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NEW MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS ELECTED

The new Minot Area Chamber Economic Development Corporation (EDC) board organizational meeting was held and officers for the new organization were elected. Jonn Knecht of American Bank Center was selected to serve as the first chair for the new organization. Jonn Knecht, Minot Area Chamber EDC board chair said, "It is an honor to be selected as the chair of the new organization. I've served on both the former Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Minot Area Development Corporation boards and see many advantages in kicking off the year as one." Knecht added, "It's now time to roll up our sleeves and get to work. We owe it to the investors and members to look for ways to be as effective and efficient as one organization. I am looking forward to serving with the new board and the staff to serve our region."

The executive committee officers include Randy Hauck from Verendrye Electric Cooperative as chair elect, Kevin Black from Creedence Energy Services as vice chair and Missy Feist-Erickson from Peoples State Bank as treasurer. L. John MacMartin will serve as the board president and corporate secretary.

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CHAMBER EDC BOARD

President - Jonn Knecht, American Bank Center

Chair Elect – Randy Hauck,
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Vice Chair – Kevin Black,
Creedence Energy Services

Treasurer – Missy Feist-Erickson,
Peoples State Bank

Ryan Ackerman, Ackerman-Estvold

Bucky Anderson, Ward County

Cassidy Hjelmstad, SRT Communications, Inc.

Les Knudson, AGT Foods

Brekka Kramer, Odney

Randy Schwan, Trinity Health

Dr. Steve Shirley, Minot State University

Mayor Shaun Sipma, City of Minot

Dr. Mark Vollmer, Minot Public Schools

Jason Zimmerman, Minot Area Community
Foundation

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The new 14-member board of directors includes leadership from both the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Minot Area Development Corporation boards. The City of Minot and Ward County will have set positions on the board. Mayor Shaun Sipma is serving in the City of Minot position and Commissioner Bucky Anderson was appointed to serve in the Ward County position. Members at large include Ryan Ackerman, Ackerman-Estvold; Cassidy Hjelmstad, SRT; Les Knudson, AGT Foods; Brekka Kramer, Odney; Randy Schwan, Trinity; Dr. Steve Shirley, Minot State University; Dr. Mark Vollmer, Minot Public Schools; and Jason Zimmerman, Minot Area Community Foundation.

“This is going to be an exciting year for the new organization,” said John MacMartin, Minot Area Chamber EDC president. “With our new board leadership, I am confident we can continue the work we do in our community and be an effective champion for businesses.” The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and the Minot Area Development Corporation merged to create the Minot Area Chamber EDC on January 1, 2021.

MAYOR SIPMA LIFTS CITYWIDE MASK MANDATE

Minot Mayor Shaun Sipma, through executive order, has lifted the citywide mask mandate, effective at 8 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 29.

Sipma's decision coincides with Gov. Doug Burgum's announcement that he has moved the entire state to the low risk category based on North Dakota's falling coronavirus positivity rates and number of hospitalizations related to COVID-19. Burgum's change also takes effect at 8 a.m. on Friday.

“With these reductions, I feel it is prudent at the local level to lift the mask mandate through executive order to coincide with the governor's statewide risk reduction,” Sipma said.

Mask mandates will remain in place at the Minot International Airport and on City of Minot buses due to federal executive orders concerning public transit that remain in place.

All four City of Minot fire stations and the Minot Police Department will remain closed to the public to help protect the City's first responders. Visitors to the Police Department should ring the buzzer on the door at the east entrance and an officer will meet them outside.

Mask mandates relating specifically to City buildings and City employees were adopted by the City Council, and will remain in effect until they are modified or terminated by the Council. Those items will be on the agenda for the Feb. 1 Council meeting.

“It is premature to think COVID-19 is behind us, and we will continue to communicate with local health officials about what's best for the health and well-being of our community,” Sipma said. “We continue to advise people to wear masks when around large groups of people and to maintain proper social distancing and personal hygiene.”

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



ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH (C2ER)

COST OF LIVING 2020 4TH QUARTER

	Minot ND	Bismarck, Mandan ND Metro	Grand Forks, ND-MN Metro	Minneapolis, MD Metro	Pierre, SD
Composite Index	97.9	101.2	94.0	105.1	104.8
Groceries	106.0	101.3	100.3	102.5	102.5
Housing	84.9	100.4	90.8	107.2	102.8
Utilities	90.2	88.6	97.2	96.9	95.7
Transportation	109.1	105.7	103.0	96.0	98.2
Health Care	115.7	117.6	113.3	102.6	102.7
Misc. Goods	101.7	101.9	88.6	111.7	111.6

Minot's cost of living is 2.1% below the annual national average for the fourth quarter of 2020. (U.S. Average Composite Index = 100%) The cost of living index is published by the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association (ACCRA).

The ACCRA Cost of Living Index measures differences between areas in the cost of consumer goods and services, excluding taxes and non-consumer expenditures. It is based on 100,000 data points, for which prices are collected quarterly by the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and 288 other urban areas across the nation.

STATE OF THE CITY SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 2

The annual State of the City will look a little different this year, with the event being presented virtually on the City of Minot's social media channels. The event, scheduled for Feb. 2, will feature an address from Mayor Shaun Sipma highlighting the success stories from 2020 and looking ahead to the challenges facing our community in 2021. We will also announce the winner for the mayor's Citizen of the Year video contest during the event.

NEXT SATURDAY LEGISLATIVE FORUM SET FOR FEBRUARY 20

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee will host its February 20th Saturday Legislative Forum in person at the North Dakota State Fair Center in FFA Hall at 9 am.

At the first forum of the year, legislators listed personal emails as the most effective way for constituents to reach them. People should identify themselves, the issue and the bill number to aid legislators in following up.

Legislative hearings are live streamed at legis.nd.gov, and residents who wish to submit testimony can do so until an hour before the committee starts meeting that day. Anyone wishing to address a committee hearing virtually needs to make a request in advance. Testimony is allowed in person but attendance at hearings is limited.

Legislator emails can be found on the legislative website.

2021 ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MILITARY BALL HAS BEEN CANCELLED

The Annual International Military Ball has been cancelled for 2021. Look for information on next year's event!

DEVELOPING A RESILIENT WORKFORCE: HOW ORGANIZATIONS THRIVE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

In tough times filled with change and uncertainty, having a resilient organization that can successfully “bounce back” and grow from adverse experiences is critical. Learn how to develop resilience in your people, teams and across your organization! Join the Minot Area Chamber EDC and Dale Carnegie ND for Developing a Resilient Workforce: How Organizations Thrive in the Face of Adversity on Thursday, April 8, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., at the Grand Hotel.

