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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021
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Mark November 18 on your calendar for the much anticipated and well attended Minot Area Chamber EDC Showcase of Business, presented by SRT Communications, Inc.

This year's theme is "Showcase what makes your company Magic!" This is an opportunity for businesses to decorate around this theme, and for you, as a Chamber EDC member, to showcase your products and services to nearly 1,000 attendees. Thanks to our media sponsors KMOT and Hometown Radio Group for getting the word out to bring people in!

Showcase of Business is a signature event and fundraiser for the Minot Area Chamber EDC. The business sponsorships help provide the financial backing for the Showcase, as well as ensuring that the event continues supporting the business community. Below are sponsorship opportunities.

• **Platinum Sponsor** - \$1,000, includes three 10x10 booths, along with 30 admission tickets, and one quarter-page ad of your choice in a future Chamber EDC Communicator. Six available.

• **Gold Sponsor** - \$500, includes two 10x10 booths, along with 20 admission tickets. Ten available.

Single booths are also available at \$200 for a 10x10 and \$300 for a 15x15 booth.

All booths include one 8 foot table and two chairs. Power outlets are available.

You, as a booth participant, can have your own giveaway, and the winner will be announced at the end of the evening. You can also enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Those attending enjoy the door prizes given out at the end of the evening, including a trip from Delta Vacations, valued at \$2,000, which keeps attendees there the entire evening.

Sign up today by going to www.minotchamberedc.com, click on November 18 on the calendar; use your login and password.

Be sure to attend the Showcase of Business - just \$10 at the door. Enjoy delicious food, network with other business professionals, and try your hand at winning prizes, including \$500 in Chamber EDC bucks. Must be present to win.



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Chamber University

Powered Productivity: Super Tech Tools to Get Stuff Done

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 | 9:00 am

The Minot Area Chamber EDC has changed the upcoming Chamber University opportunity from an in-person event to a FREE Zoom event. As our community navigates worker shortage and busy fall schedules, our focus remains on providing learning opportunities for our member investors.



To register for the digital event, please go to www.minotchamberedc.com and click on November 10 and register today. For those of who have already paid, you will be reimbursed.

Exasperated by email? Peeved about passwords? Tired of tedious tasks? You're not alone.

Join Your Nerdy Best Friend, aka author Beth Ziesnenis, for a research-based look of common productivity problems, followed by the technology to solve them.

Discover how to use free and bargain technology tools you never knew existed to work more efficiently with your teams, get organized and finally get stuff done.

What You'll Take Away

- Discover low-cost, high-value apps and tech tools that you can start using right away
- Learn great tech tips and app ideas from your colleagues
- Get new ideas to increase efficiency, improve relationships and get things done!

Don't wait! Register today!

SAVE THE DATE

*December Business After Hours presented by
the Minot Area Council of the Arts*

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Carnegie Center

Mark your calendars and save the date for the December Business After Hours. The event, hosted by the Minot Area Council of the Arts will be held in the Carnegie Center at 105 2nd Avenue SE.

Business After Hours are excellent networking opportunities that bring together a large cross section of the business community and have become a strong resource for our member investors.



Happy Thanksgiving!

From Our Family To Yours

We're grateful for all life brings to the table.

Arrowhead

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(701) 839-2170

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1600 S Broadway
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(701) 837-2050



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YES FOR STUDENTS COMMITTEE SUPPORTS MINOT PUBLIC SCHOOL REALIGNMENT PROJECT



A coalition of community supporters is urging Minot voters to support students by voting yes on December 7, 2021. The Yes for Students Committee today announced its plan to advocate for the passing of the Minot Public Schools Realignment Project and supporting a yes vote on all three questions on the ballot for the special election scheduled for December 7.

Minot Public School Board scheduled a special election after a unanimous vote at the September 2021 school board meeting. The bond referendum includes remodeling and adding school facilities to create a third middle school and two 9-12 grade high schools in Minot. A second question includes a pool and athletic complex. A third question allows the District to increase the debt limit.

"It's time we get this done and vote yes for students but also vote yes for our community. A strong school system is necessary for a strong community," said Marv Semrau, Yes for Students committee member. "The last successful bond for building a high school was in 1969."

The Minot Public School District was gifted the Cognizant building for \$10, providing millions in savings toward a second high school. In addition, the District was awarded \$10 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) Funds that will be used towards the realignment project. ESSER Funds must be expended by 2024.

The Minot Area Chamber EDC board of directors passed a resolution of support. Board chairman, Jonn Knecht shared, "We are grateful to have passionate citizens in our city championing the Minot Public Schools Realignment Project and creating better opportunities for students." Knecht added, "We know having a strong education system is a key component to our overall quality of life and economic development efforts." Randy Hauck, chair of Minot's Military Affairs Committee stressed the importance of a strong education system

and the tracking of this by the Department of Defense and Air Force Global Strike Command.

The challenges outlined by Minot Public Schools include adjustments that are needed at both the middle school and high school levels. Middle schools are overcrowded. Ramstad Middle School is at capacity and Jim Hill Middle School has 14 classrooms utilizing portable, makeshift spaces. High school challenges tie to the current configuration which transitions students between 9-10 grade at Central Campus to 11-12 grade at Magic City Campus. Minot Public School District is one of the few districts in the country with a split high school campus. In addition, Minot is the largest district in the state, limiting academic and extracurricular opportunities for students.

Jill Wald participated in the Minot Public School District stakeholder planning meetings and shared, "Ideas were shared from a broad section of the community and there was a lot of discussion and engagement from all who attended the planning session. Overwhelmingly the discussions centered around opportunities for students with two high schools opening up opportunities for two first chair band positions to two basketball teams."

The election will be held at the Minot Auditorium from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7. Absentee ballots are available through the Ward County Auditor/Treasurer's Office. Applications for absentee ballots can be found on the Ward County website, wardnd.com under Auditor/Treasurer Department election section starting Thursday, October 28. Early voting will take place November 29 – December 3 and December 6 at the Ward County Administrative building from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. each day.

More information about the bond vote can be found on the Minot Area Chamber EDC website www.minotchamberedc.com.

MINOT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT HOLDS COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSES

As the Minot Public School District continues to plan and prepare for the December 7th vote on the Minot Public Schools Realignment Project, Community Open Houses have been scheduled. These forums will provide the public with an opportunity to see the donated former Cognizant building and receive updates from the architects and team working on the renovation and construction plans for the former Cognizant building, Magic City Campus, and Central Campus.

Upcoming Community Open Houses are scheduled for Tuesday, November 2nd with doors open at 7:00 p.m. and a presentation from the District at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, November 10th with doors open at 11:30 a.m. and a presentation from the District at 12 noon. Attendees should enter at Door 6 on the west side of the building. Representatives from the District's team working on the Realignment Project will be available to answer questions and provide tours of the building.

