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Secretary of Air Force Announces Grand Forks Air Force Base as America's Global Hawk Base.

It's official we are home to the Global Hawks! Senator John Hoeven gave a great recap of the hard work that has gone into this moment. Also congratulations to Base Commander Col Spencer and the airmen who worked through all the details that made this day happen.



Annual Chamber Golf Tournament

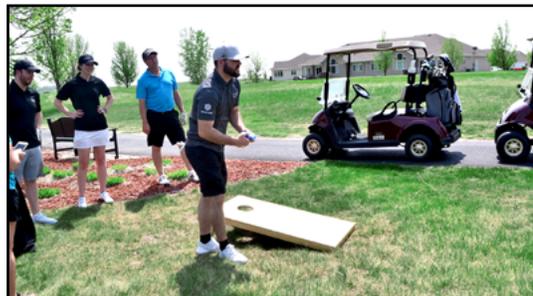
This year the Chamber Golf Classic took place at Kings Walk in Grand Forks. on Thursday, May 30, 2019.



**Insure Forward/Bank Forward
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2019 Golf Classic**

There were 32 teams that participated in the event. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time.

Thank you to all who participated and sponsored this event.



North Dakota Invests \$28 Million in Statewide UAS Network

GRAND FORKS, N.D. – Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford presented HB1018, a \$33 million investment in UAS technology and infrastructure in the state at the Northern Plains UAS Test Site on May 6th. This includes \$28 million in funding for a statewide network that will support UAS (drone) flights Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS). An additional \$2 million of this funding will provide continued support of test site operations. The remaining \$3 million will be used to upgrade infrastructure at Grand Sky UAS Flight Center.



The statewide BVLOS network will build on previous UAS advancements in the state and will support the safe integration of unmanned aircraft into the National Airspace System. This will include providing for command and control of UAS. Subject matter experts within the state, including the Northern Plains UAS Test Site, will work with federal agencies to ensure regulatory compliance.

“As long as North Dakota is going to lead this [UAS] industry, we might as well do it in big ways,” said Nicholas Flom, Executive Director of the Northern Plains UAS Test Site. “Through the vision and leadership of Governor Burgum and the recognition and support of our state legislators, we are poised to do just that.”

Funding for the statewide BVLOS network was officially announced last week by Flom at AUVSI Xponential, a UAS conference and trade show with an estimated 8,500 industry leaders in attendance. The statewide network will facilitate economic growth opportunities across the state in diverse industries including agriculture, utilities, and public safety, by enabling UAS efficiencies for state and local agencies and commercial interests, both existing and future.

“Major investments like this scream to the rest of the nation and the entire world that cutting-edge UAS research, testing, and commercialization is cleared for takeoff in North Dakota,” Sanford said. “As the saying goes, ‘If you build it, they will come,’ and we can’t wait to see what kinds of exciting uses of UAS arise from this ambitious project.”

This revolutionary infrastructure will be designed to be scalable, marking the statewide BVLOS network as a significant step forward in the expansion of UAS capabilities. The Northern Plains UAS Test Site will establish and administer the BVLOS program for the design, purchase, implementation, and operating costs of the BVLOS system.

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L to R: 3rd place Mukai Selekwa, 1st place; John Enright and Adam Zach, 2nd place and Warren Sai.

Shark Tank had 10 contestants participating. **The winner receiving the \$950 prize was Adam Zach and John Enright – Set Your Rent.** Set Your Rent is a new, creative way to find a home to rent. You find a home that is listed "For Sale" that meets your criteria and we buy that home for you to rent!

Second place receiving \$650 was Warren Sai—French Taste, LLC.

Warren Sai, a UND Marketing Senior from Paris, France, created French Taste. He wanted to bring a piece of French culture to the community of Grand Forks, so he started French Taste LLC. He makes authentic traditional sweet and savory crepes that are being sold at the Memorial Union, Bully Brew Coffee House and from his food cart at various community events. French Taste LLC has grown significantly from its start in June 2018 to present day. Warren's goal is to purchase additional crepe equipment that will enable French Taste to produce crepes quickly and more efficiently.

Third Place receiving \$400 was Mukai Selekwa – Webblen

Mukai is the founder of Webblen, a mobile community-building platform. With the use of blockchain technology, Webblen pays users to attend and be involved in their communities. So, not only are people able to find active events and communities in their area, they are rewarded for their involvement.

Added bonus... 701 Co-Working by Evolve Grand Forks offered free space to all contestants. 9 month membership for 1st place and 6 month membership for 2nd place and 3rd place.

