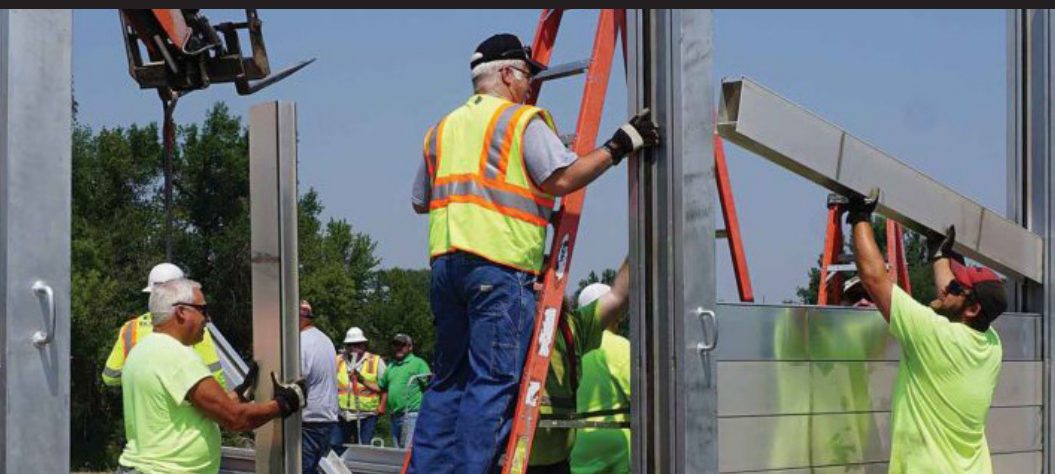


# MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC COMMUNICATOR


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## REFLECTING ON A DECADE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY

The region will recognize the ten-year anniversary of the day the Mouse River floodwaters breached Minot's dike system in June. Warning sirens sounded on June 22, 2011, as flood waters inundated much of the valley. The last ten years have been marked by significant recovery and resilience by families and businesses alike. As a community reflects on a decade of work, what stands out is the strength and determination of our community.

"I was standing in the back yard with a friend, talking to a reporter from the New York Times when the sirens went off. I had to step away from the interview," remembers L. John MacMartin, President of the Minot Area Chamber EDC. "So many of us have stories just like that."

"We were all adapting to new ways to do business. The Motor Vehicle Department employees were moved to our offices after Arrowhead flooded," explained Carla Dolan, Vice President of the Minot Area Chamber EDC. "We were all so anxious to work and help, and yet we had to be patient. My commute from north hill took two hours every morning."

The devastation of the 2011 Mouse River Flood damaged or destroyed more than 4,000 buildings in Minot, displaced more than 11,000 people and caused over \$700 million in damage. Additional damage in rural areas brought the total to more than \$1 billion. The flood also caused a massive housing shortage in the community which had already been impacted by the addition of a new squadron at Minot Air Force Base and the influx of workers moving to the area to meet the needs of the booming oil business in the Bakken. "Even

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if you could convince someone to take a job here, you couldn't find them a place to live," MacMartin reflected.

Yet, the turnaround from devastation to recovery was swift. Two to three weeks later, businesses were already starting to return. By the end of July, MacMartin remembers seeing Val's Cyclery, a pillar of the downtown business community, loading things back into their building.

The North Dakota State Fair cancelled the largest annual statewide event for the first time in history and staffed their dikes and pumps through the night to save their facilities. The fairgrounds were able to host the Black Eyed Peas for a benefit concert just a few short weeks later and prepared for a full fair in 2012.

Minot State University worked to combat the housing shortage and moved in additional temporary housing for students. Minot State Summer Theater held their full season that summer and Minot State University opened their doors for the academic year as scheduled.

Minot Public Schools worked tirelessly with the community to find places for students to attend class. The community met that need by offering up churches and adapting the Minot Auditorium to host students, all while staff and students' families were working to recover their homes.

Minot Air Force Base sent hundreds of airmen into the community to assist with efforts to recover homes and businesses, while faced with a housing shortage of their own.

The flood changed the business landscape of Minot. North Hill, cut off from the rest of the city and necessities during the flood event, has seen the development of new restaurants, hotels, a grocery store, and coffee shops. The Minot Park District and the Roosevelt Park Zoo have made substantial investment into their facilities, offering more recreation for residents, and improving the quality of life for all in the region.

The Minot Area Community Foundation worked tirelessly to meet the needs of the community during this trying time and provided monetary support where it was needed most.

Looking back at the incredible collaboration and community during the years following the flood, it's impossible not to recognize how far we've come. The Souris River Joint Board and the Mouse River Flood Projects have literally changed the landscape, building flood control to protect the region for the long term. National Disaster Resiliency Funds have helped secure land for flood control construction, developed low to moderate income housing, helped many residents find and purchase new homes, and brought new investment dollars to the region.

So much work has been done, and there is still so much to do. One thing that is clear is Minot is resilient, adaptable, and capable of overcoming even the toughest challenges.

It's easy to see why It's Magic in Minot.

# SAVE THE DATE

## JUNE 26, 2021

### Mouse River Flood Anniversary Event

For more information visit  
[MouseRiverAnniversary.com](http://MouseRiverAnniversary.com)

#### MINOT CHAMBER EDC PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS ATTEND THE WILLISTON BASIN PETROLEUM CONFERENCE

Several board members, as well as L. John MacMartin, President of the Minot Area Chamber EDC attended the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference in Bismarck May 11 - 13. The conference featured a lineup of industry experts and leaders, each sharing their insights on the latest issues impacting oil and natural gas development and what the future holds for the Williston Basin.

Kevin Black, Vice Chair of the Minot Area Chamber EDC Board of Directors gave a mainstage presentation showcasing the results from Creedence Energy Services new Biosurfactants and the future of enhanced oil recovery.



Randy Hauck, L. John MacMartin, and Jonn Knecht visited with conference attendees about the many benefits of Minot for the oil and energy industry.



**MINOT AREA  
CHAMBER EDC**

## Thank You!

**To all who attended the  
Minot Area Chamber EDC  
Business After Hours!**

**Special thanks to our food vendors  
who generously donated delicious  
food for the event!**



**THURSDAY, JUNE 10**

**THE STATE FAIR CENTER, MINOT**

**SAFE AND IN-PERSON**

# **VERENDRYE ELECTRIC'S ANNUAL MEETING IS BACK!**

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**REGISTRATION & FREE DINNER: 5 PM TO 6:30 PM**

**BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 PM**

**PRIZE DRAWINGS, INCLUDING \$2,750 OR \$820 CONSOLATION PRIZE.**  
MUST BE REGISTERED AND PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE DRAWING.

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Safety precautions will be in place, including spaced seating and individually packaged meals. Please note that no kids' activities will be available. For details about the agenda, safety and prizes, see [Verendrye.com](http://Verendrye.com).

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# Midwest Energy Summit

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## MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC TAKES PART IN EGGS & ISSUES: MIDWEST ENERGY SUMMIT

In collaboration with the Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo Chamber, the Minot Area Chamber EDC invites you to join us on June 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. CDT at the Midwest Energy Summit. The morning will be energized by dynamic speakers giving TED-style talks and several panel discussions made up of diverse perspectives on various trending topics.

