

EGGStravaganza Tickets Now Available!

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

Blue Moose Bar & Grill

21st Annual EGGStravaganza

December 4th, 2008

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 21st 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.

Tickets are available at The Chamber: info@gochamber.org, call 772-7271 or online at www.gochamber.org.

Tickets must be reserved by December 1st.

\$10/person

Ticket sales for EGGStravaganza will go fast, get your tickets 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 ~ Hugo's ~ US Foodservice ~ JR Simplot ~ ND Mill & Elevator ~ Dean Foods

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Sr. Military Advisor to the Board
Colonel John Michel - GFAFB

Chamber Update

Past Chamber Board Chairs Set New Direction

Beginning in 2009 Past Chamber Board Chairs will meet 3-4 time a year rather than monthly. The meeting format will also change to include a report from the Chamber President and current Board Chairman on key issues the chamber is working on. The Past Board Chairs offer historical perspective and tremendous influence in the community and the current chamber leadership will call on them for guidance and assistance in moving key issues facing the Chamber and both communities forward.

MN Economic Development Commissioner Visits East Grand Forks



Minnesota Economic Development Commissioner Dan McElroy was in East Grand Forks in October touring local manufacturing businesses. He also met with East Grand Forks business and community

leaders to talk about workforce development, workers compensation issues and the many state programs DEED has to offer Minnesota businesses.

Thank You for Renewing Your Membership

The following businesses have renewed their membership in The Chamber - GF/EGF. Please visit these businesses for your purchasing needs.

- American Cancer Society
- American Crystal Sugar
- Ameriprise Financial
- Andy's Harley Davidson
- ArtWise
- Auto Finance Super Center
- Big Jim's East Side Tire
- Dak-Minn Blood Bank
- Dakota Mailing & Shipping Equip.
- Dave's Handyman Service
- Farmers Insurance Group - Steve Renslow
- Flower's By Us
- Furniture Row
- Games Galore
- Gateway Storage LLP
- Halstad Telephone Company
- Henningsen Cold Storage Co.
- Lutheran Social Services of ND
- Mary Kay Cosmetics Ex. Sr. Sales Dir.
- Minn-Dak Growers, Ltd.
- Morelli's Distributing Inc.
- Newman Outdoor Advertising
- Oak Express/ Bedroom Express
- Philadelphia Macaroni Co.
- River City Mortgage & Financial Corp.
- Salvation Army, The
- Sam's Club
- Sherwin Williams Company
- Stay & Play Pet Resort
- Talent Productions
- Tri Valley Child Care Resource & Ref.
- United Valley Bank
- Valley Buzz
- Wakefield Hearing Center
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Whitey's Cafe, Inc
- Wolfe-Sholes, Donna Realtor

You Are Invited!

Military Affairs Committee Breakfast

Featured Speaker:

Colonel John Michel, Commander, 319th Air Refueling Wing, GFAFB

Colonel Michel will provide an end of year review and a look forward into the future of Grand Forks AFB.

Thursday, December 11, 2008
\$12.50/person

Registration-7:30am
Program-8:00am
Canad Inns- Mezzanine Room
(next to upper level of Playmakers)
Buffet style breakfast

Seating is limited. Registration deadline is December 4, 2008.

Please RSVP to Corrina, 772-7271 or corrinas@gochamber.org

Chamber Update

Few Concerns Expressed at UAS Scoping Meetings

Public scoping meeting for the Grand Forks environmental impact statement held in Grand Forks, Langdon, Devils Lake and Carrington yielded very few concerns. Members of the Chamber Military Affairs Committee turned out in force at the Unmanned Aerial Systems scoping meeting held here last month. The partial airspace conversion for use by unmanned aerial systems is the first step in the process of base realignment to accommodate

The Chamber and the Base Realignment Impact Committee (BRIC) staffed by Diane Blair have jointly been pursuing letters of support from various Grand Forks and East Grand Forks Groups supporting this airspace conversion to accommodate UAS. Letters of support have been sent by the Chamber, BRIC, City of Grand Forks, City of East Grand

Forks, Grand Forks County, Polk County, the EDC in Grand Forks, the EDHA in East Grand Forks and UND Aerospace.

