



# Inside the Communicator

Page 2: New and returning members support our mission. Page 3: Small Business Development Corporation offers opportunities for COVID relief.

**Page 4:** Minot's civic leaders celebrate MAFB awards. Eagle Awards presented.

Page 6: Community offered opportunity to "adopt" MAFB airmen. Minot named one of best places to visit. Area businesses invited to support Giving Hearts day Feb. 11.

**Page 7:** Ambassadors celebrate with Heartland Home Supply.

Pages 8-14: Members offer news and updates. Page 15: Calendar of events

# MINOT AREA CHAMBER/EDC Communicator

Vol. XLIV, Issue No. 11 www.minotchamber.org • www.minotusa.com

# Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Minot Area Development Corporation to merge

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Minot Area Development Corporation (MADC) will merge the two organizations into one, effective Jan. 1, 2021. Ballots were mailed out earlier this month and overwhelmingly came back in support of the merger with 94% of the Chamber member votes and 95% of MADC investor votes received in favor of the merger.

"I am excited for what the merger means to our region. I have spent over a year working for both organizations and see a lot of synergies and opportunities for the two organizations to become one. We can combine resources and focus our efforts on a fresh start to serving the business community as one focused organization," said L. John MacMartin, Minot Area Chamber of Commerce president and MADC interim president/CEO.

Three key factors led to the initial discussion and are the basis for the question of: Why is a merger best for the community, organizations and the member/investors who support both organizations?

- 1. International Economic Development
  - Council (IEDC) economic recovery and resiliency strategies identification of the

need for organizations to collaborate and develop One Brand

**January 2021** 

- 2. Change in leadership at MADC in the fall of 2019
- 3. Desire to serve members and investors from the business community more efficiently

Randy Hauck, MADC board chair shared, "We are in an environment where we all are looking for ways to work as effectively and efficiently as possible. This past year as chair of MADC, we have shared two positions with the chamber team which has worked well. The organizations are already housed in one building and being able to look for further efficiencies will serve the members/investors well. I've had the opportunity to chair both boards and see the merger as a win for our region."

Jeff McElwain, Minot Area Chamber of Commerce board chair added, "The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce board has spent the last year working together with the MADC board to evaluate our current positions and reach out to other communities who have initiated similar mergers to the benefit of their

Merger - continued on page 2

### Saturday Legislative Forums set for January via Zoom

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee will host its Saturday Legislative Forums via zoom in January. A decision will be made on having in person or zoom meetings for the remainder of the forums during the 2021 session. Forums are set for Saturday, Jan. 16 and Jan. 30 at 9 a.m. Zoom coordinates will be sent out closer to the date. All are encouraged to participate during the webinar, which will feature state lawmakers from our area. Those participating can send their questions to the moderator through the chat option. For a list to contact local Minot lawmakers, visit our website at this link: https://www.minotchamber.org/news/News503/

## **MINOT AREA CHAMBER/EDC**

P.O. Box 940 • Minot, ND 58702 • 852-6000

Material published in the Chamber Communicator expresses the viewpoints or policies of the Communicator, the Minot Area Chamber/EDC and its Board of Directors. The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate with the membership of the Minot Area Chamber/EDC.

Publisher	L. John MacMartin,CCE
Editor	Carla Dolan, IOM
Managing Editor	Patty Steele

#### MINOT AREA CHAMBER/EDC STAFF

L. John MacMartin, CCE	President
Carla Dolan, IOM	Program Director
Lisa Moldenhauer	Program Assistant
Chanda DeCent	Finance Director
Jaime Hauge	.Administrative Assistant
Carla Vannett	MVD Manager
Lacey Coleman	MVD Clerk
Wendy Keldson	MVD Clerk
Amy Morse	MVD Clerk
Tracey Oja	MVD Clerk
Kimberly Reedy	MVD Clerk

### MINOT AREA CHAMBER/EDC **BOARD MEMBERS:**

Ryan Ackerman (Ackerman-Estvold) 837-8737				
Kevin Black (Creedence Energy)740-7481				
Missy Feist Erickson (Peoples				
State Bank)852-0328				
Randy Hauck (Verendrye Electric				
Cooperative)				
Cassidy Hjelmstad				
(SRT Communications, Inc.)				
Jonn Knecht (American Bank Center)250-3705				
Les Knudson (AGT Foods)839-7530				
Brekka Kramer (Odney)857-7205				
Randy Schwan (Trinity Health)857-5635				
Steve Shirley (Minot State University)858-3300				
Mayor Shaun Sipma (City of Minot)857-4750				
Mark Vollmer (Minot Public Schools)857-4422				
Ward County RepresentativeTBD				
Jason Zimmerman (Minot				
Area Community Foundation)				

#### Merger - continued from page 1

members and investors. It is clear to me this is the right move for our two entities to be more effective and efficient for the Minot area."

