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34th Annual Prairie Warrior Auction

Thursday, July 8 | Clarion Hotel and Convention Center 5:30 - 6:30 pm - Preview of merchandise, refreshments, and hors d'oeuvres 6:30 - 10:30 pm - Auction (live and silent)

The Minot Area Chamber Economic Development Corporation (EDC) invites the Minot Community to the 34th Annual Prairie Warrior Auction to be held on Thursday, July 8 at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center.

Proceeds from the event go to help with the morale and well-being of Air Force personnel at Minot Air Force Base. An example of programs that benefit is Operation Warmheart, which provides year round essentials to service members and their families in need, as well as Thanksgiving baskets during the holiday season.

This year's auction will have an online presence. Those wanting to bid on silent auction items prior to and during th event can go to https:// minotchamberedc.cbo.io and the keyword is minotchamberedc.

Items include tickets to the ND State Fair, Air Force memorabilia, and homemade corn hole games. Don't miss out, help support our troops!





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MARK LYMAN JOINS MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

The Minot Area Chamber Economic Development Corporation (EDC) welcomes Mark Lyman as an Economic Development Specialist. Lyman brings nearly 20 years of community marketing, public relations, communications, and leadership experience to the role.

In the new role as Economic Development Specialist, Lyman will be responsible for assisting with the implementation of economic development programs while strategically supporting the Minot Area Chamber EDC's mission of business attraction, retention, expansion and advocacy.



Mark Lyman

"I am proud to bring my many years of community experience, ability and insight into this new position for regional economic development," said Lyman. "I couldn't be more excited about the opportunity to be a part of the Minot Area Chamber Economic Development Corporation and am looking forward to working handin-hand with community partners and leaders to retain businesses, help our area expand and attract new companies and employees to the Minot area."

"We are excited to bring someone with the experience and background that Mark brings to the Minot Area Chamber EDC team," said L. John MacMartin, President of the Minot Area Chamber EDC. "With Mark in this role we expect to strengthen our focus on business retention and expansion, new business attraction, and continuing our advocacy, communication and outreach."

AG COMMITTEE PRESENTS AG APPRECIATION DAY GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Minot Area Chamber EDC Agribusiness Committee holds the Brag Up Ag Golf Scramble to invite farmers and ranchers to take a break and enjoy a day off.

The event will be held on Friday, July 9 at the Minot Country Club.



NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR HOSTS MILITARY DAY *TUESDAY, JULY 27*

The North Dakota State Fair says "Thank You" to military families by providing discounts during the Fair on Tuesday, July 27. Military Day at the Fair is sponsored by the Minot Area Chamber EDC Military Affairs Committee.

Sponsored by the ND Beef Commission in partnership with the ND Stockmen's Association, and the ND Cattle Women, the 14th Annual Beef Industry Military Appreciation Picnic, a free roast beef picnic is served for active duty, reserve, and National Guard members and their families. The picnic lunch will be offered from 11am – 1pm, located behind Commercial Building II on the NE corner of the ND State Fairgrounds. There are also free carnival rides from 1:00 – 3:00 pm with Military ID. Coupons can be found at the Minot Area Chamber EDC office or at the Minot Air Force Base Visitor Center.

To find and print the Military Coupon visit https://minotchamberedc.com/news/militaryday/.

MINOT PARKS 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

Minot Parks and Recreation is hosting a patriotic party in the park! Food trucks, live music, and patriotic festivities will fill Roosevelt Park from noon to 3:00 pm. This event is free to attend.

MILITARY DAYS AT THE ZOO IN JULY



The Minot Park District and Minot Area Chamber EDC will

sponsor Military Days at the Zoo every Wednesday in July with a valid Military ID. This will take place from noon to 8 p.m. The Military Affairs Committee of the Chamber EDC is sponsoring this event with the Minot Park District as a thank you to our military members and their families for the sacrifices they endure each day for our freedom.

For more information and tickets, contact the Chamber EDC at 852-6000.



Dear Minot Area Chamber EDC Member:

Your Chamber EDC has an exclusive marketing opportunity available only to Chamber EDC members to promote your business. There are new troops arriving each month at Minot Air Force Base, eager to learn more about the area. The Chamber EDC, working with Minot Air Force Base, will include information in packets to all new military personnel. The packets include a Chamber EDC Community Profile, city map, and North Dakota tourism magazine. Best of all, only Chamber EDC members will have their material included, such as coupons, brochures, and other promotional/advertising information. Please, no fundraising requests.

If you would like your business to be included, please provide 1000 copies of your material to the Chamber EDC office by 5 p.m. Monday, July 12. We supply the Base with this quantity of packets two to three times a year. In order to fit in the envelope, only paper items and nothing larger than 8.5 by 11 inches will be accepted, and only one item per business.

Take advantage of this great promotional opportunity! If you have any questions on this program, contact the Chamber EDC Office at 852-6000 or email to minot@minotchamberedc.com

Sincerely,

Jonn Knecht, Chair Minot Area Chamber EDC

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Members of our Agribusiness Committee served breakfast to youth livestock exhibitors at the Ward County Shootout. It was a beautiful day to show livestock!