Those who have questions about the upcoming vote, or are looking for the District to provide a presentation to an interested group are encouraged to reach out to Dr. Mark Vollmers office at 701-857-4422 or emailing mark.vollmer@minot.k12.nd.us.

Minot Public Schools Realignment Project

Bond Election - December 7, 2021

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSES

Former Cognizant Building
2000 21st Ave. NW, Minot ND 58703

Tuesday, November 2nd
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
District Presentation - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 10th
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
District Presentation - 12 noon

POST YOUR JOB ON THE MINOT CHAMBER EDC WEBSITE

Minot Area Chamber EDC Member Investors are invited to post their open positions on www.minotchamberedc.com. Minot Area Chamber EDC job postings are a fantastic resource for member investors.

Member Investors are able to post open jobs when they've logged in to their account.

Job seekers can search posted jobs by finding the Job Search page under Live & Work.

If you have any questions about job postings at www.minotareachamberedc.com contact Carla Dolan at 701-852-6000 or emailing at carla@minotchamberedc.com.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ADOPT AN AIRMAN

Acting as hosts and often as mentors, local families have the opportunity to build relationships with military members that often last a lifetime.

The Adopt-an-Airman program directors will work to match a host family with an airman who has similar interests and characteristics to ensure a positive interaction for everyone.

If you're interested in Adopting an Airman, please contact the Minot Area Chamber EDC.

To learn more about the program check out these videos from the City of Minot, Minot Air Force Base, and local media.

- [Adopt-an-Airman | State of the City](#)
- [Adopt an Airman | MAFB](#)
- [Minot opens 'Adopt an Airman' program](#)
- [Adopt an Airman | Interviewing Participants](#)

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE TEAM MINOT COOKIE DRIVE

DROP OFF COOKIES DECEMBER 13 & 14 FROM 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

It will soon be that time of year for TEAM MINOT to provide some Christmas goodies for our friends to the north. The cookies are distributed to the nearly 1200 first term airmen who live in the dorms on Minot Air Force Base. The airmen are between the ages of 18-20 and are required to live in the dorm. It is probably the first time they have been away from family for the holidays.

Baking cookies is just one small way the City of Minot can show its appreciation the the men and women serving our country. The overall goal between the Base and downtown is 1200 dozen, which means one dozen homemade holiday goodies per person for their first term airmen.

We will be asking people to bake a few dozen cookies, as home baked cookies are really appreciated, and drop them off at the Chamber office, 1020 20th Ave. S.W. The drop off time is December 13 & 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cookies will be delivered to the Base on Wednesday, December 15, so they can be boxed and distributed to the first term airmen.

	<p>November 10, 2021</p> <p>ND State Fair Center</p> <p>FREE Community Event</p> <p>2:30 pm-5:00 pm</p>
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Looking for a new career or just interested in exploring what Minot has to offer?



This FREE interactive event will have you driving a combine simulator, checking out an electric car, exploring a MedLab Ambulance and more.

Grab your kids, friends, and co-workers and make your way to the first annual Minot Area Career Expo!



Don't miss out! Save the Date!

More information available at: <https://www.creand.org/minotareacareerexpo>



*** ND Army National Guard is the proud main sponsor of this event**

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY HOSTS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

3RD ANNUAL TABLE EXTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21ST 2PM-5PM



- LUNCHEON
- VENDORS
- SILENT AUCTION
- LIVE \$1 AUCTION
- BOARD OR CARD GAME TABLE
DECORATING CONTEST

MINOT SLEEP INN & SUITES
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS FEE: \$20
TABLE CONTEST FEE: \$160
FOR TICKETS CALL LORI FRANCIS AT 721-2892



MINOT AREA HOMELESS COALITION PRESENTS A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

The Minot Area Homeless Coalition in partnership with the Young Professionals, Northern Prairie Home Improvement, the Magic City Lions and Gate City Bank invite you to their benefit "A Cause for Celebration" at the Regency Event Center on Friday, November 19th from 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

The event will feature live music by Chloe Marie, raffle drawings, beer and wine sampling, and hor d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the door in advance at the MAHC office or Tuff Trucks.

For more information or to purchase tickets call 701-852-6300.



2021 CLI CLASS WRAPS UP COURSE WITH SERVICE PROJECT

The 2021 Community Leadership Institute participants wrapped up their eight week course Thursday, October 28 at the Hyatt House in Minot. The group's project was to help the Salvation Army. They did a great job as you can see with all the diapers, coats, and other items. They also raised nearly \$4,000 for the organization. Way to go!

CITY OF MINOT HONORS THE LEGACY OF LONGTIME RESIDENT LYNN AAS

The City of Minot honors the memory and legacy of longtime Minot resident Lynn Aas, who passed away October 28 at the age of 100.

"On behalf of the City of Minot, I want to extend my condolences to Lynn's family," Minot Mayor Shaun Sipma said. "Lynn is a true American hero, and we thank him for his exceptional service to his country during World War II. As a member of our nation's Greatest Generation, Lynn put his life on the line to protect our country and our way of life."



Lynn Aas

Aas was a decorated veteran who received numerous honors during his service in World War II, including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. After the war, he earned his law degree from the University of North Dakota. He served in the North Dakota Legislature for four sessions, and was a visible and respected member of the Minot community for decades.

"Lynn left an indelible mark on our community through his years of dedicated service to making Minot the great city that it is today," Sipma said. "He was a friend and mentor to many, and we will carry his memory as an example of what true community service means. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lynn's family."

25 COMPLETE CLI CLASS OCTOBER 28

The following participants in the 2021 Community Leadership Institute (CLI) completed the CLI program. Their final session was October 28 where they presented their final project.



Kim Bartsch
Gate City Bank



Cindy Bitz
Job Service North
Dakota



Steve Bogden
Johnson Controls



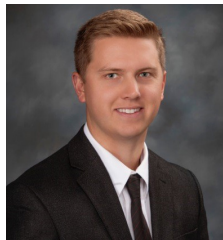
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First International
Bank & Trust



Dave Chapman
Minot Police
Department



Victoria Conner
Domestic Violence
Crisis Center, Inc.



Daniel Erickson
Investors Mgmt. &
Marketing, Inc.



Alissa Ewan
Aspire Community
Credit Union



Robin Finneseth
AGT Foods USA



Corey Harvey
REMAX/BAKKEN
REALTY



Lori Henderson
REMAX/BAKKEN
REALTY



Megan Hiatt
United Community
Bank of ND



Lori Holtz
Aspire Community
Credit Union



Zach Lawson
Slumberland
Furniture



Bonnie Mattern
Trinity Health



Brittany McCracken
First International
Bank & Trust



Christine Melton
First International
Bank & Trust



Tina Morey
Ameriprise Financial
Services, Inc.



