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Finding quality employees has always been one of the most complex challenges for employers, and it's proving to be even more difficult now. There are many options for employers to post jobs and receive applicants and resumes, and now our member investors can add another tool to their toolbox: the Minot Area Chamber EDC Website.

Member investors can now post open positions (whether full-time, part-time, contract, internship) through their Chamber EDC account. This option is an exclusive free benefit to Chamber EDC member investors.

To search for jobs, or post a new job at MinotAreaChamberEDC.com, access the Members Only page from the home page.

Questions or need help? Call us at 701-852-6000 or email Carla Dolan at carla@minotchamberedc.com for more information.

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We have recently changed the Chamber URL and email address. Our former email, chamber@minotchamber.org, will be deleted in the near future.

What you will need to do if you are one of those is to add our URL MinotChamberEDC.com to your safe senders list. Below are the email adddress with which you may receive correspondence from the Chamber EDC.

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CENSUS RESULTS RELEASED

In August, the U.S. Census Bureau released some of its findings from the 2020 Census. Although the data that they released is intended for redrawing federal and state legislative district boundaries, the city is able to learn that Minot grew by 18.3% over the past 10 years from a population of 40,880 to 48,377. The city didn't reach the ultimate goal of 50,000 residents, but it certainly puts them in a position to reach that figure with the next few years.

Since the beginning of 2020, the city office has issued building permits for 247 new residential units (143) single-family and 104 multi-family) that are either under construction right now or been occupied since the completion of the census Assuming an average of 2.3 people per housing unit, their current housing projects will push our population right up to the brink of 49,000.

The city of Minot is thankful to all of those who helped with the census kiosks last summer at Marketplace Foods. This attracted close to 1,100 people (really households) to use the kiosk. That alone accounted for about 2,500 people in the census.

During what was probably the most unique and challenging census in our country's history, the Complete Count Committee worked to pivot from the plans. Although the city did not reach the goal, they are optimistic that

BETH Z RESCHEDULED FOR

NOVEMBER 10

The Beth Z Chamber University event has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 10th. Powered Prodcutivity will focus on supertech solutions to get things done! Chamber EDC member investors can register early and save!





AGRIBUSINESS COMMITTEE DONATES TO NEDROSE SCHOOL

The Minot Area Chamber EDC Agribusiness Committee donated proceeds from their 50/50 Raffle and the sale of Mulligans at their golf scramble to Nedrose Public School. The donation totaled \$1,135.

The Nedrose School in return recognized the group as cardinal kudos. Agribusiness Committee member Fred Beuchler of Town & Country Credit Union presented the check to Nedrose School Board President Jim Vanette.









Junior Achievement (JA) is a vital resource for Minot students. It encourages entrepreneurs, teaches kids about being financially literate and prepares them for a global economy. This program has been in Minot for 24 years, reaching nearly 70,000 students. Many of those former students are teaching the class today! This program wouldn't be possible without the many volunteers and sponsors.

This year, we want to make sure we reach as many students as possible and we need your help to accomplish that. The material used to teach students has increased in price to \$220 per classroom. Your financial support is vital in helping us teach today's youth how to be financially responsible.

Consider a sponsorship below and "Let their success be your inspiration!"

Sincerely,							
Carla Dolan Junior Achievement Coordinator							

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT CLASSROOM SPONSORSHIP							
Name: Business:							
Number of classrooms I wish to sponsor: @ \$220 per classroom = \$							
Adopt a school:\$1500							
Check enclosed (payable to Junior Achievement) Please bill							
VISA							
Please contact me about volunteering with JA							

Please return this form to Minot Area Chamber EDC, PO Box 940, Minot, ND 58702 or minot@minotchamberedc.com

Junior Achievement (JA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible, as specified by law. JA is a Chamber EDC sponsored program. Financial contributions are deductible as an ordinary business expense. The Chamber EDC JA program is also affiliated with the Minot Area Community Foundation and if you would like your contribution to be a charitable contribution, please let us know. To determine which method is better for your contribution, consult with your tax advisor.

Sponsored by Minot Area Chamber EDC 1020 20th Avenue SW, PO Box 940, Minot, ND 58702; phone (701) 852-6000; fax (701) 838-2488; minot@minotchamberedc.com



First International Bank & Trust wants to be your partner in the field this harvest. Your roots run deep, just like ours for over 100 years. Thank you farmers for your countless hours of hard work to help feed the world. We appreciate your dedication and wish you a safe and rewarding harvest.

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2021 CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY

The Citizens Fire Academy is designed to increase the community's understanding and awareness of the Minot Fire Department. Citizen's will be exposed to many different aspects of the fire service including the day-to-day operations of the Minot Fire Department.

