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Join us for a BBQ in EGF!

June 12th, 2008

4pm - 8pm

\$5/person

Corner of 3rd Ave. and 5th St. in East Grand Forks

At the site of the future Chamber of Commerce and current EGF barnyard display, we are helping to celebrate Minnesota's 150th anniversary and Mayor Stauss' barnyard animal display with a community BBQ.

Join us for a BBQ, great music and check out the barnyard scene. Take your picture with the many life size animals on display.

No need to pre-register. Just show up and enjoy a fun night in the great outdoors. Bring your family and friends!



Hugo's will be BBQing on site, 100.3 Cat Country will be on hand with great music and the Eagles Club will be hosting a cash bar.

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From Your Chair



The Grand Cities Are Blossoming

The Grand Cities are blossoming both literally and figuratively.

I hope as you go to and from work or play, you are enjoying the beauty of the green tree canopy over the city and the green carpet of every yard, the white and pink flowering crabs, the white aromatic Canadian black cherries, the lilacs, apple trees and all of the gorgeous flowers in almost every garden.

The announcement of the acquisition of the Greenberg land by the Mercil Group will continue the growth opportunities for the business community.

The new construction of the Lithia building on 32nd Avenue, the Research building on UND campus, new housing starts, the new Country Inn on South 42nd street, the Aurora hospital are just a few of the flowering businesses this spring.



Trees along Stanford Road in Grand Forks

The barnyard of EGF Mayor Stauss is another attraction in the Grand Cities growing destination identification.

As we enjoy our yards, golf, picnics, lake weekends, vacations, walking and riding trails, let's make sure our business voice is heard at the polls June 10th for the city and primary election.

Have a wonderful summer.

-Jerry Youngberg

Featured Ambassador - Brian Woinarowicz

A local area technology consulting firm, Networking Specialists was formed in



December of 2003. Founding members included partners John Harrie and Brian Wurzbacher. **Brian Woinarowicz**, with nearly 20 years of computer and technology experience was brought on

as a partner in 2004 to handle sales, marketing and customer relations.

The company has expanded and added a number of additional employees, Lisa

Rittel, Office Manager and Eric Sondag, Systems Engineer, and continues to grow today. Networking Specialists works with a wide variety of technology and has a number of partners and certifications in the industry, such as Microsoft, Cisco, Hewlett Packard, and Sonicwall to name but a few. The Company specializes in Computer Security; including Firewalls, Virtual Private Networking, Anti-virus Solutions, Spyware removal and prevention, Network Monitoring, IDS, Anti-SPAM solutions, Network Design and Implementation. The company can be reached at (701) 746-9234 or on the web at www.gfnetspec.com

From Your Chamber President

Swing Into Spring Membership Drive Hits a Home Run!

On May 23rd The Chamber staff and volunteers put away their cleats and called it a season as the "Swing into Spring" membership drive concluded. Over the course of three weeks our excellent volunteers worked on recruiting new chamber members. The drive was successful and filled with fun.

The Chamber staff personally thanks each volunteer for giving of their time and sharing their personal testimonials about why they are chamber members with businesses throughout the communities. Four amazing teams were organized and each member of the team was not only focused on the membership drive but also the prospect of winning a variety of fabulous prizes.

Our grand prize volunteer who brought in the most new members and revenue was Mike Pokrzywinski; Kidwell Signature Cleaning. As the grand prize winner Mike will be enjoying a Twins Game Ticket Package and \$100.00 in gift certificates for gas this summer. Congratulations Mike on a job well done! Other prizes winners were Lon Carlson, Marco, Inc and Shirley Volk; Alerus Financial.

Thank you to the Membership Drive teams, listed below!

Team Fast Pitch

Linda Pierce – Crary Home & Real Estate
Andy Byron – United Valley Bank
Margaret Ramberg – United Valley Bank
Ryan Bohn – Crary Homes & Real Estate
Linda Bunde – Crary Homes & Real Estate
JoAnne Otto – Top Quality Motors
Shanna Field – River City Mortgage & Financial Corp.

