

# MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC COMMUNICATOR



## MINOT AIR FORCE BASE IMPACT STUDY RELEASED \$595 MILLION IN ECONOMIC IMPACT IN 2022

The importance of Minot Air Force Base to the identity and overall economy of Minot was made clear this week.

The Budget Office of the 5th Bomb Wing Comptroller released its [annual economic impact analysis report](#) for Minot Air Force Base at a meeting of the MACEDC Military Affairs Committee on Thursday, February 2, 2023.

The group revealed that the total economic impact of MAFB in 2022 was \$594,961,858.

"Each year we look forward to seeing the economic impact of Minot Air Force Base, as nearly \$600 million annually helps support the overall economy of our community," Brekka Kramer, President | CEO of the Minot Area Chamber EDC, shared. "The missions at Minot Air Force Base not only have a significant impact on our community but nationally with two legs of the nuclear triad."

The report estimated MAFB is responsible for 6,515 jobs on base, and another 2,032 indirect jobs. Those non-base positions are worth an estimated \$108 million.

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## MINOT AFB ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT, CONTINUED



Beyond the dollars and cents of the report, MAFB officials say the impact on the Minot area includes thousands of people. 12,247 people made up the population of Minot Air Force Base personnel, their families, as well as civilian employees on base.

Kramer said the report drives home the importance of Minot Air Force Base on the identity of the Magic City.

“Minot isn’t Minot without Minot Air Force Base. We are so grateful for those who serve and protect us each and every day. They’re our friends, neighbors and like family, so it is a priority of ours to ensure that we are doing everything we can to support them,” she said.

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# MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC STRATEGIC PLAN UNVEILED, FOCUSES ON FIVE KEY PILLARS

How will Minot look five years from today? And what role will the Minot Area Chamber EDC play in creating a bright future for the Magic City?

Those questions are at the heart of our organization's Strategic Plan, which was presented to the Minot City Council in January.

The plan is centered around five key strategic pillars, all of which support MACEDC's vision to be the go-to organization for our business community to drive key initiatives that build and strengthen our economy.



## PILLARS OF FOCUS:

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"We believe the Minot Area Chamber EDC plays a crucial role in our community," said Brekka Kramer, President | CEO of the organization. "And each of our five pillars is truly important! By defining those pillars, tracking our progress, and reporting back to the community regularly, we believe MACEDC and Minot as a whole will flourish in the next half-decade."

Throughout the month of February, we will be diving more deeply into each of the five pillars to illustrate our efforts. Follow the Minot Area Chamber EDC on Facebook to find this series of stories or visit [MinotChamberEDC.com/News](https://MinotChamberEDC.com/News) to follow along.

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**MINOT AREA  
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ANNUAL MEETING**



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**Grand Hotel**

**5:00 Social**

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The Minot Area Chamber EDC is excited to welcome Keli Rosselli-Sullivan to the team.

Rosselli-Sullivan is MACEDC's Workforce Development & Military Liaison Specialist — a newly formed position that focuses on two of our organization's five key strategic pillars.

"This new role aligns with the passion I have for the Magic City," Rosselli-Sullivan said. "I want others to feel excited about coming to Minot and what we offer to individual families. I look forward to continuing to foster relationships within and outside the community to let people know how amazing it is to live and work here!"

Rosselli-Sullivan brings a wealth of expertise to the MACEDC team, including more than a decade of business experience in Minot.

"Workforce development is one of our community's top priorities," said Brekka Kramer, President | CEO of MACEDC. "Keli will give a great deal of attention to that matter — as well as building upon the great relationships we've made with the men and women of Minot Air Force Base. We're lucky to have her!"



# NDSU ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS BEGIN VISION PROJECT FOR DOWNTOWN MINOT

Sixteen fourth-year architecture students from North Dakota State University will have their creative sights set on downtown Minot for the next several months.

Kristi Hanson, adjunct professor of architecture at NDSU, is leading her students in a semester-long urban design project to create a newly conceptualized vision for downtown Minot, complete with detailed artist renderings of new ideas for the community. It follows a similar vision [project for Medora](#), North Dakota in 2021.



The architecture students toured downtown Minot on foot on Sunday, January 29. The following morning, they met with various stakeholders for downtown Minot and the broader Minot community to gather information and inspiration for the project.

"As we visited key locations in Minot and spoke to various community stakeholders, we saw a lot of hope and passion. It has inspired us to do something amazing in downtown Minot," Hanson said.

The project was initiated by Kevin Black, 2023 Chair of the Minot Area Chamber EDC Board of Directors.

"We are so grateful to Kristi and her students for dedicating their time and talent to the Magic City," Black said. "We all want Minot to be a place that our children and grandchildren are proud to call home. The vision this class creates will help us tell the story of the magic of Minot for decades to come."

Brekka Kramer, the President | CEO of the Minot Area Chamber EDC, says the project aligns perfectly with the organization's mission to advocate for and invest in business activity by being a collaborative partner in the community — and it fits into Gov. Doug Burgum's ongoing Main Street Initiative.

"This collaboration fits a broader statewide initiative that envisions healthy, vibrant cities and gives community leaders the tools they need to capitalize on their community's strengths," said Kramer.

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## NDSU ARCHITECTURE VISION FOR DOWNTOWN MINOT, CONTINUED

"Downtown Minot is already such a vibrant place – and it's full of opportunities," Kramer continued. "On behalf of our Board of Directors, our stakeholders, our partners and our community, we welcome the NDSU class to Minot!"

Sofia Naranjo Mata, an architecture student at NDSU, said the potential to enhance Minot's urban space excites her.

"Not every architecture student gets a chance like this — to work on a project that directly impacts people," she said. "This is an amazing opportunity for us to put our years of education together and create something special for the Minot community."

Hanson's architecture class will present the results of their semester-long project in May.





## TEAM MINOT 2023 HONORARY COMMANDERS INDUCTION CEREMONY

Congratulations to the newly inducted members of the Honorary Commander (HCC) program! HCC allows the community to become a part of Team Minot and see the mission from an insider's perspective.



