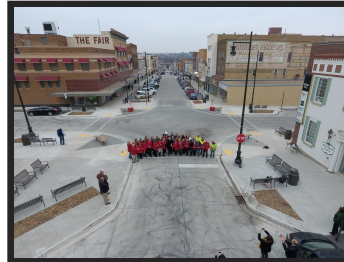




**Main Street portion of \$30 million infrastructure project in Minot now complete**

Downtown business owners and city representatives joined the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors in cutting the ribbon on Main Street just before Thanksgiving, to mark the completion of 2016 work on the Downtown



Infrastructure Improvements Project Phase II. Nearly seven months wrapped up downtown, as the general contractor, Keller Paving and Landscaping, completed underground and aboveground work in 13 blocks and 6 intersections this year.

“The impact and size of this year’s phase on Main Street and surrounding streets was substantial, to say the least,” said Lance Meyer, city engineer. “We are very appreciative that the downtown businesses and their patrons were patient and willing to work through the tougher times with us. The high-quality final product, both below ground in the form of new water, sanitary sewer and storm water mains and aboveground, with new concrete roads, street lights, streetscape elements, and sidewalks will serve our community well for decades to come.”

For more on the project, its cost, the local, state and federal partners involved, and the amount of work accomplished, go to [www.downtownminotisopen.com](http://www.downtownminotisopen.com).

**City of Minot joins FEMA Community Rating System**

City of Minot residents will now gain a five percent discount on their flood insurance thanks to the city’s enrollment in FEMA’s Community Rating System program. The program is designed to reward a community for progressive actions taken toward flood control. The City of Minot officially enrolled in the CRS program in October. There are nine levels in the FEMA CRS program, with Minot beginning on the bottom, level nine.



To read more, [click here!](#)

**MADC secures business leads during trade mission to**

### Norway

The Minot Area Development Corporation joined a delegation from North Dakota on a trip to Norway, in mid-November. The trade mission to Norway included attendance at the 2016 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Nordic Conference in Oslo and several business visits that led to multiple business leads for the Magic City. [Click here](#) to read more about the trade mission to Norway, including trip highlights and how the trade mission was funded.



### Minot city council passes changes to local government

The Minot City Council will have a new look and new schedule by mid-2017. At November's City Council meeting the city's 14 aldermen discussed changes recommended by a mayor-appointed ad hoc committee to reorganize city government following a special election in June and approved all but one recommendation, a compensation increase. To find out more about the changes coming to the city council structure and procedure, [click here](#).



### MSU and LRSC partner to offer new degree

Representatives from Minot State University, Lake Region State College and the North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf/Hard of Hearing signed a memorandum of understanding in November. A Bush Foundation Grant, with a match from the Higher Ed Challenge Fund, will assist in the development of a program to increase access for deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals.



An innovative "2+2" program enables students to complete an Associate of Applied Science degree in American sign language and interpreting studies with LRSC and then transfer to Minot State to complete the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in interpreting and sign language studies. For more details, [click here](#).

### MAFB missile display model complete

The Minot community and the Military Affairs Committee of the Minot Chamber of Commerce are extremely proud of Minot Air Force Base and its position as the only military installation with two nuclear missions. Several years ago, a model of the B-52 was placed at the main intersection of the base to show support for the 5th Bomb Wing. Now, a 1/4 scale model of the ICBM MM III, pictured at right, will occupy an empty corner just across the street from that main intersection, demonstrating the Minot community's support for the 91st Missile Wing. Thanks to support of members of the community, the project is complete. The cost of the project was \$25,000, with the Base taking responsibility for lighting, the decorative brick work, and the foundation upon which the model is placed.

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**MSU employees earn NDUS mini-grants for veterans' education training**

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Heitkamp, Veterans Center director, and Rebecca Ringham, registrar, recently received North Dakota University System mini-grants on behalf of the Midwest Higher Education Compact through the state's participation in the Multistate Collaborative for Military Credit.



Ringham organized a statewide training on options available to NDUS institutions in managing the educational benefits of veterans, service members and their families.

Heitkamp coordinated training for faculty, administrators and others involved in the evaluation of military training and experiences for the award of credit toward a degree. For additional information, click on [this link](#).

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**City of Minot awarded Certificate of Achievement in finance**

The City of Minot Finance Department has been given the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting, a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2015. Minot is one of just four municipalities in the state to receive this award for the 2015 fiscal year. To read more, [click here](#).



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