Team Homers

Keith Jensen – Edgewood Development Group, LLC
Karl Bollingberg – Alerus Financial
Rich Becker – Bac Tee Systems, Inc.

Karla Anderson – Northland Community & Technical College
Lon Carlson – Marco, Inc.
Nick Cox – Cook Sign Company

Team Alerus Allstars

Nikki Smith – Alerus Financial
Michael Helt – Alerus Financial
Peggy Barta – Alerus Financial
Matt Zimmer – Alerus Financial
Shirley Volk – Alerus Financial

Awesome Twosome +1

Larissa Pesek – Altru Hospice
Mike Pokrzywinski – Kidwell Signature Cleaning
Tracy Boone – InvisiMax



Community Maps Available

The Chamber has a large supply of FREE 2008 Grand Forks/East Grand Forks maps available for our members to have on display and available to your employees, customers and guests.

The maps are large, fold-out, full color maps. Stop by our offices and

pick up a supply for your business, 202 N. 3rd St., downtown Grand Forks.



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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."

The Voice - A Great Chamber Benefit!

Receiving *The Voice* newsletter is a benefit available to all your employees and can be emailed directly to anyone in your company.

Send us contact info for any employees that you would like to receive the newsletter. Please indicate if you would like to receive the NEWSLETTER ONLY or ALL CHAMBER COMMUNICATIONS. Send the name, mailing address, phone number and email address to:

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Welcome New Members

Hammen & Remer, LLC

Donna Remer & Jack Hammen
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Hammen & Remer, LLC goes "beyond accounting" in its relationship with its clients. In addition to being CPAs, Jack Hammen and Donna Remer are certified by the American Institute for CPAs as Personal Financial Specialists. Thus, in addition to providing the "traditional" services expected of CPAs, the firm is qualified to provide personal and business financial planning.

Business Insights Unlimited, LLC

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The Ambassadors helped Valley Memorial Homes celebrate their recent remodeling.



The Ambassadors welcomed new business and chamber member, S&S Rehab Products Plus.

Ambassador Visits

If you'd like the Ambassador's to help celebrate your grand opening, new location, remodel, etc., contact Carrie at 772-7271 or carries@gochamber.org



The Ambassadors were on hand for the grand opening of Insure Forward.



The Ambassadors helped celebrate the opening of new Chamber member, Career Options offices in the north end of The Chamber building



The Ambassadors helped celebrate the corporate name change of Express Employment Services.



The Ambassadors helped with the grand opening of Bank Forward.

Chamber Supports Hwy 220 Businesses

Chamber President Barry Wilfahrt attended the EGF City Planning Commission meeting in April in support of the many highway 220 business who have concerns over a proposed 30 year Central Avenue Corridor Plan. The plan would narrow the frontage roads and require very costly improvements to the frontage road and public right of way over time. These changes are unacceptable to most of the businesses along the roadway.

Since the Public meeting in April the chamber has met with planning commission and city representatives to talk about options and how to best get an overall plan acceptable to

most of the businesses on hwy 220. The planning group has tentatively decided to not continue to pursue narrowing of the frontage roads and also downscale much of the proposed plan.

The Chamber staff will be out visiting with business owners along central avenue in June to get additional input on the revised plan.

Once again this is evidence that when the business community works together our voice can be heard. Thanks to all of the business people along Hwy 220 who have participated in this process and the Chamber will be in touch with you before the next meeting where this very important issue will be discussed further.

A Month In Pictures



Top: The ND Chamber, along with The Chamber, recently held a Business Update Workshop in Grand Forks.

Top Left: Lloyd Omdahl and Terry Bjerke discuss the pros and cons of the County Home Rule Charter.

Left: Danny Holwerda, MAC Chair, presents a check to Chief Anderson and Col. Scorsone to help support Tops In Blue.

Bottom: Participants enjoyed great hors d'oeuvres at the Rydell Business After Hours.



A Month in Pictures



Top: Curt Kreun, Doug Christianson and Mike McNamara after the Mayoral forums at City Hall.

