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## NORTH DAKOTA 67TH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The 2021 North Dakota Legislature reached its finale early Friday morning with lawmakers adjourning at 12:26 a.m. with approval of the spending bill for the Office of Management and Budget, which also serves as the Legislature's last-minute catchall measure. Thursday was day 76 for the Legislature, just short of the 80-day maximum set by the North Dakota Constitution. The Legislature will use the remaining days later in the year to approve new legislative districts.

The 67th Legislative Assembly included a record-high state budget, the first expulsion of a lawmaker and coronavirus pandemic protocols. Of the 914 bills and resolutions introduced this session, 500 passed by both chambers and 29 were withdrawn.

One of the big wins for Minot Area Chamber EDC is the passing of Senate Bill 2245, the Intermodal Facility Construction Grant Program. The bill was introduced by Senators Krebsbach, Burckhard, Hogue, and Wanzek and Representatives Fisher and Louser. The bill provides \$2 million to the agriculture commissioner for an intermodal facility grant program that includes an emergency clause which permits immediate access to the funds. This one-time funding will expand rail capacity to support economic and workforce development and growth and enhance the value of agriculture and commercial products exported through the Logistics Park of ND intermodal facility, operated by Rail Modal Group. Currently, the present operator is conducting business under a provisional arrangement with BNSF. The provisional arrangement ends August 1, 2021 and at that time BNSF will evaluate the continuation of the arrangement.

The Minot Area Chamber EDC Governmental Affairs Committee and the Board of Directors work throughout the session to keep up to date on the legislation that impacts our community and issues facing business both locally and statewide. Many military, veteran, and military family friendly bills passed this session including Senate Bill 2175 – Spouse and Military Member Occupational Licensure reform.

New to the session was coronavirus protocols. The Chamber EDC was a coalition partner working alongside the Greater North Dakota Chamber (GNDC) and others on COVID-19 business liability protection. A coalition of over 20 organizations called for legislation that protect businesses and workers that rely on them. House Bill

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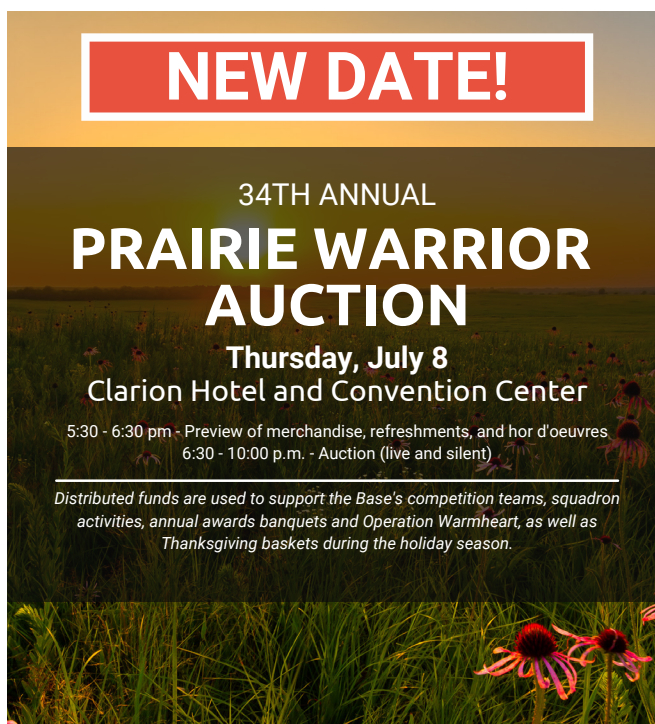
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1175 is based on model legislation from Iowa, which has served as an example for other states. By offering civil liability protection, the bill recognizes that businesses and organizations from all industries have worked hard to stay open and provided ongoing goods, services, and employment that our state relies on.

It is the mission of the Minot Area Chamber EDC to advocate for and invest in business activity by being a collaborative partner in the community, focused on improving quality of life for all. The work over the past 76 days moves our community and state in the right direction. Thank you to all Legislators for your service to our state and for the work you do.





MINOT AREA  
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is hosting

# BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

in our backyard!

1020 20th Ave. SW

**Thursday, May 20, 2021**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Cash Bar | \$5 Admittance

One chance to win \$500 in Chamber EDC Bucks and more!

Food provided by several Chamber EDC member eating establishments.

Thank you to our neighbors for allowing additional parking: MDU, iHeart Media, Iver Eliason, CPA

## CITYWIDE CLEANUP MAY 7 & 8

The Minot Area Chamber EDC is holding its annual Citywide Cleanup. Project CLEAN, Community Leaders Enhancing Area Neighborhoods, encourages you to take part May 7 & 8. This year the focus is on city entrances.

Volunteers are needed to help make an impact. Businesses are encouraged to pick up around their buildings and neighborhoods.

Sign up for areas and grab trash bags for cleanup at the Minot Chamber EDC office.

## MINOT AFB PREPARES FOR GBSD

As a precursor to the planned modernization of the nation's Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile system, the Air Force is conducting field surveys of the Minot missile field to identify and document potential threatened and endangered species, wetlands, or archaeological areas of concern that may impact project planning and implementation. In March, right-of-entry request letters were sent to landowners who may have a portion of their property that may need to be accessed to conduct these surveys. The request is to allow the Air Force and its contractors to access private property to conduct the surveys. Preliminary analysis indicates more than 90 percent of new utility corridors would be on private land. This is preliminary fact-finding work that will inform the development of an Environmental Impact Statement.

