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Col. Cameron Pringle, 319th Air Base Wing commander, assumes command in receiving the 319 ABW guidon from Maj. Gen. Mary O'Brien, 25th Air Force commander, during a change of command ceremony for the wing June 28, 2019, on Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota.

*U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Elora J. Martinez, caption by Senior Airman Elijah Tiggs*

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# Chamber News

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**Columbia Mall Group Visits Grand Forks and is Committed to Our Market.**

Evan Shtulman and James Kholamian, GK Development representatives met with local business and community leaders to talk about various options for Columbia Mall. The visit to Grand Forks was in response to a visit to Chicago by six Grand Forks Leaders in late February. According to Chamber President, Barry Wilfahrt the Chamber's Market Capture Assessment Committee felt kicking off its efforts without first visiting with the mall ownership group about its plans would be half hearted. He also indicated that during their February and recent visit here the ownership group reaffirmed their commitment to Grand Forks. "This is GK Development's top priority" according to Evan Shtulman, Vice President of Leasing for GK.



Evan Shtulman, Vice President of Leasing for GK and James Kholamian, Development Leasing Representative

**"This (Columbia Mall) is GK Development's top priority"**

- Evan Shtulman, Vice President of Leasing for GK.

During the visit to Chicago, the primary owner, Garo Kholamian noted Grand Forks is a "very healthy market and we are committed to it." In addition to sharing various development and tenant options, the GK group asked for input on various regional businesses that would be a good fit for the space.

The two groups are scheduled to meet again in September to share progress.



**COLUMBIA**  
**MALL**

## Market Capture Assessments Begins

With the anticipated approval of funding by the City of Grand Forks funding will be in place for the Market Capture Assessment. The Committee Chaired by Matt Walkowiak, Ground Round and Russell Crary will begin work on assessing opportunities for our market. The other funding partners are the Chamber, EDC, EGF EDA and CVB. All have agreed to put \$5,000 a year in for the next two years. The Chamber will serve as the fiscal agent. The committee's areas of investigation are below:



Matt Walkowiak  
Ground Round



Russle Crary  
Crary Real Estate

### Areas of Investigation:

1. Retail/Service Gap Assessment and community recruitment strategy – What business don't we have that our market will support?
2. Entertainment Venue Gap Assessment – Are there any types of entertainment venues that we do not currently have that our market will support
3. Entertainment Experience Opportunities Assessment - Are there any types of experiences we should have that our market will support?
4. Retail and Service leakage gravitation assessment – What are we losing and to who?
5. "Geo-Fence" Canadians and other targeted groups to assess traffic patterns and possible opportunities for more robust Market Capture and Attraction.

The Buxton Retail Analytics Group out of Fort Wirth Texas who did the retail match assessment in 2011 will do the Geofencing and Praxis, from Grand Forks will do the demographic assessment. A series of information meetings will be held late this year and into 2020 to discuss and share the opportunities with the public and potential entrepreneurs. Buxton recently finished a similar process with Ford motor Company and Tesla.

## HR Directors Talk Hiring Strategies

Approximately 100 Human Resource directors from the region met in Grand Forks last month to talk about the ongoing workforce shortage in our region. Finding employees continues to be one of the toughest issues facing local businesses according to Dusty Hildebrand, local Job Service Director. "There are more openings than people looking for work."

Each person in attendance shared an idea on what is working best for them in terms of recruiting new employees. EDC President, Keith Lund and Barry Wilfahrt talked about the success we had in 2015-16 with a similar effort. That will serve as a template as working groups are formed based on the meetings input.

Look for complete results from the meeting in the August newsletter and an opportunity to sign up for a working group to address a specific part of the workforce challenge.

## Grand Forks Air Force Base Welcomes New Commander

Col. Cameron Pringle, the newly appointed commander for the Grand Forks Air Force Base, received a warm welcome at the redesignation and change of command ceremony on Friday, June 28, 2019.

Pringle became commander of the base during a change of command ceremony that took place before the base's redesignation from the 319th Air Base to the 319th Reconnaissance Wing. He took over the position previously held by Col. Benjamin Spencer.

The change of command ceremony was followed by a redesignation, changing the 319th Air Base Wing to the 319th Reconnaissance Wing.



