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2023 NORTH DAKOTA 68TH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

It is the mission of the Minot Area Chamber EDC to advocate for and invest in business activity by being a collaborative partner in the community, focused on improving quality of life for all. Advocacy is a key component of the work we are focused on as we serve as the champion and voice for business by representing the best interests of our member investors at local, regional and national levels. As we enter the 68th Legislative Assembly, we wanted to provide contact information for your Minot Area legislators and an overview of the upcoming session.

Key Legislative Dates

- January 3** - Session begins (State of the State Address)
- January 16** - Deadline for representatives to introduce legislation
- January 23** - Deadline for senators to introduce legislation
- January 26** - Deadline for introducing resolutions, except constitutional amendments and study resolutions
- February 21** - Bills and resolutions, except constitutional amendments and study resolutions, must be reported out of committee in house of origin
- February 24** - Crossover date for bills
- February 27 & 28** - Recess
- March 1** - Reconvene from crossover break
- March 3** - Study resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments must be reported out of committee
- March 8** - Crossover date for resolutions
- April 5** - Bills and resolutions must be reported out of committee in second house
- April 28** - Session must end (session limited to 80 legislative days)

LEGISLATIVE FORUMS:

Join the Minot Area Chamber EDC for Saturday forums held throughout the session. You'll have a chance to interact with Minot area legislators, get updates on the session and specific bills. All forums will start at 9:00 a.m. and end on or before 11:00 a.m.

- January 28 | North Dakota State Fair Center
- February 4 | North Dakota State Fair Center
- February 18 | North Dakota State Fair Center
- March 11 | Minot State University
- March 25 | North Dakota State Fair Center
- April 1 | North Dakota State Fair Center

2023 Local Legislators



Legislator contact number at State Capitol: 1-888-635-3447

Website for bill & legislative information: legis.nd.gov

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Contacting a Legislator in North Dakota

House and Senate leaders are the only members assigned an office and receive assistance from a legislative staff member. During a session, all legislators can be reached by leaving a message with the legislative telephone message center at 1.888.NDLEGIS (635.3447) or 701.328.3373, or by physical addresses listed on their biographies. Legislators have access to email, and their addresses can be found at www.legis.nd.gov/contact-my-legislators.

Find bill and legislative information at www.legis.nd.gov.

Join the Minot Area Chamber EDC Governmental Affairs Committee for Saturday Legislative Forums starting January 28th. Forums start at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at the North Dakota State Fair Center, except for March 11th, which will be at Minot State University - Student Union 3rd Floor Conference Center.

**January 28 | February 4 | February 18
March 11 | March 25 | April 1**



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NEW MEMBER INVESTOR TIERS

As we roll into the new year, we are rolling out our new member investor tiers. Following the merger of the two organizations there was a hybrid of tracking the number full-time equivalent employees and selecting an investment level. In 2023, the member investor dues will be under tiers. Throughout the year the Chamber EDC will feature the top three member investors.

There are also opportunities for non-profits and individuals to support the Minot Area Chamber EDC. Contact Carla Dolan, Vice President for more information carla@minotchamberedc.com or by phone at 701.852.6000.

CORNERSTONE	\$10,000+
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Thank you to all our member investors for support of your Chamber EDC.

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Your investment in the Chamber EDC strengthens our capacity to advocate and advance key initiatives in our community. Your investment allows us to lead economic development efforts for the region, support community development, support military, lead workforce development and provide all our member investor services. There are many new opportunities and challenges for our area and the Chamber EDC will continue to come together with all community partners for the betterment of the Minot area.

A NOTE FROM THE MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC 2023 BOARD CHAIR

Greetings! With deep gratitude to the MACEDC's member investors, staff, and community partners, I am honored to serve as the 2023 Board Chair. Since merging the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Minot Area Development Corporation in 2021, the organization has catapulted forward its mission of advocating, serving, and collaborating with our regional stakeholders. As we turn toward 2023, we are led by our new President | CEO, Brekka Kramer, and poised to catalyze even more meaningful growth within our business community and local economy.



Kevin Black

During 2022, Board Chair Randy Hauck led bold initiatives, including the launch of the Start Up Minot entrepreneurship program and intermodal operations at the Logistics Park of North Dakota, our state's only BNSF Site Certified location. While significant effort was injected into the Park's infrastructure for future primary sector growth, MACEDC also supported Minot's small businesses and downtown community. Through advocacy of smart economic development policies such as Tax Incremental Financing (TIF), Minot is better aligned to compete for investor's capital, such as EPIC's redevelopment of the iconic M building. Thank you, Randy, for a tremendous year of leadership.

As we set our sights on 2023, momentum will only grow. The completion of our new 5-year Strategic Plan has crystalized our vision, including facilitating deeper collaborations in the areas of workforce and education. Minot has not escaped record labor shortages, and new programs like Dakota College of Bottineau's Career & Technical Education (CTE) Center in downtown Minot will further diversify Minot's workforce training. Part and parcel to workforce, we will work toward removing one of the community's top barriers of growth – childcare. Participating in Governor Burgum's recent childcare proposals will enable parents to reenter the workforce and improve local affordability, availability, and quality of childcare services.

Looking 14 miles north, Minot Air Force Base, with an economic impact of over \$600 million each year, is a pillar of our community. More importantly, MAFB is at the heart of our national nuclear strategic deterrence. We are deeply proud of the young men and women who defend our nation's freedom, and Minot is blessed to host the only base in the United States with two legs of the nuclear triad – long range bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs). As the area prepares for the Department of Defense's largest-ever modernization project, upgrading the Minuteman ICBMs to Sentinel, our team is dedicated to being at the forefront of facilitating the successful completion of the project. With over \$3+ billion in today's dollars coming to North Dakota this is a mega project with a major economic impact that we'll be preparing for the next decade.