Special thanks to our 4 Sharks:

- Matt Winjum, Co-owner, Rhombus Guys & Rhombus Guys Brewing Company
- Phil Gisi, Owner, Edgewood Healthcare, LLC
- Tommy Kenville, Owner, ISight RPV Services & T-Global, Inc.
- Jenny Kuhns, Owner, Northend Dairy Queen

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Your Chamber's North Dakota legislative agenda fared exceptionally well.

The Chamber, once again working with "Team Grand Forks" partners, chose to focus on primarily big picture infrastructure funding that affects the business climate and the local economy.

Priority 1

"Operation Prairie Dog Bill" was approved overwhelmingly.

The infrastructure perpetual infrastructure "buckets" will fill to \$250 million total the second half of the biennium, distributing up to \$115 million to cities, \$115 million to counties and townships and \$20 million for airport infrastructure each biennium once the buckets are filled. Distributions are prorated if the "buckets" do not fill due to declined oil prices or production. For the City this will amount just over \$12 million a biennium and for the County just over \$5.2 million. This will significantly reduce pressure on local property taxes for major infrastructure projects. Also with Grand Forks major runway project on the horizon, keeping the airport funding in this Bill was critical for Grand Forks.

Priority 2

28.0 Million for Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS)

This funding starts to build the statewide BVLOS infrastructure, which will bring many more UAS opportunities to the state. It will operate out of Grand Forks, adding to our community's already huge footprint in the UAS sector. This keeps North Dakota a leader in UAS integration into the national airspace, meaning small, medium and large UAS companies will come to Grand Forks for testing, training, integration and operations.

Priority 3

3.0 Million for Grand Sky UAS Airport

All 3 million in the Governor's budget was funded. This provides the vital infrastructure needed to make Grand Sky a success. This is critical to the growth of Grand Sky because as federal property, Grand Sky cannot be special assess for infrastructure like sewer and water improvements.

Priority 4

2.25 Million was approved for the operation of the UAS Test site.

The Northern Plains Test Site collaborates with the FAA and industry partners to develop equipment, systems, rules and procedures to safely integrate unmanned aircraft into the National Air Space without nega-

tively affecting existing general or commercial aviation. This capability is the competitive advantage Grand Sky and Grand Forks has in the UAS arena nationwide.

Priority 5

\$200,000 in Base Retention Funding.

While Grand Forks, Fargo and Minot requested a total of \$600,000 to be split three ways between the communities, the measure was not part of the final Commerce Bill. All three communities have substantial carryover funds from the previous State budget so this funding was not viewed as critical. All three bases are also considered "safer" or less threatened than in the past. These factors played into the legislature's decision not to fund base retention this biennium.

Priority 6

Military Spouse License Reciprocity.

The bill authored by Grand Forks Senator, Scott Meyer, will allow military members and spouses who are licensed in a field in another state to get a similar license in North Dakota. The Air force specifically called this measure out as critical for military personnel sustainability. The Air Force has made it clear future mission basing decisions will include military friendliness as a factor in the future.

Priority 7

University of North Dakota Funding Priorities Supported by Team Grand Forks.

Research Funding

- \$5 million was approved for EERC
- The University Systems request for \$100 million in research funding was not funded. However, \$15 million was approved for Innovation Technology Loan Fund with 2% interest
- \$1.5M Northern Tier Network was approved. (Supports Big Data)

2/2.5 percent pay increase for University employees was approved

Capital Project Authorizations for Bonding

- Memorial Union - \$80M
- Quad Deferred Maintenance - \$30M
- Phase II UND High Performance Center - \$35M
- Gamble Hall \$6M bonding, \$9M Direct, \$5M Tiers \$20M State + \$55M Donations

There are many people to thank for the success. The Chamber, GF Region EDC, City of Grand Forks, UND, and the GF County teamed up again on this agenda. "Team Grand Forks" worked together with our local legislators to help educate the Governor and legislators throughout ND on our needs. We hosted interim legislative committee hearings in 2018 and had countless meetings with legislators around the state to educate them on the many needs and opportunities in our community. They listened and supported us.

A couple of special thank you's go to Senator Ray Holmberg, Senate Appropriations Committee Chair who led the effort to get the big ticket "Team Grand Forks" priorities funded this session and House appropriations committee members Mark Sanford and Corey Mock who also played key roles in funding decisions. Also special thanks to Senator Scott Meyer who authored the Military Spouse Reciprocity Bill and Senator Kreun who diligently to get some funding for University Research.

