

# THE Voice

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## EGGStravaganza RSVP's Now Available!

Have your Chamber Board of Directors cook and serve you breakfast?? Yep, but it only happens once a year! Reservations are now available for this widely popular Chamber fundraiser to be held at the Blue Moose Bar & Grill



**22nd Annual EGGStravaganza**  
**December 3rd, 2009**  
**6:30am – 9:30am**  
(To avoid waiting lines, we recommend arriving early)  
**Blue Moose Bar & Grill**

Treat your employees, family, clients & customers to the best breakfast in town at the 22nd Annual Chamber of Commerce EggsTravaganza! A delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, hashbrowns, pancakes, juice and coffee will be cooked and served by your Board of Directors. Reservations are available at The Chamber: [info@gochamber.org](mailto:info@gochamber.org), call 772-7271 or online at [www.gochamber.org](http://www.gochamber.org).

RSVP by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**\$10/person**

*Reservations for EGGStravaganza will go fast, get your RSVP today.*

- Meet your Board Members
- Network with other business leaders
- Hold your staff meetings at the Blue Moose
- Treat your staff to breakfast with The Chamber!



**Sponsored by:** The Blue Moose ~ Altru ~ Hugo's ~ US Foodservice ~ JR Simplot ~ ND Mill & Elevator ~ Dean Foods

*Cancellations not made 3 business days prior to event will be billed.*

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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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**Curt Kreun** - GF City Council

**Sonia Lajimodiere** - The Lighting Gallery

**Bryan Lee** - Gateway Storage

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**President's Message**

**Chamber Makes Progress**



**2010 Census Day is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

A complete count committee has been appointed by Mayor Brown and Mayor Stauss to insure that we get the most accurate census count for Grand

Forks and East Grand Forks. Each person counted in the census is worth more than \$1,000 in government program aid over the course of the next decade making it absolutely critical everyone be counted who can be.

GFAFB, UND, NCTC and other traditionally undercounted population groups complicate the count in the GF/EGF metropolitan statistical area (MSA). The MSA population in 2000 was 97,478 and a complete count is critical if we expect this number to increase in the 2010 census. The committee meets monthly to discuss categories.

If you want to be involved in this process contact the chamber office at 772-7271 and we can include you on the email list.

**Young Professional Views Collected**

As part of the joint Economic Development - Chamber Business Government Education Alliance Committee (BGEA) efforts to determine how to encourage young professionals to locate and stay in Grand Forks, NGC has been contracted to survey existing young professionals in our community. Preliminary results of the survey are being reviewed to determine what the community is doing well and what it can do better to retain and attract young talent.

The data is still preliminary but here are a couple of points to think about before the final results are presented in January at a roll out event:

What keeps people here?

#1: job

#2: education

#3: family

What do they value most here?

#1: family

#2: education

#3: ease of transportation

Of the more than 800 respondents 39% plan to leave here within the next 4 years.

The final report will compare GF/EGF to other metros and make recommendations on what can be done. When the roll out event date is set we will announce it to all chamber members.

**No Chamber Dues Increase for 2010**

For the second year in a row, Chamber membership investment will not change. Incoming Chamber Board Chair, Barb Schultz, reported at last month's Executive Board meeting that thanks to the support of its membership, the chamber has reached the strongest financial position it has been in since before the 1997 flood.

This stability helps position the Chamber to be even more relevant, more of an advocate and provide even more value for membership in the future.

**DNR Considering New LaFave Boat Ramp**

Following the Cats Incredible Committee's formal request for the MN DNR to look at replacing the current LaFave park Boat Ramp, the MN DNR is moving ahead and looking at the cost and where a new ramp at LaFave will fit on the DNR's timetable. In other words, this project is moving from the concept stage to the planning phase.

This action by the DNR is exactly what the committee was hoping for. At this pace the new ramp could go in anywhere from 3 years to 7 years from now. The City of EGF and Chamber Catfish Days committee are partnering in pursuing this new ramp.

**EGF Intergovernmental Retreat Set for February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

February 9<sup>th</sup> has been set as the Annual Intergovernmental Retreat. The retreat will run from noon to 5 p.m. at Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen, MN.