Preliminary agenda topics include:

- The future of energy, power supply, & grid reliability
- Energy legislative policy
- Environmental, social, & governance energy goals

To register, please visit: <https://www.fmwfchamber.com/events/details/june-eggs-issues-midwest-energy-summit-area-chambers-8097>

Click the blue 'Register' button to begin the registration process. You will then enter all required information and utilize a specific promo code to define which chamber you are associated with. Our promo code is Minot.

Once registered, a confirmation email containing livestream and venue information will be sent to you. If you have any questions, please let us know and we would be happy to help.

We hope to see you on June 8th!

## AG COMMITTEE PRESENTS AG APPRECIATION DAY GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Minot Area Chamber EDC Agriculture Committee presents the Ag Appreciation Day Golf Scramble.

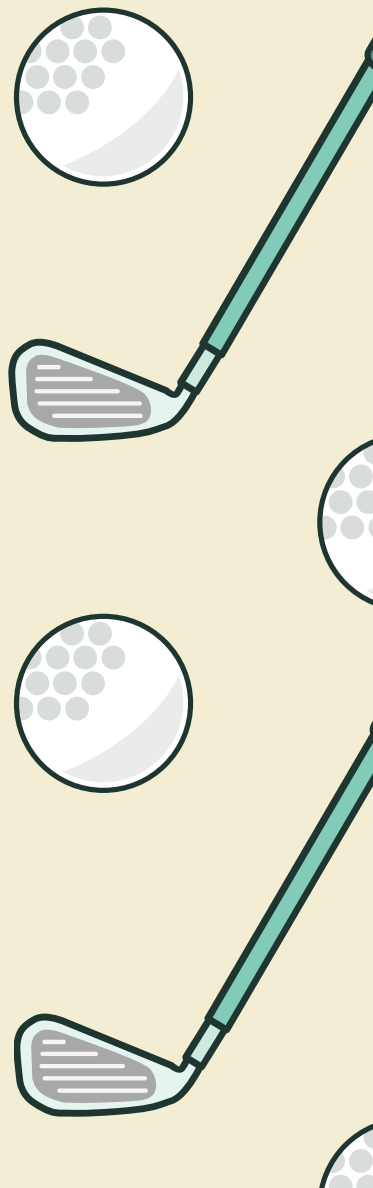
The event will be held on Friday, July 9 at the Minot Country Club.

# 2021 MINOT YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GOLF SCRAMBLE

MONDAY, JUNE 28TH 2021  
MINOT COUNTRY CLUB  
4:30PM REGISTRATION  
5:30PM SHOTGUN START  
SOCIAL, APP & PRIZES TO FOLLOW

\$500 - 1st Place | \$250 - 2nd Place | \$100 - 3rd Place  
All skill levels have a chance to win prizes!  
50/50 raffles & Hole-In-One  
Limited space available! Register ASAP!

\$400 Corporate Sponsor	\$300 - Team Entry
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-Entry for 4 golfers	-Food during social
-Food & drink tickets	



Please Indicate: ☐ Corporate Sponsorship (\$400) ☐ Team Entry (\$300)

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Completed registration forms and any questions can be emailed to  
Kelly Matalka at [kcm1814@gmail.com](mailto:kcm1814@gmail.com).

**Please make checks payable to Minot Area Chamber EDC, PO Box 940, Minot ND 58702-0940.**

# BARKSDALE TROPHY COMES TO MINOT

Members of the Minot Air Force Base (MAFB) proudly displayed the Barksdale Trophy at the Minot State University Board of Regents meeting on the MSU campus in early May.

The Barksdale Trophy is given to the community with the most outstanding community support to an Air Force Global Strike Command. Its symbolism at the Board of Regents spring meeting is a testament to the partnership between the Minot Air Force Base, the city of Minot, and Minot State University.

“Minot State University is grateful for the long-standing partnership we have with the Minot Air Force Base,” said Minot State President Dr. Steven Shirley. “We have worked together for six decades, proudly educating thousands of airmen and their families during that time. The Minot Air Force Base and its personnel are a terrific part of the Minot community, and MSU looks forward to working together for the next 60 years.”

The Barksdale Trophy is awarded to the community which has provided the highest level of community support to an air force base in the Air Force Global Strike Command over the preceding 24 months, said Murray Viser, president and chief operating officer for Barksdale Forward, Inc., in a press release from the Air Force Global Strike Command. Barksdale Forward manages the award program on behalf of the communities of Shreveport, La., and Bossier City, La.

“The competition for the Barksdale Trophy is intended to create an air of friendly competition between host communities in order to encourage creativity and ever-increasing levels of community support for each base within Air Force Global Strike Command,” Viser said in the release.

The city of Abilene, Texas won the first trophy in 2017 with Minot earning the honor in 2019. The selection criteria used includes community-based programs positively impacting the quality of life, community investment in infrastructure, community assistance and support in securing state and federal funding for infrastructure or programs, and overall community hospitality, kindness, and acceptance of airmen, officers and their families.



From left to right: Brenda Foster, MSU Board of Regents Chair; Dr. Steven Shirley, Minot State President; Chief Master Sergeant Timothy Wieser, Minot Air Force Base 5th Bomb Wing Command Chief; Col. Brian Vlaun, Minot Air Force Base Commander 5th Bomb Wing; Andy Heitkamp, Minot State Military Resource Center Director; and Rick Hedberg, MSU Vice President for Advancement

Col. Brian Vlaun, Vice Commander for the 5th Bomb Wing from the Minot Air Force Base, delivered the keynote presentation at this spring's MSU Board of Regents meeting. He, along with Chief Master Sergeant Timothy Wieser, 5th Bomb Wing Command Chief, stressed the importance of the mission within the Air Force Global Strike Command in general and specifically the work done at the MAFB.

The duo also stressed the importance of the relationship between MSU and MAFB.

Active-duty airmen and their dependents take classes at MSU in a variety of flexible delivery options. MSU offers traditional classes on its Minot campus, between 10-15 classes on base per term, Squadron Classes — where courses fit each squadron's schedule per request — and Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) and AU-ABC Programs. Minot State also has a Military Resource Center on campus where members of the military and veterans have access to study space and assistance accessing programs available to active duty, dependents, and retired military members.

“The Barksdale Trophy recognizes its recipients for their many support efforts. One of those being the community and surrounding area's history of successfully providing educational

opportunities to members of the U.S. Air Force and their families,” said Andy Heitkamp, Minot State Military Resource Center director. “MSU's Center for Extended Learning and base office, director Brigitte Mikula, and campus Military Resource Center, contribute to the University's collaborative efforts to enhance the education of our nation's airmen, especially those stationed at the Minot Air Force Base.

“Those efforts have positioned Minot State University, in each of the past five fiscal years (2014-2019), among the top 25 providers in the nation for educational classwork reported by the U.S. Air Force.”