Ambassador Meeting

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Sgt. Duane Simon with the **Grand Forks Police Department** educated the Chamber Ambassadors on what to be aware of in regards to drugs in the workplace. The meeting was held at **SpringHill Suites by Marriott Grand Forks** and catered by **Smiling Moose Rocky Mountain Deli.**

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If someone from that organization is present **THEY WIN!!**

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Anchor Marketing Welcomes Darren Stinson To Its Crew



Darren Stinson

Anchor Marketing recently announced the addition of Darren Stinson as its newest account manager. He will be responsible for initiating

and maintaining successful partnerships with Anchor Marketing's growing number of clients. Stinson and the team at Anchor Marketing will help these clients to build their brands, improve their communication (both external and internal) and harness the potential of the latest media platforms.

Prior to becoming a part of Anchor Marketing's team, Stinson served as president of Ideal Aerosmith, one of the nation's leading manufacturers of motion test solutions. During his 23 years at Ideal Aerosmith, he served in multiple leadership positions, overseeing both quality management and the company's human resources department. It was at Ideal Aerosmith that Stinson developed a passion for branding and marketing in the world of manufacturing and technology.

"Darren's background is a perfect fit for Anchor Marketing, and we're fortunate to have him as part of the team," says Greg "Hal" Halliday, Anchor Marketing's president. "His experience and business acumen give him a unique perspective on what it takes for a company to succeed. Our clients are going to find his insight very valuable."

Baymont by Wyndham of Grand Forks Earns Best of BAYMONT 2018



The Baymont by Wyndham at 951 So 42nd Street, Grand Forks, ND - today announced that it has been awarded the Best of BAYMONT by Wyndham Hotels, which recognizes the top 10% performers of the entire Baymont Brand.

To be eligible for the award, we stand for, service, and recognition and exceptional quality. Strive for this distinction in 2018 by continuing to focus on quality and customer satisfaction at every touchpoint of the guest experience.

"This is a great honor for our hotel and a direct result of the hard work of our wonderful staff," said Michael Smith, the hotel's general manager.

The Baymont by Wyndham built in 2015 is a 91-room hotel, directly across from the Alerus Convention Center offering guests single, double and suite accommodations. Property features include an exclusive complimentary breakfast, pool, whirlpool, fitness center and free Wi-Fi. Rooms feature free HBO with an expanded listing of channels, flat screens and coffee machines.

Grand Forks Baymont has also won this award in 2016 & 2017



N. Garrett Powell, MD Joins Neurosurgery Team at Altru

Grand Forks, N.D. – N. Garrett Powell, MD has joined Altru's neurosurgery team. Dr. Powell specializes in treating tumors of the brain and spine, degenerative conditions of the spine, complex spine disorders, hydrocephalus and more. Dr. Powell is board-certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery.

"I try to see a patient as someone I know or perhaps as myself in that circumstance," Dr. Powell says. "It helps me understand the issues they are facing and what I can do to help them restore their health."

Dr. Powell earned his medical education from the University of Miami School of Medicine in Florida. He went on to complete his residency at the University of Connecticut. In his free time, Dr. Powell enjoys traveling with his wife, scuba diving, surfing, hunting and inventing things in his shop.



BUSINESS BRIEFS

True North Equipment announces acquisition of Evergreen Implement

True North Equipment has expanded its Minnesota portfolio with four new retail locations. True North Equipment announced it has acquired Evergreen Implement Co., which has stores in Warren, Thief River Falls, Mahanomen and Baudette.

Grand Forks-based True North Equipment, with retail locations in Grafton, Grand Forks, Kennedy, and Northwood, doubles in size to eight retail locations across North Dakota and Minnesota.

"While we have existed as neighboring John Deere dealers for years, at the heart of it we share very similar values and ambitions for our business," said True North Equipment President Dan Gorder. "This acquisition allows us to better serve our customers throughout Minnesota and North Dakota by being more accessible."

"We want to see what we've built be maintained and grow," said Evergreen owner Brent Lunke. "You get to a spot where you have to either move forward or stop growing. You have to continue to find ways to grow. With True North Equipment, we believe this is the best step forward for everyone."

Both companies come from long lines of multi-generational John Deere families; Dan's father Oliver Gorder first purchased a small John Deere dealership in

1949, and Brent's grandfather Hilmer Lunke began working for a John Deere dealership in the late 1940's as well. Since then, the family lineage of John Deere careers has continued, with Brent purchasing what would become Evergreen Implement in 1990 and Dan joining his father to continue building True North Equipment in 1982.