Top Right: Terry Bjerke, Nate Hilliard and Al Pearson, City Council candidates, prepare for the start of their forum.

Right: Brian Rydell enjoyed talking with the many people who attended their Business After Hours.

Bottom: Cynthia Pic, candidate for County Commission, enjoys addressing issues at a recent forum.



AE2S Wins Engineering Award

Williams Rural Water District (WRWD) and Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (AE2S) recently received the "Engineering Excellence" award in the Small Projects category from the North Dakota Council of Engineering Companies (NDCEC) for the Pump House Redesign Project. WRWD pump houses had been experiencing extensive pipe breakage over ten years of operation. Through new design features such as more appropriate pipeline materials, thrust restraint systems, and new coating systems to prevent corrosion, the pipe breakage issues were resolved. AE2S also helped WRWD complete a water loss investigation as part of the project to identify the sources of excessive water losses. The study successfully resulted in the elimination of 41 percent of the water losses being experienced throughout the system.

AE2S Hires Wayne Johnson

AE2S (Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.) has hired **Wayne Johnson** as an Engineering Technician in its Grand Forks office. Wayne is originally from Newfolden, MN and earned his Associates Degree in Civil Engineering Technology from Lake Superior College in Duluth, MN.



Wayne will complement AE2S's growing Municipal and Geomatics Groups. Previous to joining AE2S, Wayne worked for Floan-Sanders as a Survey Technician and has a well-rounded

background in construction and surveying. At AE2S, Wayne provides surveying, drafting, and construction observation services.

Jarzembowski, MD Receives Award

Tomasz Jarzembowski, MD, a third year resident at Altru Grand Forks Family Medicine Residency, was awarded the William Buckingham Outstanding Resident Award for 2008. The award is sponsored by the North Dakota Academy of Family Physicians and is presented annually to one, third year resident demonstrating an exceptional interest and commitment to family medicine.



Dr. Jarzembowski received his medical degree from the Academy of Medical Science in Poznan, Poland after completing his undergraduate studies at Loyola University in Chicago, IL. His interest in organ transplant has lead to numerous presentations and papers on the topic. Dr. Jarzembowski plans to practice in Wisconsin upon completion of his residency.

GFREDC Elects Board of Directors

The Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation (GFREDC) elected its new board of directors, officers, advisory board and community leaders committee at the May 1 Annual Meeting. The individuals elected to the board of directors are:

Judd Graham, Chair, Bank Forward;
Dave McFarlane, Vice Chair, McFarlane Sheet Metal;
Karl Bollingberg, Secretary Treasurer, Alerus Financial;
Klaus Thiessen, President, GFREDC;
Rick Duquette, (GF City designee);
Connie Triplett, (GF County designee);
Steve Burian, Advanced Engineering & Environmental Services;
Duaine Espgaard, Assurity Finance & Development;
Hal Gershman, Grand Forks City Council;
Judi Paukert, Xcel Energy; and
Dennis Reinsour, Altru Health System.

The members of the newly elected advisory board are:

Marcy Douglas, City of Northwood;
John Eickhof, Construction Engineers;
Gerry Groenewold, EERC/UND;
Amanda Hvidsten, Alumni Association & Foundation/ UND;
Mike Jacobs, Grand Forks Herald;
Steve Johnson, Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority;
Robert Kelley, University of North Dakota;
Lonnie Laffen, Johnson Laffen Galloway Architects;
Bill Lee, Community Bank of the Red River Valley;
Bruce Smith, Aerospace Sciences/UND;
Terry Smith, PS Doors;
John Snustad, US Bank;
Bob Sween, MN-Dak Concrete, Inc.;

Bob Valeu,
Barry Wilfahrt, The Chamber; and
John Zavoral, RJ Zavoral & Sons.