Local business leaders and elected officials will meet in this half day session to talk about key issues facing local units of government and the business community. Typically our legislators and representatives from the MN Congressional delegation join local officials. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Barry at The Chamber, 772-7271. Plan now to attend this important strategic event.

*Barry Wilfahrt*

# Chamber Update

September 30, 2009

To: Members of The Chamber - GF/EGF

From: Barb Schultz, 2010 Board Chair

Re: 2010 Henry Havig Award For Community Service

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2010 Henry Havig Award for Community Service. This is The Chamber's most prestigious award and is given annually to those special individuals who stand above the crowd by their dedication to our community.

It is an award that recognizes individuals who have provided exemplary leadership service to our community over a long period of time and in a broad spectrum of community activities. Nominees must be at least 36 years of age and have proven leadership qualities, commitments to community-based organizations and the desire to improve the quality of life in our community.

The Havig Award for Community Service is given in memory of a great community leader. He was president of the board of the chamber in 1955-1956 and was a long time successful businessman who contributed greatly to our community as a member of the Grand Forks City Council and a life-long contributor to the YMCA.

**Please complete and return a nomination by Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to: The Chamber 202 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Grand Forks, ND 58203 Attn: Havig Nominations, fax to 701-772-9238 or email to [info@gochamber.org](mailto:info@gochamber.org).**

Additional information regarding the nominee may be included when submitting the nomination. The Selection Committee is comprised of the past recipients of the award. This award will be presented at The Chamber's Annual Dinner and Banquet on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Alerus Center.

Nominations shall include:

- Nominee's Name
- Leadership qualities, organization memberships, Youth involvement, community service and other pertinent and relevant information
- Name and signature of person submitting the nomination

Please return by Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 2009 to:

The Chamber - GF/EGF

Attn: Havig Nominations

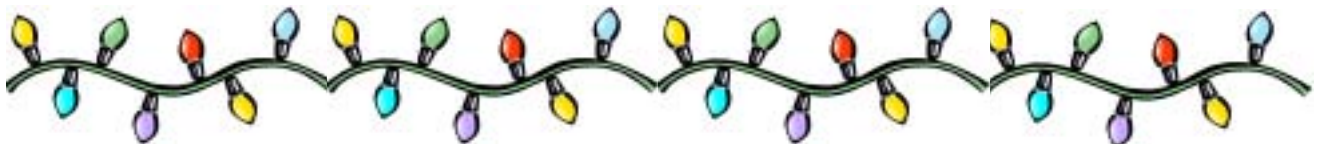
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## Turn on Your Holiday Decorations November 20th.

Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and The Chamber are encouraging business to join together and officially turn on their holiday lights on November 20<sup>th</sup>!



# Welcome New Members

### **Nodak Mutual – Dana Boe**

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Grand Forks, ND 58201  
701-430-1655  
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### **Nodak Mutual – David Kent**

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*Nodak Mutual is a North Dakota-based company that has been proudly serving the state's residents for more than 60 years. We offer a wide range of insurance options, including home, auto, crop, farm/ranch, small business, life and annuities, etc. In today's environment, there are so many*

*options out there when it comes to insurance companies. Nodak Mutual distinguishes itself with excellent customer service that starts as soon as you ask us for a free quote and continues throughout as you grow as a client with us. We're not just your agents. We're your friends and neighbors. More importantly, we're agents with answers. We invite anybody to give us a call or stop in to see if we can save you money on your current policy or add coverage for no more cost.*

### **Giuseppe's Italian Ristorante**

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Grand Forks, ND 58201  
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[www.giuseppesingrandforks.com](http://www.giuseppesingrandforks.com)

*Giuseppe's is locally owned by Joey Miranda who grew up in New York and Pennsylvania. His parents have owned and operated Italian restaurants and pizzerias on the East coast for nearly 30 years. Joey has learned to cook and make pizza primarily from his father, Vincenzo, who grew up in Sicily. Guiseppes recently decided to expand the menu by adding New York style pizza made in brick ovens. Giuseppe's is a small, family operated restaurant and is closed Sundays and Mondays. Giuseppe's is available to do private parties and catering both in the restaurant as well as out. You can check out our full menu at [Giuseppesingrandforks.com](http://Giuseppesingrandforks.com).*

## Chamber "Featured Ambassador" for September



**Dana Boe** is the newest career agent for Nodak Mutual Insurance Company. He has been with Nodak Mutual

since the beginning of July and is rejoining the Grand Forks community.