# EAGLE AWARDS

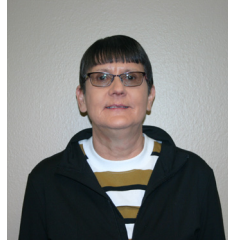
May recipients of the Minot Area Chamber EDC Eagle Award Program are:



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Schatz Crossroads  
Truck Stop



**Aimee Clemens**  
Trinity Physical  
Therapy



**Jo Forsman**  
Kroll's Diner



**Rylie Oen**  
Hacienda Steakhouse



**Reydelle Kovarik**  
North Hill Marketplace  
Foods



**Adeline Campbell**  
Marketplace Foods



**Brady Keller**  
SRT Communications,  
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**Jami Derheim**  
Marketplace Foods



**Kevin Schroeder**  
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**Roxy Schumann**  
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**Kayla Otto**  
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**Dr. Marisa Albertson**  
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**Melita Dalby LPN**  
Trinity Health



**Marie Rogers**  
Kaycare Pharmacy



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Ridge

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

## THANK YOU!

### TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN CITYWIDE CLEANUP

Thank you to all who helped clean up Minot during our citywide clean up in May. The city entrances look great!  
Special thanks to:

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Ameriprise Financial Services  
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City of Minot  
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# 2021 LINEUP ON SALE NOW!



## NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR 2021 LINEUP - ON SALE NOW!

Lynyrd Skynyrd, Dan + Shay, Ashley McBryde, Sawyer Brown, Casey Donahew, Billy Idol, and Kane Brown will be at the 2021 North Dakota State Fair to be held July 23-31. Tickets are on sale now at <https://ndstatefair.com> and click 'Tickets'.

In addition to the concerts, the Bull Riding Challenge and Ranch Bronc Riding will be held July 26 and 27 and the Ranch Rodeo will be held July 28 and 29. All five country concerts, plus two auto events are on the Grandstand Showpass for one price, \$110.

Saturday, July 24th – Dan + Shay  
Sunday, July 25th – Ashley McBryde  
Monday, July 26th – Enduro Races  
Tuesday, July 27th – Freestyle Motocross  
Wednesday, July 28th – Sawyer Brown  
Thursday, July 29th – Casey Donahew  
Saturday, July 31st – Kane Brown  
Rock Concerts:  
Friday, July 23rd – Lynyrd Skynyrd - \$50  
Friday, July 30th – Billy Idol - \$40

The North Dakota State Fair is the largest annual event in North Dakota. The nine-day event is to host around 300,000 people and is held the third week of July. This year's dates are July 23-31, 2021.



# RIBBON CUTTINGS

## MOSQUITO JOE

**Owner: Michael Unhjem**  
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**[minot-williston.mosquitoe.com](http://minot-williston.mosquitoe.com)**

Minot Chamber EDC Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Mosquito Joe in Minot. Contact Michael today to take care of those mosquitos, ticks and more today!

## TRIPLE C CLINIC

**Owner: Susan Collins**  
**1418 South Broadway Suite B**  
**Minot, ND 58701**  
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**[www.facebook.com/Triple-C-Clinic](https://www.facebook.com/Triple-C-Clinic)**

Nurse Practitioner Susan Collins opened her own practice and Minot Chamber EDC Ambassadors were there to celebrate with a ribbon cutting. Stop by for all your family practice, preventative care, labs and soon x-rays.

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 753

**1100 31st St. SE**  
**Minot, ND 58701**  
**(701) 839-6772**

**[www.facebook.com/MinotVfw753](https://www.facebook.com/MinotVfw753)**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 753 of Minot is celebrating 100 years this year. They held a program on Saturday, May 22 and the Minot Chamber EDC Ambassadors were proud to cut the ribbon to mark the occasion.

## SOS HOLISTIC HEALING CENTER

**1310 East Burdick Expy**  
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**[www.facebook.com/SOSHolisticHealingCenter](https://www.facebook.com/SOSHolisticHealingCenter)**

SOS Holistic Healing Center is a new business in east Minot, and Ambassadors welcomed them with a ribbon cutting. Stop by their store today to visit about alternative and holistic health services.

## HS COLORIST & PRECISION CUTS

**2400 10th St. SW - Dakota Square Mall**  
**Minot, ND 58701**  
**(701) 839-1083**

Minot Chamber EDC Ambassadors welcomed a new hair salon into Dakota Square Mall. HS Colorist & Precision Cuts is located at the Target end and specializes in color and cuts for men, women, and kids.

## MARKETPLACE FOODS

**1620 South Broadway**  
**Minot, ND 58701**  
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**[www.marketplacefoods.com](http://www.marketplacefoods.com)**

Customers will enjoy the updates at Marketplace Foods South Broadway location following construction projects. The Minot Chamber EDC Ambassadors helped to mark the occasions with a ribbon cutting.



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Dakota Square Mall  
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Top Notch Travel  
Vibra Hospital of the Central Dakotas  
Wells Fargo  
Western Agency Inc.  
Western Steel & Plumbing  
Xcel Energy



# MEMBER NEWS

## POP CARS & WILD RIDES

### NORTHWEST ARTS CENTER AND TAUBE MUSEUM OF ART HOST JOINT EXHIBITION

The Taube Museum of Art and the Northwest Arts Center at Minot State University welcome summer with two vibrant, pop culture infused exhibitions, Mack Schroer's illustrated 'Pop Cars' and 'Wild Rides,' posters curated from the private collection of Laurie Geller. On display from May 11 to June 8, the exhibition is split evenly between the two galleries with a unique view at each location.

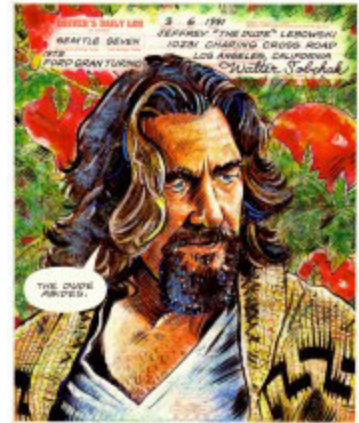
'Pop Cars' began in early 2018 as a single doodle of Homer Simpson on a driver's daily log sheet. With the computer system down at a salt water disposal site, Schroer, an oil field trucker at the time, resorted to using a hand-kept ledger on Keller's Daily Logs. Scrawled etch-a-sketch lines became a cityscape that soon beckoned a portrait of Homer Simpson. From that moment, the idea of 'Pop Cars' grew.

The series features icons from popular culture "who get down behind the wheel," as Schroer puts it; "characters who are defined by their vehicle of choice." Each 'Pop Car' personality is drawn from cult classic movies, cartoons, video games, music or historical figures: Jeffrey 'The Dude' Lebowski alongside Ellen Ripley, Stewie Griffin and Princess Peach. Schroer draws the character studies, plans essential "text bubble" copy, and then illustrates each on a Keller's Daily Log sheet. The stylized figures that overlay the graphed guide of "Off Duty," "Driving," and "On Duty" are crafted with numerous media including graphite, Micron pens, India ink, chalk pastels, colored pencils, watercolors, and Prismacolor markers.

Schroer found his calling on a ranch in Berryton, Kansas through comic books and animation. His love for visual narrative evolved in illustration, 2D animation and graphic design. In 2008, Schroer graduated from Washburn University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art and Digital Design. He has earned several awards for his artwork and design including the 2015 Kansas Advertisement Designer of the Year. Mack has successfully run Macklin Art for three years from downtown Williston, ND, as an independent artist with projects including a series of curb-side architectural illustrations for Williams County; producing 2D digital animated commercials for local businesses including Red Rock Ford; drawing a series of thirty fullcolor Marvel Universe X-Men trading cards for Upper Deck Playing Cards; traditionally penciling and inking then digitally coloring and lettering a ninety-six page graphic novel, "The Sentinels," for Missouri Ridge school district; and most recently, producing a two minute 2D animated title sequence for an independent film produced with funding through the North Dakota Council on the Arts. 'Pop Cars' is touring North Dakota through the North Dakota Art Gallery Association.

