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Thursday, November 18, 2021 | NDSF Center Magic Place

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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 major fundraiser for the Chamber EDC. The business sponsorships help provide the financial backing for the Showcase, as well as ensuring that the event continues to be profitable. Below are sponsorship opportunities.

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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.

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MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC PRESENTS AT MINOT AIR FORCE BASE SPOUSE TOWN HALL

Early in September, Carla Dolan, Minot Area Chamber EDC Vice President, presented at the Minot Air Force Base Spouse Town Hall. Carla discussed all Minot and North Dakota have to offer.

CHEERS TO SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS AFTER HOURS!

The Minot Area Chamber EDC wants to extend a sincere thank you to the sponsors and member investors who helped make the first two Business After Hour events successful celebrations in our community.

Anytime Fitness and Waxing the City hosted a gorgeous event outside their businesses in the parking lot with additional support from other businesses. Member investors and community members were able to enjoy food and beverages in the beautiful fall weather.

The Minot Y's Men hosted their annual event in a new location and celebrated their new PBR event. Attendees enjoyed food and beverages at the Minot Municipal Auditorium before the first night of their PBR event.

Thank you to all those who attended and made these events a success. We are proud of our Member Investors and our incredible community.

Minot Y's Men

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Magic City Hoagies

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COOPERATIVE MONTH

SEE WHAT COOPERATIVES BUILD IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Think about what cooperatives build. It's more than electrical power systems that keep our homes and businesses running reliably and affordably. It's a way of life in which neighbors help neighbors, and people work together for the good of their communities. You can see it in Verendrye Electric Cooperative employees volunteering and members rounding up their electric bills to provide community grants. Find us on Facebook for Cooperative Month events and giveaways through October.

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MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC SUPPORTS THE BAKKEN API GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Minot Area Chamber EDC was a sponsor at the Annual Bakken API Golf Tournament September 9 and 10.

Money raised from the annual event held at the Souris Valley Golf Course is donated back to the community in gifts to the Salvation Army, Magic City Discovery Center, Minot Commission on Aging, United Way, JDRF, Day of Hope, Prairie Grit, Shop with a Cop, Badlands Breakfast with Santa, Special Olympics and more.

The mission of the Bakken API Chapter is to foster a spirit of cooperation among those directly and indirectly engaged in the extraction of oil and gas and the communities in which we all live.



Pictured left to right: Carla Dolan, Chanda DeCent, Jaime Hauge, Mark Lyman

SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION IMPROVES COVID ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN

As part of President Joe Biden's recently announced COVID-19 Action Plan, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has improved the COVID Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program to better meet the needs of small businesses, especially those hardest hit industries and smallest entities that still need relief.

The low-interest and long-term COVID EIDL program has helped millions of small business owners survive the impacts of the pandemic with its flexibility and affordability allowing entrepreneurs to hire and retain employees, and purchase needed equipment and inventory.

Now, the program is even more flexible to meet small business needs.

- The SBA has increased the amount of funding that can be borrowed from \$500,000 to \$2 million for qualified applicants.
- They have authorized COVID EIDL funds to be used to pay and prepay commercial debt and make payments on federal business debt in recognition of the financial reality many small businesses are facing during this crisis.
- Small businesses will now have more time to recover from COVID-19 impacts by further deferring payments repayment of these loans won't need to start for two years after your loan origination date.
- In addition, to help ensure the smallest businesses can access this crucial capital, the SBA created a one-month exclusive window for businesses requesting \$500,000.



U.S. Small Business Administration

During this time, approvals and disbursements will focus 100% on loans \$500,000 or less until October 8th, upon which approvals and disbursements will be opened up to all loan sizes.

- Finally, to ease the COVID EIDL application process for small businesses, the SBA has established more simplified affiliation requirements to model those of the Restaurant Revitalization Fund.

The SBA's commitment is to serve all our small businesses efficiently while also maintaining strong protections against fraud and abuse, and as such they have worked hard to improve operations. They are also dedicated to improving customer service response and the application user experience. As of today, the SBA has increased COVID EIDL application processing capacity from an average of 2,000 to more than 37,000 applications per day.

The SBA will continue to accept applications for the COVID EIDL program until December 31, 2021 or until funds run out. Small businesses are encouraged not to delay and apply today, as well as forward this email to any fellow business owners who may qualify for the program.

** Please note all business owners who have received previous loans through the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF), or Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) can still benefit from COVID EIDL. For no-cost assistance for the COVID EIDL program, and every other SBA program, go to www.sba.gov/local-assistance and connect with a local resource partner near you.*

ADOPT AN AIRMAN! IT'S THAT EASY.

Rod Wilson, Northern Sentry

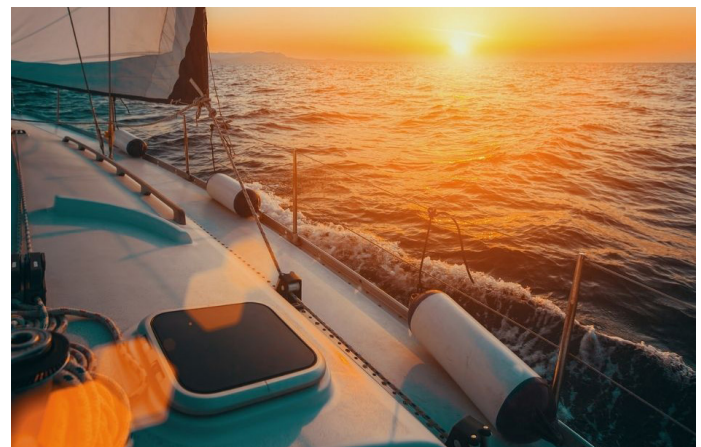
Looking at Airman Paul Russells' Adopt an Airman application, you would wonder "What in the world can we do that would be exciting for him?" Originally from Washington, he does scuba diving, white water rafting (he's an instructor), outdoors activities, biking...well you get the picture. But what Paul hasn't done is sail, and his eyes lit up when my wife, Sue, and I proposed that he accompany us on our sailboat. "Yeah, I haven't ever sailed, and I would like to" was his response. Done! We set a date and time and told him that his afternoon cruise included supper on the lake, albeit a simple supper that included hot dogs on the grill, potato salad, and fresh fruit. You know, normal North Dakota picnic menu.

Well, the day came, and after a few last minute details we hit the lake. Our CAL 27 sailboat is in a slip at Ft. Stevenson State Park south of Garrison so just an hour way by car, and it takes minutes for us to be on the lake, sails up and dancing across the waves...except there wasn't much wind at first. Opportunity! "Hey Paul, would you like to take a swim?" It was a warm August day, and within seconds Paul was over the edge and disappeared into Lake Sakakawea. The afternoon winds would eventually pick up, and Paul was able to absorb some instructions from Sue and pretty soon he was at the helm of Celebration. So, add another line to the application: Paul really likes to sail, too.

That's just how easy it is to plan an event for your Adopt an Airman friend. However, please remove "plan" in that sentence. "That's just how easy it is to include your Adopt an Airman friend in your normal family activities." What Sue and I heard from Paul is that he just really wanted a way to get off base, out of the dorms, and see what Minot has to offer. It could be a backyard bar b que, a quick cup of coffee, an afternoon at the zoo, or just a seat in the boat for a walleye fishing trip. The point is, they are here for at least 2 years, and they don't know where to start when it comes to the Minot, North Dakota experience. That's where you come in. If you live on the base, or in town, please consider the Adopt an Airman program. The process is simple. Fill out the sponsor application on the Minot Chamber EDC website; fax, email or mail the application back to the Minot Chamber EDC, and within days you will be matched with an Airman who has shown an interest in developing a relationship with a sponsor family. It takes just minutes, and you are on your way. There are 2 main advantages: 1) You get to know a young person who wants to know more about Minot and 2) That young person will share a wealth of information about Minot AFB and the Air Force community.

