



Minot City Manager finalists are set for interviews

The City of Minot has narrowed down a list of candidates to three to fill the City Manager position. The candidates are scheduled to be interviewed by an appointed search panel.



The final applicants to be interviewed are:

- Casey Bradley- Auditor/Chief Operating Officer of Stutsman County, ND (2011-Present)
- Michael Kardoes – Director, Operations Division, Air Force District of Washington, MD (2014-Present)
- Thomas Barry – Director of Public Works, City of Meridian, ID (2008-Present)

"We set a goal when we began our search for a new City Manager to find the 'right person' rather than just a qualified person," said City of Minot's Director of Human Resources, Lisa Jundt. "Given the resumes of our final candidates, I believe we have great potential for a new City Manager."

There was a public meet and greet with the candidates on Thursday, Oct. 6. The City of Minot hired a recruitment firm to help locate potential candidates to fill the position left vacant in August when former City Manager Lee Staab resigned.

Chamber Triad Symposium a success in DC

Minot Task Force 21 (TF 21) recently held a successful, fifth consecutive, Symposium on the Nuclear Triad. This year's symposium looked at what the next administration would need to do to keep the modernization of the three legs of the Nuclear Triad funded and moving forward. Attendees at the symposium in Washington, D.C. included U.S. government officials, individuals from U.S.



labs related to the triad, industry, national media, foreign embassies and staffs from different congressional offices. Building on the success of this most recent event, TF 21 will begin planning for the September 2017 symposium.

Fourth annual business forum - "The best one yet"

The 2016 "Bridging the Atlantic" Business to Business Seminar (B2B) took an extensive look at the revolutionary UAV industry. "This is not a fad, this is going to change the planet," explained Dr. Mark Hagerott, chancellor of the North Dakota University System, about the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) industry.



Coinciding with the kickoff of the Norsk Hostfest, the theme of this year's B2B forum showcased commonalities and opportunities between Norway and the Midwest. The B2B featured the Chancellor of the North Dakota University System, as well as representatives from Robot Aviation, SkySkopes, and Botlink.

"Whoever put this particular panel together, did an exceptionally good job because at this table you see the entire value chain represented," said Matt Dunlevy, president/CEO and founder of SkySkopes. Dunlevy also voiced his commitment to opening an office in Minot, with 2-5 employees in the upcoming years, as Minot embodies many opportunities desired by UAV and UAS companies. Click [here](#) to read the full article.

First MSU enrollment increase in six years

Official fall 2016 enrollment numbers at Minot State University show a two percent increase compared to official numbers last year. The number reported to the North Dakota University System is 3,412 students, an increase of 64 students. This is the first increase the university has experienced in six years and the largest overall enrollment since 2013.



"We have put a number of new initiatives in place during the past couple of years to attract and retain students, and it is wonderful seeing these efforts now coming to fruition," said Steven Shirley, Minot State University president.

The total number of new students, including freshmen, transfers and new graduate students is up 11 percent over last year's official fourth week figures and is the second highest in six years.

For more information, click on this [link](#).

Renewing the renaissance program in Minot

Keeping downtown Minot vibrant and growing; that’s the goal of the City of Minot as it looks to extend the Renaissance Program for another five years.

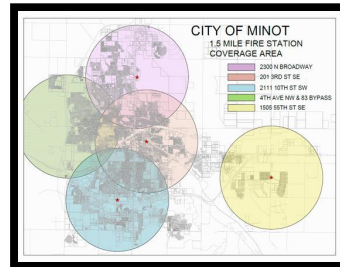


“We’ve made such great progress in developing the heart of our city in the past few years,” said Planning Director Robert Davis. “We want to keep that process moving forward and this is the best method.”

The extension request is to add another five years for 34 city blocks. To read more, [click here](#).

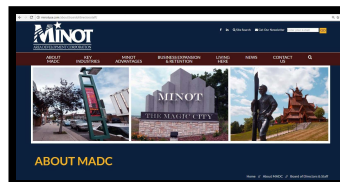
Improving fire department response to a growing city

With the recent growth of the City of Minot the need for expanded coverage for the City of Minot Fire Department has grown as well. The City of Minot recently approved \$300,000 of sale tax reserves for the design phase of a fifth fire station. The station is planned to address response times in a fast expanding northwest Minot. For more details click [here](#).



Improved web presence for Minot developers

The Minot Area Development Corporation (MADC) has launched a new website. With an evolving economy and new strategic plan (finalized in 2016), MADC is enhancing its tools to best serve the Minot community. MADC’s new website delivers up-to-date data and community information for business decision-makers, and serves as a tool for new business attraction. The website allows MADC to better engage with community members, and provides critical information for prospective businesses looking to expand to Minot. The site includes the history of MADC, and how it has positively impacted Minot through its focus on primary-sector businesses. Click [here to view MADC’s new website](#).



Annual Hostfest fun!

Norsk Høstfest is held annually in the fall at the N.D. State Fair Center in Minot – and this year is no different! The festival features world-class entertainment, authentic Scandinavian cuisine,



Scandinavian culture on display, handcrafted Norsk merchandise, plus a fine dining establishment lead by guest chefs from Norway. Norsk Høstfest celebrates the culture and heritage of the five Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Each nation is represented in one of the halls in which the festival takes place. The individual styles of each country's entertainment, food, clothes, art, and jewelry can be found throughout the Norsk Høstfest. The festival was founded in 1978 and will celebrate its 40th anniversary next year on Sept. 27-30. Put it on your calendars!

Trinity Health strengthens breast cancer arsenal

Area women have more to celebrate this year during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Trinity Health stepped up its 3-dimensional mammography program, adding a second 3D machine at its Breast Imaging Center in Minot and installing a 3D system at



Community Clinic – Western Dakota in Williston. Jim Coffin, administrative director of Radiology and CancerCare, said that after installing its first 3D system last summer and seeing the image quality, Trinity felt strongly that all of its breast imaging patients should have access to the new technology.

“We made a conscious decision to become the strongest 3D provider in the region. To become essentially all tomo, all the time,” said Coffin. Dr. Scott Lewis, medical director of the Department of Radiology, added, “We weren't sure initially how it was going to be received, but we saw right away it was picking up cancers that previously would have been a little bit challenging to see. Now we have the ability to detect breast cancer even in dense breast tissue with amazing precision.”

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