A selection of transportation-themed, screen-printed gig posters curated from the private collection of Laurie Geller will be displayed alongside 'Pop Cars.' A look at travel and the spirit of exploration and adventure, 'Wild Rides' highlights the works of Jay Ryan, Justin Santora, Laura Baisden, Delicious Design, Landland, Ryan Duggan, Aesthetic Apparatus, the Ames Bros. and more. The works feature skateboarding animals, road-tripping couples, 18-wheeler sailboats, a VW graveyard, cycling pals and a plethora of other creatively mobile characters.

Geller, Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Minot State University and co-founder of the MSU NOTSTOCK art festival, first began collecting gig posters



Mack Schroer, Big Lebowski. Mixed media. Pop Cars.



Mack Schroer, Ellen Ripley. Mixed media. Pop Cars.



Mack Schroer, Miss Frizzle. Mixed media. Pop Cars.



Mack Schroer, Princess Peach. Mixed media. Pop Cars.

# MEMBER NEWS

## JOINT EXHIBITION CONT.

in the 1990s as a member of the Pearl Jam fan club. What started as a collection of “cool souvenirs” representing favorite bands and venues became a deeper appreciation for the people who created them and their techniques. “I fell in love with the art form: the artwork’s content, the artists, and their craft,” Geller says.

The exhibitions are hosted jointly by the Northwest Arts Center at Minot State University and the Taube Museum of Art in downtown Minot. A public reception and online viewing will be held on May 13 from 5 to 8 p.m., split between the two galleries. An artist talk and live art making is planned for both locations and the exhibition and reception are free and open to the public. The reception can be attended in person or online from the Northwest Arts Center and Taube Museum of Art Facebook pages. Masks and physical distancing are required for in-person attendance.

The Taube Museum of Art is located in historic downtown Minot at 2 N Main St. Museum and Gift Shop hours are Tuesday through Friday 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by special appointment.

The Northwest Arts Center is located on the lower level of the Gordon B. Olson Library at Minot State University, with its own entrance on the south side of the library. It is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. and by special arrangement.

These programs are funded in part by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts. ‘Pop Cars’ is made possible by the North Dakota Art Gallery Association.

## FIFTH ANNUAL NODAK 100 RIDE

### MINOT AREA CENTURY RIDE TO BENEFIT TAUBE MUSEUM OF ART

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

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

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

Registration is \$35 and forms will be available at Val’s Cyclery, the Taube Museum of Art, online at [www.taubemuseum.org](http://www.taubemuseum.org) or visit [www.valscyclery.com](http://www.valscyclery.com) for more information. To guarantee a ride, T-shirt pre-registration by June 27, 2021 is requested. Proceeds will support the Taube Museum of Art, a non-profit art organization. With the continuing support of the Minot community we are able to fulfill our mission of enriching lives through the visual arts.

Please call Rachel Alfaro, Executive Director at the Taube Museum of Art at 838-4445 for further information.



## MEMBER NEWS

### ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION TO AWARD GRANTS FOR QUALITY OF LIFE PROJECTS IN 11 COUNTIES



St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation is currently accepting grant applications for the 2021-22 grant cycle. The deadline is Monday, August 16, 2021. "The amount distributed has increased significantly with the Twice Blessed Grant Program participation. Last year \$1,059,285.57 was distributed in grant dollars to applicant organizations," Shelly Weppeler, Foundation President.

Applicants can apply online using the Foundation's grant application portal located on the Foundation's website at [sjchfd.com](http://sjchfd.com) on the grants page. Applicants must be designated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or a government agency. Groups without nonprofit or government status may work with a fiscal sponsor. Applicants needing assistance can contact St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation, 308 2nd Ave SW, Minot, ND 58701, 701-837-1726, e-mail [sjchf@minot.com](mailto:sjchf@minot.com). The Twice Blessed grant program participants are selected from online applications.

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) public charity community foundation formed in June of 1998. The Foundation has awarded over \$9.6 million in grants to organizations for many worthwhile projects to assist with programs that address quality of life issues in their communities.

Grant funds are available to organizations for projects and initiatives that address the mental, physical, emotional and/or spiritual needs of residents in the counties of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Ward and Wells.

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## MEMBER NEWS

### FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK & TRUST CONGRATULATES BROCK DESLAURIERS AND MANDI ZAVALNEY

First International Bank & Trust (FIBT) is proud to announce the promotion of Brock DesLauriers to Senior Vice President and Mandi Zavalney on her recent promotion to Executive Assistant.

Brock started working at FIBT in May of 2005 while attending college. He has held numerous positions such as Teller, Credit Analyst, Personal Banker, Mortgage Loan Officer, and Commercial Loan Officer. He is currently Vice President and the Minot north hill manager.

Brock graduated from Bishop Ryan High School in 2003 and Minot State University in 2008 with a degree in Accounting and Finance. He is married to Elly and has two daughters Taylor (11) and Raegan (8). Brock is active in the community serving as a Minot Country Club Board Member, Sertoma Club Member and Beaver Booster Board Member.

Mandi Zavalney started her employment with FIBT as a Personal Banker in September 2018. Her previous positions at the bank include Mortgage Post Closer and Mortgage Closer.

Mandi graduated from Minot High School in 2015, where she was actively involved in FFA and FCCLA. She enjoys cooking, baking, gardening and golfing. Mandi has volunteered for Fuel The Fight Event, which is an annual fundraiser held to help patients offset transportation costs when requiring cancer treatments.



**Brock DesLauriers**



**Mandi Zavalney**

### FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK & TRUST DONATES \$4,000 TO YMCA TRIANGLE Y CAMP

First International Bank & Trust (FIBT) is pleased to announce a \$4,000 donation was recently awarded to the YMCA Triangle Y Camp. The Minot employees contributed \$20 to wear jeans all week and raised \$2,000. With the bank match, \$4,000 was raised for this cause.

FIBT has a strong partnership with the Minot Family YMCA, and supports the mission of the Triangle Y Camp to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

FIBT employees are committed to making their communities better. Whether it's a significant donation, or spending a few hours helping at a project, they are dedicated to leaving their mark on their communities.





## MEMBER NEWS

### THE NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD PRESENTS THE MINOT AREA CAREER EXPO

The Minot Area Career Expo presented by the North Dakota National Guard is a one-day event designed to expose area high school students and the Minot community to high-wage and in-demand careers. Local business and industry professionals are invited to showcase their career opportunities through hands-on exhibits featuring the equipment, tools, and resources used during everyday work activities.

These interactive exhibits are designed to:

- Educate attendees about in-demand career opportunities and related training
- Introduce career paths attendees may not know about
- Spark new ideas and ignite aspirations for the future
- Feature what makes the Minot area a great place to live, work, and play

This year's expo will be taking place at the North Dakota State Fair Center on Wednesday, November 10. Local high schools will be bringing their students to experience the expo from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The expo will then open to all community members from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information please visit [www.creand.org/minotcareerexpo](http://www.creand.org/minotcareerexpo) or contact Pam Stroklund at 701-857-4458.