Zhaina Moya
Minot Public Library



Chad Schmidt
First Western Bank &
Trust



Becky Svangstu
Verendrye Electric
Cooperative



Cody Tofteland
Hyatt House - Minot



Carissa Visosky
Clean Tech



Savannah Watterson
Hyatt House - Minot



Adrianna Wetzel
First Western Bank &
Trust

EAGLE AWARDS

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



Tiffany Brewer
Home Depot



Lori Johnson
LOR Spa



Roxanne Meinert
Washington
Elementary School



Troy Pearson
Ralph's Plumbing &
Heating



Ryan Heintz
Harley's Arrowhead
Conoco



Ali Coffey
Verizon at Bemobile



Brock Harstad
Minot Municipal
Auditorium



Christian Wandrie
Kemper Construction
Co.



Jackie Jensen
Minot Citizen



Kenny Swanson
Minot Plumbing and
Heating



Olivia Christmas
North Star Community
Credit Union

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

RIBBON CUTTINGS



360 PHYSICAL THERAPY

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Minot, ND 58701

701-852-5040

www.360pt.com

Erica Hjelmstad and Kayla Lambrecht | Owners

Minot Chamber EDC Ambassadors cut the ribbon at 360 Physical Therapy to welcome them to the business community. They provide 1:1 physical therapy services with a focus on personalized care plans to help clients move, feel, and live better.



ANTLER ARTISTRY, LLC

Minot, ND 58701

970-590-0571

www.thecateringartist.com

Cala Schmitt | Owner

Specializing in Charcuterie, Cala Schmitt held a ribbon cutting during an open house for Antler Artistry. Check out all they have to offer for your next get together.

RIBBON CUTTINGS, CONT.



BLU ON BROADWAY

**1629 S Broadway
Minot, ND 58701
(701) 866-1006
www.epiccompaniesnd.com**

Blu on Broadway, 42 affordable housing mixed-use units and just under 10,000 square feet of commercial space celebrated their grand opening on October 15th with a ribbon cutting, tours, and speakers.



CENTERSPACE

**3100 10th Street SW
Minot, ND 58701
(701) 837-4738
www.centerspacehomes.com**

Centerspace is in a new location and the Ambassadors marked the occasion with a ribbon cutting. At Centerspace, their mission is to provide a great home - for their residents, their team, and their investors. They understand the importance of extending a highly professional level of service to all residents - service that adds value to their lives and turns their apartment into a home.



COMPANIONS FOR CHILDREN

**21 Central Ave E, Suite 302
Minot, ND 58701
701-838-5784
www.companionsforchildren.com**

Companions for Children is excited to have a new office space to not only accomodate current clients and their needs, but one that also accomodates long-term growth projections as well.



THE DROP ZONE

**101 Main Street South
Minot, ND 58701
(701) 500-4007
Anthony Barrett | Owner**

The Ambassadors celebrated the new addition downtown, The Drop Zone bar in Minot. One of the only military owned bars in town, The Drop Zone is a military-themed bar.

RIBBON CUTTINGS, CONT.



SLUMBERLAND FURNITURE

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Minot, ND 58701

(701) 838-7120

www.slumberland.com

Brent Tollefson, Brandon Tollefson, Emily Mackner

Ambassadors cut the ribbon to showcase the new Sleep Solutions addition at Slumberland furniture. Slumberland has just completed a transformation of their mattress gallery into the ultimate shopping experience for ALL things related to a great night's sleep called Sleep Solutions, which now includes an easy-to-navigate mattress gallery, a variety of sleep enhancing sheets, and a selection of pillows that will allow for finding the perfect pillow for your body type and sleep position.



SOURIS VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER

1935 20th Ave. SE

Minot, ND 58701

(701) 852-6133

www.svaspets.com

After 13 months, the Souris Valley Animal Shelter cut the ribbon on their new renovation and new building. The SVAS creates a better world for pets and people by advocating for animals and moving communities forward.



X-GOLF MINOT

1621 S. Broadway

Minot, ND 58701

701-838-1621

playxgolf.com/locations/minot#booknow

X-Golf Minot is North Dakota's premier indoor golf training and recreation center complete with a full bar and food options located in the Blu on Broadway. Ambassador's cut the ribbon during their open house.



YOUR POWER IS VITAL TO US

Wouldn't it be great to control the weather? Unfortunately, we can't. We can, however, control our constant maintenance and replacing of older lines and poles that prepare the system for when mother nature shows her colors. And when she does, having the best technology in the business makes sure we restore outages quickly. In fact, our 2020 outage time was well below the state and national average. With local employees and members, we understand how vital power is to our way of life and businesses — no matter what mother nature says.

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Behm Energy	Magic City Lions
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Central Dakota Forensic Nurse Examiners	Minot Area Council of the Arts
ChiroCare Family Center, PC	Minot Commission on Aging, Inc.
Clean Harbors Environmental Services	Minot Hockey Boosters
Concrete Mobile, LLC	Minot Public School Foundation
CTS Properties, LLC	Minot Veterinary Clinic Inc.
Curaleaf Minot	Mouse River Players Community Theatre
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch	ND Asia
DCI Credit Services	New Dawn Chiropractic & Acupuncture
Edward Jones Financial Advisor: Tom Miller	Planet Pizza/Sports on Tap
Edward Jones Financial Advisor: Cameron J. Stone	POEM Design Co.
EPIC Companies	Probitas Promotions
Fastlane Car Wash	PROCollect Services LLC
Fire Extinguishing Systems Inc.	Ryan Nissan
Fisher Research LLC	SkySkopes
Forever Fitness 24/7	Strengthen ND
Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons	Synergy Medical Massage
ICON Architectural Group	Thompson Larson Funeral Home
Interstate Engineering, Inc.	Thrivent Financial
Jerry's Repair & Alignment	Tires Plus Total Car Care
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Knowles Jewelry of Minot	Vitalant
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NEW MEMBERS

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(701) 852-2550 www.beavercreekllc.com barrett@beavercreekllc.com

Beaver Creek, LLC specializes in oilfield logistics for the Bakken and is a 100% certified TAT contractor working within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

IN THE MINOT DAILY NEWS BEST OF THE BEST, READERS HAVE THE FINAL WORD

With more than 4,000 nominations in the nominating round, the readers of the Minot Daily News spoke loud and clear!

So now, it's almost time to vote.

The voting round for Minot Daily News Best of the Best starts on Wednesday, November 17 and ends on November 30th.

Voting will happen at: [https://www.minotdailynews.com/best#//](https://www.minotdailynews.com/best#/)

For years, Minot residents have looked forward to voting in the Best of the Best contest to support their favorite local businesses, organizations, people, and attractions. It's the biggest contest of its kind in the region, and the Minot Daily News is proud to host it to recognize the places and people that make Minot, Ward County, and North Dakota special.

