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# CHAMBER NEWS

## Chamber Sets Legislative Priorities



*Barry Wilfahrt,  
Chamber President  
and CEO*

The MN and ND Legislative sessions could not be further apart in their tone and approach for business heading into 2023.

**North Dakota.** With a very pro-business super majority in the North Dakota legislature, a property tax relief and income tax relief will be at the top of the list for consideration. It is likely one of these will pass. Also don't expect any new onerous regulations on the business community in 2023.

**Minnesota.** With one party control in 2023, there will be multiple attempts to add regulations and rules on business. Expect some extreme and costly measures to be considered. The plan is to be on defense and try to keep the MN business climate as competitive as possible.

The GF/EGF Chamber will work with our local legislators in both states on business climate issues (most are supportive). We will also support the two respective State Chambers of Commerce agendas as we have in the past as a Federated member of each group

## Save the Date



The Chamber Annual Dinner January 26th, 2023

# CHAMBER NEWS

## 40 graduate from Chamber Leadership Program



The Chamber's Leadership Program has had more than 1,100 people graduate from the program in its 37 year history. Participants hear from community leaders about what is going on behind the scenes that makes our community move forward. They take tours of local businesses and facilities like GFAFB and the downtown to learn more about the community's economy and history. Finally, they learn about themselves as a leader and what they can do to be a more servant leader in their professional and personal lives. The class meets every other Wednesday from late August to early December.

See page 4 for photos and a listing of the 2022 graduating class.

If you or someone from your organization want to be part of the 2023 class contact Kim at the Chamber [kimberlys@gochamber.org](mailto:kimberlys@gochamber.org)

# CONGRATULATIONS

## to the 2022 Chamber Leadership Class Graduates

The 2022 Chamber Leadership Class will graduate on December 7th. After 3 months of classes they have learned a lot about themselves, our community and improved their leadership skills. They also have made new friends and contacts. Congratulations on completing the program!



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EERC



Jordan Anderson  
Anne Carlsen Center



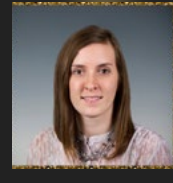
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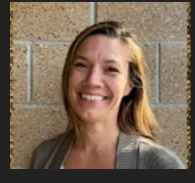
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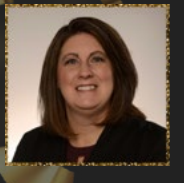
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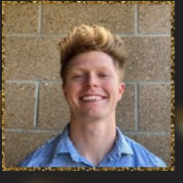
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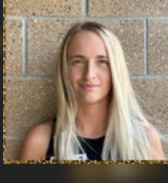
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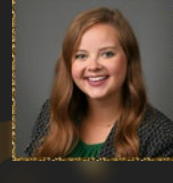
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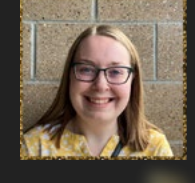
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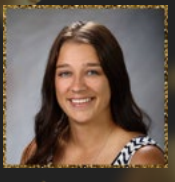
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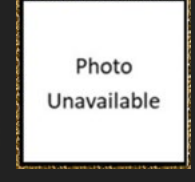
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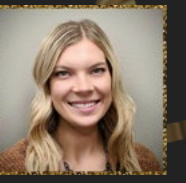
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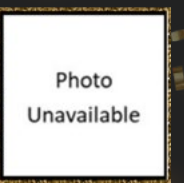
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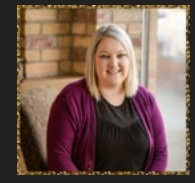
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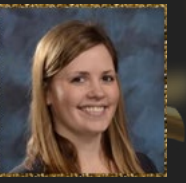
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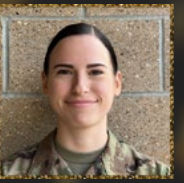
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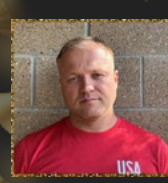
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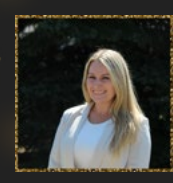
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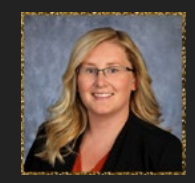
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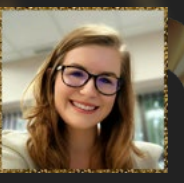
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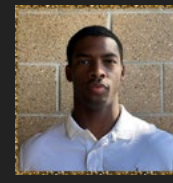
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NOVEMBER 1, TO NOVEMBER 30, 2022

The following businesses know the value of their Chamber Membership and have renewed their membership in The Chamber GF/EGF.