The mission will continue to focus on promoting business, leadership and growth for the Minot area while facilitating business attraction, expansion, retention, and advocacy to diversify and strengthen the Minot area. There are opportunities with the merger to review current community needs and align the organizations focus to address these needs. The board of directors for both organizations have been working closely this year to do a careful analysis of the merger with equal representation from both groups. The organization will be structured so that employees specialize in various roles, while remaining flexible to help in any role as needed.

The goal is for the new organization to do more for the community with the same

amount of revenue that is currently collected among the two organizations now. There may be slight differences in dues due to a new tiered investment structure, but in most cases, members will pay the same as what they are now to both groups. There are many opportunities to be involved from participating in one of the many committees to nominations to serve on the board of directors. The combined organization will allow members to go to one board rather than two to provide input.

Next steps will be delivery of documentation for the plan of merger to the ND Secretary of State and Attorney General. The new 14-member board of directors will be seated January 1, 2021. The board includes a set designated position for both the City of Minot and Ward County. Other board members will serve staggered terms and represent a broad sector of the Minot area business community.

### Renewals

The Chamber/EDC extends a big "THANK YOU" to our members who have renewed their membership from Nov. 24 through Dec. 23, 2020. Your continued support helps your Chamber/EDC promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

All America City Glass Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC. BeMobile Bones BBQ Smokehouse & Grill **Broadway Family Dentistry** Creedence Energy Service Dakota Outdoor Advertising Ebeneezer's Eatery & Irish Pub Fiancee' First Assembly of God Church Food Management Investors, Inc. 4 Bears Casino and Lodge Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Grand Hotel Green Brothers Landscaping & Construction Town & Country Insurance Agency, LLC The Home Depot iHeart Media Longhorn Steakhouse Magic City Garage Door & Awning Mayer Electric

North Dakota Envelope Co. North Dakota Living Paradise Spas & Motorsports Planet Pizza/Sports on Tap Precise Transport LLC **Probitas Promotions Riddles** Jewelry Scherr's Cabinet & Doors, Inc. Marv & Barb Semrau Signal Management Corp.-SMC Souris Valley Dental Group Spicy Pie MSU Swanston Equipment Companies Lillian & Coleman Taube Museum of Art Tuff Trucks The View The Wellington Assisted Living Western Plains Opera Co.

# <u>COVID relief updates</u> Getting North Dakota back in business

### Federal Stimulus Package & SBA Update

NDSBDC is monitoring the new federal stimulus package which includes:

- Stimulus checks
- Unemployment assistance
- Small business loans (re-open the PPP)

NDSBDC has scheduled a webinar with staff from the North Dakota SBA District Office to give us an update. <u>Register now</u> and plan to attend on January 14 at 3 p.m.

### Upcoming Webinars, Events & Offers

These are some upcoming events and learning opportunities:

- 4R Project: Tax credits under the ERC and FFCRA Jan. 5
- Business Builders Workshop: Budgeting for Success Jan. 12
- 4R Project: SBA Update on the new Stimulus Package Jan. 14
- Business Builders Workshop The Importance of Having a BAIL Team Feb. 9
- SBA's Business Smart Toolkit More details

<u>Recordings</u> of previous sessions from our network and others, including social media, small business legal structure, cybersecurity, PPP forgiveness application, and more, are all available on the website. *Is there a topic you'd like covered? Let them know!* 

### Legislative Session & Support

NDSBDC is required to match those dollars with state and local funds. A piece of that match funding comes from the state through the Department of Commerce budget. A few things to note for the upcoming session:

- The governor's proposed budget includes a significant reduction in funds allocated for the ND SBDC program. This would also reduce the federal dollars accepted for the North Dakota program.
- This means the services and support provided to clients like you would be impacted in all areas of the state.
- We have the opportunity to share information about our network, our successes, and our impact, BUT, the most powerful information is a personal story from individuals like you.

