

## Calendar of Events

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December 17, 2025

**December Brown Bag: Work Culture: It's Not Just Policies and Posters**  
**Chamber of Commerce GF/EGF - Board Room**  
**202 North 3rd Street**  
**Grand Forks, ND 58203**  
11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

*December Brown Bag*  
*Work Culture: It's Not Just Policies and Posters*

*Wednesday, December 17, 2025*  
*11:30 am – 1:00 pm*  
*\$20/Member & \$30/Non Member*  
*(Includes Lunch)*

*Work Culture: It's Not Just Policies and Posters*

*Culture isn't something you set and forget it takes work, intention, and heart. In this session, I'll share how we've built a workplace where connection and celebration matter just as much as performance. We've hit highs, faced lows, and learned that culture doesn't build itself; it's created through the choices, traditions, and energy we bring every single day.*

*Featured speaker:*  
*Alyssa Kaste, Owner, Express Employment Professionals*

*Alyssa Kaste is the owner of Express Employment Professionals in Grand Forks, alongside her husband, Darin. Under their leadership, the team has been recognized as the #1 Express office in the nation in 2023 and #2 in 2024. Alyssa is passionate about people, culture, and community—believing that great workplaces don't just happen. They're built, protected, and kept alive through connection, laughter, and celebrating the wins, big and small.*

January 12, 2026

**Muffins with EGF Mayor Olstad**  
**Good Samaritan - Maples Building**  
**2122 River Road NW**  
**East Grand Forks, MN 56721**  
02:00 PM - 02:30 PM CST  
Jamie Thompson, 218-773-4837  
jamie.thompson@sanfordhealth.org

*Join us at Good Samaritan East Grand Forks for muffins and conversation with East Grand Forks mayor, Mark Olstad.*

January 12, 2026  
- March 6, 2026

**YMCA Health Trip 2026**

**Altru Family YMCA**

**215 N 7th St**

**Grand Forks, ND 58203**

05:30 AM - 09:00 PM CST

Adam Sorum , 701-775-2586

asorum@gfymca.org

*Celebrate the 140 year anniversary of the Grand Forks YMCA by joining Health Trip 2026! This 60-Day incentive wellness program will guide you through the many YMCA milestones from 1886 to the present, while you become healthier, happier and more active.*

*Join as an individual or as a team: the healthy choices you make push you further on your map, leading to a better you. \$20 per individual includes your map, log book, t-shirt, chances at many door prizes and "Free Fridays" at the YMCA. Registration opens January 1*

*This is the perfect time to get your business or organization involved with some friendly competition. Teams and individuals can compete for bragging rights and make the event even more fun!*

January 13, 2026

**Business Builders Workshop: Building Bridges: Why Networking Fuels Small Business Success**

**Grand Forks Online**

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM CST

Steve Moser, 7017393214

steve.moser@scorevolunteer.org

*In a community as interconnected as North Dakota, the strength of a small business often reflects the strength of its local network. This webinar will highlight practical strategies for building a robust local business network and show you how to leverage these connections for mentorship, referrals, and collaborative growth.*

*Presented by: Wendy Klug, SBA Deputy District Director and Katie Pendley, Endure Thermal Spa*

February 10, 2026

**Business Builders Workshop: Get Found Online: Business Visibility in 2026**

**Grand Forks Online**

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM CST

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*A guide for small businesses to establish a professional online presence, covering website creation, common mistakes to avoid, essential post-website marketing strategies, and adjustments for the impact of AI on search.*

*Presented by: Christine Telyan, Founder of UENI.com*

April 18, 2026

**LSND First Annual Gala**  
**Moorhead Armory Events**  
**904 Center Ave**  
**Moorhead, MN 56560**  
05:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST  
Allison Anderson, 2182800895  
aanderson@lsnd.org  
*Legal Services of ND first Annual Gala*

*Pursuit of Justice*

*Sponsorship's available*

May 2, 2026  
- May 3, 2026

**Red River Valley Motorcyclists Spirit of America Bike & Car Show**  
**Alerus Event Center**  
**1200 S 42nd St**  
**Grand Forks, ND 58201**  
09:00 AM - 07:00 PM CST  
Renaye Ronan-Kjenstad, 2187791986  
renayekjenstad3309@gmail.com  
*The 33rd Annual Spirit of America Bike & Car Show sponsored by the Red River Valley Motorcyclists will be hosted on May 2nd & 3rd, 2026 at the Alerus Event Center in Grand Forks, ND.*

*This has become more than just a gathering of bike & car enthusiasts - it stands as a heartfelt tribute to those who have served our nation. Each year, our event attracts families, veterans, car collectors, motorcycle enthusiasts, and local businesses, all united by the shared purpose; celebrating the spirit of community while supporting The Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN. The RRVM awarded the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN at check in the amount of \$50,000 from the support of raffle ticket sales, vendors, sponsors and attendees from our 2025 show. Lets increase that supporting amount for 2026!*

*You can support The Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN by purchasing a \$50 raffle ticket with over \$100,000 worth of prizes to be given away on Sunday May 3rd, 2026 at 3:30 pm.*

*\$100,000 of Prizes to be given away May 3rd, 2026*

*1st Prize Harley Davidson Roadglide.*  
*2nd Prize Polaris Ranger Crew Cab Trail Boss (w/trailer).*  
*3rd Prize Yamaha Gas Golf Cart,*  
*Aero 14' Enclosed Trailer,*  
*Bergara B14 HMR 6.5 Creedmor Rifle,*  
*UND Hockey Engraved Henry Big Boy 45 Colt Rifle,*  
*Green Mountain Pellet Gril,*  
*Milwaukee Iron 7 Tool Bundle*  
*AND much more.*