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FRIDAY ACTIVITIES: Gates open 5pm – 8:00pm

Food Vendors & Beer Garden by American Legion
Caps, t-shirts, button, etc. for sale
Tournament Meeting – 7:00pm
How to handle fish – Aquatic Nuisances by ND Game & Fish
Event MC - Ernie the Angler
Media Fishing Derby - 1pm - 5pm (Awards Following)



SATURDAY ACTIVITIES: Gates open 11:00am – 8:00pm

Food Vendors & Beer Garden by American Legion
Caps, t-shirts, buttons, etc. for sale
Cats Incredible Fishing Tournament – Day 1
Cat's Incredible Altru/YMCA 1/2 Marathon/5k Walk/Run – 8am
Games Galore Inflatable games for kids
Young Professionals/Hugo's "Beans on the Bank" Chili Challenge -
Judging & \$5 Sampling at noon – Awards at 2pm.
Silver Dollar Sand Mine for kids by Leighton Broadcasting &
Frandsen Bank & Trust - 2pm
Little Donnie & The Groove Tones– Appearing Live 6pm – 8pm
EGF Police Officer's Association Raffle Drawing – 7pm



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES: Gates open 12noon – 8pm

Food Vendors & Beer Garden by American Legion
Caps, t-shirts, buttons, etc. for sale
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
Mark Ryan & Friends – Live Music from 2pm – 4pm
Strolling Magic and Balloon Sculpting 1pm – 4pm
Cat's Incredible Tournament Awards – 6pm



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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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Chamber News

Wellness Center Forums Set



The Chamber will host a series of Forums at the Chamber office in Mid July to help educate the business community and community leaders on the importance of this project for the greater Grand Forks community.

The Forums will be on July 13 at 7:30am and July 15 at 7:30am. The wellness center plan will be presented in detail followed by Q and A.

To attend or for more information about the forums, contact the chamber office at info@gochamber.org.

The Chamber has taken a position supporting the Wellness Center.

Havig Video To Get New Look

Annually the Chamber presents the Henry Havig Award to an individual who exemplifies volunteerism and leadership traits over a long career. (Lifetime achievement Award)

As an introduction, a video talking about the award's namesake Henry Havig and some of the people who have received the award over the years is shown. Next January there will be a new look thanks to the City Information Office who is updating the video for the Chamber.

The four most recent Havig Award recipients: Dave McFarlane, Bob Boyd, Gerry Joyce and Gordon Caldis will each be featured in the new Havig Award Video.

Do you want to nominate someone for the Henry Havig Award? Watch the November Chamber newsletter for nomination forms and information.

GFAFB Facility Tour Set.

Something seems to change at the GFAFB or with the base and its future almost daily. At a meeting between the Base Commander, Vice Commander, MAC Committee Chairman and Chamber President last week, it was agreed it is time for a tour of GFAFB to see the many facility changes that have been recently completed and are in progress.

Invitations have been sent to local elected leaders, military affairs committee, BRIC and CBEI committee members. There are also a limited number of additional tour group slots open to any chamber member who would like to attend. Just contact Kim at the Chamber office for details kimberlys@gochamber.org.

The tour will run from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on July 22nd. It will begin with a facility briefing followed by bus/walking tours of various base facilities. At lunch, Base Commander Colonel Shaffer will brief the group on the current mission transitions and opportunities he sees.



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MAC Golf Outing a Success

The Grand Forks Air Force base Hosted the first of two Military Affairs Committee Golf Outings in June. Taking first place was the team of (names from Photo).

Special thanks to long-time Military Affairs Committee member. Paul Stenseth who does a fantastic job organizing both MAC golf out-



Business Connections Made in Western North Dakota

The Chamber of Commerce of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks and the UND Center for Innovation led a 32 member delegation to western North Dakota to familiarize themselves with the challenges and opportunities with the development of the Bakken and Three Forks formations. With anticipated annual investment of 15 billion a year in infrastructure for the foreseeable future there are countless business opportunities in western North Dakota. Among the 32 business leaders were owners of contracting, engineering, and architectural firms as well as other business owners and university leaders. At least 15 Grand Forks area contractors and businesses are already working in the Williston Basin to meet the needs of growth.