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## FANS PACK MAYSA FOR MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT AT MSU MEN'S HOCKEY GAME



**L to R:** David Sheldon, MSU Captain; Dr. Steven Shirley, MSU President; Col. Daniel Hoadley, Commander of the 5th Bomb Wing; Col. Kenneth McGhee, Commander of the 91st Missile Wing; Johnny Witzke, U Mary Captain

We couldn't have asked for a better night at the Maysa Arena on Saturday, January 21st!

Military Appreciation Night was a tremendous success, with over 1,000 fans estimated on hand to watch the Minot State University men's hockey team take on the University of Mary. Military members and their families were welcomed into the event at no cost.

Thank you to Minot State University and Town & Country Credit Union for supporting Military Appreciation Night!

# INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE VOICES SUPPORT FOR DRONE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT IN MINOT

A massive project aimed at making North Dakota “the epicenter of commercial unmanned aircraft activity” got a vote of confidence from the Minot Area Chamber EDC Infrastructure Committee this month.

Vantis is developing a statewide network that will allow unmanned aircraft systems, or UAS, to fly beyond visual line-of-sight. Representatives of the company presented their plans to the Infrastructure Committee members on Friday, January 13.



RYAN STEENERSON, VANTIS PARTNER ENGAGEMENT MANAGER, PRESENTED TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 13 AT HOMESTEADERS RESTAURANT.

A video shared by the group put it this way: “The North Dakota Vantis Network is the first of its kind, and will make it possible for operators to fly drones safely over safe distances, past a direct line of sight, and see all aviation vehicles—manned and unmanned—in one picture.”

The effort to establish the UAS network in North Dakota has the support of North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum, who included \$30 million in his 2023-2025 Executive Budget for Vantis to establish radar systems, antennae, and communications systems essential to the project.

The uses for such technology, according to Vantis, are far reaching.

“We will soon see a farmer sending up a drone before he goes to bed and waking up to a detailed map of his whole property,” the video explained. “A rancher checking on livestock and fencing over long distances; rail and road inspections that are much faster and more thorough; ... and utility and energy companies inspecting power lines and pipelines with drones rather than with low-flying aircraft, which can be dangerous.”

After fielding questions from the Infrastructure Committee, Vantis received a nod of support from the group, which passed a resolution of support of Vantis and its effort to grow in North Dakota and beyond.



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# UNION SILOS PUBLIC ART PROJECT: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



A community art project recently received a vote of support from the Minot Area Chamber EDC Infrastructure Committee, as well as its Board of Directors: the Union Silos Public Art Project.

Here's more information about the project, courtesy of the Union Silos Team:

Downtown Minot is getting a fresh coat of paint this summer. Well, actually, it's only one structure in particular, but it's a big one! Local

community organizers and public arts advocates are planning to use the old Farmer's Union grain silos as the canvas for North Dakota's largest work of art! Here is what you need to know and we hope that you will help financially support this effort!

**Project Goal:** The goal of the Union Silos Public Art Project is to transform the grain silos located at 318 1st Ave. NE in Minot into North Dakota's largest work of art that will be part of artist Guido van Helten's nation-wide Monuments series.

**Organizers:** This project is being organized by volunteers and community builders Tim Baumann, Chelsea Gleich, and Cole Krueger. The trio is also taking regular consultation from Stephanie Schoenrock (Visit Minot - tourism), Derek Hackett (property owner), and Justin Anderson (MACA - fiscal agent).

**Exclusivity:** This project is part of van Helten's Monuments series, which has the goal of creating one large-formal mural in each state across the United States. Union Silos will be the work for North Dakota, meaning that the community of Minot will be the exclusive site for this artist's work in the entire state. North Dakota will then join the network of van Helten art tourism destinations already found in South Dakota, Kansas, Texas, Iowa, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Minnesota.

**Secondary Benefits:** This project has been endorsed by the Minot Area Chamber and Economic Development Corporation because of the impact it will have on tourism, attracting and retaining workforce, and creating a sense of place in the Minot community. The Union Silos Public Art Project is also a part of the redevelopment of this corner of downtown that will include greenway development, a new food truck court, façade improvement efforts, and the existing attractions of two local breweries.

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## UNION SILOS PUBLIC ART PROJECT, CONTINUED



**Design Process:** The design process for the artwork involves the artist providing a series of community listening sessions, conversations, oral history gathering, photographs, and instructional seminars. Guido van Helten will then use the images and concepts taken from these events to provide a draft of the mural to the commissioning team. The group will have slight editorial power at that point and will also be able to request artistic changes (within reason) at two points throughout the painting process.

**Structure Longevity and Maintenance:** These structures are currently owned and used as warehouse storage for a company called Pretty Lights. The business has expressed their long term support for the artwork and intends to install lighting to enhance the viewing experience. The cement silos were found to be structurally sound at the time of purchase in 2022. This property is not impacted by flood protection efforts. Organizers have designated any extra funds received will go toward long term maintenance and upkeep. The paint is expected to last for 30-50 years.

**How to Support:** The Minot Area Council of the Arts is processing all donations and issuing tax-deductible receipts through their 501(c)(3) non-profit status. You can donate online at [ndunionsilos.com](http://ndunionsilos.com).

## BOARD MEMBER LES KNUDSON RECEIVES AWARD NORTHERN PULSE GROWERS HONOR KNUDSON WITH EXCELLENCE AWARD

Congratulations to Les Knudson, MACEDC Board Member and U.S. Operations Manager for AGT Foods! He was honored with the 2023 Northern Pulse Growers Association Excellence Award at the group's conference in January.

The NPGA Excellence Award is given annually to an industry member who has made significant contributions to the Northern Pulse Growers Association. Knudson's hard work is worth celebrating!





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Crossover typically marks the midpoint of the North Dakota legislative session. Bills that passed in the House of Representatives cross over to be reviewed by the Senate and vice versa. Lawmakers will recess from February 25 through 28 and reconvene on Wednesday, March 1.