This contest is important every year, but in 2021, the contest is more important than ever, with so many restaurants, businesses and organizations still feeling the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Daily online voting: Show your favorite nominees support by voting once per day at: [https://www.minotdailynews.com/best#//](https://www.minotdailynews.com/best#/)

More Transparency: The Minot Daily News will be publishing an exclusive tab that will insert into the Minot Daily News. That tab will give an exclusive look at the nominees and the categories. They will no longer be offering paper ballots so after reading through choices go to [https://www.minotdailynews.com/best#//](https://www.minotdailynews.com/best#/) and vote.

The Minot Daily News wants local businesses and organizations to feel the magic of the Magic City!



MEMBER NEWS

HØSTFEST MAKES EPIC ANNOUNCEMENT

EPIC EVENTS IS AN EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROMOTER THAT WILL HELP CO-PROMOTE THE 2022 NORSK HØSTFEST

The 2022 Norsk Høstfest has been scheduled for the end of September following an agreement with EPIC Events of North Dakota.

North America's largest Scandinavian festival has been sidelined for two years by COVID-19 and its associated travel restrictions. The newly re-formed Høstfest Board of Directors have hired West Fargo and Minot based firm, EPIC Events, to book the entertainment, sponsorship, design, and logistical arrangements. This will assure a return of the festival that has become a mainstay of North Dakota attractions.

Board President Tim Mihalick says EPIC already has people assigned to the Minot office of Norsk Høstfest to begin the process of making the 2022 event a reality. "The enthusiasm, focus, and attention to detail that EPIC Events brings to the table will make it possible for us to bring Høstfest back to Minot and North Dakota. We as a board of directors are excited to have such a dedicated team working to make sure that the best celebration of Scandinavian heritage on the continent will be coming back to life."

Mihalick noted that local volunteers that have made Høstfest possible through its first four successful decades will continue to be essential to the festival's return. He says sponsorships have also played a key role in making Høstfest viable over the years. He's optimistic that businesses who have faithfully supported the event will continue to be a large part of the festival.



Pictured above are board members from Norsk Høstfest with the EPIC Events team in Minot, ND.

EPIC Events is an independent, entertainment & event promoter located in North Dakota.

Their main goal is to bring live events (concerts, comedians, speakers and more!) to the surrounding region. They are also committed to the arts and will strive to bring opportunity to artists to display their work publicly.

"We look forward to continuing the Scandinavian tradition that Minot and North Dakota have been devoted to for many years. We want to carry on with all the vendors, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters that have been around and keep the momentum going by attracting even more people to this next year's event," said spokeswoman McKenzie Braaten for EPIC Events.

Mihalick says information will be coming soon on exact dates of the 2022 Norsk Høstfest, as will details on entertainment and ticket availability. "We hope tens of thousands of loyal patrons of Norsk Høstfest will plan to be a part of the 2022 event to help us re-launch a treasured celebration of the region's Scandinavian heritage."

EPIC Events is an offshoot of EPIC Companies, who has over 25 mixed-use buildings in North Dakota and Minnesota. They manage over 350,000 square feet of commercial space and 1,000 residential units. Current Minot buildings include Park South and Blu on Broadway with Park South Phase II in construction and The Tracks in development. They previously owned Beaver Ridge near north hill. EPIC Companies also has buildings in Bismarck, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Fargo, West Fargo, Moorhead and Detroit Lakes. For more information and to stay updated on the 2022 Norsk Høstfest visit EPICEventsND.com or Høstfest.com.

MEMBER NEWS



THE TRACKS DEVELOPMENT TO INCLUDE PUBLIC PLAZA EPIC COMPANIES PROPOSES PROJECT FOR SOUTHWEST MINOT

Written by Minot Daily News

EPIC Companies, West Fargo, has formally announced plans to construct a mixed-use development with public plazas for community programming in southwest Minot, near the Trinity hospital complex under construction.

The development includes seven mixed-use buildings with both commercial and residential space and an outdoor, artificial ice hockey rink, green space, a water feature, walking paths, small stage, underground parking for tenants and space for programmable community activities.

The rentable public plazas will be run by a nonprofit entity. The space potentially could host hundreds of free community events each year, such as movie nights, ice skating, yoga classes or family fun nights.

The development will be similar to The Lights in West Fargo and The Beacon in Grand Forks, both EPIC projects.

"The Tracks will be a tremendous asset to the community and build upon the premise of the live, work and play mentality of the Magic City. We are proud to have a partner in EPIC Companies to see this next phase of Minot take shape," Minot Mayor Shaun Sipma said in a news release.

A public plaza shown in this EAPC rendering is one of two planned for The Tracks that will offer programmable space for the community.

The Tracks plays off a railroad and oil industry theme, which is well-known to Minot. With rustic touches, the design will incorporate western inspirations, including the show "Yellowstone," artifacts of Pendleton blankets and other timeless classics.

The development will also feature these same aesthetics in its architecture, such as lanterns/railroad crossing signals for lighting, warm/auburn colors, railroad ties and more. Although the development is still a work in progress, EPIC Companies states the project will pay tribute to North Dakota's heritage. The Tracks will be developed in phases. Phase I construction kicks off in the spring of 2022 with the first two buildings. Building one will be named "Maverick" and building two will be named "Roughrider" to pay homage to the theme. Phase II will follow with the next two buildings and the public plaza spaces. Phase III will include the next set of buildings, parking structure and the remaining part of the public plaza. The plan is for the entire development to be completed in 2026.

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The planned architects of record for the first two buildings are EAPC and Ackerman Estvold, with the construction being completed by Construction by EPIC. EPIC Management will be managing the commercial spaces and residential units.

EPIC is taking an underutilized space in town and creating it into a destination for families, youth, and adults, the company stated. The future of development heads towards action and entertainment in providing a better quality of life for the community, according to EPIC.

“The future is mixed-use in order to maximize space and create valuable properties. Governor Burgum’s Main Street initiative pushes for mixed-use properties and walkable districts. We look forward to building relationships and developing The Tracks into a community space for all to enjoy,” said McKenzy Braaten, vice president of Marketing & Public Relations at EPIC Companies. “Many of the EPIC team have roots tying back to the Minot area and want to help promote great entertainment and events in the area.”

The Tracks plans to have several bars and restaurants with charitable gaming that will be interactive and cater to the public space. EPIC looks to work with multiple commercial, retail and customer service businesses to complement this development in what is expected to be a vibrant and active area in town with a potential for continuous growth.

“We are excited to bring this project to the western part of the state and continue our investment into the community of Minot. The Tracks is set to be our largest project and more amped up than our previous entertainment developments. It’s great to be such a large part of the 58701,” said Braaten.