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Ambassador Meeting- November 21, was held at Eagles Crest. Ambassadors heard from Jen Ekberg, with Santa Claus Girls, Kaelan Reedy with Evolve.



# RIBBON CUTTING

The Chamber Ambassadors would love to meet you and celebrate your business with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

If you are interested, please contact Jessica at **772-7271** or [jessicat@gochamber.org](mailto:jessicat@gochamber.org) to schedule a ribbon cutting event.

### Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings:

Tuesday, December 6 @ 4:30 - **Circle of Friend Adoption Center**  
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You might even win **\$1000** in our Progressive Cash drawing! We'll draw the name of one Chamber Member business. If someone from that organization is present, they win!!

Forward this message on to your friends and colleagues.  
See you Thursday, December 15 at Business After Hours!

\*Because of the nature of this event, no children under 18 may attend.

**Thank you to EAPC for hosting an eventful November Business After Hours.**



# MEMBER NEWS

## Volunteering through Junior Achievement



*Eric Scheffer  
First State Bank*

Volunteering through Junior Achievement is such a rewarding way to give back to the youth in our community. The kids are always excited to have someone new come into the classroom, and the curriculum that JA puts together is easy to follow for the instructors in addition to stimulating for the kids. I always keep the end of year thank you cards the kids put together and whenever I'm having a bad day, pulling them out to read always cheers me up! Volunteering for JA is a minimal time commitment but impacts the lives of children and future leaders for years to come!



*Nikki Jo Klefstad  
Frandsen Bank &  
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I have been involved with Junior Achievement for over 20 years and I have had the pleasure of spending many of those years volunteering in my own children's classrooms. This has been a great way for me to give back to my community by helping to make a positive impact on our youth. It is amazing to see how excited the kids get when they have a volunteer in the classroom! The lessons are all planned out making it very easy for anyone to present. I encourage those who are thinking about volunteering to give it a try. There's no doubt you will enjoy it and you will have the pleasure of knowing that you've contributed to the lives of children in our community!

[To volunteer to be a Junior Achievement classroom instructor contact Joyce Larson with Grand Forks Public Schools at: jlarson230@mygfschools.org](mailto:jl Larson with Grand Forks Public Schools at: jlarson230@mygfschools.org)

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## 2021-2022 4-H Senior Representative Member



Narria Neubert



William Stover

Congratulations to Narria Neubert & William Stover for being chosen as 2021-2022 Representative Senior 4-H Member. The Chamber Agribusiness Co-Chair, Joe Fietek presented the award to these two outstanding 4-H members at the 76th Grand Forks County 4-H Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 20th in Reynolds, ND. Thank you to the 4-H Council for all you do for our kids and our community.

The recipients of the 2021-2022 Representative Senior 4-H Member Award have been selected for their involvement in leadership responsibilities, observable gains in personal development, active participation in 4-H events and activities, acquisition of presentation skills learned through talks, reports and demonstrations, along with committee and group involvement during their total 4-H career. Narria Neubert and William Stover are both very deserving of this award. They have shown exceptional leadership and involvement throughout their 4-H careers.

## - SILENT AUCTION NOTICE -

### **Tis the season of giving and silent auctions!**

The Chamber has one of its own Online Silent Auctions at the Annual Meeting & Dinner on **Thursday, January 26, 2023**. Please consider **DONATING AN ITEM** or **GIFT BASKET** to one of the Chamber's largest fund raisers!



Your business will be in front of **over 400 people** at the event and **recognized in the auction program**, on the item's bid sheet and in future auction promotions, including Social Media & Member2Member!