EAGLE AWARDS

June recipients of the Minot Area Chamber EDC Eagle Award Program are:



Caryn Repnow McDonald's



Jenna Hurt Minot Police Department



Jacqueline Lausch Minot Police Department



Nicole Rivera Minot Police Department



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Ken Locken (Retired)



Dr. Helen Azarmi, MD Center for Family Medicine



Tiffany Burckhard-Teets Chiropractic Health and Wellness



Maryann Iarossi Slumberland Furniture

Thank you to Homesteaders Restaurant, Waxing the City, and Anytime Fitness for providing gift certificates for award recipients.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



THE NOK BACK TAVERN

100 3rd Street NE Minot, ND 58703 (701) 838-9312 facebook.com/nokbacktavern

The Ambassadors along with new owners Kathy Jo and Rod Halvorson cut the ribbon to celebrate with Nok Back Tavern for their grand opening. Stop by for a cold one!







ROOSEVELT PARK POOL SLIDES

1215 E Burdick Expressway Minot, ND 58701 minotparks.com/pools-aquatics/roosevelt-park-pool

The City of Minot is fortunate to have new slides at the Roosevelt Park Pool. On a hot day, Ambassadors joined Minot Parks & Recreation and pool employees to cut the ribbon to mark the occasion.

SEARS HOMETOWN SERVICES

1425 24th Ave. SW Minot, ND 58701 1-800-359-3764 (701) 707-0530 Manager - Cory Lupton

Minot Area Chamber EDC Ambassadors helped celebrate the grand opening of the Sears Hometown Services with a ribbon cutting. The store has major appliances, lawn and garden products and more.

THE BARK PORCH

3001 7th Street SW Minot, ND 58701 701-509-0214 facebook.com/thebarkporch

The Bark Porch is in a new location to better serve their furry friends. Minot Chamber EDC Ambassadors helped them mark the occasion with a ribbon cutting. The additional space helps them better meet the needs of their customers looking for a pet spa day.

RIBBON CUTTINGS







MAGIC CITY AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK REPAIR

406 20th Street SE Minot, ND 58701 701-852-2589 www.magiccityrepair.com

Magic City Automotive & Truck Repair has a new location across from the ND State Fairgrounds. Minot Chamber EDC Ambassadors helped owner Ken Frederick celebrate with a ribbon cutting. Stop by for all your automotive needs!

SPROUT PEDIATRIC THERAPY

Katelyn Fornshell & Candace Larson 15 1st Ave. SE Minot, ND 58701 701-858-1955 www.sproutnd.com

Sprout Pediatric Therapy opened downtown and Minot Chamber EDC Ambassadors were there to cut the ribbon. Their dedicated team of speech-language pathologists provide individualized therapy to the pediatric population.

MOUSE RIVER PLAN PHASES MI-2 NAPA VALLEY & MI-3 FOREST ROAD

The Ambassadors joined city, state, and national leaders to cut the ribbon on Phases MI-2 and MI-3 of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project. Ambassadors helped showcase an American flag presented by Senator John Hoeven's office.



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MINOT SYMPHONY SECRET GARDEN TOUR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14TH



The Minot Symphony Orchestra will host its 27th annual Secret Garden Tour and Vendor Store on Wednesday, July 14 from 4:30 to 8:30 pm.

This annual open house style event features 5 great gardens in the Minot area. On July 14th from 4:30 to 8:30pm, ticketholders can travel on their own to the featured gardens and spend time enjoying a variety of fruit trees and bushes, perennial and annual flower beds, vegetable gardens, yard art, water features and so much more. The ticket includes the addresses, brief description and a map to each garden. Musicians from the Minot Symphony Orchestra will be at various gardens providing music for your enjoyment.

This years' event features 3 gardens that are new since the 2011 Mouse River Flood. The Commons garden was under 7' of water in 2011 but today features a pergola surrounded

by a variety of luscious green plants, flowers, a stump garden, hops and much more. A short 7-mile drive on HWY 52 near Logan will bring attendees to the Kohlman and Schoenberg gardens. The Kohlman's 26 acres was the perfect serene setting for their daughter's summer wedding. The large pond and water fountain made it picturesque for wedding day photos. The Mouse River running through the backyard makes it convenient for watering, however the family will be forced to move in 2022 due to flood control efforts. The Schoenberg's relocated near Logan from the valley after being flooded in 2011 and in 2017 they started building a terrace garden, pondless waterfall and row garden after leveling the hill. Ticketholders can enjoy their 6 acres with many unique water features, a wide variety of pots, clematis, fruit trees, rain chain and natural underground watering system. The Lowell garden is a well-established, private backyard, filled with shade gardens including 18 hydrangeas, hostas and a variety of fun yard art that was not affected by the 2011 flood. The Symphony is proud to partner with Kalix this year. Kalix is a non-profit organization which provides individualized residential and vocational services to people with disabilities. Event goers can enjoy a Kalix Cookie while discovering one of Minot's Secret Gardens! The Kalix Sensory Garden is a unique therapeutic outdoor space designed for their residents who are aging, experiencing symptoms of Alzheimer's/Dementia, and/or their residents with a general interest in gardening.

The garden and vendor store on the tour showcases some of Minot's talented artists with handmade art, wearables, yard art and décor. Some of your favorite home-based businesses will also be represented.

"This is the perfect opportunity to stop and smell the roses! All while supporting your Minot Symphony Orchestra. Spend a couple of hours listening to live music while enjoying the beauty of Mother Nature and shop at the vendor store featuring local artists and vendors," said executive director, Ellen Fenner.

Tickets are available for \$15 (cash or check) at Lowe's Garden Center-1604 4th Ave. NE, Visit Minot-1020 S. Bdwy, and the Prairie Bistro & Gardens-9243 38th Ave. NW Mohall. Tickets will be available the evening of the tour for \$20 at each garden.