Get out your phone or planner right now and add a note: Fill out an Adopt an Airman sponsor application. That way you won't forget.

We have far more Airman than we have sponsors, so now is the time to "Step Up To The Plate" and Adopt an Airman.



The Minot Area Chamber EDC and Minot Air Force Base have updated the application process for Adopt-an-Airman.

To find more information and apply today visit www.minotchamberedc.com.

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ND CONTINUUM OF CARE AWARDED GRANT TO PREVENT AND END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

The North Dakota Continuum of Care (CoC) has been awarded a \$1,975,377 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

“The North Dakota Continuum of Care will lead a collaborative effort that brings together service providers to uncover and address the causes of homelessness among young adults in our state,” said Dave Flohr, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) executive director.

HUD awarded \$142 million to 33 communities; North Dakota was one of the 11 rural communities selected. Youth with lived experience helped HUD with the assessment of the nearly 100 applications to ensure that the grant recipients understood the needs and preferences of the young people they will serve. Following HUD’s funding announcement, the communities selected have six months to submit a coordinated community plan.

YHDP grant recipients can use funding for rapid rehousing, transitional and permanent supportive housing, and to fund innovative programs like host homes. The grant also supports the development of youth-focused performance measures and coordinated entry systems.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated nearly every crisis in our society, including the crises of youth homelessness,” said HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge. “Our society is judged by how we treat the most vulnerable among us. We have a responsibility in our



nation to care for all our children and with this funding, HUD is taking steps to make sure that every child under our care has a safe place to call home.”

North Dakota’s CoC and the other grant recipients will participate in a program evaluation to inform the federal effort to prevent and end youth homelessness going forward. They will serve as leaders in the nation on the work to end homelessness among young people.

NDHFA is the Collaborative Applicant for the state’s CoC, a communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. The program provides funding to support efforts to end homelessness, promotes access to and for effective utilization of programs, and optimizes the self-sufficiency of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. More information on the CoC is available online at ndcontinuumofcare.org.

NDHFA is a self-supporting and mission-driven state agency dedicated to making housing affordable for all North Dakotans. The North Dakota Industrial Commission, consisting of Governor Doug Burgum as chairman, Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, oversees the agency.

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT PROVIDES TRAINING ASSISTANCE

Looking for employees, but not finding applicants with all the qualifications needed? In today’s market it can be a challenge to find a qualified candidate.

Employers should consider On-the-Job Training (OJT). Job Service North Dakota may be able to assist you with the costs associated with providing OJT through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is a federally funded program that provides training assistance to eligible individuals. See below for specific training opportunities and eligible training provider information.

WIOA On-the-Job Training (OJT) is training conducted in a work environment designed to enable individuals to learn a bona fide skill and/or qualify for a particular occupation through demonstration and practice.

After an OJT contract has been negotiated and signed, the employer then hires the participants as a regular employee and begins training according to the contract. The goal of this training is to retain the trainee as a permanent employee. OJT involves individuals at the entry level. Training is designed to help participants reach their fullest potential and become self-sufficient in the job.

Under WIOA, OJT is an option for eligible participants. Meaning the applicant you are considering hiring must qualify for the program. Employers can be reimbursed up to 50 percent of the hourly wage during the training period which can run from 4 to 26 weeks. The applicant cannot be hired prior to the formal contract between the employer and Job Service being developed, signed and in place.

Any questions can be directed to Cindy Bitz at 701-857-7546 or by email at cbitz@nd.gov.

WORK EXPANDS ON BURDICK EXPRESSWAY, BROADWAY/BURDICK INTERSECTION

Work will begin on Monday on the mill and overlay phase of an ongoing project on Burdick Expressway East between South Broadway and the Burdick Viaduct.

Traffic will remain head-to-head on the two south lanes of Burdick Expressway East while crews remove the top layer of asphalt on the two north lanes. Once the asphalt is removed, crews will fix areas in need of repair, and then install a new layer of asphalt. When the two north lanes are completed, the work will move to the two south lanes.

There will be impacts to vehicle traffic attempting to cross north and south on that section of Burdick Expressway. Drivers should expect some delays during the milling and paving process which will be taking place during the day and at night. The mill and overlay phase of the project is anticipated to be completed in approximately 10 working days.

In a related project, work to install new accessible

pedestrian ramps will transition to the Burdick/Broadway intersection late this week, with traffic changes beginning as early as Friday. Crews will install eight new accessible pedestrian ramps at the four corners of the intersection and on the pedestrian islands. During the work, which will be done in three phases, the two outside lanes of Broadway will be closed to vehicle traffic in and around the intersection.

Work in the intersection is expected to last approximately two weeks.

Drivers are encouraged to be aware of changing traffic patterns in the construction zones, and to reduce speeds while in zones to create a safe work environment for crews.

For additional information contact the Public Information Office at 701-857-4727 or by email at pio@minotnd.org.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF ND KICKS OFF FALL MEETINGS

Developer Day

Economic Development Specialist, Mark Lyman, attended the Economic Development Association of North Dakota (EDND) / Department of Commerce "Developer Meeting in Bismarck in September.

This event provided an opportunity for new and existing local Community, Volunteer and Economic Development professionals to learn more about the North Dakota Department of Commerce and the tools available to grow local businesses and economies.

EDND Central Region Quarterly Meeting

Minot Area Chamber EDC Staff led the EDND Central Region quarterly meeting in Minot. Area economic developers were introduced to the Logistics Park of North Dakota. Brad Feist, Plant Manager at AGT Foods led a bus tour through the park and showcased the intermodal portion and facility.



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HOEVEN WORKING TO KEEP NUCLEAR MODERNIZATION EFFORTS ON TRACK

Senator Highlights Growing Threats from China & Russia, Bipartisan Support for Nuclear Deterrent at Task Force 21 Symposium

Senator John Hoeven outlined efforts in a press conference in September to keep the nation's nuclear modernization programs on track, stressing that:

- The U.S. must ensure its nuclear deterrent remains effective for years to come, as China, Russia and other adversaries continue to advance new nuclear capabilities.
- Nuclear modernization enjoys broad bipartisan support.
- The deterrent is considered a critical national security priority by the vast majority of Americans, according to a recent study from the Mitchell Institute.
- The administration's ongoing Nuclear Posture Review should reflect these realities and affirm the value of the nuclear deterrent.

Hoeven made the remarks at the D.C. Triad Symposium, an annual event hosted by Task Force 21, which works to support the missions of the Minot Air Force Base (MAFB). The senator also met with Task Force 21 earlier this week, where he outlined his efforts as a member of the Senate Defense Appropriations Committee to advance the following priorities to strengthen the nation's nuclear missions:

- **Long Range Stand Off (LRSO) Missile:** The LRSO will replace the aging Air Launched Cruise Missile (ALCM) that flies on the B-52.
- **B-52 Modernizations:** The B-52 modernization includes developing a new engine, replacing the radar and upgrading the communications systems.
- **Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD):** The GBSD will replace the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).
- **MH-139 Grey Wolf Helicopter:** Hoeven has been pressing the Air Force to secure FAA certification and continue procurement of the Grey Wolf helicopter, which will replace the Huey at nuclear bases.

"There is no topic more important to our national security than the preservation of strategic deterrence," said Hoeven. "We appreciate Task Force 21's dedicated efforts and advocacy on behalf of our nuclear missions, including the ICBM and B-52 missions at the Minot Air Force Base. We are working right alongside them to ensure these modernization programs are properly funded and stay on schedule. It is imperative that the U.S. rises to meet the real and growing threat from China, Russia and North Korea."

The September 24th conference follows Hoeven's efforts to ensure the Biden administration continues prioritizing nuclear modernization, having raised the matter with multiple administration officials. To this end, Hoeven reviewed operations at the Minot Air Force Base with General Charles Brown, Air Force Chief of Staff; General Timothy Ray, Commander of Air Force Global Strike Command; and a bipartisan group of senators from the Armed Services and Senate Defense Appropriations Committees. The senator also made the case for nuclear modernization to Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall and Deputy Secretary of Defense Kathleen Hicks.



