

# THE Voice

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## July 29, 30, 31, 2011



### FREE ADMISSION

Friday - Gates open 5pm - 8pm  
Saturday - Gates open 11am - 8pm  
Sunday - Gates open 12pm - 8pm  
**Food Vendors & Beer Garden**

LaFave Park next to the Red River Downtown  
East Grand Forks



### FRIDAY

Food Vendors & Beer Garden by The Eagles Club 5pm - 8pm  
Tournament Meeting Emceed by Ernie the Angler - 7:00pm  
About Aquatic Nuisances by ND Game & Fish - Lynn Schlueter  
Media Fishing Derby - 1pm - 5pm (Awards following)

### SATURDAY

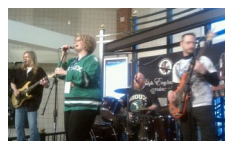
Food Vendors & Beer Garden by Eagles Club  
Caps, t-shirts, buttons  
Cats Incredible Fishing Tournament - Day 1  
Cat's Incredible Altru/YMCA 1/2 Marathon/5k Walk/Run - 8am  
Games Galore Inflatable games for Kids  
MN DNR - Kids Fishing Projects/FREE Tackle Box  
Young Professionals "Beans on the Bank" Chili Challenge -  
**Bethany & The Bandits - Appearing Live on the  
Cabela's Band Shell  
6pm - 8pm - No Admission Charge**

### Bethany & The Bandits



Classic & New Rock  
with a Little Country  
thrown in.

**Saturday, July 30th  
6pm - 8pm  
On the Cabela's Band  
Shell  
FREE ADMISSION**



### SATURDAY

12:00pm - Judging & Sampling - \$5.00  
2:00pm - Awards



GREATER GRAND FORKS  
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

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### SUNDAY

Food Vendors & Beer Garden by Eagles Club  
Caps, t-shirts, buttons  
Cat's Incredible Fishing Tournament - Day 2  
Games Galore Inflatable Games for Kids  
Dakota Science Center Science & Nature Activities for Kids - 1pm - 4pm  
Artwise Wacky Fish Project for Kids 1pm - 5pm  
Strolling Magic and Balloon Sculpting 1pm - 4pm  
Cat's Incredible Tournament Awards at the Cabela's Weigh Station - 6pm

## Cats Incredible Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help out at Cats Incredible this year on July 29th, July 30th July 31st, 2011.

Volunteers are needed for:  
**Friday - July 29th**  
4:30pm - 7pm & 7pm - 9pm

**Saturday - July 30th**  
11:00am - 2pm & 5pm - 8pm

**Sunday - July 31st**  
11:30am - 2:30pm, 2:30pm - 5pm  
& 5pm - 8pm

All volunteers receive a Cats Incredible volunteer t-shirt. If you'd like to have fun and help out at Cats Incredible, reply to [info@gochamber.org](mailto:info@gochamber.org) with your contact info and availability or call us at 701-772-7271.



### Mission Statement

"The Chamber of Commerce creates an environment that encourages business success while enhancing the quality of life in our region."

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**State of the College Events Set**

Mark your calendars now for Wake Up With UND – October 12th, 2011. This breakfast with Dr. Kelley event will be held at the Memorial Student Union on campus.

New this year, the NCTC State of the College Luncheon will be held at NCTC campus on November 2nd.

Watch for more information on these events.

**Choice Health & Fitness Center on BGEA's Agenda for July**

Representatives from the various partners in the Choice Health and Fitness Center Campus will be on hand at the July 13th BGEA meeting to give an update on the project. The center is well underway and there are many other possibilities on the drawing board.

**Chamber Ambassadors Strategic Planning**

Chamber Ambassadors Committee will meet at noon at Italian Moon on July 18th to review their programs, talk about potential changes in their procedures and monthly meetings.

All Ambassadors are encouraged to attend. If you would like to join the Ambassador Committee, please contact Audrey at the Chamber office. It's a great way to meet new business owners and play and active part in the business community.

