



Governor takes major step to support opportunity for investment in downtown Minot

The City of Minot is one of 25 North Dakota communities approved for an Opportunity Zone as part of a new tax incentive program through the U.S. Department of Treasury.



Minot’s Opportunity Zone includes the downtown business district.

This new tax incentive will allow investments for economic development activities to earn capital gains tax exemptions from the federal government to boost financing of commercial and business activities in the designation zone. Opportunity Zones are an investment initiative contained in the 2017 Tax Reform Act passed by Congress and signed by the President Donald Trump in December 2017.

Minot Mayor Chuck Barney praised Gov. Doug Burgum for including the city’s downtown census tract as one of the 25 census tracts allowed for submission for the Opportunity Zone designation.

“This can be significant for Minot and we’re pleased the governor included downtown Minot as a designation,” said Barney. “This may help develop a coordinated and sustainable strategy to encourage economic growth and business development in the downtown area.”

Task Force 21 stays busy in May supporting Minot AFB

May turned out to be a busy month for the Minot group, Task Force 21, that focuses on base retention and new missions for the Minot Air



Force Base. Two members of the Task Force 21 Committee were in Washington, D.C., on May 10 to support a presentation by U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp on the nuclear triad. This

important conversation helps to address the modernization of the weapon systems.

Task Force 21 also traveled to Washington D.C. on May 14 and 15 and had another successful series of meetings with Air Force leaders in the Pentagon. Visits included meeting with Richard Hartley, assistant secretary of Air Force Installations and Energy; Matthew Donovan, under secretary of the Air Force; Lt. Gen. Jack Wientseen, the A-10 of the Air Force, and MG Steve Bashem, Air Force Legislative Liaison. The conversations included the topics of community partnerships, licensure portability, weapon systems modernization and military construction for the base.

Task Force 21 then joined the ND Army and Air National Guard, and the communities of Grand Forks and Fargo, in hosting a reception in honor of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation and invited guests. TF 21 has been hosting similar receptions since the early 1990s.

Minot attends the Drone Focus in Fargo

Aerial acrobatics, drone races, live music, and leaders in state government descended on Fargo last month for the 2018 Drone Focus conference. Minot Area Development Corporation (MADC) President and CEO Stephanie Hoffart, Marketing Director Terri Phillion, and Board Member Jay Fisher attended the distinct, high energy symposium. The conference was designed to serve as a platform for professionals in the autonomous vehicles and UAS industry to build their businesses, knowledge and networks; and learn more about current events in our region.



The Gateway to the Bakken represents at Williston Basin Conference

MADC partnered with the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Visit Minot to exhibit at the 26th annual Williston Basin Petroleum Conference (WBPC). The 2018



WBPC theme was "Bakken Now," symbolic of the current impact the Bakken oil play is having on the global market. More than 2,500 people from 40 states, three countries, and six Canadian provinces networked at the May conference at the Bismarck Event Center.

More than 270 exhibitors displayed the latest in oil services and technologies. Among the 77 speakers were U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum, Hess Corporation COO Greg Hill, Continental Resources CEO Harold Hamm, and North Dakota's own Miss America Cara Mund. The conference's message was consistent, the Bakken oil industry has a bright future and the Williston Basin's oil and gas resources play a critical role in the world's energy future.

MSU rededicates WWI Memorial

Minot State University honored two of its own fallen heroes on Memorial Day with the planting of two new elm trees on campus and



rededication of the World War I memorial. The memorial is in honor of Minot Normal School students Henry Finn and James Otis Cooper who gave their lives to the war effort at the time.

The ceremony began indoors in Swain Hall with the Minot American Legion Post 26 Color/Honor Guard presenting the colors. This was followed by speeches from U.S. Congressman Kevin Cramer, North Dakota National Guard Brig. General Bob Fode, U.S. Senator John Hoeven's regional director Sally Johnson, U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp's field representative Maggie Laducer, MSU President Steven Shirley, Minot Mayor Chuck Barney, MSU campus pastor Anna Dykeman, and Minot State history professor Joseph Jastrzembki. Minot State Veteran Services director Andy Heitkamp provided introductions.

"I don't know of another campus in our state that has committed the types of resources, oversight, and heart to serving our veterans," Cramer said during his remarks. "Remembering is much more than dates, names, and facts. Remembering is honoring."

At a future date, a memorial bench will be added in honor of all of the students, faculty, and staff who supported America in the Great War.

Local diabetes program gets nod from CDC

Trinity Health has received a Certificate of Full Recognition from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for its diabetes prevention program, "Weigh 2 Change." Trinity's Center for Diabetes Education launched the program more than a year ago to help people improve their health and prevent type 2 diabetes by adopting lifestyle changes such as diet and exercise. Ann Albright, director of the CDC's Division of Diabetes



Translation, says full recognition means Trinity's program meets all CDC standards for being effective and evidence-based. "The sustained success of your lifestyle change program makes an invaluable contribution," she said. "It is programs like yours that are turning the tide in the fight against the epidemic of type 2 diabetes."

The Magic City is first in tri-state region to welcome

Shaun T

The inaugural Minot Health & Fitness Weekend welcomed Shaun T, celebrity fitness trainer, to Minot in May. Shaun T is known well for his in-home workout programs by Beachbody such as Insanity, T 25, Insanity Max 30, Hip Hop Abs and Cize. Shaun T had never traveled to North Dakota, Montana, or South Dakota before so his event was met with great excitement from those who attended in the region. While in Minot he did a one-hour workout with 225 attendees, followed by a question and answer session. Each attendee received his book, "T is for Transformation."



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