Stations will be set up to teach different skills used by the Minot Fire Department. These topics were chosen because they are fun, challenging, hands-on, and expose the public to some of the types of incidents that the Minot Fire Department might face on any given day. Participants are encouraged to be hands-on, however, you can also just watch and learn.

- Search and Rescue
- Rappelling
- Auto Extrication
- Aerial Operations

You are not required to stay for the entire event.

No prior knowledge is required. Must be 18 years of age.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information about the Citizen's Fire Academy, please contact: Battalion Chief Glen Hardy or Battalion Chief Austin Burns

glen.hardy@minotnd.org | 701-857-4740



2021 Citizen's Fire Academy Saturday, September 11th, 2021 Noon to 4:00 pm

EAGLE AWARDS

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



Brett Inches IMM



Rusty Heinze Ralph's Plumbing



Larry Hoff Lyle's Moving



Mike ThomasonLyle's Moving



Daisy Kenner Lyle's Moving



Ann Tracey Gate City Bank



Dustin Gay Hawthorn Suites



Cody LandphereJohnson Eyecare &
Eyewear



Kris Solemsaas Pinkerton Animal Hospital



Aubrey Crosby Minot Health Clinic



Wanda Olson Lee's Hallmark



Franke Hachavarria Applebees



Delia Zizumbo Marketplace Foods



Tamara AllardGourmet Chef

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

RIBBON CUTTINGS



THE DIFFERENCE - A HOLISTIC APPROACH

2201 15th Street SW, Suite LL4 701-263-5518 www.thedifaha.org Shelly Bohl | Executive Director

The Difference is a local nonprofit that educates on the benefits of holistic healing and pays the cost for three energy healing sessions for those who are suffering from past traumas; an innovative approach in this area.



LEGACY HEALTH CLINIC

1324 20th Ave. SW www.legacyhealthclinic.org 701-838-6000 Cim Berg-Hooker | Family Nurse Practitioner

Legacy Health Clinic specializes in primary care, medical marijuana, dermatology, iv therapy, mental health, DOT physicals, and women's health. Our goal is to provide high quality, patient centered, healthcare with excellence, advanced technology, compassion and competence.



COMMUNITY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Roosevelt Park Zoo, Minot City Band, Kiwanis Club of Minot

Roosevelt Park Zoo, Minot City Band, and Kiwanis Club of Minot all celebrated their 100th birthday this year, and to mark the occasion, they held a Community Centennial Celebration. The day included a pancake breakfast from the Kiwanis Club, a concert by the Minot City Band, and reduced admission to the zoo with plenty of fun activities to see the animals. Lynn Aas and John Sinn were also both on hand as they celebrated their 100th birthdays this year. Ambassadors cut the ribbon to mark the occasion.



SAVE THE DATE: Y'S MEN'S RODEO BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

SEPTEMBER 30 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM MINOT AUDITORIUM

Join us for a night of networking, great food, drinks, door prizes, and fun!



ADOPT AN AIRMEN...IT'S JUST THAT EASY

Story submitted by Rod Wilson, Northern Sentry | Adopt-an-Airmen Committe Member

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

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

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

Get out your phone or planner right now and add a note: Fill out an Adopt an Airmen sponsor application. We have far more Airmen than we have sponsors, so now is the time to "Step Up To The Plate" and Adopt an Airmen.



SAVE THE DATE: SHOWCASE OF BUSINESS

This year's theme is Showcase What Makes Your Company Magic! With our merger and changes in our look - we want our members to incorporate our branding into their booths. We encourage you to use our logo on giveaways and feature what your business does for our Magic City!

For more information, give the Chamber EDC a call at 701-852-6000.

NEW MEMBERS

Minot Junior Golf Association

317 16th Street NW, Minot ND 58703

(701) 839-1337 www.weelinks.org dusty@minotjuniorgolf.com

Minot Junior Golf Association was established in 1989 as a non-profit organization designed to foster golf and life skills among the youth in the Minot area. MJGA operates the Jack Hoeven Wee Links Golf Course designed for kids.

Discovery Therapeutic Services, PLLC

315 Main Street S., Minot, ND 58703, Suite 311

(701) 248-8315 www.dtsminot.com monicalolson@protonmail.com

Discovery Therapeutic Services, PLLC is a private practice providing family, and group therapy for adolescents and adults in Minot and the surrounding communities.

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American Truck & Trailer

American Trust Center

BeMobile

The Boeing Company

Boy Scouts of America - Northern Lights Council

Brite-Way Window Cleaning, Inc.