**Williston EDC Recognizes GF/EGF Chamber**

The Chamber received an outstanding community supporter award from the Williston Economic Development Corporation for the Herald Advisory Committees efforts to organize the East Meets West Trip to Williston. A delegation of community leaders visited Williston last summer and hosted a return West Meets East trip last October.

**Second East Meets West Trip Planning Starts**

The Chamber's Herald Advisory committee has begun planning a return

trip to the Williston Oil Basin. The first step in the process is to discuss what the focus of the trip should be this time to maximize local business opportunities and also the impact we can have on the needs of Western North Dakota. The purpose and dates of the trip will be announced in coming months.

**Chamber President Completes Service Club Circuit**

Since early February, Chamber President and CEO, Barry Wilfahrt has made presentations at over 20 Grand Forks and East Grand Forks service clubs.

Wilfahrt provided each group with a brief update on what the Chamber is doing for the membership and also on how businesses can use the Retail Analytic data provided by the Buxton Company.

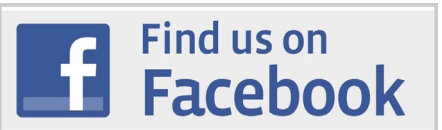
Wilfahrt estimates he reached over 700 people with the chamber message through the service club presentations.

**Downtown Parking Solutions Offered**

**Consulting firm suggests new parking formula.**

After months of study and numerous meetings, the downtown parking committee's recommendations will now head to the City Council for their action.

The four business representatives, including two appointed by The Chamber, contributed a business and property owner perspective throughout the process. The new recommendations follow 2010 action by the city council that resulted in parking rates being cut in half effective January 1st of this year. That action also was a result of much business input.



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## Thank You For Renewing Your Membership

*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.*

American Family - Jeremy Fulton  
Anytime Fitness  
Appraisals & Real Estate Research  
Ashley Furniture HomeStore  
Botsford & Qualey  
Choice Financial - S. Washington  
Dakota Science Center  
Daydreams Specialties  
Decorating Concepts & Design  
Eagle's Crest  
Edward Jones - Ken Johnson  
Edward Jones - Matt Odenbach  
Frandsen Bank & Trust - Col. Rd.  
Glamorous Reruns  
Global Safety Network  
Great Clips for Hair - UND  
Greenberg - Tammy Howard

Guesthouse International  
Harmon Glass Doctor  
Hospice of the Red River Valley  
IRET Properties  
Jeff's Landscaping  
Leisureland RV  
Mexican Village  
National Property Inspections  
North Valley Arts Council  
Pearle Vision  
Raymond J. German  
Reliance Telephone  
Ruffin' It Doggie Daycare  
Scenic Sign Corporation  
Snap Fitness  
Speedway Grill & Bar  
The Home Place Thrift Store

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Wendy's  
Wendy's - 32nd Avenue



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# BRIDGING THE FINANCING GAP

Sometimes projects need a boost when trying to cross over from concept to reality. AE2S Nexus helps bridge that gap. We focus on creating solid plans, aggressively pursuing funding options, and assisting you with implementation to make sure your project is on solid ground.

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- Project Development and Administration
- Economic Development
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# Welcome New Members

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### Hepper, Olson Architects

Bobbi Hepper  
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bobbi@hepperolson.com  
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*Hepper Olson Architects, with offices in Grand Forks and Buxton, provides clients with architectural design services for new and renovation projects, including Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Educational and Historic Preservation.*

### Jane's Creative Kids

Jane Enright  
2301 South Washington St.  
Grand Forks, ND 58201  
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creativekidscorner@yahoo.com  
*Creative Kids Corner is a childcare center with a homey atmosphere and centered learning. We provide the Creative Curriculum and music therapy for ages 6 weeks to kindergarten. We teach ASL sign language and by the age of 3 most of the children know 300 words in sign language. We have a hands-on teaching strategy that brings us out on many field trips to learn more about our environment and community. Because we are a small center we can individualize the learning to fit each child's abilities.*

### Windows Plus Inc.

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1003 South Washington St.  
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galen@windowstoplusinc.net  
sharon@windowstoplusinc.net  
*Windows Plus Inc. sells and installs replacement windows and doors. They are the exclusive area dealer of Infinity by Marvin windows.*



### **iBeach**

The Ambassadors helped welcome new business/chamber member iBeach tanning with a ribbon cutting.