Other Minot projects that EPIC has developed or been a part of include Beaver Ridge, Park South I & II and Blu on Broadway, which opened Oct. 1.

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HOUSTON ENGINEERING MOVES TO NEW OFFICE LOCATION

Houston Engineering, Inc.'s (HEI) Minot office has moved to a new building located at 3900 13th Avenue Southeast. This new location allows HEI's team to better serve their clients and growing team. Learn more on their website at www.houstoneng.com.



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GARETH DANIEL NOW A REALTOR WITH BROKERS 12

Brokers 12 has a new agent. Gareth Daniel, or “G” as most people know him, has joined their team. Gareth grew up in Las Vegas, NV and has lived in Minot just over 7 years now. He came to Minot on a scholarship to play football at Minot State University. He graduated from Minot State with a Bachelor’s Degree in Corporate Fitness and a minor in Coaching. Last year Brokers 12 realtor Sammy Herslip helped G and his wife, Katelyn purchase their first home. He really enjoyed the process, so he sat down with Sammy for lunch and talked about real estate and dove right in! G considers himself a people person and loves to help whenever he can. He hopes to help others find their forever home just like what was done for him and his family. When he’s not working, G loves to hang out at the lake with his wife Katelyn and their beautiful golden retriever Wrenley. During the winter months, watching football and the Golden Knights are some of their favorite things to do.



Gareth Daniel

Contact G at: 701-818-3355 gareth@brokers12.com

EDWARD JONES, TOM MILLER, HOLDS SEMINAR NOVEMBER 9

Edward Jones Tom Miller has an upcoming seminar for those nearing or entering retirement. If you are interested in a strategy designed to help build an income stream and make your retirement income last, take part in “What Happens After the Paychecks Stop? A Retirement Income Primer.” They will explore how to budget for retirement expenses, examine potential sources of retirement income, discuss strategies to provide for goals and address potential risks

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MEMBER NEWS

VISIT MINOT ADDS PARKER TO THE TEAM

The Minot Convention and Visitors Bureau (Visit Minot) is pleased to welcome Tonya Parker as the Director of Team Events and Meetings to our team of marketing professionals. She will be responsible for assisting incoming team events, conferences, conventions, in addition to curating and growing new events.

Tonya joins Visit Minot with a wide range of experience in customer service, sales, event planning, and relationship management. Her extensive background will lend well to serving the incoming groups and providing customer experiences for events hosted in Minot. "I am so passionate about people and community, so I cannot express just how excited I am to be part of the Visit Minot team. I look forward to serving Minot as the Director of Team Events and Meetings and to work with and support the wonderful people of this town." Parker declares.



Tonya Parker

Stephanie Schoenrock, Executive Director at Visit Minot says, "Tonya joins our team of marketing professionals with the perfect blend of experience and talent. Her marketing mindset and strong track record will be instrumental as Visit Minot continues to expand the team events and meetings/conventions we serve."

Parker has participated as a volunteer for many different organizations, including Military Spouse's Club and International Woman's Club, and held leadership positions in each of those. Tonya has led numerous local events, organized activities, and continues to grow her strong sense of community.

About Visit Minot: Visit Minot creates a positive economic impact by driving growth and promoting the health and vibrancy of our hospitality industry by marketing Minot as a destination. Visit Minot is the official tourism promotion agency for the city of Minot and is responsible for growing the number of guests to Minot from outside of Ward County for leisure travel, conventions/meetings, and team event tourism.

GROTTE CONQUERS HALFTIME KICKER CHALLENGE

Eighth grader, Kamron Grotte, conquered the United Community Bank Halftime Kicker Challenge during the DLB vs. Velva football game on Friday, October 15. By making the kick, DLB's National Honor Society (NHS) Chapter received a \$1000 donation on Grotte's behalf.

All attendees of the football game had the opportunity to put their name in the bucket to be drawn for a chance to take on the challenge to win a \$200 cash prize for themselves and a donation for the school. Kamron Grotte was the lucky individual drawn to give the challenge a try, which consisted of completing a field goal during halftime of the game. While Grotte was nervous, he calmly rose to the challenge, making the kick from the extra point line, with the crowd cheering him on.

"We are so grateful for the opportunity to be a recipient of this donation," says Mary Sandbo, NHS advisor. "As a result of the past few years, raising money has been especially challenging. These additional funds will help us get back on our feet and be used towards service and leadership projects for our students."

United Community Bank launched the UCB Halftime Challenge with the goal to create a fun and unique opportunity to raise donations for non-athletic needs within the school. New halftime challenges at both Des Lacs Burlington and South Prairie high schools will take place during the boys and girls high school basketball season.

Kamron is the son of Kelly and Jessica Grotte and a student at Des Lacs High School.



Left to Right Jeana Rynestad (UCB), Jack Schaefer (NHS), Kamron Grotte (Kicker), MacKensie Rist (NHS), Madison Lauf (NHS)

MEMBER NEWS

DAKOTA BUSINESS LENDING WELCOMES THREE TO THEIR TEAM

Dakota Business Lending is pleased to welcome Ann Peterson, Jason Gerdes, and Rochelle Cross to their team.

Ann Peterson

Based out of the Fargo office, Peterson will be assisting the organization with all areas of SBA lending and working to support many roles within the organization including business development, processing, loan structuring, compliance, and servicing.

A native of southern Minnesota, Peterson brings with her over 35 years of economic development and SBA 504 and 7(a) lending experience, 22 of which were spent at a 504 certified development company like Dakota Business Lending. She has joined the Dakota Business Lending team to assist with managing their portfolio, offer her expertise, enhance their growing markets in Minnesota and Montana. She was drawn to the organization due to their mission to help small businesses and looks forward to working with their close-knit team to provide these financing opportunities to all they serve. In her free time, Peterson enjoys spending time with her family.



Ann Peterson

Jason Gerdes

Jason Gerdes joins the Dakota Business Lending team as a Business Development and Commercial Loan Officer, working to develop and foster relationships with lenders, small businesses, economic development professionals, and other parts. He will be working to serve Dakota Business Lending's market, covering North Dakota, western Minnesota, and Montana.

A lifelong resident of Minnesota, Gerdes has spent majority of his career working in a 504 certified development company like Dakota Business Lending and brings with him over 16 years of experience in small business lending and economic development, including experience in underwriting and structuring with various loan programs. He was drawn to Dakota Business Lending due to their company culture and passion for helping small business owners and looks forward to continuing to expand and grow their impact. In his free time, Gerdes enjoys playing golf and spending quality time with his family and friends.



Jason Gerdes

Rochelle Cross

Rochelle Cross joins the Dakota Business Lending team as a Loan Specialist, working to assist with loan processing, interact with internal and external customers to develop and submit quality loan applications, and manage the process for ultimate loan approval. Overall, she will provide a high level of administrative support to the Dakota Business Lending team.