This Business Brief will help you:

- Explore how adverse conditions impact us personally and professionally
- Understand resilience and how to cultivate it
- Discuss practical tactics for reducing stress and unleashing the power of resilience to overcome adversity

Wish people in your organization were more resilient? We can help you help them. Learning how to handle stress – especially in times of adversity – can have real benefits to employees and the organizations they work for. Few of us can change the environment in which we operate – but we can control how we prepare and respond to the events around us.

Register for this Chamber University event at www.minotchamber.org, click on April 8 on the calendar. Cost for the workshop is \$49 for members and \$79 for non-members.

#MAXIMIZE MINOT WITH CHAMBER BUCKS

Buying local has never been so important! The Minot Area Chamber EDC is working to promote that through our Maximize Minot campaign. Buy here, hire local professionals here and invest here. One way you can be a part of the effort is to participate in the Chamber EDC Bucks program. These gift certificates can be purchased at the Chamber EDC office to use at participating member investors.

The use of Chamber EDC Bucks has worked well for the businesses that redeem them. You simply honor it at face value and either return or collect additional cash for the difference between the purchase price and the face value of the Chamber EDC Buck. After you receive the certificate, mail it in with your business name on the front. In turn, you will receive a check to you for the full-face value. If you feel your business doesn't fit this promotion, we encourage you to purchase Chamber EDC Bucks. They are a great gift for family, employees and volunteers.

These Chamber EDC Bucks carry a face value that is good toward merchandise or services. The denominations of the Chamber EDC Bucks are from \$20 to \$50 and they carry an expiration date. On the back of each is a list of the member investor businesses that accept Chamber EDC Bucks.

On page five is a list of businesses that currently participate in the program. If you would like to be added, or removed, please reach out to Lisa Moldenhauer at lisa@minotchamberedc.com.

KMOT AG EXPO SET FOR MARCH 3 - 5

The KMOT Ag Expo is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. The KMOT Ag Expo fills the entire ND State Fair Center with over 1,000 booths and over 325 exhibitors all pertaining to the agriculture industry.

The KMOT Ag Expo will not be hosting the living Ag Classroom this year due to the schools not allowing field trips.

The KMOT Ag Expo normally has an estimated 25,000 people attend the show and is expecting around the same amount this year.

The hours are:

Wednesday, March 3rd 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday, March 4th 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday, March 5th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

RAIL MODAL GROUP CONTINUES WEEKLY INTERMODAL SERVICE AT THE PORT OF MINOT

Rail Modal Group (RMG) has continued shipping out one train per week at the Port of Minot. The facility provides service to the Northwest Seaport Alliance with on-dock trains to terminals in Seattle and Tacoma, Washington.

North Dakota and Minot officials worked for two decades to bring an intermodal facility to the region. Weekly intermodal service reduces shipping costs for agricultural producers and other industries.

Minot is the location for the only BNSF Certified Site in North Dakota. This designation identifies rail-served industrial sites that have met readiness standards intended to reduce development time and risk for companies seeking rail-served locations.

Senators Krebsbach, Burckhard, Hogue, and Wanzek along with Representatives Fisher and Louser introduced Senate Bill 2245 in support of Intermodal. Minot Area Chamber EDC president L. John MacMartin had an opportunity to testify in support of the bill in front of Senate Appropriations Committee.

CHAMBER EDC BUCKS BUSINESSES

Acme Tools
Accounting Solutions
Advanced Business Methods
Aggregate Construction
Albertson Consulting, Inc.
All America City Glass
All American Trophies
Anytime Fitness
Applebee's
Arrowhead Ace Hardware
Ask Performance & Fitness
ATA Martial Arts
Automated Maintenance Serv.
Badlands Grill House & Saloon
Batteries Plus Bulbs
Baymont Inn & Suites
BHG - Northern Sentry
Boot Barn
Bray's Saddlery
Brite-Way Window Cleaning
Broadway Bean & Bagel Co.
Broadway Liquor
Buffalo Wings & Rings
Buffalo Wild Wings
Burger King
Capital RV
Carpet Garage
Carpetland
Century Eyewear
ChiroCare Family Center
Chiropractic Health & Wellness
Clarion Hotel & Conv. Ctr.
CleanTech
Clute Office Equipment
The Computer Store, Inc.
Conlin's Furniture
Connole & Somerville
Plumbing & Htg.
Cookies For You, Inc.
Cool Fish Services Inc.
Country Inn by Radisson
Dairy Queen West
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch 2nd
Chance Store
Dakota Fence
Dakota Fire Extinguishers
Dakota Inn
Dakotah Rose Bed & Bkfst
Dale Carnegie of ND and MN
Denny's
Designs on Broadway
Dickeys Barbecue Pit
Digital Office Centre
Domino's
Don Bessette Motors
Dufner Construction
Ebenezer's Eatery & Irish Pub
Elevation Restaurant
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Enerbase Cooperative Resources
Esoterica
Evolution Salon

Fiancee'
First Choice Physical Therapy
Flower Box, Inc.
Flower Central
The Flower House Garden Ctr
Four Bears Casino
GCR Tire Center
Glass Doctor
Gourmet Chef, Inc.
Grand Hotel
Ground Round
Hampton Inn & Suites
Harry's Tire Service
Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham
HealthSource Chiropractic
HighAir Ground
Hight Construction
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
Home Depot
Home of Economy
Homesteaders Restaurant
Hometown Elegance
Humphrey Law Office
Hyatt House - Minot
I. Keating Furniture World
Indigo Signworks
Karl's TV, Appliance and Furniture
Kelly Inn
Krabseth, Blake - Comedian/Magician
Landing Bar & Bottle Shop
Lee's Hallmark
Leingang Home Center
Longhorn Steakhouse
Lowe's Printing
Magic City Garage Door Co.
Magic City Hoagies
Magic City Home Leisure
Maintenance Plus Inc.
Margie's Studio
Market Pharmacy
Marketplace Foods
Mayer Electric
McDonald's Restaurants of Minot
Menards
Mi Mexico
Microtel Inn & Suites
Mindt Construction
Minot Aero Center
Minot Automotive Center
Minot Country Club
Minot Daily News
Minot Lumber & Hardware
Minot Veterinary Clinic, Inc.
Minot's Finest Collision Center
Mouse River Players Community Theatre
Murphy Motors Next to New
Muus Lumber and Hardware
My Place
Niess Impressions
Noble Inn
Norsk Hostfest Association
North Country Mercantile