Children under the age of 12 are free. The event will go on rain or shine.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the programming of the Minot Symphony Orchestra, a university and community orchestra that aims to enrich lives by providing opportunities for musicians and inspiration to patrons through education and the performance of diverse orchestral repertoire.

For more information, contact the Minot Symphony office at 701-858-4228 or find them on Facebook at Minot Symphony Orchestra.

The Minot Symphony Orchestra is a unique blend of student, community and professional musicians that has been performing in the Magic City for over 95 years.



CARROLL JOINS BROKERS 12 MINOT

Kelsey Carroll has joined Brokers 12 in Minot. Carroll was born and raised in Houghton Lake, Michigan and moved to Minot with her now husband, right before the 2011 flood.

The MSU graduate worked with Minot Public Schools as well as multiple other districts. Kelsey says she fell in love with helping others and realized real estate was something she could see herself doing as a career in her now forever community of ND.

Kelsey says, "I want to help people find their forever homes and be able to trust their agent, like we did ours! Outside of work my passions in life are spending time with my son, family, friends, and enjoying the great outdoors!"

PEOPLES STATE BANK RECOGNIZED

Bank of North Dakota recognized Peoples State Bank today as one of five recipients of the recent "Thank Your Bank or Credit Union Month" giveaway. North Dakota residents were asked to write up to 250 words to express their gratitude for their local financial institution. Five submissions were randomly drawn and the school in each community receives a \$5,000 donation from BND. The person submitting the selected entry receives a \$529 College SAVE scholarship to a new or existing College SAVE account.

Velva resident Monica Effertz submitted the following about Peoples State Bank, "I appreciate my bank because it is a locallyrun bank. If I have questions or concerns, I can call them, and I actually get to talk to person that lives in the Velva community or surrounding area. There are no voice recordings with all the different extensions and departments. You talk to a human immediately and they will help you or refer you to the person you need to talk to."

Peoples State Bank is matching the \$5,000 donation, creating \$10,000 in funds to be distributed to schools in Velva and Minot. The robotics program at Velva Public Schools will receive \$5,000 and Sources of Strength at Minot Public Schools will receive \$5,000.

BND initiated the effort to thank the local banks and credit unions for their tireless work during the COVID pandemic. North Dakota's financial institutions approved 19,792 Paycheck Protection Program loans for \$1,813,337,634 making North Dakota one of the largest recipients per capital in the United States and facilitated \$457.7 million in applications to Bank of North Dakota for loans and grants that supported nearly 2,000 businesses representing 399 business sectors in the state.

"The partnership and support BND experiences from the local banks and credit unions is crucial to delivering programs to support the businesses, farmers and ranchers in North Dakota," states Eric Hardmeyer, BND President. "I congratulate Peoples State Bank for their work in Minot, Velva and the surrounding community."

Peoples State Bank of Velva, an independent, family-owned bank, has been honored to serve the communities of Velva and Minot for

almost a century and more than a decade respectively. Owner and President Rick Beall is a proud product of Velva Public School and now resides in Minot with his wife, Ashley, and their children - Torston, Greta and Rowan.

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In reference to being selected for the "Thank Your Bank or Credit Union Month" giveaway, Beall stated, "Independent community banks like Peoples State Bank are successful only because of the loyal and hardworking people in the communities in which they exist. Supporting the development, education, businesses and dreams of our communities is the ultimate goal of Peoples State Bank and we are so thankful for this generous gift from Bank of North Dakota that perpetuates that ultimate goal by enhancing educational opportunities for students in Velva and Minot."

Bank of North Dakota is the only state-owned bank in the United States and is overseen by the Industrial Commission whose members are Gov. Doug Burgum, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring.







MINOT STATE PRESIDENT SHIRLEY TO SERVE ON NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNERS, SERVE AS NCAA DIVISION II VICE CHAIR

Minot State University President Dr. Steven Shirley was recently elected vice-chair of the NCAA Division II Presidents Council, effective July 1.

Shirley initially began serving on the Division II Presidents Council, Division II's highest governing body responsible for setting strategic direction and overseeing financial affairs, in August 2019. The vice-chair position is a one-year term with the opportunity for re-election. As Division II Presidents Council vice-chair, Shirley will chair the Planning and Finance Committee.

He will also begin a term on the NCAA's Board of Governors, the highest governance body in the NCAA overseeing association-wide issues. The Board of Governors is comprised of 21 voting members, two from Division II, and represents the interests of all 1,100 colleges and universities



President Dr. Steven Shirley

across NCAA Divisions I, II, and III. Shirley is believed to be the first college president from North Dakota to ever serve on the NCAA Board of Governors.

"It is a remarkable time in college athletics, and I am excited by the opportunity to serve in these leadership roles for the best interests of our student-athletes, colleges, and universities. I have enjoyed my service the past two years on the Division II Presidents Council and look forward to becoming more active as council vice-chair, as well as delving deeper into Associationwide matters impacting Divisions I, II, and III on the NCAA Board of Governors," Shirley said.

Shirley is beginning his eighth year at Minot State this summer, and he also serves on the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Board of Directors, including serving as chair in 2018-19. Previously, while president at Valley City State University, Shirley served on the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Council of Presidents from 2010-2014.