MAC committee members also met with the *Grand Forks Herald* editorial board and the *Herald* provided an excellent editorial on the potential benefits of UAS pending the conversion of this airspace. See full text of the editorial on the Chamber's web site (paste link here)

The Chamber will be in contact with the congressional delegation in coming weeks as we continue to aggressively pursue every opportunity for the Grand Forks Air Base.

According to Chamber Board Chairman Jerry Youngberg, "it is excellent to see so many groups working together for the positive future of the airbase."

Changeable Signs Face 1.5 Second Hold Time



The Grand Forks Planning Commission will meet on November 5th to act on a recommendation from the sign subcommittee and city staff to require all

electronic changeable signs in Grand Forks to have 1.5 second hold times between messages. According to Chamber President, Barry Wilfahrt "this is a big improvement over the 6 seconds and then 2 seconds originally discussed and the 5 minutes to 20 minutes a couple of cities have passed." "When you talk

minutes to change a sign it kind of defeats the purpose of a changeable sign". Wilfahrt added he was also pleased with the ability sign owners will continue to have to use creative transitions and also the city's patience and willingness to get good business input before enacting an ordinance.

The approximately 25 business owners with electronic changeable signs have been advocating for a minimum hold time to allow them time to present multiple messages to their potential customers in the time it takes to drive by their busi-

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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."

ness. The sign sub committee seemed to object most to flashing signs which they believe are a distraction.

The planning commission meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on November 5th in the City Council Chambers. From their the proposed ordinance will go to the City Council for final approval.

Featured Ambassador Tami Pearson, Alerus Center



Tami has been with the Alerus Center since July of 2007. As Director of Marketing she handles all advertising, promotional and public relations efforts for the facility and events held at the Alerus Center. Tami holds a Bachelor of Arts

degree in English from the University of North Dakota, is

currently enrolled in the Chamber Leadership Training program, and is an active member of the Greater Grand Forks Sertoma Club and the Ambassadors of the Chamber of Commerce. Tami also enjoys reading, playing piano, outdoor activities and spending time with family and friends.

The Ambassador Committee of The Chamber is a very active committee serving as the welcoming arm of The Chamber. The Ambassadors conduct ribbon cuttings, membership drives and help at various Chamber events.



October 31st, 2008

To: Members of The Chamber - GF/EGF

From: Rick Duquette, 2009 Board Chair

Re: 2009 Henry Havig Award For Community Service

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 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 21st, 2008 to: The Chamber 202 N. 3rd St. Grand Forks, ND 58203 Attn: Havig Nominations, or fax to 701-772-9238. 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 26th, 2009 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 21st 2008 to:

The Chamber - GF/EGF

Attn: Havig Nominations

202 N. 3rd St.

Grand Forks, ND 58203

701-772-9238 (Fax)

**Chamber of Commerce - Grand Forks/East Grand Forks
2009 HENRY HAVIG NOMINATION FORM**

I am submitting the name of: _____

Who works for: _____

Leadership Qualities, Organization Memberships, Youth Involvement, Community Service:

Other Information and Comments:

Submitted by: _____ Signature: _____

Sen. Conrad Seeks Business Input

The Chamber Government Affairs Committee and Mayor Brown teamed up to host Senator Conrad at a listening session. Senator Conrad outlined the complex financial situation facing our nation and the critical decisions congress made last month and will likely need to make in the months ahead. Senator Conrad also talked about the two prevailing views on the next step to stimulate the economy. He favors putting federal money toward infrastructure projects versus sending another round of stimulus checks to taxpayers. Infrastructure spending goes directly into the economy while stimulus checks can go to savings and a big percentage is also spent on goods produced in other countries.

