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MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC WINS DISTINGUISHED CIVILIAN HUMANITARIAN AWARD

MAFB 5th Bomb Wing Public Affairs
Abigail Kinder

The Minot Area Chamber Economic Development Corporation [MACEDC] was selected as the Air Force Global Strike Command winner of the 2022 Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award on Mar. 18, 2022.

Established in 1996 as a tribute to the contributions of Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher, the award honors private sector entities for their dedication to the wellbeing of service members and their families. Nominees display exceptional service and humanitarian concern for each branch of the military and are selected based on their generosity, patriotism and other merits.

For decades, the Minot Area Chamber EDC has supported Minot Air Force Base through advocacy and building a strong relationship between Airmen and civilians. They have secured millions of dollars for area youth education, flood prevention funds and thousands of dollars for Airmen morale programs. Through Airman Against Drunk Driving, Adopt an Airman, and other collaborative programs, the EDC focuses on promoting safety and wellness for TEAM MINOT. They also encourage civic leader engagement in several military events and have worked with base leadership, Key Spouses, First Sergeants, and the community to increase public awareness and garner support for Minot AFB and its mission.

The Chamber EDC was nominated by the 5th Bomb Wing with a recommendation from Maj. Gen. Andrew Gebara, 8th Air Force commander. After winning the award for AFGSC, the Chamber EDC will now compete for the award at the Air Force level.

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35TH ANNUAL PRAIRIE WARRIOR AUCTION

We need you! Our military play an important role in our nation and the morale of our troops is top priority. Could you take some time and attend our 35th Annual Prairie Warrior Auction? The time commitment is short, but the impact is longstanding.

The event has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 21 at the Grand Hotel starting at 5:30 p.m. The money raised goes to events that benefit the wellbeing of our troops and their families as they sacrifice for us every day.

Thank you to those who have already submitted a donation for the auction. The Chamber EDC can take items up until April 11, so if you haven't donated, we would love to add to the event.

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 to help underwrite picnics, family holiday events, Air Force competitions and other activities throughout the year.

Let's do what we can to enhance morale and well-being for the troops and their families at MAFB and attend the 35th annual Prairie Warrior Auction.

If you want to look at items early, or absolutely can't make it, you can bid online for silent auction items and even buy them right away. Starting April 18, go to <https://minotchamberedc.cbo.io> with the keyword minotchamberedc and start the bidding process!

35th Annual Prairie Warrior Auction

Thursday, April 21 | 5:30 p.m.

Grand Hotel | 1505 North Broadway

\$20 charge at the door

Includes food. Cash bar.

*Don't want to wait in line? Buy your tickets today at
www.minotchamberedc.com and go to April 21 on the calendar.*



MINOT AREA
CHAMBER EDC

BUSINESS

After Hours



MARCH BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT LEGACY HEALTH CLINIC | 1324 20th Ave SW

Thursday, April 28 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Let's support our new member and enjoy an evening networking with other Chamber EDC members. Find out what Legacy Health Clinic has to offer, enjoy some delicious food and prizes as well.

See you Thursday, April 28 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Legacy Health Clinic at 1324 20th Ave. SW, \$5 charge at the door

CITYWIDE CLEANUP SET FOR FIRST WEEKEND IN MAY

Teams needed to clean up entrances May 6 & 7

The Minot Area Chamber EDC Citywide Cleanup is set for Friday, May 6 and Saturday May 7. The snow has melted, finally! But it has uncovered something we don't want to see: trash, and plenty of it. That's why the Minot Area Chamber EDC Project CLEAN (Community Leaders Enhancing Area Neighborhoods) Committee holds its annual Citywide Cleanup, to prepare our community for visitors this summer. Chamber EDC member investors are asked to clean up around their buildings and to provide volunteers to clean the city entrances.

Please send a team captain to the Chamber to pick up garbage bags and sign up for a location. Then be sure to have gloves and head on out on Friday, May 6 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and fill up the trash bags. Once they are filled, place them in a pile or two along the roadway and the city crews will pick them up. Thanks to the City of Minot for supplying the garbage bags! Let's make Minot shine!

SAVE THE DATE - MAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Mark your calendar for the final Business After Hours for the spring!

May Business After Hours

Circle Sanitation | 105 34th Ave NE

Thursday, May 26, 2022 | 5-7 pm

TEG ARCHITECTS



POWERING GROWTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Verendrye Electric Cooperative is proud to support our growing economy. Whether it's for the new Trinity Health campus providing care for the region, Minot Air Force Base defending our nation, the Logistics Park shipping goods to the world, or the many new developments in the Minot area — we're there with reliable electric power. Visit our website to learn more about ways we power our communities, including the available Revolving Loan Fund for rural job development.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative
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**Verendrye
Electric
Cooperative**

MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC CONTINUES TO CO-HOST MIDWEST SUMMIT

Featuring national and regional experts in agriculture, energy, and technology

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

Agriculture (May 3)

Cybersecurity & Tech (August 2) | Energy (November 1)

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 on [this page](#).

LUNCH & LEARN SET FOR MAY 25

Building Culture

Why do some organizations thrive while others struggle? Why do some businesses build loyal employees and customers while others have difficulty attracting either? Much of the answer lies in the culture you establish. Culture impacts all aspects of your organization from hiring and retaining employees, to customer service, to how well you weather a crisis. This session will address intentional and unintentional culture, and the steps you can take to ensure that your organization's culture is something of which you can be proud.

Jim Sturm

Jim Sturm has been teaching leadership for more than 30 years, before it was fashionable. He served as a Vice President for Student Life, Vice Provost for Leadership Development, and Dean of Students for 17 years. He has worked with college students, businesses, and all types of organizations to help them develop their leadership potential. He holds a Master of Education degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Currently, he serves as Director of the Looyenga Leadership Center at Minot State University.

Wednesday, May 25 – 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Minot State University Conference Center

Cost: \$15 for lunch

RSVP www.minotchamberedc and click on the date.

THANK YOU WHISKEY NINE!

Thank you to Whiskey Nine for opening their doors for the March Business After Hours!

Wonderful food, drinks, golf, and fun!



Photos courtesy of Whiskey Nine



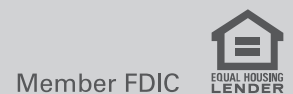


Happy Easter

Happy Easter from your First International Bank & Trust family!
We hope you enjoy spending time with your family and friends
during this new season.



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START UP MINOT

MARCH SPEAKERS AT STARTUP MINOT FOCUS ON WINE AND ART

The monthly Start Up Minot business showcase/networking event in March featured two entrepreneurs with unique backgrounds.