"Dr. Shirley is at his best in a leadership role. I have watched him lead on our campus, within the NSIC, and as a member of the NCAA DII Presidents Council. He will be fantastic in this new opportunity on the NCAA Board of Governors. He has a heart for the students he serves and will continue to be an advocate for the student-athlete," said Minot State director of athletics Andy Carter.

Minot State became a full member of the NCAA in 2012 and just completed its ninth year competing in the NSIC.

A Fargo native, Shirley earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration and his doctorate in teaching and learning, all from the University of North Dakota. Additionally, he completed the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Institute for Educational Management.

MINOT POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS NORTH DAKOTA PEACE OFFICER AWARDS

The Minot Police Department is honored to present the North Dakota Peace Officers Association – Life Saving Award to Clayton Mattern and the North Dakota Peace Officers Association – Good Samaritan Award to Tanner Schock.

On September 27, 2020 Clayton Mattern and Tanner Schock were at a party in McLean County when a fight occurred leading to a 20 year-old male being stabbed. Minot PD was requested to respond and assist with the investigation and through that process, Officer Anthony Hugg learned of the actions taken by Clayton and Tanner and how they took steps to stabilize the victim and transport him about 60 miles to Trinity Hospital. Through conversation with the medical staff, Officer Hugg learned that had it not been for the immediate actions taken by Clayton and Tanner, the victim would have likely died from the stab wound. The officer submitted a nomination letter through my office, to the NDPOA Board for award consideration. The nominations were granted.

MSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2021 GOLDEN AWARDS

The Minot State University Alumni Association announced four individuals have been chosen for the 2021 Golden Award and one individual will be honored with the 2021 Young Alumni Achievement Award.

The honorees include Les Anderson '68, Michael LeBeau '95, Kevin Neuharth '74, and Arnold Strebe '86. The Young Alumni Achievement Award winner is Evan Meiers '10.

Anderson is retired from Minot Public School, having served as the principal at Jim Hill Middle Schools for 19 years. LeBeau is currently the president of Sanford Health, Bismarck Region, and specializes in kidney care as a nephrologist. Neuharth retired from Minot State after 40 years teaching. Strebe is currently chief administrative officer and CFO with the North Dakota Department of Human Services. Meiers serves as the band and drum line director with Minot Public Schools.

The Golden Awards are the highest award bestowed by the Minot State University Alumni Association. Selections are based on outstanding service to the University or alumni association and distinguished leadership in the recipient's career or community. The Young Alumni Achievement Award recipient is between the ages of 21 and 39.

The MSU Alumni Association will honor both its 2020 and 2021 class of Golden Award winners at its annual awards dinner on Thursday, Oct. 7 in the Minot State Conference Center. The 2020 class includes Chuck Barney, Josh Duhamel, Terry Eckmann '81/'82, and John Schwan '82 with the Young Alumni Achievement Award going to Joseph Brewer '04.

More information on the dinner as well as each award winner will be released in the fall. For more information on the Golden Awards, visit the Alumni Association at MinotStateU.edu/alumni.



TSCHETTER NAMED TO BARRON'S NATIONAL LIST OF TOP FINANCIAL ADVISORS

For the seventh consecutive year, Edward Jones financial advisor Greg Tschetter of Minot was named to Barron's magazine's annual list of "America's Top 1,200 Financial Advisors, State by State."

Tschetter, who has served area investors for the past 20 years, ranked No. 2 in the state.

"I'm proud of what this represents to our branch team, and that's the trusted relationships we've built with our clients," he said. "Our purpose at Edward Jones is to partner for positive impact – to improve the lives of our clients and colleagues, and together, better our communities and society. There's nothing better than making a difference in someone's life by helping them financially reach their goals."

His office is located at 1000 31st Avenue SW, Suite B in Minot. He and his branch team member, Sr. Branch Office Administrator Letta Nathan, can be reached at 701-838-5879.

Barron's magazine's "America's Top 1,200 Financial Advisors, State by State" ranking appears in the March 15 edition. Barron's Top 1,200 criteria is based on assets under management, revenue produced for the firm, regulatory record, quality of practice, philanthropic work and more. The rating is not indicative of the financial advisor's future performance. Neither Edward Jones nor any of its financial advisors pay a fee to Barron's in exchange for the rating. Barron's is a registered trademark of Dow Jones & Co., L.P.

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BUEN PROMOTED AT TOWN & COUNTRY CREDIT UNION

Renata Buen was recently promoted to VP Mortgage Origination at Town & Country Credit Union. A Makoti, ND native, she holds a bachelor's degree from Minot State University. Buen started her career in financial institutions 21 years ago, joining Town & Country Credit Union as an Executive Mortgage Officer in 2008.

In her new role, she will be responsible for overseeing Town & Country's team of mortgage loan officers in addition to continuing to help members with their mortgage needs. Buen is active in the community as a Minot Optimist Club board member, chair of the Minot Community Endowment Fund, and a member of the Minot Association of Builders and Minot Board of Realtors. Her office is located at the credit union's main branch in Minot.



Renata Buen

TOWN & COUNTRY CREDIT UNION BRINGS HOME AWARDS FOR FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND COVID-19 RESPONSE

Town & Country Credit Union received three awards from the Dakota Credit Union Association. Town & Country took home first place in the Marketing & Communications category, and second place in both the Desjardins financial education and Louise Herring philosophy in action award categories.

"These awards are evidence of our commitment to being a financial resource and putting our members first," said Jeremiah Kossen, President/CEO of Town & Country Credit Union. "I'm proud of our team's resilience and ability to leverage technology to help our members when they needed us the most."

