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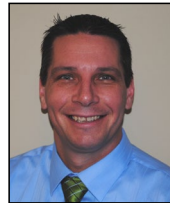
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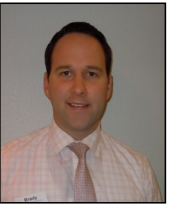
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Community Visioning Results Out This Month

The NV360 Community Visioning final report will appear as a tabloid in the January 18th edition of the Grand Forks Herald. It will also be presented at the Chamber annual meeting on January 17th.

Thanks to the more than 1,200 people who took the time to participate in a focus group and/or participate in the "Engage the Forks" community engagement process at the Community's Mind Mixer Web Site.

Chamber Members Encouraged to Weigh In on Housing

The Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Housing has developed a series of recommendations and is seeking input on those recommendations. While there is no one recommendation that will solve the tight housing market and affordability issue, the recommendations are a good start to moving the market in the right direction.

Take a few minutes to read the recommendations and offer your input and opinion.

<http://www.engagetheforks.com/housing-priorities>

The Engage the Forks.com site was developed using grant funds from the Knight and Bremer Foundations. The Community Foundation, City of Grand Forks, City of East Grand Forks and Chamber partnered to put this community engagement tool in place. The four partners expect to use the site moving forward to engage the community in community conversations on important issues in the Northern Valley.

Housing the topic at January BGEA Meeting

In January the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Housing Task Force Chairs Dana Sande and Mike Bergeron will be presenting the initial results from the task force.

Save The Dates:

Mayors State of the City, featuring Mayor Mike Brown, is scheduled for February 27th at the Alerus

Center.

Economic Outlook Luncheon, featuring Narayana Kocherlakota, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis will be held Tuesday, April 2nd.

Catfish Entries Rolling In

According to 2013 co chairs - Tom Stennes and Tom McDonald the 2013 tournament is already over half full with over 60 teams entered in the July (dates) tournament. The tournament is limited to 125 teams. Entries can be found on line at the Chamber Web site.

The committee is also excited to have Cabalas back for its 10th year as tournament sponsor.

Henry Havig Recipient Selected

The Henry Havig Committee, made up of former Havig Award winners, has made its selection for 2012. The award winner will be announced at the Chamber Annual meeting on January 17th.

The Henry Havig Award is named after long time Grand Forks Businessman and volunteer Henry Havig. It is the Chamber's highest award and recognizes individuals for a lifetime of volunteer service and leadership.

New Weekly Series to Feature East Grand Forks Businesses

The Chamber of Commerce recently began a "Business of the Week" series in the East Grand Forks newspaper, The Expo-ment. One business each week will be featured. The business each week will be selected randomly by computer from the approximately 100 East Grand Forks business members of The Chamber of Commerce. Each business will be personally visited and interviewed by the Chamber President. A photo is taken, a story is written and the feature is published.

Businesses are encouraged to include as many employees as practical in the photo. They also typically provide a brief history of

The following businesses know the value of their Chamber Membership and have renewed their membership in The Chamber - GF/EGF. Please visit them for your purchasing needs.

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- Jolly Mon Vacations
- KapStone Container Corporation
- Karl's TV, Audio, Appliances & Furniture
- Keith Danks, Jr.

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2013 Chamber Annual Meeting and Dinner

Thursday, January 17 2013 • Alerus Center

5:30pm ~ Social & Silent Auction 6:30pm ~ Dinner & Program

Join us as Board Chair Chris Semrau passes the gavel to incoming Board Chair Jeff Wilson. The social hour and dinner features a silent auction. Guest speaker Ed Schafer will be followed by the presentation of the prestigious Henry Havig Award for community service.

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Guest Speaker



Ed Schafer

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Reservations not cancelled 3 business days prior to event will be billed.

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their business and description of the products and services they provide.

Looking at the East Grand Forks business community it is impressive to see the wide variety of businesses. East Grand Forks has companies that distribute products worldwide and employ hundreds of people. It also has one-person operations that provide unique services to the people in our region. This diversity keeps our local economy strong and moving forward. I encourage everyone to read the business of the week articles over the next couple of years to learn more about the industries and professions that make up our local economy.