Broadway Family Dentistry

C&C Plumbing & Heating/Miller Sheet Metal

CDJ Opportunities

Chippewa Resources Incorporated

Clarion Hotel and Convention Center

Coca-Cola Bottling Company High Country

Community Action Partnership - Minot Region

Companions for Children, Inc.

Connole & Somerville Plumbing, Heating & A/C Inc.

Country Inn by Radisson

CTB

Dairy Queen/Orange Julius Treat Center

Dakota Business Lending

Dakota Square Dental

Dakotah Rose Bed & Breakfast

EAPC Architects Engineers

Easter Seals Goodwill of ND, Inc.

Ebeneezer's Eatery & Irish Pub

Elevation

Elmcroft of Minot

Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC

Enerbase Cooperative Resources

Evolution Salon

Farstad Oil Inc.

Clayton Fegley

First Western Insurance

G & P Commercial Sales

Gravel Products

Hess Corporation

Hight Construction LLC

Huettl Consulting, Ltd

Independence, Inc.

Jerome's Collision Center

KeyCare Medical

Blake Krabseth Comedian/Magician

Larson Law Firm, P.C.

Main Electric Construction, Inc.

Margie's Studio

Minot Lumber & Hardware, Inc.

Minot Welding Company

ND Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

NewKota Services & Rentals

NEXUS PATH Family Healing

North Country Mercantile & Equipment

North Dakota Guaranty & Title Co

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Odney

Olson Family Dental, PLLC

Peoples State Bank of Velva

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Preferred Travel Inc.

Project Bee

Rainbow Photo Lab, Inc.

Minot Dakota Square Scheels

Sierra Inn Minot

Slumberland/Tollefson's Carpetland/Carpet Garage

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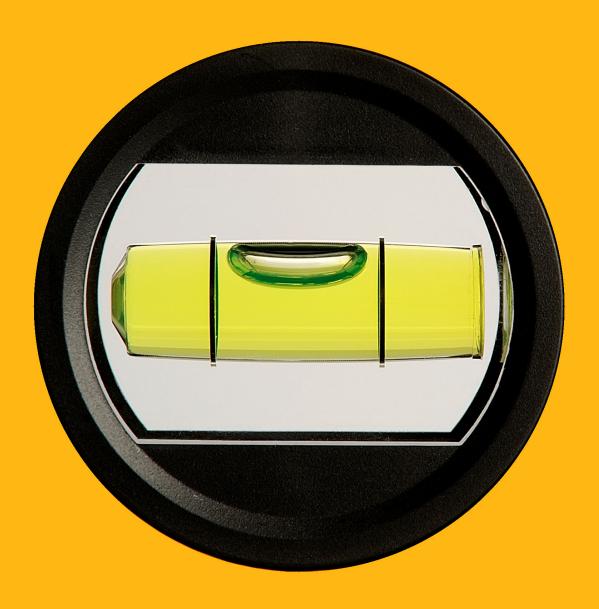
Uncle Maddio's Pizza

West Oaks Animal Hospital

Western Plains Opera Co.

Wilbur Ellis Company

Wold Engineering, P.C.



WE WANT TO LEVEL WITH YOU.

There are two things our members want to count on: that the power doesn't go down, and that electric utility rates don't go up. Honestly, we can't promise either. But we promise to do our level best to keep the electricity up and running while maintaining low, affordable rates. In fact, our members have enjoyed the same low rate for five years running. That's the power of your local, member-owned cooperative. That's the power of human connections.



MINOT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS \$100,000 TO MINOT PARKS FOR SOUTH HILL SOFTBALL **COMPLEX UPGRADES**

The Minot Area Community Foundation (MACF) is excited to announce a grant awarded to Minot Parks and Minot Girls Fastpitch in the amount of \$100,000 for the construction of a new concession stand, restrooms, locker rooms, and press boxes at the South Hill Softball Complex in Minot.

Minot Girls Fastpitch was created in 2014 with a mission to provide the opportunity for girls, ages 6-18, in Minot and the surrounding communities to learn and enjoy the game of fastpitch softball. The proposed project at the South Hill Complex will replace restrooms and concessions that were installed in the 1970s and will house all amenities in one building. There will also be protective netting installed overhead to provide needed safety for spectators.



"Minot Girls Fastpitch would like to thank the Minot Area Community Foundation, The Mike and Dorothy Dolan Fund, and The Bremer Impact Fund. This incredible donation will help to complete the upgrades and modernization of the facilities at Minot's South Hill Complex," says Thor Nelson, President of Minot Girls Fastpitch. "This facility is utilized by multiple programs and hundreds of people from Minot and the surrounding communities. The upgrades will enhance the enjoyment of all programs calling the South Hill Complex home."