### Utility Corridors

Utility corridors would generally be aligned along established roads. These utility corridors would be in addition to the existing utilities connection to the Launch Facilities and Missile Alert Facilities. Activities along the utility corridors would require clearing and grubbing sufficient to provide access to the area and enable installation of the utility lines. Upon completion of the new corridors and easements, disturbed areas would be reseeded and restored, as necessary.

Beginning in spring of 2021, the government will begin field surveys at proposed project areas both on base and in the missile fields, as well as on private property and parcels administered by federal and state agencies. In general, all survey work will be done by a field survey team consisting of two to four biologists or archaeologists who will walk through the survey area to identify and document potential threatened and endangered species and habitat suitable to support them, wetlands, or archaeological areas of concern.

### Further Information

The Air Force has collaborated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to obtain access to support the described survey work effort. If landowners have questions about the letter requesting right of entry or the right of entry agreement that they received they may visit [www.gbsdeis.com](http://www.gbsdeis.com) or speak with someone at the USACE office by calling 1-800-265-9309 or they can make contact via email at: [ROEhelpdesk@usace.army.mil](mailto:ROEhelpdesk@usace.army.mil).

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# EAGLE AWARDS

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



**Carolyn Steen**  
Trinity Health -  
Medical Arts



**Cherrie Randash**  
Grand Hotel



**Jeff Doerr**  
I. Keating Furniture  
World



**Yasmine Mojica**  
OfficeMax



**Carson Medeiros**  
Home Depot



**Cory Handford**  
Home Depot



**Kristen Johnston**  
Trinity Health Center  
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**Nick Miller**  
Menards



**Rita Nagle**  
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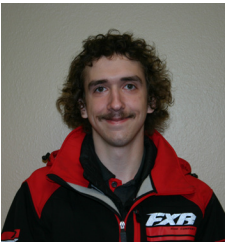
**Dan Leier**  
H & R Block



**Gary Wunderlich**  
Westlie Motor Co.



**Jacki Johnson**  
First Western Bank &  
Trust



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

## FLOOD PROTECTION EARNS ANOTHER NATIONAL AWARD

The largest infrastructure project in Minot's history continues to earn national recognition. Phases 2-3 of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project have been named the American Public Works Association's Public Works Project of the Year, the second national award in recent months for Phases 2-3.

"We've made great progress to protect our community and others throughout the river basin, but we have a lot of work left to do," Public Works Director Dan Jonasson said. "Phases 2-3 are vital to the overall project's success, and we're grateful for the work done by the contractors, consultants, and everyone involved with the project."

Phases 2-3 are mostly in southwest Minot, including work near the Souris Valley Golf Course and Forest Road. The phases were completed in October 2020 at a cost of \$40 million. The projects include more than 8,900 feet of earthen levees, a removable road closure, multiple levee ramps, interior drainage pump stations, and 1,600 feet of stream bank restoration.

The City of Minot collaborates with many partners on the overall project, including the Souris River Joint Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Emergency Management Administration, the North Dakota State Water Commission, the Minot Park District, and the Ward County Water Board, as well as elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels. For additional information or interviews contact the Public Information Office at 701-857-4727 or by email at [pio@minotnd.org](mailto:pio@minotnd.org).

# RIBBON CUTTINGS

## AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE EMILY GROSSMAN AGENCY

**Owner: Emily Grossman**

**811 S Broadway Ste. C**

**Minot, ND 58701**

**(701) 852-5940**

**[agent-amfam.com/emily-grossman](http://agent-amfam.com/emily-grossman)**

The Ambassadors cut the ribbon at American Family Insurance - Emily Grossman Agency. This is new ownership of an existing agency with offices in Minot and Garrison. They work with their clients by helping provide home, auto, life & commercial insurance, among other types of insurance.

## MOTEL 6 / STUDIO 6

**General Manager: JoAnn Voeller**

**1515 22nd Ave. SW**

**Minot, ND 58701**

**(701) 852-2201**

The Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Motel 6 / Studio 6. The property is under new ownership. Motel 6 / Studio 6 is a dual brand, newly renovated hotel that strives to provide a clean, comfortable stay at an affordable price.

## PRAIRIE GRIT THERAPY

**Executive Director: Krystal Butgereit**

**3515 16th St. SW (inside the Minot YMCA)**

**Minot, ND 58701**

**(701) 838-1080**

**[www.prairiegrittherapy.com](http://www.prairiegrittherapy.com)**

The Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Prairie Grit Therapy. Prairie Grit Therapy has a mission to make children's therapeutic treatment fun through an environment rich with opportunities for movement, sensory input, and learning experiences.

## CLEAN CUT/DOODY CALLS

**Owner: Angela Cook**

**2001 8th Ave. SE, Suite D**

**Minot, ND 58701**

**(701) 852-4513**

**(701) 509-9362**

**[www.facebook.com/cleancutminot](http://www.facebook.com/cleancutminot)**

The Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Clean Cut/Doody Calls for their grand opening. Clean Cut/Doody Calls is a local cleaning company that helps clean businesses and homes as well as yard pick-up from our furry family members. Drop by or call today for a quote!

