

A New Opportunity at the GFAFB

The Air Force is holding public scoping meetings for the environmental impact statement for the beddown and flight operations of the unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) at the Grand Forks Air Force base. The beddown and flight operations for the UAS consists of the creation and modification of transit and training airspace and the renovation of facilities at the GFAFB. The purpose of this action is to provide effective and accessible training airspace for Air Force pilots.

The open house in Grand Forks will be on October 6th in the Rider Room at Red River High School (2211 17th Ave.) It will begin with an open house at 4 p.m. with a presentation at 4:30 p.m.

followed by questions and answers.

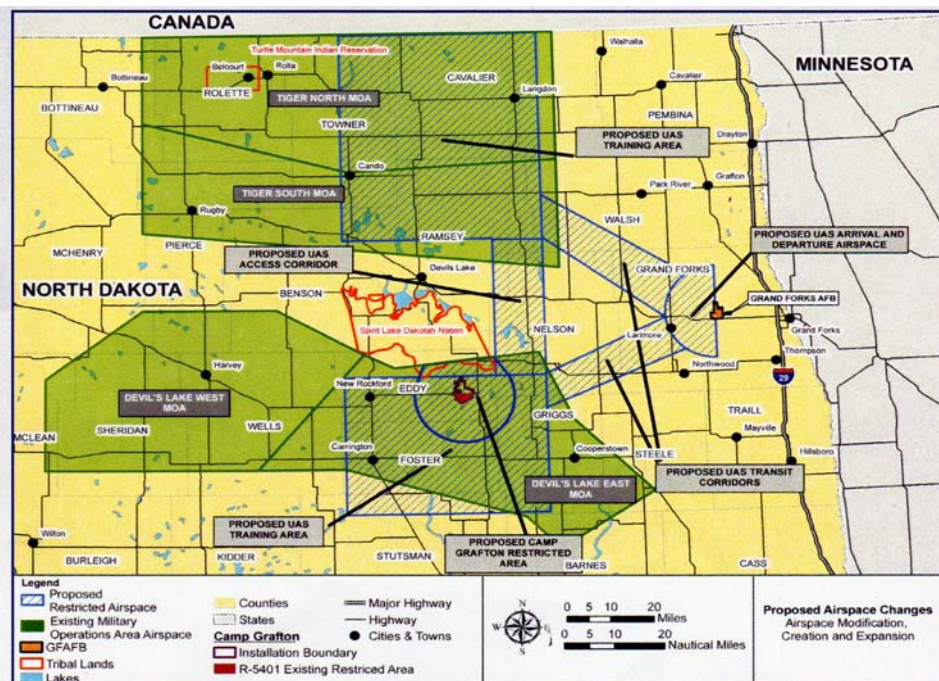
A good attendance at this meeting is important to GFAFB securing this important mission.

Written testimony will also be accepted through November 21st. To submit comments, go to www.grandforksusaeis.com. There is a tab for "Submit Comments." To send a comment via USPS, it should be sent to:

Mr. Doug Allbright
HQAMC/A7PI

507 Symington Dr.
Scott AFB, Illinois, 62225

Below is a map of the proposed airspace changes for NE North Dakota.



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Chamber Update

GFAFB Opportunities Being Pursued



Opportunities are currently being pursued that can place the Grand Cities in the number 1 spot for UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) development, education and defense programs.

Your board of directors went on record in support of expanded UAS missions at GFAFB. This would include utilization of already restricted airspace over 2 areas easily accessible from GFAFB for training UAS pilots and equipment testing.

This will provide greater opportunities for cooperative and complementary activities between USAF, UND, Homeland Security and private businesses.

With your support, the changes and opportunities can lead to hundreds of more students at UND, military personnel that will replace those that will be leaving when the tanker squadrons depart and an unknown number of businesses and employees that will be attracted to the Grand Cities because of the UAS.

Members of the chamber military affairs committee and anyone interested in the future of the base should attend the public scoping meeting on October 6th. Just showing up will show Grand Forks is interested in this expanded new mission.

*-Jerry Youngberg
Board Chair*

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.

