

MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC COMMUNICATOR



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STATE OF THE CITY "THE FUTURE OF MINOT LOOKS BRIGHT"

Minot Mayor Shaun Sipma delivered the State of the City address to a packed room at the former Cognizant building on Friday, February 18. The location of the new high school, the Cognizant building was the perfect setting for his forward-looking speech focusing on the major wins of 2021 in economic development, flood protection, expansion, and growth and how those choices are setting Minot up for success in the future.

Mayor Sipma reflected on a year of big moves forward for the City of Minot: Trinity Health's new campus, activity at the intermodal facility, the new City Hall project, Mouse River Flood Enhancement Project phases being completed, and the new fire station – to name a few.

"The choices our predecessors made set us on our current path, and the choices we are making today will move our community into the future," said Sipma. "We have purposefully and willingly made difficult choices on things like NAWS, flood control, a new high school, all things that will make Minot a better and more resilient community well into the future."

Mayor Sipma called out the efforts of the Minot Area Chamber EDC completing the merger and staying true to the goal of creating opportunities for new and existing businesses. One such opportunity was realized in 2021: the nationally recognized industrial park now includes a busy intermodal facility. It is the largest such distribution hub between Chicago and Seattle, and not coincidentally, is adjacent to the only BNSF Site Certified property in North Dakota. He also thanked the businesses seeking to fulfill their growth potential while fostering partnerships including Hess Corporation and AGT Foods. "Minot has a lot of offer businesses, large and small, and we will continue to tell Minot's story to the world."

Mayor Sipma thanked the many community partners vital to Minot's success. "Public schools, Minot State, Minot Air Force Base, local, state, and federal lawmakers, the Minot Chamber EDC, Magic Fund, State Water Commission, Souris River Joint Board, and more. All of these things work together for the betterment of Minot."

During his address, Sipma recognized Eric Locken as Minot's Citizen of the Year. Nominated by several people, Locken was described as a dedicated community member and volunteer with unique and effective fundraising ideas that have made a real impact across the community. Locken received a \$1,000 donation courtesy of Farmers Union Insurance to donate to the charity of his choice. Locken chose Project Bee.

While the City of Minot has overcome many challenges in previous years, the future of the Magic City looks bright.

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Mayor Shaun Sipma



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MACMARTIN HONORED

During his State of the City address, Mayor Sipma recognized Minot Area Chamber EDC President John MacMartin for his 30 years of service to Minot. MacMartin has announced his plans to retire in August 2022. "Through his leadership role with the Minot Area Chamber EDC, John MacMartin has been an ardent supporter of Minot. He's been especially active in fostering a strong community relationship with Minot Air Force Base and with base retention efforts as part of Task Force 21. He's worked to attract new businesses to our community. He's been a familiar face and voice at the North Dakota Legislature testifying on behalf of Minot and our efforts to build a more resilient community."

Mayor Sipma continued, "Your dedication to Minot has been on display for decades. Congratulations on your retirement. We wish you nothing but the best."

MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED

The Minot Area Chamber EDC Annual Meeting featuring Steve Balaski of the Northwest Seaport Alliance has been postponed. Check your emails and our website for updates on when the Annual Meeting will be rescheduled.

For those who have RSVP'd and/or paid, we will hold on to your reservation until the new date. If you have any questions, reach out to the Minot Area Chamber EDC at 701-852-6000.

CYBERSECURITY FOCUS OF MARCH 2 LUNCH AND LEARN

The Chamber EDC has teamed up with SRT to provide some advice on how to protect your company. Shawn Grosz, SRT Chief Technology Officer, will provide an overview of the cybersecurity measures implemented at SRT to provide Internet services and business continuity.

RSVP online with your login and password | [Minot Area Chamber EDC \(chamberdata.net\)](https://minotchamberedc.com/chamberdata.net)

Cybersecurity Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, March 2 @ 11:30 a.m.

SRT – 3615 North Broadway

\$15 for lunch



MARCH BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT WHISKEY NINE MONDAY, MARCH 21

Join us for one at Whiskey Nine for the March Business After Hours! Enjoy delicious food, great networking and a chance at some prizes, and of course, a cash bar! We are trying something different to accommodate our sponsor, as Whiskey Nine hosts leagues Tuesday - Thursday, so Business After Hours will be on a Monday!

See you Monday, March 21 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Whiskey Nine at 109 Central Ave W
\$5 charge at the door

WOMEN CONNECT TO HOST MIDWEST MURDER AT MARCH 23 EVENT

Women Connect is excited for their upcoming event featuring the podcast 'Midwest Murder,' a Minot based podcast taking the country by storm. Dawn Palumbo and Jonah Lantto have seen over 100,000 streams of their series and will be giving Women Connect a look into their process. Join us on March 23 at the Arlene Theater in Downtown Minot for an evening recording of Midwest Murder followed by a question-and-answer segment about starting a podcast during a pandemic.

Tickets are \$30. Doors for the event will open at 4 pm with the live recording starting promptly at 4:30 pm.

To learn more follow Women Connect on Facebook or find information here: www.eventbrite.com/e/midwest-murder-live-tickets-262318881837

Women Connect is a program focused on developing female professionals through sessions that focus on topics important to a woman's professional and personal life.



WOMEN
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Chamber EDC Member Investors:

Our friends to the north are important to not only us in Minot, but nationwide. Minot Air Force Base plays a key role in the nation's defense. The young men and women who protect us each day face stress and pressure on the job. We can help! Let's do what we can to enhance morale and well-being for the troops and their families at MAFB during our 35th annual Prairie Warrior Auction. Money raised goes toward helping to underwrite picnics, family holiday events, Air Force competitions and other activities throughout the year.

As a Barksdale Trophy Award winner for community support, the Minot Area Chamber EDC is proud to sponsor the 35th annual Prairie Warrior Association Auction. Through the years this event has raised nearly \$668,000 for Minot AFB morale efforts. Distributed funds are used to support the morale and well-being of our Air Force personnel at MAFB.

We are turning to you to assist us in making this a successful event. Can you provide a basket, an experience, or cash? All donations are appreciated. Deadline for submitting items for the April 2 auction is Monday, March 21, 2022.

The points of contact for downtown donations are the Chamber EDC, 852-6000, and Tom Rafferty, 852-0406/720-0126.

Sincerely,

Tom Rafferty
Chair of Military Affairs Committee

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL PRAIRIE WARRIOR ASSOCIATION AUCTION

Sponsored by the Military Affairs Committee of the Minot Area Chamber EDC

April 2, 2022 | Clarion Hotel and Convention Center | 2208 Burdick Expressway East

DONATION SHEET

NAME OF BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL: PHONE NUMBER:

DONATION (with description if necessary):

APPROXIMATE DONATION VALUE:

Please return this form and your item to the Minot Area Chamber EDC, 1020 20th Ave SW by March, 21, 2022.

If an item is an intangible gift, (service, membership, etc.), a certificate or letter from the donor/business is required.

To make arrangements for pick-up, call the Minot Area Chamber EDC, 852-6000.

MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC TO CO-HOST MIDWEST ECONOMIC FORECAST SUMMIT

Featuring national and regional experts in agriculture, energy, healthcare, hospitality, manufacturing, and technology.

The Minot Area Chamber EDC is proud to partner with the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber to bring the Midwest Economic Forecast Summit to our region on March 24, 2022. This summit is the first event in a four-part Midwest Summit series that will convene regional and national industry experts and thought leaders for crucial conversations on four significant regional topics:

Economic Forecast (March 24) | Agriculture (May 3)
Cybersecurity & Tech (August 2) | Energy (November 1)

The Midwest Economic Forecast Summit on March 24 is in partnership with chambers of commerce from across the Upper Midwest and will bring together leaders and experts from the following sectors to engage in a timely, in-depth and holistic discussion: agriculture, energy, healthcare, hospitality, manufacturing, and technology. Keynote speakers for the event will be Neel Kashkari, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Dr. Scott Beaulier, dean of business at North Dakota State University, and Commissioner Steve Grove, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Kashkari will address the economy on a national scale and touch on the impact of COVID-19, federal recovery dollars, housing and workforce challenges, and more. Dr. Beaulier has spent his career actively engaged in understanding and advocating for policies that foster dynamic, vibrant economies that best allow businesses and entrepreneurs to thrive. He will discuss how policies are integral to our economic success, and how people – innovative, creative and dedicated business leaders – are the lifeblood of any economy. Commissioner Grove is focused on empowering the growth of the Minnesota economy, and under his leadership, the department works on growing the state's workforce, closing the opportunity gap, and providing businesses and startups the support they need to grow and thrive in Minnesota's economy. Commissioner Grove was previously an executive at Google for 12 years. In addition to these three keynote speakers, there will be panel discussions featuring leaders in agriculture, energy, healthcare, hospitality, manufacturing, and technology.

"This is going to be a big deal; we are excited to bring thought leaders and experts from all over the country to our community and to dive into this critical topic. We also have numerous partnering chambers from across the Midwest that are co-hosting the livestream of this event in an effort to inform and engage as many of their own area business leaders as possible on this important subject," remarked FMWF Chamber President & CEO Shannon Full.

Developing and maintaining a vibrant economy is essential to the continued growth of the Midwest; we hope you join us for this new, major event series and important discussion. Bremer Bank and Cass County Electric Cooperative are the presenting sponsors for the Midwest Economic Forecast Summit.

Midwest Economic Forecast Summit
Thursday, March 24 | 8 to 11 a.m.
Delta by Marriott, Fargo and Livestream

Who is invited: Members of the public, Chamber EDC members, business owners & operators, professionals in the aforementioned industries, college students and members of the media.

More information regarding the Midwest Summit series can be found [here](#).

North Central ND Spring Job Fair Registration

When: April 6, 2022

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: Minot City Auditorium in the Armory
(NE side of building)

Register early to get a booth! When registration form is returned, you will receive an email that will include a link for making payment. Registration Fee: \$200.00 Credit cards accepted.