Today, Dan serves as president of True North Equipment alongside business partner and vice president, John Oncken.

Over the past century, the company that is now True North Equipment has continued to expand its services in North Dakota, all while seeking to build a company rooted in honesty, integrity, and humility. With the acquisition of the Evergreen Implement Co., locations and employees, Gorder and Oncken embraced an opportunity to continue that growth.

"We are thinking toward the future," Oncken said. "We lend to each other's strengths, from the services we provide to the technology and expertise we both bring to the table."

"By bringing together the talent from two organizations together, we will provide an even better customer experience," Dan said. "We truly will be Greener Together."

Edgewood Healthcare Announces New Executive Vice President of

Development



Jill Wilson

Edgewood Healthcare recently named Jill Wilson, MBA, OTR/L their new Executive Vice President of Business Development.

Wilson has most recently been Administrator of Clinical Operations at Altru Health System, where she's held several roles. In her new role Wilson will work closely with Edgewood's senior living operations team, including leading the company's sales and marketing efforts, as well as continuing to grow Edgewood's CaringEdge Healthcare Services division. Wilson will lead the expansion of healthcare services, including the addition of new services and the coordination of joint ventures, to include physician services, home care personal care services, outpatient therapy services (physical, occupational and speech therapy), home health and hospice across all seven states Edgewood currently operates in.

"I'm very excited to officially welcome Jill to the Edgewood leadership team," said Phil Gisi, Owner/President/CEO of Edgewood Healthcare.

Originally from Lander, W.Y., Wilson earned her Bachelors of Occupational Therapy from the University of North Dakota and her Masters in Business Administration from Ohio University. She has a strong passion for providing the highest quality healthcare services and developing solutions to facilitate patients' successes. Wilson and her two daughters Jordyn and Taylor reside in Grand Forks.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

How Lumber Mart decreased its footprint, and increased revenue



The Lumber Mart team spans three generations of the Peabody family: Bob Peabody (front left) is CEO; his son Trent (front right) is President; Trent's sons Nathan (back left) and Brandon (back right) work in sales and drafting/design, respectively.

There is no shortage of business advice on how to boost your company's profits and strengthen the bottom line. Seldom among that advice, however, is it suggested that a company downsize its space and decrease the number of SKUs it carries.

But that's what Trent Peabody and his father, Bob, did with Lumber Mart in the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks market (one store in North Dakota, the other across the Red River in Minnesota), and it resulted in a boost in revenue driven by a 7% increase in margins.

It started with an offer from a grocery store in 2015. When a new chain wanted to move to the area, the Peabodys were offered a good sum for the land on which its Grand Forks location operated. But the family-owners of Lumber Mart turned them down. Then they turned them down three more times. Finally, on the fifth visit by the grocery chain, the offer was too good to pass up, Trent says.

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Bobcat Company recognizes Ironhide Equipment Company with locations in Grand Forks, Devils Lake, Williston and Bemidji as top-performing dealer of 2018

Bobcat Company, a worldwide leader in the manufacturing and distribution of compact equipment, today announces Ironhide Equipment with Headquarters in Grand Forks as one of the



Jim Christiansen-Branch Manager Williston, Brian Spletstoezer-Branch Manager Bemidji, Travis Dearing- Branch Manager Grand Forks, Jason Vasichek- President, Travis Johnson-Sales Mgr, Shelby Vasichek-Branch Manager Devils Lake.

highest-performing Bobcat dealerships in the United States and Canada for 2018 and is therefore named to the Bobcat Company Dealer Leadership Group. This is the highest honor Bobcat Company bestows on its more than 325 U.S. and Canada dealer enterprises.

As a member of the Dealer Leadership Group, Ironhide Equipment has demonstrated outstanding business growth and leading customer service, as evaluated by Bobcat Company's annual dealer performance review.

"Being named to the Dealer Leadership Group is extremely competitive and difficult," says Jeremy Holck, vice president of sales for Bobcat Company. "To achieve this distinction, Ironhide Equipment had to provide

its customers with a level of service that exceeds the average equipment dealership and sets the standard for the Bobcat Company dealer network."

In recognition of their accomplishment, Bobcat Company will award staff from Ironhide Equipment with a trip to Whistler British Columbia. In addition, representatives from Ironhide Equipment will meet with Bobcat Company senior leadership throughout the year to provide valuable feedback.