## TJ APPLIANCE SERVICE

**Owner: Troy Jensen**

**3721 East Burdick Expressway**

**Minot, ND 58701**

**(701) 441-1628**

The Ambassadors cut the ribbon at TJ Appliance Service at their new showroom. TJ Appliance Service not only sells new and used appliances, they also fix them! Stop by or give them a call today!



American Family Insurance - Emily Grossman Agency



Motel 6 / Studio 6



Prairie Grit Therapy



Clean Cut / Doody Calls



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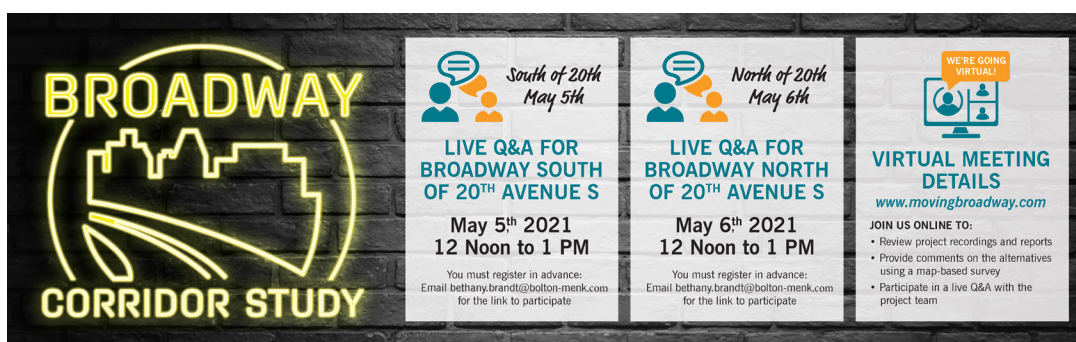


## CITY OF MINOT HOSTING VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE ON BROADWAY STUDY

The City of Minot is hosting a second virtual open house to provide information and collect public comments as part of the Broadway Corridor Study. The virtual open house began April 19 and runs to May 17 at [www.movingbroadway.com](http://www.movingbroadway.com). Visitors to the site can review project documents, view corridor alternative overview videos, and submit comments. There will also be live question and answer sessions on May 5 for Broadway South of 20th Avenue SW and May 6 for Broadway North of 20th Avenue SW. You must register in advance to participate in the live sessions by contacting [Bethany.brandt@bolton-menk.com](mailto:Bethany.brandt@bolton-menk.com).

"We are asking for the public's help in prioritizing and refining the options that have been developed," said City Engineer Lance Meyer. "The options we're presenting now do not lock us into any final design. The information we're gathering will help us determine what the final design will look like when we reach the point of design and construction, which is years from now." The Broadway Corridor Study is a collaborative effort between the City of Minot, North Dakota Department of Transportation, and a consultant team.

Alternatives have been developed that would address safety issues and mobility concerns along the entire stretch of Broadway. The first virtual public input meeting held last fall included more than 1,200 unique visitors and comments. The input received at the first public meeting was influential in guiding the alternatives developed and how they were analyzed. For additional information or interviews contact the Public Information Office at 701-857-4727 or by email at [pio@minotnd.org](mailto:pio@minotnd.org).



The graphic features a dark background with a yellow neon-style outline of a city skyline and the text "BROADWAY CORRIDOR STUDY". To the right are three white boxes with blue and orange icons. The first box is for a "LIVE Q&A FOR BROADWAY SOUTH OF 20TH AVENUE S" on May 5th, 2021, from 12 Noon to 1 PM. The second box is for a "LIVE Q&A FOR BROADWAY NORTH OF 20TH AVENUE S" on May 6th, 2021, from 12 Noon to 1 PM. The third box is for "VIRTUAL MEETING DETAILS" with the website [www.movingbroadway.com](http://www.movingbroadway.com). All boxes include a registration instruction: "You must register in advance: Email [bethany.brandt@bolton-menk.com](mailto:bethany.brandt@bolton-menk.com) for the link to participate".

## Get COVID-19 Test Results in Minutes

### Rapid Antigen Testing Now Available

Do you need COVID-19 test results before traveling or attending an event? Trinity Health offers rapid antigen testing. It's simple and quick, giving you results in-hand within 15 minutes.

The test is available to people with no COVID-19 symptoms and costs \$75. Testing for -symptomatic patients is also available at Trinity Health's drive-through test site.

Simply call **857-7817** to make an appointment in Minot for either test.



**Masks are required at all  
Trinity Health facilities.**

# RESIDENTS SHOULD BE WARY OF FAKE CITY EMPLOYEES

Residents should be wary of two men alleging to be employees with the City of Minot's water and sewer department who say they need to enter homes to check water meters.

"We don't typically show up unannounced. Something like that could happen in an emergency, like when there's a water main break in the area, but even that would be very unusual," said John Reynolds, superintendent of the City's water and sewer department.

If City of Minot employees come to a home or business, they will be wearing City of Minot apparel like a yellow vest with the City logo, and will be driving a City of Minot vehicle with the City's official logo on the side.

"Typically, residents start the process themselves by calling us to report a problem with their meter," said Reynolds. "When they call us, we'll set up an appointment and send a crew out at that time. We don't go around changing or checking water meters for no reason."