Katie Dotson, previously Abrahamson, was born and raised in Minot and was the first speaker at the event. She attended Minot State University and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with an emphasis in Graphic Design, and a Bachelor of Arts with an emphasis in Photography, a minor in Marketing, and an Honors concentration. She currently works as a Marketing Director on the Minot Air Force Base and outside of her daily job creates freelance commissions, screen prints, and apparel – her creations are more often than not based around pop culture, references to the Midwest, cats, and other things she enjoys! She shared with the crowd at the Carnegie Center that she values her opportunity to work on her “side” entrepreneur gig when she has time and doesn’t let the potential stress of this being a full-time job bog her down.

Eric Hansen, owner and operator of Urban Winery in downtown Minot, has more than 35 years of experience as a commercial/industrial painter. Now, he can say that he has returned to his first love, painting on canvas, and can add vintner (winemaker) to his list of accomplishments. Hansen shared with the 30+ attendees that he considers Urban Winery his “rocking chair” job, as something that keeps himself productive after a long career in commercial painting. Hansen is a transplant to the state, moving here from the Minneapolis area in 2012.

To view their presentations go to the [Start Up Minot Facebook](#) page (like and follow it!) and pull up the video from March 10.

We hope to see you in person at the Carnegie Center on April 14, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. for our next free public event. Scheduled speakers include Kayla Goetz, who recently opened an Edward Jones Financial Office in Town and Country Center, and Becky Doizaki, owner of The Truffle Shuffle that just opened at the Dakota Square Mall food court.

Join us for free coffee and donuts, great presentations and a chance to network with fellow business-minded individuals.





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- Warehouse ✓

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**420 3rd Ave SW (NE side of
building)**

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Promote Yourself!**

Job Service is an equal opportunity employer/program provider. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Young Professionals Network

Paint n' Sip Party

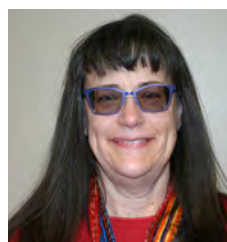
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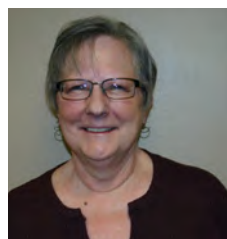
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CHILDREN'S TOYS & BOOKS

EAGLE AWARDS

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



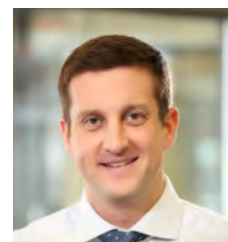
Karen Iverson
CVS Pharmacy



Linda Randolph
The Lord's Cupboard



Todd Fetting
Coldwell Banker/1st
Minot Realty - Volunteer
for Meals on Wheels



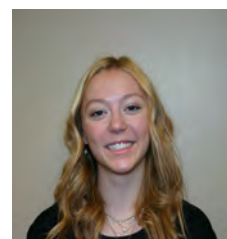
Dr. Michael Weisner
Minot Dental Partners



Arnold Buado
Trinity Health



Dr. Blendi Cumani
Trinity Health



Sylvia Cowper
Minot Family YMCA

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

RIBBON CUTTINGS



THE TRUFFLE SHUFFLE

2400 10th Street SW | Dakota Square Food Court
Minot, ND 58701

701-833-6732

thetrufflesuffle21@yahoo.com

Rebekah Doizaki, Owner

Minot Chamber EDC Ambassadors cut the ribbon at The Truffle Shuffle in Dakota Square at the food court. Enjoy a tasty treat, or send some to a friend, co-workers and family.



WHISKEY NINE

109 Central Ave W

Minot, ND 58703

701-837-1090

www.whiskeyninend.com

Owners: Kevin & Kalli Black,
Andrew & McKenna Gudmunson, Jeremy & Misty Mahany,
Jason & Marie Sanders

Whiskey Nine is a gourmet eatery and golf simulator bar & restaurant in Downtown Minot! They are open to all ages, have a full lunch and dinner menu, and rent simulator bays by the hour. Check out their website to book a simulator and explore the expansive menu!

NEW MEMBERS

Ward Title Company

1370 20th Ave. SW, Minot

Marie Hallof, Closing Officer

(701) 838-4000

www.fmtitlecompany.com

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Ward Title is an attorney owned and managed title company servicing ALL counties in ND!

FullTilt Marketing

Melinda Goodman, President

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FullTilt Marketing is a full-service marketing agency specializing in brand management, public relations and digital marketing while also offering a full suite of traditional marketing services.

MEMBER RENEWALS

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AE2S (Advanced Engineering & Environmental Services)

AFLAC - Cassie Loard

Aksal Group, LLC

All American Trophies & Screen Printing

Allstate Insurance Company,
The Kim Albert Agency

Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC.

Ask Performance & Fitness, Inc.

Broadway Bean and Bagel Co.

Broadway Family Dentistry

Community Options, Inc.

Culligan Water Conditioning

Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Inc.

Don Bessette Motors, Inc.

Ebenezer's Eatery & Irish Pub

Edward Jones Financial Advisor:
Brenda Cook

Edward Jones Financial Advisor:
Mark Kohlman

Edward Jones Financial Advisor:
Ginger Neshem Quam

Electrical Workers Union #714

Elite Real Estate

Gate City Bank

Grand Hotel

Team Resources Inc--dba H & R Block

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham

Heritage Insurance Services

Home of Economy

Horace Mann

Independence, Inc.

Keller Williams Inspire Realty

KMOT - TV/West Dakota Fox

Dr. Tyrone O. Langager

Law Office of Diane K. Lautt, PLLC

Magic City Beverage

Magic City Discovery Center

Mi Mexico

Minot Area Homeless Coalition

Minot Health & Rehab

Minot Housing Authority

Nelson & Sons

North Country Mercantile & Equipment

Optical Outlook

Professional Hearing Services

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Outdoor Comfort Solutions

Team Consulting LLC

Trinity Health

Worthington & Schultz, PC

Souris Valley Animal Shelter

MEMBER NEWS

ASPIRE CU CELEBRATES 85 YEARS WITH 85 ACTS OF KINDNESS

Aspire Credit Union commemorated two milestones during the month of February. They celebrated their second birthday as Aspire Credit Union, as well as 85 years in business in the Minot community! In commemoration of their time in the Minot Community, their team committed to '85 Acts of Kindness' throughout the month to give back.

Kindness can have varying degrees of impact and reach. Some small, some large, and one even stretched across the globe to a deployed member. During the month they completed several acts on "Random Acts of Kindness Day" on February 17. They distributed local gift cards to 20 random people throughout the community and they delivered 10 packages of fresh-baked cookies to individuals, offices, and some members, too.