Nodak Mutual is a North Dakota-based company that has been proudly serving the state's residents for more than 60 years. We offer a wide range of insurance options, including home, auto, crop, farm/ranch, small business, life and annuities, etc. We pride ourselves on

being agents with answers.

Dana had worked in insurance for three years before joining Nodak, and has just moved back to his hometown of Hatton, ND. He has a wife and a 3 ½ year old son, and they are expecting their second child in late December. Dana joined the Ambassadors committee to meet new people, as well as get better acquainted and more involved with the growing Grand Forks community. He am excited to be a member of such a fun group.

## Mark Your Calendars

Ag Banquet - November 17, 2009

Chamber Annual Dinner - January 14, 2010

Mayors State of the City - February 17, 2010



**UND College of Business & Public Admin.**  
Dedication of New Room



**Frandsen Bank & Trust**  
Name Change (from Community Bank of the Red River Valley)



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**Integrated Living**  
New Chamber Member



**Northland Community & Technical College**  
Renovation Dedication



**Select Communications**  
New Chamber Member



**Kadrme, Lee & Jackson, Inc.**  
New Chamber Member

The Chamber Ambassadors had a busy month visiting new chamber members and joining celebrations with existing chamber members.

## 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 Crystal Sugar
- American Red Cross
- Ameriprise Financial - Debbie Albert
- ArtWise
- Auto Finance Super Center
- Becker Marketing Consultants
- Big Jim's East Side Tire
- Blockbuster Video
- Coldwell Banker First Realty-Encore
- Cost Cutters - Dyke Ave
- Cost Cutters - Grand Cities Mall
- Dak-Minn Blood Bank
- Dakota Mailing & Shipping Equipment, Inc.
- Dakota TV & Appliance
- Empire Arts Center
- Enbridge Pipeline (ND) LLC
- Farmer's Insurance Group - Steve Renslow
- First Command Financial Planning
- GF Air Force Base
- Greenberg Realty-Donna Wolfe-Sholes
- Halstad Telephone Company
- Hawley, James
- Lutheran Social Services of ND
- Mary Kay Cosmetics Ex. Sr. Sales Director
- Minn-Dak Growers
- Rendahl, Robbin A., CPA
- River City Mortgage & Financial Corp.
- Sherwin Williams Company
- Snap Fitness (S. Washington)
- Super Cuts - 32nd Ave
- Super Cuts - University Village
- Talent Productions
- US Border Patrol - GF Sector
- Widman's Candy



Business After Hours at Aurora Surgery Center



Board Strategic Planning Retreat



Board Strategic Planning Retreat



UND CoBPA Dedication of New Deans Office



Board Strategic Planning Retreat

# A Month in Pictures



NCTC Dedication



Business After Hours -  
Aurora Surgery Center



Board Strategic Planning  
Retreat



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Brenda Kovar -  
Ambassador of  
the Quarter -  
3rd Quarter  
2009



Business After Hours at  
Aurora Surgery Center

## JLG Receives Highest State Design Award

On September 15, 2009 at the American Institute of Architects (AIA) North Dakota Awards Gala in Fargo, JLG Architects received the Honor Award and the Unbuilt Award. The awards were “presented for distinguished accomplishments in design and the profession of architecture.”

**HONOR AWARD – Grand Forks Flight Support; Grand Forks, ND:** After many years occupying a steel shed, Grand Forks Airport Authority decided to build a new, state-of-the-art, modern Flight Support Center at Grand Forks International



Airport. The facility has many amenities for pilots and for the general public. Airplane services include a 25,500 square foot indoor

hangar, airplane maintenance areas, parking, aircraft rental/charter, full line services, and flight training. In addition, the 20,000 square foot indoor Center offers many complementary services, such as flight planning, a pilot’s lounge, an observation deck, office spaces, and an executive conference room. The modern, twenty-first century building possesses many sustainable features, including parking limited to the minimum by local codes, excellent natural lighting and ventilation, and high-efficiency glazing systems.