Some may ask why only East Grand Forks Businesses. 90% of all chamber programming pertains to and effects all chamber members and this has clearly been the focus since the two chamber merged in 2005, however, the Chamber Board discussed offering more community specific (Grand Forks/East Grand Forks) and business niche specific programming in coming years when it makes sense. In addition to separate candidates forums, business days at the legislature and legislative lobbying efforts there are other unique things the chamber can do on a city specific basis and the Chamber will continue to assess each opportunity for relevance and value to the membership as a whole with an understanding that sometimes programs do need to cater to a certain niche of businesses.

Board Members Retiring

A special thank you goes out to The Chamber's retiring Board Members. Your dedication and service to The Chamber and our members is greatly appreciated. Retiring from the Board of Directors are:

Jim Galloway, JLG Architects

Bryan Lee, Gateway Storage, Northern Air Family Fun Center

Brian Johnson, Choice Financial

Jeff Westrem, Hugo's

MAC Meeting Features Special Guest Speaker

The January MAC Meeting will feature a special guest speaker. Wounded Warrior Kristoffer Schneider will tell his story of "Turning Tragedy into Triumph".

Kristoffer Schneider, an Irwin PA native, graduated from Norwin High School in 2003. He joined the USAF after high school graduation. He was assigned to Minot AFB, ND from 2004-2010 and RAF Lakenheath, UK from 2010-2011. He proudly served in the USAF as a member of Security Forces.

Schneider is a wounded warrior and recently medically retired from the USAF. He was wounded while en route to Afghanistan while at the Frankfurt

International Airport on March 2, 2011. An armed terrorist entered the bus that was waiting to transport him, his team and another team to Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany. The shooting took the lives of two USAF Airmen and severely injured him and one other Airman. His injuries were a gunshot wound to the head and to the hip. His chances of survival were very slim. He beat the odds and is a walking miracle.

Schneider and his wife Amanda (a North Dakota native), have been married for five years and have three children; Tyler (step-son), Bria and Kaiah. They currently live at Grand Forks AFB and plan to remain in the Grand Forks, ND area.

He wants to help others by sharing his story of surviving terrorism and life with a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). He now suffers from Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) and Post Traumatic Epilepsy due to the shooting. Helping those who are dealing with silent wounds, traumatic injuries/events has helped him recover as well.

The Schneiders want to inspire, support, motivate and help others by speaking about their trials and tribulations and positive outlook. "Turning tragedy into triumph" has been a long standing motto since the day his life was spared.

We look forward to hearing this inspirational story and thank Kristoffer for his willingness to share it with the MAC Committee.

Looking ahead, the February MAC meeting will feature a presentation from Col. Bob Becklund, Chief of Staff of the Air North Dakota National Guard.



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A Month in Pictures



December Brown Bag Seminar



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Bon Voyage Travel Earns Disney Award

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The Certificate of Authenticity is very limited-edition golden Mouse Ears award, specially created for elite Top Sales Performers. Disney Destinations, LLC, happily presented the award to Bon Voyage Travel in appreciation of their Disney's EarMarked Program Travel Agency exceeding its 2011 sales goals for Disneyland Resort, Walt Disney World Resort and Disney Cruise Line in FY 2011.

Dr. Joshua LeClaire Joins Altru Health System

Joshua LeClaire, DO, joins Altru's pathology department. Dr. LeClaire began his education at the University of Minnesota



at the University of Minnesota in Duluth where he received a degree in biology with a minor in chemistry. He earned a master's degree to become a pathologists' assistant at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He then earned his doctor of osteopathy degree at the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, Ohio.