North Country Sportswear
North Dakota Envelope Co.
North Dakota State Fair
North Hill Bowl, Inc.
Northwest Projector
Northwest Tire & Auto Service
Off the Vine, LLC
Outback Autobody, Inc.
Overhead Door Company of Minot
Papa Murphy's
Paradise Spas & Motorsports
Paradiso
Pinkerton Animal Hospital
Pizza Ranch
Preferred Travel Inc.
Pure Power Sports of Minot
Quickie Burgers & Fries
Rainbow Photo Lab, Inc.
Ready Builders, Inc.
Riddles Jewelry
Roosevelt Park Zoo
Roughrider Campground
Ryan Chevrolet, Inc.
Ryan GMC/Buick/Cadillac
Ryan Honda of Minot
Ryan Nissan
Salon 18
Satrom Travel
Schatz Crossroads Truck Stop
Scheels
Scherr's Cabinet & Doors
Schock's Safe & Lock
Sherwin-Williams Company
Signs Today
Slumberland
SOS Image
Souris River Designs & Home Imp.
Souris Valley Animal Shelter
Souris Valley Golf Course
Spicy Pie MSU
SRT Communications, Inc.
Sterling Optical
Stone Crafters
Subway
Superior Auto Repair
Superpumper, Inc.
Swenson RV & Equipment
Synergy Medical Massage
Taco John's
Taube Museum of Art
Tires Plus Total Car Care
Toad's Ride 'N Shine
Tuff Trucks
Val's Cyclery, Inc.
Valley Sport & Marine
Vardon Golf Club
Visit Minot
West Oaks Animal Hosp.
Westlie Motor Co.
YMCA

VACCINE AVAILABLE FOR PHASE 1A PRIORITY GROUPS

First District Health Unit is now offering COVID-19 vaccination by appointment to all groups identified in all 5 tiers of Phase 1A of the State of North Dakota's Phases for COVID-19 Vaccine. This includes individuals in Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, McLean, Renville, Sheridan and Ward Counties who fall into the following priority groups:

- First responders (ambulance, fire, and law enforcement)
- Incident command staff
- Jail and prison healthcare staff
- Mortuary service providers
- School nurses
- Dentists, dental assistants and hygienists
- Social workers
- Case managers
- Healthcare workers who are not affiliated with another vaccinating agency:
 - COVID-19 vaccinators
 - COVID-19 test specimen collectors
 - Staff of urgent care centers with direct patient contact
 - Acute care clinic staff with direct patient care
 - Home health staff/hospice
 - Medical laboratory staff
 - Patient transport (i.e., dialysis, long term care to hospital)
 - Oral surgeons
 - Other therapists (physical, occupational, speech)
 - Free standing dialysis center staff with direct patient care
 - Free standing inpatient rehabilitation
 - Surveyors/inspectors of healthcare facilities
 - Non-acute care clinics or surgery center staff with direct patient contact
 - Optometrists
 - Psychologists/Psychiatrists
 - Chaplains
 - Other public health workers
 - Chiropractors
 - Naturopaths
 - Mental health workers

People in these priority groups can call their local First District Health Unit office to make an appointment for vaccination. If your call is not answered, please leave a message and your call will be returned. Any eligible person can be vaccinated at any location. Locations are:

Bottineau (701) 228-3101	Bowbells (701) 377-2316
Garrison (701) 463-2641	Kenmare (701) 385-4328
Minot (701) 852-1376	Mohall (701) 756-6383
Towner (701) 537-5732	Washburn (701) 462-3330

Those who are not in the Phase 1A priority groups listed above can visit the First District Health Unit website to find information on priority groups in upcoming phases. First District is working closely with local healthcare providers to ensure that vaccines are given as quickly and efficiently as possible.

EAGLE AWARDS

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



Ben Slind
Thompson Larson
Funeral Home



Sarah Howard
Trinity Health



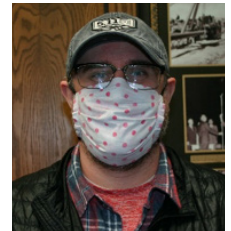
Jayme Burman
Trinity Medical
Group



Diane Schmidt-Krings, MD
Trinity Health



Nate Harris
Midco



Shawn Paul Holen
John Hoeven Elementary



Dr. Amy Wall
West Oaks Animal
Hospital



Dr. Tyler Hunskor
West Oaks Animal
Hospital



Dameon Houser
NoDak Arms

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available**

Kerry Hansen
B&B Northwest
Pharmacy

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

RIBBON CUTTINGS



PET SUPPLIES PLUS

2215 16th Street NW
Minot, ND 58703
(701) 857-4070
petsuppliesplus.com

The Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Pet Supplies Plus, an independently owned and operated pet supply store specializing in natural food and treats as well as a dog wash, grooming, and online shopping.



THE COFFEE BARN

Margaret & Nick Dreyer
1400 31st Ave. SW
Minot, ND 58701
facebook.com/TheCoffeeBarnMinot

The Ambassadors cut the ribbon at The Coffee Barn, a family-owned business specializing in fresh coffee and espresso drinks.



DAKOTA TRUCK & FARM SERVICE

1604 20th Ave. SE
Minot, ND 58701
(701) 852-5481
dakotatruckandfarm.com

The Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Dakota Truck & Farm Service which is now an authorized Versatile Tractor and Implement Dealer.



RAINBOW PHOTO LABS

Cutter Flory
215 11th Ave. SW
Minot, ND 58701
(701) 852-4569
rainbowphotolab.com

The Ambassadors cut the ribbon at Rainbow Photo Labs, offering all your photo needs! The group celebrated with new owner Cutter Flory.

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.

For a lot of airmen, this is the first time 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 others.

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 (701) 857-8205.

SBA'S EMERGING LEADERS INITIATIVE SET TO HELP ENTREPRENEURS GROW AND SUCCEED IN NORTH DAKOTA

Seven-month intensive, executive entrepreneurship education series now taking applications

Owners and CEOs of small- to medium-sized businesses can now apply for the Emerging Leaders training program hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration's North Dakota District Office.

This free, mini-MBA-style training focuses on small, poised-for-growth companies with potential for job creation. The seven-month intensive, executive entrepreneurship education series provides the opportunity for small business owners to create a 3 – 5 year Strategic Growth Plan.

The SBA Emerging Leaders Initiative has trained more than 50 small business owners from across North Dakota since its 2015 launch in Fargo, N.D.

To be eligible to participate, a small business must:

- have been in business for at least three years;
- generate revenues of at least \$250,000;
- have at least one employee besides the owner; and
- be committed to attend 13 bi-weekly workshops and complete required course-work from May to November, 2021.