Lt. General O'Brien, Outgoing GAFFB Commander, Col. Ben Spencer and Incoming Base Commander, Col. Cameron Pringle

## Grand Forks Air Force Base Redesignation is Complete

The redesignation of the 319th Air Base Wing at Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota, to the 319th Reconnaissance Wing took place June 28, 2019.

The redesignation, initiated by the commander of Air Combat Command, Gen. Mike Holmes, aligns Grand Forks AFB's host wing and the 69th Reconnaissance Group. The 69 RG, which flies the high-altitude, remotely-piloted RQ-4 Global Hawk aircraft, has been aligned under the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale Air Force Base, California, since it initiated operations as a tenant at Grand Forks AFB in 2011.



Maj. Gen. Mary O'Brien, 25th Air Force commander, offers remarks to the crowd during a change of command ceremony.

The Chamber's Military Affairs Committee (MAC) working closely with the base to ensure the men and women serving our country who are stationed here feel welcome to our community. MAC hosts more than a dozen events and activities where the base and civilians population mix. If you would like to be part of the MAC Committee which meets monthly or learn more about the MAC call or email Kim at the Chamber office. [kimberlys@gochamber.org](mailto:kimberlys@gochamber.org)

## Small Business Committee Working on Fall HR Seminar

Committee CoChairs, Erin Zasada, Zimney Foster and Josh Klug, United Valley Bank are working with the local Society of Human Resource Managers to put together a half day seminar focusing on Human Resource issues. The seminar is set for October 23rd. Watch for more details in future newsletters.



Erin Zasada  
Zimney Foster



Josh Klug  
United Valley Bank

# Ambassador Meeting

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Thank you **Grand Forks Country Club** for hosting the Chamber Ambassadors meeting and treating us to a fantastic summer social! They enjoyed a delicious lunch and an afternoon of golf and pool time. It doesn't get any better than this!

Thank you to Doug Iverson with the GF Country Club and Jeanine Garner LaFountain with the **University of Mary-Grand Forks/GAFB** for presenting about your businesses!



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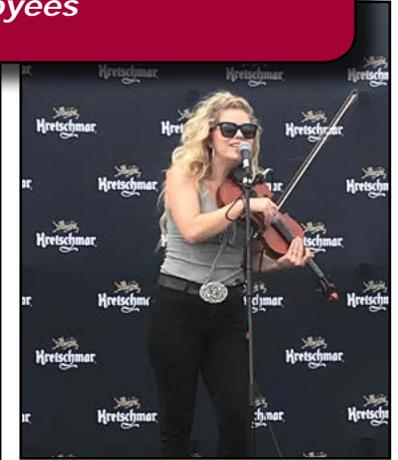
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## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



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**THE Chamber**  
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**Thursday, July 18, 2019**  
**4:45pm - 7:00pm**

hosted by

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invites all Chamber Members and their employees to join them for a fun Business After Hours event!

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# BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Grand Forks International Airport Presented A Master Plan



Grand Forks International Airport and KLJ (airport planning consultant) held an open-house style public meeting to discuss and receive public

Ryan Riesinger

input on the Grand Forks International Airport Master Plan on Thursday, May 30, 2019. Project board members were introduced and they are aimed to complete this project in the next 10 years at a cost of \$113 million. Ryan Riesinger, executive director of the Grand Forks Airport Authority presented a proposal that took four years of planning. Staff from the airport and the airport consulting firm, KLJ, were available to discuss the 6 versions of runway extensions or renovations that were approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. "We are a part of the community, and this is the community's airport," Riesinger said. "We want to have that feedback and make sure our goals are in line with UND Aerospace and the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission." Ryan Riesinger said the plan looks out 20 years, but most of the projects presented Thursday only go about 10 years out.

## ALERUS

### Alerus hires Dexter Albrecht as Financial Advisor



Dexter Albrecht

GRAND FORKS, ND (June 4, 2019) – Alerus is pleased to announce the addition of Dexter Albrecht as a financial advisor at

Alerus' Grand Forks office. In this role, Albrecht applies his extensive knowledge of the finance industry to deliver comprehensive and holistic financial advice to new and existing clients. He is focused on helping clients achieve their financial goals and works closely with clients to help them identify the best approach for their financial situation.

Albrecht has more than five years of experience in the financial services industry, and holds his Series 7 and Series 66 licenses and the FIC (Fraternal Insurance Counselor) designations. He is currently working to obtain his Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®) designation.