Hospice of RRV Announces New Board Members



Kathy Hanish, RN, MS, Executive Partner, MeritCare Roger Maris Cancer Center has been appointed president of the board of directors for Hospice of the Red River Valley for 2008-2009. Other officers include:

Vice-President: **Clayton Jensen, MD**, Detroit Lakes, MN, *retired physician*
 Secretary-Treasurer: **Julie Barner**, Fargo, ND, *community volunteer*
 Past President: **Russell Tweiten**, Fargo, ND, *Agribusiness Consultant*

Remaining board members include:
Gary Bakke, Fargo, ND, *President/CEO, Sisters of Mary of the Presentation Health System*
James Ferragut, Fargo, ND, *VP of Marketing, First International Bank & Trust*
James Jensen, Valley City, ND, *Financial Advisor, Securian Financial of ND*
Nancy Korth, MSN, MBA, RN, Fargo, ND, *VP of Patient Care Services, Innovis Health*
Kay Larson, RN, BSN, Moorhead, MN, *Director of Nursing, Innovis Health*
Bruce Pitts, MD, MBA, Fargo, ND, *Senior Executive, MeritCare Health System*
Tim Richard, Fargo, ND, *Attorney, Serkland Law Firm*
Jerry Schutz, Detroit Lakes, MN, *Community Volunteer*
Dave Selland, Horace, ND, *DJ Selland Consulting Services, LLC*

EAPC's Haley Completes Certification

Jay Haley, a Partner and wind energy consultant with EAPC Architects Engineers successfully completed the WASP Certification Examination in Roskilde, Denmark. There are less than 100 certified users worldwide, with only 6 certified users in the United States.

WASP, which stands for Wind Atlas Analysis and Application Program, is a software program for modeling and predicting wind flow over terrain. The program is used for wind resource

assessment and the design of wind farms.

Marco Honored by Sharp

Sharp Electronics Corporation recognized Marco as a Hyakuman Kai Dealer for providing exceptional service to the local business community.

The award puts Marco in a select group of dealers recognized by Sharp from the hundreds of dealers that sell Sharp's advanced color and monochrome business products in the United States.

"The Hyakuman Kai Award reinforces our commitment to Sharp dealers like Marco," Sharp President Ed McLaughlin said. "We provide the best document management products, integrated software applications, industry-leading security and support programs to our dealers to help them solve business problems and build long-lasting relationships through outstanding local customer service. It is an honor to recognize Marco as a leader among our dealer network."

The 2008 Hyakuman Kai Award recipients were honored at Sharp's National Dealer Meeting in May at The Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, FL. Hyakuman Kai dealers purchase more than \$1 million worth of Sharp business products, including multifunctional workgroup document systems, color MFPs and fax products, during a 12-month period.

JLG Hires Key Employee

JLG Architects is pleased to announce the addition of a new employee to our office in Grand Forks.

Jason L. Haagenson, CPA: A Certified Public Accountant, Jason Haagenson brings over a decade of experience in accounting and financial management to his role as Controller at JLG Architects. Prior to JLG, Jason held supervisory roles in the accounting departments at a number of organizations in North Dakota and Minnesota, including CHS Inc., Yellowstone Management, and KPMG LLP.

As a Controller at CHS Inc., Jason was responsible for the accounting and financial management at one of the company's large local regional operations. He also held the position of Controller at Yellowstone Management, where he was responsible for the finance and accounting of nine separately-managed properties. As a Senior Accountant at KPMG

LLP, Jason was an audit field supervisor on several large audit engagements.

Jason graduated Cum Laude from Jamestown College with a dual major in Accounting and Management Information Science, and a minor in Business Administration.

Project Wins Engineering Excellence Award

The City of Bismarck and Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (AE2S) recently received the "Engineering Excellence" award in the Studies, Research, and Consulting category from the North Dakota Council of Engineering Companies (NDCEC) for the Bismarck Water Treatment Plant Sludge Plant Improvements project. The Sludge Plant dries silt and other solids removed during the water treatment process. The study identified improvements to the plant, including replacing aging infrastructure and increasing the plant capacity. The study incorporated unique technology and construction techniques, such as large diameter drilling to minimize soil disturbance, so that structural integrity of the building was not compromised. The improvements to the plant ascertained by the study resulted in increased reclaimed recycled water and reduced costs for hauling and disposal of waste sludge.

