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### **Burgum gives State of the State address at MSU**

North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum addressed a standing-room-only audience at Minot State University in January for his 2018 State of the State Address.



Burgum and Lieutenant Governor Brent Sanford both spoke at the event, covering multiple topics related to the state of North Dakota. It's the first non-legislative session address by a governor since then governor John Hoeven's 2002 State of the State.

The first-term governor, the state's 33rd overall, reflected on North Dakota's challenges and collective accomplishments during his first year in office. Following the presentation, [Burgum toured MSU's campus](#), where he also met with Minot State students, faculty and staff, and community leaders during formal and informal sessions.

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### **Minot's inaugural State of the City event available to view live online**

The first-ever City of Minot State of the City event will be available to [view live](#) online or in person this week. The inaugural event to highlight previous City activities and discuss Minot's future is scheduled for Feb. 8 at the Arvel Graving Theater at Minot High - Magic City Campus. Those unable to attend the event can watch it live at the [following link](#).

The event, with the theme of "Past, Present, and Future," will offer attendees the chance to meet with City of Minot

department heads and other City staff, in addition to gathering information about City projects.

The tentative schedule for the event is as follows:



- 4:15 p.m.: Open house, featuring informational booths from City departments.
- 5 p.m.: Program begins with color guard and national anthem. City Manager Tom Barry will make introductions, followed by a speech from Mayor Chuck Barney. The winner of the fifth-grade challenge "Why I Love to Call Minot Home" will read the winning essay, and other top essays will be on display. Video and musical interludes will be included.
- 6-7 p.m.: Social hour featuring hors d'oeuvres from local area restaurants.

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### **Minot Chamber stays busy in 2017**

It may not be raining red ribbon like it was a few years ago, but the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce remains busy with many businesses asking for ribbon cuttings.



Some are new, some are remodeling, and some are relocating. The Chamber had 41 ribbon cuttings in 2017. That compares to 47 in 2014, 70 in 2015 and 55 in 2016.

A recent ribbon cutting was celebrated by the entire community with the arrival of Minot State University's Air Supported Dome. Despite the cold and snowy conditions, many people turned out for an open house and dedication that included a ribbon cutting.

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### **KMOT Ag Expo a success in Minot**

The annual KMOT Ag Expo started nearly 50 years ago and is now the Midwest's largest indoor farm show. This year's event happened in late January at the North Dakota State Fair Center and according to organizers was a complete success. 362 vendors and an estimated 30,000 to 35,000 people attended

the show over three days. The vendors bring in the latest agricultural technology and equipment, and showcase



the best innovations in the farm, ranch, and agricultural industries. The Minot Area Development Corporation (MADC) was one of the organizations with a booth at the Ag Expo. This booth gave MADC a unique opportunity to share their story about the Industrial Park of Minot and the recent BNSF Site Certification. Informative seminars at the Ag Expo teach adults and children about the industry and equipment featured at the event.

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### **MADC President and CEO "Betting Big" in Las Vegas**

MADC President and CEO Stephanie Hoffart was part of an important conversation with more than 450 economic development leaders at the



International Economic Development Council (IEDC) 2018 Leadership Summit in Las Vegas. This year's theme was "Betting Big on Innovative Economic Development."

The summit brought together the senior most leaders in the economic development profession to identify and discuss trends in economic development, as well as provide insight into creating an effective operation. Attendance at the event is limited to senior managers of economic development organizations and certified economic developers.

In addition to meetings with elite economic developers, and networking opportunities, Hoffart completed a professional development program. Among the content areas of focus were "Reimagining Transportation and Mobility" and "Reimagining Workforce and Education." Both are timely topics for economic development in the Minot area.

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