Aspire CU hosted a community movie night February 24, providing 230 free tickets for the showing of Disney's Encanto at Oak Park Theater. Most importantly, throughout the month there were over 55 hours clocked volunteering in the community giving kindness in the form of their time.

Aspire Credit Union, formerly Prairie Federal 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.

Acts of Kindness Celebrated:

- 20 Gift cards distributed on Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 10 Cookie packs delivered on Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 11 Volunteers at Backpack Buddies 8 Volunteers at Meals on Wheels
- 8 School visits from staff volunteering with Junior Achievement
- 6 Volunteers at the Souris Valley Animal Shelter
- 4 Staff wrote Pen Pal letters to local kids
- 3 Church Nursery Assistance
- 2 Monetary donations to local non-profits
- 1 Community Movie night for 230 individuals!
- 1 20.5 Hours of Volunteering at wrestling Tournaments
- 1 One Staff Member donated a pair of shoes to someone who needed footwear.
- 1 Ice cream for a kiddo at Dairy Queen
- 1 Providing extra assistance for someone in need after a loved one passing
- 1 Food Pantry Waste Cleanup
- 1 Tea and shake purchased for a community member
- 1 4 hours volunteering to do Church school teaching
- 1 6 hours of helping the Minot Scouts with their Chili feed
- 1 \$10,000 Commitment to the future Magic City Discovery Center
- 1 Member Birthday Surprise
- 1 Post-surgery support of a member
- 1 Care package sent to a deployed Member

MEMBER NEWS

LOCHTHOWE PROMOTED AT TOWN & COUNTRY CREDIT UNION

Mallory Lochthowe was recently promoted at Town & Country Credit Union. As the Loan Servicing Supervisor, Mallory is now leading the Credit Union's consumer and business loan servicing teams across all markets.

Originally from Minot, Mallory joined the credit union in 2011 and has held multiple positions since then. Most recently, she served as the Loan Servicing Supervisor for consumer lending. She holds bachelor's degrees in Management, Marketing and International Business from Minot State University. Mallory is based in our Minot Main office.



Mallory Lochthowe

ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD WELCOMES ZEB PULKINEN AS ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST AND DUSTIN GRANDBOIS AS CIVIL ENGINEER

Zeb Pulkinen has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as an Environmental Specialist. Pulkinen graduated from Minot State University, Minot, North Dakota, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. Pulkinen is also trained as a Civil Engineering Technician with a strong understanding in construction plans and inspection. Zeb will have a focus on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and will provide environmental expertise on a variety of projects throughout the region.



Zeb Pulkinen

Dustin Grandbois has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Fargo office as a Civil Engineer. Grandbois earned Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota. Dustin has experience in environmental design and review and in hydrology design. His main focus will be in transportation and water resources and will serve clients throughout the region.



Dustin Grandbois

Ackerman-Estvold is a professional engineering and architectural firm headquartered in Minot, ND, with an additional office location in Fargo, ND, Williston, ND 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.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR ANNOUNCES CONCERT LINEUP FOR 2022

Kid Rock with special guest Night Ranger, Cody Johnson, Elvie Shane, Will Banister, Old Dominion, Koe Wetzel & Nelly, and Sam Hunt will be at the 2022 North Dakota State Fair to be held July 22-30. The Demolition Derby and Mandan Hidatsa Arikara (MHA) Indian Horse Relay will be held in the grandstand as well and the Bull Riding Challenge and Ranch Bronc Riding will be held in the North Dakota State Fair Center again this year. Tickets went on sale March 24, to purchase go to <https://ndstatefair.com/> and click 'Get Tickets'.

MEMBER NEWS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ADDS BULLSEYES TO ANNUAL EVENT

The Minot State University Alumni Association has added Bullseyes to its annual Beavers and Brew events.

The Alumni Association will host Beavers, Brew, and Bullseyes on Saturday, April 9 starting at 7 p.m. at Up Your Axe in Minot. The event is limited to 42 people as seven axe throwing lanes can hold six individuals.

“These local events are always fun,” said Janna McKechnie, MSU director of alumni and annual giving. “It’s a great opportunity to enjoy what our community has to offer and partner with a fantastic local business. We are excited to bring this next version of the Beavers and Brews series to Up Your Axe!”

The Beavers and Brew series original concept was born from International Beaver Day and National Beer Day falling on the same date (April 7 in 2022). The Alumni Association has partnered with local businesses to celebrate both dates including Beaver, Brew, and Burgers and Beavers, Brew, and BBQ.

The 2022 event will be at Up Your Axe, Minot’s original axe throwing venue, located at 21 East Central Avenue in Minot. Up Your Axe is an official venue of the World Axe Throwing League.

Teams of six can sign up prior to the event as well as pairs and individuals. Groups without six will be paired at random. Ticket price will include two hours of axe throwing, burger and fries from Iron Horse Kitchen and Bar, a draft beer, and a Beavers, Brew, and Bullseyes T-shirt.

Tickets are \$60 per person and are available ONLINE. For more information, contact McKechnie at 701-858-3373.

ABOUT MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Minot State University is a public university dedicated to excellence in education, scholarship, and community engagement achieved through rigorous academic experiences, active learning environments, commitment to public service, and a vibrant campus life.

VERENDRYE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE DONATES TO TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Trinity Health Foundation is excited to announce it was recently presented a \$25,000 donation for the new Trinity Healthcare Campus and Medical District Capital Campaign from Verendrye Electric Cooperative. Verendrye representatives Randy Hauck, Manager, and Tom Rafferty, Member Services Manager, presented the check to Trinity Health Foundation Director, Dusty Zimmerman, and Development Officer, Jamie Swenson.

“Community partners such as Verendrye Electric are critical to the success of the Capital Campaign,” Zimmerman indicated. “Trinity Health has been a community focused business and healthcare provider in the 20-county region we serve for 100 years. Organizations like Verendrye Electric will give us the ability to serve our community for 100 more years and we’re grateful for their continued support.”

“The work people do at Trinity to take care of others is essential and Verendrye Electric is happy to help with a donation for the new hospital,” Hauck said. “This is one of the most important advancements in health care our region has ever seen and we are excited to be a part of it.”

Trinity Health Foundation recently launched the HealthCare Campus and Medical District Capital Campaign to raise \$15,000,000 to support the \$520,500,000 project. In the early stages of the campaign, Trinity Health Foundation has raised \$3,400,000. Donations are being sought from regional and national foundations, corporate donors, private donors, and Trinity Health staff through fundraisers.