Local business input was mainly positive.

- *Credit for local businesses is still readily available
- *State budget surplus will help North Dakota
- *Some major projects are on hold or being delayed
- *The housing market in our region remains strong
- *Taxable sales continue to be positive
- *Unemployment is well below the national average

If you would like to be part of the Government Affairs Committee of the Chamber please contact Barry at the Chamber – barry@gochamber.org

Chamber Hosts Local Forums

The Chamber hosted two separate forums in an effort to help educate businesses and the general public on how local candidates stand on the issues. The first featured ND House and Senate Legislative Candidates from District 42 and 18. The second featured candidates for Grand Forks County Commission and proponents and opponents to Measure 1 which would set up an oil trust fund.

The Chamber Partners with Crookston Chamber

The Chamber partnered with the Crookston Chamber to sponsor a candidate's forum for the MN House of Representative seat that encompassed East Grand Forks and Crookston.

Ribbon Cuttings



Laser Esthetics of ND & Heart Institute of ND
The Ambassadors welcomed new Chamber member, Laser Esthetics of ND & The Heart Institute of ND, with a ribbon cutting.

MPO Presents Downtown Plan

MPO Executive Director Earl Haugen presented an overview of the initial downtown planning concepts at the October Chamber Board meeting. Key features are:



Adaptive reuse concepts of existing downtown buildings.

Goods and services the downtown needs to recruit businesses to provide

Potential downtown organization structures

Potential changes to one way streets

Potential public improvements including a pedestrian bridge over the Red River. A link to the complete draft of the plan is on the Chamber's web site.

A Message From Your Board Chair



As we move into the late fall of 2008, planning is under way at THE CHAMBER for 2009.

The chair elect, Rick Duquette is hard at work on the Planning Session for the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. Rick has chosen this theme for 2009: ... **R-A-V, RELEVANCY, ADVOCACY, VALUE.**

Take note of THE CHAMBER 2009 slate of nominees for leadership positions on the board of directors as submitted by the nominating committee, chaired by Andy Byron.

Linda Pierce, Cary - Tim Sayler, Altru - Chris Semrau, REA - Barb Schultz - Greg Weisenstein, UND

THE CHAMBER is aggressively supporting the options the UAS mission is creating at the Grand Forks AFB and with UND.

I believe we in the business community will have exciting, profitable opportunities if we enthusiastically support the changes at GFAFB and UND.

Thank you for your participation at the UAS restricted air space briefing. Your continuing participation and support in future activity is absolutely vital for success.

*-Jerry Youngberg
Board Chair*

Welcome New Members

Spalon Tamaagi

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A Month In Pictures



Top Right: The Leadership Class recently spent an afternoon with Lonnie Laffen doing a city history tour.

Top Left: Gate City Bank had a great crowd at their October Business After Hours

Bottom Left: Ambassadors Melissa Greenberg, Trojan Promotions and Dee Skjold, Gaffaneys, had a great time welcoming guest to Business After Hours.



Bottom Right: A recent brown bag seminar drew a great crowd for a lunch time of learning..



A Month in Pictures



Top: Everyone enjoyed the great hors d'oeuvres at Gate City Banks Business After Hours.



Top Right: Lonnie Laffen followed up the city history tour with the leadership class in his offices for follow up.

Bottom Right: Ambassador's Chair, Tracy Boone with Invisimax, presented Sue Bjornstad of AAA Quality Cleaners, with the Ambassador for the Quarter Award. Congratulations Sue!

Bottom Left: Barry Wilfahrt presented a great training on Email Etiquette at the October Brown Bag Seminar.



Business Briefs

Hope Evangelical Covenant Church Adds Staff

Hope Evangelical Covenant Church is pleased to announce the hiring of the following staff.