When payment is confirmed, your booth will be reserved!

Registration Deadline: 03/31/2022

Employer set up begins at 2:00 p.m.

Table & 2 chairs will be provided

Need electrical hook-up? Yes or No (circle one)

Business Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Name of person(s) attending _____

Phone & Email _____

Open Positions



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IT'S TIME FOR A JUMP START START UP MINOT

Start Up Minot is designed to invigorate, encourage and entice entrepreneurs in the Minot region to execute their business idea.

Our free monthly coffee/networking event focuses on sharing the story of new and growing companies while connecting like-minded business leaders.

What: Coffee & Networking

Where: Carnegie Center in
Downtown Minot

When: Every second Thursday
morning, 7:30 am - 8:30 am



Minot Young Professional's
Presents:

POWER HOUR

Topic :

**Trinity Health Foundation's Capital
Campaign & New Healthcare Campus**



March 16,
2022



Town & Country
Shopping Center



5:30 PM



YP Members: Free
Non-members: \$5



Guest Speaker:

Dusty Zimmerman

Director of Trinity Health
Foundation

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POST YOUR JOB WITH THE MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC

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 MinotChamberEDC.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.

MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC OFFERS MORE WAYS TO SELF-PROMOTE

Minot Area Chamber EDC member investors can access the online directory to include information on their business with a description on their profile page. Member investors are encouraged to provide this write up as another avenue for the public to learn all that they do. Logos can also be downloaded to provide consistent branding. "This is just one more way the Chamber EDC is promoting its members by offering the online description and logo in the directory," said Minot Area Chamber EDC president John MacMartin.

Member Investors will need to know their member number and password to gain access.

<http://www.chamberdata.net/MemLogin.aspx?dbid2=ndmin>

Contact the office if you need help, 701-852-6000.

THANK YOU ARNY'S 2.0!

Thank you to Arny's 2.0 for opening their doors for the February Business After Hours!

Nearly 100 people enjoyed networking delicious food made right at Arny's and a beverage or two!



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EAGLE AWARDS

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



Kylene Askvig
Bremer Bank



Lisa Studaker
Minot Automotive Center



Monica Villalpando
McDonald's Restaurants
of Minot



Carley Stewart
REM North Dakota



Cameron Clark
Westlie Motor Co.



Dr. Erin O'Leary
Professional Hearing
Services



Tyrell Flowers
North Hill Marketplace
Foods



Amber Mohammed
Town & Country Credit
Union



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Trinity Health Billing
Department



Kacey Solholt
Waste Management of
ND - Minot



Joan Garberg
Central Campus High School
Attendance Office

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

START UP MINOT

Join us for a free networking event at the Carnegie Center in Downtown Minot on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 a.m.

Listen to the stories of new and expanding companies and network with like-minded entrepreneurs and professionals.

March's featured speakers are Eric Hansen of Urban Winery and Katie Dotson of KD Designs.



Thursday, March 10

Thursday, April 14

Thursday, May 19

APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 22

AARP North Dakota invites local organizations and governments across the state to apply for the 2022 AARP Community Challenge grant program now through March 22, 2022. Grants fund quick-action projects that help communities become more livable in the long term by improving public spaces, transportation, housing, civic engagement, coronavirus recovery, diversity and inclusion, and more.

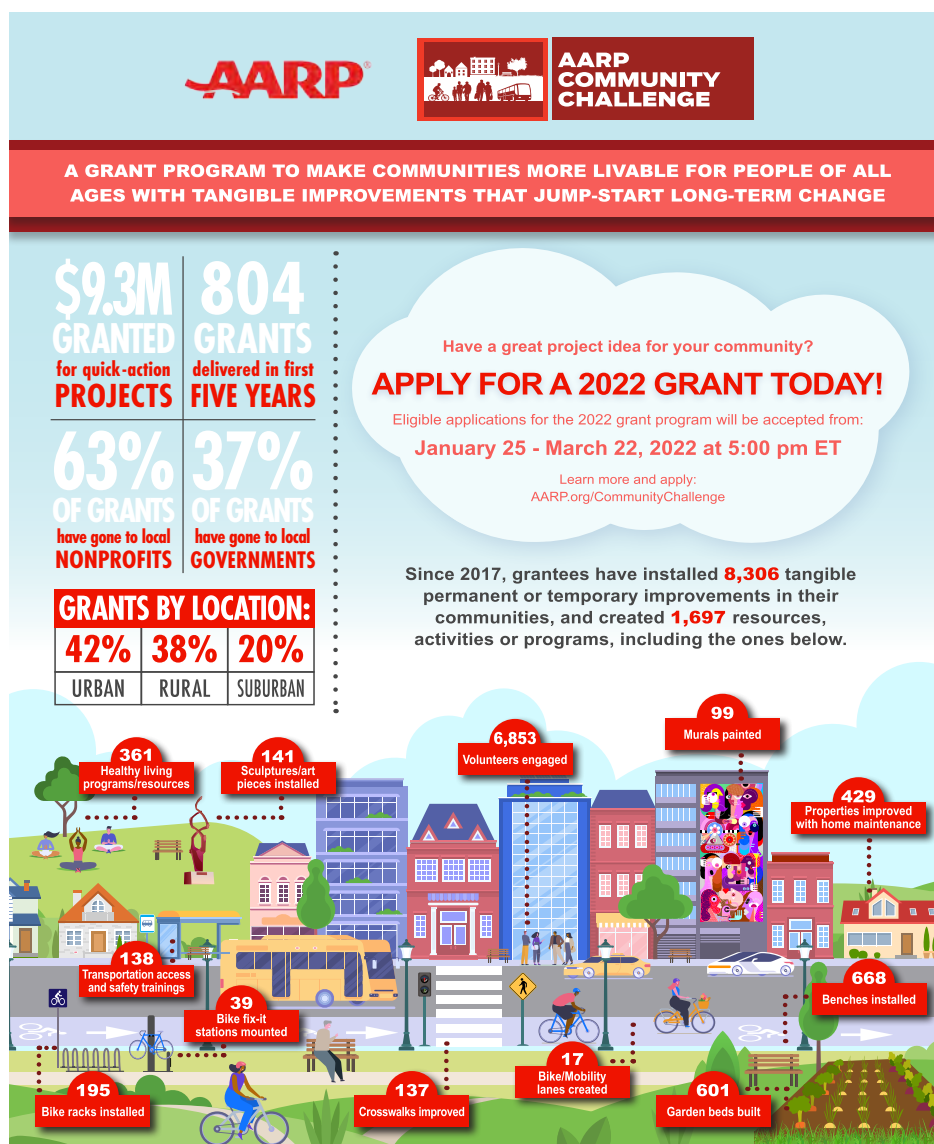
AARP will prioritize proposals that are inclusive, address disparities, directly engage volunteers, support residents age 50 and older and aim to achieve one or more of the following outcomes:

- Support communities' efforts to build engagement and leverage funding available under new federal programs through laws like the American Rescue Plan Act, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and more.
- Create vibrant public places that improve open spaces, parks and access to other amenities.
- Deliver a range of transportation and mobility options that increase connectivity, walkability, bikeability, wayfinding, access to transportation options and roadway improvements.
- Support a range of housing options that increases the availability of accessible and affordable choices.
- Ensure a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion while improving the built and social environment of a community.
- Increase civic engagement with innovative and tangible projects that bring residents and local leaders together to address challenges and facilitate a greater sense of inclusion.
- Other community improvements including health services, community development and coronavirus pandemic recovery.

Since 2017, AARP has awarded 15 in North Dakota through the Community Challenge. Previous projects have enabled long-term progress by garnering additional support from public and private funders, encouraging similar improvements throughout the community, advancing local policy, and generating engagement among residents and local leaders to advocate for change.

The Community Challenge is open to 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits and government entities. Other types of organizations are considered on a case-by-case basis. Grants can range from several hundred dollars for small, short-term activities to tens of thousands for larger projects.

The application deadline is 4 p.m. March 22. All projects must be completed by Nov. 30, 2022. To submit an application and view past grantees, visit www.AARP.org/CommunityChallenge.



RIBBON CUTTINGS



ASCEND WELLNESS MBS

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Melinda Howe, CRNA, APRN| Owner

Ascend Wellness offers Ketamine Infusion Therapy for a variety of Mental Health and Chronic Pain conditions that in general have exhausted options for their treatment. They strive to bring hope to this population in the Minot area and offer IV Hydration/ Nutritional Services for several conditions. They are honored to be welcomed into the community by the Minot Area Chamber EDC and feel it was the perfect way to introduce their services. Ascend looks forward to helping this community.



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Minot, ND 58703

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Creative Dimensions moved to their new location which has allowed for expansion of products and services within the Quilting and fabric world. They do everything start to finish including classes and a rental longarm quilting machine for people to quilt their own projects.



BEYOND HEALTHCARE

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Minot, ND 58701

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beyondhealthcareminot.weebly.com/

Jennifer Napora, FNP-C

Beyond Healthcare is Minot's newest clinic, offering everything from primary care to well-child and diabetes management; they opened their doors on January 3rd, and are ready to bring quality care to the Minot area!

MEMBER RENEWALS

American Legion

Boot Barn

Bremer Bank

Clean Tech

Conlin's Furniture

Delta Vacations

Denny's Restaurant

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Gymagic Gymnastics

HealthSource Chiropractic

HighAir Ground

Longhorn Steakhouse

Minot Automotive Center

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Sport Clips

State Farm Insurance - Paul Siebert

Sterling Optical

Strata Corporation

Waste Management of ND - Minot



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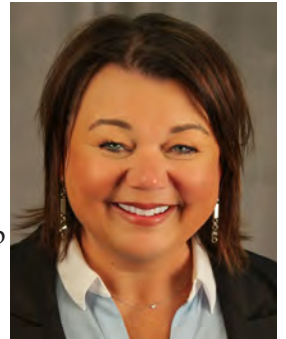
MEMBER NEWS

ROBIN ANDERSON JOINS SRT AS CHIEF GROWTH OFFICER

Robin Anderson, a marketing and development professional with 22 years of telecommunications experience, has been named Chief Growth Officer of SRT Communications. She joined SRT on January 10, 2022.