The \$100,000 grant from the Minot Area Community Foundation is made possible by the Mike & Dorothy Dolan Fund and The Bremer Impact Fund with \$50,000 coming from each fund.

"We are pleased to partner with Minot Parks and Minot Girls Fastpitch on this project," says Jason Zimmerman, President MACF. "The upgrades to the facilities are long overdue and will continue to build on previous work that has been done to make this a premier girl's and women's fastpitch softball complex in the state. This is a facility that Minot Girls Fastpitch can be proud of and will attract regional and state tournaments for year to come benefiting the whole community.

MINOT WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest fundraiser for Alzheimer's care, support and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease.

While there is no fee to register for Walk, all participants are encouraged to raise critical funds that allow the Alzheimer's Association to provide 24/7 care and support and advance research toward methods of prevention, treatment and, ultimately, a cure.



The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. We're walking to support a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia and we invite you to join us!

> Minot Walk to End Alzheimer's Saturday, September 25 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Oak Park | Free to participate!

TOWN & COUNTRY CREDIT UNION NAMED ONE OF THE **TOP 200 HEALTHIEST CREDIT UNIONS IN AMERICA**

Town & Country Credit Union recently received an A+ financial health grade and was named one of the Top 200 Healthiest Credit Unions in America for 2021. DepositAccounts.com, a subsidiary of LendingTree, analyzes financial institutions nationwide and publishes the Top 200 list for healthy banks and credit unions each

"Our members trust us with their money and we don't take that responsibility lightly," said Jeremiah Kossen, President/CEO of Town & Country Credit Union. "This A+ financial health grade recognizes our efforts to maintain a strong credit union and keep our members' funds safe."



Jeremiah Kossen

DepositAccounts.com evaluates the financial health of every federallyinsured bank and credit union in the United States once per quarter. To determine ranking and recognition, each institution is graded on a number of factors including capitalization, deposit growth and loan-to-reserve ratios. Town & Country Credit Union received a ranking of #162 out of 200 in the Top Healthiest Credit Unions list, one of only three North Dakota credit unions to make the list.

DepositAccounts,

"By maintaining a healthy financial standing, we're not only able to provide more meaningful value to our members in the form of better rates, cash back and rewards, but also positively impact the communities we serve through charitable giving," said Kossen.

For a complete listing of the 2021 Top 200 Healthiest Credit Unions in America, visit https://www.depositaccounts.com/banks/health.aspx.

TEAL MYRE PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING AT SRT

Teal Myre has been promoted to Director of Communications and Marketing at SRT Communications. Myre has served as public relations manager since 2016, and has worked in the corporate communications department at SRT since 2004. In her time at SRT, Teal has been influential in implementing effective marketing strategies, community outreach and events, and overseeing impactful programs such as youth scholarships and working with area non-profits. Myre will lead SRT's corporate communications, customer service, and billing departments to promote technology driven services and provide exceptional customer experience.

SRT CEO and General Manager Steve Lysne said, "We are happy Teal can step into this position. She has continued to excel in the public relations and marketing arena throughout her years of service to SRT. Teal is committed to member experience and the cooperative values that impact telecommunications services for our members. We look forward to adding her to our executive staff team."



Teal Myre

Myre is a graduate of the University of North Dakota with a degree in Public Relations, and earned a master's degree in Management from Minot State University. Myre succeeds Cassidy Hjelmstad who was recently selected to serve as SRT's next CEO and General Manager. visit https://www.depositaccounts.com/banks/health.aspx.



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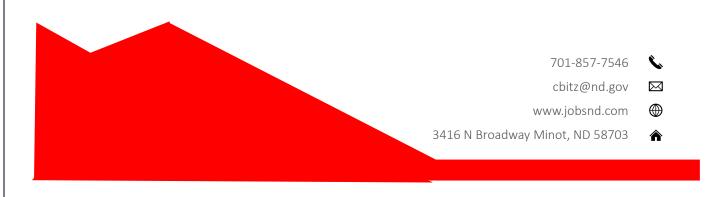
When: September 23, 2021 Where: Virtual Event-Talentspace

Time: 10:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m. CDT

Presenter:

Sydney Sweep Bauman is a Senior Labor Market Analyst who works in the Labor Market Information Center (LMI) of Job Service North Dakota. A Bismarck native, she was happy to return to her home city in 2014 when she started working for Job Service. Since then, she has been studying the state's economy, from the peak of the oil boom to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Sydney also conducts labor market surveys, works on special projects, and creates LMI's interactive data dashboards. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, watching movies, and spending time outdoors with her husband.

Link for the event: https://app.talentspace.io/landing/113332133024443112 (Copy/paste the link into your browser to register for the event.) When you register, you will need to complete Section 2 and 6.