Tom Rafferty, Jamie Swenson, Dusty Zimmerman, Randy Hauck

MEMBER NEWS

FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK & TRUST ANNOUNCES EIGHTH ANNUAL LIVE FIRST COMMUNITY GIVING CAMPAIGN

First International Bank & Trust (FIBT) is proud to announce its Eighth Annual Live First Community Giving Campaign. Charitable and community organizations are encouraged to apply for awards totaling up to \$43,000.

Who can apply?

Any organization benefiting the communities served by First International Bank & Trust. This includes non-profit organizations, community groups, classroom initiatives, etc. If you can demonstrate value to the community, you can apply for a Live First Community Grant!

What's at stake?

- Grand Prize: One grant of \$15,000
- Rising Star: Up to five grant winners will be selected from across our footprint to receive \$5,000 each. This grant is designed for supporting a new non-profit organization or new initiatives from an existing non-profit that need a little kick-start.
- Social Media Star: Three grants of \$1,000 each will be awarded based on the most likes on each organization's original photo on the FIBT Facebook page.

How and when can I enter?

An online entry form will be available beginning Wednesday, March 30th through Thursday, April 14th. Watch our FIBT social media channel for links, details, and more information on how you can support your chosen organization.

Additional details and official rules can be found on the First International Bank and Trust website (FIBT.com) and by visiting the First International Bank & Trust Facebook page.

KLJ PROMOTES JESS KARLS TO ASSOCIATE VP OF TRANSPORTATION

KLJ Engineering (KLJ) is proud to announce that Jess Karls will now serve as Associate Vice President of Transportation. In this role, she will oversee the client management of the company's transportation services. Specifically, Karls will focus her efforts on helping support the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), ensuring projects are delivered effectively and efficiently, utilizing all infrastructure-related services KLJ provides. "Jess has vast experience working on a variety of projects. Focusing her efforts on one of the company's longest-standing clients helps ensure we are continually providing the exceptional experience our clients expect," said Mark Anderson, Senior VP at KLJ.



Jess Karls

Karls, who works from KLJ's West Fargo, ND location, joined the company in 2007 and most recently served as a production director and department manager for KLJ's civil transportation department. She is a registered engineer in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Montana. Karls earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University. She is also an avid member and volunteer of the community serving as volunteer with Engineers Without Borders, Introduce a Girl to Engineering, and FM Engineers.

MEMBER NEWS

CITY OF MINOT SWITCHING TO NEW UTILITY BILLING SYSTEM ON APRIL 18

The City of Minot's new utility billing system will go live on April 18.

Current City utility customers who use electronic bank transfer or recurring credit card payments will need to create a new account when the new system begins operating, according to Finance Director Dave Lakefield. Accounts can only be created once the new system is in use.

"The new system includes features that make viewing bills and paying online much more convenient," Lakefield said. "This will be a major improvement for our customers, but they will need to create a new account to access the system. If you aren't currently using electronic methods to pay your City utility bill, April 18 is the start of an excellent opportunity to make the switch to online billing."

Under the new system, customers will have options to perform a variety of functions, including ways to view a bill online, link a bank account for auto pay, link a credit card for recurring payments, and make one-time credit card payments. Customers will still have options to pay bills by mail and by phone.

The City will provide updates and information to utility customers regarding the new system, Lakefield said. Information will be distributed through the City of Minot's website at minotnd.org, on City social media pages, in the twice-monthly electronic City newsletter, and in letters included with monthly utility bills. For additional information contact the Public Information Office at 701-857-4727 or by email at pio@minotnd.org

TIM WEARS MANY HATS SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO

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ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD'S CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT SERVICES WILL KEEP IT ALL
RUNNING SMOOTHLY BY COORDINATING BUDGETS,
SCHEDULES, MATERIALS, AND MORE.
CONTACT TIM TO DISCUSS YOUR NEEDS.
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MEMBER NEWS

UFF DA: THE FOLK ART OF EMILY LUNDE

NORTH DAKOTA MUSEUM OF ART ANNOUNCES NEW RURAL ARTS TRAVELING EXHIBITION
TAUBE ART MUSEUM | APRIL 2 - APRIL 23, 2022

Emily Wilhelmina Dufke Lund was born in northern Minnesota and, as she says, "with a handle like that you had to have a sense of humor." Laurel Reuter, Director of the Museum says of this North Dakota folk artist: "Were the people of North Dakota to name their living treasures, Emily Lund would certainly be among them. She is one of the state's eminent folk artists and unofficial cultural historians." As both artist and author, Mrs. Lund has recorded the life of Scandinavian immigrants settling the prairies and small towns of the Red River Valley during the early 20th century.

Mrs. Lund did not begin to paint until the 1950s and always painted from memory. Her oils are widely collected. Dr. Robert Bishop, the late Director of the Museum of American Folk Art in New York City, personally gave over forty of her paintings to the Art in Embassies program for loan around the world.

I amaze myself when I think about what I was doing at the time. I was between five and ten years old when I perceived these things that went into my paintings. I was analyzing the adults. I guess you can't fool children as much as you want to.