To say I'm optimistic for MACEDC's future is an understatement. To say I'm grateful to serve as the 2023 Chair is wholly inadequate. Thank you for your past support and contributions, for we recognize that our success is entirely derived from the strength of our member investors and partnerships with the City of Minot and Ward County. I look forward to your continued engagement with the Chamber EDC and working together to make Minot a cherished place to work, play, and live.

TIM OLSON HIRED AS MACEDC COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH SPECIALIST

Tim Olson has joined the Minot Area Chamber EDC as our new Communications and Outreach Specialist. Tim is an award-winning, experienced multimedia communicator with an eye for detail and a passion for community. Join us in welcoming Tim to the team!



Tim Olson

MILITARY APPRECIATION GAME DAY JANUARY 21 MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC AND MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY PRESENTING SPONSOR TOWN & COUNTRY CREDIT UNION

Minot Area Chamber EDC Military Affairs Committee has partnered with Minot State University to host the Military Appreciation Game Night at MAYSA Arena Saturday, January 21, 2023. The Minot State men's hockey team will host the University of Mary with the puck drop at 7:30 p.m. Presenting sponsor Town & Country Credit Union will cover the admission for military and family. Just show your military ID at the door and enjoy a night out.



"Minot State University appreciates our long-standing partnership with Minot Air Force Base, and we wish to express our gratitude by hosting Military Appreciation Night during an upcoming Beaver hockey game," said Steven Shirley, president of Minot State University. "This event is the second of three athletic events planned over a one-year period to continue strengthening our commitment to Minot Air Force Base and its mission."

"Thank you to Minot State University for hosting Game Night and to Town & Country Credit Union for their generous support of this event," shared Kevin Black, Minot Area Chamber EDC 2023 Board Chair. "Our sincere appreciation goes out to the men and women who serve our country. Minot isn't Minot without the military families who make our community home, and we are forever grateful for their service and sacrifices."

For more information on how to get involved and support military appreciation efforts in our community, contact Carla Dolan at carla@minotchamberedc.com or 701.852.6000.852.6000.

Military Appreciation Night at MSU Hockey vs. University of Mary

WHEN: Saturday, January 21, 2023
7:30 P.M.

WHERE: MAYSA Arena, 2501 Burdick Expy W, Minot, ND 58701

SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 16 | 5:30 PM

GRAND HOTEL

Join the Minot Area Chamber EDC and Minot Air Force Base in an evening raising money to help with the well-being of our Air Force personnel.

Interested in getting involved or donating an item for the auction? Contact the Minot Area Chamber EDC at 701-852-6000.



PRAIRIE WARRIOR AUCTION

BUSSIÈRE ASSUMES COMMAND OF AIR FORCE GLOBAL STRIKE COMMAND

Carla Pampe, Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs

Gen. Thomas Bussière assumed command of Air Force Global Strike Command during a ceremony at Barksdale Air Force Base Dec. 7, becoming the newest leader of the organization responsible for the nation's only intercontinental ballistic missile and strategic bomber forces.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., presided over the ceremony.

"You provide strategic deterrence, global strike and combat support, so the Air Force can execute our mission to fly, fight and win. Airpower anytime, anywhere," Brown said, speaking with AFGSC Airmen. "I am thankful for the continued professionalism of the 34,000 Global Strike Airmen who operate, sustain and secure two-thirds of the nation's nuclear forces."

With this change of command, Bussière became the seventh commander of AFGSC. He is responsible for the nation's fleet of Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles, the land-based component of the nuclear triad. He is also responsible for all the nation's strategic bombers, which include the nuclear-capable B-52H Stratofortress and B-2 Spirit, as well as the conventional-only B-1B Lancer.

Addressing an at-capacity crowd of Airmen, distinguished visitors, commanders and senior Air Force leaders at Barksdale AFB's historic Hoban Hall, Bussière said, "Our mission is critical to our national defense, and you are critical to our national defense.

Every commander, chief, enlisted member, officer and civilian, it will take a whole team to compete and win," he added. "We can't do this without you."

The general also spoke of the legacy of the command and its long history.

"Our proud legacy of long-range strike is in both NAFs (Numbered Air Force), and we continue to follow their footsteps as we position ourselves for a new era of strategic competition," he said. The legacy and embodiment of long-range strike is right here in this command."

Bussière is a 1985 graduate of Air Force ROTC from Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. He has served in a variety of flying, staff and command assignments, including commander of Eighth Air Force at Barksdale AFB, and deputy commander of U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt AFB, Nebraska. He is a command pilot with more than 3,400 hours in the T-38 Talon, F-15C Eagle, B-2A Spirit, B-1B Lancer and F-22 Raptor. He led F-15C combat missions during Operations Southern Watch and Vigilant Warrior and B-2 combat missions during operations Allied Force and Iraqi Freedom.

"I am so humbled and proud to lead this historic command," Bussière said. "Strikers, you are the best in the world at what you do, and I know you will continue to do great things for our nation."

Bussière assumed command from Gen. Anthony Cotton, who is scheduled to take command of U.S. Strategic Command Dec. 9.