WORKFORCE TRAINING FUNDING WITH JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA

For employers, finding applicants with the qualifications you desire in today's market is a challenge. There are options for employers.

Job Service North Dakota has funds available to assist employers with the costs associated with providing On-the-Job Training to train and hire new employees through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

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

Employers interested in the program should contact Cidy Bitz at 701-857-7546 or by email at cbitz@nd.gov.

HARDMEYER JOINS CORNERSTONE BANK BOARD

Recently retired President and CEO of Bank of North Dakota (BND) Eric Hardmeyer will continue to share his wealth of banking expertise as he joins the Cornerstone Bank Corporate Board.

"I am pleased to welcome Eric Hardmeyer to our Corporate Board of Directors," says Chairman Gary Petersen. "His broad experience not only in banking but also North Dakota economics will bring immense value to our organization and the banking community."

Originally from Mott, North Dakota, Hardmeyer is the tenth of twelve children in his family. He graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1985 with degrees in economics and political science. He dedicated 35 years of his career to BND with the last 20 years serving as President/CEO. As the longest-serving President in BND's 102-year history, he navigated times of great economic change with oil booms and busts, drought and natural disasters to ensure the Bank remained relevant and played a critical role for the residents of North Dakota.



Eric Hardmeyer

"I am excited to have an opportunity to continue my banking career by serving on the board of Directors for Cornerstone Bank," said Eric Hardmeyer. "I am thrilled with the idea of contributing where I can with such a well-run organization."

Cornerstone Holding Company, based in North Dakota, is the parent company of Cornerstone Bank. One of North Dakota's ten largest financial institutions, Cornerstone has 11 locations in North and South Dakota. Cornerstone Bank provides an expansive product offering while staying true to their mission of providing access to financial experts who give straight answers and the best possible financial options. Cornerstone's offerings include business and personal loans, deposits and cash management services, online and mobile banking.

MOHAMMED PROMOTED AT TOWN & COUNTRY CREDIT UNION

Amber Mohammed has been promoted to Member Services Associate at Town & Country Credit Union. Originally from Des Lacs, Mohammed joined the credit union in 2019 as a member services representative. Mohammed brings 12 years of customer service experience to her new role.

As a Member Services Associate, Mohammed opens new deposit accounts for consumers and businesses, as well as managing IRAs and CDs. She is based in Town & Country Credit Union's Minot main location on Broadway.



Amber Mohammed

FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK AND TRUST CONGRATULATES **HEATHER GILLIHAN**

First International Bank & Trust (FIBT) is proud to announce the promotion of Heather Gillihan to Director of Risk Management. Heather currently oversees the Compliance and Audit Departments, which will now include the BSA/Fraud and Appraisal teams. Heather started working at FIBT in June of 1996. She has held numerous positions such as Personal Banker, Loan Associate, Loan Officer, Credit Reviewer, Compliance Officer, and most recently the Director of Audit and Compliance. Heather is located at the Minot Broadway

Heather graduated from Minot High School in 1991 and Minot State University in 1996 with degrees in Accounting and Finance. She is married to Jason and enjoys traveling, summers at Lake Metigoshe, and spending time with her family. Heather is active in the community serving on the Independent Community Banks of America Education Certification Board, Christ Lutheran Church, the Souris Valley United Way Back-pack Buddies, as well as a variety of other organizations previously including Minot State University Beaver Boosters, and Junior Achievement.



Heather Gillihan

SHANNON HAMMEREN, FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK & TRUST'S **DIRECTOR OF IT AND OPERATION GRADUATES FROM BARRET** SCHOOL OF BANKING

Shannon Hammeren, First International Bank & Trust's Director of IT and Operations, is the Barret School of Banking's first grad program participant from North Dakota. The Barret School of Banking, located in Memphis, Tennessee, provides an adult learning experience for career-oriented individuals in commercial banking or a related financial services business. The school offers a three-year graduate program with over 130 hours of classroom instruction focused on providing an advanced banking education. Shannon plans to apply this knowledge while driving and implementing change as well as adapting new technologies and services that allow FIBT to meet its strategic objectives.

Shannon began his career with FIBT in 1995 and has worked in all areas of Information Technology (IT) including back-office operations, support desk, server administration, security administration, and network engineering. He has held the roles of Network Manager, Information Security Officer as well as his current position as Director of IT and Operations. Over the years, Shannon has played a leading role in the implementation of many different technologies, such as, imaging, online services, network infrastructure upgrades, IP Telephone, and server virtualization.