Senator Hoeven Speaking at the Triad Symposium held in Washington DC in September

SEPTEMBER DIAPER DRIVE ALMOST DOUBLES DOWN!

Rod Wilson, Northern Sentry

With a goal of 10,000 diapers to be collected in the month of September, SSgt Andrea Payne hit the ground running with a challenge to all Minot Air Force Base squadrons to “get on board” with a grand prize of a Papa John’s pizza party on the line for the winning squadron. Her message was obviously well received as her September Diaper Drive collected 17,200 diapers and 7,000 wipes, almost twice as many as her original goal.

Project Bee would end up being the final destination for the donated diapers “with half of the diapers going to the diaper pantry downtown, and the other half to be used in their warming shelter that will open on October 1,” according to SSgt Payne. Project Bee distributes over 10,000 diapers per month to Minot, the surrounding area and Minot AFB. The September Diaper Drive will benefit over 600 families.

“We are so happy about the results of the September Diaper Drive” according to Project Bee Development Director Allie Walsh, “We provide 30 diapers per month for each child in a qualifying family. We aren’t their total supply, but we are a supplement.” The application for Dakota Diaper Pantry is on the Project Bee web site, projectbeend.org. “They will be military qualified,” according to Walsh, “but there are a number of ways to get Dakota Diaper Pantry assistance.”

There were 16 squadrons competing for the grand prize. “I was certainly surprised at the number of squadrons that participated,” according to Payne. “I was also surprised at the number of diapers that people were willing to donate. For a while we had an office full of diapers” as the number grew each day.

If people missed the September Diaper Drive and still want to donate, they can contact Walsh at Project Bee. According to SSgt Payne “They are always looking for diapers, wipes and cash to purchase diapers.” In addition, Project Bee can always use volunteers to work at the pantry sorting and packing donated diapers.

The September Diaper Drive had another positive spin as it “sparked interest for how to organize future events such as clothing drives or toys for Christmas. I had several calls from Airmen asking me how to get started and how to organize the events,” added Payne.



The winner of the pizza party? Papa John’s will deliver pizzas to the 5th Civil Engineer Squadron, as they were the winning squadron collecting over 7,000 diapers.

For more information call Project Bee at (701) 838-1812 or email them at hello@projectbeend.org.

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Dawn Thompson
Old Navy



Jared Foley
Minot Police
Department



Devin Seney
R&J's Fuel and Service



Luke Nathe
HighAir Ground



Carol Ler
Lee's Hallmark

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

RIBBON CUTTINGS



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RIBBON CUTTINGS, CONT.



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Eric Thoenke & Matt Maldonado | Founders

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Y'S MEN'S PBR

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The Minot Y's Men kicked off the biggest bull riding event that has ever been to Minot, and the profits will continue to further benefit youth activities at Triangle Y Camp, located on beautiful Lake Sakakawea and at the Minot Family YMCA.

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Minot Public Schools Realignment Project

Bond Election - December 7, 2021

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Former Cognizant Building
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Monday, October 25th
4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, November 10th
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

MINOT DAILY NEWS REMODELING READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

This year and moving forward, it will have a new name – Best of the Best. There are some other exciting changes but as always, in the Minot Daily News Best of the Best, readers have the last word.

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 North Dakota special.

This year, the contest is more important than ever, with so many local businesses and organizations still facing COVID-19 challenges.

The Minot Daily News is stepping up to the challenge by making the contest even bigger and better than ever, to provide more visibility to area businesses and organizations.

Some of the changes they are making besides the name change:

Daily online voting: Participants can vote once per category per day. The Minot Daily News will still have paper ballots for anyone who prefers putting pen to paper. But they're adding online voting at www.minotdailynews.com/best

More transparency: Minot Daily News knows the Best of the Best contest is important to the local businesses and organizations that compete. So, they are taking extra steps this year to increase transparency in their rules and decisions about which nominees are eligible for which categories.

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



Minot Daily News



MEMBER NEWS

THE SOURIS VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER COMPLETES RENOVATION AND NEW BUILDING

The Souris Valley Animal Shelter, after 13 months, has announced that their new renovation and new building are complete. Their Grand Opening will be held on October 8th at 12:00 pm and 5:30 pm, sponsored by Gate City Bank and Hook and Ladder Winery.

The new building features a cat zone, dog zone, community clinic, and administrative suite.

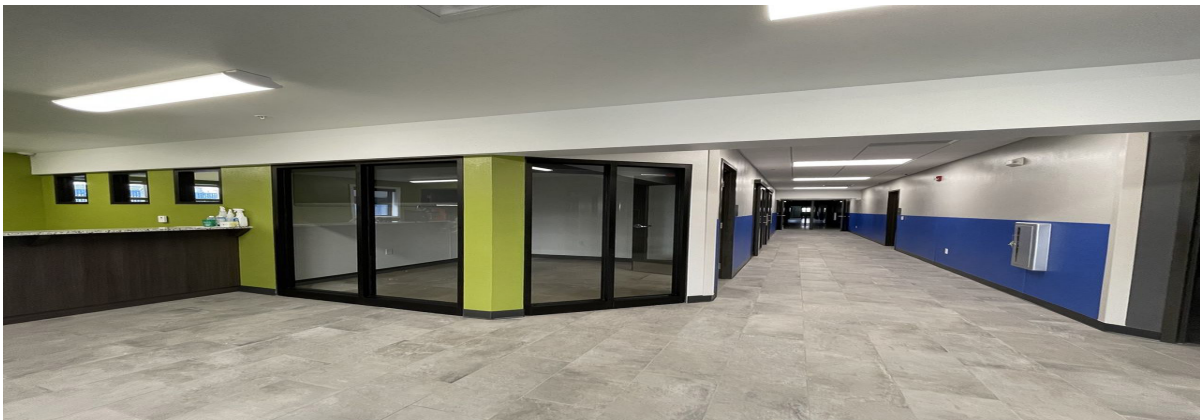
For cat lovers, the cat zone features two multipurpose cat rooms that allow for free roam and play, one oversized cat room for adoptable pets, neonatal kitten space, two storage areas, and an isolation unit for ill and contagious cats.

Canine friends will enjoy oversized indoor and outdoor kennels, allowing all dogs to have the ability to go inside or outside during hours of operation. The floors in the dog zone are heated for comfort, and an indoor dog park was built to provide enrichment rain or shine.

The community clinic is the newest veterinary suite in North Dakota. Featuring a separate lobby, overnight staff room, X-Ray room, necropsy room, exam room, prep room, surgical room, and recovery room. For the first time in history, SVAS can spay and neuter pets.

SVAS staff have never had the luxury of office space, but in the new building there are two office suites, an administrative area, breakroom, community and shared work stations, and a community room that will serve as a training room and board room.

The Minot community is invited to celebrate with SVAS Staff on October 8th at 12:00 pm and 5:30 pm.



MEMBER NEWS



HESS CORPORATION SUPPORTS Y'S MEN'S PBR AND TRIANGLE Y CAMP

The Minot Y's Men's PBR, an organization working to support kids at the Triangle Y Camp at Lake Sakakawea, near Garrison ND, has received \$40,000 in donated funds from Hess Corporation. The contribution will help to support camp scholarships, new construction, and improvements.

Last year, the organization made the difficult decision to cancel their annual event, but still contributed man hours and funds to the Triangle Y Camp to perform necessary maintenance to the facilities and keep the camp running during the global pandemic.

"We've worked closely and supported the Minot Y's Men and YMCA for a number of years. Seeing their resiliency and ability to pivot during a difficult year has been a testament to their commitment to their mission and to the Triangle Y Camp," said Brent Lohnes, General Manager of Hess North Dakota. "Hess's mission is to be the most trusted energy partner wherever we operate and positively impact the communities where we live and work. We're proud to work with the Minot Y's Men and help them continue their mission."

