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Cramer keynotes MADC Annual Meeting

U.S. Senator Kevin Cramer and Mrs. Kris Cramer were guests of honor at the Minot Area Development Corporation's 2018 annual meeting. Cramer commended the event's theme, Full



Steam Ahead, in his keynote address and encouraged attendees to stay focused on the opportunities on the horizon. This year's gathering was a departure from the typical luncheon format, to accommodate busy workday schedules. More than 140 private investors, resource partners, and community stakeholders attended the event at the Grand Hotel of Minot.

Minot Air Force Base highlights its impact as a critical part of our community

Minot Air Force Base has long had an impact on the Magic City. Culturally, the people bring diversity to our area, while their presence enhances our pride in the military and of course economically the Base is a boom to the region. The Base has two wings, the 5th Bomb Wing, which is the host wing, and the 91st Missile Wing. The budget office of the 5th Bomb Wing Comptroller publicizes an annual economic impact analysis and

unveiled this report at the latest Military Affairs Committee meeting. The figures show a grand total impact of \$543.1 million for fiscal year 2018.



“Minot Air Force Base is a strong force in our nation’s military and to our area,” said Minot Chamber

President, John MacMartin. “That’s why it’s vital we continue to work diligently to keep the base with our retention efforts through Task Force 21 (TF21).” TF21 is a committee of the Minot Chamber that has been working for more than 25 years to strengthen relationships with the military and to secure the future of MAFB.

MADC right-sizes Board of Directors

The Minot Area Development Corporation recently trimmed its board of directors from twenty-two seats to thirteen. A recent International Economic Development Council Technical



Assistance Report to the City of Minot listed this action among their top recommendations. MADC will now hold just one board meeting per month instead of two.

“We are grateful for the time and talents they have dedicated to the future of our community and wish them the best,” said MADC President and CEO Stephanie Hoffart of the nine directors who will not continue to serve on the board in 2019. Hoffart also indicated this refresh would increase efficiency and improve flow of information. Brekka Kramer, Vice President at Odney, is the incoming board chair for MADC. Kramer has served on the corporation’s board since 2012. [Click here](#) to view the current list of board members on the MADC Board of Directors.

City approved by HUD to continue process of moving City Hall outside flood plain

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has approved the City of Minot to move forward with relocating City

Hall with the help of National Disaster Resilience funds.

"This project was part of Minot's original action plan approved by HUD as part of the Disaster Resilience Competition," Minot Mayor Shaun Sipma said. "This decision signifies that HUD approves of the city's progress with the NDR program, as the agency withholds funds for public infrastructure until other criteria are met."



The action plan approved by HUD as part of the City of Minot's NDR application included several reasons for relocating City Hall, including public safety, cost savings, and centralizing several city services.

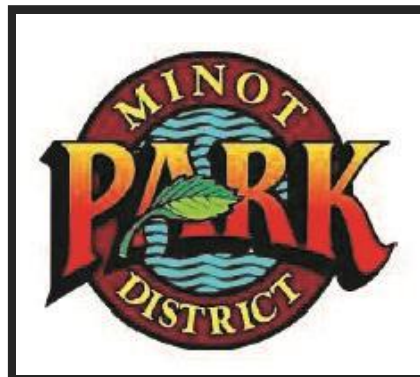
With HUD's approval of the waiver, the city has \$3.75 million in federal grant funding to relocate City Hall. If the project incorporates a center for technical education, an additional \$1.5 million would be available. Because this project was always in the City's HUD-approved action plan, the City Council set aside an additional \$1 million in funding for this project, meaning there is roughly \$6.2 million already available.

"We won't know exactly how much funding this project will need to complete until we've done an extensive cost breakdown that takes into consideration property size, available properties, renovations, furnishings, and necessary infrastructure," City Manager Tom Barry said. "But we are well on our way, and at considerable cost offsets, in delivering a City Hall that meets the needs of our community and is safe from harm's way."

To read more about the many reasons why moving City Hall out of the flood plain makes sense, [click here](#).

Parks planning for next 5 years

The Minot Park District will be holding a community input meeting in early March, as part of their current five-year planning process. Community members are encouraged to bring ideas and goals to help the Park District grow the quality of life in Minot. The meeting will be held on Thursday, Mar. 7 at the Minot Auditorium, Room 201 at



6:30 p.m. A short presentation from Minot Park District staff will be followed by an open forum for the community to share ideas, big and small, on how to make Minot a better place to live, work and play.