Originally from central Minnesota, Cross has spent the last 20 years in North Dakota and has gained valuable experience in the banking and finance industry. She brings with her close to five years of knowledge and expertise in mortgage lending and financing, as well as a desire to make an impact. She was drawn to Dakota Business Lending due to their tight-knit team and company culture and looks forward to expanding her knowledge to help small businesses start and grow. In her free time, Cross enjoys spending time with friends and family, especially her husband and three kids, going to concerts, watching movies, and cuddling with her dog, Lucy.



Rochelle Cross

About Dakota Business Lending

Founded in 1982, Dakota Business Lending is the oldest, largest, and most experienced 504 CDC in North Dakota. With staff throughout North Dakota and Montana, Dakota Business Lending serves North Dakota, Montana, 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. Since inception, Dakota Business Lending has provided over \$550 million in loans with total project impact exceeding \$1.2 billion to small businesses and local economies.

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'FREE GAS' PRESENTED FROM FUEL THE FIGHT EVENT

Joyce Anderson, a farmer from Velva, is the winner of the top prize at the 4th Annual Fuel the Fight cancer fundraiser. The event was held September 10 at Dakota Square ARCO. Anderson won the highly coveted free gas for a year – \$50 in gas per week for 52 weeks for a total award of \$2,600.

Prize sponsor First International Bank & Trust gathered with representatives of Dakota Square ARCO and Trinity Health to present Anderson the fuel vouchers. "I went to the station because I knew a few people in the dunk tank. I thought that'd be a kick," she said. "I got gas and bought a raffle ticket thinking that winning the TV would be really cool. But this," she said referring to the stack of gas vouchers in her hand, "I am gobsmailed."

Anderson said she intends to donate some of her vouchers to those who could use them. "We are all affected by cancer in some way," she added.

First International Bank & Trust sponsored the free gas award for a second year. "We've been involved in the fundraiser for four years and were glad to help out with the large prize again this year," said John Drady, Central Market President for FIBT. "Fuel the Fight is an incredible project."

Proceeds from the event will be used to provide prepaid gas vouchers to patients and their families who have demonstrated financial need to assist with transportation costs to and from their oncology treatments. From 2017 to 2020, Fuel the Fight has provided over 1,400 vouchers and \$70,000 in fuel assistance.

True to form, 2021 is on track to surpass last year's total. Lori Zavalney, owner of Dakota Square ARCO and the driving force behind Fuel the Fight, says the event will likely raise over \$80,000 thanks to support from numerous local businesses. "This is such a fun event to organize," she said. "This event has grown every year and this year is no exception. I am continually humbled beyond words."

Participating sponsors are: Authentic Therapeutic Massage, Bountiful REI's, Coca-Cola Bottling Company High Country, Dakota Square ARCO, Dakota Square Mall, First International Bank & Trust, Flower Central, Granite Springs, Heritage Insurance Services, Homesteaders Restaurant, I. Keating Furniture World, KHRT Radio, KMOT/West Dakota Fox, Magic Bean Brewing Company, Magic City Home Leisure, Marcos Pizza, Minot Country Club, Minot State University, Minot State University Summer Theatre, Morelli's Distributing, Northwest Tire, Nodak Speedway, Scheels, Signal Realty, Signs Today, SOS Fitness, Souris Valley Sabre Dogs, Stereo Shop, Swenson RV & Marine, Stone Countertop Outlet, The Hitchin Kitchen, Too Dark Motor Sports, Trinity Health Foundation, and Verendrye Electric Cooperative.



Left to right: Jamie Swenson, Trinity Health Foundation; Denise Larson, First International Bank & Trust, Lori Zavalney, Dakota Square ARCO; winner Joyce Anderson; John Drady and Perry Olson, both of First International Bank & Trust; Cody McManigal, Trinity Health Foundation

FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK & TRUST DONATES \$20,000 TO SOURIS VALLEY UNITED WAY

First International Bank & Trust (FIB&T) is pleased to announce a \$20,000 donation was recently awarded to Souris Valley United Way (SVUW) on behalf of our Minot employees.

First International Bank & Trust is a Premier Sponsor for Souris Valley United Way. We believe that our partnership with Souris Valley United Way not only helps many local programs, but also has a lasting impact on many people in our community.

Representatives from the FIB&T Minot Employee Fund, and Souris Valley United Way gathered for a check presentation.



Left to Right: Rich Berg, Souris Valley United Way Executive Director; Brock DesLauriers, Denise Larson, both First International Bank & Trust, Christy Miller, Souris Valley United Way Outreach Coordinator, Kaylee Bourquin and Perry Olson, both First International Bank & Trust.

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Left to right Jennifer Hubrig, Matt Pfau, MaLiah Burke, Amanda Heim

BURKE RECOGNIZED AS COMMUNITY ATHLETE

Last year, United Community Bank and SCHEELS teamed up to offer the Community Athlete Spotlight. The program is designed to award students who feature exemplary sportsmanship, have overcome a major hurdle, or have gone above and beyond to help a teammate. On September 30, the two businesses made a surprise visit to Magic City Campus to award the first Community Athlete Spotlight recipient of 2021.

Nominated by her soccer coach, Matt Pfau, Minot High athlete, MaLiah Burke, is already well-known for her efforts in soccer, cross country and track, but she brings much more to the table than just athletic ability.

Burke puts forth an effort like no other, participating and excelling in two spring sports (track and soccer) that compete for her time and dedication. A favorite story from her soccer coach, Matt Pfau, includes MaLiah conquering two individual events at the WDA track meet, then making her own decision to drive 100 miles and finish the second half of her soccer team's last regular season game.

But it doesn't stop there. Those who know MaLiah also recognize her strong sportsmanship, sense of community and desire to help those in need covering everything from student council to the humane society. This year, Burke also found an opportunity to grow these qualities through her athletic ability. MaLiah was named the Girls Soccer North Dakota Gatorade Player of the Year in 2021. With this award, Burke received a chance to create a video representing a charity she was passionate about. MaLiah had dreams of Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports implementing a soccer program and utilized this opportunity to make the dream come true. Her video competed against 49 others, won the national contest and awarded Prairie Grit \$11,000.

Through the Community Athlete Spotlight program, Scheels & United Community Bank have decided it's MaLiah's turn to be treated for all the good she has been doing in our community.

The surprise presentation took place during Minot High Cross Country practice where Burke was recognized and presented with \$500 in gift cards to Scheels (\$250 to each MaLiah and the Minot High Soccer Team) and \$1000 to the Minot High Girls Soccer Team from United Community Bank. Burke will also receive a professional photo shoot and be displayed within the Minot Scheels and United Community Bank location.

For more information or to nominate a community athlete, stop by the Minot Scheels or United Community Bank locations or visit <https://www.ucbnd.bank/communityconnection/athlete/>.