Dr. LeClaire completed a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at Summa Health System in Akron, Ohio and a cytopathology fellowship at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Most recently, Dr. LeClaire was the associate chief in the pathology and laboratory medicine department at the VA Medical Center in Fargo, North Dakota. Dr. LeClaire is a member of the College of American Pathologists

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Widseth Smith Nolting Adds Shareholders

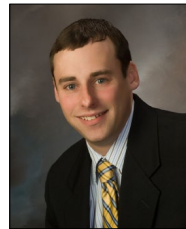
WSN added three new shareholders to the company's management structure effective December 1, 2012:

mechanical engineer **Eric Jendro, PE, LEED(r) AP**; land surveyor **Chris Jordheim, LS**; and civil engineer **Pete Sarberg, PE**. Each of these new shareholders now has Vice President designation.



Jordheim joined WSN in 1997 and oversees all of WSN's North Dakota survey operations. He is responsible for estimating, research, client

contact, preliminary calculations for field crews, daily review of field work, and field observations. Jordheim serves as the President-Elect for the North Dakota Society of Professional Land Surveyors.



Jendro has been with WSN since 2002 and is responsible for designing HVAC and plumbing systems, conducting energy analysis studies,

performing load designs, sizing duct work and piping, selecting equipment, reviewing shop drawings and prior approval requests, performing field observations, and coordinating with other disciplines to ensure quality control. As a LEED(r) Accredited Professional, Jendro has demonstrated his understanding of sustainable design, green building practices and principles, and LEED(r) requirements, resources, and processes.



Sarberg has 28 years of hydraulic, drainage, and stormwater management experience. He has been with WSN for 20 years and leads the firm's

water resources division. Sarberg is responsible for water resources engineering studies and design including hydrolog-

ic analysis, stormwater management, storm sewer design, bridge hydraulics, scour analysis, structural recommendations, and watershed district engineering. Sarberg serves as technical advisor on the City of Alexandria, Minn., Stormwater Management Committee.

Skjerven Promoted at Gate City Bank

Gate City Bank has promoted **Nicholas Skjerven** to Personal Loan Officer



at its Downtown Grand Forks Office, located at 501 DeMers Avenue.

Skjerven has been employed at Gate City Bank since 2010. He is a native of Grand Forks and a graduate of the University of North Dakota.

Schneider Joins AE2S

AE2S has hired **Rocky Schneider** as a Public Affairs Strategist in the firm's Fargo, ND office. He will be facilitating public dialogue involving several projects, including the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project.



Prior to joining AE2S, Schneider worked at the Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead as Director of Public Affairs, and has extensive experience working with elected officials on policy issues in the Red River Valley. "I am passionate about building policy through public interaction and come from a family that has encouraged dedication to public service," says Schneider. "I look forward to a rewarding experience at AE2S where I will be able to continue to support important projects like the FM Diversion."

"AE2S is a consultant for several large-scale public projects, and Rocky will play a

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key role in not only facilitating public communication on these projects, but connecting with policy makers to help develop avenues for project success," says Eric Dodds, PE, Operations Manager of the firm's Fargo and Moorhead offices. "We are excited to have Rocky on board to support a broad range of public affairs and communications efforts."

Originally from Fargo, Schneider has a Master of Business Administration degree from North Dakota State University and a Bachelor of Communications degree from the University of Minnesota. He has previously served as a registered lobbyist for the Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead, a member of the City of Fargo's Community Development Committee, President of the Friends of the Fargo Public Library, a Steering Committee member of Fargo's GO2030 comprehensive plan, Chair of The Chamber of Commerce's Regulatory Committee, and a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.

GGFYP Announces Upcoming Events

The Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals announces upcoming events. On January 18th they will hold the GGFYP's Annual Launch.

The event's theme is "Energized and Engaged in 2013!"

Sponsored by Xcel Energy and Altru, tickets are available at the link below.

<http://www.ggfyp.com/activities/annual-launch/>

Everyone is encouraged to attend, YP members, community members, sponsors, spouses, family... come one, come ALL! Ticket sales end Tuesday, January 15th.



The GGFYP's will also hold another Cash Mob, this time

at Ferguson Books and Media in the Menard's Strip Mall on January 29th beginning at 6pm.