If a resident feels at all uncomfortable, they should ask the visitors for identification, or ask for the phone number of the Water Department (857-4150), then call the department to verify the visitor's name. If a resident still feels uncomfortable, they should not let the visitors into their home or business.

Reynolds said crews do not need to enter a home to read the meter; that process can be done electronically from outside the home.

If residents suspect the visit is a scam, they should call the Minot Police Department at 852-0111 to report the incident. Any information residents can provide, such as a vehicle license plate number or description of the visitors, would be helpful to police.



## EMPLOYERS ENCOURAGED TO REPORT NO SHOWS AND WORK REFUSALS TO JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA

Employers who are experiencing 'no-shows' to job interviews and refusals of work offered are being asked to report these instances to Job Service North Dakota.

Unemployment Insurance claimants are required to make weekly job contacts to maintain eligibility to receive UI benefits. Scheduling interviews and not appearing for them, as well as refusing reasonable offers to return to employment are both violations of those requirements.

Employers may report these situations at [www.jobsnd.com/unemployment-business-tax/respond-claims](http://www.jobsnd.com/unemployment-business-tax/respond-claims) by clicking "Report No Show for Interview or Work refusal" link at the bottom of the page. In addition, a yellow banner at the top of each page on [jobsnd.com](http://jobsnd.com) will also take users to that link.





# GIVING CREDIT WHERE IT'S DUE.

It takes all of us working together to power our communities. It's how we keep our electricity dependable and affordable, and keep Verendrye Electric Cooperative operating efficiently. Because we're an electric cooperative owned by our members, we set aside our margins and return them to you. This year, we are pleased to return \$1.875 million, tying last year's record. Watch for your check in the mail and join us at our annual meeting, June 10. Thanks for the cooperative spirit that makes this a success.

# MEMBER RENEWALS

701 Realty, Inc.

Ackerman Surveying & Associates

Ackerman-Estvold

AE2S (Advanced Engineering & Environmental Services)

All America City Glass

All American Trophies & Screen Printing

Bank of North Dakota

Blue Cross Blue Shield

Brady, Martz & Associates, P.C.

Brokers 12 Real Estate

Buffalo Wings & Rings

Central Power Electric Coop., Inc.

Clean Tech

Coldwell Banker 1st Minot Realty

The Computer Store, Inc.

Core & Main

Creative Property Management, Inc.

Creedence Energy Service

Dacotah Bank

Dakota Fire Extinguishers, Inc.

Dakota Fluid Power / Prairie Truck Equipment Inc.

Digital Office Centre

Fargo Glass & Paint Co.

Farm Credit Services of North Dakota, ACA

First International Insurance

First Western Bank & Trust

Gate City Bank

HighAir Ground

Homesteaders Restaurant

Horace Mann

Houston Engineering, Inc.

Innova Integrated Solutions

JLG Architects

Jost Masonry Construction, Inc.

Kalix

Keller Williams Inspire Realty

Krill Appraisal Services, Inc.

KX News

Lowe's Printing

Magic City Beverage

Magic City Home Leisure

Marco's Pizza

MetroPlains Management

Mi Mexico

Midco

Minot Air Force Base

Minot Council of the Arts

Moore Engineering, Inc.

Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #822

Mowbray & Son Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Northern Bottling

Northern Brake Service

Northern Sentry (Bolton Advertising Group)

Northland Health Centers

Olson & Burns, P.C.

Outback Autobody, Inc.

Pringle & Herigstad, P.C.

Reiter Oil & Gas, Inc.

Greg Simonson

Small Business Development Center

The Small Business Platform

Sport Clips

State Farm Insurance - Jessica Aardahl

Taco John's

TSC Farm Home Auto Store

Souris Valley United Way

Vibeto Orthodontics

Zarr Financial Services

# MEMBER NEWS

## MINOT COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT IS OPEN

The Minot Community Endowment Fund is currently accepting grant applications for the 2021 grant cycle. A total of \$66,000 is available. Only applications submitted online will be accepted, and technical assistance will be available for anyone who needs it. Applicants must be designated by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, or a government agency. Groups without such designation seeking to apply may enlist a fiscal sponsor. Applications must be submitted by May 31.

For instructions on how to register your organization and to apply for a grant, visit [www.NDCF.net/Minot](http://www.NDCF.net/Minot) and click on the Apply tab. If you have questions, you are encouraged to call the North Dakota Community Foundation at 701-222-8349.

The Minot Community Endowment Fund was established in 1981 as a permanent endowment fund managed by the North Dakota Community Foundation. Earnings from the fund are given as grants every year to organizations that support the Minot community.

### GRANT OPPORTUNITY!

Now through May 31, nonprofits & community groups in Minot may apply for a grant from the Minot Community Endowment Fund.  
[www.NDCF.net/Minot](http://www.NDCF.net/Minot)



## INTERNATIONAL MUSIC CAMP LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The International Music Camp is in need of volunteers to help with garden work, maintenance work, spring clean-up and even tour guides.

There are three upcoming opportunities for volunteering. This is a great opportunity for businesses to provide community support. It's fun to come as a group or come by yourself and make some new friends. Be sure to register so they know how many will be helping that day!