We hope that you would consider taking five minutes to write an email or letter to your state legislator to thank them for the state's vital match funding while sharing your story. The more personal the note, the better the message is received. Not sure who all of the legislators are for your district? Here is the <u>link</u> to look them up!

# City of Minot offers rapid COVID-19 tests

Minot has become the next North Dakota community to offer rapid COVID-19 testing to the public. The City of Minot is partnering with the State of North Dakota and the North Dakota National Guard to offer BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen screening to the general public, which began Monday, Dec. 28.

Tests are self-administered with the assistance of the Minot Fire Department and other City of Minot staff and offer results in approximately 15 minutes. Testing is at Minot's Fire Station #1, 2111 10th St SW, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

"We're glad we can be a community to offer rapid tests following what was likely an active holiday weekend," said Minot Mayor Shaun Sipma. "Anything we can do locally to help track and monitor any spread quickly will hopefully save lives and livelihoods by identifying asymptomatic individuals." Due to the unknown daily demand and to save time for anyone taking the BinaxNOW tests, recipients should pre-register before arriving at the test site. Registration can be completed online at https://testreg.nd.gov/

Traffic control will be positioned at the testing site as well. All motor vehicles should come from the west on 20th Avenue before turning onto 10th street. This will help to avoid any potential traffic jams at that intersection. Rapid test recipients will be required to follow the signage to drive into Fire Station #1.

Bismarck and Fargo were the first communities to offer widespread rapid testing.

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

# **City of Minot named one of "Best Places to Visit in ND"**



The City of Minot has been featured in a popular digital travel magazine in an article *Best Places to Visit in North Dakota*. The article features many of the attractions the Magic City is known for like the Scandinavian Heritage Center and Dakota Territory Air Museum.

It also features other communities including Lisbon, Grand Forks and Medora. Read the full article at <u>Trips to</u> <u>Discover</u>.

# **Minot civic leaders celebrate Minot AFB awards**

Minot civic leaders and ND congressional staff were at Minot Air Force Base Tuesday, Dec. 15, for the presentation of the Omaha Trophies to the 5th Bomb Wing for the best strategic Bomb Wing in U.S. Stratcom and the 91st Missile Wing for the best ICBM Missile Wing in U.S. Stratcom. The community's Barksdale Trophy for outstanding community support, is in the center. Congrats to TEAM MINOT!



Pictured from left to right: Darrel Nitschke (Congressman Kelly Armstrong's aide), Bruce Christianson (Magic City Financial Group), Jeff McElwain (Ackerman-Estvold), Randy Burckhard (State Senator), Shaun Sipma (Mayor/Farmers Union Insurance: Ressler-Sipma Agency), Brekka Kramer (Odney), John MacMartin (Minot Area Chamber/EDC president), Sally Johnson (Sen. John Hoeven's Minot office), Randy Hauck (Verendrye Electric Cooperative), and Mark Jantzer (The Computer Store & Minot City Council).

### **December Eagle Awards**

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in December and thanked for superior customer service skills. If you would like to nominate someone for outstanding customer service, please call the Chamber at 852-6000 for a nomination form, or visit the website at minotchamber.org. A special thank you goes out to **Homesteaders Restaurant**, **Anytime Fitness**, and **Waxing the City** for providing gift certificates for each Eagle recipient.

TORI TROSEN

North Plains CrossFit by

Trinity Health at the YMCA



JONELLE FENNER Trinity Medical Center – Allergy Clinic



JULIE ROOD Trinity Health Cardiac Rehab



**DORALEE BUCK** Charlie's Main Street Cafe



BRYCE TOBY Milton Young Towers



MOLLY BURCHETT Chico's



KYLE NELSON Creative Dimensions by Chelce



MADISON ADAMS Best Buy



ANDREA TRACY OfficeMax



SAMUEL GOODMAN Schatz Crossroads



January 2021

TANYA MINGS

Trinity Hospital



# 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.



### MAGICINMINOT.COM

**January 2021** 

# Community members can connect with military community through MAFB Adopt-an-Airman program

Adopt-an-Airman is a program that affords our airmen the opportunity to link up with local families in the surrounding areas to form lasting bonds, new friendships, and build support networks with the local community and outside the normal military environment. The Minot Area Chamber/EDC Military Affairs Committee is partnering with Minot Air Force Base to support this program and provide volunteers. they've been away from their friends and family. To help ease the transition, families in the local community open their homes, and are friends and mentors to our airmen. These families provide our airmen with a caring environment and a sense of belonging that could potentially build relationships that last a lifetime. Host families are encouraged to treat you as a member of the family, not simply as a guest. All host families are not alike, so your experience will probably differ from the experiences of oth-

ers. Only local civilians of high caliber are eligible to become host families.