"All of the profits from our event go to the Triangle Y Camp," said Braden Bosh, one of the event organizers and Y's Men. "The support of sponsors like Hess is helping us to put on two nights of exciting entertainment for the Minot community and support a camp that welcomes kids from across the state all summer. Hess's contribution this year is a huge investment in our mission and we are so grateful to continue our work to better the Triangle Y Camp."

The Minot Y's Men brought a new event to the community with the Minot PBR Live at the Minot Municipal Auditorium, October 1st and 2nd. Next year's event is set for September 23 & 24.

MEMBER NEWS

UNITED COMMUNITY BANK LAUNCHES HIGH SCHOOL HALFTIME EVENTS

This fall, United Community Bank is launching a series of halftime contests at United Public (Des Lacs - Burlington) and South Prairie Public Schools to provide an opportunity for both fun, halftime entertainment and the opportunity to raise money within their schools.

With each of these contests, the chosen contestant will have a chance to participate themselves to win \$200 or to choose someone else at the game for a chance to win \$100 each. If the contestant wins, the school also receives \$1000 to a non-athletic need of their choice.

The first of these events will take place during the football season. These contests will be featured during halftime of the following games:

South Prairie vs. W-G-N on October 8, CHOSEN DONATION: Fine Arts Department to help kick off the speech and debate program

Des Lacs - Burlington vs. Velva on October 15, CHOSEN DONATION: National Honor Society - DLB Chapter

Contestants will be drawn at participating games and attendees will have the chance to register at the school office the week of the game or prior and during the game.

For more information contact Jennifer at 701-420-5734 or jhubrig@ucbnd.com

EDWARD JONES, TOM MILLER, HOLDS SEMINAR OCTOBER 19

Several strategies can help reduce tax burden. Choosing tax-advantaged investments is one of them. Join Edward Jones, Tom Miller for a seminar on Tax-free Investing: It's Not What You Make, It's What You Keep. Those attending will learn about:

- Tax-advantaged investments and their features
- Tax-free investment returns versus taxable investment returns
- Three ways to purchase municipal bonds
- How tax-free investing can help you achieve your goals

October 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Adult Learning Center - 1609 4th Ave NW
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KIWANIS PANCAKE DAY OCTOBER 9

Are you ready to eat some pancakes? Well the Kiwanis Club of Minot is ready to make them, and they hope to raise enough money to help as many children's groups in Minot as they can. If you aren't able to attend, you can still buy a ticket as it will act as a raffle for some great prizes! The 62nd Annual Kiwanis Pancake Day is set for Saturday, October 9 from 7 a.m. until noon at the Minot Auditorium. The breakfast features sausage, coffee and all the pancakes you can eat. The raffle includes a chance to win the following:

- Blackstone 36" Griddle - (\$370 value) - Donated by Town & Country Credit Union
- Two \$50 Gate City Bank MasterCard - Donated by Gate City Bank
- Roosevelt Park Zoo Package (\$115 value) - Donated by Roosevelt Park Zoo
- Cooler Basket (\$100 value) - Donated by Minot Automotive Center
- \$50 Marco's Pizza Gift Card - Donated by Marco's Pizza

Tickets are just \$5 from any Kiwanis member or at the Minot Area Chamber EDC. You can purchase them the day of the event for \$6 per person, kids under six eat free.

MEMBER NEWS

MINOT STATE STUDENT NEWSPAPER WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The Red and Green, Minot State University's student newspaper, was recently bestowed a first-place award from the American Scholastic Press Association.

The award was based on Spring 2021 print issues from Feb. 11 and March 11.

"This award is a testament to the editorial team's hard work and their dedication to covering the campus and community news that matters most to students, even in the face of the pandemic," said Alison McAfee, Red and Green advisor and professional communication instructor. "It is particularly meaningful to receive this honor during such a challenging time. We are looking forward to another great year under the 2021-22 news team."



2021-22 Red and Green Editorial Team

Phillip Green, Lauren Reeves, Kylie Koontz, Miya Smalls, Jane Wunderlich

The student editorial team for the semester included Alyson Heisler, editor; Kylie Koontz, assistant editor; Lauren Reeves, features editor; Philip Green; sports editor; and Calli Delsman, social media director.

"I'm proud to be a part of the team that was given this award last year," said Koontz. "With some new additions to the team — Miya Smalls and Jane Wunderlich — and our amazing feature editor Lauren Reeves and sports writer Philip Green, we are hoping this is the first of many awards to add to our achievements this year."

Koontz moves into the editor role for the 2021-22 school year with Reeves and Green returning to their positions.

"I'm excited about this upcoming year for the Red and Green. It's great to be able to write more about campus life and interact with students more again," said Reeves. "Our staff of writers and photographers is growing a lot this year, which is insane and exciting at the same time since we are always in need of people to help us."

The Red and Green publishes six print newspapers a semester and has an online presence at RedGreenPaper.com and on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Their first issue for Fall 2021 will be available on Sept. 16.

Established in 1922, the newspaper will celebrate their 100th anniversary this spring.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS ECKMAN AS NEW AIRPORT DIRECTOR

City Manager Harold Stewart is asking the City Council to support his recommended hiring of Jennifer Eckman as the new director at the Minot International Airport after a nationwide search process.

The City Council will consider Stewart's recommendation at the Council meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 7. If the Council confirms Eckman's selection, she would begin Oct. 4.

"I'm pleased to support Jennifer as the airport director for the City of Minot," Stewart said. "She has more than 17 years of wide-ranging experience in airport management, and we would be ex-cited to have her lead the great staff we already have in place at the Minot International Airport."



Jennifer Eckman

Eckman, who has completed the Accredited Airport Executive (AAE) program, has been the manager of the Northern Plains UAS Test Site in Grand Forks, N.D., since January 2019. She was previously the airport manager in Jamestown, N.D., the deputy airport director for finance and administration in Rapid City, S.D., and served as the airport administrative assistant and air-port real estate specialist at Paine Field/Snohomish County Airport in Everett, Wash.

Originally from North Dakota, Eckman completed a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in airport management from the University of North Dakota in May 1999, and received a Masters of Fine Arts from California State University-Long Beach in May 2004. She is scheduled to complete her Master of Business Administration in May 2022.

For additional information contact the Public Information Office at 701-857-4727 or by email at pio@minotnd.org.

MEMBER NEWS

ASPIRE CREDIT UNION NAMED AMONG THE TOP 200 HEALTHIEST CREDIT UNIONS IN AMERICA

Aspire Credit Union is proud to announce they are among the Top 200 Healthiest Credit Unions in the country according to a recently conducted review by DepositAccount.com, a subdivision of Lending Tree. The institution received an A+ rating, ranking the organization in the top 5% in the nation. The A+ rating was given after DepositAccounts.com examined the financial health of the institution.

"We are honored and proud to be a part of this list as we strive to offer excellent service and great rates to our members while maintaining safety and soundness for the credit union," stated Aspire Credit Union CEO Mindee Kohlman.

DepositAccount.com reviews all NCUA federally insured credit unions (and FDIC insured banks) on a quarterly basis. At the completion of the review, Aspire Credit Union was ranked at number 149 out of their list of 200 and are one of three credit unions in the state of North Dakota to receive this national recognition. There were 2,943 institutions rated during the review.

To view the complete list of the 2021 Top 200 Healthiest Credit Unions in America, visit <https://www.depositaccounts.com/banks/health.aspx>.

Aspire Credit Union (formerly Prairie Federal Credit Union) is located at 1430 South Broadway, Minot. For more information or to become a member, find us online at www.aspire.creditunion.



Mindee Kohlman

ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD WELCOMES MELISSA ROWE AS RECEPTIONIST

Melissa Rowe has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as the Receptionist. Rowe grew up in South Dakota and graduated from Minot State University with a Bachelors of Arts degree specializing in Graphic Design. She previously was a Senior Graphic Designer at a public relations firm and an Admissions Specialist with the local university. Her responsibilities will include overseeing client interactions and providing administrative team support on a variety of projects.