## Chuanshen Wu, MD, PhD, Joins Altru Health System

Grand Forks, N.D. – Chuanshen Wu, MD, PhD, is joining the psychiatry team at Altru Health System. He specializes in treating patients with depression, anxiety, panic attacks, bipolar disorder, psychosis, sleep disturbance and posttraumatic stress disorder. He is board certified and a member of the American Psychiatric Association.

"I want to make sure I spend enough time listening to my adult patients before they step out of my office," Wu mentions, "and make sure they receive the care they need to improve their mental health."

Dr. Wu earned his medical degree from the Peking University Health Science Center in China. He went on to complete his residency at Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. Outside of work, Dr. Wu enjoys spending time with his family, playing sports with his kids, reading historical books, listening to music, cooking, hiking and jogging.

## Usama Ahmad Rafique, MD Joins Altru Health System

Grand Forks, N.D. – Usama Ahmad Rafique, MD is joining the psychiatry team at Altru Health System. He specializes in psychiatric disorders, which include but are not limited to, schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders, mood disorders, bipolar disorder, depressive disorders and traumatic disorders. He is board eligible and a member of the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Rafique earned his medical degree from King Edward Medical University in Lahore, Pakistan. He went on to complete his residency at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (Elmhurst) Program in Elmhurst, New York.

# BUSINESS BRIEFS

## **Coiya Tompkins named to lead CVIC**



*Coiya Tompkins*

The Community Violence Intervention Center (CVIC) in Grand Forks announced today its board of directors has unanimously selected Coiya

Tompkins as its president and CEO to lead the organization in its bold plan to end violence in the greater Grand Forks region. She will begin July 17. Interim President & CEO Edie Dahlen remains with the agency as its Director of Community Investment.

After spending nearly two decades in corporate communications, marketing and public relations roles, Tompkins has found her professional calling in nonprofit development and leadership. Most recently, Tompkins served as development director for Jeremiah Program Fargo-Moorhead, an organization that helps single mothers and their children transition from poverty. She also served as a partner/vice president of marketing & operations for Western Agency, an independent insurance business based in Minot. Before returning to North Dakota in 2014, Coiya spent 12 years in health care in the southwest, serving as vice president of corporate communications and public relations for Sun Health,

marketing director for Tenet Health, and public relations director for Banner Health.

"The board is grateful to Edie and her team for their dynamic leadership during this transition," said Darla Adams, co-chair of the transition/selection committee and incoming board chair. "We are excited now to move forward under Coiya's leadership and continue the innovative work for which CVIC is widely known, toward virtually ending local violence in two generations."

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## **JLG Architects named Design Firm of the Year**

GRAND FORKS, N.D. – May 28, 2019 – ENR Mountain States, one of the top publications for the architecture, engineering, and construction industry, has named JLG Architects Design Firm of the Year. According to ENR, "Design Firms of the Year are chosen by a vote of the regional ENR editors across the country from a carefully selected group of finalists based on regional revenues, new initiatives, current projects, and several other factors." JLG was selected for the area encompassing South and North Dakota, Colorado, and Wyoming.

## **Meridian Behavior Health Welcomes Amber Hardtke**



*Amber Hardtke*

Amber graduated North Dakota State University with a Bachelors in Science. From there, Amber went to the Winona

State University Graduate school where she received her certificate for addictions counseling. While she received her degree, she was a chemical dependency technician at Pathway House. Since receiving her license Amber has worked in residential facilities. She completed her internship at Fountain Centers in Albert Lea, MN. From there she went on to work at Pathway House as a counselor, Counselor supervisor, and intake coordinator. Her journey then started with Meridian Behavioral Health. Since opening in 2017, Amber has worked at Oakridge Treatment Center in Rochester, MN. For the last 2 years Amber has worked as the Clinical Supervisor and moved to her last position as Clinical Director at Oakridge. Amber has experience in working with men and women. She understands the importance of patient centered care and excellent communication with outside sources. If you have any positive feedback, questions, or concerns moving forward, feel free to contact Amber at [amber.hardtke@meridianprograms.com](mailto:amber.hardtke@meridianprograms.com) or call her at 218.399.4032

# BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Vaaler Insurance Releases A New Look

GRAND FORKS, ND, JUNE 1— After many years, we are releasing an updated logo. We believe this new logo better matches what we've become since 1947. Vaaler is consistently growing, and we want to celebrate that. It is important that our branding is in sync with where we are going as a company. After careful consideration, we chose a new logo that represents the original V, but with a more modern look.