As Chief Growth Officer, Anderson will lead the business strategy and develop new opportunities and partnerships for SRT. She will also leverage data tools to identify customer needs and ensure SRT continues to thrive in the cooperative environment.

“Robin joins SRT at an ideal time, especially as we continue to build the fiber optic platform serving our members,” said Cassidy Hjelmstad, SRT CEO and General Manager. “As we look for future growth opportunities, her sales experience will serve our customers well. She is highly respected in the telecommunications industry. A North Dakota native with years of coop leadership experience, Robin understands the cooperative business model and appreciates the communities we serve. SRT is delighted to welcome this talented professional to our team.”



Robin Anderson

Originally from Binford, ND, Anderson earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Dickinson State University with a concentration in marketing and agriculture. Prior to joining SRT, she spent five years as Sales Manager at NISC (National Information Solutions Cooperative) and 13 years as Marketing Manager at Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative. Anderson also worked for four years as Director of Business Development and Senior Marketing Consultant for Pivot Group, a marketing agency specializing in the rural broadband industry.

“I am excited to be joining Cassidy and the talented team at SRT during a time of growth and transformation,” said Anderson. “SRT has a rich history built on trust and innovation. I look forward to being part of this next chapter as we continue to serve our members in delivering the best communication services available.”

Anderson and her husband, Glenn, have three children and have long enjoyed rodeo as a family. Their oldest son, Bridger, is a professional steer wrestler in Oklahoma; Cedar is a senior at Northwest Oklahoma State University; and Dawsyn is a senior at Carrington High School.

TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES MOOSE TAG RAFFLE

Trinity Health Foundation is excited to announce their latest fundraiser for the \$15 million Capital Campaign for the new Trinity Health HealthCare Campus and Medical District.

Raffle tickets are being sold for \$50 each, and are limited to 1,000 tickets. The moose tag is valid for any moose in any zone throughout North Dakota. Standard North Dakota Game & Fish regulations apply.

To purchase raffle tickets, or for more information, contact the Trinity Health Foundation at 701.857.2430 or cody.mcmanigal@trinityhealth.org. The drawing will be held at the Return to the Roaring 20s Fundraising Gala on March 26, 2022, at the Sleep Inn & Suites. Ticket holders do not have to be present to win.

MEMBER NEWS

AGENCY RECOGNIZES PARTNERS WHO PROMOTE AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) recently recognized nine of its partners with Champion of Affordable Housing Awards for their outstanding promotion and delivery of its homeownership programs.

“Homeownership is traditionally one of the most coveted goals of individuals and families,” said NDHFA Executive Director Dave Flohr. “Through our Champion Awards, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency honors the housing professionals who partner with the agency, promote our programs, and help to make homeownership affordable.”

NDHFA’s FirstHome™ program provides low- to moderate-income buyers with low-cost mortgages, and down payment and closing cost assistance. Single parents, veterans, and families with disabled or elderly households members can qualify for similar help through HomeAccess. The agency’s North Dakota Roots program assists households who require down payment assistance to buy again or whose income exceeds the limits of the agency’s standard programs. The program can also be used to refinance residential real estate loans.

Two loan officers, Debby Wisdom of Dakota Community Bank & Trust in Mandan and Lisa Thuner of Town & Country Credit Union in Minot each received a Homeownership Performance Award, recognition for the volume and quality of loans produced. NDHFA also presented three real estate agents with the same award, Aruna G. Hagen of Advantage Realtors in West Fargo, Kym Enlow of Coldwell Banker in Grand Forks, and Karen Johnston of George & Associates Realty in Watford City.

Bremer Bank, Bravera Bank and The Union Bank all received NDHFA’s Award of Excellence for best practices and outstanding delivery of the agency’s homeownership programs. Unify Home Lending Inc. was honored with a Rising Star award, recognition of a financial institution new to our program for a significant increase in loan volume over the previous year.

“Historically low interest rates and a limited inventory made the housing market very competitive this past year,” said Flohr. “North Dakota Housing Finance Agency helped 1,548 individuals and families to successfully purchase a home in 2021, all of the buyers learning about our homeownership programs from one of our outstanding housing partners.”

Parties interested in NDHFA’s homeownership programs will find information online at www.ndhfa.org.

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

ELITE REAL ESTATE ADDS AGENT WITH LOCAL TIES

Elite Real Estate has a new agent. Jacey Bingeman is a lifelong resident of North Dakota and graduate of Des Lacs High School. She currently resides just outside of Minot with her husband and 2 daughters, Sheyenne and Sutton.

Before Real Estate, Jacey spent 7+ years in the oil and gas industry and now currently work for human services. Her job experience has allowed her to perfect her skills in building client relationships and providing the best possible client experience. When she isn’t chasing their girls with sports, Jayce and her family enjoy spending weekends at Lake Sakakawea, camping and boating.



Jacey Bingeman

MEMBER NEWS

TOWN & COUNTRY CREDIT UNION INTRODUCES SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

To continue supporting their mission of 'Positively Impacting Those They Serve', Town & Country Credit Union is proud to debut the Town & Country Credit Union Scholarship which will award ten \$1,000 scholarships to ten deserving high school seniors.

"By assisting our members with the costs of furthering their education, we believe we're not only impacting the student, but also the communities where they live and will leave an impact for years to come," said Jeremiah Kossen, Town & Country Credit Union President/CEO. "We look forward to supporting our members as they work towards achieving their goals, whatever they may be."

To apply for the scholarship, applicants will need to fill out a form on the Credit Union's website and answer the following essay question in 1,000 words or less: How do you plan to make a Positive Impact in your desired career field?

Applicants must be a Town & Country Credit Union member in good standing and a current high school senior (including home school) attending an accredited trade school, college or university for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Applications are open February 1 – March 31, 2022 and scholarship recipients will be notified in April.

To learn more about the Town & Country Credit Union Scholarship, visit www.townandcountry.org/scholarship.

To apply for membership and open an account at Town & Country Credit Union, visit www.townandcountry.org/open-account. Membership is open to anyone living within 75 miles of Minot and 50 miles of Fargo or Kenmare.

Town & Country Credit Union has been Positively Impacting the communities they serve for over 80 years. With 11 convenient locations in North Dakota, over 160 employees and a focus on continual growth, they provide meaningful value to their more than 24,000 members every day. Membership in the credit union is open to anyone living within 75 miles of Minot and 50 miles of Fargo or Kenmare. More information can be found at www.townandcountry.org.



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MEMBER NEWS

MINOT POLICE WARN OF SCAM

The Minot Police Department has received reports of a scam attempt resurfacing in the Magic City. Residents are reporting a variation on what is known as the “Jury Duty” scam. Would be victims are being called by scammers informing them they have a warrant for their arrest, supposedly for “missing a subpoena service”. In order for the victim to clear the warrant without being arrested, they are being directed to pay the bond by “Moneypak” gift cards. Also, the scammers fraudulently appear to be calling from the Minot Police Department on caller-ID through the use of “phone spoofing” apps. These apps permit the caller to make it look as if they are calling from any number they wish.

The Minot Police Department reminds the community that area law enforcement never receives bond for active warrants over the phone and will not direct anyone to used prepaid cards of any kind. The only way to clear active warrants is in-person; either by arrest in the community or of if the defendant turns themselves in to a law enforcement agency or the courts. If someone gets a call saying otherwise, or for any other reason must pay immediately via prepaid cards, IT IS A SCAM. The best defense is to simply hang up.

FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS

Amy Makeef has been promoted to Chief Credit Officer. Amy is a native of Ryder, N.D. and graduated from North Shore High School. She holds a bachelor's degree from Minot State University and a Master's degree from Liberty University. Amy joined First Western in June 2021 and is located in Minot.

Ashley Garner has been promoted to Compliance Auditor III. Ashley grew up in Bismarck, earning her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration & Marketing at the University of Mary, then earning her Certified Community Bank Compliance Officer certificate at ICBA Community Banker University. She has been in the banking world for 11 years, and has been a part of the First Western team since 2018.

Zach Burdick has been promoted to VP Business Banking Manager. Burdick is a Devils Lake native, who graduated from Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. He also attended Graduate School of Banking in Wisconsin where he received an Executive Leadership Certificate in the School of Business. Zach joined First Western in September of 2019.

Jersey Benson has been promoted to Senior Vice President Ag & Commercial Lending Manager. Benson is a Minot native, who graduated from Minot High School and the University of North Dakota with a bachelor's degree in banking and financial economics. He began his career with First Western Bank & Trust in 2011.



Amy Makeef



Ashley Garner



Zach Burdick



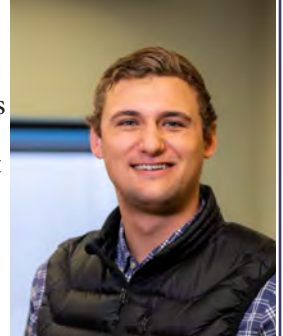
Jersey Benson

MEMBER NEWS

ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD WELCOMES JARED KRAMER AS PROJECT DESIGNER

Jared Kramer has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Fargo office as a Project Designer. Kramer earned Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degrees from North Dakota State University, Fargo. Jared has experience with new industry technologies and methods with a focus on mixed use multi-family residential developments. His responsibilities will include conceptual design, design development, and construction management on architectural projects throughout the region.

Ackerman-Estvold is a professional engineering and architectural firm headquartered in Minot, with additional office locations in Fargo, Williston and Boise, ID. The firm provides planning, design, and construction services for public and private clients throughout North Dakota and surrounding states. For more information about Ackerman-Estvold, and services they provide, visit www.ackerman-estvold.com.