Join us for a fun opportunity to learn about and support a local small business. We will have different activities throughout the evening. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Business Day at the Legislature

During each legislative session, the Greater North Dakota Chamber hosts Business Days at the Legislature. This event offers business leaders an additional opportunity to participate in the legislative process.

 The next Business Days at the Legislature is scheduled for Feb. 5-6 in Bismarck.

The first day's agenda will include legislative updates from the U.S. Chamber, the Greater North Dakota Chamber and several state agencies.

At that evening's social and dinner, you can visit with state legislators about issues that are important to you. After dinner, the Majority and Minority leadership will take part in a panel discussion on legislation that affects the business community.

"Chamber members will hear our legislative leaders talk about business issues like tax reform and regulation. They'll learn what the legislature has done so far in the session and where they expect the session to go," said Andy Peterson, Greater North Dakota Chamber President.

"Overall, this event enables more one-on-one interaction with legislators in a more casual environment," he added. "It's a valuable complement to our other advocacy efforts."

On the second day of Business Days, attendees will head

to the Capitol to participate in committee hearings and observe the legislators in action. The legislature will go into session immediately after lunch, and Chamber members are invited to stay and view the proceedings.

The registration fee is \$69 for Greater North Dakota Chamber members and local chamber members.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Jill Blashack Strahan to Speak at UMC

The University of Minnesota Crookston announces the speaker for their next Entrepreneur Speaker Series.

 **Jill Blashack Strahan** is the founder of Tastefully Simple, a direct sales company based out of Alexandria, MN. She is one of the nation's leading female entrepreneurs

and has been named one of the top CEO's in the nation by Inc., Pin,, and Fast Company magazines. In her presentation title, Small Beginnings and Big Dreams, Jill will share three success factors for entrepreneurs and her straightforward philosophy for building a multi-million dollar business.

This event is free and open to the public.

Entrepreneur Speaker Series

Jill Blashack Strahan
February 26th, 2013
Noon - 1:30pm
Kiehle Auditorium
UMC Campus-Crookston

Member Referrals Made By
The Chamber In 2012:

11505

Total for December: 1301

Certificates of Origin Signed
By The Chamber In 2012:

34

Total for December: 3

New Resident Packets
Distributed By The Chamber
In 2012:

378

Total for December: 35

Check Out The Chamber Calendar of Events Here

www.gochamber.org

Number of Member Exposures for November (statistic includes internet search engine visits): 1,441,649

Top Member Directory Views/TCS Page Views for November

	<u>Dir.</u>	<u>TCS</u>		<u>Dir.</u>	<u>TCS</u>
Cornerstone Ag Services Inc	1848	(N/A)	Ameriprise Financial - Debbie Albert	1685	18
First State Bank	1784	26	Grand Forks Co Farm Service Agency	1678	18
Dakota Science Center	1745	24	GF Board of Realtors	1672	8
Gateway Storage & Northern Air Family Fun Center	1720	50	American Crystal Sugar	1672	52
NDSU Distance and Continuing Education	1707	15	Titan Machinery	1663	(N/A)
Northern Bag and Box Company	1695	27	AgriData, Inc	1662	35
Thrivent Financial - Chad Erickson	1692	(N/A)	GuestHouse International	1658	20
			Dahl Funeral Home	1658	241
			Shooting Star Casino	1655	49



Hosted by Northern Air Family Fun Center

Located in the former Center Court Fitness building at 1600 32nd Ave. S. in Grand Forks.

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Northern Air Family Fun Center

Thursday, January 10, 2013

4:45pm - 7:00pm

Free Admission

- Complimentary hors d'oeuvres & beverages
- Great door prize!
- Progressive cash drawing is at \$2300!

Northern Air Family Fun Center invites all Chamber Members and their employees to join them for a fun Business After Hours Stop in...enjoy a fun evening of networking and learn more about the area's newest family entertainment option. You might even win \$2300 in our progressive cash drawing. We'll draw the name of one Chamber Member business. If someone from that organization is present, they win!

Business After Hours is a great time to network, catch up with friends, coworkers and clients in a fun and casual way. Spread the word and plan to attend the next Business After Hours.