Adopt-an-Airman will attempt to match you with a host family who shares the same basic interests and characteristics; such as sports, hobbies, religion, and other activities with which they identify.

For more information, contact Carla Dolan at the Minot Area Chamber/EDC at 857-8205.

For a lot of airmen, this is the first time

# **Annual Sportsmen's Feed Postponed**

The January 24 AFC/NFC playoffs will be a bit different this year for members of the Military Affairs Committee. This year, the annual Sportsmen's Feed, won't take place due to the pandemic. Despite that fact, the group is working on another get together to take its place. Stay tuned for details!



# **Businesses invited to become Giving Hearts participants**

Giving Hearts Day is a 24-hour event for charities in North Dakota, and northwest Minnesota held annually on the second Thursday of February. It has helped participating charities raise more than \$90 million since its founding and last year alone had nearly 35,000 givers.

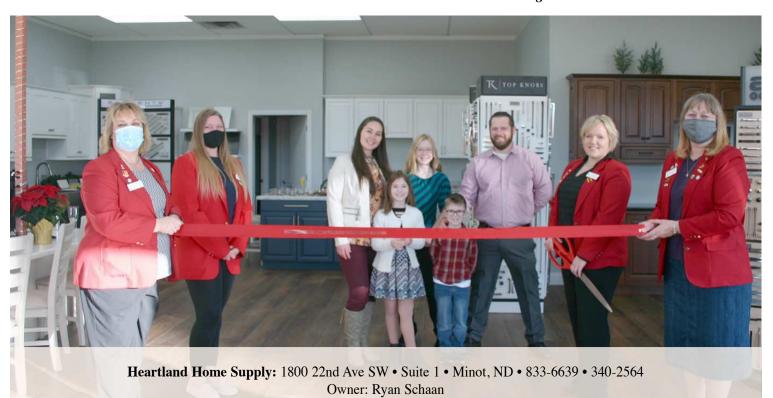
Giving Hearts Day is more than a day, though. Over a decade and a half, it's grown into a movement that's igniting purpose, connectedness, generosity, and kindness throughout our region and beyond. Giving Hearts Day has exploded into a growing army of people connecting with causes bigger than themselves, uniting people of all backgrounds, and spreading kindness to help others.

Giving Hearts Day wouldn't be where it is at today without our generous, supportive, and creative Giving Hearts Businesses! We are continually amazed at our business community creating healthy, purpose-driven cultures that do so much good for their employees and our communities.

Visit <u>www.givingheartsday.org/part-</u> <u>ners/businesses/</u> to learn more and get started! From the bottom of our hearts – THANK YOU for being part of this generosity movement.



## **Ribbon Cutting**



If you know of a business that's new to town or is having a milestone, like a renovation or addition, contact Carla at 857-8205 to schedule a ribbon cutting.

Email: ryan@heartlandhomesupply.com • Website: www.heartlandhomesupply.com Minot Chamber Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Heartland Home Supply to celebrate with the new business on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 28. Stop by for all your cabinets, flooring, countertops and hardware needs.

# COAL MOVIE: POWERING THE PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

### Visit: Lignite Energy Council

# nometed m

Building a house? Renovating or remodeling? Ackerman-Estvold is your hometown home team. Our architecture team are licensed professionals who can help you achieve the home of your dreams. Our custom house plans are created with the highest standards of quality and design to meet your personal needs and style. We have created several design packages to suit your aesthetic and financial needs. Contact us today to turn your dream into reality!

www.ackerman-estvold.com 701.837.8737





Ryan

Jessica



Paul B.



Jeremy





Paul K.

**January 2021** 



Scott



# Ackerman-Estvold expands services to Fargo

Ackerman-Estvold announces its newest office location in Fargo, ND. The addition of the Fargo branch becomes the fourth location for the company.