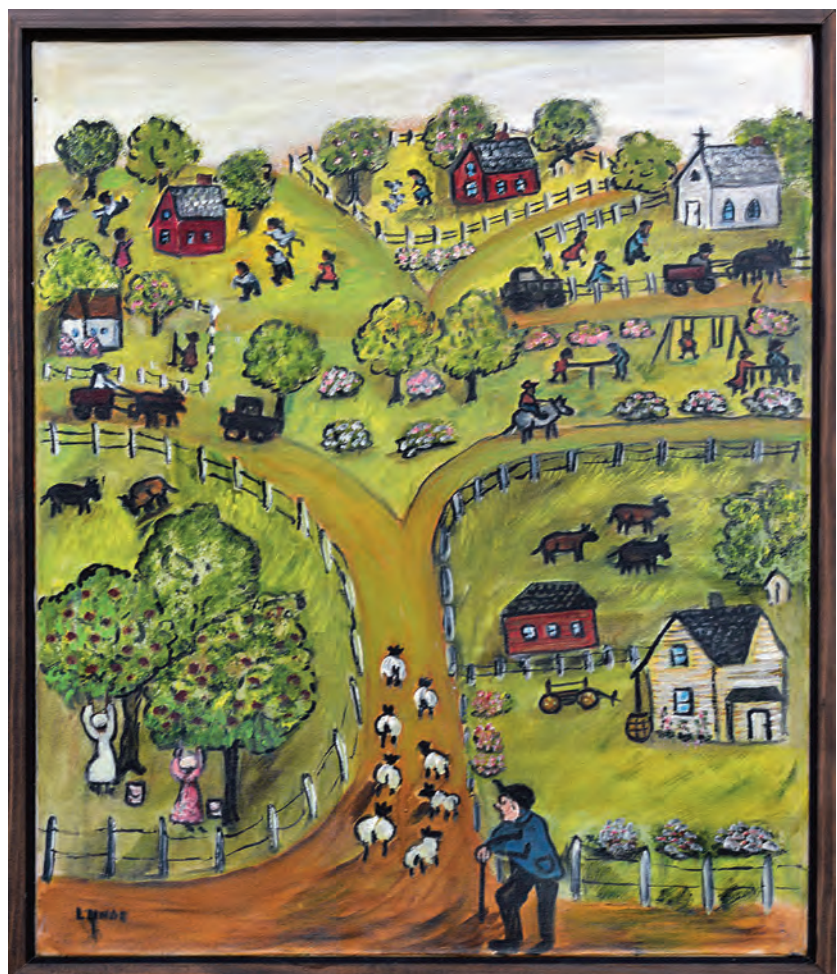
— Emily Lund

Rural Arts Initiative

The North Dakota Museum of Art is the State's official art museum. As it is located in Grand Forks, it can be difficult for schools to plan day trips to the Museum. Due to the great distances some schools face, the Museum started touring exhibitions to towns throughout North Dakota through its Rural Arts Initiative program, which started in 2003. Since then, exhibitions have been installed in all corners of North Dakota, including smaller towns such as Crosby, Pekin, and Bowman, and larger cities such as Jamestown, Fargo, and Bismarck. The Museum's Education Department delivers, installs, and de-installs exhibitions of original artwork free-of-charge to North Dakota communities.

A Primary goal of the Museum's Rural Arts Initiative program is to provide North Dakota schools with quality arts education opportunities. The Museum works with community members to bring schools within a 50 to 60-mile radius of the exhibition site to participate in this unique arts education program. To assist schools with out-of-pocket expenses, the Museum offers travel reimbursements for North Dakota schools wishing to participate. Lesson plans and activities are also available for free download on the Museum's website.

North Dakota Museum of Art: Rural Arts Initiative



Emily Lund, 1914 - 2003. Serene Village, 1987. Oil on canvas. Collection of the North Dakota Museum of Art

UFF DA: THE FOLK ART OF EMILY LUNDE

TOURING EXHIBITION FUNDED BY THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA SHOWING AT

TAUBE ART MUSEUM

April 2, 2022 — April 23, 2022

Tuesday — Friday: 10:30 am - 5:30 pm

Saturdays: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

This traveling exhibition is part of the Rural Arts Initiative, a program dedicated to touring exhibitions of original artwork throughout North Dakota.
North Dakota Museum of Art | Grand Forks | 261 Centennial Drive | 58202 | ndmou.com | 701.777.4195

MEMBER NEWS

VARDON GOLF CLUB GENERAL MANAGER ANNOUNCED

The Vardon Golf Club is excited to announce that Ray Cook has been promoted to General Manager of the Club. Ray joined the Vardon back in the Spring of 2020 as manager of the Bar & Grille and has made a significant impact from day one. Prior to coming to the Vardon, Ray spent ten years as General Manager at Paradiso and brings more than thirty years in food/beverage and managerial experience to the Vardon.

Ray's new role will further coordinate the member/player/guest experience on and off the course. As the Vardon continues to evolve and grow, Ray will provide a new continuity in the ongoing efforts to make the entire Vardon experience better every season. Along the lines of continuity, Todd Lee remains the Club Pro and Pro Shop Manager while Bruce Ruppert will continue to lead the groundskeeping team. The Club is expecting the return of the vast majority of our outstanding staff for 2022 who will work closely with Ray, Todd and Bruce on continuing improvements to the course, amenities, facilities and the overall member and guest experience.

GRABOW JOINS HOUSTON ENGINEERING, INC.

Tessa Grabow joins Houston Engineering, Inc.'s (HEI) Minot team as an Administrative Assistant. Tessa will be the friendly face greeting clients, leading the daily operation of administrative duties, coordinating social events for the Minot team, and assisting technical staff with preparing reports and other client deliverables locally and cross-office, as needed.

A native of Minot, Tessa earned a general education degree from Minot State University. Tessa previously worked as an Administrative Assistant for the forestry department at the Minot Park District, which has helped her hone her skills to support smooth day-to-day operations.



Tessa Grabow

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MEMBER NEWS

PUT YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN TO WORK

Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Tom Miller, is hosting a seminar on retirement April 5. It can mean different things to different people. Maybe you want to travel, volunteer, start your own business or go back to school.

Taking advantage of an employer sponsored retirement plan is one way to help prepare for whatever kind of retirement you have ahead.

This session will discuss:

- The importance of saving for retirement
- How to save through your employer-sponsored plan
- Other tax-advantaged options for building your retirement savings.

Put Your Retirement Plan to Work

April 5, 2022 – 7p.m.

Adult Learning Center

1609 4th Ave NW

Call 701-839-6339 by April 5 to reserve your spot.

DAKOTA BUSINESS LENDING WELCOMES SCOTT SCHAKE

DAKOTA BUSINESS LENDING'S NEWEST PORTFOLIO MANAGER

Dakota Business Lending is pleased to welcome Scott Schake to their team as a Portfolio Manager. Based out of the Fargo office, Schake will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all agency rules and regulations and managing the organization's overall loan portfolio from closed/funded to pay off. He will also be working to respond to all servicing related re-quests and oversee all required compliance and credit needs.

A native of western Minnesota, Schake has spent a majority of his career in lending and economic development and brings with him over 18 years of experience at a 504 certified development company like Dakota Business Lending, 10 years in commercial banking, and eight years as a small business owner. He has joined the Dakota Business Lending team to assist with managing their portfolio, offer his expertise, and help provide financing opportunities to small businesses across North Dakota, Montana, and western Minnesota. He was drawn to the organization due to their mission-driven mindset and close-knit team and looks forward to helping grow and expand their impact. In his free time, Schake enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters at their lake cabin in Otter Tail County.



Scott Schake

Founded in 1982, Dakota Business Lending is the oldest, largest, and most experienced 504 CDC in North Dakota. With staff throughout North Dakota and Montana, Dakota Business Lending serves North Dakota, Montana, and five counties in western Minnesota. The mission of this private, not-for-profit entity is to provide small business financing solutions through collaborative partnerships in a supportive, creative environment that grows the economy and creates or preserves quality jobs. Since inception, Dakota Business Lending has provided over \$550 million in loans with total project impact exceeding \$1.2 billion to small businesses and local economies.