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| ABC Building Maintenance | Jaycees - Greater Grand Forks |
| AllAbout Moving, Inc. | Johnstown Bean Company |
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| German, Raymond J. | U.S. Bank |
| GF Blue Line Club | U.S. Corrugated, Inc. |
| GF Country Club | UNICEL |
| Great Plains Financial Group | University of Minnesota, Crookston |
| Holmberg, Ray | US Border Patrol - GF Sector |
| Holth, Rod | Wall's Medicine Center |
| Hope Evangelical Covenant Church | Widman's Candy |
| | Widseth Smith Nolting |

Chamber Update

Electronic Sign Discussion Continues

The City of Grand Forks sign subcommittee and the Chamber coordinated a meeting of current sign owners and the sign subcommittee to talk about the proposed ordinance to limit how electronic changeable signs can be used in Grand Forks.

Most of the issues have been worked out, but how long a message



must hold before a new message can be posted is still being discussed. The committee seems to object to flashing signs because someone could

potentially confuse the sign for an emergency vehicle. Sign owners want the flexibility to change messages frequently so they can communicate more information to potential customers driving by.

According to Chamber President, Barry Wilfahrt “the Chamber and sign owners want as much flexibility in the ordinance as possible”. He added “business people have made a substantial investment in their signs and should be able to use them to convey their messages to potential customers.”

Someone recently asked why the Chamber is involved in this issue. Working through the chamber the business community can come together as 900 members strong to ensure we have a positive business environment in Grand Forks and East Grand Forks so our business community can continue to grow and prosper.

Why is this important? As an example, some cities limit electronic changeable signs to 20 minute hold times for each message that is posted. This defeats the purpose of “changeable” signs. This is just one example of over regulation and an unfriendly business environment. The chamber will be an advocate for business now and in the future.

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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.”

Featured Ambassador

David Bialik, LICSW, BCD, Psychotherapist, Center for Psychiatric Care



David Bialik, LICSW, BCD, is a Psychotherapist specializing in individual, family, and couples therapy. David integrates a variety of theoretical orientations, and is particularly interested in helping clients with personal growth, as well as professional development, and relationship issues. David also has

extensive experience helping clients recover from depression, anxiety, trauma, childhood abuse, domestic violence, and grief and loss.

David is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and is a Board Certified Diplomat in Clinical Social Work, by the American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work. David earned his Masters in Social Work, at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, in 1995. David

also has a Masters in Business Administration, from the Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis. David is the immediate Past President of Mental Health America, in North Dakota, and is the President Elect for the National Association of Social Workers, North Dakota Chapter. David’s past experience also has included Director of Social Work at Prairie Psychiatric Center in Fargo. David has been living in Grand Forks, with his family, since 1999

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.



EERC
The Ambassadors took part in a ribbon cutting as EERC dedicated the new National Center for Hydrogen Technology Facility.



GF Public Safety Building
The Chamber held a ribbon cutting at the new Public Safety Building in the Grand Forks Industrial Park.



Lake Agassiz School
The Chamber participated in a ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion of the Exchange Club Park.

Welcome New Members

Waddell & Reed

Tanner Hewitt
4610 Amber Valley Pkwy, Suite F
Fargo, ND 58104
tannerhewitt@hotmail.com

All About You Promo's & Events

Julie Bass
1624 Hickam Dr.
Grand Forks, AFB, ND 58204
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Greenberg Realty

JD Kennelly

132 Rolling Hills Circle
Grand Forks, ND 58201
www.greenbergrealty.com

Downtown Charrette Planned to Discuss the Downtown Plan

The next public event for the Downtown Plan Update is a charrette planned for October 15th on the 2nd floor of Corporate Center II (corner of DeMers and N. 4th St. downtown.)

Downtown Charrette

The charrette will be conducted over the course of a full day as a hands-on workshop where participants (Steering Committee members, interested citizens and consultants) will reaffirm project goals, priority projects and begin to develop design concepts for downtown projects and the mission and structure for a new downtown organization. The preliminary agenda will consist of the following activities:

1. Introductions and what is a charrette and why are we conducting one for The River Forks Plan Update?

2. Review of background information: Planning Principles, Market Findings and Preliminary Priority Projects
- 3a. Small group sketching sessions (multiple tables with 5-6 participants and a designer/planner)
- 3b. Topical meetings (one-way street conversions, etc. to be determined)
- 3c. Downtown Organization mission and structure outline.
4. Lunch
5. Design drawing and Downtown Organization outline refinements.
6. Pin-up open house - public
7. Presentation and Q & A - public

All interested parties are invited to attend. Call The Chamber if you plan to attend, 772-7271.

Thanks For a Great Military Appreciation Event!

