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2017 NCTC State of the College
Dr. Dennis Bona, President of NCTC
US Senator John Hoeven held a listening session with over 25 local businesses of all sizes and types on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the Chamber of Commerce Board Room in Grand Forks. Feedback from the businesses was positive. Overall the plan will positively impact local businesses. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the summary of the plan.

The City has set a special election for November 7th for a half percent increase in the city sales tax for roads and water. The Chamber, EDC and other groups along with countless citizens weighed in as part of what Mayor Brown called a listening process since the elect last November. The Council has listened and what is being voted on this time is much different. It’s a 1/2 cent instead of ¾; its 20 years and not 50 years and finally it is strictly limited to road and water projects instead of being relatively open ended.

Because of the above limitations and because water and roads are clearly basic infrastructure the Chamber Board voted to support the measure and urges Grand Forks residents to Vote Yes on November 7th.
Sales Tax Campaign

The Chamber is serving as the fiscal agent for the current Sales Tax Campaign. All funds are from private business donors. Chamber membership dues, earnings from chamber projects or the Chamber reserve fund are not being used to fund campaign expenses.

Northern Valley Career Expo Another Success

High School Sophomore students from more than 30 area high schools participated in the annual career expo. More than 60 businesses participated in the expo looking to interest students in various technical career fields available in the Gf/EGF Region.

Retaining a higher percentage of this talent in our region is a key workforce priority. The event is spearheaded by the Greater Grand Forks Economic Development Organization with support from other organizations and area businesses.

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Henry Havig Nominations Now Being Accepted

2017 Henry Havig Award For Community Service

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2017 Henry Havig Award for Community Service. This is The Chamber’s most prestigious award and is given annually to those special individuals who stand above the crowd by their dedication to our community through community service in multiple volunteer leadership roles. It is an award that recognizes individuals who have provided exemplary voluntary leadership service to our community over a long period of time and in a broad spectrum of community activities. Nominees must be at least 36 years of age and have proven leadership qualities, commitments to community based organizations and the desire to improve the quality of life in our community. The Havig Award for Community Service is given in memory of a great community leader. Henry Havig was president of the board of the chamber in 1955-1956 and was a long time successful businessman who contributed greatly to our community as a member of the Grand Forks City Council and a life-long contributor to the YMCA. Please complete and return a nomination by Monday, November 21st, 2017 to: The Chamber 202 N. 3rd St. Grand Forks, ND 58203 or email to: info@gochamber.org. Additional information regarding the nominee may be included when submitting the nomination. The Selection Committee is comprised of the past recipients of the award. This award will be presented at The Chamber’s Annual Dinner and Banquet on January 26th, 2017 at The Alerus Center.

Nominations shall include:

1. Nominee’s Name

2. Leadership qualities, organization memberships, youth involvement, community service and other pertinent and relevant information

3. Name and signature of person submitting the nomination
Hosted by: Lithia Ford Lincoln of Grand Forks and Ground Round Grill & Bar

HB Sound & Light invites all Chamber Members and their employees to join them for a fun Business After Hours event.

Stop in...Enjoy the fun and take advantage of great networking opportunities. You might even win $500 in our progressive cash drawing! We’ll draw the name of one Chamber Member business. If someone from that organization is present, they win!!

Because of the business nature of this event, no children under 18 may attend.
What is the proposal we will be voting on?

It is a half-cent sales tax dedicated to street improvement and the new water treatment plant. The sales tax will raise about $5 million per year. 60% of the money will go to streets and 40% to paying off the water treatment plant. The sales tax will sunset in 20 years.

Why use a sales tax?

Using a sales tax takes pressure off local special assessments, property taxes and water rates. A sales tax accelerates the city’s ability to fund needed street improvements and improves public safety and our quality of life in Grand Forks. And people who live outside of Grand Forks, but come to our city for jobs and amenities will also help pay for our basic city infrastructure. Lower utility rates will help keep Grand Forks competitive in attracting and retaining jobs and industry.

VoteYesOnNov7.com
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Paid for by The Chamber of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks, Matt Walkowiak Chair
We are the welcoming arm of The Chamber. We welcome new chamber members and businesses with ribbon cutting ceremonies. We assist with registration and greeting at Chamber functions, and we participate in The Chamber’s annual Membership Drive.