### **Saturday - May 15: Volunteer Work Day 8:30 am - 4:00 pm (options for full or half day)**

Registration Form: <https://secure.peacegarden.com/eventReg.jsp?event=18&>

*Note: This is also the same day as the annual meeting. If you are an annual member and also choose to participate in the annual meeting you are able to do both.*

### **Saturday - June 12 - Volunteer Planting Day - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Registration Form: <https://secure.peacegarden.com/eventReg.jsp?event=23>

### **Sunday - June 13 - Volunteer Planting Day - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Registration Form: <https://secure.peacegarden.com/eventReg.jsp?event=28&>

Join their "Worker Bee" colony at the Garden and be part of a community that cultivates peace. For more information, contact Melinda Goodman at 414-469-5524.

## MEMBER NEWS

### SOURIS VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER AND ATYPICAL BREWERY AND BARRELWORKS PRESENT THE CHASIN' TAIL DOG FRIENDLY 5/K/10K RUN/WALK

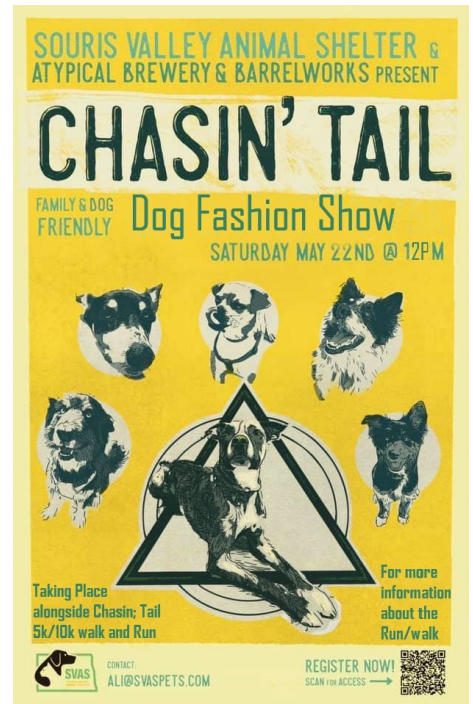
"Chasin Tail" is a fun dog-friendly event for runners and walkers of all ages. Your participation will allow SVAS to continue to rescue, shelter, provide medical needs and find lifelong, loving homes for animals in the 11 counties we serve.

REGISTER AT:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/ND/Minot/ChasinTail>.

Following the run, make sure to join them for a fun, family-friendly, after-party at Atypical! This includes Chasin' Tail Dog Fashion Show taking place at Atypical Brewery and Barrelworks along with a silent auction and games for families and friends.

Chasin' Tail Dog Fashion Show is open to the public and admission is free. Free-will donations are appreciated.



## Welcome BRETT FIDDLER to THE HOME TEAM

Brett Fiddler  
NMLS# 1284712

Renata Buen  
NMLS# 789467

Lisa Thuner  
NMLS# 200018



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## MEMBER NEWS

### TOWN & COUNTRY PROMOTES TWO, HIRES ONE

Recently, two employees were promoted and one was hired at Town & Country Credit Union's main office in Minot.

**Brett Fiddler** was promoted to Mortgage Loan Officer. A Minot native, Fiddler graduated from Minot State University with degrees in finance and international business and brings six years of credit union lending experience to his new role. Most recently, he assisted Town & Country members as a commercial loan officer. In his new position, he will join the Town & Country mortgage team providing Minot-area borrowers with local mortgage lending services including purchases, refinances and first-time homebuyer programs. Fiddler also currently serves as the president of Sunrise Rotary and the treasurer for the API Bakken Chapter.



**Brett Fiddler**

**DeeAnn Roloff** was promoted to Plastics Assistant. A Wyoming native, she brings 16 years of experience in financial institutions including four years focused on plastics and disputes to her new role. Roloff joined the credit union in 2020 and most recently served as a Member Services Associate. In her new role, she will be responsible for assisting in the management of the credit union's debit and credit card portfolio, including helping members with card-related issues and processing card disputes.



**DeeAnn Roloff**

**Luke Heilman** recently joined Town & Country Credit Union as a Commercial Loan Officer. A Minot native, Heilman brings over five years of banking experience with a focus on member service and credit to this new role. He also holds a degree in finance from Minot State University. As a commercial loan officer, Heilman will be helping business members achieve their goals by leveraging the credit union's lending products. In his spare time, he serves on the board for the Minot Y's Men.



**Luke Heilman**

### TOWN & COUNTRY RANKED IN TOP 100 BEST PERFORMING CREDIT UNIONS IN THE US

Town & Country Credit Union is the only credit union in North or South Dakota to be named as one of the top-performing credit unions in the United States by S&P Global Market Intelligence, a worldwide source of data regarding financial institutions.

Town & Country Credit Union came in at 41 out of 100 in the annual ranking of the top credit unions in the nation. Using December 31, 2020 data, S&P Global Market Intelligence compared 1,727 qualifying credit unions before narrowing it down to the top 100.

"We're proud to be recognized as one of the top-performing credit unions in the nation," said Jeremiah Kossen, President/CEO of Town & Country Credit Union. "We believe in fueling continual growth by providing meaningful value for our members, and these numbers make it clear that this mindset is paying off."

The rankings are based on five metrics: member growth; average loans, net of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, per member; net worth as a percentage of total assets; delinquent loans as a percentage of total loans, net of PPP loans; and return on average assets.