On behalf of the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce Military Appreciation Committee (MAC), we want to extend our gratitude to the many sponsors and contributors who supported the 12th Annual Maury Rothkopf Military Appreciation Day event held August 28th.

The event wouldn't be possible without the collective efforts of our sponsors including: the Alerus Center, University of North Dakota and Athletics Department, City of Grand Forks, Canad Inns, and our Golden Eagle/Commander's Club members.

Hosting over 1,000 special guests requires numerous volunteers



and we extend our gratitude to the following for their service to the community:

GF Central Cheerleaders, GF Junior ROTC volunteers, ND Army National Guard Rappelling Team, GFAFB Honor Guard and

National Anthem Singers, UND Pride of the North Marching Band, and our Military Appreciation Committee members.

Most importantly, we want to thank our military citizens and family members for allowing us to host this special day of recognition. One of the most important gifts you give to each of us every day is our freedom and liberty. For that and so much more, our military members are very important citizens of our great community and we are honored for all you give for us.

Emily Custer sang her special tribute song "Thank You" at this event. The words for this song come from Emily's heart and captures exactly how our community feels about our military citizens. We can never say thank you enough to our military members for their service and sacrifice to our community/nation. Showing our appreciation on a daily basis is a great community gesture.

It was our privilege to hold this event honoring our military citizens and we look forward to hosting the 13th annual event in 2009.

Danny G. Holwerda, Sr.
Grand Forks-East Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce
Military Appreciation Committee Chairperson



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ND Social Workers and Counselors (40)

UND Division of Continuing Education = 2 graduate credits

A Month in Pictures



Top Right: Harriet Rothkopf visits at the Military Appreciation Event at the Alerus Center.

Top Left: Linn Hodgson and Eric Giltner pose as chefs to help present a brown bag on how to do Effective Trade Shows.

Left: Danny Holwerda presents a check from the Golden Eagles to GFAFB's CMSgt Saiers and Base Commandar, Col. Michel.

Bottom Left: Jim and Joanne Dalglish and Steve Swanson had the pleasure of handing out nearly 1,000 UND football tickets to military families at Military Appreciation Day.

Bottom Right: Danny Holwerda presents a check from the Golden Eagles to Capt. Flemmer with the UND ROTC and ND Army National Guard.



A Month in Pictures



Top: Jeff Westrem volunteered to served food to just over 1,000 people at Military Appreciation Day.



Top Right: The US Bank crew had a great time at UND's Business After Hours.

Right: Sarah Bernhardt presented a Brown Bag Seminar on Handling Difficult Conversations.

Bottom Right: Sheila Gerszewski returned as a presenter of the Leadership class once again this year.

Bottom Left: Rick Tonder talked about the amazing construction facts of the University Place Apartments at UND's BAH.



Business Briefs

Marco Hires Boutwell

Marco has recently hired **Jason Boutwell** as an account manager for its expanding Fargo and Grand Forks offices. Boutwell has been with Ottawa, Canada-based Mitel Networks for the past seven years as a regional sales manager. He was a consistent member of the President's Club and led Mitel U.S. in total revenue achievement four times, including three of the past four years.



A North Dakota State University alumnus, Boutwell will focus on providing Marco's clients in Eastern North Dakota and Northwest Minnesota with Mitel voice communication solutions to enhance their business performance.

Bremer Promotes Vatnsdal, Hires Baumann, Borchardt

Bremer Bank, a regional financial services company jointly-owned by its employees and the Otto Bremer Foundation, announces the promotion of **Mike Vatnsdal** to credit analyst in the Grand Forks main branch location at 3100 Columbia Road South.



Vatnsdal joined Bremer in December 2007 serving as the lead client service associate. Prior to that, he worked as a teller coordinator in the banking industry in Duluth, Minn. He has a bachelor's degree in

finance and entrepreneurship from the University of Minnesota and is currently working on a master's degree in public administration from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

Angie Baumann has been hired as a Business Banker in Grand Forks. Baumann is located at the Grand Forks Main branch on 3100 South Columbia Road.



Prior to joining Bremer, Baumann was a senior credit underwriter for more than 10 years. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of North Dakota Grand Forks. Baumann is

active in the community, currently serving on the adult fitness committee at the YMCA. She has also served in the past on the finance committee at Calvary Lutheran Church and as the co-chair and participant for the Relay for Life project benefiting the American Cancer Society.

Todd Borchardt has been hired as a Credit Analyst in the Grand Forks branch.