Exhibitors - don't miss out on this valuable opportunity! Reserve your space today at: [www.tinyurl.com/mace2021](http://www.tinyurl.com/mace2021)



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## MEMBER NEWS

### 2021 LIVE FIRST COMMUNITY GRANT WINNERS ANNOUNCED

First International Bank & Trust is proud to announce the winners of the Seventh Annual Live First Community Giving Campaign. A total of 115 community organizations applied for this year's program, attracting more than 100,000 interactions on Social Media. Due to the overwhelming response and overall quality of nominations, the decision was made to award two grand prize grants of \$10,000, increasing the total dollar amount given away to \$52,000. Please join us in congratulating the following community groups selected as recipients for our 2021 Live First Community Grants!

#### **\$10,000 Grand Prize Award – Ministry on the Margins, Bismarck, ND**

Ministry on the Margins is a volunteer-based ministry committed to supporting those who fall through the cracks, especially during times of transition. We serve over 1,000 people per week through our food pantry, emergency sheltering, prison and prison reentry ministry, eye clinic, foot and hand care, free haircuts, various support groups, street outreach, and passionate presence on the margins.

#### **\$10,000 Grand Prize Award – Killdeer Area Ambulance, Killdeer, ND**

The members of Killdeer Area Ambulance Service dedicate our resources to provide competent, compassionate, professional emergency medical care to those we serve, with dignity and respect.

#### **\$5,000 Rising Star Award – McKenzie County Rural Fire District – Keene Department, Keene, ND**

Keene Department is a volunteer rural fire department with 29 members, based 25 miles from the nearest hospital. They respond to calls for medical, grass, oilfield and residential fires, along with vehicle crash and rescue calls.

#### **\$5,000 Rising Star Award – Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels, Phoenix, AZ**

Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels is a nonprofit, support and educational organization founded in 2012 in celebration of Amanda Hope's life. During her three-year fight with leukemia and nine month battle with a brain tumor, Amanda Hope dreamed that one day she would design a fun clothing line for kids just like her that would provide comfort and dignity during chemo treatments. Amanda's life ended too soon but her dream lives on through our Comfycozys for Chemo apparel and her legacy continues with our expansion of programs and services.

#### **\$5,000 Rising Star Award – Faith in Action, Harvey, ND**

The Faith in Action program connects volunteer drivers with those in need of transportation to medical/dental appointments in Carrington, New Rockford, Bismarck, Jamestown, Fargo, Grand Forks and Minot. Volunteer drivers donate their time and are reimbursed at the current IRS mileage reimbursement rate for the use of their vehicle. This program is coordinated through the Mission and Spiritual Services Office at CHI St. Alexius Health, Carrington and supported in its entirety by funding from donations to the Faith in Action Mileage Fund.

#### **\$5,000 Rising Star Award – Box of Balloons, Fargo, ND**

Our mission is simple – to ensure that EVERY child is celebrated and each birthday is HAPPY for children in the Fargo-Moorhead area. We do that by partnering with community social workers and child advocates to identify and provide "birthday parties in a box" to children who might not otherwise have one or be celebrated. Our core belief is that every child deserves to feel special and have a memorable birthday, despite their family's current situation, living arrangements, or financial status.

#### **\$5,000 Rising Star Award – Dakota Children's Advocacy Center, Bismarck and Dickinson, ND**

The mission of the DCAC is to provide a safe, family friendly environment that promotes hope, health, and healing to traumatized children and their families.

#### **\$1,000 Social Media Stars**

- Almost Home Canine Rescue, Sioux Falls, SD
- Hairball Haven, Minot, ND
- Hopeful Heart Project, Fargo, ND

#### **\$500 Additional Awards**

- Dunn County Baseball
- Williston Boom Fast Pitch
- Killdeer Wrestling
- Help in Healing Home Foundation
- Goodrich Rural Fire Department
- American Gold Gymnastics
- Red River Human Services Foundation

- Dreams in Motion

First International Bank and Trust thanks everyone who participated in the 2021 Live First Community Grant Program! If you have any questions, reach out to Chloe Reichel at creichel@FIBT.com or (701) 499-7561.

## MEMBER NEWS

### JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA PROMOTING PREFERRED EMPLOYER'S JOB OPENINGS

Hiring signs are everywhere and we are thankful for the turnaround employers are experiencing. Employers are doing everything they can to get the message out about positions they need to fill. Your Minot Job Service North Dakota team is doing the same.

Preferred Employers can post positions free of charge, and Job Service is adding several additional ways to market openings.

The old-fashioned "Who's Hiring" board located in our lobby has a new twist –Facebook. Just a handful of "Who's Hiring" posts reached 25,483 people with 1,440 post engagements. Check out their Facebook page – "Job Service ND Minot."



Job Service is printing preferred employer's logos and placing them in the computer pods. Job seekers see the company logo as they sit down to begin their job search. They are also providing a printout of Daily Jobs to the job seekers.

Job Service also has a Featured Jobs of the Day on Facebook! They take four to five positions posted by preferred employers to spotlight, which provides additional marketing of the openings. The Facebook posts are averaging 200-300 views each day with 5 to 10 post engagements! They also let the employer know they have featured their job and encourage them to connect with them on their Facebook page.

In July, they will introduce a new Virtual Hiring Event platform to host virtual job fairs – again free to you as a preferred employer.

To register as a preferred employer start at [jobsnd.com](http://jobsnd.com), scroll down to "Find a Job" or "Recruit Employees". If you are registered but have forgotten your user name and password – or have any other questions – contact Job Service Business Services Team at 701-857-7546 or 701-857-7514.

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

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

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

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

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## MEMBER NEWS

# CHI ST. ALEXIUS HEALTH WELCOMES SISTER NANCY MILLER, OSB AS MISSION INTEGRATION DIRECTOR

CHI St. Alexis Health has hired Sister Nancy Miller, OSB, as the new Mission Integration Director. Sr. Nancy is a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Annunciation Monastery, sponsors of CHI St. Alexis. She also served as a Board Member at the hospital for 13 years.

As the Director of Mission Integration, Sr. Nancy is tasked with fully integrating CHI St. Alexis Health's mission and values as well as its heritage, ethics and identity into the environment, processes, policies and procedures of the organization. She will have responsibility for and executive oversight, leadership and direction of "Mission Services" at CHI St. Alexis in Bismarck, Mandan, Turtle Lake, Garrison, Minot and Washburn including, but not limited to the areas of Spiritual Care, Community Benefit, Ethics, Violence Prevention, Indigenous People's Hospital, Formation, Workplace Spirituality and Ecclesial Relations, etc. In collaboration with the local President, Kurt Schley, and the Division SVP, Mission Integration, Andrew Santos, Sr. Nancy will have the responsibility to help guide and lead all employees, as true "mission integrators," to ensure the mission and values of the organization are inherently alive and fully integrated.

Sr. Nancy graduated from University of Mary with a Bachelors in Business Administration and Masters in Management. She has been an influential leader in the Bismarck community for nearly 20 years serving at University of Mary as their Director of Campus Ministry and as the Prioress of the Annunciation Monastery. With a certification in Spiritual Direction, Sr. Nancy is a team player who is well respected, listens well and is known to have a great sense of humor.

## CHI SUMMIT TO HOST NATIONAL EXPERT, DR. ALAN BERKOWITZ

The CHI North Dakota Violence Prevention Program is hosting its 2021 Spotlight on Prevention Summit on June 10, 2021 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm central. This free, virtual event will bring together professionals and community members statewide.