Gen. Thomas Bussière, Air Force Global Strike Command commander, receives the guidon from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr. during the AFGSC assumption of command at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Dec. 7, 2022. The passing of the unit's guidon symbolizes the official transfer of command to Bussière. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman First Class William Pugh)



SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

It's important to pass the cooperative spirit from generation to generation. So, Verendrye Electric Cooperative supports youth in our communities with scholarships and grants totaling \$15,000 this year. We will award an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to one student, a \$2,000 grant to a youth group making a positive impact, and \$1,000 each to nine students through Dollars for Scholars or our own scholarship program. Find details under "My Community" on our website.

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START UP MINOT IN 2023!

The 2023 version of Start Up Minot will look and feel much like the first year of the entrepreneur support effort. The committee decided to continue the monthly networking and business showcase event and keep it on the second Thursday of every month. The Start Up Minot Academy powered by CO.STARTERS will hold two classes/cohorts in 2023, from February 1 to April 5, and from September 13 to November 15. The Wednesday morning classes will continue to be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. All of the events are scheduled to be held at the Carnegie Center in downtown Minot.

“We want to thank the many organizations who chose to sponsor our start-up effort,” said Mark Lyman, economic development specialist for MACEDC. “Having the North Dakota Small Business Development Centers, First Western Bank and Trust, Bank of North Dakota, Town and Country Credit Union, United Community Bank, First International Bank and Trust, Bremer Bank, United Community Bank, Dakota Business Lending, Peoples State Bank, SCORE and the Minot Chamber EDC on board really made this possible in 2022 and made it affordable for students and attendees.”

The first Start Up Minot networking event for 2023 will be held on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 a.m. Join us for the free coffee and donuts – along with great presentations by local business owners and conversations with like-minded entrepreneurs.

For the latest information on guest speakers in 2023 and to sign up for the Start Up Minot Academy powered by CO.STARTERS, follow us on Facebook or reach out to Mark Lyman at 852-600, or mark@minotchamberedc.com.

MURDER AND MEMOIRS TO BE FEATURED AT JANUARY START UP MINOT EVENT

Local entrepreneurs Jonah Lantto and Dawn Palumbo will kick off the 2023 Start Up Minot networking events in January sharing why they decided to move on from long-time careers in customer service and sales, and embrace podcasting and storytelling. As the brain trust behind Midwest Murders and Midwest Memoirs, Dawn and Jonah come from different backgrounds but have found common interests in starting shared endeavors with unique appeals to audiences both young and old.

Dawn is a full-time content creator, podcaster, and writer from Minot. Having spent much of her adult life in a successful career in the insurance industry, she found herself leaving the corporate world to pursue a different passion in podcasting. As co-host of Midwest Murder, one of the most successful podcasts to come out of North Dakota, Dawn is able to use her strong, insightful voice and wit to continue to give back to the community while raising awareness for victims and mental health. Using that same compassion and insight, along with her love of storytelling and conversation, she is helping families tell their stories to future generations with Midwest Memoirs, a company that captures spoken memories for individuals and families.

Jonah Lantto is the founder and owner of The Good Talk Network, an audio-visual production company in the Magic City that specializes in podcasting and live events. Jonah has hosted and produced over a dozen unique podcasts, including The Good Talk and Good Talk Minot which ran for over 300 shows and featured more than 250 guests. It all started in late 2016 when he transformed his basement into a podcast studio. Jonah is the producer and co-host of the hit true crime podcast, Midwest Murder, which ranks in the top 100 trending true crime podcasts in the United States. He also wrote and produced a dozen sold out performances of late-night comedy talk show Good Night Minot/Good Night Live. Jonah is a proud Minot native and continues to serve and improve his community, as a member of the Start Up Minot committee and by offering his talents and insights as a speaker, an emcee, and a mentor.

Join Dawn, Jonah and the rest of us for our monthly, free networking event on Thursday, January 12 at 7:30 a.m. at the Carnegie Center in downtown Minot. As always, there will be free coffee and donuts, along with great insights and knowledge that is sure to help any business owner or entrepreneur make sound decisions. See you there!



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NEW LEADERSHIP AT US STRATEGIC COMMAND

Jim Garamone, DOD News

Navy Adm. Charles Richard passed command of U.S. Strategic Command to Air Force Gen. Anthony J. Cotton today during a ceremony at the LeMay Command and Control Facility at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III oversaw the ceremony and told the audience that the command is adjusting to face new challenges.

Austin said U.S. Strategic Command's mission is to responsibly manage the U.S. nuclear deterrent. "Your mission is to deter war — and to do it with unmatched professionalism," he said.

Part of this professionalism is the ability to deal with new situations.

"The United States is on the verge of a new phase — one where, for the first time, we face two major nuclear powers as strategic competitors," Austin said. "The People's Republic of China is expanding, modernizing and diversifying its nuclear forces. And Russia is also modernizing and expanding its nuclear arsenal."

As Russia's war on Ukraine continues to go badly for President Vladimir Putin, the Russian leader has resorted to nuclear threats. "As the Kremlin continues its cruel and unprovoked war of choice against Ukraine, the whole world has seen Putin engage in deeply irresponsible nuclear saber-rattling," Austin said. "So, make no mistake: Nuclear powers have a profound responsibility to avoid provocative behavior, to lower the risk of proliferation, and to prevent escalation and nuclear war."

Strategic Command oversees the U.S. nuclear triad, which is being modernized to face this new world. The secretary noted that he was in California last week to unveil the B-21 Raider. This new conventional and nuclear-capable bomber — the first since the B-2 — will become the backbone of the Air Force's fleet for decades.