### **Grand Valley Animal Hospital**

The Ambassadors helped welcome new business/chamber member GVAH with a ribbon cutting.



### **Windows Plus**

The Ambassadors helped welcome new business/chamber member Windows Plus with a ribbon cutting.

# BRIC Update

The Base Realignment Impact Committee (BRIC) is comprised of 8 members: Rick Duquette-GF City, Bruce Gjovig-UND Center for Innovation, Bill Lee-Frandsen Bank & Trust, Michael Moore-UND, Ed Nierode-Grand Forks County, John Schmisek-Grand Forks County, Klaus Thiessen-EDC and Barry Wilfahrt-The Chamber. The BRIC Scope of Work is funded through the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) with GF County as the fiscal agent.

During the first quarter of this year, BRIC met with Senator Hoeven and Congressman Berg, Major General Sprynczynatyk-ND National Guard and coordinated a trip to Washington D.C. where 12 community leaders met with Asst. Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment & Logistics, Terry Yonkers and the Deputy Asst. Sec. Kathleen Ferguson. One of BRIC's goals is to have Mr. Yonkers and/or Ms. Ferguson visit the Grand Forks Air

Force Base and community in 2011. This presents an opportunity to showcase our base for potential future missions.

In the second quarter, BRIC focused on Center of Excellence (COE) Enhancement grants. These grants provide economic development and employment opportunities associated with the Grand Forks Air Force Base realignment. Other uses include infrastructure and economic development projects or programs to accommodate growth in proximity to or at the GFAFB, including research tied to the University of ND. For the 2009-2011 biennium, \$5M was awarded, leveraging an additional \$3.4M. For the 2011-13 biennium, an additional \$3M was established through COE legislation (SB 2057) thanks, in large part to Senator Ray Holmberg. Many other community leaders and private industry representatives helped in this effort.

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# CITY TO FARM TOUR 2011

*Limited Space Still Available*

Farmers got a late start this spring, but in just a couple of months these crops will be almost halfway to harvest. The Chamber Ag Committee would like to invite you to the City to Farm Tour on **Wednesday, July 20th** to get a firsthand look at the progress of our local field crops. In addition, we will learn about some of the recent advances in modern agriculture such as drain tile, GPS technology, and beef production. Here is a little background of the two farms we will visit on our tour.

## Jared and Brandie Hagert Farm, near Emerado, North Dakota.

### *Highlights*

- Drain tile, biotech crops and GPS.
- Jared is a 4th generation farmer on land first farmed by his great grandfather in 1905. He raises hard red spring wheat, dry edible beans, corn and soybeans; and also runs a seed conditioning business.



- Demonstration of his tile plow. Did you know that GPS is more than yield mapping, and planting?
- Jared will discuss how soybean farmers unify their efforts in this grower organization and how they are helping to increase understanding about this important technology to support the acceptance of

## Frank and Lucy Matejcek's Red River Angus Farm, North of Grand Forks

### *Highlights*

- Dates back to 1880.
- Red River Angus is a family farm consisting of 1200 acres, growing wheat, barley, oats, corn, soybeans, sugarbeets and alfalfa.
- Matejcek's cattle are raised as natural as possible, using pasture land and feed that is produced by the farm.
- Frank will explain the process of getting his cattle from the pasture gate to our dinner plate
- Given his proximity to the Red River, Frank will also describe what it's like to farm, and raise cattle while fighting floods.



## CITY TO FARM TOUR DETAILS

Following the tour, enjoy a catered meal at the Matajcek Farm.