MEMBER NEWS

MINOT PUBLIC SCHOOLS TAKES APPLICATIONS FOR 2022 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Minot Police Department is excited to announce we are taking applications for the 2022 Citizens Police Academy. This four-session event scheduled for May 3rd through May 24th, on Tuesday evenings 6pm – 9pm each meeting. All sessions and events will be conducted in compliance with and local public health recommendations existing at that time.

The purpose of the Citizens Academy is to invite members of the public for a hands-on, behind the scenes, look at how the Minot Police Department serves the community. Class sessions are very informal and participants are encouraged to ask tough questions and participate in discussions on the challenges facing law enforcement and the community we serve. This annual event is one means the Minot Police department responds to the public's expectation of transparency and opportunity for voice with those entrusted to enforce the law in this community. Feedback from previous Citizens Academy participants has consistently demonstrated this event is an effective tool in this effort.

Course content includes instruction in the areas of Patrol Operations, Crime Scene Response Unit, Special Operations (SWAT, K9, Bomb Squad), Use of Force and Weapons Familiarization. Academy instructors have a wide range of law enforcement and training experience and enjoy the opportunity to not only show what and how we do our jobs, but why we perform our duties the way we do. Each participant is also invited to also schedule a ride-along with the Patrol Division, to see first-hand the duties and responsibilities of their law enforcement officers in the Magic City.

The minimum age to apply for participation is 18, and applicants must consent to a background check. Some negative history with law enforcement or the judicial system is NOT automatically disqualifying. All interested area residents are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is Friday, April 19th. People interested in receiving an application or have questions can email or call Master Police Officer Aaron Moss of the Community Outreach Division at aaron.moss@minotnd.org at 701-857-4711.

NORSK HØSTFEST 2022 DETAILS

- Presale tickets will be available April 13th at 10am. These tickets will be available until April 14th at 10pm. You will need a pre-sale code to purchase these tickets.
- Tickets will officially go on sale on April 15th! You can find the ticket link right on the Norsk Høstfest website hostfest.com.
- Ticket prices range from \$49 for Opening Ceremony, \$55-\$69 for the afternoon shows, and \$69-\$99 for the evening shows.
- Information on VIP and ticket packages will be announced soon.
- All tickets to this years festival will include admission to one Great Hall concert!



September 28 - Big & Rich

September 29 - Daniel O'Donnell & Lady A

September 40 - Texas Tenors & Toby Keith

October 1 - Old Crow Medicine Show & Brantley Gilbert

MEMBER NEWS

FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK AND TRUST HONORS BLAINE DESLAURIERS WITH ODIN AWARD

First International Bank & Trust (FIBT) is proud to announce that Blaine DesLauriers, Senior Executive Vice President and Vice Chairman, is the recipient of the 2021 Odin Award. Named after Odin Stenehjelm, who founded the bank in 1910, the prestigious award is given annually to the employee who best exemplifies FIBT's mission, vision, and values. It recognizes those who execute service at its highest level and inspires those around them.

To celebrate his achievement, FIBT is donating \$5,000 to the Minot Family YMCA, Blaine's charity of choice. In addition, Blaine is graciously choosing to donate \$5,000 of his own money, which the Stenehjelm family is matching for a grand total of \$15,000.

"Winning the Odin Award has been the highlight of my banking career," says Blaine DesLauriers. "I am truly honored and humbled to receive this award from my peers. I have been blessed to work with many dedicated and talented team members over the years. They have all made my job easier and my work very enjoyable".

"I have chosen the Minot Family YMCA as the recipient of the \$15,000 donation. I have been involved with the YMCA for many years; and I have served on its Board of Directors since 1994. I'm extremely proud of the impact that Minot Family YMCA has on our community. The YMCA is a great community partner that contributes positively to Minot's quality of life. The YMCA's mission provides youth development and healthy living for all ages and physical abilities. Every community member is assured the opportunity, regardless of their age, income, or background, to learn, grow and thrive at the Minot Family YMCA".

Blaine has been employed at FIBT for over 31 years and has been an integral part of the bank's growth and success. Congratulations to Blaine DesLauriers on this well-deserved award!

First International Bank & Trust is owned by Watford City Bancshares, Inc., which is owned by the Stenehjelm family. First International Bank & Trust is a full service, independent community bank, a member of FDIC and an equal housing lender. First International Bank & Trust has been in business since 1910 and today operates 32 branch locations in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Arizona. More information about the company can be found at FIBT.com.



From left to right: Myron Feist (YMCA Board), Blaine DesLauriers (Senior Executive Vice President/Vice Chairman of FIBT), Preston Phillips (YMCA Board), Roger Mazurek (Executive Director of YMCA), Paul Kramer (YMCA Board), Travis Mowbray (YMCA Board), and Greg Fjeld (Minot Y's Men's Club).

MEMBER NEWS

TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION FUNDS GE GIRAFFE OMNIBEDS FOR NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (NICU)

Trinity Health Foundation recently funded the purchase of two GE Giraffe Omnibeds for the NICU totaling close to \$83,000.

Omnibeds provide extremely low birth weight babies the opportunity to receive care in one bed minimizing movements which have the potential to create major complications such as brain bleeds that can lead to lifelong morbidity. The beds provide easy care access for a number of procedures and also serve as a warmer, when needed. Humidity can be added into the bed when it becomes an incubator providing a critical treatment for NICU babies. Omnibeds also include a built-in scale making weighing procedures much safer for the baby, creating less stress and handling.

This equipment enhances the quality of care Trinity Health provides to NICU patients. Though not mandated, the Omnibeds help ensure better outcomes for the extremely low birthweight babies.

This Omnibeds will be used now and then moved into the new hospital facility, once complete. The department hopes to equip the new NICU with a total of 6 Omnibeds. Anyone interested in helping to fund additional Omnibeds may contact Dusty Zimmerman at 701.857.5432 or dusty.zimmerman@trinityhealth.org for more information.

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, they are able to fulfill their mission of creating a system of care that provides the most significant impact on health and wellness throughout northwest North Dakota.

ALEXA LOUSER-VONGOLTZ APPOINTED TO TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Trinity Health and Trinity Health Foundation recently appointed a new member to the Foundation's Board of Directors. Alexa Louser-vonGoltz was appointed to fill a 3-year term on the board.