Ackerman-Estvold is a professional engineering and architectural firm headquartered in Minot, ND, with additional offices location in Williston & Fargo ND, and Boise, ID. The firm provides planning, design, and construction services for public and private clients throughout North Dakota and surrounding states. For more information about Ackerman-Estvold, or the services we provide visit us at www.ackerman-estvold.com.



Melissa Rowe

WESTERN AGENCY WELCOMES WADE REGIER

Western Agency is proud to announce and welcome the addition of Wade Regier as a Commercial Producer. Wade will be responsible for working our existing commercial accounts and business development and furthering Western Agency's mission of providing outstanding customer experience and strong company growth. Wade brings to the team more than 13 years of sales and business development experience.

Growing up in Canada, Wade came to North Dakota to attend Minot State University and graduated in 2008. In 2010, he took over as the Head Coach the Minot State University Hockey program where, along with coaching, was extensively involved in the sponsorship, fundraising and business development for the program. It was during this time, it led him to develop many relationships throughout the community. His positive nature and his ability create long lasting partnerships will have a lasting impact within the Western Agency team.

MEMBER NEWS

BLU ON BROADWAY GRAND OPENING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

A mixed-use building, affordable housing building in Minot, ND.

Blu on Broadway is a master-planned mixed-use development opening October 1st in Minot, ND. This development is a 5-story building that includes main level commercial space, and long-term affordable housing units on the upper floors. This project is made possible by the partnership between the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Minot, Minot's National Disaster Resilience Program and EPIC Companies.

"We are open and so excited to provide more opportunities for affordable housing in the City of Minot. By being along Broadway commercial tenants like XGolf Minot and Ambition Nutrition were quick to sign a lease," said McKenzie Braaten, VP Marketing and Public Relations at EPIC Companies.

Construction began in spring of 2020 and concluded fall of 2021. We are still hoping to fill the remaining commercial space in the next few months. On floors two through five there is 40 out of the 42 units currently leased along with over 6,000 square foot of commercial space leased. We are excited to bring amenities such as underground parking, a community video board, and more to this prime location in Minot, ND.

Please join us for a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting on Friday, October 15th at 3:30PM. After the ceremony concludes apartment tours will be available along with a social at XGolf Minot.

In 2016, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded over \$74 million to the City of Minot in National Disaster Resilience Community Development Block Grant funds for the purpose of assisting recovery and resiliency in the most impacted and distressed areas through the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013, including funds for disaster recovery from major disasters declared under the Stafford Act in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

The architect of record for the project was ICON Architectural Group and the construction manager was Gehrtz Construction Services. The apartments and commercial spaces will be managed by EPIC Management. EPIC Companies has submitted future plans for projects in Minot including The Tracks (located across from the new Trinity Hospital) and other projects in the downtown Minot vicinity. For more information about EPIC Companies current and upcoming projects visit EPICCompaniesND.com.

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MEMBER NEWS

SCHREINER PROMOTED TO VALVOLINE INSTANT OIL CHANGE OPERATIONS MANAGER

Valvoline Instant Oil Change is pleased to introduce Terry Schreiner as the new Operations Manager for our Minot and Bismarck locations. Terry will operate the North Bismarck location while overseeing both Bismarck and Minot locations. His position allows the organization to prepare for growing our Valvoline business.

Terry attended both Montana State University and Bismarck State College. He began his professional career with Walmart. He worked with them for 21 years earning the position of Store Manager. During his career with Walmart, Terry earned 2003 Hometown Store of the Year.

Terry joined the Tires Plus of North Dakota and Valvoline Instant Oil Change team in May 2015, beginning as Store Manager of Tires Plus South Bismarck location. During that time, he successfully completed several industry certification courses. He also received the Dale Carnegie Highest Achievement Award.

Terry and his family reside in Bismarck. In 2017, Terry began the fundraising car show event, Carz-N-Cures in support of the Bismarck Cancer Center after they successfully treated his wife for breast cancer. He has raised over \$55,500 since he started. In 2019, he was awarded the Bismarck Cancer Center Hope Givers Extraordinaire Award.



Terry Schreiner

HAMMER HIRED AS TIRES PLUS OF NORTH DAKOTA'S OPERATIONS MANAGER

Tires Plus is pleased to introduce Cody Hammer as the new Tires Plus of North Dakota's Operations Manager. Cody will be responsible for managing the existing four Tires Plus locations in Minot, Minot Air Force Base and two Bismarck locations.

Cody is from Surrey, North Dakota. He is a Minot State University graduate with a degree in Criminal Justice. He has been with the Tires Plus organization since 2010 beginning his career as a tire technician. Cody has worked in all the positions of our business and has served in many leadership capacities within our team, most recently serving as the Store Manager for the South Bismarck location.

Since his employment with Tires Plus, Cody has earned several awards for his leadership. He has earned numerous industry specialty certifications. He is driven and motivated to deliver the best customer experience to serve the needs of our communities. "I'm so excited to create strategies that will ensure we deliver what our customers need. We want to ensure their vehicles are maintained correctly so they have confidence in the safety of their vehicles. With our experienced and ASE certified mechanics and industry-certified tire specialists, our team is able to provide our customers with everything they need," Cody said upon receiving his promotion.

Cody resides in Bismarck with his family and has been actively engaged in community organizations including the Bismarck/Mandan Chamber of Commerce. As an avid outdoorsman, he participates in the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Pheasants for the Future, Delta Waterfowl and others.



Cody Hammer

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MEMBER NEWS

UPskillingND

LEARN SKILLS FOR IN-DEMAND JOBS USING LINKEDIN LEARNING

NDSCS and TrainND Southeast, in partnership with Microsoft and LinkedIn, is hosting a virtual technical training program.

This program is for those looking for different employment or those that want to enhance their skills - including individuals who have been displaced or are facing barriers to employment due to COVID-19.

Class size is limited to 40 students and there is **NO COST** to participate!

APPLY TO PARTICIPATE:

Deadline is October 15, 2021

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THE 5-WEEK FREE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

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- ◆ Virtual connection to a network of peers for support.
- ◆ One-on-one coaching to help construct a résumé, cover letters and launch a LinkedIn profile, to assist in job searching.

This UpskillingND initiative is dedicated to promoting diversity, multiculturalism, and inclusion for the volunteer coaches and participants. We are focused on equality as we proceed through these training cohorts and sincerely believe in diversity of race, gender, ethnicity, national origin and all the other fascinating characteristics that make us unique.

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MEMBER NEWS

BADLANDS CIRCUIT FINALS RODEO FUN FILLED WEEKEND

Rodeo organizers have a fun weekend planned in Minot on October 8-10.

That's when the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo stampedes into town for three performances of championship rodeo.

It's the best cowboys and cowgirls in North and South Dakota, said Max Weppler, one of the organizers of the rodeo and a long-time rodeo volunteer.

Fans will see "the best talent in the Dakotas," he said, noting that some of the competitors are also competing at the national level and are qualified for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, pro rodeo's world championship, in December.

Fans can make a weekend out of it, Weppler said, with ancillary events going on around the circuit finals rodeo.

The shopping will be better than ever, said Amy Behm, coordinator of the Badlands Trade Show presented by Wrangler. With over 45 vendors anticipated, a variety of items will be for sale: décor, clothing, accessories, tack, and western lifestyles. "We have a wide variety of items, to please anybody," she said.

More shopping opportunities will be available through the flea market and the Junkin' in the Dirt trade show, both held at the State Fair Center.