Interested small business owners can learn more on eligibility and how to apply at the SBA's website: www.sba.gov/emergingleaders, or by contacting Sherri Komrosky at (701) 239-5658 or sherri.komrosky@sba.gov. Applications can be submitted at www.interise.org/sbaemergingleaders.

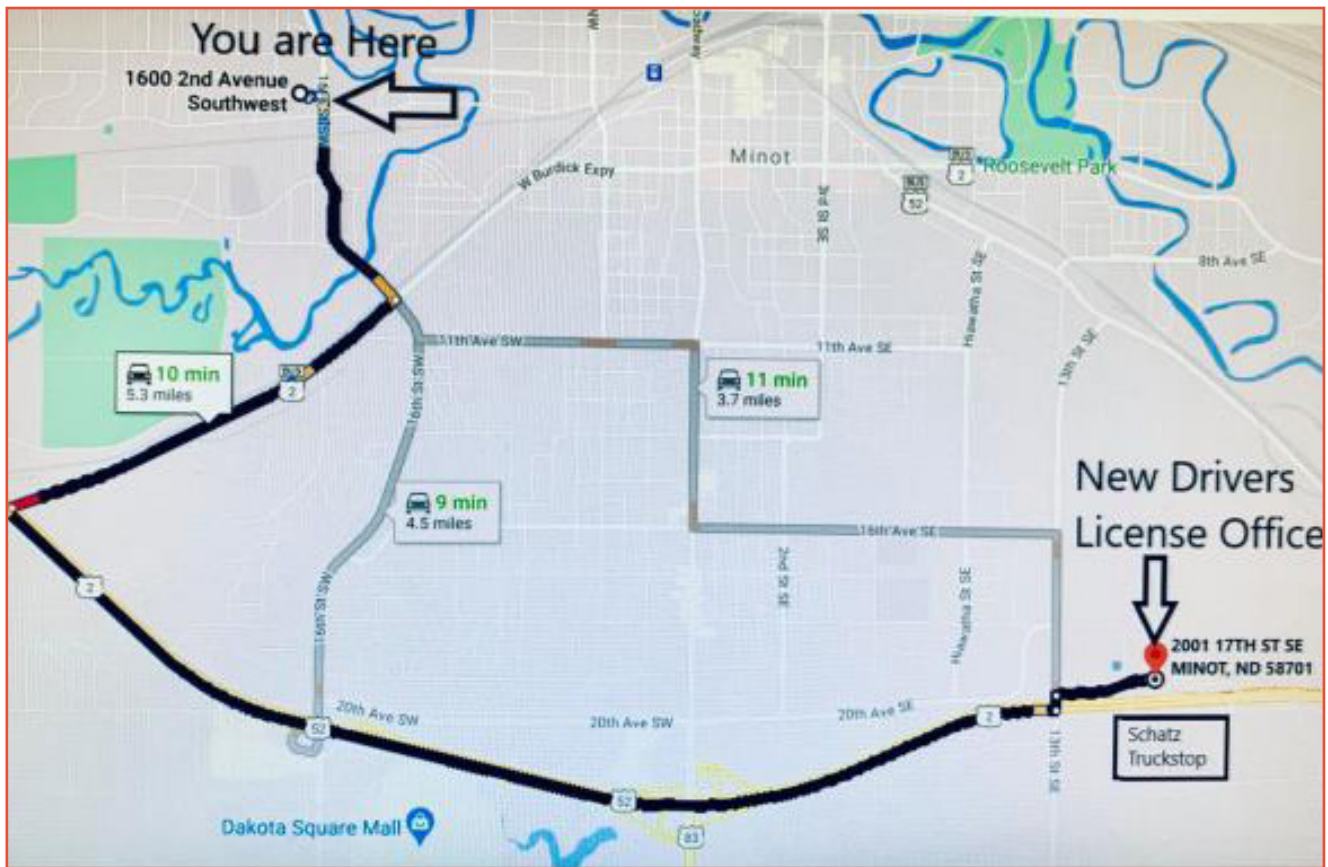


CHAMBER UNIVERSITY: THE DALE CARNEGIE COURSE

When you look at successful people, what do you see? Confidence. Competence. Enthusiasm. They're engaged in all aspects of their work and life, inspiring others as they lead by example.

The Dale Carnegie Course will help you master the communication skills necessary in today's demanding business environment. You'll learn to strengthen interpersonal relationships and develop a commanding attitude, instilling confidence and enthusiasm in your workplace. Does the experience make a difference? Clients say yes. You'll see the results as you stretch your abilities, tackle complex challenges, expand your ingenuity, and excel in building team harmony.

The Minot Area Chamber EDC and Dale Carnegie ND are sponsoring The Dale Carnegie Course starting February 18, 2021, Thursday afternoons, live online kickoff + 8 in person sessions. Register at www.northdakota.dalecarnegie.com. For customized solutions and live online programs, contact michelle.wall@dalecarnegie.com or (701) 540-4278.



NDDOT RELOCATES MINOT DRIVER LICENSE OFFICE

NDDOT has opened the new Minot Driver License Office as of Wednesday, January 20, 2021. The new office is located at 2001 17th Street Southeast. The Motor Vehicle office, managed by the Minot Area Chamber EDC, will remain at its current location in Arrowhead Shopping Center. Motor Vehicle is where you purchase your registration tags, license plates, and titles.

DRIVER LICENSE ITEMS YOU CAN DO ONLINE:

- Renew a driver license for operating a standard vehicle or motorcycle, if over 21 and under the age of 65 and you don't want a REAL ID.
- Change your address on your driver license.
- Replace a lost, stolen, or damaged ND license.
- Replace a vertical driver license after you are 21 to a horizontal driver license.
- Schedule a driving test.

NDDOT is still operating by appointment-only with masks required. To schedule an appointment, visit our website at dot.nd.gov.

For a complete list of Driver License office locations and hours visit dot.nd.gov. Above is a map to get to the new Minot location, which is located across the highway from Schatz Truck Stop and where the former highway department weigh station was located.

MEMBER RENEWALS

123 Clean LLC

Aas, Lynn

Ace's Lounge & Casino

American Legion

Border States Electric Supply

Brite-Way Window Cleaning, Inc.

Century 21 Action Realtors, Inc.

The Computer Store, Inc.

Dale Carnegie of ND & NW MN

Denny's Restaurant

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Gooseneck Implement

Gourmet Chef, Inc.

Helgeson-Norton Agency

HighAir Ground

Investors Mgmt. & Marketing, Inc.

JL Beers

Lafarge Dakota, Inc.