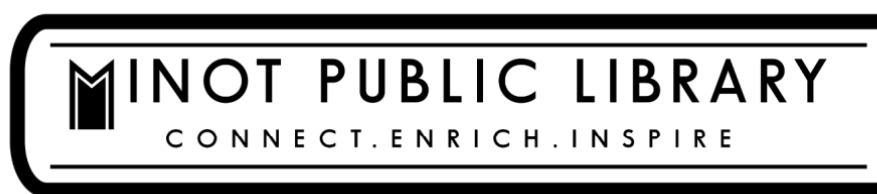
The summit will feature Dr. Alan Berkowitz, a noted scholar, researcher, public speaker and founding figure in the development of Social Norms Theory. Dr. Berkowitz has over twenty-five years of experience in higher education as a trainer, psychologist, faculty member, and Counseling Center Director. He is a leader in Social Norms Theory research and implementation of the model.

The event will explore the Social Norms Approach to Violence Prevention. Focusing on best practices in prevention, misperceptions and key concepts of social norms theory and bystander intervention, this robust event will provide attendees with actionable steps to make a difference in their work and in the community.

All are welcome to attend this free, virtual event. Free continuing education credits have been requested for various professionals. Registration is required. Register at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Prevent2021](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Prevent2021).

This event is made possible through grant funds provided by Catholic Health Initiatives' Mission and Ministry Fund with the purpose of supporting innovative projects designed to improve the health of a community.

## MEMBER NEWS



### MINOT PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HOMEBOUND DELIVERY PROGRAM TO START AGAIN

The Minot Public Library is restarting its Homebound Delivery program in June.

"For more than a decade we have delivered books and audiobooks monthly to people who are homebound, have a visual or physical disability or who are living in an assisted living or an extended care facility," said Library Director Janet Anderson. "However, due to health and safety restrictions we had to discontinue this service in March 2020."

As more facilities have opened up to visitors, the Minot Public Library is now able to start offering this service again. Lacey Possen, the Special Services Library Associate, said the Library "has a large variety of materials to choose from including books on CD, large print and regular print books (in both fiction and nonfiction), and even music CDs for Minot residents to choose from."

Anyone residing in Minot who has a visual or physical disability or is living in an assisted living/extended care facility is eligible to have items delivered each month. Following an initial phone interview with people interested in signing up for this program, Possen will select materials every month and library volunteers or staff will deliver the items.

Volunteers or Library staff deliver the materials directly to the patron's residence once a month.

"We are extremely lucky to have such dedicated volunteers who deliver items to our Special Service patrons each month in all kinds of weather and road conditions," said Anderson.

To sign up for this program or for more information please call the Library at 701-852-1045 or e-mail [lacey.possen@minotnd.org](mailto:lacey.possen@minotnd.org).

### TIRES PLUS PROMOTES OLIVER TO STORE MANAGER

Tires Plus is excited to announce the promotion of Ashley Oliver to the Store Manager position of our Minot Air Force Base location. Ashley has been with our organization serving as the Assistant Manager of Minot's Valvoline Instant Oil Change for over four years.

Ashley graduated from Montana State University – Northern in Havre with a Bachelor of Science degree in Automotive Technology. She started her career as a mechanic for three years and served as a service writer for two years prior to joining our team. In addition, she has earned many automotive industry certifications in her time with our organization.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting our Minot Air Force Base customers and helping them with any of their vehicle needs, from repairs and alignments to tires and oil changes," Ashley said when she was promoted. Her team includes an Automotive Service Excellence certified mechanic and a Tire Industry Association certified tire technician.



Ashley Oliver

## MEMBER NEWS

# MINOT ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The 2021 Rotary Scholarships have been awarded from the Minot Rotary Scholarship Foundation Fund. This year there were 21 - \$1,000 scholarships awarded to high school seniors from Minot and the surrounding area.

The Rotary Scholarship Foundation Fund was established by the Rotary Club of Minot 37 years ago. The goal of the fund is to provide scholarships to area youth through a permanent endowment fund held at the Minot Area Community Foundation. Scholarship applications are scored based upon participation in school activities, involvement in community service and charitable organizations, employment history and academic achievements.



This year's scholarship award recipients were as follows: Paige Ackerman - Minot HS, Annabelle Barcomb - Minot HS, Nicholas Beeter - Minot HS, Bailey Cowley - Minot HS, Drew Feist - Minot HS, Adleigh Handeland - Minot HS, Ana Morelli - Minot HS, Brooklyn Benno - Des Lacs Burlington HS, Addyson Hughes - Des Lacs Burlington HS, Reese Sys - Des Lacs Burlington HS, Nicole Selle, Divide County HS, Colt Kersten - Max HS, Trent Korb-Boedicker - Max HS, Gage Yellowbird - Max HS, Tenlee Cancade - Ray HS, Kamryn Morrison - South Prairie HS, Katheryn Aberle - Surrey HS, Adeline Norgaard - Tioga HS, MacKenna Arnold - Harvey HS, Nathan Friedt - Harvey HS, and Lillian Effertz - Velva HS.

Since its inception, the scholarship fund has awarded 780 scholarships totaling \$698,000. Students earning scholarships are chosen by members of the Rotary Club of Minot who review and score every application.

Through the Minot Rotary Scholarship Foundation, from its humble beginnings back in the 1940's to present, local Rotarians have taken great pride in putting service above self and have truly made a difference for local youth and our future.

## CELEBRATING LYNN AAS

All are invited to celebrate Lynn Aas's 100th birthday on Saturday, June 5th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m..

The party will be held at The Depot at 15 Main Street North. No gifts please!



Lynn Aas



## MEMBER NEWS



### SUMMER THEATRE WELCOMES BACK IN-PERSON AUDIENCES FOR SEASON 56

After a year hiatus of in-person performances, Minot State University Summer Theatre is back.

“Many say that the most important ingredient to any successful performance is a live audience,” said Chad Gifford, Summer Theatre artistic director. “We have sorely missed seeing everyone and are nearly giddy with joy that we will have people in our seats again. When that first audience applauds, that heart-warming sound will signal a return to our favorite place on Earth.”

The season opens mid-June and features three shows plus a special one-night event.

Kicking off summer, Roald Dahl’s “Willy Wonka” will run from June 16-21 and 23-26, followed by Ken Ludwig’s “The Game’s Afoot,” a murder mystery full of laughs and sudden surprise twists, July 7-12. The third show will run July 21-26 and 28-31 and is aimed at adults and not recommended for children: Dolly Parton’s “9 to 5.” Featuring classic Parton songs, the musical follows a trio of working women pushed to the limit by their overbearing boss until they do something unthinkable.

In between “The Game’s Afoot” and “9 to 5,” local talk show “Goodnight Minot” will hold a live performance at the iconic outdoor location. Host Jacob Thrailkill will crack jokes, interview guests, and engage in various shenanigans on July 15.

Season 56 will be one for the record books, and not just because of Summer’s Theatre’s return from an online-only presence during Season 55. It will also be an opportunity for guests to see Phase One of the amphitheater’s revitalization project.

“This year is doubly exciting because audience members will also get to see all of the changes Phase One of the renovation project completed,” said Gifford. “It is a fantastic sight to behold.”

Phase One focused on upgrades to accessibility, increased space for aisles and handrails, and a replacement of the upper level deck. The Hook & Ladder Wine Deck has expanded seating from 12 to 32 and will feature special amenities to patrons seated there, including a wine and beer bar for select performances and show-specific surprises at other shows. New deluxe seating in Row T allows guests to sit at a table.