New this year is the Kickoff and Back Number Social. Held Oct. 7, it's where contestants and contract personnel are introduced to the fans and are presented their back numbers and other gifts. It's a way for fans to meet the Badlands cowboys and cowgirls and to recognize the contestants for their achievement of qualifying for the circuit finals. Doors open at 6:30 pm; dinner is at 7:30 pm with awards to follow. Announcers Bob Tallman and Wayne Brooks will be emcees and will entertain with their own brand of humor! The Kickoff and Back Number Social is open to all rodeo ticket holders; show your rodeo ticket at the door.

For barrel racers, breakaway ropers and team ropers, jackpots will be held on Oct. 8-9 during the day at the N.D. State Fair Center. These contests are open to any contestants, not just Badlands Circuit Finals qualifiers.

A kids dummy roping will take place on Sat., Oct. 9 at 2 pm in the tradeshow area, with an open dummy roping to follow.

And on Saturday night, after the rodeo, there's a "Party in the Dirt." The Mud Butte band will play immediately following the rodeo; entry is free to all rodeo ticket holders.

Sun., Oct. 10, Cowboy Church with Pastor Jesse Anderson will take place at 10 am.

At the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo, fans see the best rodeo there is, Weppler said. "These cowboys and cowgirls have won the most money over the rodeo season and will compete for the title of Badlands champ," he said.

There's a lot on the line for these competitors, Weppler said, including a gold buckle, a saddle, and a trip to the National Circuit Finals Rodeo, where last year over \$600,000 was up for grabs.

"They compete for the gold, which makes a great rodeo and great entertainment for fans."

Eight events will be included during each performance of the circuit finals: bareback riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, ladies breakaway roping, ladies barrel racing, and bull riding. The same twelve contestants in each event compete during each performance, on different animals in the bucking horse and bull riding events.

The Badlands Circuit Finals takes place at 7 pm on Oct. 8-9 and at 2 pm on Oct. 10.

Tickets are \$20 for adult general admission and \$10 for kids ages 6-12. Gold buckle seats, the five rows closest to the arena floor, are \$25 for all ages.

Tickets can be purchased online at BadlandsCircuitFinalsRodeo.com and at North Country Mercantile in Minot (2000 20th Avenue SE).

For more information, visit the website at BadlandsCircuitFinals.com or the Facebook page.



MEMBER NEWS

NDCPD AWARDED FUNDING FOR NAVIGATOR GRANT IN NORTH DAKOTA

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities (NDCPD), a Center of Excellence at Minot State University has been awarded \$999,472 from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement the statewide Navigator project. Federally-facilitated Marketplace Navigators play a vital role in helping consumers, especially those in underserved communities, understand their benefits and rights, review options, prepare applications to establish eligibility, and enroll in Marketplace coverage.

Navigators operate year-round—increasing awareness among the remaining uninsured about the coverage options available to them, helping consumers find affordable coverage that meets their needs, and assisting consumers beyond the enrollment process to ensure they're equipped with the tools and resources needed to utilize and maintain their health coverage all year. Navigators must complete comprehensive federal Navigator training and criminal background checks prior to assisting consumers.

"We are excited to be able to provide this service to consumers throughout North Dakota," said Cheryl Coyle, Navigator project director. "There are approximately 32,000 uninsured people under the age of 65 in the state who could potentially benefit from health insurance through the Marketplace."

For more information on the Navigator project, contact Coyle at 701-858-3052 or cheryl.coyle@minotstateu.edu.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS CENTER AND ND FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE PARTNER ON FOOD DRIVE

The Domestic Violence Crisis Center in Minot and the North Dakota Fraternal Order of Police – Souris Valley Regional Lodge #7 are partnering throughout the month of October to host a non-perishable food drive to help restock the DVCC food pantry in the emergency shelter.

Donations of "shelf stable" foods such as mac and cheese, soup, ramen, hamburger helper, instant mashed potatoes, cereal, snacks, taco kits, etc. are requested.

Donations can be dropped off at:
Minot PD, Velva City Hall, and the Sheriff's Offices of Renville, Bottineau, Pierce, and McHenry Counties.



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MEMBER NEWS

MINOT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF THE ARNOLD I. BESSERUD FUND

Arnold Besserud was an extraordinarily modest and unassuming man. He lived humbly and established his network of friends through the soup kitchens and food pantries in Minot. He participated in these programs, sharing meals and establishing friendships with those in attendance. When he died, Mr. Besserud asked that the Minot Area Community Foundation see that his legacy went on by first helping those that need it most.

This year, we celebrate 10 years since The Arnold I Besserud Fund was established at The Minot Area Community Foundation (MACF). In 10 years, The Besserud Fund has granted \$1.45 Million back into our communities. The primary intent of his endowment is to serve food pantries, soup kitchens and humanitarian needs along with other priority needs in the community.



The Besserud Fund has made it possible for the Foundation to continually benefit soup kitchens and food pantries in and around Minot and through his fund, MACF will be able to continue this support forever. There are currently 7 soup kitchens serving 5 weekly lunch meals, 2 evening meals and 1 breakfast. All meals are served by area churches and a host of volunteers. Since the inception of The Besserud Fund, a total of \$163,750 has been invested into meal enhancements at area soup kitchens.

There are three main food pantries in Minot - Our Lady of Grace, Salvation Army and The Lord's Cupboard. In the last 10 years, The Besserud Fund has granted \$200,100 directly to food pantries. These amounts do not include grants to soup kitchens and food pantries for equipment. Grants for equipment, including walk-in fridges and freezers for example, total \$161,270 over the last 10 years.

"Arnold Besserud's thankful response to the hospitality he received at the food pantry is touching more lives than he could have imagined." Says Gerald Roise of The Lord's Cupboard food pantry, "We're forever grateful and appreciative of how one man's generosity changes our community!"

Local food pantries primarily rely on donations and food drives for their inventory. The MACF Donation Station, which was also made possible by the Besserud Fund, has been able to help food pantries see an increase in area food drives. The Foundation, along with the Besserud Fund, has also sponsored a Challenge Grant that encourages area organizations to utilize the Donation Station for food collection drives. If an organization hosts a food drive between Sept. 1 and December 31, 2021, and utilizes the Donation Station, that organization can also earn a \$500 grant for the food pantry of their choice if they successfully collect 1,000 pounds of food. This is the 4th year that MACF has hosted the Challenge Grant.

Because of experienced volunteers in our community being able to identify additional needs, The Besserud Fund has been able to help in even more ways. Items like socks, toiletry items, and gifts at Christmas time have been provided to patrons of area soup kitchens. Basic humanitarian grants and other impactful community projects have totaled an amazing \$926,038 over the last 10 years. Some of these grants include seed funding to establish the Men's Winter Refuge, the Donation Station, the Minot Commission on Aging Meals on Wheels program, Souris Valley United Way Backpack Buddies program and The Sanctuary Sober Living Home.

"The Minot Area Community Foundation is honored by the privilege that Mr. Besserud and all our donors have bestowed upon us." Says Jason Zimmerman, MACF President, "It is very humbling to have the responsibility of ensuring our donor's wishes are met well after they are no longer with us."

MEMBER NEWS

MINOT STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO HONOR FIVE WITH GOLDEN AWARD

The Minot State University Alumni Association will honor two induction classes for a total of eight honorees with the Golden Award and two with the Young Alumni Achievement Award at the 53rd annual dinner on Thursday, Oct. 7.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on large in-person gatherings in 2020, individuals from both the 2020 and 2021 classes will be presented with awards at the annual event in the Minot State Conference Center.

The 2020 honorees include Chuck Barney, Josh Duhamel, Terry (Ferebee) Eckmann '81/'82, and John Schwan '82. The Young Alumni Achievement Award winner was Joseph Brewer '04.

The 2021 honorees include Les Anderson '68, Michael LeBeau '95, Kevin Neuharth '74, and Arnold Strebe '86. This year's Young Alumni Achievement Award winner is Evan Meiers '10.

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

LES ANDERSON

Anderson, who earned a mathematics and business education degree at MSU, worked in public education for 40 years — nine years as a classroom teacher and 31 years as a school administrator.