Tim Friez has joined Hope Evangelical as the Pastor of Connections. Tim grew up in Seattle, WA. Tim and his wife Kathy have two children, Carmyn and Micah and live in EGF. Tim received a

Bachelor's Degree in Religion from North American Baptist College and a Master of Divinity from North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, SD.



Skip Toops is the new Youth Pastor. Skip grew up in New London, MN. He attended college at Minnesota State – Moorhead and eventually married Ashley, a UND graduate. He has served the last year as a

youth pastor and Youth For Christ staff member outside Cleveland, OH.



Holly Sabelman is now the Family and Children's Pastor. Holly grew up in Menlo Park, CA. She attended Northwestern College in St. Paul, MN and graduated from the Master's Divinity

School in Indiana and Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

Bremer Bank Hires Zink

Bremer Bank, a regional financial services company jointly-owned by its employees



and the Otto Bremer Foundation, announces the hire of **Jeremy Zink** as an ag banker in its Warren branch location. Zink will be responsible for performing lending and credit administration functions as well as managing Ag portfolios.

Zink has a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics with emphasis in management and finance from North Dakota State University. Other experience includes

assisting with the family farm since 1997 and helping to manage the farm since 2004 in Carrington, North Dakota. Zink is an active volunteer with the Lions and Jaycees organization in Warren.

AE2S Expands Ownership

AE2S (Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.) has expanded the ownership of the company to include **Steve Swanson, PLS, Brian Weiss, PE, Todd Norton, PLS, and Jeremy Maszk.**



Swanson is a graduate of the Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls, SD, a professional land surveyor, and a CADD/Survey Manager in the Grand Forks, ND office.



Weiss is a graduate of South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD, a professional engineer, and specializes in hydraulic modeling in the Grand Forks, ND office.



Norton is a graduate of North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, ND, a professional land surveyor, and a CADD/Survey Manager in the Bismarck, ND office.



Maszk is the Information Systems Technology Administrator and is located in the Grand Forks, ND office.

AE2S Hires New Staff

AE2S has hired **Perry Johnson, PE** as a Senior Project Manager in its Grand Forks office. Originally from Powers Lake, ND, Mr. Johnson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from North



Dakota State University and presently holds active professional registration in nine states. He has more than 30 years of civil, environmental, and structural engineering

experience in water, wastewater, and industrial plant design and construction. Prior to joining AE2S, Mr. Johnson was an Associate and Senior Project Manager for Carollo Engineers in Phoenix, AZ.



AE2S has hired **Colton Determan** as an Engineering Technician in its Moorhead, MN office. Colton is a native of Brooks, MN. He has an Associate degree in Applied Science from South East Technical College in Sioux Falls, SD.

AE2S has expanded its Great Falls, Montana office to meet the increasing demand for its services for water, wastewater, and stormwater projects in Montana.



The expansion includes the addition of **Ross Hanson** as an Instrumentation and Controls (I&C) Technician and **Paul Hohn** as an Engineering Technician.

Mr. Hanson is originally from Devils Lake, ND and will support the growing demand for AE2S' I&C services in the Montana region.



Mr. Hohn is originally from Townsend, MT and has an Associate of Science degree in Design Drafting and a Bachelor of Technology degree in Drafting Technology from Montana State University-Northern. He has

passed the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam and is eligible for professional registration in the fall of 2009.

AE2S has hired **Darin Hultberg** as an Engineering Technician in its Fargo, ND office to meet increasing demand for electrical engineering services related to



water, wastewater, and stormwater projects in the Upper Midwest. Darin is a native of East Grand Forks, MN. He has attained Journeyman/Master Electrician Wireman I status through the Joint

Apprenticeship and Training Committee and is also pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of North Dakota.

Darin has ten years of experience in the electrical field. Previous to joining AE2S, he worked as an electrician for Sun Electric on wastewater facilities, pipelines, commercial, and residential projects. At AE2S, Darin will be assisting electrical engineers and the Instrumentation and Controls Group with the development of client projects.