### WILSON PROMOTED TO RECRUITMENT MANAGER

KLJ Engineering is proud to announce that Travis Wilson has been promoted to Recruitment Manager. Wilson stepped into the Interim Recruitment Manager role in March and now takes on the role officially. As KLJ's recruitment manager he will lead the company's recruitment efforts and ensure recruitment practices align with the strategic growth of the organization.

Wilson, who has worked in KLJ's Human Resources department since April 2019, earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and human resources management from the University of Mary. He is a Society of Human Resources Management Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) and has a wealth of experience in talent recruitment, human resources, and business administration.



**Travis Wilson**

## MEMBER NEWS

### ERETH AWARDED FEDERAL DAKOTA SKIPPER SURVEY PERMIT

KLJ is proud to announce that Corie Ereth, Senior Environmental Planner, has been awarded a permit from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) that allows her to complete Dakota Skipper butterfly surveys. Dakota Skippers are an endangered species and their habitats and potential habitats are protected. Part of ensuring their safety and population recovery is performing scientific research surveys that analyze migration patterns, populations, and habitat use. Corie will be one of only a handful of people completing this important work across the Midwest. Over the past few years, she went the extra mile by shadowing permitted surveyors during the brief annual Dakota Skipper flight period to gain valuable field experience.



**Corie Ereth**

Corie is an expert in environmental conservation and rangeland research. She has worked in coordination with private landowners, local, state, federal, and Tribal agencies. Corie is proficient in plant and ecological site identification and biological and botanical surveys. Before being awarded this permit, she collaborated with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to develop a botanical survey method for identifying potential Dakota Skipper habitat. She has taken more than 28 continuing education courses to further her expertise in her field.

Corie earned her Master's degree in range science and her Bachelor's degree in animal and range sciences from North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND.

### BOSCH JOINS FIRST INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE

Braden Bosch has joined First International Insurance as an insurance agent with over five years of experience as a commercial insurance agent and more than 10 years as a sales and marketing professional.

Whether it be contractors, restaurants, apartments, retail shops or anything else in between, Braden takes pride in keeping local businesses and business owners protected.

In addition to his current role at FIBT, he is a proud supporter of Bishop Ryan Catholic School and a volunteer for the Minot Y's Men. He enjoys spending time with his two sons in the great outdoors and coaching their sporting events.



**Braden Bosch**

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## MEMBER NEWS

### MARCO HIRES MARKETING OFFICER, ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE PROMOTIONS

Marco announced a series of executive promotions and the addition of Dawn Zimmerman as Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer.

In this newly created role, Zimmerman oversees marketing and communications, learning and development, and the company's overall corporate strategy initiatives, brand and culture. She has been working with Marco in a consulting role since 2007. Zimmerman brings experience as a strategist and business owner to Marco.

Marco also promoted these current employees to new positions:

**Trevor Akervik** as Chief Strategy Officer, overseeing Human Resources and business strategies that promote growth and opportunities for the company's talent—today and into the future. Prior to this role, Akervik served as Vice President of Managed Services and was instrumental in building the company's managed practice. He joined Marco in 2001 as a sales professional and earned a series of leadership promotions.

**Steve Gau** as Chief Revenue Officer, overseeing the company's newly combined IT and copier sales divisions. Gau is a highly respected sales veteran in the technology industry. His sales leadership has helped Marco achieve consistently strong revenue and profit growth. Prior to this new role, Gau served as president of Marco's Copier Division.

**Steve John** as Chief Service Officer, leading pre-sales engineering and service teams for all of Marco's solutions. John brings three decades of technical experience to this new role. He previously served as Vice President of IT Services.

These leaders are part of Marco's executive team, who will lead the company through continued growth and expansion, as well as build on Marco's reputation as a destination workplace.

### MARCO ACHIEVES SOC 2 TYPE 2 ATTESTATION REPORT

Marco announced it has completed a SOC 2 Type 2 examination of the Managed IT and Managed Print Services based on the Trust Services Criteria relevant to security and availability set forth in the TSP Section 100, 2017 Trust Services Criteria. This demonstrates the company's ongoing commitment to security and clear assurances of system controls to protect and serve managed service clients.

SOC, short for System and Organization Controls, is a program established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants to evaluate service providers based on key criteria. Completing a SOC 2 Type 2 is a significant goal for many managed service providers.

Obtaining a SOC 2 Report required an engagement by an independent public accounting firm to verify that Marco's management has implemented an internal control system that, in all material respects, achieves their security and availability commitments to protect client data.

"Achieving a SOC 2 Type 2 Report was a major undertaking and required significant effort across all areas of Marco," said Mike Burgard, Chief Information Security Officer at Marco. "We are proud to have completed a SOC 2 Report for the benefit of our clients. It further shows our dedication to security and provides additional validation that we practice what we preach."

There are two types of SOC 2 examinations, including a SOC 2 Type 1 Report and a SOC 2 Type 2 Report. While a Type 1 Report evaluates an organization on whether controls were designed to meet commitments and criteria at a point in time, a Type 2 Report evaluates an organization on whether controls were designed and operated effectively during a defined period.

"Many Managed Service Providers achieve a SOC 2 Type 1 Report," Burgard said. "Few attain the SOC 2 Type 2 report that assesses the operation of our controls over a period of time."