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TWO PROMOTED AT TOWN & COUNTRY

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

Lisa Lysne was promoted to Consumer Lending Supervisor. Lysne joined the credit union in the fall of 1989 as a teller and has held multiple positions over the years, including plastics coordinator, and most recently, financial services officer for the past nine years. She holds an associates degree in Mid-Management from Minot State University. In her new position, she will supervise a team of financial services officers in Minot. In addition to her supervisory position, she will continue to help her existing members with their consumer loan needs.

Cole Brose was recently promoted to Financial Services Officer. A Minot native, Brose holds a degree in Business Management and Entrepreneurship from Minot State University. He joined the credit union in 2020 and most recently held the position of Consumer Loan Associate. In his new role, he will be assisting members with auto, recreational and personal loans, as well as credit cards and new deposit accounts.

Town & Country Credit Union has been Positively Impacting the communities they serve for over 80 years. With 11 convenient locations in North Dakota, over 150 employees and a focus on continual growth, they provide meaningful value to their more than 24,000 members every day. Membership in the credit union is open to anyone living within 75 miles of Minot and 50 miles of Fargo or Kenmare. More information can be found at www.townandcountry.org.



Lisa Lysne



Cole Brose

DUSTY ZIMMERMAN NAMED DIRECTOR OF TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION

Trinity Health is pleased to announce that Dusty Zimmerman has been named Director of Trinity Health Foundation. She began her duties October 11.

Zimmerman will oversee various programs administered by the Foundation to improve the lives of area residents. She'll also lead initiatives to promote innovative healthcare solutions, including construction of Trinity Health's new healthcare campus and medical district.

"I'm excited to be joining Trinity Health Foundation at such a dynamic time," Zimmerman said. "My goal is to strive for the Foundation's continued success and to promote Trinity Health's mission to help people live healthier and longer lives."

Zimmerman brings more than 20 years of experience to her new role with an extensive background in marketing, communications, business development/strategy, event planning, and organizational leadership. Most recently she served as Executive Director of the Minot Junior Golf Association and Director of Corporate Communications at Ackerman-Estvold, a regional architecture and engineering firm. She also has spent time in the advertising and tourism industries, working with regional organizations to grow their brand and market share.

"On behalf of the Foundation Board, we welcome Dusty to the position of Director," said Jeffrey Verhey, MD, Chairman of Trinity Health Foundation. "The Board is excited to have her on our team, and we look forward to working together for the benefit of our region."

A lifelong Minot resident, Zimmerman graduated from Minot High School and earned a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Minot State University in 1999. She has been an active member of the community, serving on various volunteer boards and organizations, including the Minot Noon Rotary Club, Minot Symphony Orchestra, Make-A-Wish North Dakota, and Give360. She is married to Jason Zimmerman, with leisure time interests that include golf, reading, cooking, travel, and spending time with family.



Dusty Zimmerman

MEMBER NEWS

FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST GIVES BACK WITH VOLUNTEER DAYS

First Western Bank & Trust (FWBT) has partnered with local charities, non-profits, and other organizations to improve each community they serve during their 3rd Annual Volunteer Days, October 4th – 15th.

First Western prides themselves on being part of making their communities great places to live, work and raise families. Over 600 hours of volunteering are donated each year by FWBT employees. This volunteer event is in memory of founder, J.H. 'Jack' Hoeven Jr., who gave so much to the communities and set an example for all to give back.

"It is a chance for us to proudly represent our bank and to improve the quality of life for those we serve," said Chairman, President, & CEO of First Western Bank & Trust Brenda K. Foster. "As any FWBT employee who has volunteered in the past will tell you, it is an amazing experience that brings just as much joy to our hearts as it does the people we are helping."

Employees in all regions have been cleaning parks, serving meals, saving pets, donating blood, and supporting non-profits with like-minded aspirations since the beginning of First Western in 1964. During Volunteer Days, all employees in every First Western location is given the opportunity to participate in a volunteer activity, most of them occurring during the work day. Some of the service projects scheduled this year include: distributing winter clothes through the Coats For Kids program in partnership with The Salvation Army, wrapping diapers for needy families through Project BEE, preparing Minot parks & downtown for the winter season with the Minot Park District, cleaning and landscaping at the Minot YMCA, and helping the Roosevelt Park Zoo with their winter preparation.

First Western Bank & Trust employs over 330 people across 17 locations in North Dakota, Minnesota, and South Dakota.

TAUBE MUSEUM OF ART RECEIVES DONATION

The Taube Museum of Art was recently gifted an original painting by the prominent Minot artist, Walter Piehl. The artwork was donated to the museum by Cognizant Technology Solutions of Minot, ND. Rachel Alfaro, Executive Director for the Taube states that "this piece, "tre-gs" will be joining our permanent collection of works. We are working to find the best place to display this work, so that it may always be available to the public for viewing. Our staff and Executive Board are so grateful for this contribution, and are excited to get it hung!" Piehl's work can be seen during the museum's regular business hours.

Museum and Gift Shop hours: Tuesday - Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 pm and Sat 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., or by special appointment. There is no charge for admission, but contributions are accepted to help the Taube Museum fulfill their mission of enriching lives through the visual arts.



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JLG ARCHITECTS AWARDED CSI'S ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

JLG Architects has received the 2021 Environmental Stewardship Award from Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), a national not-for-profit association dedicated to improving the communication of construction information. This national award recognizes JLG's innovations in promoting environmental awareness, prominently practicing sustainability, and educating on the advantages of designing for sustainability with a "start at zero" approach that integrates high performance goals. The firm received nominations and enthusiastic recommendations from eight major professional groups and peer firms.

Within the firm, all JLG team members are required to be engaged as environmental stewards towards a carbon neutral existence – embedding the AIA Framework for Design Excellence into the firm's 11 offices, and at the core of every project. The CSI award recognizes JLG for seeking the frontier of the profession, bringing design excellence and high-performance sustainability to rural areas that are often underserved, elevating entire communities. As a result of the firm's outstanding efforts, JLG has had a significant influence on the profession around the country, expecting all consultants and partners to uphold the same sustainability standards. The firm also uplifts education as a core value, believing in the idea that doing is knowing. JLG has provided 1000s of hours of training and mentoring to hundreds of people in the firm, in the profession, with contractors, engineers, communities and building owners.

"Moreover, JLG's architects have been effective advocates, educators, and mentors for other firms pursuing sustainable design," stated Matthew Welker, Assoc. AIA Senior Director/Sustainability & Knowledge & Practice Operations Strategy. "In the last year alone, their Principal Sustainability Officer, Patrick Thibaudeau, has spearheaded an effort by the influential AIA Large Firm Roundtable to develop a sustainability playbook for other sizeable architecture, engineering, or design firms. This easy-to-use resource provides a practical assessment tool for firm leaders attempting to unlock new levels of sustainable practice."