"We're working to modernize the other legs of the triad through new Columbia-class submarines and the Sentinel ICBM [intercontinental ballistic missile] system," the secretary said. "Strategic Command is here to deter conflict and keep the peace, and that means a safe, secure and effective U.S. nuclear arsenal as the ultimate backstop to deter strategic attacks on our country and our allies — including NATO, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Australia."

The command is also working to build a truly integrated deterrence, that lies at the heart of the U.S. National Defense Strategy, which includes the conclusions of the Nuclear Posture Review.

"Our nuclear capabilities don't exist in a vacuum," Austin said. "We must integrate our nuclear deterrent across all domains, including space and cyberspace. And we must also reduce the risk that escalation in one domain could spill over into another. As our National Defense Strategy and Nuclear Posture Review make clear, that type of integration is more essential than ever to prevent conflict and catastrophe."

Nuclear deterrence is not a numbers game, the secretary warned. That idea could spur a dangerous arms race.

"So, [the command] is developing the credible capabilities and the concepts that we need to prevent conflict in this century," he said. "You are integrating our efforts across all domains. And you're weaving our capabilities together with those of our allies and partners."

Austin said the talk of deterrence does not lessen the United States' work to eliminate nuclear dangers. "We are working to reduce the global role of nuclear weapons through arms control, nonproliferation and strategic stability," he said.

"For decades, the United States has used these tools to decrease the potential for nuclear war — all underwritten by our strong deterrent. We remain committed to putting diplomacy first and to enhancing transparency and predictability. And we stand ready to pursue new arms-control arrangements with willing partners operating in good faith."



Austin said it's up to U.S. Strategic Command to continue to deter nations from using the world's most dangerous weapons. "For three years, the vital work of this command has been led by Adm. Charles Richard," Austin said. "He has led Stratcom with vigilance and resolve at a time of evolving threats — and during a global pandemic. He has focused relentlessly on China's expansion of its nuclear capabilities... and on Russia's dangerous escalatory behavior."

Austin said Richard has worked to ensure that the United States' extended-deterrence commitments to our allies remain ironclad. The secretary thanked the career submariner for his 41 years of service and leadership and wished Richard and his family "a fair wind and following seas."

Austin welcomed Cotton, who comes to the position from Air Force Global Strike Command. The Air Force general will continue overseeing the important DOD investments in nuclear command and control and in the modernization of the nuclear triad.

Still, "deterrence has never been just about the numbers, the weapons or the platforms," Austin said. "The heart of American deterrence is the people who protect us and our allies. It's the young missileers who keep the watch; the sailors who patrol the depths of the oceans; and the pilots who remain ready at a moment's notice. It's the technicians and operators who keep our systems humming."

Strategic Command defends the United States and its allies from catastrophe, Austin said. "Let us always ensure that the most dangerous weapons ever produced by human science are managed with the greatest responsibility ever produced by human government," he said.



Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III stands by as Adm. Charles "Chas" A. Richard, left, the outgoing U.S. Strategic Command commander, salutes the incoming commander, Air Force Gen. Anthony J. Cotton, during a change of command ceremony at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., Dec. 9 2022.

DECEMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT MINOT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

A big thank you to the Minot International Airport for hosting the December 8 Business After Hours! Around 75 people attended and enjoyed networking, tours, delicious food from the airport's restaurant Trestle Tap House and a chance at prizes. Those attending also helped to choose the best wreath from the offices within the airport. The Unifi wreath took home the trophy for best decorated wreath.





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TEAM MINOT CHRISTMAS COOKIE DRIVE A SUCCESS

The TEAM MINOT Christmas Cookie Drive was able to beat the snow and deliver cookies to the nearly 1200 first term airmen who live in the dorms on Minot Air Force Base.

A special thank you to the Minot Area Community Foundation for the use of their Donation Station trailer, the many bakers who baked their hearts out to provide cookies, and to Don Bessette Hyundai for getting the cookies up to Minot Air Force Base, even as the winter weather rolled in! Thank you to all our businesses and community members that helped. It is truly Magic in Minot!



MACEDC INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS PASS RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE UNION SILOS PUBLIC ART PROJECT

The Minot Area Chamber EDC has a mission to "advocate for and invest in business activity by being a collaborative partner in the community, focused on improving quality of life for all." Our organization strongly encourages all local and regional efforts that will improve the community.

With this mission in mind, the Infrastructure Committee passed a resolution of support for the Union Silos Public Art Project on December 9 and is fully committed to helping North Dakota's largest mural and artistic backdrop come into fruition. The MACEDC Board of Directors also passed a resolution of support for the project on December 21. Out of all the communities in our state, Minot was chosen as the potential location of prominent art and cultural draw. This project will make a difference in creating a place that people will want to live, work, play, and visit.

The Minot Area Chamber EDC and its Infrastructure Committee look forward to being a collaborative partner of this effort.

NORTHERN PULSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION SET

The Logistics Park of North Dakota, sponsored by the Minot Area Chamber EDC, will be sponsoring the Northern Pulse Growers Association Annual Convention! Our organization has been supporting this show and organization for over 10 years.

The one-day event will take place on January 24 at the Sleep Inn & Suites. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/3YXhiAy>

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January 24, 2023

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www.earnestacademy.org

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Earnest Academy celebrated the grand opening of their new gym and expanded business. Earnest Academy is a year round sports training facility that focuses on basketball skills and team development.