SOC 2 attestation is designed for businesses that manage customer data and systems.

"This report establishes trust and confidence that our internal controls were designed and operated effectively to protect our clients," Burgard said. "A growing number of organizations are requiring a SOC 2 report as a minimum standard when selecting a service provider, especially in regulated industries such as health care and finance."

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants established the SOC internal control frameworks standards. Marco's SOC 2 Type 2 was conducted by RSM US, LLP, one of the Top 10 public accounting firms in the United States. Marco's SOC 2 Type 2 was based on the Trust Services Criteria for security and availability.



## MEMBER NEWS



### MINOT STATE OFFERS LEADERSHIP LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY

Minot State Residence Life and the Looyenga Leadership Center are offering students a new opportunity on campus Fall 2021, the Leadership Living-Learning Community.

Recognizing that leadership is important to all majors and career paths, the community will be located on the second floor of Lura Major, a co-ed gender inclusive suite-style residence that offers students a comfortable living environment.

“The Leadership Living-Learning Community allows us to offer unique community-building experiences with students who share similar interests and goals,” said Jim Sturm, Looyenga Leadership Center director. “Students will have a chance to develop their leadership skills while interacting with others from a wide range of majors.”

The community will foster current and future success through involvement in leadership, citizenship, and relationship building.

“The living community is open to first-year students,” said Karina Stander, Residence Life director. “We will give preference to students who are part of the UNIV 110: Be Empowered class. Other students who have indicated that they are interested in being a part of the leadership community will be selected on a first-applied, first-served basis until it is filled. It has a capacity of 30 students.

“The peer mentor from the First-Year Experience Learning Community will also serve as the resident assistant for the living community. This will allow us to carry programming from in the classroom into the residence hall.”

Students who participate in the Leadership Living-Learning community can anticipate leadership activities throughout the semester, including an adventure weekend of high and low ropes team building, a community service project, developing a personal leadership plan, and leadership workshops, speakers, and activities focused on developing leadership skills

“Learning about leadership not only boosts your self-confidence and self-awareness, and helps you land your dream job, it is essential for understanding and working with others,” said Sturm. “There is a desperate need right now for leaders who can bring people together and help solve the problems we are facing.”

For more information about the Leadership Living-Learning Community, email [karina.stander@minotstateu.edu](mailto:karina.stander@minotstateu.edu) or [james.p.sturm@minotstateu.edu](mailto:james.p.sturm@minotstateu.edu)



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## MEMBER NEWS

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# DALE CARNEGIE GRADUATES RECEIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

The following individuals have received awards from Dale Carnegie of ND & MN for The Dale Carnegie Course in Minot.

- Wade Zumbaum, O'Day Equipment: Highest Award for Achievement
- Connie Wilson, Souris Basin Planning Council: Business Application Project Award

Dale Carnegie, founded in 1912, is the worldwide leader in professional development and performance improvement. The organization's aim is to sharpen skills and improve performance in order to build positive, steady, and profitable results. Although Dale Carnegie offers multiple courses, ranging from leadership to presentation skills to sales success, The Dale Carnegie Course is the signature offering.

The course is presented so participants can discover how to form closer, more rewarding relationships built on trust and respect. Graduates of the course will be able to increase their confidence and competence in interacting with others, which will gain the influence needed to reach new heights in personally and professionally. All awards were presented by course trainer, Michelle J. Wall, who notes that "The Dale Carnegie Course is a transformational experience. We help participants achieve business and individual results by changing their ways of being."

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# INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DIRECTOR RICK FELTNER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Minot International Airport Director Rick Feltner has announced his retirement, effective June 3.

"Rick has been a great asset to the City of Minot as an organization and especially to the International Airport," said City Manager Harold Stewart. "We certainly wish him well, but we will miss his leadership and experience moving forward." Feltner has been Minot's airport director since May 2016.

A native of southern Indiana, Feltner was the deputy executive director of Terminal One at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Jamaica, N.Y., prior to working in Minot. He was also previously corporate director of airport services of Delta Air Lines in Minneapolis.

"We're thankful for Rick's work and guidance during his time with us in Minot," said Minot Mayor Shaun Sipma. "Through his commitment to the facility, the staff, and our community, Rick is leaving the Minot International Airport in a better situation than when he took over. We wish him nothing but good luck in the future."

Feltner said he is moving back to Indiana to live on his family's farm. A nationwide search will begin in the next couple of weeks to find Feltner's replacement. For additional information or interviews contact the Public Information Office at 701-857-4727 or by email at [pio@minotnd.org](mailto:pio@minotnd.org).

## MEMBER NEWS

### SHARE A STORY AT YOUR BUSINESS

Area literacy leaders are working together to demonstrate the life-changing impact 20 minutes can have on a child's life.