According to Chamber President, Barry Wilfahrt; “this trip was about building on existing business to business relationships and finding new opportunities to work together.” Many businesses made connections that will help bring work to Northern Valley firms. “We also have a much better understanding of the critical infrastructure needs from roads to housing that western North Dakota faces. They need our help encouraging the legislature to more aggressively fund these projects for the financial benefit of all of North Dakota.”

Event co organizers Bruce Gjovig, Center of Innovation; Mike Jacob, Grand Forks herald; and John Eickoff, Construction Engineers Inc. invited the Western North Dakota Group to come to Grand Forks to share their story, make even more business to business relationships and learn about how Grand Forks did its infrastructure “quick build” following the flood of 1997.

Countdown to Clean Air in Grand Forks

August 15, the implementation date for the Grand Forks Comprehensive SmokeFree Ordinance, is just about a month away.

All bars, truck stops, and casinos will become smokefree businesses just like the rest of Grand Forks workplaces. This change can be made easier if you are ready.

Things you can do

1. Inform your employees of the time and date of the transition.
2. Remove all ashtrays before opening time on August 15.
3. Post “NO SMOKING” signs in prominent places, including restrooms. Contact the Grand Forks Public Health Department, at 787-8100, for a variety of free items such as signs, table tents and brochures

4. Train your employees about the law, including what to say to smoking customers. Be courteous always - for example:

“I’m sorry – you will need to smoke outside. All workplaces in our city are now smoke-free. Thank you.”

“City ordinance requires that our business be smoke free. Thank you for smoking outside.”

Did you know?

All North Dakota residents who want to quit using tobacco can get help.

The North Dakota Tobacco Quitline at, 1-800-QUIT-NOW, is a telephone resource. By signing up, the quitter can get 2 months free nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) such as, patches, gum or lozenges.

Quitnet is an online resource that is free for North Dakota residents. This is a great service for those who have computer access. This service offers 24/7 support plus the free NRT.

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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.

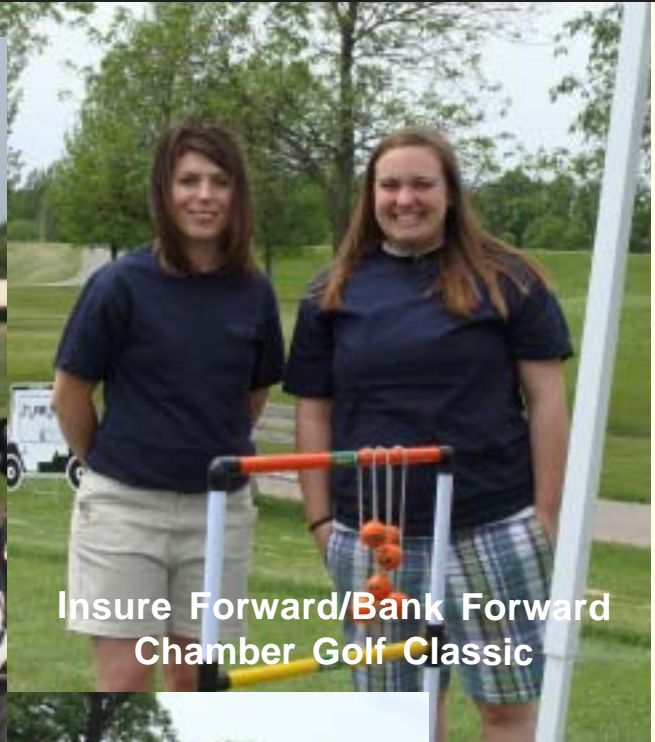
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AE2S Launches AE2S Nexus

Regional engineering consulting firm, AE2S, has launched a new financial/asset management division, AE2S Nexus. AE2S Nexus, considered the financial link, grew out of the need to assist public and private clients with issues beyond traditional engineering services. AE2S Nexus provides utility rate analysis, funding/project development, asset management, and economic development services.