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Ambassadors celebrate Home Instead's open house in Minot. Home Instead offers affordable in-home care services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

NEW MEMBER INVESTORS

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Isaiah Keller, Outreach Coordinator & House Manager

Aaron Hall, Co-Founder

Myckenzie Scherr, Senior Care Coordinator

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Air Recovery and Rehab specializes in recovery housing for those who are seeking healing and support in their recovery from addiction and substance abuse.

Rhythm and Rhyme DJ Service

Carla Vigestad, Owner

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Rhythm and Rhyme DJ Service is a mobile DJ service for Minot and surrounding areas.

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EAGLE AWARDS

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



Chad Finken
City of Minot



Dr. Jake Naidu
Trinity Health



Dr. Purwa Joshi
Trinity Health



Heather Curran
Trinity Health



Holly Nelson
Century 21 Action Realtors



Lynette Vondal
Trinity Health



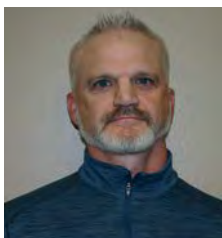
Morgan Wyborne
Trinity Health Imaging



Peter Michieka
REM



Shauna Schestler
Trinity Health Podiatry Dept



Shawn Shmutzler
I. Keating Furniture World



Tim Axtman
Northwest Tire



Morgan Abel
Signal Realty



Tina Rodgers
Trinity Health Imaging



Victoria Jones
First District Health Unit

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

MEMBER NEWS

52ND KMOT AG EXPO, JANUARY 25 - 27

The 52nd KMOT Ag Expo will be held at the North Dakota State Fair Center January 25th through the 27th. The Expo has exhibitors from all over the upper Midwest as well as Canada. There are over 350 exhibitors all under one roof. Having all the exhibitors inside really is a benefit for the people coming to the Expo. They have several shuttle buses that bring people to the front door of the ND State Fair Center.



The KMOT Ag Expo is the largest indoor Agricultural expo in the upper Midwest. 350 exhibitors calculate to 1032 booths ranging from large equipment to smaller one booth vendors. They also have a Living Ag Classroom under the grandstands for 4th graders from Minot and all the surrounding schools. This teaches students how commodities are produced and get to the kitchen table from the field.

KIWANIS CLUB OF MINOT DONATES \$15,000 TO TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Trinity Health Foundation is excited to announce a \$15,000 donation for the new Trinity Health healthcare campus and medical district Capital Campaign from the Kiwanis Club of Minot.

Funds donated by the Kiwanis Club will sponsor the purchase of toys for use in the new Pediatrics Play Therapy Room at the new hospital. The Play Therapy Room is an exciting new addition to the Pediatric Department at Trinity Health and will help to facilitate the recovery of Trinity Health's youngest patients.

"We are so appreciative of the Kiwanis Club of Minot in their support of our new state-of-the-art healthcare facility which will care for patients in our 20-county region. Generous support from local organizations like the Kiwanis Club allows us to provide the best medical care for the region. We appreciate Kiwanis representing Minot's service clubs through support of our pediatrics patients for the next 100 years," says Dusty Zimmerman, Director of Trinity Health Foundation.



Trinity Health Foundation is in the midst of the Trinity Health Healthcare Campus and Medical District Capital Campaign to raise \$15,000,000 to support the \$561,000,000 project. To date, Trinity Health Foundation has raised \$5,200,000. Donations are being sought from regional and national foundations, corporate donors, private donors, and Trinity Health staff through fundraisers.

Construction on Trinity Health's new healthcare campus and medical district is expected to be completed in January 2023. Following that, a number of activities are required to be completed before move-in including equipment installation that is required to acclimate for several months in the new environment prior to patient use creating an anticipated opening in April 2023.

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

BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS REAL ESTATE ALLIANCE GROUP STRENGTHENS PRESENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA

MULTI-OFFICE BISMARCK BROKERAGE MERGES WITH MINOT FIRM TO EXPAND SERVICE AREA IN NORTHERN NORTH DAKOTA

Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Alliance Group, with offices in Bismarck and Minot, N.D., has joined forces with the Watne, REALTORS® in Minot, N.D., to expand the firm's service area and market share in the northern region of the state.

With roots dating back to 1951, the Minot brokerage will now do business as Better Homes and Garden Real Estate Watne Group. Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Alliance Group's Minot office will fold into the Watne Group's office located at 408 N. Broadway.



Prior to its affiliation with Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate, Watne, REALTORS® was responsible for a sales volume of \$30 million in the fiscal year of 2021.

Watne, REALTORS® co-owner Blake Krasbeth has assumed the role of managing broker for the Minot office, while co-owner Carrie Montoya will focus on her real estate sales profession. Matt Watne, son of the firm's founder Clair Watne, is also a co-owner of the brokerage.

Rounding out the company's leadership team is Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Alliance Group associate broker/owner Jan Hoge, associate broker/owner Kamie Ensz, and managing broker Lane Huber in the Bismarck office.

"Since joining the Better Homes and Gardens® Real Estate brand in February of this year, we have generated tremendous momentum as a result of the brand's marketing, learning and business development programs for our affiliated agents," said Jan Hoge, Associate Broker/Owner of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Alliance Group. "As we looked to increase our market share in Minot, partnering with the Watne Group made sense based on our shared values. We bring together two legacy brands whose respective national and local brand cache resonate deeply with the people of Minot. We look forward to working together to continue to develop our expanding team of agents and extend even higher levels of service and expertise to our clients in Minot."