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MEMBER NEWS

VIP MUSICAL PAINT PARTY FEATURING ANDREW KNUDSON

The Minot Symphony Orchestra and the Taube Museum of Art announce their collaborative fundraising event, “VIP Musical Paint Party” to be held March 14, 6-8pm.

A VIP fundraising event with Plains Perspective Art Studio artist, Andrew Knudson, will be held Monday, March 14 at the Taube Museum of Art from 6 PM to 8 PM. Guests can enjoy a one of a kind behind the scenes experience as Knudson works on an original painting, Q & A time with the artist, live music by The SubZero Winds and view silent auction items while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. An original Knudson piece will be included in a live auction.

Artist Andrew Knudson is a born and raised North Dakotan, and his strong roots and love of the northern plains reflect strongly in his artwork. From modern working cowboys to a vast array of wildlife, Andrew is a part of each drawing and painting he completes

“My most popular work for the past several years has been my oil paintings on turkey feathers. They are hand-painted with small, soft brushes, then matted and framed under glass to ensure their longevity. They are primarily wildlife images, but I paint anything on a feather by request,” said Knudson.

A limited number of tickets are available and must be purchased in advance. Early bird ticket sales are available now for \$75 each or 2 tickets for \$125. Starting February 24, tickets will be \$85 each or 2 for \$150. Ticket sales end March 4. All attendees must be 21+. Tickets can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com. (Direct link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vip-musical-paint-party-with-andrew-knudson-tickets-258241907497>)

An online auction will open on Wednesday March 9th at noon and bidding will end on Tuesday March 15th at noon. Auction items and bidding instructions can be found on the Taube Museum of Art and Minot Symphony Orchestra Facebook pages as well as www.taubemuseum.org and www.minotsymphony.com. Event tickets are not required to participate in the online auction.

The Taube Museum of Art and Minot Symphony Orchestra are two of the nonprofit organizations that make Minot a special community. Your support would be greatly appreciated to help them continue to carry out their missions: To enrich lives through the visual arts and to provide opportunities for musicians and inspiration to patrons through education and the performance of diverse orchestral repertoire.

For more information, tickets, or sponsorships, please visit Taube Museum of Art or Minot Symphony Orchestra's Facebook pages or call 701-838-4445 or 701-858-4228.



MEMBER NEWS

SOUP IT UP! MARCH 5, 5-8 PM

Ready for a night of great local art and food? Soup it Up will be held MARCH 5, (new date!) 5-8pm at the Taube Museum of Art. This evening social will include a silent auction featuring local artists, food from local vendors, and a gift card raffle featuring the Starving Rooster, Grand Hotel, Off the Vine, the Blue Rider, Ebenezer's and more!. The first 80 attendees will receive a handmade ceramic bowl from the Minot State University Art Department! Participating businesses include but are not limited to: Kroll's, Souris River Brewing, Cookies for You, Minot Daily Bread, Atypical Brewery, Thai Hot, and Guilty Sweets!

During this wonderful evening of art and food, the Taube will have a special exhibition on display. The Members Only exhibition is comprised of 30 local artists, including works from: Susana Amundarain, Jay Gaare, Randall Lakoduk, Walter Piehl, Avis Veikley, Carol Fielhaber, Jamis Rose, Hannah Auer, Nancy Walter, Erica Jespersen, Karen Davidson, Conrad Davidson, Doug Pfliger, Rich Solberg, Leah Olson, Evalynn Boren, Jen Reichle, Susan Brekke, Nick Graham, Aili Davidson Smith, Koi the Creatrix, Rhonda Weninger, Charlie Lee, Linda Olson, Roxi Mathis, E.J. Rose, Amanda Schlieman, and Denise Walker.

Prices are \$20 for non-members and \$17 for members. Sign up for a new membership or renew an expired one and receive a \$10 ticket! Tickets can be purchased online through the Facebook event "Soup it Up! 2022," over the phone, or in person. Direct ticket link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soup-it-up-2022-tickets-251598607207?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse>

Museum and Gift Shop hours: Tues – Fri 10:30 – 5:30 pm, Sat 11:00 am – 4:00 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.

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MEMBER NEWS

THE FOUR PILLARS OF THE NEW RETIREMENT

Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Tom Miller, is hosting a seminar on the “Four Pillars of the New Retirement,” on Tuesday, March 15.

An extensive study by Edward Jones and Age Wave uncovered four essential “pillars” that can impact quality of life in retirement. To learn about these essentials and other eye-opening insights that can help prepare for the next chapter, please call 701-839-6339 by 03/15/2022.

Four Pillars of the New Retirement
March 15, 2022 - 7pm
Adult Learning Center
1609 4th Avenue NW

MINOT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF CHALLENGE GRANT

The Minot Area Community Foundation (MACF) recently ended their 4th Annual Food Pantry Challenge Grant. The Challenge Grant, which is made possible by The Arnold I. Besserud Fund, offers organizations the opportunity to earn extra dollars for area food pantries by collecting at least 1,000 pounds of food utilizing the Donation Station for their event.

This year's challenge took place from October 2021 through the end of December 2021 and included an extra incentive for participants. The organization that collected the most food would also be able to name one food pantry to receive an additional \$1,000 grant. This year, there were 8 organizations that participated in the challenge with 5 of those successfully collecting at least 1,000 pounds of food each.

The organization that collected the most pounds of food was Bethany Lutheran Church of Minot with 2,975 pounds. This is also the most food that has ever been collected in a single drive since the start of the challenge! The total collected from all participating organizations was 11,900 pounds resulting in an additional \$3,500 going back to our local food pantries.

Gerald Roise of The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry, “As the leadership team, we want to express our gratefulness to the MACF for encouraging churches, schools and businesses to support the needs of our community through food drives. The Donation Station has dramatically increased the pounds of food that the community generously gives.”

The Donation Station is available for organizations to utilize throughout the year and can be used for a variety of different causes and drives that benefit our local non-profit organizations. You can call The Minot Area Community Foundation at (701) 852-0646 for more information or to book the Donation Station.

MINOT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S POWER OF THE PURSE ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF BUS PASS CHALLENGE

The Minot Area Community Foundation's Power of the Purse Giving Circle launched a Bus Pass Challenge in December to help get bus passes into the hands of students who may be struggling to get to school. The challenge ran through the end of January.

Power of the Purse challenged community members to donate \$28 which is the cost of one monthly bus pass. The funds would then be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,040.

“Our goal was to donate \$10,080 so the school could purchase 360 monthly bus passes. We are extremely excited about the results and want to thank everyone who contributed and made the challenge a success,” said Chelsea Kirkhammer, Power of the Purse President.

MEMBER NEWS

HESS SUPPORTS THE MINOT PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Minot Public School Foundation received \$15,000 donation from Hess Corporation to support two key foundation programs.

The Back2Basics Program is a hybrid pantry program that ensures every student who needs help with basic needs receives support. Back2Basics works to meet basic needs in the school, improve student lives, and foster positive and healthy learning within the Minot Public Schools (MPS) District. This program works with the schools to identify basic unmet needs that interfere with learning and provide the needed resources. One of the program's main goals is to help mitigate the anxiety, tension, and pressures of the student's physical and emotional well-being so they can concentrate better in and outside of the classroom.

The Teacher Grant program accepts requests from teachers across the district and works to fill those requests for supplies and resources used in the classroom. Requests range from new educational programs and tools, technology, and other resources teachers see a need for in their classroom.



"Hess's support of these programs is helping our students, teachers, and our community. Following COVID, there was an increase in requests from our teachers which has continued to be the case for the last two years", said Danielle Rued, Minot Public School Foundation Executive Director. "Their donation will help Minot Public School teachers educate our students as they learn and grow."

The Minot Public School Foundation supports over 7,000 students and more than 1,900 staff members in Minot Public Schools with a vision to increase opportunities for all students by providing resources and support beyond regular educational funding.

Brent Lohnes, General Manager for North Dakota said, "Hess' mission is to be the most trusted energy partner wherever we operate and to make a positive impact in the communities where we live and work. The Minot Public School Foundation has created unique programs that provide direct assistance and meet the needs of teachers and students alike. We are proud to continue our support for education initiatives that meet community needs."

Hess Corporation is a leading global independent energy company engaged in the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas. Hess has maintained a presence in North Dakota since 1951 and is today one of the largest producers of oil and gas in the state. In the past several years, Hess continues the commitment to North Dakota by investing in community initiatives to strengthen education, workforce development, health and human services as well as support disaster relief. More information on Hess Corporation is available at <http://www.hess.com>.

For those interested in donating to the Minot Public School Foundation, please call 701.857.4555 or visit Minot Public School Foundation.

MEMBER NEWS

ASPIRE CREDIT UNION CELEBRATES 85 YEARS!

Aspire Credit Union is honored to be celebrating 85 years of service to the Minot and surrounding communities. Over the last eight and a half decades, we have seen great growth and change within our organization. Even with our growth, our service and commitment to our members has not faltered. Our staff, leadership and Board of Directors have all been committed to the vision to provide excellent service to our members earning their loyalty and serving and supporting the community.

In honor of our birthday, Aspire Credit Union hosted a party to celebrate. February 4, members enjoyed sweet treats, punch, and giveaways. In commemoration for this momentous milestone, the staff has committed to performing 85 acts of kindness within the community over the next 30 days.

“Giving back is part of the foundation this organization was built on. I am proud to see our staff dedicated to the community and the members we serve,” stated Mindee Kohlman, President and CEO of Aspire Credit Union.



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

ASPIRE CREDIT UNION DONATES \$10,000 TO THE MAGIC CITY DISCOVERY CENTER

Aspire Credit Union is proud to pledge \$10,000 for the Magic City Discovery Center towards their efforts on the world-class discovery center in Minot. Aspire Credit Union has concentrated its donations on projects which are impactful and focus on elements which align with the mission and vision of the organization. In this case, the Magic City Discovery Center brings economic, cultural and community development to the forefront with their project and goals.