Ambassadors Meeting at Hannaher’s Inc, Grand Forks, ND

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**Dr. Sherine Talaat joins RiverView Health**

Crookston, MN – RiverView Health is excited to welcome Sherine Talaat, MD, PhD, to its staff, specializing in Internal Medicine. Dr. Talaat was born in Alexandria, Egypt, and has been living in the United States for the past 23 years. She and her husband have three grown children. Dr. Talaat is a graduate of the University of Alexandria, Egypt, and the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Growing up in a medical family, with both parents as physicians, Dr. Talaat said she realized early on that she too wanted to be a physician. As a young child she accompanied her father as he conducted rounds on his patients. She credits being immersed in that environment as being a big factor in her pursuit of helping others through medicine.

Dr. Talaat will soon begin seeing patients in RiverView Clinics in Crookston and East Grand Forks. “I am very excited to be joining RiverView,” she shared. “RiverView’s mission statement focused on compassion, empathy and relationships to deliver personalized care is consistent with what I value as a physician. I look forward to serving the people of Crookston and the surrounding areas.”

**New staff? Business accomplishments? SHARE YOUR NEWS IN Business Briefs... ...FREE!**

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Dr. Megan Christensen Joins Altru Health System

Grand Forks, N.D. – Megan Christensen, MD, joins the anesthesia team at Altru Health System. "My goal is to provide the best care possible for each and every patient. Having surgery is an anxious and stressful time for patients," states Dr. Christensen. "My top priority is the patient’s safety during the perioperative period. My goal is to do my best to make the patient at ease and as comfortable as possible on the day of surgery."

Dr. Christensen earned her medical degree from University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, North Dakota. She completed her anesthesiology residency at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

Outside of work, Dr. Christensen enjoys spending time with family, outdoor activities and cooking.

Dr. Erica Wiegandt Joins Altru Health System

Grand Forks, N.D. – Erica Wiegandt, OD, joins the optometry team at Altru Health System. She cares for patients by providing glasses and contact lens exams, as well as other exams to evaluate red eyes, diabetes, glaucoma, macular degeneration, cataracts and other ocular diseases.

"I have a passion for teaching patients that healthy eyes mean much more than 20/20 vision and ensuring that my patients understand their eye health," states Dr. Wiegandt. "I enjoy serving my community and sharing my passion by helping to enhance patients’ lives through quality and personalized eye care."

Dr. Wiegandt earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, North Dakota. She completed her Doctorate of Optometry at Pacific University College of Optometry in Forest Grove, Oregon. Outside of work, Dr. Wiegandt enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter, going to the lake, hiking and reading. She also teaches Financial Peace University at HOPE Church in Grand Forks.
Local Recognition for Investment into Unmanned Systems

The U.S. Commercial Service presented the UND Center for Innovation Foundation and Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation (EDC) with special recognitions for their success attracting foreign direct investment into the region’s unmanned systems cluster, one of the nation’s prominent high tech clusters in a rural state.

NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR General of the U.S. Commercial Service, Erin Walsh, North Dakota Lt. Governor Brent Sanford, and North Dakota Commerce Commissioner Jay Schuler presented the honors as part of a lunch seminar on Oct. 11.

William Paulin, entrepreneur in residence at the UND Center for Innovation Foundation, and Terry Sando, former UAS Sector Senior Manager for the EDC, were recognized for their collaboration with the State of North Dakota to attract international interest in the Grand Forks region’s UAS ecosystem. Paulin and Sando had traveled to countries including Israel, Finland, and Norway to attract UAS commercialization opportunities.

They have supported the attraction of entrepreneurial companies from Norway, Finland, Israel and the Czech Republic that have invested significantly in the region and state since 2014 and hired staff to inspect energy infrastructure and farm crops. And countries such as Austria and Poland are in line to enter via this growing North Dakota channel to the USA.

“Since 2009 the EDC has had a business developer dedicated to the unmanned systems industry. The EDC was fortunate to have Terry as part of our team, leveraging his expertise, leadership and enthusiasm for the region’s capabilities to raise awareness and draw international companies into the region, helping enhance our UAS ecosystem,” said EDC President & CEO Keith Lund. “We continue to invest in business expansion and attraction initiatives to support the exciting and dynamic unmanned and autonomous industry.”