Health Care Insurance Services (HCIS) has been a division of Vaaler Insurance for many years, but we will no longer separate the two. HCIS will be discontinued in order to simplify under one name: Vaaler Insurance. Though we will now operate as one company, you can rely on the same personal working relationships that you have had in the past. You will still be dealing with the same people and you can depend on the same quality of work.

Furthermore, we are releasing an updated website that is consistent with our new branding. We know that making this transition is a process that involves many steps and can take time, so thank you for your patience. We hope you like this new look for Vaaler Insurance!

## Moore Becomes Licensed Land Surveyor



East Grand Forks, Minn. — Courtney Moore, LS, of Widseth Smith Nolting has successfully passed the exams and met the education

and experience requirements necessary to become a licensed land surveyor by the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design (AELSLAGID).

Moore has been with WSN since 2013. He earned an Associate of Arts in civil engineering technologies at Northwest Technical College, Detroit Lakes in 2002. After gaining work experience in the civil engineering and land surveying fields for 10 years, Moore went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering at the University of North Dakota in 2016. As a land surveyor, Moore is responsible for construction staking, boundary surveys, section subdivision, topographic surveys, and drafting plats and easements.

## Adam Finzen, DPM Joins Altru Advanced Orthopedics

Grand Forks, N.D. — Adam Finzen, DPM has joined the Altru Advanced Orthopedics team as a specialist in podiatry. Dr. Finzen specializes in forefoot, rearfoot and ankle surgery, deformity correction, peripheral nerve surgery, trauma, pedicle based muscle flaps, complex wound closure, pediatrics and general foot and ankle care and treatment.

"I enjoy making personal connections while providing a wide array of treatment options, which range from non-operative to surgical procedures at the forefront of podiatric medicine," he states.

Dr. Finzen earned his medical degree from the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago, Illinois. He went on to complete his podiatric medicine and surgery residency at Presence Saint Joseph Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. In his free time, Dr. Finzen enjoys spending time with his wife, daughter and dog, watching football and classic monster movies, hiking, camping and conservation.

# BUSINESS BRIEFS

## University of Mary hires Jeanine Garner LaFountain

Jeanine Garner LaFountain, will lead the graduate / undergraduate Admissions and Business Partnerships for University of Mary in Grand Forks. There are two locations: one in Grand Forks and a second location at the Grand Forks Air Force Base.

Jeanine started her degree in Mass Communications at the University of North Dakota and graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead. She is passionate about helping others and making sure they have the resources they need to succeed. She has worked in recruiting for over 13 years and specializes in, marketing, recruiting, consulting and partnerships.

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## Antranik Mangardich, MD Joins Altru's Pulmonary Critical Care Team

Grand Forks, N.D. – Antranik “Anto” Mangardich, MD joins the pulmonary critical care team at Altru Health System. He is board certified in internal medicine and pulmonary disease and is board eligible for critical care medicine. He specializes in asthma, COPD, sarcoidosis, interstitial lung disease, pulmonary nodules, pleural effusions, flexible bronchoscopy with BAL, endobronchial ultrasound, transbronchial biopsy and thoracentesis.

Dr. Mangardich earned his medical degree from St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies. He then completed his internal medicine residency at University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut. He went on to complete his pulmonary/critical care fellowship at the Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois.

## Altru Health Foundation Welcomes Lauren Denton and Brittany Caillier

Grand Forks, N.D. – Altru Health Foundation welcomes Lauren Denton, Director of Philanthropy, and Brittany Caillier, Manager of Philanthropy, to their team.

As Director of Philanthropy, Lauren is responsible for leading and expanding Altru Health Foundation's philanthropic initiatives.

“The opportunity to join Altru, a dynamic and innovative community-focused health system, is a privilege,” says Denton. “I am excited about our future and have optimism about the current and new relationships we are creating to transform healthcare and meet the challenges of the next decade for the benefit of our loved ones, friends and neighbors.”

As Manager of Philanthropy, Brittany plays a key role in implementing the success of Altru Health Foundation's mission by driving the organization's philanthropic partnerships.