Steven Eberle, vice president/COO, said, "The Ackerman-Estvold team is excited to expand our services into eastern North Dakota. A Fargo office provides us with the opportunity to service clients in all areas of North Dakota. The opening of this branch allows us to implement elements of our strategic plan by investing in new markets and geographical locations. We look forward to serving the Engineering & Architectural needs of the Fargo region."

Tim Arens, PE, vice president, has relocated from Minot to Fargo and will serve as the Fargo office manager. Arens oversees the transportation group with over 17 years of experience working extensively on projects with the ND Department of Transportation and the Missouri Department of Transportation. Arens earned a bachelor of science in civil engineering from North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND.

Stacy Flaten, PE, recently joined the Fargo office as a senior engineer. Flaten brings over 20 years of experience in the transportation field to her new role. Flaten earned a bachelor of science in civil engineering from North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, and an associate of applied science in civil engineering from Northwest Technical College, Detroit Lakes, MN. Flaten's career has included working for several regional consulting engineering firms and the ND Department of Transportation.

The Fargo office is located in the 42nd Street Office Park at 4165 30th Ave S, Suite 100. Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

### Minot Police Department participates in Cops and Kids holiday event

The North Dakota Fraternal Order of Police Souris Valley Regional Lodge #7, partnering with the Minot Police Department, participated in the annual "Cops and Kids" holiday event Sunday, Dec. 20. Historically the Minot area "Cops and Kids" event consisted of pairing preselected children with area law enforcement officers for a day of shopping for holiday presents, with funds privately donated by local businesses and individuals. This year however, with the restrictions on public gatherings presented by the coronavirus pandemic, Lodge #7 shifted gears and conducted curbside pick-ups of pre-ordered toys and other merchandise at the Minot Police Department. The orders were compiled from wish lists returned to the Lodge by the children selected to participate. Participants are nominated and selected by area schools and social service organizations.





Earn your graduate degree from your local university.

We focus on programs that are valued and affordable to take you further in life. Complete your degree online or on campus to boost your confidence and be a part of something big. Enroll today to inspire your unlimited potential.

# MinotStateU.edu/graduate

### **GRADUATE DEGREES**

- Management
- Information Systems
- Sports Management
- Education
- Special Education
- Communication Disorders
- Disability Human Services
- School Psychology

Be seen. Be heard. BE EMPOWERED.

Minot Area Chamber/EDC

# BETTER TOGETHER

Verendrye Electric Cooperative is dedicated to serving our members and our community with integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. Being a member of your local Touchstone Energy Cooperative is a powerful thing. It means you have an energy source you can trust to look out for your community's best interests.

Verendrye is proud to serve our community and be a part of both the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Minot Area Development Corporation all these years. We wish the Minot Area Chamber EDC all the best as the new organization comes together to serve members and our community with integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to the community.

### WE ALL ARE BETTER TOGETHER.



# **Member Business Briefs**

### Arts Crossing announces new CD release of <u>Constellations: A Chamber</u> <u>Opera</u>, composed by Maestro Amaya

Arts Crossing announces the CD world release of Maestro Efraín Amaya's chamber opera: "Constellations" with Albany Records Label (TROY1846), Albany, NY. Amaya is the music director and conductor to the Minot Symphony Orchestra and codirector to the Western Plains Opera as well as an assistant professor at Minot State University.

"Constellations" was created with a story and libretto by Susana Amundaraín. It was inspired by the work and life of renowned Spanish artist Joan Miró, just

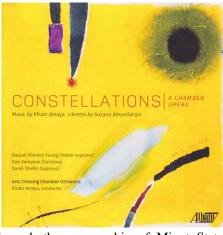


before the onset of World War II, in the coasts of Normandy. The project started as a collaborative creative work between Amaya and Amundaraín during an Artist Residency summer at Yaddo, NY.

In Maestro Amaya's words: "I'm so excited to culminate this project with the launching of this CD. Constellations is a piece very close to my heart, perhaps because among other things, it highlights the power of art to elevate our souls in the midst of darkness and conflict. I am very thankful to all that made this possible, both the premiere performances and the production of this CD. It took the support of family, friends, and a few grants. I'm truly happy that we are able to leave testimony of this work's world premiere with this recording."

The live performances with the Arts Crossing Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Amaya, took place in Philadelphia in December of 2015, in the Neighborhood House, Old City. A master recording was made out of these performances, and it's now available to all audiences through www.albanyrecords.com.