The first place Marketing & Communications award recognized the credit union's work in providing helpful content around financial milestones for parents and building positive associations for kids regarding saving money and responsible borrowing.

The credit union's second place award in the Desjardins financial education category recognized their Banzai financial literacy program which includes both self-led online games and articles, as well as an in-school program that teachers can use.

The final award, second place in the Louise Herring Philosophyin-Action category, celebrated the credit union's nimble response to COVID-19, including adding additional online offerings, digital signatures, and addition outreach via social media, as well as helping more than 425 members get Paycheck Protection Program funding for their businesses in 2020.

These awards are presented by the Dakota Credit Union Association annually and are open to any credit unions in North and South Dakota based on asset size.



FIFTH ANNUAL NODAK 100 RIDE MINOT AREA CENTURY RIDE TO BENEFIT TAUBE MUSEUM OF ART

Looking for an outdoor event that is both fun and challenging? The Fifth Annual NODAK 100, Minot Area Century Ride is just around the corner, so mark your calendars today! The ride will be held on Sunday, July 18, 2021, with the choice of multiple route lengths!

We are excited to hold this event again as it had to be canceled last year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. To kick off our renewed event, we are thrilled to present a new map that will take riders through the Foxholm Loop.

Registration will be held anytime during 6:00 am - 9:00 am Sunday, July 18th in the Hight Construction parking lot located at 21 2nd St NE. This is not a mass start event - riders may start anytime during registration times. Ride will be at your own pace. All riders are required to wear helmets and all traffic laws apply. Riders must be back to the start location by 6:00 pm. Rest stops will be at: Burlington Senior Citizens Center, Hunter's Den in Foxholm, and Pink's with refreshments available. There will be a SAG vehicle/ mechanic available.

Registration is \$35 and forms will be available at Val's Cyclery, the Taube Museum of Art, online at www.taubemuseum.org or visit www.valscyclery.com for more information. To guarantee a ride T-shirt pre-registration by June 27, 2021 is requested.

Proceeds will support the Taube Museum of Art, a non-profit art organization. With the continuing support of the Minot community we are able to fulfill our mission of enriching lives through the visual arts.

Museum and Gift Shop business hours are 10:30am – 5:30pm Tuesday through Friday and 11:00am – 4:00pm Saturday. Please call Rachel Alfaro, Executive Director at the Taube Museum of Art at 838-4445 for further information.

FOURTH ANNUAL NORTH DAKOTA HUMAN RIGHTS ARTS FESTIVAL

The fourth annual North Dakota Human Rights Arts Festival will be taking place June 10 through July 15, 2021. There will be a reception on June 10 from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Taube Museum of Art. The Taube will be hosting an exhibition which features the work of 52 different artists from around the world, each addressing human rights, civil rights, or a social justice issue. The Taube is honored to be hosting this exhibit for the second year in a row. The festival and reception are free and open to the public. Wine and refreshments will be provided. This project is supported in part by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

In tandem with this event, Minot Area Council of the Arts will be hosting Arts in the City. Thursdays Downtown get started at 5:30 pm every Thursday with Arts and Crafts vendors, bounce houses, and food trucks. A featured concert begins at 7 pm on the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue. Vanity Plate will be the band performing on June 10. Thursdays Downtown are brought to you by the MACA, Creative Night Out, The Putt District, and the Downtown Business and Professionals Association.

The Taube Museum of Art has been a vital part of the overall Minot community for over 50 years! With the continuing support of the Minot community we are able to fulfill our mission of enriching lives through the visual arts.

Museum and Gift Shop business hours are 10:30am – 5:30pm Tuesday through Friday and 11:00am – 4:00pm Saturday. Please call Rachel Alfaro, Executive Director at the Taube Museum of Art at 838-4445 for further information.

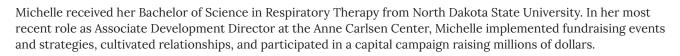




MICHELLE WALKER JOINS CHI ST. ALEXIUS HEALTH AS DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

CHI St. Alexius Health has hired Michelle Walker as the new Development Director. Michelle's role as Development Director will be to plan, direct, implement and evaluate all operations of CHI St. Alexius Health's Foundation. This includes employee and annual giving campaigns, oversight of the Foundation Resource Cabinet, collaborating with donors, and more.

Michelle brings to CHI St. Alexius 20+ years of background in healthcare, management, and fundraising. She has a demonstrated ability to develop relationships with community members and has extensive experience in all areas of philanthropic giving. Michelle has been very involved in the community and currently is a member of the Bismarck Optimist Club and a member of the Leadership Bismarck Mandan Alumni Association.



DAKOTA BUSINESS LENDING WELCOMES LEXI HENDRICKS

Dakota Business Lending is pleased to welcome Lexi Hendricks to the team as a Servicing Specialist and Office Manager, working to provide direct support to and strengthen relationships with our borrowers and small business owners. She will also work to ensure the office is running smoothly and assist with the day-to-day operations of Dakota Business Lending.