**Wednesday, July 20, 2011**

Participants will meet at 1:30pm at the Canad Inns and take a bus to the 2 farms. Projected return time is 7pm. Space is limited, contact The Chamber to sign up.

**No charge to attend. 701-772-7271 info@gochamber.org**

**Sponsored by:**

**Altru Health System - Ag Country - Red River Farm Network - Bremer Bank - ND Mill & Elevator - Agri-Data - Drees, Risky & Vallager - Choice Financial**

**A Month in Pictures**



**Hugo's/Hugo's Wine & Spirits/  
Forks RentAll/US Bank BAH**



**Insure Forward/Bank Forward  
Golf Classic**



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**June Brown Bag Seminar**



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**Insure Forward/Bank Forward Golf Classic**

### AE2S Honored For WAWS Project

AE2S (Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.) has been honored for its work on the Western Area Water Supply (WAWS) project. The Williston Area Development Foundation presented a regional achievement award to AE2S and the water boards that helped turn WAWS into legislation.

WAWS is a project that will deliver high-quality drinking water from the



Missouri River to people who live in Williams and McKenzie counties in North Dakota, as well as the communities of Williston, Ray, Watford City, Stanley, Wildrose, Alexander, and

Tioga, ND. Inadequate water supplies have led to water quality issues that are plaguing the region. On May 3, 2011, following intensive work and discussion by AE2S and the water boards, Gov. Jack Dalrymple signed a bill allocating \$110 million in state financing for the newly-created Western Area Water Supply Authority.

In addition to providing drinking water to rural areas in northwestern North Dakota, the water system will bring excess capacity water from the system closer to the area's booming oil fields, which will in turn help pay for the system and have additional benefits such as lessening wear and tear on roads. Water is crucial to the technologies that help extract oil from the Bakken formation.

The award presented to AE2S recognizes the firm for its "foresight, vision, determination, drive and enthusiasm in improving the quality of life and diversifying the economic base of the region." Sharing the honor were the boards involved in the legislation of WAWS: R&T Water Supply Association, McKenzie County Water Resource District, Williams Rural Water District, and Burke Divide Williams Rural Water.

"During slower economic times, the respective boards acted quite indepen-

dently", said Tom Rolfstad, Williston Economic Director. "These boards all rose to the occasion to find a comprehensive solution to a very unique set of problems. It has been a real case of teamwork and AE2S is also recognized for bringing these groups together, developing the vision, and making the project saleable to the Legislature and the respective partners."

Denton Zubke, McKenzie County Water Resource District Chairman, agreed. "There are too many people to thank, but AE2S deserves a large amount of the credit, as without them, we would not be where we are today," Zubke said. "Investment in infrastructure such as water will pay dividends for decades into the future. We have been very pleased with the progress to date."

### Wahler Joins AE2S

AE2S (Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.) has hired **Adam Wahler** as an Electrical Engineer. Adam will work out of the AE2S Fargo office, as he provides Electrical Engineering support for a number of water and wastewater planning, design, and construction projects for AE2S' clients.

Prior to joining AE2S, Adam was a Design Engineer at Ulteig Engineers. Among the projects he worked on were improvements to the Sanitary Collection System and the Wastewater Treatment Plant Clarifier in the City of Fargo, and water treatment plant rehabilitations in Detroit Lakes and Long Prairie, MN.

Adam has provided electrical engineering expertise for the municipal, government, industrial, and education sectors.

At AE2S, Adam's first duties include working on the Sheyenne River Pumping Station Equipment Evaluation and the Sulfate Removal Pilot Plant at Fargo's Water Treatment Plant, as well as lift stations in Williston, ND, and the Altru Clinic Lift Station in Devils Lake, ND.

Originally from Hankinson, ND, Adam earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from North Dakota State University, and his Associate of Applied Science degree in Electrical Technology from the North Dakota State College of Science.