Borchardt holds a bachelor's degree in financial management from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

"We look forward to having Todd join our credit team at Bremer," said Tammy Peterson, vice president and senior business relationship manager at Bremer Bank. "He has great experience working in sales and service positions in the banking industry and he will be a great asset to our organization."

Huber Hired as Marketing Coordinator at REA

Ralph Engelstad Arena and Fighting Sioux Sports Properties marketing director Traie Dockter announced today that **Max Huber** has been hired as marketing coordinator.



Working in close collaboration with coaches, Huber is responsible for the creation and execution of eighteen sports-specific marketing plans for Fighting Sioux athletics. He will also

work to create ticket and promotion plans for revenue-generating sports, manage group sales efforts and work closely with UND marketing to ensure first-class event management.

"While he's most known for his work as on-ice talent for men's hockey games, Max's knowledge of and passion for all UND Athletic programs is extraordinary," says Traie Dockter, marketing director for REA and Fighting Sioux Sports Properties. "His experience will help cross promote athletic programs and sell tickets as we enter a new era in Division I."

Prior to his new position, Huber served as a graduate assistant at UND's Finance/

Sports Business department, was an executive member and sponsorship intern for Sioux Crew, and served as PA announcer for a variety of UND athletic programs.

Huber earned his BBA in marketing, BBA in management and masters in Business Administration from the University of North Dakota.

He is originally from Pierre, South Dakota and currently lives in Grand Forks.

AAA North Dakota Hires Kroke



Scott Kroke has joined AAA North Dakota as a sales and service agent in the club's branch office at 2650 32nd Ave. S, Grand Forks. A native of East Grand Forks, Kroke has more than 14 years of management and

customer service experience and is licensed to sell property, casualty, life and health insurance.

Roby Joins Praxis Strategy Group as COO

Dave Roby has joined Praxis Strategy Group as its Chief Operating Officer. In the position, he will be responsible for the firm's business development, operations and strategy execution.



A consultant for the past 16 years, Roby has focused on business planning, workforce development, marketing planning, capital resource planning and raising, and equity infusion. He served as

president of an office products store chain with 21 regional locations, and was president of a high-end store fixture manufacturing company.

Roby earned a Bachelor's Degree in University Studies, with an emphasis on business, management and finance, from North Dakota State University in 1977.

A native of Watertown, S.D., he has two children, and currently resides in Fargo.

JLG Welcomes Thomas Wesley

JLG Architects is pleased to announce the recent addition of **Thomas L. Wesley**, AIA, LEED AP to their Grand Forks office. Thomas is currently working on implementing Revit Architecture building design software into JLG to keep the firm on the cutting edge of graphics and building information modeling (BIM).

A Registered Architect, Thomas is committed to incorporating sustainable techniques into all of his projects. To that end, he has become a LEED- (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Accredited Professional.



Thomas received his Bachelor of Architecture with a Minor in Construction Management from North Dakota State University. Prior to JLG, Thomas worked for Omniplan, Inc. and DWL Architects +

Planners, both in Phoenix, AZ, as well as ICON Architectural Group in Grand Forks. His previous experience includes work on medical centers, regional shopping centers, airports, and sports arenas.

Jill Jore Wins Award

Jill Jore has won the highest award for achievement for her participation in the Dale Carnegie Immersion Seminar she completed in Grand Forks, ND. The



recipient for the award is voted on by class members upon completion of the course series. The criteria for this award is to exemplify the principles of Dale Carnegie training throughout the course,

demonstrate significant personal and professional development, careful preparation and are a leader in the class. Jill is the Human Resources Manager with Vaaler Insurance, Inc. located in Grand Forks, ND where she currently resides with her husband Ken, and their children Matt and Callie.

Jonathan Holthe Awarded CFP Title

The Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. has awarded **Jonathan D. Holthe** the title of CERTIFIED FINAN-

CIAL PLANNER™.

The mission of Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. is to benefit the public by granting the CFP® certification and upholding it as the recognized standard of excellence for personal financial planning. The certificate is awarded to individuals who successfully complete CFP Board's initial and ongoing certification requirements.



Hothe is responsible for assisting clients in the areas of estate and trust planning, retirement planning, financial planning, and investment management. "He has a deep reservoir of knowledge in policy, regulatory and financial

affairs. With his extensive leadership skills and accomplishments, Holthe will be instrumental in insuring continual high standards on behalf of the public," said Lee. As a Trust Officer with Frandsen Bank & Trust, Holthe offers his services through its sister bank Community Bank of the Red River Valley.