Tickets will be available for purchase starting June 2 online at [MinotStateU.edu/theatre](https://MinotStateU.edu/theatre) or by calling the ticket line at 701-858-3228. All performances begin at 8:30 p.m. For additional information about Summer Theatre and the revitalization project, including future phases and donor opportunities, visit [MinotStateU.edu/theatre](https://MinotStateU.edu/theatre). Follow the theater on Facebook at [MSUSummerTheatre](https://www.facebook.com/MSUSummerTheatre) to learn more about Season 56.

## MEMBER NEWS

### BEMOBILE PARTNERS WITH THE CRAYON INITIATIVE JUNE 1ST - 30TH

Millions of pounds of crayons are discarded every year, turning into a waxy sludge that clogs our landfills. With your help, they aim to recycle and re-manufacture them into new, free crayons for kids in children's hospitals across the U.S.

BeMobile is excited to be a donation partner for this great cause. Crayons can be dropped off at any BeMobile store.



### INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN SEEKING VOLUNTEERS JUNE 1ST - 30TH

The International Peace Garden's needs are many and can include garden work, maintenance work, spring clean up and even tour guides. They have jobs for every skill and interest.

They have three upcoming opportunities for volunteering. To help plan for these events we ask that volunteers sign up in advance at the links below. Please share this information with friends, family and colleagues that might also be interested in volunteering. This is also a great opportunity for your businesses to provide community support. It's fun to come as a group or come by yourself and make some new friends. (Unfortunately, the Canadian border is still closed to non-essential travel so Canadians that would choose to join these events would be required to quarantine for 14 days if they participate. Don't worry...we're ready for you as soon as the border gives us the OK!)

**Saturday - June 12 - Volunteer Planting Day - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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

**Sunday - June 13 - Volunteer Planting Day - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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

P.S. For any volunteers interested in camping during any of these volunteer weekends, they can receive a camping discount.

For details call Melinda Goodman at 414-469-5524

To receive discounts on annual membership visit [www.peacegarden.com/things-to-do/minot-chamber-of-commerce](http://www.peacegarden.com/things-to-do/minot-chamber-of-commerce)



## MEMBER NEWS



Congratulations to the North Dakota 4-H and FFA High School Seniors **Awarded Hess Corporation Scholarships**



### NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES HESS CORPORATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Eight North Dakota 4-H and FFA high school seniors have been selected to receive a combined total of \$40,000 in scholarships from Hess Corporation awarded through the North Dakota State Fair (NDSF) Foundation. All awardees are pursuing secondary education or training related to, or in support of, the oil and gas industry.

Three \$10,000 scholarship winners include Logan Becker from New Salem, Laura Muggli from Carson, and Nathan Friedt from Harvey.

- Logan Becker will attend the University of Mary to pursue a degree in Civil Engineering. The New Salem FFA Chapter President has excelled both academically and athletically throughout high school, receiving top regional and state awards in football, basketball and FFA, all while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. Becker is also an active part of his family's farm and dairy cow operation.
- Laura Muggli, a student from Elgin High School, will pursue a degree in Accounting from the University of Mary. Internship experiences in both the banking and accounting industries have prompted Muggli's desire to own and operate her own accounting business in rural North Dakota. The North Dakota Class B Academic All-State Gold honoree has been active in both 4-H and FFA, receiving several state level awards for her achievements.
- Harvey high school senior Nathan Friedt will attend Bismarck State College to study in the field of Carpentry. Friedt has excelled in both 4-H and FFA, holding various officer positions and receiving gold and grand champion honors for many of his competitive experiences and projects. He has accomplished Eagle Scout rank through the Boy Scouts of America and graduates with highest honors. Friedt has owned and operated his own yard service business for the past 8 years.

Other scholarship winners receiving awards of \$2000 each include:

- Laney Hartel from Watford City, ND will attend North Dakota State University to study Nursing.
- Noah Helgoe from Cavalier, ND will attend North Dakota State University to study Pre-Veterinary and Animal Science.
- Karly Just from Berlin, ND will attend Valley City State University to study Library Science.
- Kaitlynn Klebe from Willow City, ND will attend the University of North Dakota to study Chemical Engineering.
- Kaylee Obrigewitch from Belfield, ND will attend Dickinson State University to study Agricultural Education.

The selection committee included the NDSF Foundation executive director and representatives from the NDSF board, NDSF Foundation board, community leaders, 4-H, FFA and an oil and gas industry representative. Kathy Neset was asked to serve on the selection committee as the oil and gas representative, because of her unique background. As president of Neset Consulting Services, her company just celebrated its 40-year anniversary operating in North Dakota, and she is also the current chair of the North Dakota Petroleum Council. In addition, Neset serves on the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education. Kathy shared, "As a strong supporter of education and the North Dakota oil industry, I was delighted to participate in the selection process for these scholarship awards. Hess has made an incredible investment into these individuals' education. These students should be proud of their accomplishments. I'm excited to see what their futures hold."



## MEMBER NEWS

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS CONT.

"We are excited to congratulate the scholarship winners. Hess is proud to partner with the North Dakota State Fair Foundation to invest in the youth of North Dakota," said Brent Lohnes, Hess General Manager for North Dakota. "I am personally excited to see how these students positively impact the communities where they live and work. We know they will go on to create a lasting impact on the future of North Dakota."

Earlier this year, ten 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters in North Dakota were selected to receive a \$500 grant from Hess Corporation awarded through the North Dakota State Fair Foundation. The grants are being used for community service projects to benefit the club or chapter's local geographical area.

### MINOT POLICE DEPARTMENT BRINGING "I GOT CAUGHT" SUMMER SAFETY TO THE MAGIC CITY

The Minot Police Department is once again partnering with the American Automobile Association (AAA) to bring the "I Got Caught" summer safety campaign to the Magic City.

While on patrol this summer, officers of the Minot Police Department will be looking for kids wearing helmets. If caught, a child may find themselves making a trip to a local Dairy Queen restaurant. As part of AAA's "I Got Caught" campaign, as many as 12,000 North Dakota youth will be issued a "citation" for a free small DQ cone for wearing a helmet while biking, skateboarding or in-line skating. Last year, approximately 1000 citations were issued in Minot alone.

Due to overwhelming positive response from communities, the number of citations provided by law enforcement agencies across North Dakota has grown over the eight years since this program began according to Gene LaDoucer, AAA Director of Public Affairs, Heartland Region. Since 2013, more than 92,000 citations for a free DQ ice cream cone have been issued to youth across the state.

According to a recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study, helmets reduced overall head injuries by about 60 percent and reduced fatalities by about 73 percent. The study also found that law enforcement and other safety officials can reinforce the need to wear a helmet through positive interactions such as free or discounted helmet distribution programs and incentives for helmet use.

Supporting sponsors of this annual campaign include North Dakota Sheriffs and Deputies Association, the North Dakota Chiefs of Police Association, Vision Zero, and Safe Kids coalitions in Bismarck, Grand Forks, Fargo, and Minot.

### ASPIRE CREDIT UNION WELCOMES MARKETING COORDINATOR

Aspire Credit Union is proud to announce the hiring of Rianne Kuhn as the Marketing Communications Coordinator. Kuhn will manage the marketing efforts for the organization and continue the promotion of the brand, mission, and services for the community.