Adam, his wife, Lani, and their daughter,

Sydney Kae, live in Hankinson. He's still involved in one of his passions: farming. "I believe the values and skills learned from farming, including hard work, fiscal responsibility, communication skills, and large scale planning and budgeting, are skills that have made me a better Engineer and individual," Adam says.

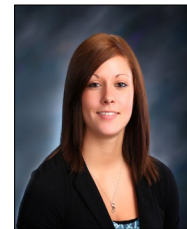
### Dokken Joins JLG Architects

JLG Architects is pleased to announce the addition **Barbra Dokken** to JLG's Grand Forks office. Barb will be the firm's Accounting Clerk.

Prior to JLG, Barb worked as the Office Manager and Bookkeeper for Grand Forks Heating, Inc., and as the Administrative Manager for Valley Health. She graduated from the Area Vocational Technical Institute's Secretarial/Shorthand Program.

### Chaput Joins Choice Financial

**Kristin Chaput** recently joined Choice Financial as a customer service representative at the bank's 1697 42nd Street South location in Grand Forks.



Chaput brings retail customer service experience to the position and received her accounting degree from Northland Technical College, East Grand Forks, Minn.

### Bulman Receives Certification

**Joyce Bulman** received certification from the Home Care Administrator Certificate Program (HCACP). Bulman is the first Home Care and Hospice Manager in North Dakota to receive this certification.

Altru's Home Care and Hospice is focused on providing patients with the highest quality of care. This certification will allow Bulman to better identify performance improvement opportunities coinciding with key health care trends, thus improving the patient experience. She will also have the tools to implement key financial management strategies, **promote quality, and integrate corporate compliance** procedures for the clinical, financial

and legal aspects of the department, making the environment as safe as possible for our patients.

“We are very proud to have someone as dedicated as Ms. Bulman on our team,” noted Ian Watson, Administrative Director of Altru’s Regional Services. “She has really gone above and beyond to obtain this certification. Her personal commitment is a reflection of Altru’s desire to provide the best patient experience possible.”

Bulman has been a registered nurse with Altru since 2003. She became a supervisor for Altru’s Home Care and Hospice in 2008 and became manager in 2009. Bulman also holds a Bachelors in Management, is certified in accounting and in hospice management. She will complete her Masters in Health Care Administration in April 2012.

## Mathews Joins Praxis Strategy Group

**Richelle Matthews** joined Praxis Strategy Group in May 2011 as an associate. Richelle leads the development and implementation of the Praxis initiatives in Ghana and increasing awareness about the African projects in North America. Additionally, she is concentrated on Praxis business development within Canada.

Richelle graduated from the University of Calgary, Canada, in 2005 with a bachelor’s degree in communications and management, which she has applied in both the private and public sector. She has North American and international work experience and has lived in Kenya and Ghana.



Most recently Richelle co-lead the development of the outreach and extension strategy for a \$30 million, USAID-funded agricultural value chain project in Ghana. The outreach strategy

sought to fill agricultural information deficits through facilitating the development of agricultural extension programs by the public and private sector. The focus of her work includes Information and Communications Technology (ICT) within agriculture, agricultural value chains, access to and deepening of agricultural markets for the poor, and the sustainable growth of Small and Medium

Enterprises (SMEs).

Richelle is an active member of her community and has spent extensive time volunteering with various organizations including, CHF (formally Canadian Hunger Foundation), The Canadian Cancer Society, Uend, Samaritan’s Purse and the University of Calgary.

## GF Region EDC Names Board Members/Officers

The Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation has named new officers and members to its 2011 Board of Directors.

Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (AE2S) CEO, **Steve Burian**, PE, has been named Chair of the Corporation. The other new officers are **Russ Erickson**, President and CEO of Bremer Bank, serving as Grand Forks Region EDC Vice Chair, and **Bill Lee**, President and CEO of Frandsen Bank, serving as Secretary/Treasurer. The officers serve for two-year terms.

**Dave McFarlane**, owner of McFarlane, Inc., was reappointed for another three-year term and will serve as immediate past chair.