During his tenure in education, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), North Dakota Principal of the Year, and the Milken National Educator of the Year which came with a \$25,000 cash award. He was part of a team of educators who wrote a grant to the Carnegie Foundation to transition North Dakota's junior high schools to the concept of middle school education. During this time, he helped form a middle level state organization and served as the executive director.



Les Anderson

Anderson has served as a member of the Minot State University Alumni Association Board. While attending MSU he was a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity and the business manager for the yearbook. He also worked at MSU as an adjunct professor teaching middle level graduate classes.

He was asked by the NASSP and Prudential Insurance, which recognizes youth volunteers, to serve on a committee to initiate The Prudential Spirit of Community. In addition to his duties in the state of North Dakota, he served as the head counselor for the middle level students and liaison to the parents at the national awards program in Washington, D.C. for 18 years.

Anderson married Debbie (Bartsch) Anderson '71 in 1969. She passed away from Alzheimer's in January 2021. The promoting of Alzheimer's awareness has become a life mission for Anderson. While educating youth from across the country regarding Alzheimer's, he has distributed more than 12,000 Alzheimer's bracelets. He continues to work with students nationwide tasking them with the responsibility to find a cure.

The Andersons have volunteered to work with the North Dakota Student Activities Association for the last 42 years. NDSAA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and he currently serves as the executive director. NDSAA is made up of Student Council, National Honor Society and Middle Level. They have built the organization to serve over 2,500 students yearly in three state conferences with 15 state officers.

Anderson believes in students and their abilities. He will often refer to Earl Reum, one of his mentors, and the

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statement regarding working with young people. “You might have walked with the greatest and didn’t even know it.”

The Andersons have two daughters, Jessica ’93 and Jennifer, and six grandchildren, Hannah ’18, Thor II, Odin, Rhone, Emma, and Olivia.

MICHAEL LeBEAU

LeBeau serves as the president of the Sanford Health Bismarck region, overseeing the administration of health services and is responsible for the successful planning and implementation of operational and strategic goals for the Bismarck region.

He has been with Sanford Health for more than 10 years. LeBeau began at Sanford as a physician specializing in kidney care as a nephrologist. Prior to his current role, he served on the Sanford Board of Trustees and was a physician leader as the vice president of clinics.



Michael LeBeau

LeBeau graduated from Minot State and the University of North Dakota. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Gunderson Lutheran Medical Foundation in La Crosse, Wisconsin. LeBeau is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and serves on the board of trustees for the University of North Dakota School of Medicine Alumni Foundation.

KEVIN NEUHARTH

Kevin Neuharth ’74 grew up in the heart of North Dakota, McClusky, and found his way to Minot State. Not knowing what he wanted to do he tried seven different majors and, feeling more at home on the stage than on the football field in high school, ended on speech and drama education.

He began his life on the MSU stage early on, auditioning for “Taming of the Shrew” followed by “Richard III,” — getting his first experiences with Shakespeare — and working with an entire cast of talented individuals. The stage at McFarland Auditorium will always be thought of as his second home, where he grew to love the challenges and spirits of the auditorium working there a half dozen times in the early 1970s, and where he was first introduced to his wife of 44 years, Cindy (Black) ’75. The couple have two children, Jared, a mechanical engineer in Prior Lake, Minnesota, and Cassie ’12, a marketing specialist and assistant manager of a golf store in Fargo.



Kevin Neuharth

Neuharth began his teaching career in speech and media arts at Minot Public Schools. With declining enrollments, his position was eliminated. While applying for similar positions in the state and region, he was summoned to the home of Harold Aleshire, professor at Minot State, who offered Neuharth the position of tech director at MSU. The job was teaching a full load of 15 credits a quarter in speech and theater, along with directing a couple shows each year and designing and building all productions. He was also required to earn his Master’s of Arts degree, which he did from the University of Denver, and began teaching at MSU in the fall of 1976.

During his 40-year career at Minot State, he directed 149 projects with MSU Mainstage, MSU Summer Theatre, the Sawmill Playhouse, Magic City Children’s Theater, University of Oregon Second Season, and Minot Public Schools Magic City Campus and Central Campus. In addition to directing, he enjoyed 275 tech theater adventures in scenic design, lighting design, technical direction, and construction.

Neuharth was also the coordinator of the communication arts department for over 25 years, serving on several faculty committees including a term as the Faculty Senate President. He was principal respondent for 20-plus regional university KCACTF productions.

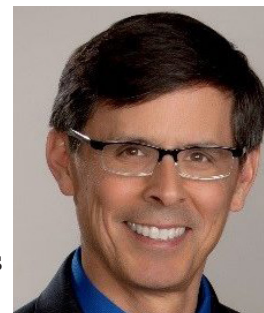
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He received the Board of Regents Excellence in Teaching award (2005), a Vision 2013 Merit Award for Humanities (2010), and Teacher of the Year presented by C STAND (2013). He notes the most humbling acknowledgements he received were being granted full professor and then, after retirement, being named Emeritus.

ARNOLD STREBE

Strebe currently serves as the Department of Human Services chief administrative officer and as the department's chief financial officer. He is responsible for leading agency-wide efforts related to administrative functions for the 2200 team members at DHS. He supervises the fiscal administration, human resources, strategic communications, logistics management and legal advisory divisions.



Arnold Strebe

Strebe previously worked for Starion Bank in Bismarck as the bank's president and chief human resource officer. Prior to that, he was the chief talent and business improvement officer at Evergreen Enterprises and Plow and Hearth, a multinational, multi-million-dollar wholesale, retail and manufacturing business with thousands of employees dispersed across the world. He also served in multiple roles with the Schwan's corporation, where he led a \$240 million sales organization and held various positions, including vice president of manufacturing and vice president of human resources.

He has completed six Ironman competitions and the 2019 Ultra 520k race in Canada. Strebe recently participated in the 70.3 Ironman World Championship in September 2021.

He is an active volunteer in the Bismarck area, serving on multiple boards such as the YMCA, Ronald McDonald House, Northern Plains Dance, the National Guard Foundation, and as race director for the YMCA Youth Triathlon. He strongly believes in helping others who face challenges to improve their lives.

Strebe is a former Airborne Ranger and served in the U.S. Army and North Dakota Army National Guard as a non-commissioned and commissioned officer. He earned a bachelor's degree in education from Minot State and a master's degree in education from Jones International University.

He and his wife Sigrid (Fiske) '92 are both graduates of MSU and established the Arnie Strebe Scholarship. They have three children and two grandchildren. Their youngest daughter Courtney (Black) '10 is also an MSU graduate.

EVAN MEIERS

Meiers, from Ross graduated high school in Stanley where he fostered a talent for the percussive arts. The International Music Camp, located at the International Peace Gardens in North Dakota, was an integral part of his growth through music.

During his undergrad at Minot State, he was active in many musical groups on campus, including; Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Beaver Athletic Band, Minot Symphony Orchestra, Concert Choir, and Jazz Band. Meiers also won the 2008 Minot State University Senior Honors Competition. He loved attending athletic events and even started a volunteer drumline at MSU.



Evan Meiers

Meiers started his teaching career 2009 in Lignite, and then settled into a band position in his hometown of Stanley. In 2018, Meiers joined the Minot Public Schools band program and is currently the Minot High School band director. He has taught band at all levels and is also well versed in choral methods and conducting.

In 2014 Meiers had the privilege of his high school band being selected as the 2014-2015 North Dakota Governors Band. He was also selected by his peers to serve on the North Dakota High School Activities Music Advisory Board from 2012-2018.

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He enjoys playing in the ever adept and popular Minot Community Band. He is a member of the North Dakota National Bandmasters Association, North Dakota Music Educators Association, Minot Educators Association, and the Percussive Arts Society. Recently Meiers has resurrected the ever-popular Magi Drumline.