"We would like to thank each and every one of our customers for their continued support, our company works very hard to exceed your expectations and I am very proud of our team at Ironhide for working tirelessly to achieve this honor." Jason Vasichek President

BUSINESS BRIEFS



Metzger Receives Physician Assistant Of The Year Award From Ndapa



The UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences is pleased to announce that an assistant professor in the School's Department of Physician

Assistant Studies, Jay Metzger, M.P.A.S., PA-C, was given the "PA of the Year" award by the North Dakota Academy of Physician Assistants (NDAPA). The award was presented to Jay at the Primary Care Seminar in Fargo, N.D., last week.

"Jay has accomplished so much for the PA profession and the North Dakota Academy of Physician Assistants," noted one nominee. "He is a true 'rockstar' for our organization and the PA profession of North Dakota."

According to Metzger's nomination materials, in 2018 he "worked tirelessly on several legislative issues that will enhance the PA profession," brought about a redesign of the NDAPA website, put together a very successful one-day primary care continuing medical education conference for PAs in western North Dakota, and has taken on more faculty responsibilities at the SMHS.

United Way Names Sena President/CEO



Dave Sena

May 22, 2019, Grand Forks, ND - The United Way of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks, and Area has named Dave Sena as its new President/CEO. The announcement was made during United Way's 2019 Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Ramada Inn.

"We are excited about Dave Sena as our new President and CEO because he is an accomplished fundraiser who is well known in the Grand Forks community," said Nikki Jackman, Chair of the United Way Board of Directors. "We look forward to growing United Way's impact on the community under his leadership."

Sena will focus on advancing the organization's mission to build pathways toward prosperity and equity for all by increasing access to stable housing, healthy food, a strong education, jobs, and an opportunity to build prosperity.

Sena has extensive experience working in the nonprofit community, and has established himself as a strong fundraiser. He has worked with the New Life Center in Fargo since 2014, and as Director of the Northland Rescue Mission in Grand Forks from 2001-2014.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

W. Asher Wolf, MD Joins Altru Health System

Grand Forks, N.D. – W. Asher Wolf, MD has joined Altru as a specialist in gastroenterology. Dr. Wolf specializes in removal of large polyps, treatment of Barrett’s esophagus, strictures of the digestive tract and bile duct diseases, and more.

“I take pride in connecting with patients to understand their health problems and create a course together for successful treatment,” Dr. Wolf says. “I love every part of my job including talking with my patients, performing evaluations and communicating with other professionals to optimize care.”

Dr. Wolf earned his medical education from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill where he also completed his residency. In his free time, Dr. Wolf enjoys spending time with his three children, hiking, fishing and training for his first triathlon.

Sanford Health East Grand Forks would like to welcome Sheri Krogstad, FNP, to our Family Medicine team.



Sheri Krogstad, FNP

Sheri received both her Bachelor of Science degree and Masters of Science in Nursing degrees from the University of North Dakota. She has a special

interest in women’s healthcare and preventative healthcare. “I have always thought of my patients as part of my extended family and love to empower them in their healthcare decision making.”

Grand Forks Public Schools Announce Administrative Assignments

Grand Forks Public Schools has announced six administrative assignments for the 2019-2020 school year.

Amy Bartsch, currently the principal of Lake Agassiz Elementary School, has been named the Chief Academic Officer at Grand Forks Public Schools.

Bartsch has been the principal of Lake Agassiz Elementary since June of 2016. She had been the Schoolwide Title I Program Coordinator at Lake Agassiz from 2014-2016, and an elementary teacher for 10 years. Bartsch has served on several school and district committees, has utilized the Marzano Teacher Evaluation Framework, and has facilitated Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).

Bartsch has a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Minnesota State University Moorhead and a master’s degree in educational leadership from the University of North Dakota. She holds principal credentials at both the elementary and secondary levels.

The assignment is due to the newly configured Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Department.

Jodi Dodson, currently the Title I Schoolwide Program Coordinator at Valley Middle School, has been named the Associate Principal at Valley Middle School.

Dodson has 21 years of experience at Grand Forks Public Schools, including teaching at

South and Valley middle schools and serving as a curriculum technology partner. Dodson is also a director of the Helping Hands volunteer program and committee member on the district Innovations and Olweus Bullying Prevention Program committees.

Dodson has a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and middle school math/science from the University of North Dakota, a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, Minn.), and is working towards a master’s degree in educational leadership from the University of North Dakota.

The assignment is due to the hiring of Mike Wilber, associate principal at Valley Middle School, as an associate principal at Grand Forks Central High School.