The Grand Forks Region EDC named one new member to its Board of Directors: **Randy Newman**, President and CEO, Alerus Financial. Other board members are: **John Schmisek**, Grand Forks County Commissioner; **Phyllis Johnson**, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, University of North Dakota; **Anne Temte**, President, Northland Community and Technical College; **Rick Duquette**, City Administrator, City of Grand Forks; **Dwight Thompson**, CFO, Altru Health System; and **Klaus Thiessen**, President and CEO, Grand Forks Region EDC.

“We are excited to welcome this new leadership to our Grand Forks Region EDC Board of Directors,” said Thiessen. “Each new board member and our newly elected officers have experience that adds great depth and dimension to our board. We look forward to their leadership and expertise as we continue working to grow our region.” Burian added,

“The new officers and board members are honored to continue combining efforts to expand and solidify the area’s economic base.”

The Grand Forks Region EDC is also led by members of its 2011 Advisory Board: **Nick Brown**, Brown Corporations; **Bill Burga**, LM Wind Power; **Rep. Stacey Dahl**, North Dakota Legislature; **John Eickhof**, Construction Engineers; **Hesham El-Rewini**, University of North Dakota School of Engineering & Mines; **Gerry Groenewold**, EERC Foundation; **Lanae Iverson**, Wells Fargo Bank; **Mike Jacobs**, Grand Forks Herald; **Brian Johnson**, Choice Financial; **Jay Kleven**, EAPC Architects Engineers; **John Mohn**, Ideal Aeromsmith; **Sam Nesium**, Wells Concrete; **Larry Nybladh**, Grand Forks Public Schools; **Al Palmer**, UND School of Aerospace; **Terry Smith**, PS Doors; **Barry Wilfahrt**, The Chamber Grand Forks-East Grand Forks; and **John Zavoral**, RJ Zavoral & Sons, Inc.



Burian



Erickson



Lee



McFarlane



Newman



Schmisek



Johnson



Temte



Duquette



Thompson



Thiessen

## Business Briefs

### BRIC Update

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Through collaboration efforts, BRIC continues to build and enhance partnerships with all stakeholders. These relationships center on airspace access, wind energy, connectivity process, new mission arrival, and economic diversification.

BRIC strategic goals have been identified with the top priority of securing a new mission for the GFAFB that will compliment the UAS/RPA mission. Our primary focus is on becoming a site for the new KC-46A tankers. Another possibility of high interest is a Distributive Ground Station (DGS) where the information gathered by UAS/RPA's would be analyzed. A DGS would bring numerous new jobs.

BRIC has focused on keeping the region's partners informed on its activities through monthly Community Base Enhancement Initiative (CBEI) and Military Affairs Committee (MAC) meetings, presentations and bi-monthly radio talk show visits. BRIC has become the voice of the community and the interface for the private sector as we embrace the current and future missions of the Grand Forks Air Force Base.

### MPO Studies Washington Street

The next meeting of the Washington Street railroad overpass and Washington Street Access Management Plan is Thursday, June 30th at 5:30 p.m.

Chamber representatives will be in attendance to ensure business interests are voiced. The meeting is open to the public. It will be held in room 101 at City Hall.



## MAC Update

June was a busy month for the Military Affairs Committee. On June 1st the MAC Committee was invited to attend the Global Hawk Arrival Ceremony at the Grand Forks Air Force Base. On June 2-3 the UAS Summit was held at the Alerus Center and many committee members attended the breakfast and keynote speaker Lt. Gen. Larry D James, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance of the US Air Force on June 3rd. On June 20th the MAC Golf tournament was held at Plainsview Golf Course out on the base with 15 teams participating.