"We are thrilled to be part of real estate's lifestyle brand," remarked Krasbeth. "We are excited about the many synergies created by this merger that will help maximize growth opportunities for our affiliated agents in Minot thanks to the significant brand resources at our disposal. Equally important is our ability to honor the 70-year legacy of the firm's founder and continue to serve the community under his name."

The newly affiliated agents in Minot will have access to many business-building resources in Be Better University®, the brand's award-winning professional development and learning platform, as well as PinPointSM, a proprietary BHGRE® brand tool that taps into consumer behavior data from Better Homes & Gardens magazine and its publisher Dotdash Meredith's customer database of more than 175 million consumers.

About Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Alliance Group

Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Alliance Group is a part of the Better Homes and Gardens® Real Estate network, a dynamic real estate brand that offers a full range of services to brokers, sales associates, homebuyers and sellers. Using innovative technology, sophisticated business systems and the broad appeal of a lifestyle brand, the Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate network embodies the future of the real estate industry while remaining grounded in the tradition of home. Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Alliance Group serves Central and Northern North Dakota. For more information, please visit <https://alliancere.net>.

MEMBER NEWS

TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION HIRES MILLER AS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Trinity Health Foundation recently hired Darla Miller to join the team as Development Officer.

Miller is a graduate of University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, and has spent more than twenty years in marketing and business development roles throughout the region. As a Development Officer, she will focus on marketing, event planning, donor relations and fundraising for the Foundation.

"We're excited to have Darla join the team with so many wonderful things happening over the next year! Darla's experience in the marketing industry and her connections throughout the region will be a valuable asset to our team," said Dusty Zimmerman, Director, Trinity Health Foundation.



Darla Miller

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MEMBER NEWS

TRINITY CHAPLAIN PUBLISHES A STORY ON GRIEF

Elaine Sweet, chaplain for Trinity Health Pastoral Care, recently published a fictional story in an anthology of short stories featuring 19 North Dakota authors. Inspired by her pastoral care work in Trinity hospital, Sweet's story, "Hope for Me" is a gripping chronicle of grief and resiliency told with humor and relatable imperfection. With insider perspective and empathic narrative, she sheds light on the messy work of managing loss and how grieving together lightens the burden.

"I wrote this story with the hope that it inspires courage, comfort and honesty for the unexpected emotional and spiritual rollercoaster of loss. People deal with loss regularly; a health crisis, divorce, a job change, moving homes, or the death of a loved one. We can help each other grieve better," she said. "This story reveals someone wrestling with loss and finding her way through it, one day at a time. If there is hope for her, there is hope for us all."



Elaine Sweet

Readers can find Sweet's story in "Seasons in the Dark," published by the BisMan Writers Guild. "Seasons in the Dark" is a collection of short stories, poems and prose that explores the shadows, sadness, and even death. It is available for purchase at Main Street Books in Minot and on Amazon.

According to its website, Bisman Writers Guild became active in 2019 and strives to uplift local writers throughout North Dakota by promoting, advancing and supporting them. For more information on BisMan Writers Guild, visit bismanwritersguild.org.



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MEMBER NEWS

MINOT STATE MOVING FORWARD WITH \$25 MILLION HARTNETT HALL RENOVATION

Minot State University is in the process of a \$25 million complete renovation to Hartnett Hall on the MSU campus.

The project began with relocation of Minot State academic departments in May 2022, followed by demolition last summer. Construction is expected to be completed in late 2023 or early 2024 with the newly renovated building being occupied in 2024.

The Hartnett Hall renovation project was awarded by North Dakota Legislature in a special session in 2021 and will utilize American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds for a complete renovation of the building.

“Hartnett Hall houses important educational programs at MSU where large numbers of our students in a variety of academic disciplines take classes,” said MSU President Steven Shirley. “We are grateful to the North Dakota Legislature and Gov. (Doug) Burgum for supporting this important campus renovation, and look forward to Hartnett remaining a vital campus space for future classes of MSU students.”

The project seeks to revitalize and modernize Hartnett Hall, built in the early 1970s, helping to relieve congestion, improve entrances, enhance flexibility of spaces, upgrade ventilation, and improve daylight throughout the building.

Hartnett Hall is home to several key liberal arts programs at MSU such as English, world languages, humanities, art, theatre arts, professional communication — including the KMSU radio station and television studio — as well as many general education courses. The programs displaced by the construction have been temporarily housed throughout campus with Old Main and Swain Hall serving as primary locations.

Through a competitive process, Minot State selected Ackerman-Estvold for the building design and McGough Construction to lead the construction. The architects and construction managers worked closely with department chairs, faculty, and University administration to design the updated facility.

As of December 2022, the building design is complete, and interior demolition, including asbestos and environmental remediation, is finished. Construction has begun and the campus community is seeing the building exterior transform as the front entrance is renovated, new windows are added, and the façade improved to aesthetically blend better with other buildings on campus. The project will update landscaping on the grounds surrounding the building in the spring and summer.

Interior work will be underway for the next 12 months to improve the look and functionality of interior spaces with all new labs, workspaces, classrooms, offices, a new gathering space, and a new recital/lecture hall. Aleshire Theater will undergo a renovation to upgrade and modernize the 200-seat auditorium and the University plans to house its newly established esports program within the new space.