AE2S Nexus is lead by financial consultant, **Brian Osowski**. Brian Osowski previously provided commercial financial services, including tax-exempt financing at Bremer Bank and bond advisor services as a private consultant. "I worked with AE2S and ICON Architectural Group to secure Recovery Zone Bonds for their new corporate headquarters in Grand Forks. Through that process, it was clear that there was synergy between what I did and what AE2S did for their clients. Integrating our expertise into a new division, AE2S Nexus, was a natural fit."

NetWork Center, Inc. New Employees

NetWork Center, Inc. announces new employees at corporate location in Fargo

Kim Pigeon, a native to Helena, MT, has been hired in the Web Department as a Graphic Designer. Pigeon attended High School and UND in Grand Forks, ND. She moved to Fargo to attend NDSU and graduated with a degree in Visual Arts, Web Design, and Psychology.

Mitch Caudle and **Casey McKenna** were hired for the NetWork Center, Inc. Help Desk,. Caudle having 10 years experience in the technical field, has a degree from Valley City State University in Computer Information Systems. Mitch resides in Fargo with wife Tara.

McKenna completed 6 ½ years military duty and 13 years working with technology has HelpDesk and DeskTop Administrator experience. Casey, wife Jessica and 3 daughters reside in Fargo.

AE2S New Hires

AE2S (Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.) has hired **Nicole Larson** as a Marketing Coordinator in its Minneapolis, MN office. Nicole is a



native of Oakdale, MN and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design Technology with an Entrepreneurship Certificate from the University of North Dakota. Nicole was one of four students picked

to represent the College of Business at this year's University of North Dakota Business Advisory Council.



AE2S has hired **Chris Bauer, PE**, as a Structural Engineer in its Bismarck, ND office. Chris is originally from Sidney, MT, and earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Civil Engineering from

the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Chris recently passed his Structural II Exam, earning him the eligibility for the Model Law "Structural Engineer" designation.

Prior to joining AE2S, Chris worked as a Structural Engineer for Ulteig Engineers in Bismarck, ND. Chris' experience also includes general construction work, affording him a unique perspective on constructability of structural designs.



AE2S has hired **David Hagerott** as a Structural Engineering Technician in its Bismarck, ND office. Originally from Bismarck, ND, David is the son of late architect, Leon Hagerott, and was exposed to the wonders

of architecture early in life. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from the University of Idaho.

Prior to joining AE2S, David worked as a Structural Engineering Technician for Ulteig Engineers in Bismarck, ND. His seven years of experience in the structural field are complemented with five years of experience in the architectural field.

AE2S has hired **Jason Blommel** as a Survey Technician in its Bismarck office. Jason is originally from Willmar, MN and earned his Bachelors Degree in Land Surveying/Mapping Science from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, MN. Jason is a Land Surveyor in Training.



Prior to joining AE2S, Jason was employed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation as a Transportation Associate, where he worked on right-of-way plats, rural bridges, and Highway 241.

Beauchamp Earns CHFM Designation

The American Hospital Association (AHA) is proud to announce that **Dan Beachamp**, Altru's facility manager, has earned the designation of Certified Healthcare Facility Manager (CHFM). The CHFM is a national credential that distinguishes an individual as being among the elite in a critical field of healthcare facility management.

Through infrastructure projects, construction, remodeling, and capital planning, Beauchamp is committed to meeting the Altru mission of improving health and enriching life in our communities. "As facility manager at Altru, my role is to complete all of these projects in a safe and efficient manner to ensure the well being of all those we serve" says, Beauchamp. Beauchamp has been with Altru Health System since 1994. Starting in a business administration role, he transitioned to facilities management in 2003.