Kuhn joins the team with over nine years of marketing and communication experience. Having worked previously as the Director of Marketing and Communications for more than five years at Visit Minot, she brings in developed skills in marketing, relationship building, social media management and organizational outreach. Kuhn has also served as the Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing and Promotions in the Athletics Department at Minot State University.



Rianne Kuhn

"I am grateful for the opportunity here at Aspire," Kuhn said. "I look forward to learning from members how we can better serve them and bring a new approach to the marketing and outreach efforts."

Aspire Credit Union, formally Prairie Federal Credit Union, has served the Minot area communities since 1937. A non-profit, member-owned financial institution, Aspire strives to provide the best service, products and rates possible to meet their member's needs. Aspire Credit Union is a community-chartered credit union serving Bottineau, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Renville, and Ward Counties.

## MEMBER NEWS

### YWCA MINOT PRESENTS "WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT"

YWCA Minot will host their What's All the Buzz About fundraiser on June 12th at High Third, from 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

With supporters and community in attendance, the YWCA will be sharing a milestone in their history. The event will double as a fundraiser. All proceeds raised will go to their anti-poverty program. Tickets are \$5 and include a drink voucher, a spread of High Third's poutine and tacos, and a grab bag for guests.

Activities throughout the night will include raffling off a Living Local gift basket and a Kate Spade designer hand bag, a wine giveaway, and a Wine Wall. We will also have a guest speaker who will share her experience with YWCA Minot and how our organization impacted her life.

Although they are hoping to see many friendly faces, for those who can't attend the event, the YWCA will be sharing opportunities to participate and donate on their social media.



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## MEMBER NEWS

### BREANN BISCHOF PROMOTED TO MANAGER OF DISTRICT SALES AT BCBSND

Breann Bischof has been promoted to Manager of District Sales for western North Dakota at Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota (BCBSND).

In her role, Bischof is responsible for managing sales activities within the western side of North Dakota in the small and mid-sized employer group market for all lines of business.

Bischof joined BCBSND in 2016 as a sales representative in the Minot District Office. A native of Minot, Breann holds a bachelor's degree from North Dakota State University in Fargo, N.D.



Breann Bischof

### MINOT ASSOCIATION OF BUILDERS ANNOUNCE 2021 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Minot Association of Builders is proud to announce two winners of the 2021 Dana Ebel Memorial Scholarship. Braden Anderson is a Senior at South Prairie High School and plans to attend North Dakota State University in the fall to major in Construction Engineering. Nathan Friedt is a Senior at Harvey High School and plans to attend Bismarck State College in the fall to major in Carpentry.

The MAB is proud to empower the next generation of builders while remembering the preceding generation. Dana Ebel is a former MAB board member whose life was lost too soon. To remember our friend and colleague, the scholarship was renamed the Dana Ebel Memorial Scholarship in 2017 to honor all that he gave to the MAB.

For more information about the Minot Association of Builders, please visit our website [www.minotab.com](http://www.minotab.com) or call 701-852-0496.

### MARK KOHLMAN QUALIFIES FOR EDWARD JONES' FINANCIAL ADVISOR LEADERS CONFERENCE

This achievement recognizes and celebrates financial advisors who are among the leaders in the financial services firm and provides important industry updates, best practices and ideas to help them serve more individual investors in their communities.

"These financial advisors have shown a tremendous amount of discipline, commitment and work ethic," said John Rahal, an Edward Jones partner responsible for the firm's recognition events. "While this conference will be held virtually this year, we are looking forward to recognizing and celebrating these financial advisors for their hard work and exceptional service they provide to our clients."

The conference will be held on September 9th.

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## MEMBER NEWS



### UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN COMMONSPIRIT HEALTH AND ESSENTIA HEALTH

Essentia Health and CommonSpirit Health have chosen to end negotiations for CommonSpirit's facilities in Minnesota and North Dakota to join Essentia. The organizations signed a Letter of Intent in January 2021 to explore this opportunity in greater detail.

While they share a similar mission, vision, values and strong commitment to sustainable rural health care, CommonSpirit and Essentia were unable to come to an agreement that would serve the best interests of both organizations, the people they employ and the patients they serve.

CommonSpirit and Essentia will continue to offer outstanding care in North Dakota and Minnesota. They feel they have strengthened their relationship throughout this process and remain committed to possibilities in the future.

### CITY OF MINOT NAMES MARIA ROMANICK AS INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR AIRPORT

The City of Minot has selected Airport Services Coordinator Maria Romanick to serve as interim director of the Minot International Airport when Airport Director Rick Feltner retires in June.

Romanick began her career at Minot in 2013 as an intern after graduating from the University of North Dakota with a degree in airport management. She became an administrative assistant in 2014, and has been Airport Services Coordinator since 2016.



**Maria Romanick**

As Airport Services Coordinator, she has experience in overseeing all business associated with the airport, including working with airlines, car rentals, parking, terminal leasing and general aviation leasing, and the Transportation Security Administration. She has also been responsible for revenue generation through advertising and leased space arrangements.

"I have full confidence in Maria's training and experience to serve in this capacity," City Manager Harold Stewart said. "She will be a great interim director as we work through the process of finding a permanent director."

Feltner's last day is scheduled for June 3. He said previously that he is moving to Indiana to live on his family's farm. The Airport Director position has officially been posted on the ADK Consulting website as a national search begins for Feltner's permanent replacement. You can find more information about the position and how to apply [here](#).

For additional information or interviews contact the Public Information Office at 701-857-4727 or by email at [pio@minotnd.org](mailto:pio@minotnd.org)

### ANDERSON EARNS INTERNAL AUDIT DESIGNATION

Lindsey Anderson, Director of Internal Audit at Town & Country Credit Union, earned her Certified Credit Union Internal Auditor (CCUIA) designation this month. This designation signifies expert understanding of credit union internal auditing. In order to receive that designation, Anderson was required to complete the CUNA & ACUIA Internal Audit Certification virtual school program and pass an exam.

Anderson joined Town & Country Credit Union in 2020. She holds a degree in finance from the University of North Dakota and has over six years of internal audit experience in both community banks and credit unions.



**Lindsey Anderson**



# It's Magic in Minot!

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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# June 2021 - Chamber EDC Meetings and Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	<b>3</b> <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> 11:00 am Magic City Auto & Truck Repair 406 20th Street SE  <b>Military Affairs Committee</b> noon ND Army National Guard 3420 2nd St. NE  <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> 3:00 pm Roosevelt Park Pool - New Slides  <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> 4:00 pm The Bark Porch 3001 7th St. SW  <b>Ambassadors Committee</b> 4:30 pm High Third	4	5
6	7	<b>8</b> <b>Eagle Awards Presentation</b> 10:00 am Chamber EDC Office  <b>Midwest Energy Summit</b> 8:00 -11:00 am Fargo or Virtually	<b>9</b> <b>Board of Directors</b> 7:30 am Minot Chamber EDC	10	<b>11</b> <b>Infrastructure Committee</b> 7:30 am Homesteaders Restaurant	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	<b>23</b> <b>Right Start Presentation</b> 9:50 am MAFB	24	<b>25</b> <b>Ag Committee serving breakfast at the Ward County Shootout</b> 7:00 am ND State Fairgrounds	26
27	28	29	30			