MEMBER NEWS

PARMALEE LIVE IN CONCERT AT 4 BEARS CASINO & LODGE

CMA'S NEW VOLCAL DUO/GROUP OF THE YEAR IS COMING TO NEW TOWN

WHAT: Platinum-selling country band Parmalee is coming to 4 Bears

WHEN: Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 7 PM CST

WHERE: 4 Bears Casino Event Center, 202 Frontage Road, New Town, ND

Academy of Country Music Award's "New Vocal Duo/Group of the Year" nominee Parmalee is one of country music's most successful acts. The platinum-selling band of brothers is one of only four groups since 2001 to earn three consecutive top 10 singles from a debut country album. Since their debut at country radio, Parmalee has earned over one billion on-demand streams. Heralded as country music's breakout stars by MSN Entertainment, Parmalee has supported Brad Paisley and Jake Owen on national tours while finding time to perform on NBC's "Today Show," "The Kelly Clarkson Show," "The Late Late Show," "FOX & Friends All American Summer Concert Series," "MLB Central's Studio 21," "The Queen Latifah Show" and more. Composed of brothers Matt and Scott Thomas (lead vocals/guitar and drums, respectively), cousin Barry Knox (bass), and life-long friend Josh McSwain, the North Carolina natives had a legendary return to the top of the charts with their platinum-certified number one single with Blanco Brown, "Just the Way." Their follow up single, "Take My Name," from their new album For You, became a multi-week number one hit at country radio. Their latest single, "Girl In Mine," is available now. For more information, visit: <http://www.parmalee.com>.

PRAIRIE BUSINESS OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR 2023'S TOP 25 WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Prairie Business has opened the nomination period for its annual Top 25 Women in Business, a list that honors some of the region's most successful and noteworthy businesswomen.

The online nomination form for 2023 can be accessed here: <https://gfherald.wufoo.com/forms/q179orx80lvjk6o/>

Nominations will be accepted through Monday, Jan. 16, and recipients will be profiled in the March issue of the magazine.

Top 25 Women in Business is open to female business leaders in North Dakota, South Dakota and western Minnesota, whose achievements make them stand out in their companies and communities

Each nomination must include details of the candidate's business accomplishments, as well as information of any civic work or volunteerism.

"We've been lucky over the years to profile so many of the top women business leaders in our region," said Prairie Business Publisher Korrie Wenzel. "And because it's such a great opportunity to help get some of these business leaders their deserved recognition, we hope businesses – and even individuals – reach out to us through the nomination process. The more the better."

Nominations will close at the end of the day on Monday, Jan. 16.

For additional information, contact Sydney Mook, interim editor, at smook@gfherald.com.

MEMBER NEWS

ANNE CARLSEN EXPANDS IN MINOT AND HIRES JODI DUTTENHEFER

Anne Carlsen-Minot has a new home due to the area's growing need for specialized pediatric services. The new space, over double the size of the previous space in Minot, is in the Metro Center Mall, 1324 20th Ave. SW, Suite #2. "The expanded space provides a beautiful, calming, and therapeutic environment that better promotes positive and fun interactions between individuals served and the Anne Carlsen team members who provide services there," says Beth Thune, West Region Vice President.

Jodi Duttenhefer, Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker, has joined the Anne Carlsen West Region team as the West Region Operations Director. In this role, Jodi will oversee operations for Bismarck and Minot Anne Carlsen services.

Originally from Buffalo, SD, Duttenhefer earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Creighton University and a Master of Human Services with a specialization in Nonprofit Management from Capella University. Duttenhefer has many years of experience, including work in residential settings, schools, and community-based services. The Minot clinic provides Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and In-Home Supports/Respite care in the Minot area. For more information on specific services offered in Minot, please call 701-858-0009.

About Anne Carlsen Center: Anne Carlsen is a non-profit organization providing individuals with development disabilities or delays with services and supports for over 80 years. Anne Carlsen has positioned itself on the cutting edge of innovation with unique programs, creative therapies and advanced assistive technologies that provide life-changing programming to those served. While rooted in Jamestown, our services have grown to have statewide impact with additional service locations in Fargo/Moorhead, Valley City, Bismarck, Minot, Bottineau, Devils Lake, and Grand Forks. Learn more at annecarlsen.org.

ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD WELCOMES RACHEL STEVENSON AS DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND JOSH DUCHSHERER AS CONSTRUCTION SPECIALIST

Rachel Stevenson has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as the Director of Human Resources. Stevenson is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Human Resources and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Valley City State University, Valley City, North Dakota. Stevenson has spent over six years working in human resources for several organizations in the Minot area. Her responsibilities will include overseeing company recruiting efforts, benefits plans, employee development, and cultivating company culture.



Rachel Stevenson

Josh Duchsherer has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office as a Construction Specialist. Duchsherer earned his 2-year certificate from the North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, North Dakota. Josh transitioned into work within the construction field working in the municipal arena with extensive experience in city infrastructure, maintaining and inspecting equipment as well as working with GIS systems. His responsibilities will include managing job sites and the oversight of construction engineering projects in the region.



Josh Duchsherer

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MEMBER NEWS

ASPIRE CREDIT UNION DONATES TO THE DVCC DURING THEIR TWICE BLESSED CAMPAIGN

Aspire Credit Union has donated \$2,500 to the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, funds which will be matched by the St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation for their Twice Blessed Campaign. Over the last few months, Aspire Credit Union has been focused on supporting the Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC) leading up to the holidays. The DVCC is wildly supported by donations of goods, food, and monetary funding. In addition to the funds, Aspire Credit Union also purchased \$500 in nonperishables to help residents get through the holidays. As part of their collection efforts, Aspire Credit Union also collected everything from bedding, to pajamas, to socks, and featured "giving garland" their version of a giving tree in their lobby.