## MORE MINOT AREA LEGISLATIVE FORUMS AHEAD



C: MINOT DAILY NEWS

The Minot Area Chamber EDC is offering member-investors and community members to ask questions of local lawmakers via a moderator during our Saturday Legislative Forums. Thank you to all who attended our first forum of the year! Five more forums are scheduled on the following dates:

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| • February 4  | 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. | ND State Fair Center Norsk Room |
| • February 18 | 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. | ND State Fair Center Norsk Room |
| • March 11    | 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. | MSU Student Center. Floor 3     |
| • March 25    | 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. | ND State Fair Center Norsk Room |
| • April 1     | 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. | ND State Fair Center Norsk Room |

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# START UP MINOT



## MURDER & MEMOIRS: ACCLAIMED LOCAL PODCASTERS SHARE STORY

January's Start Up Minot networking event featured two speakers who are no strangers to, well, speaking!

Jonah Lantto and Dawn Palumbo are the hosts of Midwest Murder, a true crime podcast with a significant national following. The pair have become known for exciting live recordings in and around North Dakota. A recent sold-out show in Fargo opened their eyes to the impact they're making. "To draw a big audience in a larger city, away from our hometown crowd — that was a big moment for us," Lantto said.

Their latest project is known as Midwest Memoirs.

"Every family has a storyteller," Palumbo said. "What happens to those stories when they're no longer around? The goal of Midwest Memoirs is to capture those priceless stories." The pair interviews family members and turns the audio into a private "podcast episode" to help families' voices live on for generations.

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Chiropractic Health & Wellness  
Cool Fish Services Inc.  
Country Financial - Ahsha Mims  
Cultivate Solutions  
Dakota Outdoor Advertising  
Delta Vacations  
Dufner Construction, Inc.  
Ebenezer's Eatery & Irish Pub  
EPIC Companies  
Excavating Inc.  
FedEx Express  
Gymagic Gymnastics  
Hyatt House - Minot  
Independence, Inc.  
Integrity Viking Funds  
Johnson Eyecare P.C.  
Journey Church  
Blake Krabseth Comedian/Magician  
KX News  
LOOK Aesthetic Atelier  
Magic City Car Wash  
Magic City Garage Door & Awning  
Magic City Harley-Davidson-Minot  
Maintenance Plus Inc.  
McDonald's Restaurants of Minot  
Minot Symphony Association  
MSI Service & Solutions  
Newman Outdoor Advertising

North Country Mercantile & Equipment  
North Country Sportswear/School &  
Office Supply  
North Dakota Envelope Co.  
North Dakota Living  
Northern Brake Service  
Northern Plains Children's Advocacy  
Center  
Off the Vine, LLC  
Olson Family Dental, PLLC  
Organized Spaces  
Our Redeemer's Christian School  
Pizza Ranch  
Planet Pizza  
Precise Transport LLC  
Preferred Partners Real Estate  
American Red Cross Mid-Dakota  
Chapter  
Ryan Family Dealership  
Schatz Crossroads Truck Stop  
Scherr's Cabinet & Doors, Inc.  
Signal Management Corp.-SMC  
Signal Realtors - Jeff Stremick, CCIM  
Soaring Eagle Outerwear  
Mr. Dean Somerville  
Souris Valley Dental Group  
Spartan Firearms  
Sports On Tap  
Michael E Braun - State Farm  
Insurance  
Swenson RV & Equipment  
Thrivent Financial  
Town & Country Credit Union  
Tuff Trucks  
Vallely Sport & Marine  
Vardon Golf Club  
City of Velva  
The View  
Vision Source Minot, PLLC  
The Wellington Assisted Living

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# JANUARY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT THE SPOT

Thank you to our friends at The Spot for hosting a terrific Business After Hours event on January 26! About 150 people joined us for an evening of networking and fun. Congratulations to Joy Smith from Kalix for winning \$50 Chamber Bucks, and to Amanda Heim of Scheels for winning a \$100 voucher for her next event at The Spot!



# EAGLE AWARD RECIPIENTS

FOR JANUARY 2023



**Chris Garnett**  
Advanced Business  
Solutions



**Tiffany Gunville**  
Milton Young Towers



**Tony Pasterz**  
Burlington Police  
Department



**Dr. Cody Pehrson**  
Trinity Health



**Matt Peterson**  
Midco



**Jennifer Ramsey**  
REM North Dakota



**Jordan Russell**  
Walmart Supercenter



**Bryan Thomas**  
Thomas Family  
Funeral Home



**Shawn Thompson**  
Trinity Health



**Brecca Wahlund**  
Trinity Health West

*Thank you to Homesteaders Restaurant and Waxing the City for providing gift certificates for award recipients!*

# Job Service North Dakota Nationwide Virtual Job Fair

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# MEMBER-INVESTOR NEWS

## FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK & TRUST CONGRATULATES LOFTON KLABUNDE



Lofton Klabunde

First International Bank & Trust (FIBT) is proud to announce the promotion of Lofton Klabunde to Treasury Management Portfolio Manager. Lofton has been with FIBT since 2019, most recently as a Personal Banker. Lofton will complete the Central Market Treasury Management Team with his main focus being client support by building current relationships, as well as, establishing new ones. He will be located at the Minot Broadway office.

Lofton graduated from Minot High School in 2018 and Minot State University in 2021 with a bachelor's degree in Business Management, along with a Minor in Marketing, with a Concentration in International Business.

In his free time, Lofton enjoys spending time with family and friends, hunting and fishing.

## FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK AND TRUST EMPLOYEES DONATE \$1,500 TO VIGGY'S SANDLOT



First International Bank & Trust is pleased to announce a \$1,500 donation was recently awarded to Viggys Sandlot. The Minot FIBT employees paid money to wear jeans for a week with the proceeds going towards financial assistance to local individuals interested in participating in youth sports.

Viggys Sandlot was started in honor of Scott Vigested, who passed away after a courageous battle with colon cancer in 2020. The first donation that was made by Viggys Sandlot was to help fund the new honorary bell located at Trinity CancerCare Center to celebrate patients completing chemotherapy.

# ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION'S TWICE BLESSED RESULTS REACH \$1.1 MILLION



St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation shared results and distributed checks from the 6th Annual Twice Blessed Program. The Twice Blessed program is a matching gift program to double contributions given between November 15 – December 31 to pre-determined grant approved organizations. Checks totaling \$915,437.38 were distributed for projects that impact the mental, physical, spiritual and/or emotional well-being of people in the counties of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Ward and Wells. Another \$184,750. was donated to a variety of Agency Endowments within the Foundation.

Contributors went to one website, [twiceblessednd.com](http://twiceblessednd.com), to read about the mission and goals of each of the area organizations participating in the program. They donated through the website or sent contributions directly to the Foundation or to the participating organizations. No gift was too small and gifts were matched accordingly by predetermined amounts up to a grand match total of \$311,000 provided by St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation.

Area hospitals and senior center needs, community swimming pool improvements, fire department equipment, university scholarships for students of nursing, social work and communication disorders, mental health programs, food pantries, summer camp opportunities, dental mobile care for children, outdoor recreation activities for veterans, advocacy and homeless programs, children's discovery center elevator and much more were impacted by the grants given. Area food pantries received a record high total of \$116,283.66.

"We are thankful for the many organizations, board members, staff and volunteers who work diligently in our region to secure a better quality of life by identifying and serving the needs in their communities." Shelly Wepler, President, SJCHF. "We are especially thankful to the hundreds of donors who made gifts during the Twice Blessed program. Their gifts make a big difference to many."



# CITY OF MINOT ASSISTANT ENGINEER EARNS CERTIFIED FLOODPLAIN MANAGER DESIGNATION



Emily Huettl

Assistant City Engineer Emily Huettl has earned the Certified Floodplain Manager designation from the Association of State Floodplain Managers.

In earning the credential, Huettl joins 48 other individuals in North Dakota, including City Engineer Lance Meyer and Principal Planner John Van Dyke.

“We all have to complete continuing education to maintain our certification, and that shows the City of Minot’s commitment to focusing on floodplain management and its importance to our community,” Huettl said. “Moving forward, understanding

these issues and the new flood risk maps will be vital to helping our residents in the floodplain and maintaining our standing in FEMA’s Community Rating System.”

Huettl attended the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance program in December.

The City appealed FEMA’s proposed flood risk maps in February 2020. Revised preliminary maps will likely be issued late this year, which means any new flood risk maps wouldn’t go into effect until 2024 or 2025.

The National Certified Floodplain Manager program was created in 1998, and requires passing an exam and earning continuing education credits annually to maintain certification. The role of floodplain managers is expanding due to increases in natural disasters, the emphasis on mitigation to alleviate the cycle of damage-rebuild-damage, and a need for professionals to adequately address these issues.

Huettl joined the City’s engineering department in October 2018. She grew up in Minot, graduating from Bishop Ryan High School. She earned a degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University and a masters in engineering management from Ohio University.

For additional information or interviews contact the Public Information Office at 701-857-4727 or by email at [pio@minotnd.org](mailto:pio@minotnd.org).



# CITY OF MINOT SENIOR INSPECTOR EARNS MASTER CODE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

City of Minot Senior Inspector Gage DeGroot has earned the Master Code Professional certification, putting him in elite company in North Dakota.

As part of the process, DeGroot passed 17 different International Code Council certification exams, including 10 core tests and a number of optional credits. DeGroot is now only the third certified Master Code Professional in North Dakota.

“It is kind of rare because it’s a lot of hard work,” DeGroot said. “My goal was to finish in under a year, but with COVID-19 and everything that happened with that, it got pushed back a little bit. But it usually takes about five years to complete, so I’m happy to accomplish it in about two years.”



Gage DeGroot

DeGroot joined the City of Minot in May 2018. He began testing for his master certification in 2020. He was born and raised in Minot, graduating from Minot High School.

Earning his Master Code Professional certification ensures that DeGroot is now certified to handle various types of inspections for the City of Minot, including mechanical and plumbing.

## ASPIRE CU ANNOUNCES BRIANNA WEEKS PROMOTION



Brianna Weeks

Aspire Credit Union is pleased to announce the promotion of Brianna Weeks to Assistant Operations Manager. Weeks who has been an employee of the credit union for over 7 years, handles a range of members services in her department. “I work with various items with debit and credit cards,” Weeks shared. “I manage account fraud, assist with collections, ACH transactions, share drafts, and balancing of (credit union’s) general ledgers.” Aside from her many duties, Weeks is most known and recognized for her exceptional member support. She can be found assisting members daily with all aspects of their financial needs. Weeks dedicates many hours to helping members identify fraud and scams, so they aren’t swindled out of funds and works diligently to find ways to put members first.

Aside from operational tasks, her efforts have been recognized by management at the credit union for her outstanding performance. “We are pleased to recognize Brianna for her hard work,” stated Mindee Kohlman, President and CEO of Aspire Credit Union. “She’s earned this promotion based on her efforts and merit.”

As an Assistant Operations Manager, she will continue to expand her knowledge on the many procedures that happen throughout the credit union.



# TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION HOSTS 2022-2023 NURSING SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET



Trinity Health Foundation recognized seventeen nursing scholarship recipients at a banquet held in their honor on Friday, January 6, 2023, at the Clarion Hotel in Minot.

Recipients received recognition for their accomplishments and presented a speech on their award. A short program was provided by Dr. Jeffrey Verhey, Trinity Health Foundation Board Chairman, and Sandy Boschee, Director of Nursing—Critical Care.

The nursing scholarships are made possible through the Trinity Health Foundation's Nursing Scholarship Fund. The goal of the scholarship program is to build a vibrant and talented pool of nurses who will provide the best care possible and improve the health and wellness in our region.

"This year we received a record number of applications for the nursing scholarship and we are proud to present 17 \$3,000 scholarships to very deserving applicants. This would not be possible without the generosity of our donors who contribute to this fund," says Dusty Zimmerman, Director of Trinity Health Foundation.