"The study allowed us to design improvements to the plant which provide the City with a modern dewatering facility that meets current needs and the anticipated plant expansions for years to come. AE2S is very proud to be a part of the success of this important project," says AE2S Project Manager Russell Sorenson, PE.

CBRRV Promotes Quinones, Hires Sundby

Erika Quinones has been promoted to the position of Real Estate Loan Associate at Community Bank of the Red River Valley. Previously, Quinones held the positions of Customer Service Representative and Teller at the Grand Forks office of Community Bank.

Quinones will be responsible for supporting all areas of real estate lending, which includes preparing real estate loan documents, as well as processing files in preparation for the secondary market.

A Grand Forks, ND native, Quinones graduated from Central High School in

1997.

Jennifer Sundby has accepted the position of Customer Service Representative at the Grand Forks office of Community Bank of the Red River Valley.

Previously, Sundby held the positions of customer Service Representative and Teller at another financial institution.

Sundby will be responsible for opening new deposit accounts including checking and saving accounts, certificates of deposits and individual retirement accounts. She will also be available to answer general inquiries regarding customers accounts and balances.

A Tower, ND native, Sundby graduated from Finley High School Central High School in 1997. She earned her Bachelors Degree from Minot State University in May of 2001.

UND Nursing Recognized

Chris Kelsey, information technology director at the University of North Dakota College of Nursing was recently awarded a certificate of recognition from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The award, presented by the Energy Star program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, was in recognition of a commitment to a better environment and reducing greenhouse gas emissions as a participant in the Low Carbon IT Campaign.

The College of Nursing technology department attempts to implement green programs whenever possible. One effort that is definitely paying dividends includes setting computer monitors in our computer lab to shut off after 10 minutes of inactivity. This small change can save over \$3,700 annually in electricity costs and helps protect the environment.

Dr. Eleanor Yurkovich, director of the psychiatric mental health program and professor at the University of North Dakota (UND) College of Nursing, has been awarded the 2008 Education Award from the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses (ISPN).

ISPN awards provide an opportunity for the association to formally recognize some of the many outstanding contributions of psychiatric mental health nurses throughout the world. The education award

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A Chamber & SCORE Brown Bag Seminar

The New 4 P's

Marketing to Women in the Global Marketplace

Businesses are very good at targeting their audience based on geography, likes/dislikes, demographics, income, and other areas. Too often, however, they miss the boat when it comes to men versus women in terms of actual buyer behavior. Many marketing efforts are designed to influence the male population despite the fact that more and more women are in the forefront when it comes all aspects of the buying decision. Attend this Brown Bag Workshop for insight on how to reach this "powerful" consumer we know as WOMAN.

*Women represent 51% of the total US population.

*\$0.85 out of EVERY dollar spent in the United States is spent by a woman.

*Every 60 seconds a woman starts a new business in the U.S.

*If a consumer product aligns with a woman's business life and home life there is a strong possibility of a 200% increase in consumer spending.

*In the real estate industry, women make or influence the purchase of 91% of the properties sold.



This brown bag is presented by:
Susan Mickelson & Jessica Magness
Simmons Flint

June 18th, 2008

11:30am – 1pm

The Chamber

Lunch is provided

\$15/members ... \$25/ non-members

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

Reservation deadline is June 17th.

Seating is limited, sign up soon.