Altru Welcomes New Employees

Jackie Kuehn has joined Altru's Outreach Therapy as a physical therapist. Jackie received an undergraduate degree in psychology and a doctorate of physical therapy from the University of North Dakota. Jackie will provide physical therapy services in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Kaylee Rundquist, ATC, joined Altru's Rehab Outpatient Therapy Services. She provides athletic training at Altru Rehabilitation Center in Grand Forks. Kaylee is a certified athletic trainer (ATC) and received her degree from North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota

EAPC Celebrates 10 Years of Business

EAPC, one of the Top 200 fastest growing Architecture, Engineering, and Consulting firms in the United States, recently celebrated their 10th year of business at



their Fargo location. The Fargo office was opened in 2000 following a merger with Geston Duffy, and has grown from six original employees to 20 in just the past 10 years. EAPC

President Alan Dostert and Jim Tyler (Managing Partner of EAPC- Bismarck) were the original partners to staff the Fargo office, and they were both on hand for the occasion. Mr. Dostert, Mr. Tyler and EAPC staff welcomed FM Chamber delegates, clients, business associates, and friends for hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and office tours. They also received a commemorative plaque awarded by the FM Chamber of Commerce.

Good Samaritan Heritage Grove Names Administrator

Timothy Byrne has been named the new administrator at Good Samaritan Heritage Grove in East Grand Forks, Minn., and Good Samaritan Society – Warren in Warren, Minn. He started his orientation for the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society on April 19th.

Byrne has 20 years of experience as a long-term care administrator. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. John's University and took his long-term care course at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul.

"I was interested in working with the Good Samaritan Society because of its Christian mission," Byrne said. "I am also excited about working with the staff members at both facilities."

Byrne will spend time working onsite at both the Good Samaritan Heritage Grove and Good Samaritan Society – Warren centers. A schedule of days spent at each facility has not yet been determined.

Byrne and his wife, Mary, have three children, Kyle, Tim and Ann. In his free time, Byrne golfs, bowls, plays cards, reads and watches football.

EAPC Attends Windpower 2010

WINDPOWER 2010 brought together some 20,000 attendees in Dallas, Texas this year. With nearly 1,400 companies exhibiting the latest in wind power technology over an area the size of six football fields, WINDPOWER

has established itself firmly as the largest energy trade show in America and the world's largest wind energy conference.

EAPC's Jay Haley, John Randall and Brandon Storm (Grand Forks office); Bob Sherwin, Matt Casey and Josh Irwin (Vermont office) attended the event, representing EAPC Wind Energy.

"This annual conference provides us with the opportunity to meet directly with a number of our existing clients from around the world as well as the opportunity to attract new clients," Haley said. "It also helps us to stay current with new technology and methods used in our consulting work."

Roberts Joins Greenberg Roofing Company

Nathan Roberts has joined Greenberg Roofing Company as the Human Resource and Safety Manager in Grand Forks, Fargo, Minot and Jamestown. His



duties include workforce and organization development, training, employee services and safety compliance. Prior to joining GRS, Mr. Roberts was employed at J.M. Smucker

Company as the Human Resource Manager. Roberts received his Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) certification through the Human Resource Certification Institute in 2007 and has over ten years of Human Resource experience in the telecommunication and manufacturing industries.

Haider and Olimb Join Maple View Management Team

Jordyn Haider and **Dana Olimb** recently joined the management team of Maple View Memory Care Community.



Haider, who holds a degree in Marketing from the University of North Dakota, is responsible for providing information to prospective residents, families and referral sources on the

services available at Maple View.

In her role as Activity Coordinator, Olimb is responsible for organizing the daily activities and special events for the facility. Olimb attended Josef's Skin and Bodywork Institute earning a Certification in Massage Therapy.



"Jordyn's and Dana's energy is a perfect fit for Maple View's mission of operating with 'candor, integrity, respect, and fun'," said Sara Munson, Director. "What's just as important, though, is both Jordyn and Dana are committed to providing world-class services for our residents."

Lippert Joins Choice Financial

Thomas Lippert recently accepted a position as credit analyst with Choice Financial at their 1697 42nd Street South location in Grand Forks.



Lippert earned a Bachelors degree in business administration and a minor in accounting from Mayville State University, Mayville, N.D. and has previous experience as an auditor with

Noridian.

Lippert currently resides in the Grand Forks area with his wife, Christa, and their two sons.

Barnett Joins JLG Architects

JLG Architects is pleased to announce the addition of a new employee.



Adam Barnett joins JLG after receiving a Master of Architecture and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design from North Dakota State University. A finalist for both the Peter F. McKenzie

Thesis Award and the BWBR Award, Adam was a Teacher's Assistant in 2007 for the school. Prior to his studies at NDSU, Adam graduated magna cum laude from Minnesota State University

Moorhead with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and a concentration in Archaeology.