Education is a strong value for the credit union. Aspire Credit Union's pledge was bolstered by the museum's commitment to incorporating STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) education into as many exhibits as possible. “The Magic City Discovery Center is going to be a great addition to the Minot community,” stated Mindee Kohlman, CEO of Aspire Credit Union, “we foresee many Members and staff bringing their children out to the center to learn and play.”

A check presentation took place on Thursday, February 24, at 9AM at Aspire Credit Union, located at 1430 South Broadway in Minot.



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MEMBER NEWS

ESSENTIALS FOR LEARNING GROWS WITH SECOND DELIVERIES

With their first deliveries being such a success, First Western Bank & Trust (FWBT) is growing the Essentials For Learning program and reaching more students than ever before.

In November of 2021, Essentials For Learning was revitalized. For the first time since 2018, this program that was founded to supply local schools with much needed items like snacks, extra clothing, head phones, hygiene products, and other necessities, made deliveries to two elementary schools in Minot: Washington Elementary and Sunnyside Elementary. Counselors at each school communicated with their teachers and identified high-need items that were in short supply. Those lists were delivered to FWBT, where staff members organized the purchase of as many items as possible and delivered them to both schools on Monday, November 29th, 2021.

The response was overwhelmingly positive. Students and teachers alike were extremely grateful, knowing that without the Essentials For Learning initiative some of the high-need items and materials would not have been available to them. Due to the positive feedback, FWBT reached out to more schools in an attempt to expand the project. This month, Essentials For Learning is now partnering with 6 schools to help fulfill their needs. Schools added in Minot include Longfellow Elementary and Jim Hill Middle School, while Glenburn Public School and Sawyer Public School were also added. Deliveries have been made to several of the partner schools already, with more deliveries being scheduled for later this month.

Essentials For Learning started as a class project in the Minot State University Roger Looyenga Leadership Program back in 2018 with a goal of providing hygiene items to schools in need. FWBT has expanded the mission of Essentials For Learning to include any items that would be considered high need, such as snacks, backpacks, winter clothing, items for special projects, etc.

First Western Bank & Trust employs over 330 people across 17 locations in North Dakota, Minnesota, and South Dakota.



MEMBER NEWS

TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$50,000 DONATION FOR RESILIENCY ROOM

Trinity Health Foundation recently received a \$50,000 donation from retired nurse, Joanne Quale, to aid in the creation of Trinity Health's Resiliency Room.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented effect on healthcare. In addition to the devastation it has caused, it has brought new challenges and demands to nurses, providers, and staff around the world. We are feeling it acutely at Trinity Health. Because of the nursing shortage, current nursing staff are working more shifts and longer hours to meet the needs of patient care. As we entered the second year of the pandemic, the extra challenges and work demands continued to take a toll physically and mentally on the nursing staff. It is critical for Trinity Health to provide more support to help nurses with the additional stress and potential burn out.

Karen Zimmerman, Trinity Health's Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Patient Care Services had the idea for the Resiliency Room and reached out to the Trinity Health Foundation for help with this project. "Covid has tremendously impacted our front-line staff, especially our newer nurses. They have seen things in a short-time that many of us only see over a lifetime. This has left many of them struggling with mental health issues (similar to PTSD) requiring therapy, sometimes medication, and support to help them cope. As I look at ways to help them, it was apparent that we do not have a place for people to go to truly regroup or take a "restful" break. Our breakrooms are often busy with several people in them; our lunch room is busy; and the chapel is not always the first choice for people. I wanted to create a serene space where people can go to refuel and refresh (even if it is for 5 minutes)" said Karen Zimmerman.

As a result, the Resiliency Room was created through a generous \$50,000 donation from Joanne Quale, a robust supporter of the nursing community and Trinity Health Foundation programs. The room is dedicated to Ruth Rexine, who has been a Trinity nurse for 50 years.

The Resiliency Room is a place where nurses can take a break, find respite, or just catch their breath. A room at the current hospital has been remodeled to include painting the room a soothing color, adding soft flooring, and furnishing it with two massage chairs with curtains draped between each chair for privacy. Trinity Health Foundation has also donated two electronic tablets downloaded with calming meditative apps. The room has also been stocked with a small fridge containing bottles of water and ice packs for the nurses. The furnishings in the room will be utilized now in the current hospital and will then be moved to the new campus in 2023, once opened.

Trinity Health Foundation was established in 1922 to assist in the establishment of the Trinity Hospital. Over the last 100 years, the foundation has been supported through the financial stewardship of individuals, families, foundations, corporations, civic clubs, and other organizations, with the purpose of significantly impacting healthcare and the quality of life in the region. Through generous donations, we are able to fulfill our mission of creating a system of care that provides the most significant impact on health and wellness throughout northwest North Dakota.



MEMBER NEWS

TRINITY HEALTH HIRES SENIOR DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Bruce Sepielli, a facilities manager with nearly 20 years of management experience, primarily in the healthcare sector, has been named Senior Director of Facilities Management for Trinity Health.

Sepielli will oversee facility operations across Trinity Health's care system, including maintenance, facility upgrades, space utilization, environmental systems and safety.

"Bruce will be a great addition to our team," said Dave Kohlman, Vice President of Facilities. "He brings significant experience that will be invaluable as we move into our new campus and continue to enhance our operational and physical environments to deliver outstanding patient care."

Originally from the greater Orlando, FL, area, Sepielli earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of Phoenix. He began his career in facilities management at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and Medical Center, an 881-bed teaching hospital in California. He went on to hold similar positions at healthcare facilities in California, Louisiana, Texas, and Virginia.

Most recently Sepielli served as the Director of Facilities Management for Medxcel central region in Indiana, working at Ascension Health's flagship facility in Indianapolis. During his tenure, he received multiple awards for sustainability actions and reducing energy usage. Prior to that he served as Regional Facilities Manager for CBRE Global Workplace Solutions, which delivered facility services for health systems in Texas and Louisiana.

Sepielli reports to Dave Kohlman, Vice President of Facilities Management, whose responsibilities for overseeing construction of Trinity's new healthcare campus will grow more rigorous as the Spring 2023 opening nears.



Bruce Sepielli

TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION ROARING 20s FUNDRAISING GALA SET FOR MARCH 26.

Trinity Health Foundation is excited to announce the Return to the Roaring 20s Fundraising Gala on March 26, 2022. This premiere event will be an opportunity to raise funds for the Foundation's \$15m capital campaign towards Trinity's new Healthcare Campus and Medical District.

They are taking a trip back in time to honor the glory days of the 1920s when it all started at Trinity. At this premiere Gala event they will reflect on Trinity's legacy serving patients in western North Dakota and eastern Montana for 100 years and celebrate the future of healthcare for area residents as they prepare to open their new Healthcare Campus and Medical District in 2023.

The Gala will be filled with 20s themed fun, music, opportunities for donating, auctions including the Purse-onalities auction, a VIP Speakeasy, and information about the new facility. Wear your finest formal, semi-formal or 20s themed outfit.

Social will begin at 6pm with dinner to be served at 7pm on March 26. The event will be held at the Sleep Inn & Suites event center.

To purchase tickets, sponsorships, make a donation, or for more information, visit trinityhealth.org/gala or contact the Trinity Health Foundation at 701.857.5432 or dusty.zimmerman@trinityhealth.org.

MEMBER NEWS



MINOT STATE OFFERING CLASSES IN NEWLY FORMED LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

Minot State University's Center for Extended Learning (CEL) has announced four classes as part of its inaugural offerings for the Lifelong Learning Institute.

The MSU Lifelong Learning Institute will feature classes from multiple departments throughout Minot State's curriculum. The first four classes offered are: Art and Architecture of the Middle Ages; Four Nights of Ceramics Open Studio; Hey, Where Did You Get That Shirt?; and Pickleball 101.

"We are excited to announce our new MSU Lifelong Learning Institute," said Amy Woodbeck, CEL education program coordinator. "The desire to learn never stops no matter the age and we have designed a fun and exciting list of classes. We will continue to add classes throughout the upcoming months, so keep checking the website."

The classes have a range of times, dates, and costs. To see the complete list of classes and to sign up to take a class, see the Lifelong Learning Institute [WEBSITE](#). More information on each of the first four classes offered is below.

Art and Architecture of the Middle Ages

- Instructor: Andrea Donovan, associate professor, art
- Date: March 12
- Time: 2-4 p.m.
- Location: Hartnett Hall
- Cost: \$10
- Description: The Middle Ages lasted from the fall of Rome to the beginning of the Renaissance. Why is it called the Middle Ages? What happened during these approximately 1,000 years in art history and architecture? How did the social, political, and aesthetic environment influence art and architecture? If you are interested in art and architectural history, this would be a great experience for you!

Four Nights of Ceramics Open Studio

- Instructor: Linda Olson, professor, art
- Date: Feb. 15, Feb. 22, March 1, March 8
- Time: 6-9 p.m.
- Location: Ceramics Studio, Pioneer Hall
- Cost: \$40
- Description: From beginner to advanced, join us in our Ceramics Studio for everything ceramics from basic wedging to wheel throwing to glazing! Limited to 10 participants.

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Hey, Where Did You Get That Shirt?

- Instructor: Micah Bloom, associate professor, art
- Date: March 21, March 28, April 4
- Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Location: Hartnett Hall
- Cost: \$35
- Description: Design and screen print your unique T-shirt. Have you wanted to use your own words or your own pictures and make a T-shirt? Now is your chance! This workshop will guide you through the design and production of an original, wearable art item. In three evening sessions, we will dream up an idea, prepare our materials, and print our own work. Bring your own T-shirts, tote bags, etc. to print.