Shannon Hammeren

ANNE CARLSEN HIRES SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

Anne Carlsen, a non-profit organization providing individuals with developmental disabilities or delays with services for 80 years, has hired Fletcher Scott as a speechlanguage pathologist (SLP) to provide therapy services at Anne Carlsen's clinics in Minot and Bismarck.

As an SLP, Scott will work to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders in children and adults. Scott has a master's degree in speech-language pathology and a Ph.D. in special education. He has worked exclusively with individuals with autism spectrum disorder in numerous settings for over 20 years in California, Oregon, Texas, New Mexico, and Washington. He and his girlfriend, who is also an SLP, recently moved to North Dakota, love dogs, and enjoy spending time outdoors.

For more information about Anne Carlsen, visit annecarlsen.org.

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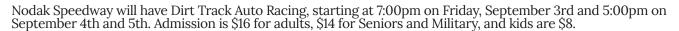
Fletcher Scott

MOTOR MAGIC AT THE ND STATE FAIRGROUNDS

For the 23rd year in a row, the North Dakota State Fairgrounds will host Motor Magic, September 3rd, 4th & 5th. The largest motorsports event in the Upper Midwest, Motor Magic provides entertainment for auto enthusiasts of all ages.

The Magic City International Dragway will kick off the wild weekend with drag racing on Friday September 3rd, at 4:30pm. Additional drag races will be Saturday and Sunday at 10:30am. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids, and free for ages 6 and

under.



Get in on the action and build your own team of racers - kids or adults - on the Go Kart track. Go Karts will run from 11:00am-6:00pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Motor enthusiasts can visit the Dakota Cruisers Car Show for \$5 for adults and kids 12 and under are free. Attendees can also gain free admission to the Historic Military Vehicle Display, or bid on one of more than 100 classic cars at the Motor Magic Classic Car Auction. The vendor show, which is located in the atrium, is also free to attend. There will be food vendor booths set up over the weekend located throughout the Fairgrounds. This year's food vendors include Tim Dandy's BBQ, Old Tyme Kettle Korn, and Fun on a Bun.

Admission to the North Dakota State Fairgrounds is free with major events priced separately. If you'd like to stay on grounds, RV reservations start at just \$20 a night with 30amp electricity included.

For more information and a full schedule of events, visit www.motormagic.net or call 701-857-7620.

READY TO RODEO

TICKETS ON SALE FOR ANNUAL BADLANDS CIRCUIT FINALS RODEO

Giddyup and head to Minot! Tickets are on sale for the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo, to be held in Minot at the State Fair Čenter October 8-9-10.

The best cowboys and cowgirls in North and South Dakota will compete at the circuit finals rodeo, which will consist of eight events: bareback riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, saddle bronc riding, team roping, barrel racing and bull riding.

It's action-packed, fast paced, and affordably priced, said Max Weppler, one of the organizers of the event. "Not only do we have the best cowboys and cowgirls from the two-state region, but it's eight different events, so fans get a variety, from bucking horses to barrel racers to bull riders."

Rodeo clown Dennis Halstead will bring his brand of comedy to the event. Halstead, from Calgary, Alberta, is making a repeat trip to Minot. Rodeo announcers Wayne Brooks and Bob Tallman, both who have announced the National Finals Rodeo, will call the action.

In addition to rodeo, the weekend features the Badlands Trade Show and xxx presented by Wrangler, a shopping extravaganza, also held at the State Fair Center; a jackpot barrel race, and other events.

"It's a great weekend to enjoy with your family and take in some good rodeo entertainment," Weppler said.

Tickets are \$25 for lower level reserved seating (the five rows closest to the arena fence.) The upper level seating is general admission and is \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the website at www.badlandscircuitfinalsrodeo.com. Tickets are also available at North Country Mercantile in Minot (2000 20th Avenue SE) and at the gate.



PAM STENZEL RETURNS FOR DAKOTA **HOPE BANQUET AND SEX-ED YOUTH EVENT IN SEPTEMBER**

SEPTEMBER 19, 20 & 21

Are young people capable of making good, healthy decisions about sex and marriage? Pam Stenzel, who travels worldwide, speaking to more than 500,000 students each year, believes they are, but only if they are given the facts about the emotional and physical consequences of sex outside of marriage.

The founder of Enlighten Communications, Pam tackles today's tough issues of sex with candor, insight, humor, and the challenge for young people to make the healthiest choice and save sex for marriage. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from Liberty University.

For years, Pam was on the "front lines" as Director of Alpha Women's Center, a counseling center for women undergoing crisis pregnancies. Her experiences taught her that before teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection rates could decline, attitudes of teens toward sex first had to change.