Following are the 2022-2023 Trinity Health Foundation Nursing Scholarship recipients:

Mariah Arlien – Minot State University  
Makenzie Bjork – Minot State University  
Kennedy Blackburn – Minot State University  
Erin Bradford – Minot State University  
Jill Erickson – Minot State University  
Jordyn Erickson – Williston State College  
Keegan Henjum – Minot State University  
Kimberly Hoodman – Dakota College at Bottineau  
Erin Morin – University of North Dakota

Sydney Mosset – Dickinson State University  
Noelle Overton – University of Mary  
Paige Rosencrans – North Dakota State University  
Tabbitha Smith – Dakota College at Bottineau  
Breanna Svangstu – Minot State University  
Annelise Tice – Williston State College  
Allie Wahlund – North Dakota State University  
Sarah Wood – Dakota College at Bottineau



# HESS ANNOUNCES 2023 E&P CAPITAL AND EXPLORATORY BUDGET

*MORE THAN 80% ALLOCATED TO WORLD CLASS GUYANA DEVELOPMENTS AND BAKKEN FOUR RIG PROGRAM*

Hess Corporation announced a 2023 Exploration & Production capital and exploratory budget of \$3.7 billion, of which more than 80% will be allocated to Guyana and the Bakken.

Net production is forecast to average between 355,000 and 365,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day in 2023. Bakken net production is forecast to average between 165,000 and 170,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day and Guyana net production is forecast to average approximately 100,000 barrels of oil per day in 2023. (1)

“Our capital program reflects continued execution of our strategy to invest only in high return, low cost opportunities within our portfolio,” CEO John Hess said. “More than 80% of our 2023 budget is allocated to Guyana, which is positioned to be one of the highest margin, lowest carbon intensity oil developments in the world, and to the Bakken, our largest operated asset where we have a robust inventory of high return future drilling locations.”

Chief Operating Officer Greg Hill said: “In the Bakken, we plan to operate a four rig program, which will enable us to maximize free cash flow generation, optimize our in-basin infrastructure and drive further reductions in our unit cash costs. In Guyana, our focus in 2023 will be on advancing our high value oil developments and continuing an active exploration and appraisal program on the Stabroek Block.”

The \$3.7 billion budget is allocated as follows: \$1.45 billion (39%) for production, \$1.7 billion (46%) for offshore Guyana developments and \$550 million (15%) for exploration and appraisal activities.

## **Production**

- \$1.1 billion to fund a four rig program in the Bakken. The company expects to drill approximately 110 gross operated wells and to bring online approximately 110 wells in 2023. Funds are also included for investment in nonoperated wells.
- \$225 million for production activities at North Malay Basin (Hess 50% and operator) offshore Peninsular Malaysia and the Malaysia/Thailand Joint Development Area (Hess 50%) in the Gulf of Thailand.
- \$125 million for production activities in the Gulf of Mexico, including drilling two tieback wells and seismic acquisition and processing.

## **Developments**

- \$90 million associated with the Liza Phase 1 and Phase 2 developments on the Stabroek Block offshore Guyana (Hess 30%), which are currently operating at a combined gross production capacity of more than 360,000 barrels of oil per day (bopd).
- \$1.21 billion for the developments on the Stabroek Block at Payara, Yellowtail and Uaru. Payara is on track to come online by the end of 2023 with a gross production capacity of approximately 220,000 bopd. Yellowtail is expected to come online in 2025 with a gross production capacity of approximately 250,000 bopd. Uaru is expected to come online at the end of 2026 with a gross production capacity of approximately 250,000 bopd.

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# CONTINUED: HESS ANNOUNCES 2023 E&P CAPITAL AND EXPLORATORY BUDGET

- \$150 million for the Gas to Energy project with first gas expected by year end 2024.
- \$250 million primarily for front end engineering and design work for future development phases on the Stabroek Block.

## Exploration and Appraisal

- \$550 million to drill approximately 10 exploration and appraisal wells on the Stabroek Block, two wells in the Gulf of Mexico and one well offshore Newfoundland, Canada. Funds are also included for seismic acquisition and processing in Guyana, Suriname and the deepwater Gulf of Mexico.

### 2023 Estimated Capital and Exploratory Expenditures (\$ Millions)

By Segment		By Region	
Exploration and Production		Exploration and Production	
Production	\$1,450	United States	\$1,425
Developments	1,700	South America	2,010
Exploration and Appraisal	550	Asia and Other	265
Total	\$3,700		\$3,700

Note: This budget excludes expenditures associated with the Midstream segment.  
(1) Production guidance includes Guyana tax barrels of approximately 10,000 bopd.  
See cautionary statements at [businesswire.com](https://www.businesswire.com).

# ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD CREATES NEW ROLE; JESSICA EGGE NAMED DIRECTOR OF INTERIOR DESIGN



Jessica Egge

Jessica Egge has been promoted to the role of Director of Interior Design.

She has been with Ackerman-Estvold since 2017. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from Universidad de las Americas Puebla - Cholula, Mexico.

Egge has spent over twenty-seven years in the field of architecture, from preliminary design, construction documentation and the bidding process to construction administration and project completion. She specializes in all things interior; by assisting clients in analyzing their needs and developing a plan that will best accomplish

beauty and function for their project. In this role, Egge will continue to focus on assisting our clientele to create innovative concepts and vibrant spaces using the newest in materials, colors, textures and technologies and serve as a lead liaison for other team members as well as leading proposal and business development for interiors.

# ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD CREATES NEW ROLE; NATHAN AMICK NAMED CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING DIRECTOR



Nathan Amick

Nathan Amick has assumed the role of Construction Engineering Director.

He has been with Ackerman-Estvold since 2009. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota, and passed his PE licenses in 2021.

Amick spent five years as an intern with the company, focusing on construction observation and engineering, before he started full time with the company following his graduation from NDSU in 2014.