Pickleball 101

- Instructor: Kevin Yale, instructor
- Date: Wednesdays, March 16-April 20
- Time: 10 a.m.
- Location: Wellness Center \$50
- Description: Learn the basics of Pickleball, a paddleball sport that combines the elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK & TRUST DONATES \$50,000 TO TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION

First International Bank & Trust (FIBT) recently donated \$50,000 to Trinity Health Foundation's Capital Campaign in support of the new medical complex under construction. The hospital and medical facility is projected to open Spring 2023 and will cost an estimated \$500 million. To contribute to the cause, the Trinity Health Foundation has committed to raise \$15 million through corporate and private donations throughout the region.

"One of our main bank values is to leave a mark on our communities. Supporting the efforts of the Trinity Health Foundation is a great way for us to help impact Minot and the surrounding area," says John Drady, First International Bank & Trust Central Market President. "FIBT is passionate about funding projects that create and sustain a strong community base. I can't imagine a better way to do that than by partnering with Trinity and contributing to the health and wellness of our community members."

"First International Bank & Trust's continued partnership with Trinity Health Foundation is a testament to their commitment to Minot and the residents living throughout the 20-county region we serve," Trinity Health Foundation Director, Dusty Zimmerman, said. "We are so grateful to FIBT and their generous \$50,000 contribution will kick start the \$15 million Capital Campaign we are undertaking. Our organizations share a deep-rooted legacy that speaks to North Dakota values and we are proud to continue that partnership."



MEMBER NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY AT KENWOOD ON 5TH APARTMENTS

Essential service workers in our community can still take advantage of North Dakota's Housing Incentive Fund program which brought affordable housing options to areas affected during the oil boom.

In Minot, Kenwood on 5th Apartments is one such community where lower rental rates are offered to individuals who qualify as essential service workers. Located in NW Minot, Kenwood on 5th offers open layouts with fully equipped kitchens, central heat and air, private patio/balcony and off-street parking. The building also features an elevator, community room, on-site laundry, and garages.

In May of 2020, the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, that oversees the HIF program, was able to expand its definition of essential service workers. The state previously defined Essential Service Workers as an individual employed by a city, county, school district, medical or long-term care facility, the State of North Dakota, or others as determined by the Agency who fulfills an essential public service.

NDHFA expended its ESW definition to include an individual employed by a city, county or tribal government, public school district, the State of North Dakota, the North Dakota National Guard, a medical facility, childcare provider, grocer, farming operation, or other employer as determined by the agency that provides an essential public service. Examples of eligible employers can include clinic, hospital, surgical, outpatient, dental care, hospice, long-term care, rehabilitation, pharmacy, medical supplier or other facility as determined by NDHFA.

Anyone interested in learning more about Kenwood on 5th and its ESW housing opportunity is encouraged to contact IMM at 701-852-3648.



NORTH DAKOTA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION STATE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD MARCH 15-16 IN MINOT

The Magic City Apartment Association is busy preparing to host this year's state apartment association conference to be held in Minot at the Sleep Inn on Tuesday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 16.

Last year's conference was held virtually (hosted by the Greater Grand Forks Apartment Association), so MCAA board members are excited to host an in-person event this year.

Being able to meet in person, and attend the conference, does present great opportunities for employee development, learning about industry updates, and an opportunity to visit with other property managers. The Supplier Trade Show provides the opportunity to visit and learn more about companies who offers products and services to our industry. MCAA is working to create a fun and informative conference with something to offer for anyone working in, or alongside, the property management industry.

Bob "Mr. Attitude" Prentice, is our main speaker this year. Mr. Prentice is a Business & Life Coach, Corporate Trainer, Motivational Speaker on a range of always evolving, business topics including: Customer Service, Leadership, Sales and Team Building.

On Tuesday evening, Encore Events will be bringing "The Feud" to attendees. It promises to be action packed, fun-filled game. MCAA's conference planners are hoping to see a lot of "friendly" competition amongst participating teams, so get those challenges out there to other people you'd like to "Feud" against. All teams are encouraged to pre-register their team of five. We can't wait to see who will claim the top spot!

MCAA looks forward to seeing everyone at this year's conference. Early registration is encouraged to take advantage of early bird registration rates. An association membership is not required to register, and attend, the conference. Those needing accommodations should contact the Sleep Inn in Minot. Please visit ndaa.net for more conference information.

MEMBER NEWS

SRT DIRECTOR EARNS NTCA LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Ardel Rice, a Director on SRT's Board since 2000, was selected as a 2021 recipient of the NTCA James L. Bass Director Life Achievement Award in the Excellence Awards program.

The Excellence Awards of NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association – recognize NTCA members who have shown exceptional commitment to their communities and the rural broadband industry.

Rice notably served as SRT's Board President from 2010-2012, an unprecedented time when a historic flood devastated the Minot area right as SRT's rural fiber project began. As President, he also led the Board through SRT's evolution from a telephone to a broadband company. When leading the Board's 2012 strategic planning, Rice identified key priorities such as anticipating area growth and significant broadband and Fiber to the Home projects. "Many of these priorities are still relevant today, which speaks volumes about the sustainability of Ardel's vision for our cooperative," said Cassidy Hjelmstad, SRT CEO/General Manager.



Ardel Rice

During his more-than-two decades on the Board, Rice has served on several subcommittees. Currently he is a member of the SRT Strategic Planning, Building, Board Retreat, Board Policy, and Compensation Committees.

"Whether running his farming business, raising a family with his wife, or supporting his community, Ardel has been a man of exceptional character and attitude," said fellow Director and previous Board President Allan Engh. "As his son Jay once told me, 'He's a man to look up to.' SRT is privileged to have Ardel on the Board and has benefited immensely from his wisdom and leadership."

Rice and other winners were announced at the Rural Telecom Industry Meeting & EXPO (RTIME) in February. "We are very fortunate to be surrounded by such talented and accomplished individuals in the telecommunications industry, and I am honored to be able to present them with the 2021 Excellence Awards," said NTCA Chief Executive Officer Shirley Bloomfield. "The winners exemplify the values of dedication, service and innovation in the work and in their communities. I want to congratulate and thank Ardel for his contributions to our industry."

A retired farmer, Rice resides in Mohall with his wife, Deanna. They have three sons and eight grandchildren.

SRT Communications, headquartered in Minot, North Dakota, is the state's largest telecommunications cooperative. Established in 1951, SRT employs nearly 200 people and serves more than 48,000 customers across north central North Dakota. SRT is committed to bringing the benefits of fiber to rural and urban communities alike and earned the distinction as a Certified Gig-Capable Provider in 2017. Services include internet, TV, phone, and security/surveillance systems for home and business.

NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association is the premier association representing nearly 850 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovative change in smart rural communities across America. In an era of transformative technological developments, regulatory challenges and marketplace competition, NTCA members are advancing efforts to close the digital divide by delivering robust and high-quality services over future-proof networks. Their commitment to building sustainable networks makes rural communities fertile ground for innovation in economic development, e-commerce, health care, agriculture and education, and it contributes billions of dollars to the U.S. economy each year. Visit www.ntca.org.

MEMBER NEWS

HALFTIME CHALLENGE RAISES FUNDS FOR AREA SCHOOLS

Throughout the 2022 high school basketball season, United Community Bank teamed up with South Prairie and United Public Schools to offer halftime challenges during season games. The challenges were developed with the goal to create a fun and unique opportunity to raise donations for non-athletic needs within the schools.

In total, four half-time challenges were held amongst the two schools during the high school boys and girls basketball games. All attendees at each basketball game had the opportunity to put their name in the bucket to be drawn for a chance to take on the challenge. With each contest, one-minute was set to the clock and the participant was challenged to a lay-up, free-throw, three-pointer and half-court shot. With each made basket a donation was made to the school's program of choice.

Each contestant, at all four games, made it through the three pointer, winning \$100 for themselves and \$800 for the school. The non-athletic points of donation were DLB's high school band and South Prairie's fine arts department. The participants included: Izaiah Bjerklie, DLB fourth grader; Kelly Schaefer, DLB fan; Brooklynn Mosser, South Prairie freshman; and Hayden Bohl, South Prairie freshman.

"We greatly appreciate the generous funds we received from United Community Bank for our developing drama program," says Paula Rauschenberger, South Prairie High School Drama Director. "The number of young actors and stage crew members that we have involved grows with every production and, the money we obtained from the halftime challenges at our sporting events makes it possible for us to purchase scripts, royalties, costumes, and tech equipment that we normally would have to borrow from other schools."



Jeana Rynestad, UCB & Izaiah Bjerklie



Brooklynn Mosser & Jennifer Hubrig, UCB



Janelle Weaver, UCB & Kelly Schaefer



Hayden Bohl

MEMBER NEWS

CHI ST. ALEXIUS HEALTH LEADERS HONORED BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR PATRIOTIC SUPPORT

CHI St. Alexis Health is proud to announce LeAnn K. Osadchuk, clinical coordinator, CHI St. Alexis Health and University of Mary School of Radiology, and Melissa Seelye, radiology imaging supervisor, received the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Patriot Award for the extraordinary support they provide to Specialist Cole Renner of the 957 Engineer Company, ND Army National Guard. Cole is a radiology technologist student and is currently deployed.

The Patriot Award was created by ESGR to publicly recognize individuals who provide outstanding patriotic support and cooperation to their employees who have answered their nation's call to serve. "Thank you to Melissa, LeAnn, and CHI St. Alexis for the support they have provided to Cole, allowing him to serve as a citizen soldier while also being a valuable team member at the medical center," states Lieutenant Colonel Derek Kuntz, North Dakota Army National Guard. Supportive supervisors are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation's Guard and Reserve units. "We certainly would not be able to accomplish our mission without the support of CHI St. Alexis and without great soldiers like Cole Renner."

"I am deeply honored and privileged to be receiving this award," states LeAnn. "We are honored that Cole chose to complete his internship in radiologic technology at CHI St. Alexis. When he returns from deployment, he will resume his position in the senior class. We look forward to his return."