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

38,500+ Webpage Views in One Month!

www.gochamber.org lists all our Chamber members and people are finding you there! Some of the categories visited and number of views received from May 1st to June 2nd were:

Abstractor/Architects/Engineers	2224
Realtors	1280
Contractors & Construction	1267
Non Profit Organizations	1247
Hotels & Motels	1242
Restaurants	1241
Financial Institutions	1040
Agriculture/agribusiness	991
Insurance Agencies	960
Automotive Supplies & Service	902
Attorneys	839
Advertising Services	796

More Ways Your Chamber Is Working For You:

Member Referrals Made By
The Chamber In 2008:

415

Total for May: 72

Certificates of Origin Signed
By The Chamber In 2008:

6

Total for May: 1

New Resident Packets
Distributed By The Chamber
In 2008:

146

Total for May: 28



**Thursday June 19, 2008
4:45pm - 7:00pm
Hosted by Cirrus Design**

Hosted by:



Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres and beverages ~ Door Prizes ~ Progressive cash drawing is at \$600! ~ ~ NO RSVP Needed

Free Admission

Cirrus Design invites all Chamber Members and employees to their exciting Business After Hours. Stop in...enjoy the fun, tour the facility and check out what Cirrus Design is all about. Take advantage of great networking opportunities You might even win \$600 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 Cirrus Design Business After Hours.

Chamber Government Affairs Committee Hosts Forums

The last in a series of three open forums will be held on June 3rd at Grand Forks City Hall. Candidates for the School Board in Grand Forks have been invited to participate in a Forum which will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The Chamber's Government Affairs Committee is sponsoring the forums. Special thanks to committee chairman, Greg Hansen from Valley memorial who is moderating all of the forums for the chamber.

The Chamber sponsors these forums to better educate its membership and the community at large how candidates stand on key issues before they are elected.

Recent forums held included the Mayoral Candidates, City Council Candidates in contested wards, County Commission Candidates and a proponent and opponent of the County Home Rule Charter.

Grand Forks residents are reminded to vote on June 10th.

If you weren't able to make it to the forums, you still have an opportunity to see them. The forums will be rebroadcast on GF City Channel 2 with the following schedule.

Mayoral forum: Mondays & Fridays at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesdays and Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

City Council forum: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

County Commissioners: Mondays & Fridays at 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

Home Rule forum: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. and Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

School Board forum: Mondays and Fridays at 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays and Saturdays at 11:00 p.m.



Mayoral candidates Mayor Brown, Larry Humble and Mike McNamara field questions from the audience at the recent forum.

Close ~ Quick ~ Easy



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- # Gift Shop
- # Car Rental
- # Charter Air Service
- # Air Cargo

June 2008 Chamber Calendar

June 5 10:30am	Insure Forward/Bank Foward Golf Classic (Valley Golf Course)	June 17 4:30pm	Cats Incredible Mtg. (COC)
June 10 7:30pm 12:00pm	Ag. Comm. Mtg (Ramada Inn) Leadership Comm. Mtg (COC)	June 18 11:30am	Brown Bag Seminar (COC)
June 11 7:30am	BGEA Committee (COC)	June 19 4:45pm	Business After Hours (Cirrus Design)
June 12 12:00pm 4:00pm	Finance Committee (COC) BBQ in East Grand Forks	June 20 7:30pm	Past Board Chairs (COC)
June 13 8:00am	Executive Committee (COC)	June 26 8:00am 9:00am	MAC Meeting (COC) ESGR Meeting (COC)
June 16 7:30am	Ambassador's Committee (Bonzers)	June 27 8:00am	BOD (COC)

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Chamber Welcomes New Finance Director

The Chamber - GF/EGF is pleased to welcome Teri Holt as our new Finance Director.



Teri graduated from UND in 1992 with a Bachelor of Accountancy degree and passed the CPA exam in December of '92. Previously, she worked for Ecolab in Grand Forks in the accounting department focusing mainly on budgeting. Teri also worked for Acme Electric dba Tool Crib of the North as their Controller until making the decision try her hand as a stay at home mom. For the past 2 years, Teri

has been home focusing on her family. In her free time, she enjoys golfing, walking and UND hockey.



Richard P. Stadter Psychiatric Center Promotes Sandahl

Nancy Sandahl, RN, was promoted to the position of Director of Nursing. Sandahl grew up in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Sandahl, a graduate of Northland College in Thief River Falls, has over 22 years of experience as a registered nurse. Prior to joining the Richard P. Stadter Psychiatric

Center in August of 2007, she worked in the fields of home, public and correctional health.