



Flood protection groundbreaking for Souris Basin

The Souris River Joint Board invites all to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the first three phases of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project, on March 28 at 1:30 p.m. in Minot. The groundbreaking marks the beginning of what is predicted to be \$1 billion in improved flood protection for the entire Souris River Basin. These initial projects (MI-1 4th Ave., MI-2 Napa Valley, and MI-3 Forest Road) have been awarded to contractors who bid the projects at \$79.13 million, nearly \$20 million less than initial estimates. The cost savings will allow other flood protection projects to move forward sooner than anticipated. Elected officials and the general public are encouraged to attend the ceremony, which will be held near the 16th Street SW/Forest Road intersection, just north of the Minot Water Treatment Plant.



Minot pushing forward on fight against addiction

Minot Mayor Chuck Barney formed the Mayor's Committee on Addiction last year to help identify and study the growing opioid addiction issue in the city. Now, the mayor wants to help the committee take the next step in the ongoing battle.



Committee member Paul Stroklund is in the process of writing a comprehensive document that will be completed after gathering feedback and suggestions from the full committee and the public. Once the document is finalized, Barney said it will be presented to the City Council.

"It is a document that will illustrate the services that are currently available in our community, clearly identify the gaps in services that exist, and identify some roadblocks that exist that might prevent people from getting the care they need," Barney said.

The City of Minot was notified in March that it had been awarded a Bush Foundation grant of \$208,000 to create strategies to address the opioid epidemic and create a regional hub for treatment and family services. Activities funded by the grant include conducting a needs analysis, generating data on the impact of the epidemic in the Minot area, identifying gaps in services and roadblocks to care, increasing community awareness, creating a hub-and-spoke treatment approach with a Community Response Organization to serve as the hub, and working with the North Dakota Health Department to create statewide policy for the disposal of over-the-counter and prescription drugs.

Civic and military leaders come north to experience life at Minot Air Force Base

The Global Strike Command Senior Leader Conference was held in Minot last month, to allow military and civilian leaders from across the country to understand better what airmen in places like the Minot Air Force Base experience every day in keeping our



country safe. The conference was led by General Robin Rand, Air Force Global Strike Commander and brought in 145 top Air Force commanders and civic leaders from communities within Global Strike Command. As part of their tour, the leaders were able to see both the delivery system, and command and control aspects of two legs of the U.S. nuclear triad – B-52 Bombers and Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBM). General Rand intentionally chose coming north to Minot Air Force Base in February to ensure visitors experience a portion of a North Dakota winter. Leaders came from bases and communities in Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Missouri, California, Montana, and South Dakota.

Class "B" Girls Basketball excitement at the Dome

The High School Class "B" Girls State Basketball tournament was held at the Dome on the campus of Minot State University in early March. The tournament brought teams, families, and fans from towns throughout the state to cheer on their school. It was an exciting weekend for everyone, especially Grant

County and Killdeer who made it to the championship game on Saturday night. After 32 long minutes of basketball, Grant County outlasted Killdeer in a 53-44 win for the state title.



Minot State adds three criminal justice minors

Minot State University's criminal justice program has bolstered its comprehensive degree with three new minors: police management and investigations, law and legal studies, and offenders, risk assessment and corrections. The new programs materialized after the department assessed both the wants of the students and the industry.

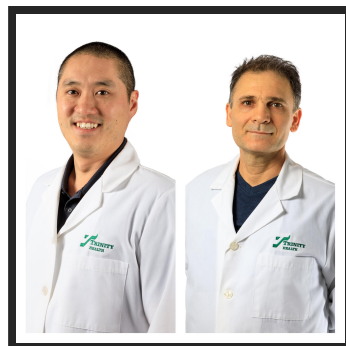


"It was really industry driven and focusing hard on what our students are looking for; what skillsets they need to have," said Gary Rabe, chair of the criminal justice department. "We have annual assessments, what courses are and aren't working, to see where we need to adjust and modify. This is a big package put together for the students after a couple of years of work."

There are currently 35 students enrolled in the minors and the first graduates in the programs will earn minors this fall.

Trinity Health expands ortho team

Trinity Health has expanded its team of orthopedic surgeons to enhance expertise in the areas of sports medicine and total joint replacement. Daniel Lee, DO, MMS, completed a post-residency fellowship in sports medicine at Aspen Sports Medicine Foundation in Colorado. He specializes in arthroscopic procedures of the hip and knee, including ACL



reconstruction, rotator cuff repair, labral repairs of the shoulder and hip, and arthroscopic surgery of the elbow and ankle. Mohammad T. Hashemi, MD, did his post-residency fellowship in total joint reconstruction at Desert Orthopaedic Center, Las Vegas. He specializes in joint replacement of the hip and knee, including minimally invasive approaches.

MADC marketing director completes Georgia Tech program

Terri Philion, MADC Marketing Director, completed Georgia Institute of Technology's Basic Economic Development program in Atlanta, G.A in early March. The comprehensive four-day course provided an overview of the field's



key activities. Philion learned how economic development strategies can be structured to encourage local and regional development and advance the Minot area's growth potential. Overarching themes included workforce development, automation, inclusive economics, and the next industrial revolution. The course is accredited by the International Economic Development Council.

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