His initial focus within the company was within the Water Resources area, working on water modeling and water related project design, and also assisted with land acquisitions related to those design projects. Amick transitioned to the construction engineering area to assist with administration and management of Ackerman-Estvold construction projects prior to the 2022 construction season.

In 2023, he moves into a larger role of construction management leading the Ackerman-Estvold Construction Engineering department; leading the construction team to serve our clients as their construction liaison and continue the focus on growing our relationships within the industry.

## SRT OFFERS LOCAL AND NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The 2023 SRT College Scholarship Program applications are now available. Five local scholarships totaling \$8,500 will be awarded to students in 2023. National scholarships are also available through SRT's partnership with the Foundation for Rural Service.

The SRT College Scholarship program awards four \$1,500 scholarships. The program evaluates community involvement, school activities, an essay response, and grade point average.

The SRT Technical Scholarship will award \$2,500 to one student. This scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors or undergraduate students studying telecommunications or other computer-technology-related fields.

SRT is also proud to partner as a member of the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) to participate in a national scholarship program that can provide local students with scholarships. Students submitting an FRS application are eligible for multiple national scholarship opportunities.

Applications are available online at [srt.com/srtcares](https://srt.com/srtcares). FRS Scholarship applications are due February 8 and SRT Scholarship applications are due March 3. Scholarship recipients will be announced in April and an awards luncheon will be held for the winners.

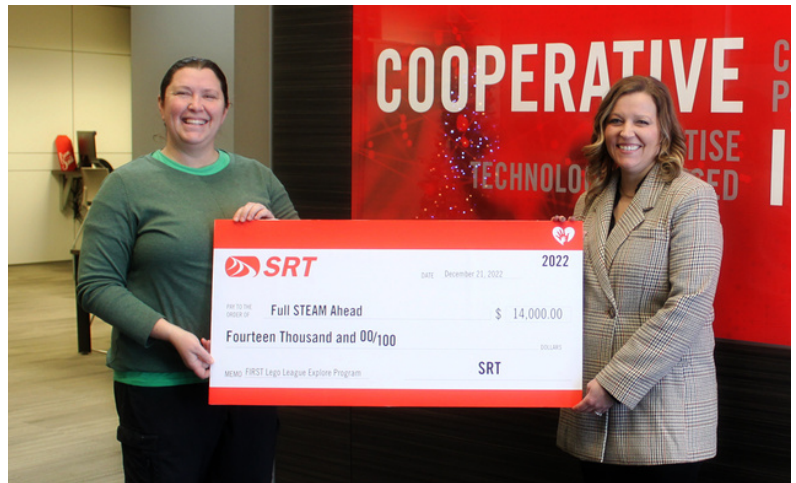


## SRT DONATES \$14,000 TO FULL STEAM AHEAD FUNDS SUPPORT LEGO LEAGUE EXPLORE PROGRAM

SRT recently presented a check totaling the company's support of Full STEAM Ahead's Lego League Explore program.

Since 2019, SRT has donated \$14,000 to the program, opening the door for hundreds of kids ages 6-14 to participate for free.

FIRST® LEGO® League is a branch of an international program that encourages kids to develop an early interest in fields related to science and technology.



Full STEAM Ahead Executive Director Ali Auch joins SRT Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Cassidy Hjelmstad at a check presentation to celebrate the collective \$14,000 donated by SRT since 2019.

“It’s been really great for the kids, working through new challenges by building and programming LEGOs. They really enjoy it, and the opportunity is available thanks to SRT.” said Ali Auch, Full STEAM Ahead Executive Director and Founder.

STEAM Teams Powered by SRT learn through exploratory research, hands-on construction, and use of LEGO elements. The students work together to bring these robotic models to life.

“SRT believes in technology’s potential to improve life for people in our region,” said Cassidy Hjelmstad, SRT Chief Executive Officer and General Manager. “When young students pursue knowledge in this discipline, they are on the way to an exciting future and a meaningful education. We see the importance of STEAM in our business daily, and we are proud to support this program for local kids.”

## SHANE D. ZABACK NAMED MEMBER OF RAYMOND JAMES EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Shane D Zaback, Branch Manager located at Raymond James, 1408 20th Ave SW Ste 2, Minot, ND, was recently named a member of the 2022 Executive Council. This marks the fifth consecutive year that Zaback has qualified for this important recognition.

Zaback who joined Raymond James in 2017, has twenty-five years of experience in financial services, and represents the client-first values that the firm proudly applies to every part of business. Zaback offers comprehensive investing and planning solutions for his client’s individual goals. His process helps clients adapt their strategy in a way that can best reach their goals and respond to changes in the market or in their life.

# MINOT STATE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES MINOT EAGLES SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT



The Minot State University Development Foundation is pleased to announce a new scholarship endowment of \$100,000 has been created for MSU College of Education and Health Science students thanks to the generosity of the Minot Eagles Aerie 2376.

“We are grateful to the Minot Eagles Aerie 2376 for all that they have done in creating this scholarship,” said Rick Hedberg, MSU Development Foundation executive director. “The Minot Eagles have supported our community for so many years and this endowment will continue that legacy in perpetuity. We can’t thank them enough.”

The Minot Eagles Aerie 2376 Scholarship Endowment Fund will be awarded to sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate students studying in the College of Education and Health Sciences, who possess a 3.5 or greater GPA.

“As an organization, we thought it might keep the Eagle's name alive as our motto is ‘People helping People.’” said Eagles member Leon Wedar. “For me, the main reason I supported donating to MSU is both of my children are in the medical field, my son is a physical therapist at Trinity Health and my daughter is an RN at Sanford in Bismarck, and they have shared with me about the shortage in the medical field. Giving to someone who otherwise might not be able to go into medicine a boost with a scholarship is a good thing, and I think the education field goes right along with that; we need more teachers also.”

In 2022, the Minot Eagles Aerie 2376 surrendered their charter, thus creating the scholarship endowment.