Gaffaney's Hires Johnson

Nick Johnson has joined the office furniture sales team at Gaffaney's of Grand Forks. Nick was formerly employed by Gaffaney's from 1997 to 2005 as a sales person and left Gaffaney's employment in 2005 to pursue other interests. Nick rejoins Gaffaney's with over 7 years of experience in office furniture sales, interior design, and installation and he is anxious to get reacquainted with his



extensive list of former customers. Nick is a graduate of Warroad high school and Northern Arizona University. He is married to Jeanne and together they have two children. He and his family live in Warren, MN. In addition to having a sales territory, Nick will also be responsible for sales management and new business development at Gaffaney's.

Jelinek Named Microsoft Top Instructor

NetWork Center, Inc. is proud to announce that **Sarah Jelinek** received the Microsoft CPLS Engagement Program *Top*



Instructor Award for Microsoft Dynamics CRM. Jelinek was chosen from Microsoft Certified Trainers for this award by receiving the highest evaluation scores in the nation, on classes taught between

July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008. This award honors the finest instructors in the industry for their outstanding work with Microsoft.

Jelinek joined NetWork Center, Inc. in 2004. She holds a degree in Computer

Information Systems from Minnesota State University Moorhead. As a MOS Master Instructor, Jelinek trains on Microsoft Applications. Other Certifications Jelinek holds are MCT, CTT+, MOS Master Instructor, MCBMSP, MCDST, MCP, Security+, Network+, A+.

Marco CEO Appointed to Advisory Council

Jeff Gau, CEO of Marco, has been appointed to Sharp's National Dealer Advisory Council. The council is comprised of Sharp dealers throughout the country who act as a liaison between Sharp's product factory and their national sales and marketing team to develop new products, services, and technologies that boost dealer opportunities. This is Gau's second year as an advisory council member representing the Upper Midwest territory. The council meets three times per year.



CBRRV Adds April Ingold as Customer Service Rep

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

Previously, Ingold held the positions of Assistant Manager in a retail store in Minot, ND.



Ingold 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 inquires regarding customers accounts and balances.

A Minot, ND native, Ingold graduated from Minot High School in 2001. She studied business at Minot State University in Minot ND.

Kamrowski of GGF Young Professionals Attends Summit

North Dakota's Young Professionals (NDYP) group recently presented to the

2008 Young Professionals Summit in Cocoa Beach, FL. The summit brought together Young Professional (YP) leaders and supporters representing more than 25 states from across the nation to discuss issues, share best practice stories and form connections..

Summit Representatives from North Dakota:

- John Machacek, NDYP Chairman; Fargo YP Chairman, US Bank (*John's summit attendance was made possible by the North Dakota Economic Development and Finance Foundation.*)

- Catherine Dalzell, NDYP Statewide Coordinator; Center for Technology and Business (*Catherine's summit attendance was made possible through the Northern Plains Initiative, a collaborative project funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.*)

- Lindsey Larson, NDYP Board member, Jamestown After 5 Member; Jamestown Stutsman Development Corporation (*Lindsey's summit attendance was made possible by the North Dakota Economic Development and Finance Foundation.*)

- Joseph Pierce, Bismarck YP; Office Depot

- Michael Christianson, Bismarck YP; Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

- **Tricia Kamrowski**, Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals; Altru Health System

GF County 4-H Awards Banquet Held Recently

The 62nd Annual Grand Forks County 4-H Awards Banquet was held Sunday, October 12, 2008. Over 100 awards were presented to 4-H members, leaders, volunteers and special guests.

During the banquet, project pins and project area awards were given to 4-Hers who excelled in their project area. Also presented was the Friend of 4-H Award, which is given to an individual or organization that has supported Grand Forks County 4-H either financially or through volunteering their services for a number of years. This year, the award was given to The Chamber. The Chamber has awarded two Senior Representative Award winners with gold watches for over thirty-six years.