Landsiedel Heating & Air

Leingang Home Center

Lewis and Clark Development Group

Magic City Harley-Davidson-Minot

Meadowlark Homes

Minot Area Council of the Arts

Minot Builders Supply

City of Minot

NewKota Services & Rentals

Newman Outdoor Advertising

Pizza Ranch

State Farm Insurance - Paul Siebert

Staybridge Suites

Sterling Optical

Tires Plus Total Car Care

TSC Farm Home Auto Store

City of Velve

NEW MEMBERS

Skin Win Dermatology

(701) 800-5110

www.skinwindermatology.com

info@skinwindermatology.com

Skin Win Dermatology is the first and only full service dermatology practice in Williston. Dr. Daniel Hoffman, MD provides medical and cosmetic treatment for all conditions of skin, hair, and nails. Now seeing patients in Minot!

MEMBER NEWS

UNITED COMMUNITY BANK OFFERS 4TH YEAR OF COMMUNITY DRIVEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

United Community Bank has launched their fourth annual Our Community Scholarship Program which focuses on students who believe in giving back to their school and community.

The Our Community Scholarship Fund has been put in place to recognize and award area high school seniors who have made it their mission to help make our communities a better place. All UCB locations (Minot, Burlington, Drake, Leeds) will be awarding students in their area. In total, seven \$1,000 scholarships will be provided. Applications for each can be found at www.ucbnd.bank. In addition to the scholarship, each awarded student in the Minot and Burlington area has the opportunity to choose a local non-profit organization to receive a \$500 donation on the student's behalf. The application process closes March 31, 2021.

"The students applying for this scholarship are truly passionate about their school and community," says Jennifer Hubrig, UCB Marketing Officer. "United Community Bank is thankful to have the opportunity to support these area youth with their future education and the chance to give back to local organizations they believe in."

Last year, winning students chose to give to the following organizations: Minot Area Council of the Arts, Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports, Out of Darkness Suicide Prevention, Vitalant and the Minot Alzheimer's Association.

MSU BEK SPORTS PARTNER TO TELEVISION GAMES

Minot State University and BEK TV have partnered in 2020 to televise Beaver athletic events both live on BEK's statewide network and on MSUBeavers.com.

The agreement will feature BEK's production at home men's and women's basketball games and home wrestling matches for the 2021 season. All home events will broadcast on MSUBeavers.com live via streaming. The original agreement also featured fall sports, but COVID-19 restrictions forced the cancellation of all fall athletic events throughout the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC).

Fans can find a listing of all Beaver home events at MSUBeavers.com and viewers can access all home and away live events featuring Minot State teams via the NSIC site at nsicnetwork.com/msubeavers.

BEK will also feature 17 live Minot State events on their statewide and regional networks including five men's basketball games, four wrestling matches, four women's basketball games, and four men's hockey games.

BEK TV is available in Minot over-the-air at channel 24.1 and 24.2 (Plus West), on Midco on channel 612, and on SRT on channels 118/322. BEK TV statewide is also available in Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck, Williston, and Dickinson along with multiple rural communication outlets. BEK TV's full listing of channels and affiliates along with schedules for all its news, sports, and television productions can be viewed at bek.tv.

MINOT STATE EVENTS ON BEK TV (all statewide unless noted)

Feb. 3: Men's hockey vs. University of Jamestown, 7 p.m.

Feb. 6: Men's basketball vs. Minnesota State Moorhead, 2 p.m.

Feb. 11: Wrestling vs. Southwest Minnesota State, 7 p.m.

Feb. 12: Women's basketball vs. Northern State, 6 p.m.

Feb. 13: Women's basketball vs. Northern State, 2 p.m.

Feb. 26: Men's hockey vs. Williston State, 8 p.m.

March 5: Men's hockey vs. University of Minnesota, 7 p.m.

March 6: Men's hockey vs. University of Minnesota, 7 p.m.

MEMBER NEWS

HESS CORPORATION DONATES LAPTOP COMPUTERS TO MINOT STATE

Minot State University bolstered its laptop inventory for distance learning thanks to a donation of 189 computers by Hess Corporation.

Minot State plans to utilize the laptops for HyFlex and virtual learning with the donation, increasing the number of computers available for check out by nearly five-fold.

“We appreciate the generosity of Hess Corporation with the donation of laptops for our students,” said Rick Hedberg, MSU vice president for advancement and MSU Development Foundation executive director. “The COVID-19 pandemic has been extremely disruptive to many of our students and we have a large number of students taking at least a portion of their classes online. This wonderful donation from Hess Corporation has allowed us to distribute these laptops to students in need, allowing them to continue their education and keep them on track for a degree.

“Hess continues to be a wonderful community partner in so many ways and with so many non-profits in our region. We are fortunate to have Hess Corporation and their employees in Minot.”

Hess Corporation’s IT department worked with MSU IT in the transfer process. Hess has also worked with the MSU Development Foundation for its MSU Summer Theatre Revitalization project that broke ground in October.

“We have seen a positive impact on getting technology into the hands of students,” said Brent Lohnes, Hess ND general manager. “It’s a pleasure to continue our collaboration with Minot State University and to provide computers to help students on campus.”

The MSU IT department has been busy reimaging the computers for use in the classroom and has doubled its current capacity for check out. Along with students virtual learning environments, the computers can be used by faculty and staff that have been forced to work from home.



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!

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

MEMBER NEWS



NEW NURSING SIMULATIONS AT MINOT STATE

As Minot State University nursing students left for semester break, construction crews began arriving.

Less than a month later, the Spring 2021 term began with triple the simulation space.

Thanks to a \$246,000 CARES Act grant, the Department of Nursing now boasts three full-sized simulation lab rooms, a new high-fidelity mannequin, and other accessories, including a flat abdomen for their maternal mannequin. Renovations should be completed by Spring Break, with a storage room expansion occurring this summer.

“We wouldn’t have been able to make these changes without the CARES grant,” said April Warren, nursing chair. “Back in October, Dr. Geller (Laurie Geller, vice president for academic affairs) sent an email to all the chairs letting us know there were funds available. We had an opportunity to submit a grant request, and we put items together regarding the need for simulation expansion. When we were awarded, we were incredibly grateful.”

The Department of Biology and Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders were also recipients of CARES Act grant dollars for items including pre-configured computer systems, software, and other technological purchases.

Prior to the renovations, nursing had one full simulation lab; Hal, a pediatric doll; Victoria, the maternal/newborn mannequin; and a couple other mannequin models. The high-fidelity dolls talk, move, and have the ability to run any medical scenario. With the expansion of the control room, three simulations will now be able to run concurrently.