Pam Stenzel

Drawing from her personal story, as well as her visits with teens around the world, Pam is in great demand both in the U. S. and in other countries such as Mexico, Australia, Ireland, and Canada. She also holds seminars with parents and educators regarding issues of teen sex and how vital character building is in a child's upbringing.

Dakota Hope Clinic is pleased to bring Pam Stenzel back to Minot for their 10th Annual Fundraising Banquet, as she was the speaker for their first banquet in the fall of 2012. Attendees have a choice of listening to Pam at the ND State Fair Center in Minot on Monday, Sept. 20 or at the Mountrail County South Complex in Stanley on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Both events will begin at 6:30 pm with a meal. There is no charge to attend, but all attendees will be asked to make a financial donation to Dakota Hope Clinic, a life-affirming pregnancy help center in Minot. The Banquets are limited to adults and registration is required at least one week prior to the event. You can be registered by your table host or self-register by calling 701-852-4675 or go to www.dakotahope.org/events.

AN EVENING WITH PAM STENZEL - FOR AREA YOUTH

Parents who attend Dakota Hope banquets, frequently ask if their children can attend because they want them to listen to a great pro-life speaker. This year, we have added an extra event for the youth to attend.

While in ND, Pam will be speaking at several area schools and at SEX-ED #nomessingaround, a free community event open all area youth, junior high and older. Parents, teachers, and youth leaders are also welcome. SEX-ED will be held at the ND State Fair Center on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 7:00 pm. No registration required.

While Stenzel is Catholic, she draws on scientific research to challenge youth to "avoid" the risks of sexual activity outside of a faithful marriage, not just "reduce" those risks. Her primary prevention approach includes encouragement for anyone who has already made unhealthy choices, that it is never too late to start over. She shares her confidence that youth are capable of making healthy choices if given the facts and support they need.



GIRL SCOUTS DAKOTA HORIZONS ANNOUNCES MOBILE STEM CENTER

Research shows that girls take the exit ramps from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) related fields as early as second grade, something that Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons wants to change. As the nation's premier leadership organization for girls for more than 100 years, they developed an innovative, mobile solution to meet Kindergarten through 12th Grade Girl Scouts where they are - the Mobile STEM Center.

The Mobile STEM Center will travel throughout the council's 164,000 square miles bringing innovative programs that build essential skills and ignite interest in STEM careers - helping to fill the STEM workforce pipeline and aid in closing the STEM gender gap.

The Mobile STEM Center is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment such as tablets, lab tools and telescopes that support Girl Scout STEM badges in the areas of robotics, citizen scientist, mechanical engineering and other research-based projects.

Thanks to the support of sponsors like MDU Resources Foundation, Wells Fargo, Great Western Bank, Hess Bakken, First Bank & Trust and Midco Foundation the Mobile STEM Center will provide hands-on, minds-on activities to develop tomorrow's female leaders in the STEM industry.

The Minot Area Chamber EDC will hold a ribbon cutting for the new addition on Friday, September 24 at 2 p.m.

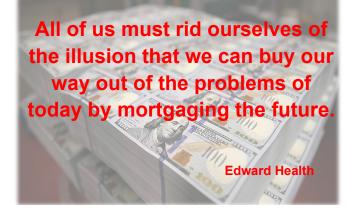
Learn more about the Mobile STEM Center at www.gsdakotahorizons.org/MobileSTEMCenter





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NATURE'S INFECTION VIRGINIA CONN-LANGER GALLERY EXHIBITION

The Taube Museum of Art will be exhibiting large scale acrylic paintings by local artist Virginia Conn. Conn's exhibition Nature's Infection will be on display at the Taube Museum of Art from September 1 through October 8.

This is a very special event, not only because she is still young, at the start of an adventurous path in the arts, and with a tremendous amount of talent, but also because her fiery and clearly artistic spirit points to a direction where she will surely have a strong presence. Virginia was awarded this exhibition from a group show, the Festival of the Arts, presented at the Taube Museum in the fall of 2020. She was one of the participants, and at that time a special committee from the museum evaluated all the submissions and selected her work for the award.

Conn finds strength and clarity in painting, where there is always a space for growth and freedom of expression. Do not be deceived by the confrontational qualities of her work; in her images there is humor, there is love, and there are all the emotions that arise in response to challenging situations in life. Sometimes art is not meant only to be easy on the eyes, or just pretty, but to invite us to reflect on ourselves, our society, and the world we live in. In her narrative she refers to her personal experiences as a source of inspiration; there's also pain, and a healthy rebellious stance, as well as, at times, a dream-like quality that we have learned to understand lightly as surrealism.