“I am honored and excited to be embarking on Altru's bold new era through our meaningful work at Altru Health Foundation,” says Caillier. “I look forward to inspiring bold generosity that will have a lasting impact on our patients and transform our community as a whole.”

## RiverView Physical Therapist Lindsey Ebertowski Earns Astym Certification, Offers Service in EGF



*Lindsey Ebertowski*

Crookston, MN - RiverView Health Physical Therapist Lindsey Ebertowski recently became certified in Astym Therapy, an effective treatment that regenerates healthy soft tissues (muscles,

tendons, etc.), and eliminates or reduces unwanted scar tissue that may be causing pain or movement restrictions.

Ebertowski, along with fellow RiverView Physical Therapists Lori Hefta and Tony Kuchan, offer this non-invasive treatment at Rehab Services in Crookston, Red Lake Falls, and with Ebertowski's new certification, East Grand Forks.

“I am very excited to be able to provide this intervention and bring it to RiverView East Grand Forks for the first time,” Ebertowski shared. “Astym treatment is one of the most researched interventions and has great outcomes associated with it.”

There are many conditions that are successfully treated with Astym Therapy, including joint and muscle stiffness, sprains and strains, Carpal Tunnel, chronic ankle or wrist pain and stiffness, Tennis or Golfer's Elbow, low back pain and the list goes on. Astym treatment is often prescribed for patients to treat their condition rather than undergo surgery, injections or other invasive treatments.

# BUSINESS BRIEFS

## VBOC of the Dakotas Awarded Grant Renewal



Wendy Klug

Veterans Business Outreach Center of the Dakotas (VBOC), a U.S. Small Business Administration Program, has been awarded a renewal on

their initial grant. Now entering year two serving North and South Dakota, VBOC of the Dakotas provides assistance to aspiring and existing veteran entrepreneurs through training and one-on-one advising. Primary training is offered in the form of a Boots to Business workshop held quarterly at each of the three military bases within their service area – Grand Forks, Minot and Ellsworth Air Force Bases. VBOC of the Dakotas is led by program manager Wendy Klug, former small business consultant and teacher as well as small business owner herself. “We’ve made great strides with getting the program established and making some key connections in year one,” says Klug. “We’re excited to continue the growth and expand our training and outreach offerings in year two and beyond.” VBOC of the Dakotas is part of the Center for Business Engagement and Development, hosted by the University of North Dakota.

also enjoy working with and getting to know the associates.”

Hugo’s Family Marketplace has been family owned and operated since 1939 by the Hugo Magnuson family. There are 10 locations in North Dakota and Minnesota. The business also owns 5 Hugo’s Wine & Spirits stores and 7 Caribou Coffee Shops in ND and MN.

### Kristen Wings Promoted To Deli Director For Hugo’s Family Marketplace



Kristen Wings

Hugo’s Family Marketplace is pleased to announce that Kristen Wings has been promoted to Deli Director.

Kristen will oversee Deli operations for all Hugo’s Family Marketplace locations.

Kristen has been working with Hugo’s in the deli for 12 years. She has over 20 years of experience working in deli’s for Bills Supervalu in Millbank, SD, and Marketplace Foods in Minot. Kristen’s extensive experience working in the deli industry makes her a perfect fit as Hugo’s Deli Director.

### Mike Lorton Joins Hugo’s Family Marketplace, Grafton As Store Director



Mike Lorton

Hugo’s Family Marketplace is pleased to announce that Mike Lorton has joined the team as Store Director of our Grafton, ND location.

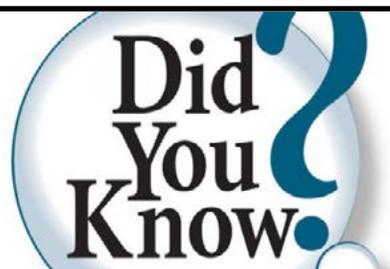
Mike will oversee all operations of the Grafton Hugo’s Family Marketplace and Caribou Coffee shop.

Mike previously worked with Mills Fleet Farm and Shopko. He brings an extensive background in retail management experience to Hugo’s.