Originally from Washington, Missouri, Hendricks attended Missouri State University to earn a bachelor's degree in Economics and has recently moved to the upper Midwest to be closer to family. She has joined the Dakota Business Lending team to further grow her skills and career and looks forward to supporting the team in helping small business owners achieve their

dreams. In her free time, Hendricks enjoys watching sports, spending time by the water, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

Founded in 1982, Dakota Business Lending is the oldest, largest, and most experienced CDC in North Dakota. With staff in Fargo, Bismarck and Minot, Dakota Business Lending serves the entire state of North Dakota and five counties in western Minnesota. The mission of this private, not-for-profit entity is to provide small business financing solutions through collaborative partnerships in a supportive, creative environment that grows the economy and creates or preserves quality jobs.

ROSS JOINS ELMCROFT OF MINOT

Minot native Tom Ross has joined Elmcroft of Minot as Sales Director. As part of the Elmcroft community, Ross says his passion is to work with seniors and their families to create a safe, caring environment for residents to live, thrive, and celebrate this special time in their lives.

Ross is a father of three, active in Chamber Agribusiness Committee as well as a member of Minot's City Council.

Tom Ross



Michelle Walker



Lexi Hendricks



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MINOT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS \$16,000 TO MLS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FROM THE ANNA S. AND HAROLD A.C. BERGSTROM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Minot Area Community Foundation's Anna S. and Harold A.C. Bergstrom Scholarship Fund has invested \$16,000 in the post-secondary education of seven MLS High School Graduates. The scholarship awards were open to all graduating Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood High School seniors who will be enrolling in a postsecondary institution following high school graduation to pursue a career important to rural North Dakota.

The 2021 scholarship recipients are: Ryan Feland (\$4,000); Kristopher Vandemark (\$4,000); Myla Grengs (\$2,500); Makena Raap (\$2,500); James "Bryden" Santos (\$1,000); Alex Armstrong (\$1,000); and Brock Depute (\$1,000).



Selection for scholarship awards for the Bergstrom Scholarship Fund were based on the students' scholastic and vocational achievements/ability and their explanation of how their chosen career is important to and will benefit rural North Dakota, as this was Harold and Anna Bergstrom's intent.

"Since inception, the fund has awarded \$150,000 in scholarships. The Community Foundation is honored to carry out the wishes of Harold and Anna with the gift of education to the youth of their community through their Scholarship Fund," remarked Jason Zimmerman, MACF President. For any questions related to the Bergstrom Scholarship Fund, please contact Staci at the Minot Area Community Foundation at 701.852.0646



X-GOLF MINOT TO OPEN FALL 2021

Golfers will soon be able to hit the links year-round in Minot.

X-Golf, a state-of-the-art golf simulator company with over 30 franchise locations around the U.S., plans to open its first location in North Dakota in Minot this fall. X-Golf will be located in the lower level of the Blu on Broadway, a new five story multi-use building in Minot.

Franchise co-owners Silas Sneed, Bryan Vibeto, and Kent Kirkhammer are excited to bring the first location

to North Dakota and hope to open more locations across the state in the future. "In North Dakota we truly



only get to play a few months of outdoor golf. With X-Golf, you can do 18 holes any day of the year, and

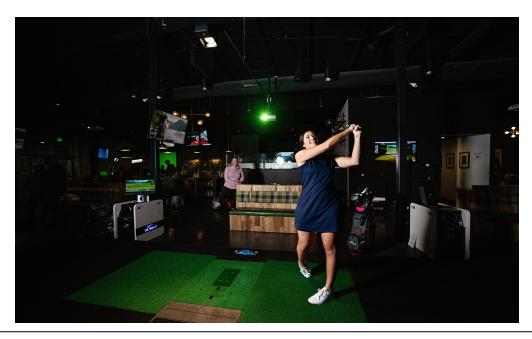
you will have access to the best technology available," said Sneed. "North Dakota, despite our climate, is a big golfing state, and we're excited to bring more opportunities to our community."

X-Golf Minot will feature six golf simulator stations, where golfers hit into a soft screen depicting one of over 50 golf courses, including Pebble Beach, Harbour Town, PGA National and more. The simulators are designed for golfers at all stages of their game and all ages.

Golfers will also be able to eat and drink during their round of golf with a full-service bar and small kitchen that serves "elevated bar food" like pizza, chicken sandwiches and giant pretzels.

With several companies in the golf simulator marketplace, what sets X-Golf apart is its technology. Using laser sensors to capture each golfer's swing and shot with 98% accuracy, not only do the simulators provide the most realistic round of simulator golf, but they can also help golfers identify areas to improve their game. As a bonus, X-Golfers don't have to pick up their golf ball after every shot, as is required with other golf simulators. Once the ball hits the projector screen, a feeder system automatically tees up the ball to a custom height set by each golfer.

While the technology is respected by serious golfers, the bar and atmosphere are perfect for social situations or date nights. In addition to open golf, X-Golf plans to schedule leagues, tournaments, charity events and corporate events.



ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD WECOMES SABRINA HERRMANN AS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Sabrina Herrmann has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as Director of Communications. She is a Minot native and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accountancy and a Master of Science degree in Business Administration from Minot State University, Minot, North Dakota. Herrmann previously served in a marketing and community relations role for a locally headquartered, community bank. Her responsibilities will include overseeing on going public relations-related projects and continuing to raise brand awareness and customer engagement.

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provide visit www.ackerman-estvold.com.

More information on the dinner as well as each award winner will be released in the fall. For more information on the Golden Awards, visit the Alumni Association at MinotStateU.edu/alumni.

ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD CREATES NEW ROLE, CANDANCE BREKKE NAMED DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

Candace Brekke assumes role of Director of Marketing, she has been with Ackerman-Estvold since 2014. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design from Minot State University, Minot, North Dakota, and an Associate of Arts in Graphic Communications from Bismarck State College, Bismarck, North Dakota. Brekke has spent over twenty-four years in the field of advertising, marketing, graphic design, and interactive design. Ms. Brekke will continue to lead the company's brand development in traditional and online/social media and shape the growing corporate messaging throughout all markets.



Candace Brekke

ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD'S AMICK EARNS PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

Ackerman-Estvold is pleased to announce that Nathan Amick recently earned his North Dakota Professional Engineer registration from the North Dakota State Board of Registration. Amick has been with Ackerman-Estvold since 2009 serving as a seasonal intern for five years while earning his degree, He then joined Ackerman-Estvold in 2014 as a full time Civil Engineer.

His work is focused on the Water Resources division with responsibilities for analyzing, documenting and reporting on a variety of water resources issues in the region. Amick has worked closely on various Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Plan phases and he has served as the StARR manager, which is a voluntary acquisition and floodproofing program for rural properties affected by the 2011 Mouse River Flood. His duties also include consulting regional municipalities on infrastructure maintenance and development. Amick earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from North Dakota State University, in Fargo, North Dakota. Ackerman-Estvold is a professional engineering and architectural firm headquartered in Minot, ND, with an additional office location in Fargo, ND, Williston, ND and Boise, ID. The firm provides planning, design, and construction services for public and private clients throughout North Dakota and surrounding states. For more information about Ackerman-Estvold, and services they provide visit www.ackermanestvold.com.



Nathan Amick

Sabrina Herrmann

ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD'S MARX EARNS PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

Ackerman-Estvold is pleased to announce that Ron Marx recently earned his North Dakota Professional Engineer registration from the North Dakota State Board of Registration. Marx has been with Ackerman-Estvold since 2014 as a full time Civil Engineer. He has over a decade of experience in transportation and municipal engineering and has designed and inspected roadway improvements and infrastructure projects, developing working relationships with contractors and government officials.

Mr. Marx serves as both a design engineer and a construction engineer working closely with cities, counties, and the NDDOT. Marx earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Cleveland State University, Fenn College of Engineering, in Cleveland, Ohio. Ackerman-Estvold is a professional engineering and architectural firm headquartered in Minot, ND, with an additional office location in Fargo, ND, Williston, ND and Boise, ID. The firm provides planning, design, and construction services for public and private clients throughout North Dakota and surrounding states. For more information about Ackerman-Estvold, and services they provide visit www.ackermanestvold.com.

ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD WELCOMES TAYLOR BEST AS A PROJECT DESIGNER

Taylor Best has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as an Project Designer. Best earned Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degrees from North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota.

Her responsibilities will include conceptual design, design development, and construction management on architectural projects throughout the region. Ackerman-Estvold is a professional engineering and architectural firm headquartered in Minot, ND, with an additional office location in Fargo, ND, Williston, ND and Boise, ID. The firm provides planning, design, and construction services for public and private clients throughout North Dakota and surrounding states. For more information about Ackerman-Estvold, and services they provide visit www. ackermanestvold.com.

MINOT POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES THREE

Sergeant Dave Chapman was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant with an effective date of June 20, 2021. Dave started as a dispatcher with the police department in August 1996, then became a police officer in July 2000. He has served as a sergeant with the department since July 2012. Dave worked as a K9 handler (Saiber) from 2007-2015 and currently serves as the K9 coordinator for the department K9 teams. Lt. Chapman will be assigned to the Administration Division in his new role.

Master Police Officer Matthew Pappenfus will be promoted to the rank of Sergeant with an effective date of June 20, 2021. Matt started as an officer in May 2013. Matt has served as a K9 handler (Mace) since September 2018. Sgt. Pappenfus will remain assigned to the Patrol Division on the Afternoon Shift.

Master Police Officer Shane Johnson will be promoted to the rank of Sergeant with an effective date of July 18, 2021. Shane started as an officer in September 2010. In October 2015 he was assigned to the Investigations Division and works as part of the Ward County Narcotics Task Force. Sgt. Johnson will continue working in the Task Force while finishing up some open investigations. His exact assignment is unknown at this time, but he will be reassigned sometime in late July or August of 2021.



Ron Marx



Taylor Best

KLJ ENGINEERING ADDS LOCATION WITH ADDITION OF ZILLGITT CIVIL DESIGN

KLJ Engineering LLC is proud to announce that Zillgitt Civil Design has joined the KLJ team! Bringing nearly two decades of civil engineering and survey experience, the addition of Zillgitt Civil Design creates opportunities for the two firms to come together and further partner with communities by engineering progressive infrastructure throughout southeastern Minnesota. Under the KLJ name, the Zillgitt team will continue to serve their existing clients, while bringing the additional resources of KLJ, which has more than 500 employees across multiple states. "We are excited to add the Zillgitt team to KLJ. Their dedication to clients, communities, and quality project work fits the KLJ model perfectly, and we look forward to working together," said Mark Anderson, vice president of environment and public works division.

"It was an easy decision to come together as one team. We have a history of working together in various capacities, and we know our cultures, technical capabilities, and energy will help advance infrastructure projects across southeastern Minnesota," said Mike Zillgitt, president of Zillgitt Civil Design.