Another reason to celebrate this show is that, as many of you might know, Virginia recently suffered a catastrophic car accident, this last July. She survived a horrific scenario, and not only survived it, but is doing incredibly well; with the support of an extraordinary medical team, her very loving family, and innumerable friends. "I'm sure there were angels involved in her recovery too. She is one of the kindest and most courageous young women I've had the pleasure to meet, and is, herself, an inspiration to others," Susana Amundaraín, MFA, Independent visual artist.

There will be a reception for Conn's artwork on September 9 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Taube Museum of Art. This event is free and open to the public with hors-d'oeuvres and refreshments being provided.

In the Linha Gallery, we will have on display artwork from Michael Conlan and Matthew Anderson who collaborated for a show called From Here to Here. This exhibition will also run from September 1 through October 8. Please keep an eye out for more information on this exhibition as we determine the reception date.

Museum and Gift Shop hours: Tues – Fri 10:30 – 5:30 pm and Sat 11-4 pm, 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.

This project is supported 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. For more information - 838-4445: Rachel Alfaro, Executive Director

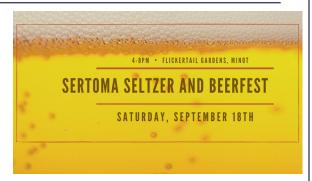


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SERTOMA SELTZER AND BEERFEST **TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

Tickets for Seltzer and Beerfest, an annual event sponsored by the Minot Sertoma Club, are now on sale online.

The event will be held Saturday, September 18, at the Flickertail Gardens on the North Dakota State Fairgrounds, and will run from 4-8 p.m. This year's event will include a taste testing of seltzers and, as always, some of the best beers in town. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased online at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sertomaseltzer-beerfest-tickets-165446792811.



The format this year will feature attendees moving from station to station to sample the beer and seltzers inside and outside the Flickertail Gardens. There also will be several games and, yes, FREE axe throwing from Up Your Axe! Admission gets you sampling of 20 beers and seltzers, free taco and nacho bar, a chance to win a door prizes and the opportunity to buy raffle tickets for a chance to win a Traeger grill, Yeti cooler, and an annual range membership from Spartan Firearms, a cash bar and lots of fun!

Proceeds will be used to benefit the many projects funded by the Minot Sertoma Club, including STEAM T-ball league, ND Center for Persons with Disabilities, Minot Family YMCA, Maysa Arena, Hands and Voices Hearing Aid Loaner Bank, and Minot State University hearing and speech initiatives. Since 1959, the Minot Sertoma Club has donated more than \$1 million to the Minot community and area.

For more information about Seltzer and Beerfest, or sponsorship opportunities, call Jenny Castro at 406-490-6185.



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Minot Out of the Darkness Community Walk

Sept. 19th, 2021

12:00PM - 3:00PM

Come join us for an afternoon of food, resources, rememberance, and activites for all ages.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention funds research, spreads education, provides support to those affected by suicide, and advocates for smart public policy. We all have a role to play. Together we can spread awareness, raise money, change the culture, and put a stop to this tragic loss of life.

Event Location

Oak Park Shelter #7 Minot, ND

Register

AFSP.ORG/MINOT

Questions?

Twyla or Cellest Hofer (701)720-1144/(701)720-5064 minotootd@gmail.com

This event is hosted by Dakota's Chapter

afsp.org/walk







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



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September 2021 - Chamber EDC Meetings and Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	Business After Hours 5:00 - 7:00 pm Anytime Fitness 305 20th Ave. SW	3	4
5	6 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	7	Board of Directors 7:30 am Chamber EDC Office	CLI Opening Session 8:00 am Roosevelt Park Zoo Ambassadors Committee 4:30 pm Staybridge Suites 3009 South Broadway	Infrastructure Committee 7:30 am Homesteaders Restaurant	11
12	13	14 Eagle Awards Presentation 10:00 am Chamber EDC Office	15 Ribbon Cutting 11:30 am Independence Inc 315 3rd Street SW Coffee with the President 1:30 pm Minot Chamber EDC Office	16 CLI Healthcare Session 8:00 am Trinity Health Riverside Governmental Affairs Committee 11:30 am Badlands Restaurant	17	18
19	20	21	Right Start Presentation 9:50 am Minot Air Force Base	CLI Emergency Services Session 8:00 am Fire Station 1 Energy Committee 11:30 am Sleep Inn & Suites	Ribbon Cutting 2:00 pm Girl Scout Dakota Horizons 525 31 st Ave. SW	25
26	27	28	29	30 CLI Leadership Session 8:00 am Minot State University Ribbon Cutting 5:00 pm Y's Men's Rodeo Minot Auditorium Y's Men's Rodeo		
				Business After Hours 5:00 - 7:00 pm Minot Auditorium		