtors® (NAR).



Ryan Turnage

Turnage joins more than 25,000 real estate professionals across the globe who have earned the ABR® designation. All were required to successfully complete a comprehensive course in buyer representative and an elective course focusing on a buyer representation specialty, both in addition to submitting documentation verifying professional experience.

Member Business Briefs

Marco's Evens receives award

Marco's Vice President of Copier Services, Dale Evens, has received the ENX Difference Makers Award, a distinction that honors individuals who have made a notable impact on the document technology industry. Evens won the award for his efforts over the past 30 years implementing best practices and standard procedures that have improved both Marco and the copier industry.



Dale Evens

You can read the full story on how Evens played a key role in bringing Marco's copier service department from lower performing to high performing by helping the company establish what "good" looks like: <https://www.marconet.com/press-releases/dale-evens-receives-enx-difference-makers-award>.

Stanley High School's Pulver awarded Community Athlete of the Season

United Community Bank and Scheels have teamed up to offer a new program, Community Athlete of the Season. The program recognizes one athlete per sport season based on outstanding sportsmanship, overcoming hurdles, or for going

above and beyond. On May 15, 2020, through a surprise presentation at Stanley High School, Bridger Pulver was named the first Community Athlete of the Season.

"Our community is full of athletes who shine, not just through athleticism, but through attitude and sportsmanship. When Bridger's nomination came through, it was clear he was deserving of this award," said Cole Krueger, Scheels.

Pulver was nominated by Stanley Boys Basketball Coach, Kory Anderson, based on Bridger's ability and determination to bounce back up after any obstacle. "Bridger's overall sportsmanship and attitude have never been in question. He stayed positive during all the downs presented to him and showed excitement during the good times. Bridger would do anything to help a coach or team. While some athletes would say no, Bridger would say yes! He's a great example for the younger students of Stanley and is a great motivation on why not to give up," stated Coach Anderson, in the application.

For being named Community Athlete of the Season, Bridger received \$1000 donated in his honor by United Community Bank to the Stanley High School Boys Basketball program and



Scheels provided \$500 in gift cards (\$250 to each Bridger and the boys basketball team). Bridger will also receive a professional photo shoot that will be displayed within the Minot Scheels and United Community Bank locations. "Our goal is to bring positive, uplifting stories, like Bridger's, within our youth sports community to the spotlight," said Jennifer Hubrig, United Community Bank.

Nominations for future Community Athletes can be turned in at any time at United Community Bank or Scheels. Athletes must be nominated by a coach or an employee of an athletic program within 60 miles of Minot. Qualifying athletes must be between the ages of 5-19. One nominated athlete will be recognized each quarter within the following dates: Sept. 1- Nov. 30, Dec. 1 – Feb. 28, March 1 – May 31 and June 1 – Aug. 30.

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Susanne Hoskin promoted to human resources administrator

SRT is pleased to announce the promotion of Susanne Hoskin to human resources administrator. In her new role, Hoskin will oversee the hiring of new employees, employee benefit programs, and ensure legal compliance regarding participation in state and federal government programs. She was previously a part of the Human Resources Department and looks forward to playing a key role on the executive team in her new position.

"We are proud to have been able to fill this position with a current SRT employee that we are confident will make an immediate positive impact on the company in her new role. We are glad to add her as a member of our executive staff moving forward," said SRT General Manager and CEO Steve Lysne.

Hoskin previously served as SRT's Safety and Training Coordinator. She comes with plenty of experience related to her new position, through continued education and hands on work experience. She replaces Nancy Davis, who retired last week.

Hoskin is an active board member and secretary of the Magic City Lions, a member of Minot Area Safety Association, and has been an SRT employee for 23 years. She is a Maxbass, ND, native and a graduate of Bismarck State College.

Tony Best promoted to director of field operations

SRT is pleased to announce the promotion of Tony Best to director of field operations. In his new position, Best will oversee the supervision of the construction, maintenance, and servicing operations of SRT's aerial and buried copper and fiber-optic cable facilities, switching and data facilities,



Tony Best

ties, service center operations, and safety inspections. Best has been an SRT employee since 1996, holding several positions, most recently as outside plant and splicer supervisor, which led him to this position.

"Tony has proven himself throughout his career with his willingness to continue his education through lifelong learning and training. His hands-on experience will be instrumental, especially with the continuance of the fiber optic network installation across our service territory. We are looking forward to adding him to our executive staff team," said SRT General Manager/CEO Steve Lysne.

