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MADC ATTENDS MAIN STREET INITIATIVE

The Regional Main Street Convening – Regions 1 & 2 was a roundtable event for statewide leaders to come together and address key community components such as workforce attraction, housing, community engagement, and more. Stephanie Hoffart, MADC's President/CEO, attended the event on July 9, 2019, which was hosted by the [North Dakota Department of Commerce](#), [Souris Basin Planning Council](#), Tri-County Regional Development Council, and [Brady Martz & Associates](#). The Regional Main Street Convening provided a platform for smaller communities to voice their challenges while larger communities (such as Minot) helped provide applicable solutions and opportunities. The event also highlighted that a downtown is the core of a community and its economic development. For more information regarding the Main Street Initiative, [click here](#).

ARTS & CULTURE'S ROLE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Do you know what the economic drivers of a community are? Arts and culture is a commonly overlooked asset of a community, when in fact it is an economic driver! The Creative Economy Summit educated community members on the importance of arts and culture; the event engaged with members to uncover potential opportunities in the community that already exist, and connected members with innovative networks. The Creative Economy Summit consisted of an Arts

& Culture Panel featuring artistic leaders across the state who shared strategies on how to instill more arts and culture into their communities as an economic initiative, as well as best practices and more. The event welcomed entrepreneurs, lending professionals, developers, government leaders, and not-for-profit organizations. Stephanie Hoffart, MADC's President/CEO, attended the Creative Economy Summit, which was hosted by [Souris Basin Planning Council](#) and [Visit Minot](#).

MADC CONNECTS WITH OIL & GAS LEADERS AT API BAKKEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

With more than forty businesses in the Minot area, the oil and gas industry has a very important role in Minot's economy. The [Bakken Chapter](#) of the [American Petroleum Institute \(API\)](#) consists of industry professionals who strive to educate its members and community, to promote technology, social responsibility, and to preserve the environment. For the last six years, the Bakken Chapter has hosted the API Golf Tournament as its primary fundraiser, to provide for the Commission on Aging, local industry related scholarships, and other community improvement projects. This year the annual golf tournament was held at the [Souris Valley Golf Course](#) on August 8-9, 2019. MADC was a sponsor for Hole 19 during this event and gained over 130 contacts in the oil and gas industry. Attending this event was a great opportunity to connect with industry leaders and to show Minot's appreciation for their business and employment in the Minot area.

MADC ATTENDS ND DOWNTOWN CONFERENCE

In conjunction with [Visit Minot](#), MADC attended the 9th annual ND Downtown Conference located in Williston, ND on August 27-29, 2019. The 2019 conference was hosted by the [Williston Downtowners Association](#). MADC was intrigued by the conference's focus on economic development and was fascinated by Williston's strategies to drive community members to their downtown. The conference also focused on positive impacts of healthy downtowns, revitalization programs, action steps in forming Downtown revitalization groups and efforts, 13 ways to kill your community, and more.

NEWS FROM ND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Looking for brief update from the North Dakota Department of Commerce? [Click here](#) to see the latest news, including upcoming events and grant opportunities!

Thank you for supporting economic development in the Minot area and investing in Minot's future! The following businesses renewed their yearly investment in Quarter 1, 2019:

AGT Foods USA
Aksal Group LLC
All American Trophies
Brady Martz & Associates PC
Brokers "12", Inc.
C&C Plumbing & Heating LLP
Circle Sanitation
Classified Directories
Cognizant
Connole & Somerville Plumbing & Heating
Creedence Energy Services LLC
Dakota Business Lending
Delta Vacations
Electrical Workers Union #714
Farden Construction, Inc.
First International Bank & Trust
Grand Hotel
Houston Engineering, Inc.
JLG Architects
Mattson Construction Co.
Minot's Finest Collision Center
Monarch Products Company
Montana-Dakota Utilities Company
Morelli's Distributing, Inc.
Mowbray & Son Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
Northwestern Mutual
Preferred Restaurant Group, Inc./Taco John's
Rolac Contracting, Inc.
Tollefson's Retail Group, Inc.
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