Alexa Louser-vonGoltz is a Realtor/Broker/Owner at Realty One Group Magnum in Minot, ND. Alexa is originally from South Dakota and has called Minot home for over 10 years. She is passionate about giving back to the community and others, leading her to establish a support group for young survivors of breast cancer, and volunteer with the Pursuit Church, Dakota Hope, and Youth for Christ.

"It is exciting to have Alexa join the board of directors for the Trinity Health Foundation. As we celebrate our Centennial this year and support the efforts to open the new Trinity Health HealthCare Campus and Medical District next year, Alexa's leadership on our board will help ensure success into the next 100 years," said Dusty Zimmerman, Director of Trinity Health Foundation.

RODEO MINOT MAKES ITS RETURN IN 2022 WITH 10 DAYS OF WESTERN SPORTS IN THE MAGIC CITY

The All Seasons arena will see 4 ticketed rodeo performances, and a full week of clinics, sessions, and jackpots for up-and-coming rodeo athletes to tune up their minds, bodies, and horses for the summer run ahead. Tickets are available at the door, online at rodeominot.com, and at North Country Mercantile & Equipment in Minot.

Rodeo Minot was formed in 2021 in lieu of COVID cancellations throughout North and South Dakota by a group of 6 passionate individuals and their families that care greatly about the sport of rodeo and what it means to local communities and families rooted in agriculture.

For more information, please visit rodeominot.com or see our attached schedule of events.
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10 DAYS OF WESTERN SPORTS

Friday, April 1:
7PM NDRA RODEO

Saturday, April 2:
10AM NDRA RODEO SLACK
7PM NDRA RODEO

Sunday, April 3:
9AM BREAKAWAY ROPING JACKPOT
12PM TEAM ROPING JACKPOT

Monday, April 4
9AM BREAKAWAY ROPING CLINIC
W/ KAYLEE MOYER-GREGG

Tuesday, April 5
9AM GOAT-TYING CLINIC
W/ KAYLEE MOYER-GREGG

Wednesday, April 6:
9AM GOAT-TYING CLINIC
W/ KAYLEE MOYER-GREGG

Thursday, April 7:
8AM BARREL RACING CLINIC
W/ BRANDEE WARDELL

Friday, April 8:
8AM BARREL RACING CLINIC
W/ BRANDEE WARDELL
5PM OPEN TIME SLOTS

Saturday, April 9:
8AM 4D BARREL RACING JACKPOT
7PM ROUGHRIDER RODEO

Sunday, April 10:
9AM ROUGHRIDER SLACK
2PM ROUGHRIDER RODEO

Stall Rental Available thru



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Mutton Bustin' during all four ticketed performances

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Tix available @ RODEOMINOT.COM

All events held at NDSF Center - All Seasons Arena













Ticket Prices

April 1,2: Adults: \$20 | Kids 7-12: \$10

April 9,10: Adults: \$15 | Kids 7-12: \$8

All Performances | Kids 6 & Under: Free

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COMMUNITY ACTION OPPORTUNITIES OF MINOT RECEIVES GRANT TO SUPPORT COUNSELING PROGRAMS

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) has been awarded a \$72,840 housing counseling grant by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The agency will split the grant between two affiliate organizations – Community Action Opportunities of Minot and Southeastern North Dakota Community Action Agency of Fargo.

“The counseling grant supports services primarily for renters and households experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness,” said David Flohr, NDHFA executive director. “Assistance provided includes help finding affordable rental housing, pre-rental counseling, delinquency assistance and help with credit issues.”

Individuals and families in need of assistance are encouraged to reach out to one of the HUD-certified housing counseling agencies to understand their options. No fees are charged for the services. To receive help, contact Community Action Opportunities of Minot at (701) 839-7221 or Southeastern North Dakota Community Action Agency of Fargo at (701) 232-2452.

NDHFA acts as an intermediary for the counseling dollars, applying to HUD on behalf of the local organizations. The agency’s role is primarily to help improve the quality of the counseling services and enhance coordination among the providers.

A self-supporting state agency, NDHFA is 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 NDHFA. More information about the agency and the assistance it provides to North Dakotans is available online at www.ndhfa.org.

YOU ARE INVITED
TO PARTICIPATE IN A

Poverty Simulation

4.22.2022
11:30AM-2:00PM
MAGIC CITY CAMPUS

This poverty simulation is an interactive immersion group experience designed to bridge the gap from misconception to understanding of the realities of living in poverty. In this simulation, participants are assigned to a “family” where they face common challenges and scenarios of living week-to-week on a low-income budget. The objective of the simulation is to promote awareness, increase empathy, and inspire local change.

RSVP to christy@svunitedway.com by April 1st to participate

MEMBER NEWS

PROMOTION AND CHANGES AT FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST

First Western Bank & Trust would like to announce this recent promotion:

Marla Gasmann has been promoted to Vice President Customer Relations Manager / BSA Officer. She is located at our Main Bank in Minot, ND. She started as a part-time teller over 27 years ago and has been a member of the First Western family ever since.

First Western Bank & Trust would like to announce these recent position changes:

Melanie Hogue has accepted the position of Mortgage Loan Originator in our Minot Region. She has been with First Western since 2017, most recently serving as a Consumer Lender II. Melanie has been a valuable member of the Consumer Lending team, and now brings her talents to the Mortgage Team.

Mark Medalen has accepted the position of Mortgage Loan Originator in Minot. Mark started at First Western in January of 2021 as a Trust Department intern. Mark graduated from Minot State University in the spring of 2021 with a degree in Finance. In June 2021, he accepted a full-time position as a Consumer Lender and now has transitioned to the Mortgage team.

Mike Elm, former Mortgage Loan Processor, has accepted the position of Consumer Lender I in the Minot Region. Mike grew up in Minot and graduated from Bishop Ryan, as well as Brown Institute in Minneapolis. He has been with First Western Bank & Trust for just over 1 year. Mike is now located in our Dakota Square branch.



Marla Gasman



Melanie Hogue



Mark Medalen



Mike Elm



[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=ABNT2BLM53K&T=3S](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABNT2BLM53K&T=3S)

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AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DONATES CANCERCARE TRANSPORTATION GRANT TO TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION

Trinity Health Foundation is excited to announce it was recently awarded a \$30,000 grant from the American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society funds a number of initiatives for patients dealing with the impacts of cancer. One of those initiatives is by providing grants that provide transportation assistance to cancer patients. Trinity Health Foundation will utilize the grant to provide gas vouchers and Souris Basin Transit vouchers to patients receiving treatments at the Trinity Health CancerCare Center.

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.

TOWN & COUNTRY CREDIT UNION BOARD NAMES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Town & Country Credit Union Board of Directors elected executive committee positions at their March 21, 2022 meeting.