The CD production was possible in part



through the sponsorship of Minot State University and the generous support of private donors.

Arts Crossing is a non-profit organization and its objective is to be an experimental and experiential space for the creation of interdisciplinary works of art. It embraces all the arts: music in its various forms, visual arts, theatrical arts, dance, writing, film, and derivatives of those. For more information, please visit www.artscrossing.org.

### JOHN STEWART, CPA FINANCIAL CONSULTING





"Wishing you and yours all the best for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2021"

701.833.8821 jstewart@srt.com

# **Member Business Briefs**

### Visit Minot adds Harrom to team

The Minot Convention & Visitors Bureau (Visit Minot) is pleased to welcome Alex Harrom as the director of team events and meetings. She will be responsible for assisting incoming team events, conferences, and conventions as well as curating and growing new events.

Harrom joins Visit Minot with customer service and sales experience. Her exten-

sive background of working with clients will serve the incoming groups well, providing custom experiences for events hosted in Minot. "I am beyond excited



to take on the role as **ALEX HARROM** and meetings and begin

working with the rest of the Visit Minot team. I share a great deal of enthusiasm for what this organization does and the dedication to making Minot a top destination for any and every event," Harrom said.

With her marketing background, Harrom will be able to provide a unique approach and outlook to securing events.

"We are thrilled Alex has joined the Visit Minot team," stated the Visit Minot Executive Director Stephanie Schoenrock. Harrom has called Minot home for 13 years. She completed her undergraduate degree at Minot State University excelling in both the classroom and on the ice as a member of the MSU Women's Ice Hockey team.

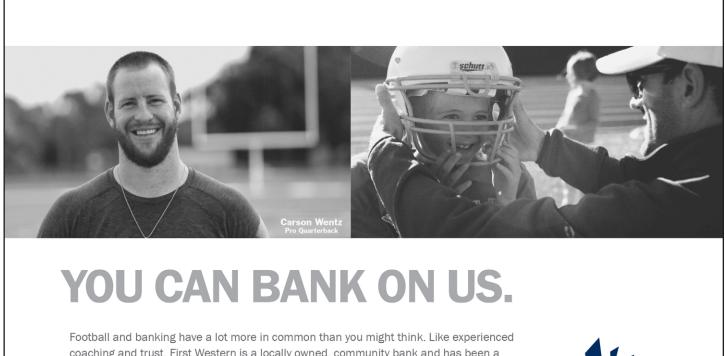
For more information, call Visit Minot at 857-8206 or email info@visitminot.org.

#### KLJ transitions leadership

The KLJ Solutions Holding Co. Board of Directors has announced the appointment of interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Barry Schuchard, effective Jan. 1, 2021. The appointment follows the resignation of KLJ Engineering LLC (KLJ) CEO, Dean Anagnost effective Dec. 31, 2020.

Schuchard has been with the company since 1983 and served in multiple projectrelated and leadership roles over the years, including chief production officer for a number of years and most recently as the company's chief value officer. "It is my privilege to step into this interim role and support the company as we transition our leadership. With more than 80 years in business our growth across our footprint has been exciting, and we continue to pursue our mission of improving the lives of people and communities by engineering progressive infrastructure across the nation," said Schuchard.

Anagnost began his career with KLJ in 1991 where he was responsible for the formation of the company's telecommunications practice, which remains a key component of KLJ's business portfolio. "Dean has been instrumental in building KLJ's success, growth, and geographic expansion. He began his career as an engineer and has held multiple leadership roles, including serving as the company's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) prior to leading the strategic direction of the company, as CEO. We recognize and appreciate Dean's commitment and service to KLJ over the years," said Schuchard.



coaching and trust. First Western is a locally owned, community bank and has been a trusted name in banking for over 50 years. We are your friends and neighbors, people you can count on, providing local decision making.



firstwestern.bank



# Life is about leaving your mark

### Winner of Three Minot Daily News Readers' Choice Awards Best Bank • Best Place to Work • Best Mortgage Company

### Living First for more than 110 years

The lenders, bankers, and support staff at First International Bank & Trust have a singular focus: making dreams come true for selected Best Bank and Best Place to Work their clients, customers, and communities. Their focus has remained the same since 1910, when brothers Odin and Gerhard Stenehjem founded the bank to serve farmers in western North Dakota. It is now a multi-billion dollar, full-service financial institution serving customers at 28 different locations in three states.