Minot Schools on the grow

The enrollment report for the end of February shows that Minot Public Schools continue to grow. Currently, the district has 7,625 students enrolled in grades K-12 — 150 more students than the same time last year.



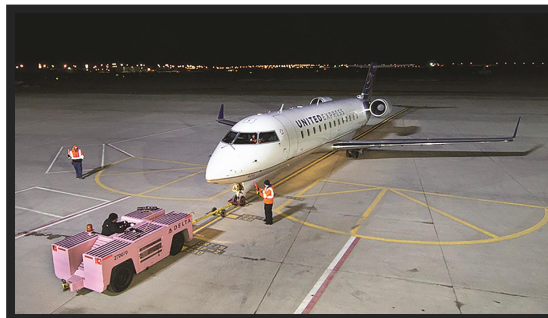
District administrators are staffing now for the 2019-2020 school year. The district will maintain and expand existing career and tech programs in the high school. These course offerings provide phenomenal opportunities for students to explore various career paths, post-secondary training and employment options.

In a recent letter from North Dakota Department of Public Instruction Superintendent Kirsten Baesler, Minot High School was listed in the top 10 percent of North Dakota schools that have met Choice Ready expectations for graduates.

District administration continues to collaborate with city, region and state leaders to monitor economic factors in the region.

United adding another daily flight to Minot Airport

United Airlines has added a third daily, round-trip flight between Minot International Airport and Denver International Airport, boosting the number of daily seats available by 50 percent.



The new flight will begin June 6 but is already available for reservations. When the additional flight begins, United Airlines' daily schedule will have three departures and arrivals.

"We've been working with United and other airlines to showcase Minot and encourage additional service," said Rick Feltner, Minot International Airport Director. "I think this shows United has a high level of confidence in our community's ability to support the additional service. Hopefully, advance bookings will be strong so United makes this a permanent addition to Minot's daily schedule."

The current 50-seat ERJ-145 aircraft will continue to be used, boosting the daily available seats from 100 to 150. [Click here](#) to find out the times for the new flight.

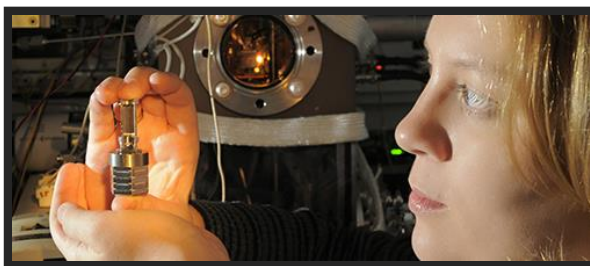
Trinity Health names new HR Chief

Trinity Health, the region's largest employer, has named Anne B. Colwell Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer. A human resources executive with more than 20 years of experience, Colwell oversees all personnel matters and provides leadership for Trinity's most important resource, it's 2,900 employees. She also plays a central role in the organization's strategic planning process. Colwell's human resources experience cuts across several industries, including financial, consumer product, and healthcare. She served nearly 10 years as Vice President of Human Resources at Southcoast Health Systems, a regional healthcare system employing over 7,000 staff in some 30 locations, including three acute care hospitals. Most recently, she served as an executive consultant with Tier 1 Leader, a virtual-based executive and leadership coaching organization.



NASA's Pinnick to present at Minot State

Minot State University (MSU) is proud to announce alumna Veronica (Cavallo) Pinnick will present, "Searching for the Fingerprints of Life in our Solar System using Mass Spectrometry," Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at the Hoffman Auditorium at the Cyril Moore Science Center.



Pinnick, a research associate specializing in scientific

instrumentation at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, will give a talk intended for all audiences. The event is free and open to the public.

"I take education and public outreach seriously and take every opportunity I can to spread the word about what we scientists and engineers are doing with your tax dollars," Pinnick said.

Pinnick is excited for the opportunity to return to Minot State.

"I loved my time at MSU, both in the chemistry department and also in the honors program," she said. "I am so happy to be coming back home to talk about my career and the path I took to get where I am — MSU had so much to do with that!"

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