**UNBUILT AWARD – MetroPlains Broadway; Fargo, ND:** The design for Metroplains Broadway is a contemporary interpretation of the commercial architecture of downtown Fargo. The structure gives US Bank Plaza a more dominant presence on the key corner of Broadway and Second Avenue, while also offering an additional 14,090 square feet of retail space, 78 one- and two-bedroom apartments, 102 underground parking spaces, and 45 surface spaces. The module of the façade is derived from the dimension of the 25’ lots that are typical for Broadway and ties into the rhythm of the existing commercial development which includes single 25’ buildings as well as 50’ buildings that occupy double lots. The pressed metal cornices of the historic buildings are abstracted in the design as steel framing projected from the surface of the wall by steel channel brackets therefore creating rich shadow patterns on the brick facades.

## Anderson Joins Alerus Financial

**Amber Anderson** has joined Alerus Financial as a Customer Service Supervisor at its Express branch in downtown Grand Forks.



Anderson is responsible for demonstrating and leading day-to-day transaction activities of the branch, including coaching and mentoring the tellers and customer service representatives

Anderson joins Alerus with 8 years management experience and 12 years customer service experience. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education from the University of North Dakota. Anderson and her husband, Chad, reside in Grand Forks with their son, Riley.



**Morgan Heher** has joined Alerus Financial as a Customer Service Representative at its Express branch in downtown Grand Forks.

Heher delivers superior customer service, processes financial transactions for customers, and opens new accounts. Additionally, she maintains and provides customers with in-depth knowledge of all financial products and services offered by Alerus Financial.

Heher holds a Bachelor’s degree in Marketing and Management along with a German minor from the University of North Dakota. She is currently pursuing her MBA also at UND and lives in Grand Forks.

## Aurora Clinic Welcomes Dr. Lawrence Lee and Dr. Byron Velander



**Dr. Lee** received his medical degree from Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In the spring of 2009, he completed his residency in Family Medicine at the “In His Image”

Family Medicine Residency (in association with Hillcrest Medical Center) in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dr. Lee has a special

interest in mission work and overseas medical relief care. In 2007, he spent a month in Cambodia providing clinic healthcare to the underserved. And in 2008, he traveled to Myanmar to provide disaster relief following a devastating cyclone. Dr. Lee sees patients in Grand Forks and admits patients to Altru Hospital.



**Dr. Byron Velander**, originally from rural Mandan, ND, received his medical degree from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Grand Forks.

He completed his residency at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria. His specialties are internal medicine and pediatrics and he enjoys focusing on the care of adults and children. Before joining Aurora Clinic, Dr. Velander practiced in Chicago area hospitals for 5 years, specifically internal medicine, critical care, and neonatal care. Dr. Velander sees patients in Grand Forks and admits patients to Altru Hospital.

## AE2S Engineer Named Delegate-at-Large

AE2S (Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.) Operations Manager, **Eric Dodds, PE**, has been named a Delegate-at-Large for the Water Environment Federation (WEF).



Dodds is an active member of WEF and the North Dakota Water Environment Association (NDWEA, a local member association of WEF), serving as the president of the NDWEA, vice-chair of

the Student and Young Professional Committee, chair of the Fundamentals Outreach Subcommittee to the Municipal Wastewater Treatment Design Committee, and member of the Public Communications and Outreach Committee. In addition, Dodds has served as a technical and professional resource to the North Dakota State University Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference Student Design Competition Team for the past six years.

“WEF plays a very prominent and

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important role in the water and wastewater industry, and I'm honored to play a part in shaping the future of the organization," says Dodds. Dodds joins 11 other Delegates-at-Large and 76 Delegates representing member associations. As a Delegate-at-Large, he represents the interests of Young Professionals, as well as the NDWEA, and will be responsible for advising the WEF Board on matters of strategic direction and public policy development.