DelRae Geinert will serve as Board Chair. DelRae joined the board in 2017 and has held the Board Chair position for four years.

Kevin Harmon will serve as Vice Chair. Kevin joined the board in 2019 and has held the Vice Chair position for two years.

Jeff Stremick will serve as the Secretary/Treasurer. Jeff joined the board in 2018 and has held the Secretary/Treasurer position for three years.

As a member-owned cooperative, Town & Country Credit Union is governed by a seven-person volunteer board of directors. Board members must be credit union members and are elected by the membership for three-year terms. Board executive committee positions are held on one-year terms.

Town & Country Credit Union has been positively impacting the communities they serve for over 80 years. With 11 convenient locations in North Dakota, over 150 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.



DelRae Geinert



Kevin Harmon



Jeff Stremick

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NURSING RESIDENCY PROGRAM TO HONOR GRADUATES

On April 13, Trinity Health will honor 11 graduates of the Nursing Residency Program. The celebration marks the completion of the eighth cohort and will take place at Trinity Health Riverside Auditorium, 10 a.m.- noon.

The Nurse Residency Program was adapted by Trinity Health in 2017 to mitigate nurse turnover and facilitate new graduate nurse transition to real-world practice. It was developed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and utilizes science-based curriculum that supports Novice-to-Expert and adult learning principles in a health care setting.

“Studies show that the national average for nurse turnover the first year is 20-27 percent. Data shows that most new nurses quit within their first six months,” said Kelly Hackett, BSN, RN, Nurse Residency/student coordinator. “The hospital setting is becoming more complex, with increased use of technology and higher patient acuity, which can be overwhelming for a new nurse, and lead to high turnover rates.”

Trinity Health offers three cohorts per year that meet once a month for 12 months. The residency is mandatory for all new nurses with less than six months experience. Classes include subject matter expert lectures, simulations and discussions; clinical reflections to share best practices; and an evidence-based practice project where groups create a solution to enhance or improve an aspect of their work. Often, the solution is incorporated into nursing practice.

Hackett said the evidence-based project is a win-win for both residents and Trinity Health. “The practice project requires the group to develop critical thinking skills, communicate across departments and have a solution-based mentality for an opportunity to improve a process. When they see their project implemented, residents gain insight into the change process and become more invested in the organization because they understand their voices matter, which impacts retention.”

Since inception, 143 nurses have completed Trinity Health’s Nursing Residency Program. The ninth cohort is currently in progress and consists of 22 residents who will graduate June 28, 2022.

MINOT STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS 38TH ANNUAL GALA DINNER AND AUCTION

The Minot State University Alumni Association will host its premier fundraising event, the 38th annual Gala Dinner and Auction Friday, April 29 at the Clarion Hotel.

The Gala and Auction commemorate the University’s history, alumni, and students with a social, dinner, silent auction, and live auction. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the social and silent auction. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. with a live auction to follow.

The fundraiser supports student scholarships and Alumni Association sponsored activities. Individual tickets for the Gala are \$60 and tables of eight are still available and are priced at \$500. Tickets can be purchased by calling the MSU Alumni Office at 701-858-3373.

“Our annual Gala is our premier event and our largest fundraiser of the year, supporting both students and the Alumni Association,” said Janna McKechnie, director of alumni relations and annual giving. “The Minot community is wonderfully supportive of Minot State and this is another example of that. They have shown time and time again that they believe in what we are doing and that continues to help us grow.”

Along with the silent and live auctions, the fundraiser will feature mobile bidding sections and multiple games of chance. Successful bidders in the silent and live auctions may win a \$500 Visa gift card donated by Dacotah Bank, a Rockstar Energy Drink refrigerated cooler from Northern Bottling Company (Pepsi Cola), a Maui Mat from Valley Sport & Marine, Minot State clothing and items, and more.

The fundraiser is semi-formal. For more information, contact McKechnie by [EMAIL](#) or by phone at 701-858-3373.

You are invited to the 38th annual
Minot State University Alumni Association

2020 Gala & auction dinner

Friday, April 29

The Clarion Hotel, Minot

Social 5:30 P.M. ► Dinner 7 P.M.

Reservations required ► Semi Formal Attire

\$60/person ► RSVP by April 8.

MEMBER NEWS

ROOSEVELT PARK ZOO SOCIAL: ECONOMIC IMPACT AT THE ZOO

Beautiful change has come to the Roosevelt Park Zoo. Improvements embracing modern zoological practices that promote quality of life for both the animals and the community.

Show us the numbers. They have those too!

YOU are invited to a free Zoo social evening to **meet our director** and hear an SBO presentation about the **Zoo's economic impact on the Magic City.**

Monday, April 4 - 5:30 pm.

Need childcare? They are hosting Kids 4 Conservation at the same time.

RSVP. Bring a friend. See you at the Zoo!



You're *invited* to a Social:
Economic Impact
at the Zoo

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022

5:30 PM SOCIAL (30 minutes)

- Hook & Ladder wine + beer
- Pepsi products + BYOB if preferred

6:00 PM PRESENTATION (30 minutes)

- SBO, MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY
 - Jerry Stai, CFA
 - Andy Bertsch, DBA
 - James Ondracek, PhD
- JEFF BULLOCK, ZOO DIRECTOR
 - Medical professional appreciation
 - Meet + greet with the Director

NO TICKET NECESSARY
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MEMBER NEWS

MINOT WALMART OFFERS MEMBERSHIP TO SAVE MONEY AND TIME

The Minot Walmart has a new tool for customers and are spreading the word. The membership has many benefits and Manager David Gonzales says it will save customers time and money. The benefits allow a member to scan and go for contact-free checkout. To learn more, scan the barcode provided.

BECOME A
MEMBER
JOIN TODAY!

Member Benefits

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Scan to learn more!



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It's Magic in Minot!

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



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April 2022 - Chamber EDC Meetings and Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Ribbon Cutting 10:00 am Hello Beautiful Lash Lounge 1609 South Broadway	7 Military Affairs Committee Noon Armed Forces Reserve Center 3420 2nd St. NE	8 Ambassadors Committee 7:30 am iHeart Media 1000 20th Ave. SW Infrastructure Committee 7:30 am Homesteaders Restaurant Ribbon Cutting 9:00 am Walmart 3900 South Broadway	9
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24	25	26	27 Right Start Presentation 9:40 am MAFB	28 Energy Committee 11:30 am Badlands Restaurant Business After Hours 5:00 - 7:00 pm Legacy Health Clinic 1324 20th Ave SW	29	30