These changes will allow students additional flexibility and opportunities in the midst of the pandemic.

“We’re making changes to continue to provide education the best we can and we’re adapting with our times,” said Warren. “Our primary goal is always the safety of our staff, students and community. This renovation will allow nursing excellence to continue by providing a safe place to pursue education.”

MEMBER NEWS

TOWN & COUNTRY CREDIT UNION: SELZLER RETIRES, LOVELACE PROMOTED

Claudie Selzler, Financial Services Officer, retired this month after more than 13 years with Town & Country Credit Union. Selzler started her credit union career in 1981 and joined the Town & Country team in 2007 for a short stint as an Ag Lender. She quickly shifted her focus to consumer lending and transitioned to a full-time Financial Services Officer role specializing in consumer lending in 2010. Selzler is an active volunteer in her Velvea community and served on the Credit Unions United Chapter Board for 12 years.

"I've enjoyed getting to know and help our members with their financial needs over the years," said Selzler. "I will truly miss seeing our members and getting to spend each day with the awesome team I've been able to work with at Town & Country." Selzler's last day was January 15, 2021.

Deanna Lovelace has been promoted to Financial Services Officer to fill Selzler's position. Originally from Ishpeming, Michigan, Lovelace joined the credit union in 2012 and has progressed through multiple member service-related positions, most recently Consumer Loan Associate. She is well versed in consumer lending, as well as personal and business deposit accounts and specializes in IRAs, Health Savings Accounts and Visa products. In addition, Lovelace is a Certified Financial Counselor.

In her new position, Lovelace will assist members with auto loans and other personal loans, as well as Visa products. She is located at the credit union's Minot Main branch.



Claudie Selzler



Deanna Lovelace

MAYDAY!!! ARVIN K. DAVIS JR. FULL GALLERY EXHIBITION

The Taube Museum of Art will be exhibiting mixed media paintings and art prints by local artist Arvin K. Davis Jr. Davis's exhibition Mayday!!! will be on display at the Taube Museum of Art through February 13.

Arvin K. Davis Jr. is known for his use of bright colors, strong brush strokes, detailed line work, and paint and ink splatters; it's a controlled chaos, possibly overwhelming. Past European masters, impressionism and expressionism movements, surrealism, dada movement, abstracts, hyperrealism, imaginative realism, the list may never stop, it's all inspiring. But collaborating with his kids, intentionally, for the first time truly opened his mind to possibilities. He learned how it felt to enjoy the process, although it took time.

He works in mixed media, predominantly: watercolors, inks, fluid and acrylic. At the start, he uses purposeful mistakes collaborating with his children, at times. That initial purposeful mistake allows him to further explore his thoughts, while taking away enough of that initial fear of beginning or ruining the empty space. Enjoying the energy of the abstract and the technical skill of realism, it is a combined effort to produce works of ranged subjects: social commentary, fears, strengths, or just absurdity. Honing the idea, manipulating it until satisfied. Nothing like palms and fingertips covered in pigment, no pair of pants free of marks.

As a sufferer of CPTSD, the art allows for him to analyze the emotions, traumas, self-created pressure over something as irrelevant as being late. Artistic expression allows him to comfortably, and in safety, explore the mentality that walks with him. The uncontrolled seems so peaceful when a fear of losing control or making a mistake is ever present; an attempt to calm the rogue wave.

On February 6 at noon Davis will have a livestream Q&A session where viewers will get the chance to meet the artist! Please remember when coming to the Taube to maintain a respectful distance from your peers and wear a mask. We hope to see everyone in the new year!

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

These exhibitions are made possible with support from the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

For more information call: Rachel Alfaro, Executive Director, (701) 838-4445.

MEMBER NEWS

FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK AND TRUST CONGRATULATES AMANDA GEINERT, JILL LOHNES AND JESSI ERDMANN

First International Bank & Trust (FIBT) wants to congratulate Amanda Geinert on her recent promotion to Assistant Vice President, Mortgage Loan Officer. Amanda has been with FIBT for the past 12 years. She graduated from Bishop Ryan High School in 2008 and then attended Minot State University, graduating in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance.

Amanda is involved in the community via The Young Professionals Network, Minot Association of Builders 40 Below committee, Chamber Junior Achievement Program, and Minot Board of Realtors Events Committee. She was recognized as the 2019 Affiliate of the Year by the Minot Board of Realtors, as well as the 2019 Associate of the Year by the Minot Association of Builders.

Amanda is married to Luke and has three boys, Carter (7), Gavin (6), and Carson (3). They are expecting another boy in February.



Amanda Geinert

First International Bank & Trust (FIBT) wants to congratulate Jill Lohnes on her recent promotion to Assistant Vice President, Mortgage Loan Officer. Jill has been with FIBT since October 2019. She graduated from Sykeston High School in 1999 and then attended Kansas Wesleyan University, graduating in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Psychology and Criminal Justice.

Jill has been a Mortgage Loan Officer since 2007. She is active in the community with the Minot Board of Realtors and serves as Treasurer for the Velva Area Dollars for Scholars Board.

Jill is married to JP and has three daughters, Jade (17), Jaci (15), and Jenna (11).



Jill Lohnes

First International Bank & Trust (FIBT) wants to congratulate Jessi Erdmann on her recent promotion to Assistant Vice President, Mortgage Loan Officer. Jessi graduated from Minot High School in 2011 and then attended Minot State University, graduating in 2015 with a Bachelor Degree in Management. She has been employed at First International Bank & Trust for the past 9 1/2 years.

Jessi was recently selected by the Minot Board of Realtors as the 2020 Business Partner of the Year. Jessi is involved in the community via Minot Young Professionals, Minot Board of Realtors, Minot Association of Builders, 40 Below committee, Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center, Companions for Children Lunch Pal, and the Chamber Junior Achievement Program.

Jessi is married to Jake and has a six-month-old daughter Allie Ann.



Jessi Erdmann

MEMBER NEWS

ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD ANNOUNCES AUSTIN BECKER AS CIVIL ENGINEER

Austin Becker, PE, has re-joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as a full-time Civil Engineer. Mr. Becker earned a Bachelor of Science degree from North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota. Mr. Becker previously worked for a regional consulting firm and recently returned to Minot to re-join the firm where he formerly served as a full-time Civil Engineer for several years. Mr. Becker will be working in the transportation group providing design expertise on traffic and transportation projects throughout North Dakota.