### Baker Joins S & S Promotional Group



S & S Promotional Group, Inc. is pleased to announce that **Shannon Baker** (formerly Presnell) has joined their Grand Forks sales team.

Shannon has eight years of experience in the promotional advertising industry. She was previously employed by The Chamber - Grand Forks/East Grand Forks and Trojan Promotions (formerly Nelson Specialties). Shannon resides in Grand Forks with her two children.

### Monarch Management Welcomes King

**Ashley King** has been hired by Monarch Management and Consulting Services as an Executive Assistant.



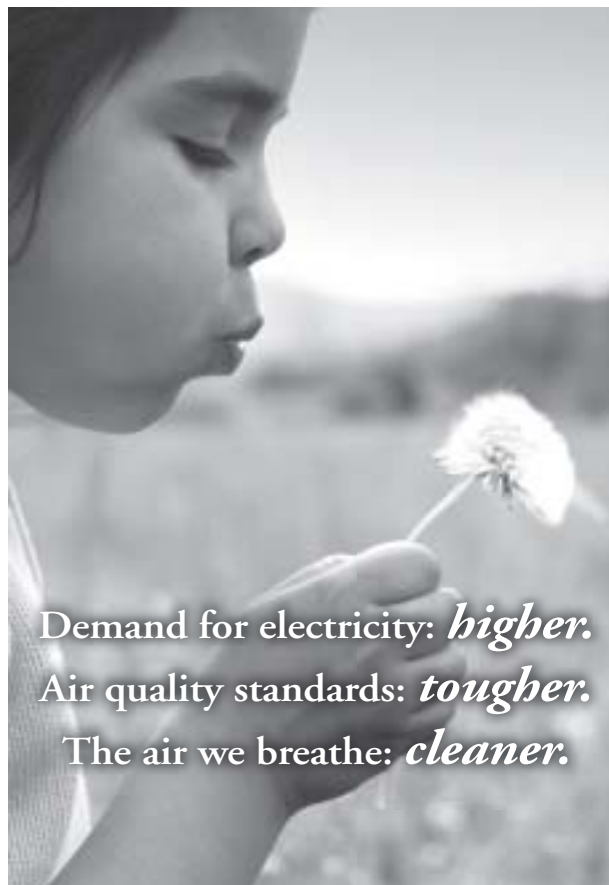
Ashley grew up in Arthur, North Dakota and graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead in May of 2009 with a major in Healthcare Administration. At Concordia she participated in the Women's basketball program and was active in the Student

Healthcare Management Association and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. In her spare time Ashley enjoys sports, reading and being with her family.

### The Stadter Center Promotes Dorward

Anna Dorward was recently promoted to the position of Utilization Review Technician at The Stadter Center. She was born and raised in England and attended the University of West England for Mental Health Nursing. Prior to joining The Stadter Center in 2008, Anna worked in the mental health field for over 14 years.

Anna lives in Grand Forks with her two children.



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Air quality standards: *tougher.*  
The air we breathe: *cleaner.*

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for affordable  
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## Base Transition Progressing

By Barry Wilfahrt, Chamber President

With the last squadron of KC135 refueling tankers slated to leave GFAFB in October 2010, the 2005 BRAC transition is moving forward like it or not. Serving on the three groups who are all working to support and transition to future missions at the GFAFB, I get a lot of questions about the base transition. In case you can't attend the State of the Base event on November 10<sup>th</sup> and hear the updates in person, below is a recap of some of the opportunities MAC, BRIC and CBEI are pursuing:

**Next Generation of Refueling Tankers** – All community efforts give top priority to positioning GFAFB for this potential future mission. The politics surrounding the selection of a contractor to build the next generation of tankers has been well publicized. A contractor has not been selected to produce the next generation at this point.

**Custom and Boarder Protection** – CBP's predator mission is operational at the Base. The training and surveillance mission will gradually grow over time.

**Global Hawk.** - The Air Forces Global Hawk mission is planned to begin Spring of 2010. Northrop Grumman who builds the Golbal Hawk is here the next two weeks installing the advanced GPS system that will assist in the take off and landing of the Global Hawk. This will be a major operation and key mission in the GFAFB's future mission.