Tony was born and raised in the Towner area, where he currently resides with his family. He is a current council member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Towner and participates in local Ranch Rodeos during the summer months.

Best looks forward to playing an important role in SRT's upcoming years of staying on the forefront of technology and providing our customers the best possible service. He replaces Tim Burckhard, who retired May 29.

Town & Country Credit Union names board leadership

The membership of Town & Country Credit Union elected the newest members of their Board of Directors in March. Incumbents DelRae Zimmerman Geinert, Minot, and Jim Anderson, Kenmare, were both elected to an additional three-year term on the Board. Brian Nelson, Fargo, was elected to fill a vacated board position. He will serve a one-year term.

The Board has also named their new executive committee. DelRae Zimmerman Geinert will remain the Board Chair for another year, Kevin Harmon is the new vice chair and Jeff Stremick will serve as secretary.

DelRae Zimmerman Geinert was originally elected to the Town & Country

Credit Union Board in 2017 and has served as chairman of the board for the last year. Geinert grew up on a dairy farm and graduated from Towner High School. She graduated from Minot State University in 2004, earning bachelor of science degrees in accounting and finance. She has been a licensed REALTOR since 2004, obtaining her Brokers license in 2009. She is married to Matt Geinert and they have two daughters.

Jim Anderson was originally elected to the Board in 2011 and served as vice chair this past year. Anderson was born and raised in Bowbells, ND. He received a bachelor of science degree in mechanized agriculture from NDSU, and has been farming and ranching since 1978. He is now retired, but for more than 15 years he served as the secretary/ manager of the Flaxton Farmers Mutual Insurance Co., a property-casualty insurance company. Jim and his wife, Bonnie, have three children: Jill, Kayla, and Ian. They also have four grandchildren.

Brian Nelson is new to the Town & Country Credit Union Board. Nelson was born in Edmonds, WA, and moved to Stanley, ND, in 7th grade. He holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education, with minors in physical education and driver's ed from Minot State University, and a masters in educational administration from Northern State University at Aberdeen. He started his teaching career in Rolette, ND and later taught and served as principal in Carson, ND, and at Newburg United. In 1996, he was selected as superintendent and elementary principal for Berthold Public School and went on to be the superintendent of the Lewis and Clark Public School District when Ryder, Makoti, Berthold and Plaza schools reorganized. Nelson lives in Fargo, ND, and is currently employed as the superintendent in both Rosholt, SD, and Fairmount, ND. Brian and his wife Ellen have 10 children and six (soon to be seven) grandchildren.



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Member Business Briefs

Minot Rotary Scholarship Foundation awards announced

The 2020 Rotary Scholarships have been awarded from the Minot Rotary Scholarship Foundation Fund. This year there were 15 - \$1,000 scholarships awarded to high school seniors from Minot and the surrounding area.

The Rotary Scholarship Foundation Fund was established by the Rotary Club of Minot 36 years ago. The goal of the fund is to provide scholarships to area youth through a permanent endowment fund held at the Minot Area Community Foundation. Scholarship applications are scored based upon participation in school activities, involvement in community service and charitable organizations, employment history and academic achievements.

This year's scholarship award recipients were as follows: Kelby Armstrong, Emma Compere, Teya Davis, Sarah Haugen, Megan Major, and Amanda Spelhaug (all Minot High School); Aubrey Lemer and Erika Neshem (both Berthold High School); Hannah Bonness and Chloe Gunderson (both Des Lacs Burlington High School); Addyson Eriksmoen (Divide County High School); Aubrey Black and Camden Johnson (both Max High School); Trapper Simmers (Stanley High School); and Kaden Pederson (Tioga High School).

Since its inception, the scholarship fund has awarded 759 schol-



arships totaling \$677,000. Students earning scholarships are chosen by members of the Rotary Club of Minot who review and score every application.

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	1	2	3 Ribbon Cutting, 4 p.m., Mary Me Bridal, #2 Main St., Suite 111	4 Military Affairs Committee, Noon, Virtual Meeting Ambassadors Committee, 4:30 p.m., El Azteca	5	6
7	8	9 Eagle Award Presentation 10 a.m., Chamber office	10 Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., via Zoom	11	12	13
14	15	16 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Right Start Presentation, 9:45 a.m., via Zoom	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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