### Source of Pride

With 2021 being a new year, First International Bank and Trust has been and Best Mortgage Company for the Minot Daily News' Reader's Choice Awards. John Drady, Market President for Central North Dakota, said employees are honored to be selected as a Reader's Choice winner.

"We always hold ourselves to a high standard when it comes to the communities we serve and the customers that honor us by giving us their business," said Drady. "All of our employees take their responsibilities to our customers very seriously, so to receive this honor truly is a reflection on the great staff we have in Minot."



Serving you in three locations in Minot 150 16th St SW • 1600 S Broadway • 2150 21st Ave NW

FIBT.com



**Minot Area Chamber/EDC** 

0455 01-21

Member FDIC

## **Member Business Briefs**

# Anne Carlsen begins COVID-19 vaccine distribution

Anne Carlsen received its first shipment of COVID-19 vaccine and started vaccinating its frontline caregivers on Dec. 23, 2020.

Providing staff and eligible persons served with effective COVID-19 vaccines represents the most important public health strategy to control the pandemic. A multidisciplinary team at Anne Carlsen, working with State Department of Health officials, made arrangements to receive the shipment, ensure effective vaccine storage and is planning a series of vaccination clinics.

Initial supplies of the vaccine are limited and are being prioritized based on guidance from the CDC and state authorities, which has recommended vaccinating front line healthcare workers first.

### Hometown Elegance launches Elegance @ Home

Hometown Elegance Event Catering & Productions is excited to announce that it is launching a new service named Elegance @ Home. Elegance @ Home is a brand-new meal service that gives you the experience of having a catering meal without the caterer showing up. Our legendary adherence to quality means that the same quality catering you have come to expect from Hometown Elegance can now be recreated by you in your home. Every meal is delivered to your home or business in a Hometown Elegance branded box. Inside you will find that all of the items are prepped and ready for the kitchen. Unlike other "fresh produce" boxes that require you to prep everything, the Elegance @ Home box is packed so you don't have to do any work other than fire up the stove/grill/oven and follow the included directions.

"We want our clients to continue to celebrate in every possible way. And celebrating is more than just a meal. It's the sights, the sounds, the smell and finally the taste that makes the experience complete." says senior event producer Carl Clemetson. "We want everyone, regardless of their culinary background, to be able to do this so the instructions are written so anyone can make a gourmet dinner for two. And yes, we



even include the candle needed for that date night you wanted to do but were unsure of. Our launch resulted in the sellout of the first day of deliveries. Delivery days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday every week. Each box contains a dinner for two and includes three steak options, one chicken option and three fish options. Simply select your two entree options and we handle the rest for you. Each box is a flat \$85/box plus sales tax and includes your delivery. For those wanting an upgraded experience, filet mignon is available for \$115/box.

For more information and menus, visit <u>http://hometownelegance.com/catering.html</u>, call 420-0990 or email info@hometownel-egance.com.

### Minot State honors December graduates

Minot State University recognized 158 undergraduate students and 17



graduate students as candidates received their diplomas in December 2020.

"Congratulations to all of our students who are candidates for graduation following the Fall 2020 semester," said Minot State President Dr. Steven Shirley. "It has been an unprecedented year for all MSU students, and truly a testament to the work ethic, drive, and determination of these students to complete their studies during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are proud of the accomplishments of our graduating class and wish each of them the very best as they begin the next chapter of their lives."

For a complete list, visit <u>https://www.minotstateu.edu/grad/</u>.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2
3	4 Ribbon Cutting: 11 a.m., Rainbow Photo, 215 11th Ave SW	5	6	7 Military Affairs Committee, Noon, Zoom	8 Infrastructure Committee, 7:30 a.m., Zoom	9
10	11	12 Eagle Awards Presentation 10 a.m., Chamber office	13 Right Start Presentation, 9:30 a.m., Zoom	14	15	<b>16 Legislative Forum</b> , 9 a.m., Zoom
17	18	19	20 Coffee with the President, 1:30 p.m., Zoom	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Right Start Presentation, 9:30 a.m., Zoom	28 Energy Committee, 11 a.m., Zoom	29	<b>30 Legislative Forum</b> 9 a.m., Zoom
31						

To view meeting changes or community events, log on to www.minotchamber.org