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A Chamber & SCORE Brown Bag Seminar

Year End Tax Planning

Managing a small business in today's volatile financial environment is a difficult task. Solid financial planning is needed to position your business for the challenges ahead. The following year-end-tax issues will be reviewed for you to consider in your financial planning efforts:

***Defer or recognize income in this tax year.**

***The best timeframe for purchasing new equipment.**

***Government stimulus programs and small business.**

***Funding for retirement plan timelines.**

***Inventory decisions and year-end finances.**

This brown bag session will offer a summary view of a variety of important financial issues facing small businesses today. Attend this workshop to learn what you can do to properly position your business financials for year-end financial success!

This brown bag is presented by:
Scott Hasbrouck, Sr. Mgr, Firm Tax Coordinator and Gera Beideck, Sr. Mgr, both with Brady Martz & Assoc. P.C.

Tuesday, November 25th, 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 November 21st.

Seating is limited, sign up soon.

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

32,000+ 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 Sept. 30th to November 3rd were:

Abstractor/Architects/Engineers	1824
Hotels & Motels	1465
Non Profit Organizations	1285
Restaurants	1228
Realtors	1204
Automotive Supplies & Service	1004
Contractors & Construction	948
Financial Institutions	897
Agriculture/agribusiness	880
Attorneys	824
Insurance Agencies	695

More Ways Your Chamber Is Working For You:

Member Referrals Made By The Chamber In 2008:

701

Total for October: 60

Certificates of Origin Signed By The Chamber In 2008:

11

Total for October:0

New Resident Packets Distributed By The Chamber In 2008:

227

Total for October: 2



Thursday, November 20, 2008

4:45pm - 7:00pm

Hosted by Choice Financial & Rehabilitation Consulting and Services

at Choice Financial on 42nd St. S.

Free Admission

Hosted by:



Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres & Beverages ~ Great Door Prizes to include a Night on the Town Limo Ride, Dinner on the Town Cert. and Fan on the Town Hockey Suite
Tickets ~ Progressive cash drawing is at \$1100! ~
NO RSVP Needed

Choice Financial and Rehabilitation Consulting & Services invites all Chamber Members and employees to their exciting Business After Hours. Stop in...enjoy the fun and take advantage of great networking opportunities while you are there. You might even win \$1100 in our progressive cash drawing! We'll draw the name of one Chamber Member business. If someone from that organization is present, they win!

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



The evening ended with the presentation of 4-H's most prestigious awards. Mr. Jerry Youngberg, Chamber Chair, presented the Senior Representative Award to **Timothy Kraemer** of Grand Forks and **Ethan Liebswager** Thompson. Mark Landa, past 4-H Board of Directors President, presented the Junior Representative Award to Rebecca Martin of Emerado and Aaron Tangsrud of Buxton. The First Year Representative Award was presented to Joshua Brose of Larimore and Jessica Folson of Northwood.



Exponent Second in National Contest

The Exponent placed second in the National Newspaper Association's "Better Newspaper Contest" with its flood recovery section titled "We've Come A Long Way Baby." The entry won in the Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition. The Expo's special section was published on April 11, 2007, in connection with East Grand Forks' 10th Anniversary Celebration recovery of the 1997 flood. The judges commented "A close second." The National Newspaper Association honored winners of its 2008 contests at the "Toast to the Winners" award ceremony and reception, September 27, at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul—Riverfront in St. Paul, MN.

Immediate Past President Steve Haynes of Haynes Publishing in Kansas was on hand to congratulate the winners and incoming President John W.



Julie Bergman accepts the national award from Immediate NNA President Steve Hanes, Haynes Publishing Company, Kansas.

Stevenson, publisher of the Randolph Leader in Roanoke, Alabama, and served as the master of ceremonies for the award ceremony, which capped a successful convention program.