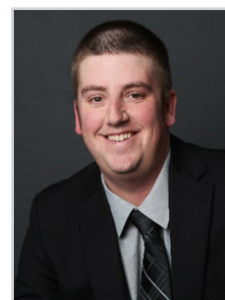


Austin Becker

ZACHARY FLEMING JOINS ELITE REAL ESTATE

Elite Real Estate has added to its staff. North Dakota native Zachary Fleming has joined them. Fleming was born in Minot and spent most of his early life in that area, graduating from Velva High School in 2004. He attended Wyoming Technical Institute to study auto body technology and auto upholstery. After completing those courses, Zachary worked as an industrial painter before beginning a career in the oil industry.

The process of buying, remodeling, and selling his first home solidified his dream to help other people with their real estate goals. In his free time Zachary enjoys home remodeling projects, hunting, fishing and camping at the lake with his wife and two children.



Zachary Fleming

ABIGAIL KINDER JOINS NORTHERN SENTRY TEAM

Abigail Kinder is the newest member of the Northern Sentry newspaper team. Kinder grew up in Westfield, IN, but after graduating in 2016 she took some time off from school to travel. She eventually landed in Fayetteville, WV, where she found a passion for white water kayaking that led to jobs in adventure videography and launched a short career in outdoor recreation. In 2018, she moved back to Indiana and worked in restaurant management. Kinder met her husband Konner in Indianapolis when he was beginning the process of enlisting in the Air Force. After graduating from basic training, he received his orders and they moved to Minot AFB in March of 2020. He works in the 5th Maintenance Squadron.

Other than her grandfather who served in the Air Force, her family was never familiar with the military life, so marrying a service member was a completely different change of pace. Kinder is so happy for the opportunities that his life has opened for her family and she is excited to join the Northern Sentry team.



Abigail Kinder

MEMBER NEWS

MINOT PUBLIC LIBRARY INCREASES HOURS

As Ward County has moved to the “Moderate Risk” level for COVID-19 Smart Restart health metrics, the Minot Public Library is excited to announce an increase in hours. The Library will be open to the public Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“Prior to the library reopening in June, staff and the Library Board developed a phased reopening plan based on the state’s risk levels,” Library Director Janet Anderson said.

Anderson and staff re-evaluated this plan following the governor’s recent changes, which went into effect Jan. 8.

“MPL staff has been diligent about cleaning and allowing for social distancing and patrons have been very cooperative about wearing face coverings, so we felt it safe to increase our hours,” she said.

While the building will be open more, other restrictions are still in place and some popular new services will continue.

“Our curbside pick-up has been very popular and convenient for our patrons who aren’t able to come into the building, and this will continue to be offered with slightly different hours,” said Adult Services Librarian Zhaina Moya.

Moya said that curbside pick-up will be available from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Patrons are asked to reserve their items online, through the Librista app, or over the phone the day prior to picking up.

Though in-person programming is still not planned, the Library has virtual programs for all ages including story times at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, STEAM activities on Tuesdays, teen activities on Thursdays, and adult crafts the second Wednesday of the month.

“We’ve had great participation with our virtual programming, especially the Take & Make crafts for all ages, so these will continue,” said Children’s Librarian Randi Monley.

Details for these events can be found on the MPL calendar at www.minotlibrary.org and by joining live events on the Minot Public Library Facebook page. Supplies for these are available for free to anyone interested, though registration is required for teen and adult programs.

“It is our goal to keep our community engaged despite the challenges we face,” Anderson said. “We want people to continue using the library even if that means downloading an eBook, taking a virtual class, checking out a laptop, or picking up movies and board games curbside.”

Masks or other face coverings are still required to be correctly worn while in the building and staff is available to assist patrons over the phone Monday through Saturday. Please call the Library at (701) 852-1045 for more information.

HOME & GARDEN SHOW RETURNS TO MINOT FOR 46TH YEAR: EXHIBITOR SPACE AVAILABLE

The Minot Association of Builders would like to announce the return of the Home & Garden Show this spring. The annual event is a staple in the Minot Community and has been around for 46 years. The 2021 show will once again take place at the North Dakota State Fair Center on Friday, March 19th from noon to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, March 20th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Interested exhibitors can find more information at www.minotab.com/homeshow or contact MAB Executive Officer, Erika Kelly, at (701) 852-0496. Registration for the show will be accepted through February 15th. “The Home & Garden Show Committee is working to fill our show with a well-rounded group of businesses in the area that are excited to help consumers complete home projects. This event is widely recognized in our community and is a great place

to speak to potential customers to fill up the 2021 building calendar,” said Shane Lider, MAB Board President. Attendees of the show can expect to speak to builders, remodelers, product suppliers, exhibitors related to lawn & garden care, real estate and financial professionals, and more. The goal of the show is to be a one-stop shop for those looking at building, remodeling, or just beginning to research home improvement projects. The Home & Garden Show is a family-friendly event and features activities for all ages. NDDOH Guidelines will be followed to ensure the safety of all exhibitors and attendees.

Advertising and sponsorship opportunities are also available for businesses hoping to support this year’s event. Contact Erika at erika@minotab.com with any questions.

MEMBER NEWS

SOURIS VALLEY UNITED WAY HOLDING ITS 7TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Sours Valley United Way is holding its 7th Annual Donor Recognition Luncheon on February 9th. The luncheon will be virtual this year. Without the support of local businesses, individuals, groups, and organizations together they say they would not be able to make as large of an impact in the community.

Guest speaker, Laura Larson, MS, LPCC, Mental Health Director at Northland Health Centers will speak about mental health in the workplace. Award winners for the 2020 campaign will also be announced.

Tickets are available at www.svunitedway.com or by calling (701) 839-2994.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY WITH THE MINOT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Minot Symphony Orchestra will present "Simple is Better" for a limited live audience on Thursday February 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday February 6 at 3 p.m. The performance will also be available in a virtual concert format on Saturday February 6 at 3 p.m.

With the decreasing number of COVID-19 cases in Ward county the Minot Symphony Orchestra will welcome a limited live audience to attend the annual family concert, 200 max per performance. The performances will be held at MSU Ann Nicole Nelson Hall on Thursday February 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday February 6 at 3 p.m. Doors will open 30 min. prior to the performance. Tickets for the in-person performance must be purchased in advance by calling (701) 858-4228. Tickets for the virtual concert can be purchased online through Eventgroove at <https://events.eventgroove.com/event/Simple-Is-Better-46839>. Following the MSU Beavers Restart guidelines, musicians and patrons will be required to wear a mask at all times.

The annual family concert will feature the winner of the annual high school soloist competition Kevin Vandal. Kevin is a home-educated senior from rural Rolette County. Kevin first received piano instruction from his dad and began formal lessons at age 8. Since 2017 he has been studying with MSO principal pianist, Dr. Dianna Anderson. Kevin will perform the



first movement from Concerto No. 2 in G minor by Saint-Saëns with the reduced orchestra.