Teagle Featured in Business Watch 40 under 40

Patty Teagle has been selected as one of Business Watch's 2010 "40 under 40." She works at EAPC Architects Engineers as their marketing coordinator, is a volunteer with Young Life, and is part of the



Professional Development and Social Teams for the Young Professionals Network. She recently served as co-chair for the marketing committee for the Great Plains Young Professionals Summit in June.

Teagle graduated from the University of North Dakota in 2004 and has worked at EAPC since 2006.

Wilke Earns PE License

Samuel Wilke, structural engineer for EAPC Architects & Engineers, has earned his professional engineering license in North Dakota. He graduated from NDSU with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 2005 and is currently attending the University of



Wisconsin-Platteville pursuing a Master of Engineering degree.

Wilke is currently working on projects in Bismarck, Devils Lake, Valley City, Fargo, Grand Forks, and various other regional locations to

support Industrial and Commercial clients.

Wojcik Completes Certification

The Grand Forks Center for Sleep congratulates **Stan Wojcik**, systems engineer I, on his successful completion of his CompTIA Network+ certification.

The CompTIA Network+ certification is the sign of a competent networking professional. It is an international, vendor-neutral certification that proves a technician's competency in managing, maintaining, troubleshooting, installing and configuring basic network infrastructure.

Stan's achievement in attaining this certification, affirms the Grand Forks Center for Sleep's commitment to staying abreast of new technologies, allowing them to serve their patients with unparalleled care, education and technology in the field of sleep disorder diagnostics and sleep therapy.

Skiple Attends Conference

Linda Skiple, manager of the CPAP Store, Grand Forks and Fargo, ND, and Sioux Falls, SD, attended Medtrade 2010, the most comprehensive conference program in the home medical equipment (HME) industry.

Medtrade attendees represent 50 states and 56 countries. By having a local presence at this conference, the Grand Forks CPAP Store continues to keep their finger on the pulse of the industry-providing out region the highest level of care in the field of sleep therapy.

EDC Appoints New Board Members

The Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation elected three new members to its Board of Directors at their recent Annual Meeting, Thursday, June 3rd at the Alerus Center.

The following persons have been elected to serve a three year term on the EDC Board of Directors:

Russ Erickson, Bremer Bank
Anne Temte, Northland Community & Technical College
Dwight Thompson, Altru Health System

The EDC also recognizes the following persons for their years of dedicated service on our Board of Directors:

Judi Paukert, Xcel Energy - 14 years
Dennis Reismour, Altru Health System - 12 years
Karl Bollingberg, Alerus Financial - 9 years

Go Green & Get Green

Xcel Energy is now providing limited time rebates available for North Dakota residents and businesses who purchase energy efficient equipment. The North Dakota Department of Commerce received funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and directed

\$8.33 million toward energy efficiency and renewable energy rebates for utility customers across the state.

There are four rebate programs available for residents: heating, water heating, insulation and ground source heat pumps. A residential customer can receive up to \$5,000 in rebates.

Businesses can qualify for rebates by purchasing energy efficient boilers, furnaces and lighting equipment. Each business can qualify for up to \$15,000 in rebates. Qualifying equipment must be purchased after June 1, 2010. Rebates will be available on a first come, first served basis until the funding is depleted or until December 31, 2011.

For more information, please visit www.xcelenergy.com/rebates.

Woods Joins Alerus Financial Staff

Nicholas Woods has joined Alerus Financial as a teller and will rotate between all four Grand Forks locations.

Woods is responsible for customer service by handling financial transactions for lobby and/or drive-up customers in a professional manner. Additionally, he maintains basic knowledge of all retail products and services.

Woods is currently attending the University of North Dakota and is majoring in nursing.

IT Companies Announce Their Merger



Ignus Technologies, Fargo, and Insight Technologies, Grand Forks, have completed an agreement to merge our companies

effective July 1st 2010.

The newly combined company will use the Insight Technologies name, and will continue to have offices in Fargo and Grand Forks. Total employees will initially number 32.