Committed to improving the lives of people and communities by engineering infrastructure, KLJ plans to continue operating out of Zillgitt's current office located in Zumbrota, Minn which recently moved from a previous location in Pine Island, Minn. This brings the number of Minnesota offices for KLJ to three, with the other two located in St. Paul and Brainerd, and KLJ's total office locations to 23 across the central and upper Midwest. The office is located at 671 West 1st Street, Zumbrota, MN 55992.

Zillgitt Civil Design focuses on public infrastructure and land development engineering and survey services to cities, counties, and developers across Minnesota. Founded in 2014, the firm brings personal and direct service partnered with high-quality design. "When we started Zillgitt, our goal was to create close partnerships, clear communication, and practical solutions through high-quality work. These have been our core principles and pair well with the values of integrity, community, and trust with KLJ. We are looking forward to continuing to grow and serve the communities of Minnesota," said Zillgitt Civil Design founder, Mike Zillgitt.

TIRES PLUS HIRES JASON ZABLOTNEY AS BISMARCK'S ASSISTANT STORE MANAGER

Tires Plus is pleased to introduce Jason Zablotney as our new Tires Plus North Bismarck's location Assistant Store Manager. Jason worked over 7 years with our organization in the past and has long-served in the Bismarck automotive industry with a total of 19 years experience. Jason is also an Army veteran proud of his service. He is a Minot native and a graduate of Minot High School.

Jason has earned numerous industry specialty certifications throughout his career. He holds certifications with the Tire Industry Association as well as being Bridgestone/Firestone Procert certified and has certification with Continental/General. Jason earned his Bachelor's degree in History from Minot State University.

Jason's long experience in the industry proves his passion for delivering excellent customer service by ensuring his customer's receive exactly what they need. "I love what I do and I'm excited to further my career with Tires Plus in North Bismarck. I can't wait to see my customers and keep them driving safely. Our team includes an Automotive Service Excellence certified mechanic and a Tire Industry Association certified tire technician so we are able to assist with repairs and maintenance along with a great selection of tires."



Jason Zablotney

THE NORTHERN PLAINS CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR CHILD ABUSE WITH INAUGURAL SAVE JANE EVENT JULY 12, 2021 - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

From 11:30-1:30, locals from Minot will join the Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center (NPCAC) in taking a stand against child abuse at the Grand Hotel with the first-ever Save Jane event.

For 2+ hours straight, volunteers from Minot will read the names and ages of over 400 children who were served due to sexual abuse and other crimes committed against them in Ward County and surrounding communities in 2020. Because these children are minors and their identities must be protected, "Jane Doe" and "John Doe" will be used in place of their names. The Save Jane inaugural event launched in Dallas in 2019. This is the first year for the NPCAC to join in the awareness effort.

"The Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center hopes that through Save Jane, Minot and surrounding communities will recognize the absolute magnitude and prevalence of child abuse in Ward County and ND – it is everywhere you look," said Christal Halseth, NPCAC Executive Director. "It will take 2+ hours of non-stop reading to name each child who was served due to a crime committed against them last year in our region. That is simply unacceptable. The event will go through until every name is read because that is representative of the NPCAC and our partners – we never stop fighting for these kids who have suffered unspeakable abuse. The NPCAC and our multi-disciplinary team will continue to do our work, but we need the community's help."

Influential leaders from around the community have signed up for shifts to read names throughout the event. The welcomes all of Minot to take a turn on-stage and participate in this impactful event by reading a selection of names. To volunteer to read names at our 2022 event, please email christal@northernplainscac.org. For Tickets to SAVE JANE, go to npcac.cbo.io





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NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ENCOURAGED TO EARN DESIGNATION TO SUPPORT WORKING MOMS

The fastest growing segment of North Dakota's workforce is mothers of young children. With a majority of North Dakota mothers returning to work after having a baby, the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) is encouraging businesses to support this integral part of the workforce by earning their Infant Friendly Workplace designation.

The Infant Friendly Workplace designation is awarded to employers who adopt breastfeeding support policies. These policies should include guidelines for adequate break times; a clean, private location for milk expression; and available resources for clean water and breast milk storage.

Research from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services shows businesses who implement these policies experience many benefits, including increased employee retention; reduced sick time for children's illnesses; and lower health care and insurance costs.

In addition to these benefits, Brady Nash, CEO of BNG Team, a Fargo-based business solutions company, says becoming an Infant Friendly Workplace is one way businesses can show their employees they care.

"You want your employees to care about your customers. You want them to care about your business. This is just one big example of how you can show that you care about them," says Nash. "I think that can affect turnover...your morale, your culture, and whether people want to stay and whether they recommend people coming to work for you. It's not the end-all be-all, but I think it's a mindset."

In 2019, over 80 percent of North Dakota babies started out breastfeeding. However, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this rate decreases significantly after their mothers return to work.

By providing the right support at work, businesses can help sustain an employee's decision to breastfeed, as well as increase their overall feelings of workplace satisfaction and well-being.

Kelly Mead, social media specialist at BNG Team, says having a designated room is "an exceptional thing to have."

"I feel very cared for working here. Especially this room - it was just like the cherry on the top," says Mead.

Funding is available through the NDDoH Maternal and Child Health Program to support businesses pursuing an Infant Friendly Workplace designation. The primary focus of the funding is to assist workplaces with creating a private space for breastfeeding employees. Businesses may request up to \$500. The 2021 application deadline is August 1.

To learn more and apply, businesses can go to health.nd.gov/infant-friendly, or contact Mikaela Schlosser at mlschlosser@ nd.gov or (701) 328-4529.



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