Meiers also farms with his family in Blaisdell. He married his high school sweetheart, Erin, in 2009 and they have three daughters: Emery, Eila, and Eisley.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES HOMECOMING 2021 EVENTS

The Minot State University Alumni Association is pleased to announce its Homecoming Week 2021 events Oct. 6-9.

“Homecoming is always a special time for the Alumni Association and not having an event last year will make this one even better,” said Janna McKechnie, director of alumni relations and annual giving. “Our traditional events are back this year, and we are honoring the Golden Awards, Academic Hall of Fame, and Athletic Hall of Fame winners from both 2020 and 2021. We hope to see many alumni, family, and friends back for this exciting week.”

Homecoming 2021 will kick off with the President’s Club Luncheon, honoring MSU donors who have giving \$1,000 or more to the University over the past year, on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at noon. Due to a large class of President’s Club members, the event will take place in the MSU Dome. MSU will also host its annual Community Block Party Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. on the Old Main lawn.

The Golden Awards dinner is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the Student Center Conference Center Thursday, Oct. 7. The 2020 award winners are Chuck Barney, Josh Duhamel, Terry (Ferebee) Eckmann ’81/’82, and John Schwan ’82, with Joseph Brewer ’04 named the Young Alumni Award Achievement Award winner. The 2021 award winners include Les Anderson ’68, Michael LeBeau ’95, Kevin Neuharth ’74, and Arnold Strebe ’86, with Evan Meiers ’10 winning the Young Alumni Achievement Award.

Friday, Oct. 8 features the Beaver Booster Luncheon at the Minot State Dome (12 p.m.), Academic Hall of Fame at the Student Center Conference Center (3 p.m.), Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet at the Clarion Hotel (5 p.m.), Alumni & Friends Homecoming social at The Original (7 p.m.), and Minot State women’s soccer against Northern State at Herb Parker Stadium (7 p.m.).

The week will conclude with Minot State’s annual parade from downtown to Beaver Boulevard starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9. Tailgating on Beaver Boulevard will follow the parade. Minot State football will finish off the day with a clash with Minnesota State-Moorhead at Herb Parker Stadium at 2 p.m.

The week will also feature reunion socials for all 1970s grads, Sigma Tau Gamma, and the 1970 MSU football team.

For more information on Homecoming Week 2021, visit MinotStateU.edu/Homecoming.

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Wednesday, October 6

President's Club Luncheon: MSU Dome • 12 P.M.
Community Block Party: Old Main Lawn • 5 – 7 P.M.

Thursday, October 7

Golden Awards Dinner: Student Center Conference Center • 5:30 P.M.
Reunion Socials for the following:
70's decade • Sigma Tau Gamma • 1970 Football Team

Friday, October 8

Beaver Booster Luncheon: MSU Dome • 12 P.M.
Hall of Fame Banquet: Clarion Hotel • 5 P.M.
Alumni & Friends Homecoming Social: The Original • 7 P.M.
Soccer vs. Northern State: Herb Parker Stadium • 7 P.M.
Reunion Socials for the following:
70's decade, Sigma Tau Gamma, and 1970 Football Team

Saturday, October 9

Homecoming Parade: Downtown Minot to the MSU Dome • 11 A.M.
Tailgate: Beaver Blvd – Following Parade
Football vs. MSU-Moorhead: Herb Parker Stadium • 2 P.M.

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NEW INVESTMENT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR BUSINESSES IN LOW-INCOME AND DISTRESSED AREAS

\$30 Million Awarded to Dakota Business Lending through the New Markets Tax Credit Program

Dakota Business Lending is excited to announce that they have been selected by the U.S. Treasury Department's Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) Fund to receive \$30 million in New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) allocation. This is a landmark achievement given that Dakota Business Lending is the first North Dakota based financing entity to be chosen and one of the country's top 100 community-focused organizations recognized this year.

Created in 2000 through the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act, NMTC is run and administered through the U.S. Department of Treasury. This year, the program allocated a total of \$5 billion to Community Development Entities (CDEs) throughout the nation through a competitive and challenging application process, who then use their allocations to further the mission of the program: to encourage and jumpstart investment in low-income census tracts to create jobs, bring new opportunities to qualifying areas, and fill a financing gap for transformative projects.

As North Dakota's top SBA 504 lender for the past 11 years, Dakota Business Lending provides creative and affordable small business financing solutions and technical assistance that promotes economic development and prosperity in our communities.

To fund NMTC, Dakota Business Lending will work to fill a financing gap through a process of investing and monetizing tax credits. All projects done through the NMTC program must either be located in a qualifying low-income census tract, be transformative in size or scale to the (re)development of a distressed area, and adaptable to the unique structure and requirements of the program.

In addition to the NMTC program, Dakota Business Lending will continue to maximize and spread economic impact by encouraging the "pay-it-forward" concept. Businesses assisted through the NMTC will be asked to "repay" the kindness by passing along assistance and support to others in need.

The NMTC funds comes with great support from various partners and lenders of Dakota Business Lending, who they will work closely with to find eligible projects and investment opportunities. Among those is the Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation (GFMEDC), who looks forward to helping bring the program to potential expansion projects throughout the state. "While the New Markets Tax Program has been around for a number of years nationally, the Fargo-Moorhead area has had somewhat limited access to this powerful financial tool to support primary-sector business development. We commend the staff at Dakota Business Lending for developing a compelling plan and proposal," said Joe Raso, President & CEO of GFMEDC. "We are pleased to partner with them to leverage our market knowledge of potential expansion projects to demonstrate the type of demand needed to justify a NMTC allocation."

Since inception, the NMTC program has made 1,354 allocation awards totaling \$66 billion in tax credit authority, invested over \$55.9 billion in low-income communities, and supported the construction of more than 231 million square feet of manufacturing, office, and retail space. With numbers like these, it's no doubt that this program is making an enormous impact in local small business, communities, and economies nationwide, and Dakota Business Lending looks forward to providing this opportunity in North Dakota and helping the state continue to thrive.

Over the next several weeks, Dakota Business Lending will be working through the details of the NMTC allocation, seeking qualified projects, and providing more information on the program and how it can help businesses throughout North Dakota. Please contact one of the Dakota Business Lending loan officers with any projects come to mind and visit www.dakotabusinesslending.com/nmtc for more information. The organization looks forward to providing this opportunity and continuing to impact this great state.



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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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October 2021 - Chamber EDC Meetings and Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Ambassadors Committee 7:30 am Homesteaders Restaurant	2
3	4	5 Ribbon Cutting 4:00 pm Center Space Homes 3100 10th St. SW	6 Ribbon Cutting 4:00 pm Antler Artistry, LLC 1061 West Central Ave.	7 CLI Education Session 8:00 am Cognizant Military Affairs Committee Noon Sleep Inn & Suites	8 Infrastructure Committee 7:30 am Homesteaders Restaurant Ribbon Cutting Noon & 5:30pm Souris Valley Animal Shelter 1935 20th Ave. SE	9
10	11	12 Eagle Awards Presentation 10:00 am Chamber EDC Office	13 Board of Directors 7:30 am Chamber EDC Office Right Start Presentation For Spouses 11:10 a.m. MAFB Ribbon Cutting 4:30 pm The Drop Zone 101 South Main	14 CLI MAFB 8:00 am MAFB	15 Ribbon Cutting 3:30 pm X-Golf Minot & Blu on Broadway 1629 South Broadway	16
17	18	19 Ribbon Cutting 4:00 pm 360 Physical Therapy 400 S Broadway Ste B	20 CLI Economic Development 8:00 am Creedence Energy Services Coffee with the President 1:30 pm Minot Area Chamber EDC Office	21 Ribbon Cutting 10:00 am Companions for Children 21 East Central Ave Suite 302 Governmental Affairs Committee 11:30 am Badlands Restaurant	22	23
24	25	26	27 Right Start Presentation 9:50 am MAFB	28 CLI Final Session 8:00 am Hyatt House	29	30
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