"I am overwhelmed with gratitude to have been selected to receive this award," states Melissa. "We are very supportive of the National Guard and its mission. This is a team effort and we can't do it alone."

ESGR is a Department of Defense program that develops and promotes supportive work environments for service members in the National Guard and Reserve through outreach, recognition, and educational opportunities that increase awareness of applicable laws. ESGR also provides assistance in resolving conflicts between service members and their employers.



CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR STAFF WITH THE MINOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

One of the tricky parts of leading a business can be continuing education for staff. The Minot Public Library is here to help. Their digital resource, Universal Class, offers over 600 hundred online CE classes.

These courses are not just tutorials; they are real. They include lessons, exams, assignments, discussion boards, and actual assessments of your progress. Also, all courses are self-paced, which means you can learn when you want on your own time. You do not need to be online at a specific date or time.

Some areas of interest may be Accounting (30+ courses), Business (100+ courses), Career Training (100+ courses), Computer Training (40+ courses), Entrepreneurship (100+ courses), and Office Skills (100+ courses).

To utilize this resource, a Minot Public Library card and access to a computer are needed. For more information, contact the Minot Public Library at 701-852-1045.

MEMBER NEWS

CELEBRATE 90 YEARS OF JOHN WILLIAMS WITH THE MINOT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Minot Symphony Orchestra invites you to an evening celebrating one of America's most accomplished composers, John Williams, on Saturday, March 5th starting with a pre-concert talk from 6:30 to 7:00pm and music at 7:30 pm in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, located inside Old Main on the campus of Minot State University.

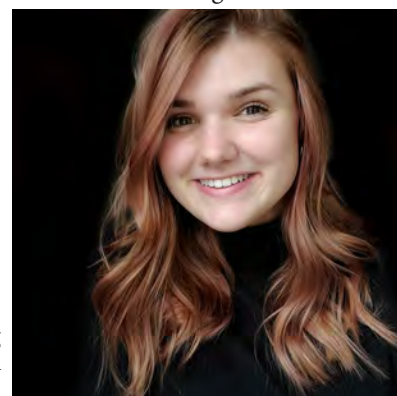
In a career that spans five decades, John Williams has become one of America's most accomplished and successful composers for film and for the concert stage. Mr. Williams has received a variety of prestigious awards, including the National Medal of Arts, the Kennedy Center Honor, the Olympic Order, numerous Academy Awards, Grammy Awards, Emmy Awards, and Golden Globe Awards. He remains one of our nation's most distinguished and contributive musical voices and has composed music and served as music director for more than one hundred films.

The symphony will perform some of Williams' most popular scores including *The Cowboys Overture* (1972), *Flying Theme* (from *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*, (1982)), *Theme from Jurassic Park* (1993), *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone Suite* (2001), and the *Star Wars Suite for Orchestra* (1977).

The concert will also feature the winner of the annual Minot State University Division of Performing Arts Honors Competition, Rachel (Dockter) Voth. She will perform Henri Tomasi's *Concerto for Alto Saxophone and Orchestra*. Voth was chosen through a live audition.

Rachel (Dockter) Voth is a Minot native and senior at Minot State University majoring in music education. Music has always been a big part of her life. She began taking piano lessons from her grandmother Arnola Levenson at 8 years old. Rachel won the North Dakota Music Teacher National Association (MTNA) Young Artist Performance for the Woodwind Division her Sophomore and Senior year. She has been a member of the MSU Big Dam Jazz Band, MSU Concert Band, chamber ensembles, MSU Concert Choir, and plays second violin in the Minot Symphony Orchestra.

"Rachel's work for the last four years has been aiming for an opportunity just like this. As a music education student, she spends as much time in the practice room as a performance major, earning her first prize at the North Dakota Music Teacher Association Young Artist competition in both 2019 and 2021. Her hard-earned technique is stunning, and her playing tells a captivating story. Henri Tomasi's tonal language evokes the best parts of the exoticism explored by his French predecessors Ravel and Debussy and his contemporary, Milhaud. In many parts of the concerto, interjected between virtuosic statements from the saxophone are heavy brass chords and lush, sensual string lines, lending a sense of epic. The overall effect fits right in with the sweeping scores of John Williams," said Charles Young Assistant Professor of Woodwinds and Director of Jazz Studies, Minot State University.



Rachel (Dockter) Voth

The evening will start at 6:30pm with a 30-minute pre-concert talk which will provide an engaging overview of the works being performed, the story behind the music, the composer, and historical context will be presented by Charles Young.

The Minot Symphony Orchestra will follow current COVID-19 guidelines as mandated by Minot State University. Social distancing and masks are not required at this time but are encouraged. This is subject to change as the COVID-19 pandemic changes. For patrons not comfortable attending a live performance, or are not able to travel, the performance will also be available via livestream.

Tickets start at \$25 for adults with senior and student discounts available. Individual tickets, and Flex Passes are available. A Flex Pass, which includes 6 concert tickets for the price of 5, can be used for multiple tickets to the same performance or spread out between performances. All tickets are available at www.minotsymphony.com or through the box office at 701-858-4228. Patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance.

The MSO season will conclude on April 30 and will feature the Heartland Marimbas, the 2022 Young Composers Competition winner, and Mahler Symphony No. 1.

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, Associate Professor of Music at Minot State University.

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.

MEMBER NEWS

ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION'S TWICE BLESSED RESULTS REACH \$1,664,887.63

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation shared results and distributed checks from the 5th Annual Twice Blessed Program. The Twice Blessed program is a matching gift program to double contributions given between November 15 – December 31 to pre-determined grant approved organizations. Checks totaling \$1,385,569.29 were distributed for projects that impact the mental, physical, spiritual and/or emotional well-being of people in the counties of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Ward and Wells. Another \$269,318.34 was donated to a variety of Agency Endowments within the Foundation with 5 new endowments created by donors for the following organizations: Minot Salvation Army, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc., Triangle Y Camp, Magic City Discovery Center and Souris Valley Care Center, Velva.

Contributors went to one website, -twiceblessednd.com-, to read about the mission and goals of each of the area organizations participating in the program. They donated through the website or sent contributions directly to the Foundation or to the participating organizations. No gift was too small and gifts were matched accordingly by predetermined amounts up to a grand match total of \$455,000 provided by St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation.

Area hospital and senior center needs, community swimming pool improvements, fire department equipment, university scholarships for students of nursing, social work and communication disorders, mental health programs, playgrounds, food pantries, summer theatre access improvements, summer camp opportunities, children's discovery center elevator and much more were impacted by the grants given.

"We are thankful for the many organizations, board members, staff and volunteers who work diligently in our region to secure a better quality of life by identifying and serving the needs in their communities." Shelly Wepler, President, SJCHF. "We are especially thankful to the hundreds of donors who made gifts during the Twice Blessed program. Their gifts make a big difference to many."

St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) public charity community foundation formed in June of 1998. The Foundation has awarded over \$11.3 million in grants to organizations for many worthwhile projects to assist with programs that address quality of life issues in our communities.



MEMBER NEWS

COMMUNICATION MATTERS LAB OPEN IN HARTNETT HALL

The broadcasting and professional communication department revealed its new Communication Matters lab located on the west first floor of Hartnett Hall during the Fall 2021 semester. The lab can be used by not only communication majors but anyone on campus that has communication research or work they need to conduct.

"It started with buy-in from all of our faculty who conduct research and do various teaching exercises on a daily basis," said Christina Paxman, associate professor and program coordinator for the professional communication department. "A lot of what we do is already done in our offices or classrooms, but we really need a space dedicated to all of those things that would have additional tools that we don't have. It's a teaching and research resource for students and faculty. The space can be used by members of other departments whose work resembles some aspect of communication."



The lab is mainly set up for research purposes or two-way communication, but has the ability to serve many other purposes for both students and faculty on campus.

"One of the great things about the lab is that we have three cameras that can allow us to videotape and analyze the communication from multiple perspectives. It also has a ceiling mounted microphone, a TV screen, and rolling stackable chairs," Paxman said.

"We've had all the chairs out and in a circle to conduct a focus group for my public relations class. And we've had the chairs stacked and moved to the side so a student can give a practice speech for intro to public speaking. Those are just a couple examples of what we do, but other things include one on one interviews with research participants, mock job interviews, guest lectures, and even teaching exercises."

The lab is also equipped with collaborative ultra for classes to use for a better learning experience.

"We have the ability to do an exercise in the lab while another class is linked in and observing online," Paxman said. "For example, when I'm teaching interpersonal communication, if students wanted to do an experiment about nonverbal communication and deception, they could create the experiment, have confederates and be running through that while another class is analyzing. It allows for a lot of creative teaching exercises and also interdisciplinary work across campus."

Although most of the work currently being done in the lab is specific to communication classes or research, Paxman hopes that as time goes on, the lab will be more versatile and students and faculty from other departments feel comfortable using the lab to their advantage.

"At any point along the way, students might have course work involved in the lab, and then it's also available to anyone across campus doing any communication related project. For example, if anyone studies science communication, this would be a great space to conduct that research. Lots of faculty do interdisciplinary research on this and other campuses," she said.

MEMBER NEWS

MINOT ASSOCIATION OF BUILDERS ANNOUNCE 2022 HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

The Minot Association of Builders is proud to announce the 2022 Home and Garden Show!

Join the Minot Association of Builders on March 4th and 5th at the North Dakota State Fair Center's Magic Place Room for the 2022 Home and Garden Show! The Home & Garden Show is designed for current or future homeowners who may be interested in purchasing, remodeling, decorating, or landscaping their homes! You'll be able to speak to experts about the newest home trends and products and be INSPIRED as you research all your home projects! Bring the whole family for events like the Ready Builders Lego Competition, painting "Casas on Canvas" with Ackerman-Estvold and the Magic City Discovery Center Kidzone! Take a rest with a cold drink at the Outdoor Living & BBQ Backyard Oasis Bar and take home a bit of spring with Succulent Make & Takes from Pockets Full of Posies. Plus, the first 500 kids will receive a free hard hat and hammer from Future Builders! A description of the events are below.