Don Fisk will be the CEO, **Wes Henry**, President, **Rick Davis**, Chief Marketing Officer, and **Ole Gjerde** Chief Software Officer, and **Brian Burkett** Chief Technology Officer.



Hosted by:



Hosted by **Forks Equipment**

Thursday, July 15th, 2010
4:45pm - 7:00pm

Free Admission

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres & beverages~ Lots of Great Door Prizes ~ Progressive cash drawing is at \$500! ~ NO RSVP Needed

Forks Equipment invites all Chamber Members and employees to their Business After Hours. Stop by and check out what Forks Equipment has to offer! Take advantage of great networking opportunities while you are there. You might even win \$500 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.

**Member Referrals Made By
The Chamber In 2010:**

423

Total for June: 67

**Certificates of Origin Signed
By The Chamber In 2010:**

11

Total for June: 2

**New Resident Packets
Distributed By The Chamber
In 2010:**

127

Total for June: 25

Check Out The Chamber Calendar of Events Here

www.gochamber.org

Number of Member Exposures for June (statistic includes internet search engine visits): 361760

Top 10 TCS Site Views for June

Marco, Inc. - 46
Tim Shea's Nursery - 45
NDSU Distance & Cont. Education - 40
Wy's Floral - 33
Ryan Potato Company - 30

Columbia Mall - 27
AE2S - 26
Dakota TV & Appliance - 25
A Pink Enterprises - 25
Aatrix Software - 23

2010 Membership Drive Welcomes 16 New Chamber Members!

Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, 16 Grand Forks and East Grand Forks businesses saw the value of Chamber membership. Our success as a Chamber is as strong as our membership base. With these new businesses on board and the dedicated hard work of our volunteers, we continue to successfully represent the interests of our business communities.

Gregoire Insurance
Prudential Crary – Sharon Lunski
ALFAC – Maxine Bachmeier
Mexican Village
American Family – Jeremy Fulton
Greenberg Realty – Linda Hartman
Greenberg Realty – Tom Hartman
Healthy Weighs Nutrition Center
Glamorous Reruns
Karen Ford
Sheila Massie
Korsmo Commercial Refrigeration
Kolenda Heating & Cooling LLC
University Lutheran Church
Sterling Carpet One Floor & Home
GF Fire Equipment

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who participated in the membership drive.

Linda Pierce – Prudential Crary
Deb Kolling – Nodak Mutual
Shari Hanson – AFLAC
Torrie Enget – Best Buy
Gabe Arntson – Snap Fitness
Mike Ruthig – Trojan Promotions

Joe Forte – Fine Print
Larissa Pesek – Altru Hospice
Shannon Baker – S & S Promotions
Jerry Youngberg – Dakota Commercial
Jim Galloway – JLG Architects

Thanks also to our Chamber members who donated prizes for the membership drive.

Best Buy - Deb Kolling – Nodak Mutual - Army ROTC - Merry Maids - Blue Moose - Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant - Boardwalk Bar & Grill - Hugo's Wine and Spirits - Green Mill - Subway - Grizzly's Gill n Saloon - United Valley Bank - S & S Promotions - GF Country Club - Riverside Christian School - Grease Monkey | - Applebee's - Space Aliens - Texas Roadhouse - Qdoba - Culver's - Mamma Maria's - FM Red Hawks - The Ralph Engelstad Arena



Membership Drive Top

A Chamber & SCORE Brown Bag Seminar

Marketing Trends and Small Business



This Brown Bag will focus on new marketing trends for small business as well as discuss some of the time tested strategies and other key ideas to grow small business.

1. **What are the latest marketing trends for Small Business**
2. **Time tested strategies for Small Business**
3. **New business development in a Small Business world**
4. **Focus, execution and measurement for Small Businesses**

Wednesday, July 14, 2010
11:30am – 1:00pm
The Chamber
Lunch is provided
\$20/members
\$30/ non-members

This brown bag is presented by:
Jon Handy, Sales and Segment
Manager, Alerus Financial

To register, contact The Chamber at 772-7271 or
info@gochamber.org.

Reservation deadline is July 12th.

Seating is limited, sign up soon.

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