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MADC names Chamber President as interim leader

The Minot Area Development Corporation (MADC) has an interim President/CEO, as the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's President John MacMartin will handle the reins on a temporary basis. The MADC and Chamber Boards recently approved the interim position, with the contract being signed today. Leadership from the two organizations agreed that MacMartin is a good fit for both entities and for the Minot region.



"Having a strong, well-knowledgeable interim leader will allow for a seamless transition, as the Minot Area Development Corporation executes a full job search starting in late 2019, early 2020," said MADC Board Chair, Brekka Kramer.

"John will continue to serve the hundreds of Chamber businesses well, as he takes on this brief role as interim president for economic development in the region," said Chamber Board Chair, Tom Rafferty.

The two entities have long been champions of existing and new businesses, as well as advocates for a great community and region.

New healthcare campus achieves 'Topping Out' milestone

Trinity Health achieved a milestone this past summer in construction of its new healthcare campus and medical district in southwest Minot. Building crews held a "topping out" ceremony, celebrating placement of the final steel beam on the structure's uppermost tier. Randy Schwan, Vice President of

Mission
Integration,
says
significant
progress has
been achieved
on the site's
utilities,
foundation



superstructure, exterior envelope masonry, and other activities. This, despite a fire that broke out at the site in March, necessitating a thorough investigation and assessment of the structure's integrity. The assessment, which included visual inspections, infrared scanning and surveys, and non-destructive testing/laboratory evaluations of materials, conformed to industry standards and was completed in late July. "While we are disappointed with the distractions of the fire and other construction-related events in recent months, Trinity Health is resolute in ensuring the completed project conforms to design and contract requirements," Schwan said. "All of us at Trinity Health look forward to this healthcare campus and medical district serving Minot and the entire region for generations to come."

Annual Meeting of the WDEA held in Minot

The Western
Dakota Energy
Association
(WDEA) held
its annual
meeting in
Minot at the
end of
October.
Among the
multiple days
of
presentations,



a number of speakers and panels addressed topics relevant to the energy producing counties in the state. In his keynote address, North Dakota Lieutenant Governor Brent Sanford reemphasized the challenge from Governor Doug Burgum of two years ago, that the prospect of the state's oil production reaching 2 million barrels per day is definitely within reach. Lynn Helms, director of the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources, updated the attendees on the potential slide in oil production numbers in September, due to record wet conditions and the impact on roads and travel throughout the west. A panel of school administrators and a state legislator with a background in education delved into funding issues facing energy-impacted districts in western North Dakota at this week's WDEA annual meeting.

The meeting was attended by a variety of Minot Area Development Corporation Board Members and staff as well as businesses and elected officials within the Minot region. During

the meeting’s business session, Bowbells City Councilman Shannon Holter was elected to a two-year term as president of the WDEA. Holter replaces Killdeer School Superintendent Gary Wilz.

Bypass project work still going on

Work continues on the northwest bypass project in Minot, with the goal of having all four lanes open to vehicle traffic before winter. Additional paving needs to be



completed from 4th Avenue to 19th Avenue before the two new lanes can be opened to vehicle traffic. The final lift of asphalt on the project as well as permanent pavement markings and cleanup will be completed next spring, according to Jim Redding of the North Dakota Department of Transportation’s Minot office. The NDDOT project is adding two lanes to the northwest bypass route, and included construction of a new bridge over Fourth Avenue and raising the roadway level in several locations.

Council supports liquor sales on Thanksgiving

The Minot City Council at its Nov. 4 meeting approved an ordinance change on first reading that would allow establishments in Minot to sell alcohol on Thanksgiving Day. The ordinance change must pass on second reading at the Nov. 18 Council



meeting to take effect. The change means Minot’s ordinance would match the state law regarding on-site alcohol sales on Thanksgiving Day. Minot’s ordinance still prohibits on-site alcohol sales on Easter, while state law allows those sales.

AU-ABC approves fourth partnership with Minot State

Minot State University announced Monday its fourth partnership with the Air University Associate-to-



Baccalaureate Cooperative (AU-ABC), a program between the United States Air Force and civilian institutions to provide

Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) graduates advanced education opportunities.

AU-ABC approved Minot State’s Bachelor of Science in Human Services with a Major in Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities as a Category I program. The major joins Minot State’s Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, which was approved in October 2018, and Bachelor of General Studies and Bachelor of Applied Business Information Technology, approved in July 2019.

The degree in human services with a major in intellectual/developmental disabilities prepares students to become direct support professionals who provide quality support to individuals with developmental disabilities on the job and in their community. AU-ABC Category I programs guarantee a CCAF graduate can complete their Bachelor’s degree with no more than 60 additional credits. Minot State is currently pursuing a Category II agreement for its Bachelor of Science in Management.

Trinity Health to launch ultrasound school

Minot-area students who aspire to become an ultrasound technologist will soon be able to train closer to home. Trinity Health used Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month in October to announce it is launching its own Diagnostic Medical



Sonography Program to educate students in the skills needed to become a medical sonographer. Radiology Director Jim Coffin says sonography is a dynamic field that has grown significantly over the past several years due to advances in technology, convenience, and cost-effectiveness. The result is that recruiting sonographers has become more challenging. “Our vision is to attract great local students and create excellent sonographers that will likely stay in and around our location. This will be good for Trinity Health, Minot, and our surrounding rural communities.”