"Kevin has worked very hard for several years with the goal of performing with the Minot Symphony Orchestra. I am so pleased that his efforts are paying off, and especially proud of the musical growth he has shown in the process," said Dianna Anderson, Assistant Professor, Piano at Music at Minot State University.

"Simple is Better" will also include Capriol Suite for String Orchestra by Peter Warlock, Opus Number Zoo by Luciano Berio (pre-recorded), Brass Quintet by Efraín Amaya, and Simple Symphony by Benjamin Britten. This family friendly program highlights the different families of instruments in the symphony. Although there will be a reduced number of musicians on stage to adhere to social distancing guidelines, the program is well rounded and will feature pieces for

strings only, a brass ensemble, the SubZero Winds woodwind quintet, and a reduced number of woodwinds, brass, and timpani with strings for the Saint-Saëns piece.

A pre-concert talk featuring the soloist and engaging overview of the works being performed will be held via Zoom on Saturday January 30 at 10am. The talk will be shared to the Minot Symphony Orchestra Facebook and YouTube pages. Ticketholders will receive an email with the Zoom link to join in the conversation. This concert talk will be hosted by Mr. Tim Baumann, director of the International Music Camp and oboist in the symphony.

The Minot Symphony Orchestra musicians and board members thank everyone for being flexible and understanding during this time of challenges and uncertainty.

The Minot Symphony Orchestra is a unique blend of student, community, and professional musicians from the Minot area. The symphony is directed by Maestro Efraín Amaya, assistant professor of music at Minot State University.

This project is supported in part by grants from Arts Midwest and the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

MEMBER NEWS

CHAMPAGNE AND ICE GALA HELD VIRTUALLY



This year's Champagne and Ice Gala, hosted by the Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center, will be held virtually on Saturday February 27 from 6-7 p.m. Tickets for this 11th annual event are available at: <https://cbo.io/npcac/tix>.

The NPCAC provides a compassionate and effective way to serve children victimized by sexual abuse and other crimes. Families that come to NPCAC are never charged for services. Funding for NPCAC comes from grants and community donations, so events like this are vital in continuing to serve children and families.

"Centers like this significantly reduce the trauma associated with child abuse and assist in holding offenders accountable. Every year, we serve more children than the last; almost 700 victims received services from NPCAC in 2019. During 2020 we saw 549 victims, the reduction due to Covid-19 related barriers. We expect a significant rise in cases as the pandemic regresses," said Christal Halseth, NPCAC Executive Director. "This gala has grown into our most valuable source of funding."

Although this year's gala will have a different look, some things remain the same. An online auction will begin on February 19, concluding on February 27 at 7 pm. The auction will include baskets donated by area businesses, a Star Wars poster autographed by David Prowse and Carrie Fisher, an Arnold Palmer embroidered Masters Flag, and a Rolling Stones autographed guitar. The bidding site is located on our Champagne & Ice page at <https://cbo.io/npcac/tix>. Kicking off the week is a Dine & Donate event at the Starving Rooster on February 22.

Raffle tickets are available for a Traeger grill and cover and a shimmering diamond pendant donated by Knowles Jewelry of Minot. Tickets are \$20 each and available through any NPCAC staff or board member.

Tickets for the gala are \$50 each. The first 150 monetary donations of \$100 or more will receive a Gala in a Box which contains two champagne flutes, two cookies, two masks, two diamond necklace raffle tickets, a sample bottle of champagne, small dish of Dot's Homestyle Pretzels and gala program.

Cocktail attire is encouraged for this event and a contest will be held for best dressed. The winner will receive tickets to next year's gala.

The evening will include presentations by Capt. Justin Sundheim, of the Minot Police Department, ND Assistant Attorney General Kelly Dillon, and ND BCI Special Agent Cassidy Halseth with his new partner K9 Special Agent "Jab." We will also be announcing the 2020 NPCAC Annual MDT Everyday Hero Award winner.

Founded in 2007, a Bottineau location was opened in 2020 making services more accessible for our rural areas.

"Services offered by NPCAC are forensic interviews, specialized therapy, family advocacy and coordinator of multi-disciplinary teams," Halseth said. "We work very closely with all levels of law enforcement, child protective services, and prosecution." Be sure to check out the NPCAC's Facebook page for gala updates. Please call (701) 852-0836 or email christal@northernplainscac.org for raffle ticket information.

February 2021 - Chamber EDC Meetings and Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Ribbon Cutting: Firehouse Subs, 10:00 a.m., 3112 16th St. SW, Ste D	2	3	4 Military Affairs Committee noon Zoom	5 Ambassadors Committee 8 a.m. Zoom	6
7	8	9 Eagle Awards Presentation 10 a.m. Chamber office	10 Right Start Presentation 9:30 a.m. Zoom	11	12 Infrastructure Committee 7:30 a.m. Homesteaders Restaurant	13
14	15 Presidents Day Office Closed	16	17 Coffee with the President 1:30 p.m. Zoom	18	19	20 Legislative Forum 9 a.m. ND State Fair Center FFA Room
21	22	23	24 Right Start Presentation 9:30 a.m. Zoom	25 Energy Committee 11:30 a.m. Buffalo Wings and Rings	26	27
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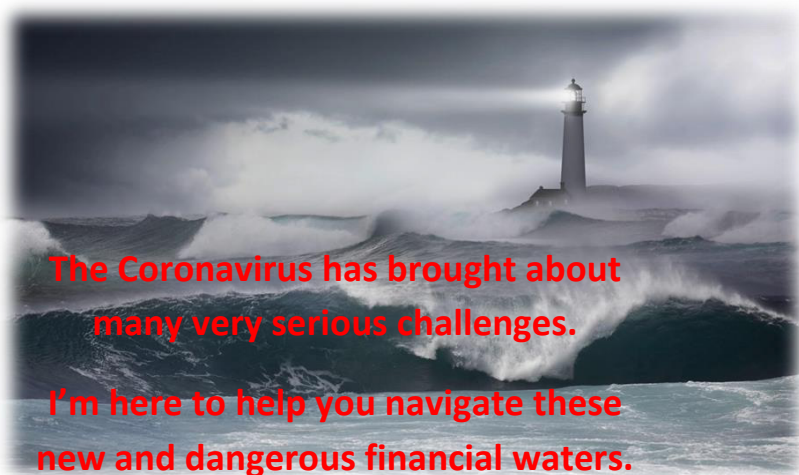
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