Holthe will office at the Community Bank of the Red River Valley's main bank in East Grand Forks.

Hospice of the RRV Moves to New Location

Hospice of the Red River Valley has moved to a new location. They are now located at 3001 A 32nd Ave. S. Sute 1A. They are also pleased to announce the opening of an office in Crookston, MN.

Timothy Smith Becomes ATS

RESNA, the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assisive Technology Society of North America, is pleased to inform you that Timothy Smith of S&S Rehab Products Plus has fulfilled all eligibility requirements and passed the credentialing exam necessary to become a certified Assisive Technology Supplier (ATS). These requirements include a combination of relevant education and experience, as well as adherence to a Code of Ethics and rules as outlined in the RESNA Standards of Practice.

AE2S Promotes Gustafson

AE2S has promoted **Glenn Gustafson** to Wastewater Group Manager. Originally from Stanley, ND, Glenn earned his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from the University of North Dakota, graduate degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota, and a Masters of Business Administration from Augsburg College.



Mr. Gustafson's 14 years of experience and expertise span all aspects of wastewater collection and treatment, including the implementation of innovative technologies, regulatory compliance, green

biosolids solutions, and funding development.

As Wastewater Group Manager, Mr. Gustafson leads technical development, training, business development, and project implementation for wastewater technologies and projects across the company.

Good Samaritan Heritage Grove Announces Events

October 2, 2:00pm, Founder's Day Celebration at the Good Samaritan Heritage Grove in EGF. Join us for a service celebrating our heritage and the dedication of our new stain glass window in the chapel. Everyone welcome.

October 5, 1pm - 4pm. annual Sweet Sunday Fundraiser for Good Samaritan Heritage Grove, 2122 River Road NW in EGF. Music by King's Quartet at 1:15pm, Sweet Auction with Terry Dullum and Stephanie Goetz at 2:30pm and silent auction, ice cream sundaes throughout the afternoon. Free will donation.

We'd love to print your good news!

To submit your company's news, send your press release along with photo to lisas@gochamber.org. Information included if appropriate and on a space available basis. Releases may be edited for size.

A Chamber & SCORE Brown Bag Seminar

Everything Email

Email is a huge part of every office. It is also the one area almost no one has had any training on.
Learn about:

- *The 10 do's and don'ts for effective email
- *Creative email marketing tips
- *5 steps to managing your inbox more efficiently

The average office worker now spends more than an hour a day managing email. In a year this adds up to 32.5 eight hour work days a year. Small changes in how you manage email will save time and reduce stress.



This brown bag is presented by:
Barry Wilfahrt
President/CEO
The Chamber

October 22, 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 October 21st.
Seating is limited, sign up soon.

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

25,500+ 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 August 28th to Sept. 30th were:

Abstractor/Architects/Engineers	1563
Restaurants	1250
Realtors	893
Hotels & Motels	886
Automotive Supplies & Sales	816
Agriculture/agribusiness	718
Financial Institutions	631
Contractors & Construction	607
Non Profit Organizations	594
Insurance Agencies	557
Attorneys	547
Advertising Services	507

More Ways Your Chamber Is Working For You:

Member Referrals Made By
The Chamber In 2008:

641

Total for September: 80

Certificates of Origin Signed
By The Chamber In 2008:

11

Total for September: 0

New Resident Packets
Distributed By The Chamber
In 2008:

225

Total for September: 20



Thursday, October 16, 2008

4:45pm - 7:00pm

Hosted by Gate City Bank
3205 S. Washington St. Grand Forks

Free Admission

Hosted by:



Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres & Beverages
Catered by Eagles Crest ~ Great Door Prizes
including a GPS ~ Progressive cash drawing is at
\$1000! ~ NO RSVP Needed

Gate City Bank invites all Chamber Members and employees to their exciting Business After Hours. Stop in...enjoy the fun and take a look around. Take advantage of great networking opportunities while you are there. You might even win \$1000 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 Chamber to Host Candidate Forums

Find out how candidates for the House of Representatives and ND Senate feel about the issues facing us today. The invited candidates will participate in a Forum sponsored by The Chamber's Government Affairs Committee on October 21st at GF City Hall in Council Chambers. The schedule will be:

6:35pm House of Representatives Candidates

Mark Owens - District 18
Eliot Glassheim - District 18
Lonny Winrich - District 18
Stacy Dahl - District 42
Don Dietrich - District 42
Corey Mock - District 42
Bruce Sanford - District 42