Exponent publishers Julie and Rollin Bergman and Expo Ad Director, Kendra Hartsell, attended the convention. Expo Manager Missy Thompson was instrumental in producing

the project but was unable to attend. Former staff members Steve Gust and Jane Finney also worked on the project. The 2009 convention will be held in Mobile, Ala

Family Medicine Welcomes New Staff

Amy Suda, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, was born and raised in Grafton, ND. She completed both her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and her Master's Degree at the University of North Dakota to become a Family Nurse Practitioner.

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Close ~ Quick ~ Easy



- # Jet Service
- # Long Term Parking
- # Hotel/Motel Shuttle
- # Crosswinds Restaurant
- # Gift Shop
- # Car Rental
- # Charter Air Service
- # Air Cargo

November 2008 Chamber Calendar

Nov 4 7:30am	Small Business Task Force Meeting (COC)	Nov 17 11:30am	Ambassadors Meeting (TBD)
3:00pm	Quarterly Awards (GFAPB)	Nov 18 5:00pm	Farmers Appreciation Banquet (Alerus Center)
Nov 5	Leadership Class at Nodak Electric	Nov 19 12:00pm	Athena Meeting (Blue Moose)
Nov 6 8:00am	Planning Summit (UND Center for Innovation)	1:30pm	EGF Marketing Meeting (EGF Library)
Nov 11 7:30am	Agribusiness (AALTOS)	Nov 20 12:00pm	Finance Meeting (COC)
4:30pm	CATS Meeting (COC)	4:30pm	Business After Hours (Choice Financial)
Nov 12 7:30am	BGEA (COC)	Nov 21 8:00am	Executive Committee Meeting (COC)
12:00pm	Leadership (Adult) (TBD)	Nov 25 11:30am	Brown Bag (COC)
Nov 13 7:30am	MAC Exec (COC)	6:00pm	Ribbon Cutting (Spalon Tamaagi)
Nov 14 7:30am	Past Board Chairs Meeting (COC)	Nov 27 & 28	Thanksgiving – Chamber Office Closed



ner. She enjoys seeing patients of all ages, with a special interest in women's health, acne and dermatology care, pediatrics, geriatrics and chronic disease management. She and her husband farm in rural Grafton. Suda sees patients in the Park River Branch Monday through Thursday and in Grand Forks on Fridays.



Dr. Matthew Viscito, originally from New Jersey, graduated from St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center Family Medicine Residency program in Paterson, New Jersey where he was Chief Resident. He enjoys all aspects of Family Medicine and has special interests in newborn care/pediatrics and chronic disease management such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and geriatrics. He admits patients to

Altru Hospital. He and his wife, Heather, have one son, Matty. They are enjoying their new home state of North Dakota and have become big fans of Sioux Hockey.

Bialik Attends Seminar

Deb Bialik, LICSW, has completed a 24 hour training seminar by the Midwest Society for Contemporary Psychoanalysis, on *Understanding The Unconscious*. The program focused on the application of contemporary psychoanalytic theory in the



clinical practice of psychotherapy. Psychoanalytic psychotherapists seek an in depth understanding of their client's personal experience, to facilitate greater self awareness and personal self development. Deb Bialik is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, practicing psychotherapy at Center for Psychiatric Care. She works with children, adolescents and adults. Deb Bialik provides individual, couples, family, and group psychotherapy.

Meridian Promotes Theisen to Director



Meridian Environmental Technology, Inc. has promoted **Julie Theisen** to Director of Advanced Transportation Information Services. Mrs. Theisen is responsible for the coordination of the Meridian 511 team, providing customer support and assistance for 511 contract customers and the overall day-to-day operations and enhancement of the Meridian multi-state 511 system.

An awarded student leader in research at the University of North Dakota, and nationally recognized by the National Weather Service for her efforts in science, she graduated from UND with her bachelor's and master's degrees in Atmospheric Sciences.