“The Eagles is a charitable organization and through the years, the Minot Eagles has donated over \$2 million to the local community,” said Eagles member Roger Wahus. “We wanted to continue this legacy after we disbanded and gave up the charter in October 2022. The best way to accomplish this was a final donation to MSU in the form of a scholarship endowment to benefit students for their educational expenses for years to come.”

To apply for the scholarship, fill out the MSU scholarship application available on the [Minot State financial aid website](#). Scholarship applications are open with a priority deadline of Feb. 15, 2023. For more information on this and other scholarship opportunities at MSU, see the [Minot State Academic Catalog](#).



# MINOT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS COLLABORATE FOR IMPACT



**Back Row L to R:** Jason Zimmerman, Perry Olson, Samantha Knipp, Benjamin Parker, Mary Gamas, Tressa Blake, Jesse Crosby, Cassandra Badke, Leslie Coughlin, Kristen Boen  
**Front Row L to R:** Staci Kenney, Darla Miller, Christal Halselth, Carly Blasing, Marie Tillema, Chelsea Kirkhamer, Tammy Ness, Mandy Hanson, Ginger Quam  
**NPCAC Therapy Dogs:** Mack and Ink

The Minot Area Community Foundation (MACF), Westlie Motor Company, and Power of the Purse have collaborated to make a \$20,000 gift to the Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center (NPCAC) possible. These funds will go towards the creation of a group therapy room.

The idea came together this past Fall when NPCAC identified the need for a group therapy room. Power of the Purse stepped up with an initial gift of \$5,000 which was then matched by Westlie Motor Company. The final \$10,000 was made possible by the PPREP Community Foundation Disaster

Fund, a project of the Funders Network, which the Minot Area Community Foundation is a part of.

"This is a great opportunity to partner with one of our Giving Circles and a well-known, locally owned business to leverage philanthropic and private funds to make a significant impact towards addressing the increased need for mental health services in our area youth," said Jason Zimmerman, President of The Minot Area Community Foundation.

NPCAC has seen a 52% increase in clients who need services since 2020; the waiting list for services has grown with children having to wait up to 3 months to begin treatment. In response to the rising need of mental health services, clinicians worked to identify the common problems children of various age groups sought treatment for. By providing group therapy in addition to individual therapy, they can serve more children, shorten, or ameliorate their waitlists, and reduce the length of time children are in treatment.

"Group therapy is an opportunity for children who have experienced trauma to meet, share their stories, and receive support and education together. Their mental health is a priority to ensure a better future for them and having the space to do that is critical" states Christal Halselth, Executive Director of NPCAC. "We are very fortunate to be a part of a community who is invested in the lives of our children and who will come together to ensure our children have every opportunity to heal. It shows them they are cared for and allows us to provide the services they need."

The NPCAC provides a compassionate and effective way to bring services to children who are victimized by abuse. This public-private collaboration significantly reduces the trauma associated with reporting child abuse and holds offenders accountable.

# MINOT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S POWER OF THE PURSE GRANTS FUNDS TO AREA ORGANIZATIONS



**Back Row L to R:** Shari Pister, Luke Charley, Mike Arlien, Britni Schmalz, Benjamin Parker, Leslie Coughlin, Kristen Boen, Mary Gamas, Jesse Crosby, Christy Miller, Connie Wilson, Tressa Blake

**Middle Row L to R:** Malinda Kragh, Megan Mantz, Christal Halseth, Ginger Quam, Darla Miller, Ali Auch, Cassondra Badke, Jamie Swenson, Dusty Zimmerman

**Front Row L to R:** Staci Kenney, Chelsea Kirkhammer, Tammy Ness, Samantha Knipp, Mandy Hanson

**NPCAC Therapy Dogs:** Mack and Ink

The Minot Area Community Foundation's Power of the Purse Giving Circle held their annual grant meeting in December and granted a total of \$31,000 back into the Minot community.

Organizations receiving funds were Souris Valley United Way (SVUW), Full STEAM Ahead, Trinity Health Foundation, MSU Development Foundation – ASTEP, Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center (NPCAC), Hello Sunshine Ice Cream & Books, and Minot Public Schools – Jim Hill Middle School.

"The last few years, our group has been extremely passionate about supporting programs that provide food, clothing, and basic essentials to the youth in our community," says Chelsea Kirkhammer, Power of the Purse President. "It's exciting for all of us to see these programs continue to grow and we are eager to support them on their journey."

Programs that will benefit from these grant funds include Backpack Buddies, Girls Who Code Club, NICU parent room in the new Trinity Hospital, transportation for ASTEP program at MSU, a group therapy room at NPCAC, books and supplies for Hello Sunshine, and Christmas gifts for underserved youth at Jim Hill Middle School.

Power of the Purse members gathered at NPCAC to present a ceremonial check to all grant recipients.



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2023**

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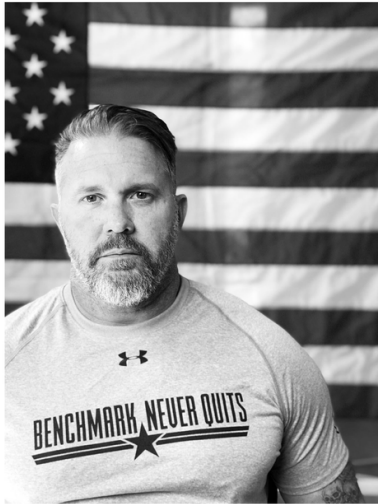
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COMMUNITY ABOUT THE STRUGGLES THAT VETERANS HAVE, WE  
HOPE TO KEEP THIS SUBJECT TOP OF MIND.**



**RETIRED U.S. ARMY CAPTAIN, CHAD FLEMING IS A HIGHLY DECORATED WAR HERO WHO DEPLOYED 5 TIMES AFTER BECOMING AN AMPUTEE. HE IS THE EPITOME OF THE AMERICAN WARFIGHTER. A POWERFUL AND MOVING SPEAKER WHO SERVES AS AN EXAMPLE AND GUIDE TO PERSEVERANCE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY, WHILE CHALLENGING AUDIENCES TO PRIORITIZE FOCUSING ON WHAT MATTERS MOST TO BECOME BETTER LEADERS AND TEAMMATES IN THEIR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIVES.**