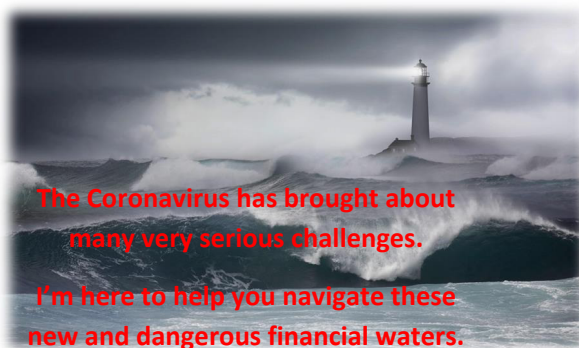
"Having your child read for just 20 minutes a day can drastically improve their test scores and increase their vocabulary," said Sara Medalen a teacher at Sunnyside Elementary school and 2020 ND Teacher of the Year. Whether your child reads alone or you read together, reading will not only help in school success, but will stimulate imagination which can introduce them to concepts, cultures, and possibilities beyond their own experiences.

To help parents reach this goal of 20 minutes per day, area educators, librarians, and children's advocates are joining forces to ensure children have the opportunity to read for at least 20 minutes per day. Washington Elementary teacher and president-elect of the North Central Reading Council Erin Zietz said that one goal of organizers is to "get books into the hands of kids all over Minot and share the joy of stories." Zietz said that to make this happen she and other community leaders are happy to stop by any business or organization to read stories. In addition, organizations involved, such as the Minot Public Library and North Central Reading Council, are able to bring new and gently used books to these locations for children to add to their own library. Anyone interested in hosting a story telling time at their business should contact Sara Medalen at 701-721-5712 or Randi Monley at [randi.monley@minotnd.org](mailto:randi.monley@minotnd.org).

Organizers are also hoping to spread the importance of reading 20 minutes a day to local nonprofit groups and service clubs. Anyone interested in having someone come speak can also contact Sara Medalen at 701-721-5712 or Randi Monley at [randi.monley@minotnd.org](mailto:randi.monley@minotnd.org).



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## MEMBER NEWS

### NORSK HØSTFEST CANCELED FOR 2021, REITEN RETIRES

The 2021 Norsk Høstfest has been canceled, but plans are underway to bring the festival back in 2022 with a new president at the helm.

The Høstfest Board of Directors voted this week to cancel this year's festival, the second consecutive year the event has succumbed to pressures brought by the COVID-19 outbreak. Board members said the pandemic has hurt the outlook for Høstfest in several ways: the tour business has been severely curtailed, travel concerns reduce the likelihood of attracting visitors from Scandinavia, the Canadian border may not yet be reopened by this fall, and patrons may be hesitant to resume gathering in large numbers under one roof.

Meanwhile, board members say they intend to use the next several months to reimagine the festival and will be meeting with executives from similar events from around the country to determine the best path forward for Norsk Høstfest.

David Reiten, who has been president of the Norsk Høstfest Association since 2011, has announced he is stepping down from that position. Reiten took over leadership of the festival from his late father, Chester, who helped found the event in 1978 and guided it through years of rapid growth and long-term success. David Reiten says his love for the festival remains, but adds that Høstfest will continue with great leadership. "After 40-plus years of a Reiten at the helm, it is time for someone else to take hold of the reins and guide Norsk Høstfest into the future." Reiten says he and the entire Reiten family are thankful for all of the volunteers, vendors, entertainers, artists, and patrons who helped make the Høstfest into the largest Scandinavian festival in North America. "Without the contributions of thousands of people who make the event happen every year, the vision of Chester Reiten would never have been realized. We are grateful to all who have donated their time and talents over the decades and trust the volunteer spirit will continue for decades to come."

The Board of Directors issued the following statement: "The city of Minot, the state of North Dakota, and the Scandinavian-American community at large owe the Reiten family an enormous debt of gratitude for the leadership and dedication poured into Norsk Høstfest over the decades. In his tenure, David Reiten rose to the challenges that changes in the entertainment industry have presented, and kept the celebration going nonetheless. On behalf of the board of directors, we thank him for a job well done — and pledge continuation of the Reiten legacy."

Plans call for the 2022 Høstfest to be held in late September. Specific dates will be determined later this year.



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# May 2021 - Chamber EDC Meetings and Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	<b>3</b> <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> 4:00 pm Triple C Clinic 1418 South Broadway Suite B  <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> 4:30 pm Mosquito Joe 2713 Heritage Dr.	4	<b>5</b> <b>Board of Directors</b> 7:30 am Minot Chamber EDC	<b>6</b> <b>Military Affairs Committee</b> noon Grand Hotel	<b>7</b> <b>Citywide Cleanup</b> 9:00 am -5:00 pm City Entrances	<b>8</b> <b>Citywide Cleanup</b> 9:00 am -1:00 pm City Entrances
9	10	<b>11</b> <b>Eagle Awards Presentation</b> 10:00 am Chamber EDC Office	12	13	<b>14</b> <b>Infrastructure Committee</b> 7:30 am Homesteaders Restaurant	15
16	17	18	<b>19</b> <b>Coffee with the President</b> 1:30 pm Minot Chamber EDC	<b>20</b> <b>Governmental Affairs Committee</b> 11:30 am Badlands Restaurant  <b>Business After Hours</b> 5:00 -7:00 pm Minot Chamber EDC 1020 20th Ave.	21	<b>22</b> <b>VFW Ribbon Cutting</b> 1:00 pm 1100 31st St. SE
23	24	25	<b>26</b> <b>Right Start Presentation</b> 9:50 am MAFB  <b>Energy Committee</b> 11:30 am Grand Hotel	27	28	29
30	<b>31</b> Minot Chamber EDC Office Closed					