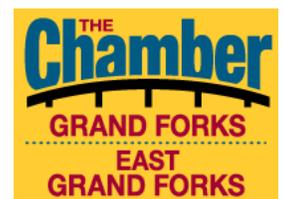
“We are excited to have Mike working with us in our Grafton store,” said Kristi Magnuson Nelson, President/CEO. “His experience and professionalism will be an asset to the community, our associates and the store.”

Mike is married to Deena and they have one daughter, Meghan, and a cat and dog. He enjoys attending his daughter’s basketball games and involvement in city council.

“I am enjoying the interaction with our customers and helping them find what they need” Said Mike. “I



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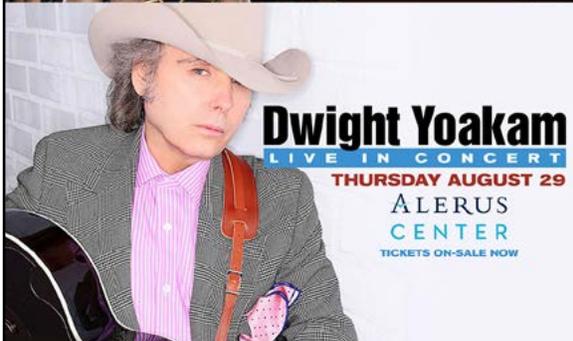
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## Chamber Agriculture Committee

**Co-Chairs:** Brandon Heider, Frandsen Bank and  
Carah Hart, Red River Farm Network

### June 2019 Meeting Update:

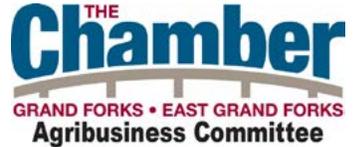
The June Agribusiness Committee meeting was held at AgCountry. We had a great "Precision Ag" presentation, John, Nowatski, NDSU Agriculture Specialist explained how the ag community currently uses drones and what farmers could look for in the future. Research continues with drones in the ag industry for digital crop and weed management.

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**Thursday, July 25, 2019**

**City-to-Farm Tour & Ag Social at Chris Adams Family Farm**

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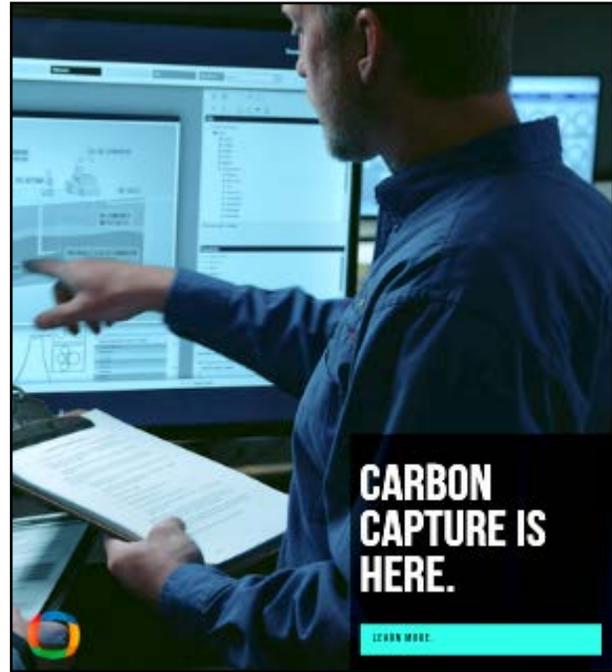
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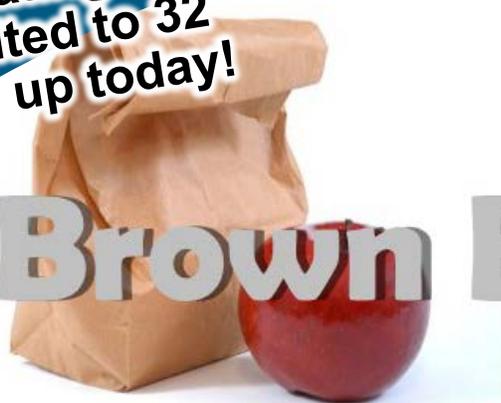
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Presented by:

**Barry S. Brode, President**

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*Barry Brode (brode@midco.net) was employed at the University of North Dakota for nearly 40 years. He worked as the director of the Television Center and UND Radio, serving as the chief administrator for the both units.*

**Wednesday, July 17, 2019**

**11:30am – 1:00pm**

**The Chamber - 202 N 3rd St**

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