**TOM IS A HUGE VETERAN ADVOCATE AND SPECIALIZES IN HELPING OUR AMERICAN HEROES ACHIEVE THE AMERICAN DREAM. TOM IS A CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR FOR MILITARY MORTGAGE BOOTCAMP, A CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR FOR THE VETERAN MORTGAGE ADVISOR'S AND CERTIFIED MRP INSTRUCTOR THROUGH NAR. HE HAS A PASSION TO HELP EDUCATE AND TEACH REALTORS AND BUILDERS ABOUT THE VA HOME LOAN PRODUCT THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, INDIANA, ILLINOIS AND FLORIDA.**

**[FUNDS RAISED FROM THE TAKE AIM SHOOTING EVENT THIS YEAR WILL GO DIRECTLY TO BOTH THE MINOT POLICE DEPARTMENT K9 UNIT FOR THE NEW K9 DOG AS WELL AS REMAINING FUNDS RAISED TO A SERVICE DOG FOR A LOCAL NORTH DAKOTA VETERAN THROUGH SERVICE DOGS OF AMERICA, JUD, ND.]**

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# NORTHERN PLAINS CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER: CHAMPAGNE AND ICE GALA SET FOR FEBRUARY 25



This year's Champagne and Ice Gala, hosted by the Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center, will be held on Saturday February 25 at 6 pm. Tickets for this 13th annual event are available at <https://npcac.cbo.io>.

The NPCAC provides a compassionate and effective way to serve children victimized by sexual abuse and other crimes. Families that come to NPCAC are never charged for services. Funding for NPCAC comes from grants and community donations, so events like this are vital in continuing to serve children and families.

"Centers like this significantly reduce the trauma associated with child abuse and assists in holding offenders accountable. Every year, we serve more children than the last; in 2022 we saw 997 individuals," said Christal Halseth, NPCAC Executive Director. "This gala has grown into our most valuable source of funding."

An online auction will begin on February 17, concluding on February 25 at 8:15 pm. The auction will include baskets donated by area businesses, guitars autographed by Taylor Swift, U2, and Ed Sheeran; autographed jerseys from Justin Jefferson, Minnesota Vikings, Christian Watson, Green Bay Packers, and LeBron James, Los Angeles Lakers; and an 18"x30" American flag hand signed by Robert O'Neill, aka "The Operator" and the former U.S. Navy Seal who fired the shots that killed Osama Bin Laden during the raid on his Abbottabad compound on May 2, 2011. The bidding site is located on our Champagne & Ice page at <https://npcac.cbo.io>.

Raffle tickets are available for a 14k diamond tennis bracelet donated by Knowles Jewelry of Minot and valued at more than \$10,000. Tickets are \$20 each and available through any NPCAC staff or board member.

The gala will begin with a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres. Erin Merryrn, founder of Erin's Law, and named PEOPLE Magazine a "Heroes Among Us and one of 15 people changing the world," will present before our live auction. After suffering six years of sexual abuse during her childhood, Erin broke her silence when she was 13 at a Children's Advocacy Center. The CAC allowed Erin to reclaim her voice and begin her journey to healing; she has spoken at more than 250 CAC events.

In 2008, Erin began writing legislators to require personal body safety be taught to kids in school, what is known as Erin's Law. Erin's Law is the first US child sexual abuse prevention education law requiring children be educated in schools. Erin is author of Stolen Innocence, Living for Today and An Unimaginable Act. Following Erin's presentation will be the live auction and raffle for the diamond bracelet.

Tickets are \$50/person; guests must be 21 or older to attend. Gatsby themed attire is encouraged and there will even be a best dressed contest!

Be sure to check out the NPCAC's Facebook page for gala updates. Please call 701-852-0836 or email [christal@northernplainscac.org](mailto:christal@northernplainscac.org) for raffle ticket information.



# It's Magic in Minot!

There's a positive movement going on in Minot. We're rediscovering that our community is full of energy and a spirit for being a better place to live, to visit and to love. We have friendly and helpful faces, big ideas, a can-do attitude and fun things to do everywhere. Get excited again about the Magic City. Join the conversation and share why you think it's #MagicInMinot.



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# Chamber EDC Events and Meetings

## February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <b>Start Up Minot Academy</b> 8:30 a.m. Carnegie Center  <b>Agribusiness Committee</b> 12:00 p.m. NDSU Extension Center	<b>2</b> <b>Military Affairs Committee</b> 12:00 p.m. Sleep Inn & Suites  <b>Ambassadors Committee</b> 4:30 p.m. Clarion Hotel - Oasis Bar	<b>3</b>  <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> 10:00 a.m. Tilt Studios - Dakota Square Mall	<b>4</b>  <b>Legislative Forum</b> 9:00 a.m. ND State Fair Center Norsk Room
5	6	7	<b>8</b> <b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> 7:30 a.m. MACEDC Office  <b>Start Up Minot Academy</b> 8:30 a.m. Carnegie Center	<b>9</b> <b>Start Up Minot Networking Event</b> 7:30 a.m. Carnegie Center  <b>State of the City Address</b> 11:30 a.m. The Depot	10	11
12	13	<b>14</b>  <b>Eagle Awards Presentation</b> 10:00 a.m. MACEDC Office	<b>15</b>  <b>Start Up Minot Academy</b> 8:30 a.m. Carnegie Center	16	17	<b>18</b>  <b>Legislative Forum</b> 9:00 a.m. ND State Fair Center Norsk Room
19	20	21	<b>22</b> <b>Start Up Minot Academy</b> 8:30 a.m. Carnegie Center  <b>Right Start Presentation</b> 9:10 a.m. Minot AFB	<b>23</b> <b>Energy Committee</b> 11:30 a.m. Badlands Restaurant & Bar  <b>Business After Hours</b> 5:00 p.m. Hotel Revel - 1510 26th Ave SW	24	25
26	27	28				