**UAS Training** – A UND presence on the Base to do UAS training is getting closer to reality. Base realignment funds appropriated by the ND legislature this past session could provide much needed equipment and support for this program. This is mid process at this time but once in place will position Grand Forks as a leader in UAS training for UAS.

**Airspace** – The environmental study began about a year ago with meeting is four communities in NE ND. the draft environmental study results will be

released in a series of public meetings in the first quarter of 2010. We continue to optimistic the airspace access issue can be resolved in a timely manner.

**Base personnel.** - During this transition we are seeing a significant reduction in base personnel, however the base remains open as new opportunities and missions the number of personnel will grow over time.

The bottom line is there are MANY people working in a coordinated effort to expand the mission of our base.

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## Hosted by **EAPC Architects Engineers**

Turn at Burlington Northern Credit Union

Thursday, November 19, 2009

4:45pm - 7:00pm

Hosted by:

Free Admission



Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres and drinks ~ Great Door Prizes to include a **Nikon COOLPIX S220 Digital Camera** ~ Progressive cash drawing is at \$500! ~ NO RSVP Needed

EAPC Architects Engineers invites all Chamber Members and employees to their exciting Business After Hours. Stop by and enjoy the great food and fun. 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.*

### **28,470+ 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 October 1st to November 2nd were:

Abstractor/Architects/Engineers	2345
Hotels & Motels	2005
Financial Institutions	1879
Contractors & Construction	1821
Restaurants	1523
Realtors	1156
Attorneys	952
Insurance Agencies	695
Non Profit Organizations	597
Automotive Supplies & Service	551

### **Member Referrals Made By The Chamber In 2009:**

# 881

**Total for october: 87**

### **Certificates of Origin Signed By The Chamber In 2009:**

# 29

**Total for October: 8**

### **New Resident Packets Distributed By The Chamber In 2009:**

# 268

**Total for October: 64**

## Chamber Calendar November 2009

### **November 3**

7:30am Small Business Committee Mtg. (COC)  
12:00am Board Strategic Planning (NCTC)

### **November 4**

8:00am Leadership Class (Nodak Electric)

### **November 5**

7:30am MAC Exec Mtg. (COC)

### **November 10**

7:00am State of the Base (Clarion Inn)  
7:30am Agribusiness Mtg. (Aaltos)

### **November 11**

7:30am Henry Havig Mtg (COC)  
Noon Leadership Committee Mtg. (Joe Blacks)

### **November 16**

4:30pm Ambassador's Holiday Gathering (Giuseppe's)

### **November 17**

7:00am Census Meeting (COC)  
12:00pm Finance Committee Mtg (COC)  
5:30pm Farmer's Appreciation Banquet (Alerus Center)k

### **November 18**

7:30am BGEA (COC)  
8:00am Leadership Class (NDARNG)  
11:30am Brown Bag - Successful Negotiating (COC)  
12:00pm Athena Mtg (Blue Moose)

### **November 19**

7:30pm Executive Committee Mtg. (COC)  
4:45pm Business After Hours ( EAPC)

### **November 26**

Happy Thanksgiving - Chamber Office Closed

### **November 27**

Chamber Office Closed

# For Immediate Release

November 5, 2009

Contact:

Rick Duquette, Chamber Board Chair (787-3750)

Barb Schultz, Finance Committee Chair (773-5649)

## Chamber Office to Stay In Its Current Location

According to Rick Duquette, Chamber Board Chair and Barb Schultz, Finance Committee Chair; The Chamber GF/EGF Board Of Directors has made the decision to stay in it current location at 202 North 3 St in Grand Forks.

The Board felt it was important to come to a conclusion for several reasons, most notably:

- 1) The Chamber wants the City of East Grand Forks to have the opportunity to move forward on developing the prime land it donated to the chamber for a new office site.
- 2) Staying in the current location will help provide The Chamber financial stability so we can continue

to increase services and value to our members in both communities and the surrounding area. The current building is paid for and gains revenue from office rental in the north half of the building.

Chamber President, Barry Wilfahrt noted the chamber continues to provide services for all chamber members throughout the region.