**Thank you to all the contributors!**

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# MEMBER NEWS

## Hugo's Family Marketplace purchases Palubicki's Family Market & Spirits in Fosston, MN

Hugo's Family Marketplace, headquartered in Grand Forks, ND, has purchased the Palubicki's Family Market in Fosston, MN.

"We are excited to purchase this store and become members of the Fosston community," said Kristi Magnuson Nelson, President/CEO of Hugo's. "Leah and her family have built an impressive company rooted in family values, which makes this new addition to our family of supermarkets so special. We are committed to maintaining the great tradition, quality and service that the Palubicki family has built."

In 1975 Jim and Nina Palubicki moved to Fosston and purchased the grocery store, Palubicki's Red Owl. They raised their 4 daughters in the family business. Their daughters and five grandchildren have worked in various capacities throughout the years. In 2006 their daughter Leah purchased the store and expanded into the fuel business with Palubicki's Express in 2012. 2016 Palubicki's Family Market and Spirits opened doubling the size of the old grocery store and adding a pharmacy, Caribou Coffee, and liquor store.

"I am thankful and grateful for all the wonderful staff throughout the years. We are proud of what we have accomplished in Fosston and are excited for Hugo's and the future of Fosston", said Leah Palubicki.

Magnuson Nelson expects the transition to be seamless for the shoppers and employees of Palubicki's.

"Hugo's will retain all of Palubicki's management team and employees who currently work at the store. Leah has built a great team. We look forward to working with them" said Magnuson Nelson.

Hugo's, headquartered in Grand Forks, N.D., was founded by Hugo and Dorothy Magnuson in 1939. Their son, Curt Magnuson, operated the stores until his passing in 2007. At this time, Curt's daughter Kristi Magnuson Nelson became the President/CEO of the company. Hugo's is supplied by UNFI. With the addition of the Fosston store, Hugo's will operate 12 supermarkets, 7 liquor stores, 2 Pubs, 4 pharmacies and 9 Caribou Coffee shops throughout North Dakota and Minnesota.

**HUGO'S**  
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# MEMBER NEWS

## Grand Opening of UND's Nistler Hall



On September 30, Nistler College of Business & Public Administration (NCoBPA) cut the ribbon at their grand opening of Nistler Hall, welcoming the community into its newly completed campus home at the University of North Dakota (UND) in Grand Forks, ND. NCoBPA is celebrating a historic 100 years of developing leaders through transformational opportunities, impactful research, and meaningful connections. The new building is UND's vision for advancing future workforce, recruitment, and retention of students and faculty with innovation that will lead North Dakota's largest school of business into the next 100 years.

At the heart of campus, JLG Architects revived UND's signature Collegiate Gothic style within 124,000 square feet, greeting students inside a three-story open atrium with an adaptable, multi-purpose community plaza and grand fireplace. The plaza distinguishes the building's transparent wayfinding with a floating stair that connects to the second and third floor, a room-wide operable partition that opens to the auditorium, and tremendous views of the exterior plaza and campus quad.

Nistler Hall's interior is broken down into three well-connected and adaptable engagement areas, including 102 offices, with access to the latest in advanced business technology. At the touch of a button, clear glass turns opaque for privacy in large conference rooms, and all 23 classrooms will soon be equipped with high-tech cameras and audio systems, enabling "full flex" virtual learning.

[Read More](#)





## Diversity in the Workplace

The goal for this session is for participants to build a better understanding of who their fellow community members are, and how to best tap into this unique workforce pool.

Presented by:

### Laetitia Mizero Hellerud

Executive Director of the Jeremiah Program, Fargo Campus



### Laetitia Mizero Hellerud

(She, Her, Hers) is the Executive Director of the Jeremiah Program (JP), Fargo Campus. She is a well-traveled, seasoned social justice leader, Bush Foundation Fellow, and published author with over 27 years of professional experience working with minoritized/underrepresented populations. Laetitia's areas of interests include strategic planning, organization change management, DEIAB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Access, Belonging) principles, organization development, training and facilitation, systems change, qualitative/quantitative research, and more. Laetitia brings her holistic worldview in any space and project she is engaged in.

Lens View Studio



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