The giving garland was prominently located in the lobby of the credit union as it was strung across the mantal on the fireplace. Items, as they arrived were displayed along the mantal and fireplace hopefully catching the eye of members and encouraging them to grab a tag and support our efforts "Several dozen gifts came in from the giving garland," shared Mindee Kohlman, CEO of Aspire Credit Union. "The items are all unwrapped allowing the residents at the DVCC the opportunity to select items that fit with their family's needs."

Jill McDonald, Executive Director of the DVCC shared "It has been a pleasure to work with Aspire's staff these past few months; seeing their commitment to the community is beautiful! Thank you to the members and employees of Aspire Credit Union for your generosity this holiday season. Your gift brings a little bit of "normal" to a very abnormal time in the lives of the families we serve at DVCC. All donations for the DVCC were presented to the DVCC during the week leading up to the Christmas Holiday.

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.



MEMBER NEWS

MINOT IS BREWING CHANGE

Do you like morning coffee or an evening brew? SVUW is partnering with local coffee shops and bars to raise money by allowing people to donate an amount equivalent to a coffee or a brew. SVUW currently supports 21 local non-profit organizations, such as Project Bee, Minot Homeless Coalition, Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Full STEAM Ahead, and more.

This year, we set our campaign goal to \$800,000 to provide even more aid to these organizations, thus creating 'Brew for Change' to give people another way to donate.

Local businesses that are participating include Magic Bean Brewing Co., The Station, Blue Rider, and Up Your Axe.

You can also donate here: <https://bit.ly/3HrZRLr>

Join the Campaign and help us raise \$800,000 to assist 21 local non-profits, such as Project Bee, Minot Homeless Coalition, Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Full STEAM Ahead, and more.

Co-Chairs Kristi and Keli Rosselli-Sullivan ask the public to support select local coffee shops and bars in an effort to raise money for local organizations that partner with SVUW. 100% of donations remain local and go right back into the 21 non-profits that SVUW supports.

Are you wondering how the 2022 Campaign is going? The success of the SVUW 2022 Campaign can be seen at Scheels on the goal board. The board is updated regularly to reflect how the campaign is going. Through the generosity of the community, SVUW will be able to reach the goal of \$800,000.

Every year, local agencies apply for partnership with Souris Valley United Way and undergo extensive interviews conducted by a team of local volunteers. Agencies that meet our guidelines are granted a portion of the funds raised during our annual United Way campaign. Food, shelter, health and wellness, dignity, self-worth, independence, and companionship are just some of the needs we help meet in our community.

For more information regarding Souris Valley United Way, e-mail christy@svunitedway.com or visit Souris Valley United Way's website at www.svunitedway.com

ELISON ASSISTED LIVING PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

The Ellison Assisted Living of Minot invites the community of Minot to their Parkinson Support Group every first Wednesday of the month from 2:30 -4:30 pm at their facility at 3515 10th St. SW.

Next meeting will be February 1, 2023.



MEMBER NEWS

ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF JEFF MCELWAIN, ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL OWNER AND A FOUNDING MEMBER OF ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD

Jeff McElwain will be retiring at the end of this month from his role within Ackerman-Estvold. He served as the Vice President of Construction Engineering and was one of the four founding members who worked together creating Ackerman-Estvold Engineering Management Consulting, Inc. in October of 2003.

McElwain has been in the engineering and construction industry for over 30 years. Jeff started his career in California, moving back to his home state of North Dakota, going back to school and receiving his Associates of Science Degree from North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, North Dakota and later earning his PE license. While in ND, McElwain worked for firms in Bottineau and Minot until 2003, when Ackerman-Estvold was formed. Alan Estvold, Rolly Ackerman, Ryan Ackerman and Jeff McElwain started the company. During his time with the firm, Jeff has worn many hats, but his main focus was working with clients and area municipalities turning project plans into reality through construction engineering. McElwain stated, "There is nothing like working alongside partners as we turn lines on a sheet of paper into the tangible projects making our communities a better place to live and work, it never gets old watching a project come to life. This was a great chapter in my life." He will be retiring in the Minot area and enjoying more time with his family and hoping to spend some of his free time golfing and fishing. Ryan Ackerman, CEO expressed these sentiments, "The partners and team at Ackerman-Estvold cannot thank Jeff enough for the role he played in our company growing to the respected organization it is today".

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January 2023 - Chamber EDC Meetings and Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3	4	5 Military Affairs Committee noon Jimmy Doolittle Center MAFB Ambassadors Committee 4:30 p.m. Job Service ND	6	7
8	9	10 Eagle Awards Presentation 10:00 a.m. Minot Area Chamber EDC	11 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 a.m. Minot Area Chamber EDC Dinner on the Prairie Planning Committee noon Minot Area Chamber EDC	12 Start Up Minot Networking & Business Showcase 7:30 a.m. Carnegie Center	13 Infrastructure Committee 7:30 a.m. Homesteaders Restaurant	14
15	16	17	18 Right Start Committee noon Minot Area Chamber EDC	19 Honorary Commanders Kick Off 6:00 p.m. Jimmy Doolittle Center MAFB	20	21 MSU Hockey Military Appreciation Night 7:30 p.m. Maysa Arena
22	23	24	25 Right Start Presentation 9:40 a.m. MAFB	26 Energy Committee 11:30 a.m. Badlands Business After Hours 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Spot	27	28 Legislative Forum 9:00 a.m. North Dakota State Fair Center, Norsk Room
29	30	31				