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SAVE THE DATE FOR MADC'S ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars, MADC's Annual Meeting is next month!

- Date: Thursday, June 8th
- Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- Location: Grand Ballroom at the Grand Hotel

MADC welcomes the Minot community to attend this event, which will feature a speaker from the Governor's Office who will share insights on the Main Street Initiative and North Dakota's economic development. MADC's Annual Meeting also welcomes the 2017 Chairperson and highlights key accomplishments in 2016. Please RSVP for this event at jhaug@minotusa.com or [701.852.1075](tel:701.852.1075).

MADC ATTENDED THE 2017 WBPC

MADC attended the 25th Annual Williston Basin Petroleum Conference in Regina, Saskatchewan. As a Gold Sponsor of the event, MADC utilized all opportunities to network with potential businesses in the petroleum industry. This year's event covered production optimization, geology, regulatory, and environmental issues. The conference also featured workshops and case studies, which provided a unique perspective on the geology of key plays within the Williston Basin as well as advancements in technology for the petroleum industry. MADC welcomed SkySkopes to join MADC's booth at this year's WBPC. This offered SkySkopes a great opportunity to connect with potential clients and enabled MADC to promote the newly launched MAGIC Sky Initiative. Both MADC and SkySkopes

gained potential business leads for Minot. Having SkySkopes at MADC's booth was a great asset for this year's show and certainly helped increase traffic and drive interest for the Minot area.

MADC ATTENDS THE #1 SHOW FOR THE UAS INDUSTRY: AUVSI Xponential CONFERENCE

The [AUVSI Xponential Conference \(AUVSI\)](#) is the largest and most influential event in the world dedicated to unmanned systems, drones, and intelligent robotics. Drawing over 8,000 industry leaders and professionals from 55 different countries, this conference has become the #1 show for the unmanned systems market.

The [North Dakota Department of Commerce](#) created a North Dakota Unmanned Aircraft Systems Team, which MADC recently joined. As part of the North Dakota Team, MADC will help promote Minot and MADC's new MAGIC Sky Initiative at this year's AUVSI. AUVSI is being held in Dallas, Texas from May 8 – May 11. Be sure to follow [MADC's Facebook Page](#) for conference updates!

K.E.E.P. PROGRAM: HELP INCREASE INDEPENDENCE AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR MINOT CITIZENS

For over 30 years, [Kalix](#) has been assisting Minot businesses that employ people with disabilities. In April 2016, Kalix launched the [Kalix Employer/Employee Partnership \(K.E.E.P.\) Program](#), which partners with local businesses to expand employment opportunities for people with disabilities. "The benefits for the employee are huge. It's so much more than a paycheck, it allows individuals to be included in regular life activities and interact with people," explained Borgi Beeler, President/CEO of Kalix. Equally important, K.E.E.P. offers numerous benefits for the business. [Click here](#) to read more about the K.E.E.P. Program.

MADC is a proud supporter of Kalix, and recognizes the crucial role Kalix has in the Minot community! In fact, in 2014 MADC helped secure funding for Kalix to purchase a new baler and remain operational. [Click here](#) to read more. Kalix is also a part of MADC's [Business Expansion and Retention \(BEAR\) Program](#).

MCEF IS ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Minot Community Endowment Fund (MCEF) is accepting applications for the 2017 grant cycle. Any nonprofit organization or government agency may apply for funding for a community project or program in the Minot area. Full guidelines and an application form may be found at www.NDCF.net/Minot. The deadline is May 31st.

Thank you for supporting economic development in the Minot area and investing in Minot's future! The following businesses renewed their yearly investment in April:

**Ackerman Surveying & Assoc.
Ackerman-Estvold
Brady, Martz & Associates
Coldwell Banker 1st
Minot Realty
Dakota Fence
Dakota Square
Fargo Glass & Paint Company
Farm Credit Services of ND
First International Bank & Trust
Gate City Bank
KXMC-TV
Main Electric Construction, Inc.
Minot Milling
Muus Lumber & Hardware
Northern Tier Federal Credit Union
Schock's Safe & Lock Services, Inc.
Signal Realtors, Inc.
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