READY BUILDERS LEGO COMPETITION

Do you have a junior builder in the house? The Ready Builders Lego Competition is back again at the Home and Garden Show on March 4th at 6pm and March 5th at 10am and 2pm. Children ages 5-12 will create their dream home out of Legos! Pre-registration is available at www.minotab.com/lego

CASAS ON CANVAS PAINTING SESSIONS WITH ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD

Casas on Canvas will give your budding artist the chance to paint their very own house and let their creativity shine! The painting session will be held on Saturday, March 5th at 11:30am and again at 12:30pm with spots for 30 kids each session to paint the home of their dreams! Age recommendation is for children aged 5 to 12 years and pre-registration is available at www.minotab.com/casasoncanvas

MAGIC CITY DISCOVERY CENTER KIDZONE

Visit the Magic City Discovery Center at Minot's Home & Garden Show to build a bridge with popsicle sticks- how strong will it be? You can also design and build anything you want with our Rigamajig Construction Kit! A special reading of the book, "The House That She Built" will take place on Friday, March 4th at 4:30pm and Saturday, March 5th at 12pm inside the Kidzone. Hear this new story and enter to win an activity pack after the reading!

WIN BIG AT THE HOME & GARDEN SHOW!

All attendees will have the chance to enter to win a Klipsch 48" Sound Bar with Subwoofer (\$600 value!) and a Mikita Toolset, given away by Karl's TV & Appliances & Pioneer Metals, respectively. A Home & Garden Show Gun Raffle will also take place during the show. Visit the MAB Information Booth to preview 5 guns and purchase a ticket for just \$10. A limited number of tickets will be sold, and winners will be drawn at 3pm on March 5th.

WHERE'S HOMER? JOIN THE QUEST TO FIND OUR GNOME!

Homer is traveling the Home and Garden Show and blending in with the crowds! When you find him, take a picture and then visit the MAB booth to enter Homer's Grand Prize drawing! One lucky winner will take home a YETI cooler packed with goodies from our exhibitors!

The 2022 Home and Garden Show is open to the public on Friday, March 4th from 12 PM to 7 PM and on Saturday, March 5th from 10 AM to 4 PM. Admission is \$5, and kids 12 & under can enter for free. Attendees may stop in to Dacotah Bank locations in Minot, Rolla and Bowbells for a \$1 off admission coupon. Gooseneck Implement is also encouraging attendees to bring a canned food item to "fill the gator" in exchange for \$1 off admission. Military members and family may also save \$1 on admission by showing a valid military ID. (only one discount allowed per person.)

Visit our website www.minotab.com/homeshow or follow "Minot Home & Garden Show" on Facebook & Instagram for more details!

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6pm-6:45pm | Ready Builders Lego Competition

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will be serving drinks all day!

SATURDAY

10am-2pm | Pockets Full of Posies Make & Takes
10:30am-11:15pm | Ready Builders Lego Competition
11:30am-12pm | Casas on Canvas paint session - hosted by Ackerman-Estvold
12pm | "The House That She Built" book reading & activity pack giveaway in the Magic City Discovery Center Kidzone
12:30pm-1pm | Casas on Canvas paint session - hosted by Ackerman-Estvold
2pm-2:45pm | Ready Builders Lego Competition
3pm | Gun Raffle & Homer Search Winners drawn!

find out more!
WWW.MINOTAB.COM/HOMESHOW

MEMBER NEWS

SERTOMA CLUB OF MINOT SUPPORTS MINOT STATE DEAF MENTOR PROGRAM

Minot State University Department of Special Education is one of 72 programs nationwide to receive a 2022 Sertoma Club Grant. The grant will be used by the department to support its Deaf Mentor Program.

“MSU’s Deaf Mentor Program pairs trained Deaf mentors who are native American Sign Language users with students to enhance their language skills and cultural awareness. We are grateful for Sertoma’s support,” said Holly Pedersen, special education department chair.

The grant will help defray costs of the program and continue to provide Minot State students with an excellent educational experience. It marks the second straight year the program has received a Sertoma Club Grant.

Sertoma Club of Minot is part of the International Sertoma, Inc. family of local civic service clubs. A thriving nonprofit service organization that has been in existence for over a century, Sertoma is dedicated to improving the quality of life for those at risk or impacted by hearing loss through education and support. The Minot Sertoma Club has emphasized the sponsorships highlighted by the international organization including speech and hearing disorders, youth related activities, and heritage. Since 1959, the Minot Sertoma Club has donated more than \$1 million to the Minot community and area.

“Sertomans throughout the United States and Canada are dedicated to creating communities that serve the needs of many,” said Amy Ellington, Sertoma interim executive director. “We created this grant program to help members like Sertoma of Minot support community charitable programs and organizations.”

“A goal of Sertoma is to raise public awareness of hearing related issues. The number of people, the age ranges affected, and the health implications are much broader than the general public might suspect,” said David Gowen, Minot Sertoma Club president. “But there are things that can be done, like the work of MSU’s Deaf Mentor Program. And through better education of hearing health issues, Sertoma’s hope is that we can increase awareness and erase public stigma about hearing loss and make communication accessible to everyone.”

About Sertoma, Inc.

Headquartered and founded in Kansas City, Mo., in 1912, Sertoma, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit national service organization whose focus is assisting the more than 50 million people who struggle to or cannot hear, while also educating the public about hearing health. For more information about Sertoma and its community clubs, visit sertoma.org or call (816) 333-8300.

PHASE 1 OF FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The ongoing flood protection project has earned more national recognition. Phase 1 of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Plan received the 2021 Crown Communities Award from American City & County, a national organization dedicated to recognizing public projects and servants that have a substantial impact on constituents. Phases 2 and 3 earned a similar award last year.

“It’s an honor for me to be involved in a project of this magnitude because there are so many agencies and partners working together to provide protection for the Souris River basin,” said Dan Jonasson, director of Public Works for the City of Minot and a director for the Souris River Joint Board. “Phase 1 was a vital part of the entire project, and I’m happy to see the hard work and cooperation recognized.”

The City of Minot collaborates with many partners on the overall project, including the Souris River Joint Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Emergency Management Administration, the North Dakota State Water Commission, the Minot Park District, and the Ward County Water Board, as well as elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels.

The roughly \$43 million Phase 1 created new concrete floodwalls and other components, including approximately 3,000 feet of new roadway, 45,000 cubic yards of dirt, a new 190,000 gallon per minute pump station, a 40,000 gallon per minute sanitary lift station, and 18,000 feet of utility reconstruction.

Additional information on the award is available at americancityandcounty.com.

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



MEMBER NEWS

JLG ARCHITECTS' DOUGLAS LARSON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After 41 ½ years of architectural practice, JLG Architects' Douglas W. Larson announced his retirement, effective December 31, 2021. Larson has been a Principal Architect at JLG since 2012 when his Minot firm, Davison Larson Associates, merged with JLG Architects. He earned a Bachelor of Architectural Studies from North Dakota State University in 1979 and a Bachelor of Architecture in 1980. Larson was a Registered Architect in both North Dakota and Montana, a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), and Certified with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

Larson has led an accomplished career with specialized expertise in federal, state, commercial, educational, and civic projects throughout the Midwest and Western North Dakota. He has worked with government agencies, including the Department of Labor, the United States Postal Service, the Cities of Minot and Devils Lake, and the North Dakota National Guard.

Larson's career has encompassed all phases of architectural services including programming, design, cost analysis, construction documents, bidding, and construction observation. "It has been a privilege to be a part of the JLG family as it has evolved and grown," said Larson. "I am convinced JLG is making all the right moves to remain a leader in thought and design in this quickly changing world."

"A partner and Principal Architect with JLG, Doug's four-decade career has made a lasting impact on our firm, communities, and profession. And for all the evidence of his contributions to the built environment, his greatest legacy is the mentorship he has provided to the generations of emerging leaders who continue to follow his example of client and community service and engagement."

Michelle Mongeon Allen – CEO, JLG Architects



Doug Larson

Larson's Notable Projects:

Minot Public Schools: Longfellow Elementary, Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Perkett Elementary School, Edison Elementary School

Watford City Public Schools: Watford City High School, Watford City Elementary School

Ward County Office Building: Jail/Courthouse, Minot, ND

First Western Bank & Trust: Bismarck, ND

Rough Rider Center: Watford City, ND

Joe Alme Centre: International Music Camp, International Peace Garden, Dunseith, ND



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March 2022 - Chamber EDC Meetings and Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Lunch and Learn 11:30 a.m. SRT 3615 North Broadway	3 Start Up Minot Academy 8:30 am Carnegie Center Military Affairs Committee Noon Grand Hotel Ribbon Cutting 4:00 p.m. Truffle Shuffle - Dakota Square Ambassadors Committee 4:30 p.m. Best Kept Secret Sleep Inn & Suites	4	5
6	7	8 Eagle Award Presentation 10:00 am Chamber EDC Office	9 Chamber EDC Board of Directors 7:30 am Chamber EDC Office	10 Start Up Minot Networking 7:30 am Carnegie Center Start Up Minot Academy 8:30 am Carnegie Center	11 Infrastructure Committee 7:30 am Homesteaders Restaurant	12
13	14	15	16 YP Network Power Hour 5:30 pm Town & Country Center	17 Start Up Minot Academy 8:30 am Carnegie Center Gov. Affairs Committee 11:30 am Badlands Restaurant	18	19
20	21 Business After Hours 5:00 - 7:00 pm Whiskey Nine 109 West Central Ave	22	23 Right Start Presentation 9:50 am Minot Air Force Base Women Connect 4:00 pm The Arlene at Mouse River Players 115 1st St. SE	24 Midwest Economic Forecast Summit 8:00 am Delta by Marriot Fargo or Livestream Start Up Minot Academy 8:30 am Carnegie Center	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		