Over the course of 32 years, JLG Architects has taken aggressive steps to become a carbon neutral operation, completing a carbon footprint for their 2019 and 2020 operations, and purchasing verified offset credits to become carbon neutral. Over the past two years, JLG has reported over 400 projects and 20 million Signatory to AIA's 2030 Commitment. The firm has also become a research partner at UC Berkeley Center for the Built Environment, actively working to improve the human experience in the built environment, including improving and performing occupant surveys to document human impact of design and benefits of sustainability features.

"JLG Architects mandate to Design for Life® is represented not only in their exemplary work completed for clients, but within their own practice. Our most recent collaboration with them in the design of their own Grand Forks Office exemplifies their commitment to high performance design which balances environmental performance with a keen awareness of the benefit to the occupant." Chris Piche, Integral Group

"JLG does more than occasional bright spots of sustainability on a few key projects. They have embedded high performance sustainability into its practice on every project large and small. It is not a separate effort at JLG, it is embedded into the project process and mixed into the batter of the project, rather than pouring the sustainability syrup on a few projects after the design is complete. JLG expects its consultants to do the same and they're having significant influence on the profession around the country."

David Rassmussen, President, Construction Specifications Institute of Minneapolis & St. Paul

"JLG Architects is a rare firm pushing the boundaries and truly defining the cutting edge in Environmental design, driven primarily by their unique process and consistent approach to embedding sustainability into each project from the first pen stroke." Peter Krebs, Sefaira Founder

Organization & Award

Construction Specifications Institute works on behalf of continuous development and transformation of industry standards, education, and certification of professionals – communicating the designers' version, the material producers' solutions, and the constructors' techniques to create outstanding facilities. According to CSI, the Environmental Stewardship award serves to recognize individuals, organizations, or firms who are, in the opinion of peers, "Stewards of the Environment" (one for who not only espouses, but actively and publicly is an environmental practitioner) within their city, county, state, and region.

MEMBER NEWS

MINOT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SUPPORTS BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM

The Minot Area Community Foundation (MACF) has awarded \$12,000 to the Souris Valley United Way's Backpack Buddies program. The money was awarded following a monthly meeting between the two organizations where it was brought to MACF's attention that the Backpack Buddies program had grown substantially since the end of the 2020/2021 school year.

The sudden growth in the number of children applying for participation in the Backpack Buddies program prompted United Way Executive Director, Rich Berg, to seek additional funding. Because of the quick action taken by MACF staff and their Board of Directors, the United Way was able to secure the additional funding needed and did not have to turn anyone away from the program.

In North Dakota, roughly 1 in 4 people are food insecure, many of those are children. Locally, about 1 in 5 youth are at risk of going hungry over the weekends when they do not have access to school food programs. At the end of the 2020/2021 school year, the United Way reports having 250 elementary age youth enrolled in the Backpack Buddies program compared to 280 already enrolled at the beginning of this 2021/2022 school year. These totals do not include the roughly 58 additional youth being served through Jim Hill Middle School and Souris River Campus. Executive Director, Rich Berg says that those numbers will rise throughout the school year. "I can't thank the Minot Area Community Foundation enough for this funding," said Berg. "It reminds me of the high quality of people we have in our area and how they rally to support those in need whenever they can. I want to thank the Minot Area Community Foundation staff and board for their support and caring attitudes."

The \$12,000 from the Minot Area Community Foundation's Arnold. I. Besserud Fund will go directly towards the purchase of food for children enrolled in the Backpack Buddies program. The Besserud Fund's primary focus is to provide food and basic humanitarian needs to those that need it most in the community. The cost to sponsor a child is about \$10 a weekend or \$360 a year. "The MACF staff and board are very happy to help fulfill this unmet need with a quick response to ensure all children who are participating in this essential program are taken care of" stated Jason Zimmerman, President of Minot Area Community Foundation.



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MINOT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 4TH ANNUAL DONATION STATION CHALLENGE GRANT

The Minot Area Community Foundation (MACF) is excited to announce their 4th Annual Donation Station Challenge Grant to benefit Minot food pantries. Area organizations are invited to utilize the Donation Station in the coming months to collect items and stock area food pantries for a chance to win additional grant dollars for one of the eligible Minot food pantries.

Participating organizations are asked to set a goal of collecting 1,000 pounds or more of food during a single collection drive for a designated food pantry. If successful, that organization's designated food pantry will also receive a \$500 grant from The MACF Arnold I. Besserud Fund. In addition, the organization with the most pounds collected from a single event, will also win an extra \$1,000 grant to be distributed to a food pantry or soup kitchen of their choice.

This is the fourth year that MACF is offering the challenge grant after not being able to host it last year due to COVID-19 concerns. In 2019, 8 organizations successfully participated in the challenge with a total of 11,968 pounds of food collected and \$4,000 granted back to area food pantries.

This year's challenge grant will run from September 1st – December 31st, 2021. Food collection events must take place within this time frame and The Donation Station must be utilized for the event. Eligible Minot food pantries include Our Lady of Grace, The Lord's Cupboard and Salvation Army. Rural communities wanting to participate will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

The Donation Station is a pull-behind trailer that is housed with The Minot Area Community Foundation. You can contact The Minot Area Community Foundation at 852-0646 for full details or to reserve the Donation Station for an upcoming event.

Minot Area Community Foundation

DONATION STATION



2021 Challenge Grant!

1,000 pounds = \$500!

Collect 1,000 pounds of food or more for one of Minot's local food pantries* and that pantry will also receive \$500** from the Arnold I. Besserud Fund. In addition, the organization with the most pounds collected from a single event, will also win an extra \$1,000 grant to be distributed to a food pantry or soup kitchen of their choice!

*Eligible Minot Food Pantries: The Lord's Cupboard, Our Lady of Grace and Salvation Army. Rural pantries taken on a case-by-case basis.
**No more than \$500 per collection event will be granted.
Dates of Challenge Grant: Sept 1st, 2021—Dec 31st, 2021. Event must be held within this timeframe.

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



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November 2021 - Chamber EDC Meetings and Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Ambassadors Committee 7:30 am Sleep Inn & Suites	6
7	8	9 Eagle Awards Presentation 10:00 a.m. Chamber EDC Office	10 Board of Directors 7:30 a.m. Chamber EDC Office Chamber University "Powered Productivity" 9:00 a.m. Grand Hotel	11	12 Infrastructure Committee 7:30 am Homesteaders Restaurant	13
14	15	16	17	18 Governmental Affairs Committee 11:30 a.m. Badlands Restaurant Showcase of Business 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. ND State Fair Center Magic Place	19	20
21	22	23	24 Right Start Presentation 9:50 a.m. Minot Air Force Base	25 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28	29	30				