**Global Hawk on display at GFAFB**

Other upcoming MAC events are:

Change of Command – July 13

MAC Meeting – July 14 at The Chamber

321st Strategic Missile Wing Reunion – Aug 4-6 in Grand Forks

Summer Bash – August 18 at GFAFB with AMC Icon in the evening at The Club

MAC Golf Tournament – August 22 at the GF Country Club

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**PRAIRIE HARVEST MENTAL HEALTH**



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**Midcontinent Communications**  
Held at Alerus Center  
Ballroom 4

Thursday, July 21, 2011  
4:45pm - 7:00pm

**Free Admission**

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres & drinks ~ 32" LCD TV  
Giveaway ~ Progressive cash drawing is at \$500! ~ NO  
RSVP Needed

Hosted by:



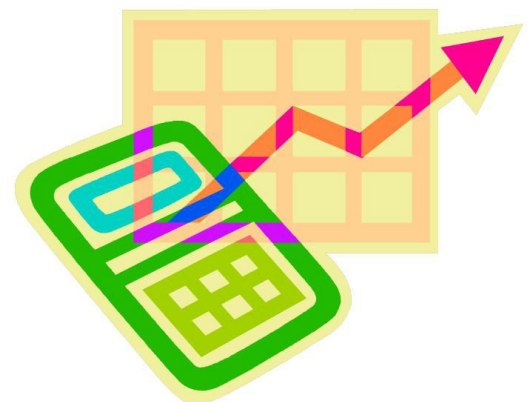
Midcontinent Communications invite all Chamber Members and employees to their Business After Hours on July 21st at the Alerus Center. Stop by and take advantage of great networking opportunities while you are there. You might even win \$400 in our progressive cash drawing! We'll draw the name of one Chamber Member business. If someone from that business 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.

A Chamber & SCORE Brown Bag Seminar

**GROWING YOUR BUSINESS**  
Revenue ~ Not Size

- Developing a competitive advantage
- Utilizing Social Media
- Creating a company culture
- Delivering excellence



Wednesday July 20, 2011

11:30am – 1:00pm

The Chamber

202 N. 3rd St, Grand Forks

\$20/Person (Includes Lunch)

\$30/Non-Member

Seating is limited. Sign up soon! Reservations can be made at 772-7271 or email [info@gochamber.org](mailto:info@gochamber.org) with the names of those attending. RSVP deadline is July 19, 2011.

Presented by: **Matt Winjum**, Co-Owner of Rhombus Guys and Instructor of Entrepreneurship at UND

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

Member Referrals Made By  
The Chamber In 2011:

**1142**

Total for June: 150

Certificates of Origin Signed  
By The Chamber In 2011:

**9**

Total for June: 1

New Resident Packets  
Distributed By The Chamber  
In 2011:

**113**

Total for June: 15

**Check Out The Chamber Calendar of Events Here  
[www.gochamber.org](http://www.gochamber.org)**

Number of Member Exposures for June (statistic includes internet search engine visits): 593,915

**Top Member Directory Views/TCS Page Views for June**

	<u>Dir.</u>	<u>TCS</u>		<u>Dir.</u>	<u>TCS</u>
Lisa's Soy Scents	761	121	Snoak Studios	702	19
Sanford Health	738	97	First State Bank	701	24
Night Out Grand Forks	722	18	Cole Paper Company	698	71
GuestHouse International	721	52	Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch	698	24
Forx Builders Assoc.	710	10	Clarion Inn	697	31
American Red Cross	710	53	Gateway Storage LLP	697	16
Jump for Joy Bounce Houses	702	42	GGF Conv. & Visitors Bureau	696	8

**Nordin Joins Chamber Staff  
as Membership Director**

The Chamber is pleased to introduce **Scott Nordin** as the new Membership Director. Scott is excited to build and maintain a strong network within the community to assist in identifying potential chamber members. He is also looking forward to helping with Chamber events and programs.



Scott grew up in Grand Forks and graduated from The University of North Dakota. He has spent the last six and a half years in the printing industry. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family, fishing, and coaching soccer. Scott lives in Grand Forks with his wife Heidi and his beautiful daughter Brielle.

If you know of a business who could benefit from membership in The Chamber, contact Scott at 772-7271 or [scottn@gochamber.org](mailto:scottn@gochamber.org).

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