8:00pm North Dakota Senate Candidates

Andrew Lutz - District 18
Connie Triplett - District 18
Nate Martindale - District 42
Mac Schneider - District 42

On October 23rd, candidates for County Commission and proponents and opponents of Measure 1 will take part in forums also to be held in City Hall Council Chambers. The schedule for October 23rd is:

6:35pm County Commissioner Candidates

Arvin Kvasager
Cindy Pic
John Schmisek
Jerry Vein

7:15pm Measure 1

Proponents
Opponents

The forums are open to the public. Attendees will have the opportunity to submit written questions. Chamber Government Affairs Committee Chairman, Greg Hanson, will moderate the forums.

On October 21st, also plan to attend a "Meet the Candidates Forum" hosted by The Chamber GF/EGF along with the Crookston Chamber's Legislative Committee. The Forum will be held in UMC's Kiehle Auditorium, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The School Board candidates will lead off at 7:05 p.m., followed by the City Council candidates at 7:40 p.m, then the County Commissioners at 8:05 p.m., and ending with the Legislative candidates at 8:40 p.m. The Forum will be followed by an informal time for visiting over coffee and cookies in the lower level of Kiehle.

Close ~ Quick ~ Easy



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

October 2008 Chamber Calendar

Oct 1st

8:00am BGEA Workforce Taskforce Mtg (COC)
1:30pm EGF Marketing Committee Meeting (EGF Library)

Oct 2nd

7:30am MAC Exec Meeting (COC)
8am Herald Adv Board Meeting (GF Herald)

Oct 7th

7:30am Small Business Taskforce Meeting (COC)

Oct 8th

7:30am BGEA Meeting (COC)

Oct 10th

7:30am Past Board Chairs Meeting (COC)

Oct 14th

7:30am Agribusiness Meeting (AALTOS)
12:00pm Leadership Meeting (TBD)

Oct 15th

9:30am ND COC Territory Meeting (COC)
12:00pm Athena Meeting (Blue Moose)

Oct 16th

12:00pm Finance Committee Meeting (COC)
4:30pm Business After Hours (Gate City Bank)

Oct 17th

8:00am Executive Committee Meeting (COC)

Oct 20th

12:00pm Ambassadors Meeting (Eagles Crest)

Oct 21st

6:30pm Candidate Forums (City Hall & Crookston)

Oct 22nd

11:30am Brown Bag Seminar (COC) (Email marketing techniques)

Oct 23rd

8:00am MAC Meeting (COC)
6:30pm Candidate Forums (City Hall)

Oct 24th

8:00am BOD Meeting (COC)

Oct 28th

4:30pm CATS Incredible Committee Mtg (COC)

Highway 220 Plan Approved

The East Grand Forks Planning Commission and City Council both approved the long range plan for highway 220 with business recommendations included. The two main changes were that the frontage road will stay 40' wide instead of being narrowed to 26' and parking will continue to be allowed on the frontage road.

Also the very costly bike paths and decorative improvements will go on the public right of way instead of on private property, saving business owners thousands of dollars in special assessments.

Once again this shows we can make a positive difference for business when we work together through the chamber.

Take A Stand Week

Voices of Men

Join national violence prevention activist Ben Atherton-Zeman for this informative and entertaining multimedia play that deals with important issues such as sexual assault and date rape, dating violence and domestic violence, sexual harassment and objectification. The play uses humor, celebrity male voice

impressions, and video clips to bring these topics to light in a way that minimizes defensiveness and promotes learning and understanding. **Monday, October 13 | 7-9 p.m. | Empire Arts Center**

Teens, Sex, & Safety — A free session for parents

Join leading dating relationship expert Mike Domitrz for an entertaining hour designed specifically for parents. Learn about: Keys to connecting with your teen about healthy dating and sexual assault. Fun ways to get your teen to open up and share with you. Secrets to help your teen make the right choices when you're not around. **Thursday, October 16 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Red River High School**

Both events are FREE and part of Take a Stand! week, cosponsored by the Community Violence Intervention Center and Alerus Financial. "We saw the need in our community to work together with CVIC to offer proactive leadership in ending violence against women," said Randy Newman, President and CEO of Alerus Financial. "This week, dedicated to health relationships, will inspire others to join with us and take a stand." For more information on Take a Stand! week, call CVIC at 746-0405 or Missy Keney, Alerus Financial at 795-2688.