“The Center for Innovation Foundation has worked with Norwegian entrepreneurs for over 25 years, and since 2006 has been one of 26 incubators and entrepreneur centers worldwide designated as a ‘Soft Landings International Incubator’, being especially helpful to international entrepreneurs entering a new global market,” said Bruce Gjovig, CEO Emeritus of the Center of Innovation Foundation. “Bill Paulin has made strong relationships with entrepreneurs in Finland and Norway, which was key to attracting these UAS entrepreneurs to our UAS ecosystem.”

U.S. Commercial Service is the trade promotion arm of the U.S. Department of Commerce’s International Trade Administration.

Bande named chair of Department of Internal Medicine for UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences

GRAND FORKS, N.D.— Dinesh Bande, MD, clinical associate professor of medicine at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) and hospitalist with Sanford Health, has been named the new chair of the SMHS Department of Internal Medicine. Bande, who is based in Fargo, N.D., and has been the UND SMHS Internal Medicine clerkship director for third-year medical students since 2015, is assuming the role long held by chair emeritus William P. Newman, MD.

“Having been in the UND SMHS system for almost a decade, it has truly been an honor not only to train here, but to go on to serve the community and teach medical students and residents,” Dr. Bande said. “We like to think that it is our responsibility as a team to ‘train our own to take care of our own,’ which I hope becomes a mantra here.”

The Lieber Institute for Brain Development and UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences partner to expand the largest Human Brain Repository in the world for the study of developmental brain disorders

BALTIMORE, Md., and GRAND FORKS, N.D.—The Lieber Institute for Brain Development (LIBD) and the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) announced today the establishment of a new partnership to expand the largest human brain repository in the world for the study of developmental brain disorders. The partnership with UND marks the fourth collection site for the LIBD, and will allow researchers to accelerate the rate of tissue collection as well as diversify their samples based on the populations in the UND region.

“Through our collaboration with UND, our biological resources will continue to grow at an extraordinary rate and remain critical to our mission to find new treatments for brain disorders,” said LIBD Chief Medical Officer, Thomas M. Hyde, MD, PhD. “We believe that by continuing to expand and diversify the brain repository, scientific research will accelerate towards important new discoveries.”

Mary Ann Sens, MD, PhD, professor and chair of the SMHS Department of Pathology, is spearheading the effort at UND.

“We’re thrilled to embark on this partnership with the LIBD, which will allow persons from North Dakota and the upper Midwest to participate in the exciting research of brain development and function already ongoing elsewhere in the country,” noted Dr. Sens. “Many families are concerned with a wide variety of mental disorders in loved ones and within this community, including things like post-traumatic stress disorder and depression. The families want to contribute to understanding these diseases and develop treatments for them. We now directly collaborate with world leaders in neuroscience through the Lieber Institute, which greatly expands our clinical translational research programs and brings a new level of excellence and opportunity to the region.”

The LIBD and UND collaboration will lead to procurement of postmortem brain donations in North Dakota and upper Midwest. To date, the collaboration has already facilitated acquisition of five cases.
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STATE OF THE BASE

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I-29 & Hwy 2 West, Grand Forks, ND
$20/person (includes a delicious breakfast)

Join featured speaker Col. Benjamin Spencer, Wing Commander at GFAFB for breakfast and his State of the Base presentation. Col. Spencer will brief the community on what is happening at Grand Forks Air Force Base.

Reservations are required.
To register contact:
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2017 Farmers’ Appreciation Banquet

Thursday, November 16th
Ramada Inn, Grand Forks
5:30pm Social
6:30pm Dinner & Program

Please join us for an evening of food, fun and socializing!

ENTERTAINMENT

The Dixie Cups
The Dixie Cups are a women’s trio, consisting of two Colgate friends, Jeanine Brown and Melanie Mewes, and their friend Deb Davis.

Tickets are available for pick-up only at
The Chamber of Commerce GF/EGF Downtown
202 N. 3rd St., Grand Forks, ND

Tickets are limited to 2 per person and must be picked up. (No tickets will be mailed)
Deadline to pick up tickets is November 10th.

Limited tickets available.

Great Door Prizes!

5:30pm - Social
6:15pm - Welcome
6:25pm - Mayor Gander
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7:30pm - The Dixie Cups
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