The following individuals were interviewed and selected as elementary school associate principals: Elisa Diederich at Lake Agassiz Elementary, Loren Hoheisel at Discovery Elementary, Travis Neil at Century Elementary, and LuAnn Schmidt at J Nelson Kelly Elementary schools.

The assignments are due to the reconfiguration of the Building Resource Coordinator positions at each of the schools.

The administrative assignments were approved by the Grand Forks School Board on May 13.



May 1 - May 31

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July 25, 2019 • 4:00-5:30 pm

Ag Producers Social
July 25, 2019 • 5:30-7:00 pm

Ag Appreciation Banquet
November 14, 2019 • 5:30-9:00 pm

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The Chamber Agriculture Committee would like to present a triple event sponsorship opportunity to you. After a detailed review, the committee designed an opportunity to join our City to Farm Tour and Ag Producers Social. This gives the guests from our tour, the opportunity to visit with our area producers at the social event.

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Chamber Agriculture Committee

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

May 2019 Meeting Update:

The April Agribusiness Committee meeting was held at the Ramada Inn, Grand Forks, ND. Paula Cunningham was our guest speaker today at the monthly Agribusiness Committee meeting. Paula is very knowledgeable in the Potato industry and answered questions from the committee.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 11 - 7:30 am
AgCountry Farm Credit Services
Grand Forks, ND

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**2019
UND NIGHT AT
TARGET FIELD**
Thursday, July 18, 2019
Pregame | The Pourhouse 4-6 p.m.
Game Time | 7:10 p.m.
Purchase tickets at
Twinsbaseball/UND
UND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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**NORTH DAKOTA
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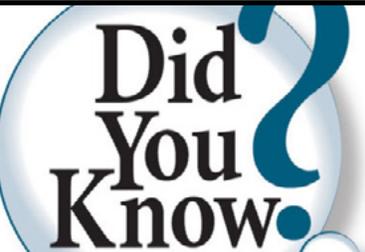
Kicks off June 6th in
Park River.

Register at NDchampionsclub.com/Golf

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Did you know that the Chamber takes membership referrals? If you know of a business that would benefit from a Chamber membership, please let us know. We will add them to our prospect list.

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2nd CHANCE JOB FAIR!

Thursday, June 6 - 1pm to 4pm
Grand Forks Job Service Office
1501 28th Ave S - Grand Forks, ND

This Job Fair is an opportunity to bring job seekers with back-ground issues (unemployment, ex-offenders, homelessness, disabilities, etc) in contact with employers that are aware of their status and are willing to give them an employment opportunity.

CLICK HERE to REGISTER or
contact **Greg** at Job Service, **701-795-3727**

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Building Amazing Customer Relations

You know what good customer service feels like when it happens, but do you know how to plan for it? Come hear a representative from the Better Business Bureau of MN and ND discuss a research report entitled the 5 Gestures of Trust and how it can help you create positive relationships with your customers as well as provide a framework for evaluating complaints and creating better policies. We will practice examining real complaints through this lens and you will hear about the BBB's complaint handling process as well. This is an interactive presentation that will allow you to put your new knowledge into practice right away.



Wednesday, June 19, 2019

11:30am – 1:00pm

The Chamber - 202 N 3rd St

**\$20/Person – Chamber Member
(Includes Lunch)**

**\$30/Person – Non-Member
(Includes Lunch)**

**Registrations are
available online only**

**To register and add the event
automatically to your calendar click
the register button below**

REGISTER NOW

Seating is limited to 32 Attendees Sign up soon!
Reservations not cancelled 3 days prior to
event will be invoiced

**Presented by:
Zeta Kilbride**

Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota



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Social Media - Top Sites, Ways to Engage and Manage

Presented by:
**Nicole Evans, Small Business
Development Centers**
**Wendy Klug, Veterans Business
Outreach Center of
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Chamber of Commerce City to Farm Tour 2019

Did you know Grand Forks and Polk County have an estimated 2,292 farms?

Join the Chamber Agriculture Committee as we tour the Adams Family Farm for the 2019 City to Farm Tour. Tour attendees will walk a field, explore farm machinery and learn more about local crops. The Adams Family Farm Partnership is a leader in producing the highest quality food products in the Red River Valley. They produce safe, quality food to markets all around the world. Enjoy free food and beverage with local farmers following the event.



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Thursday, July 25, 2019

**4:00-5:30pm
20817 430th Avenue SW
East Grand Forks, MN**



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- Chris Adams,
Adams Family Farm

This year's topic will be
“Hemp Production”

Free Event!

For more information please call

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