

Census Will Confirm Growth

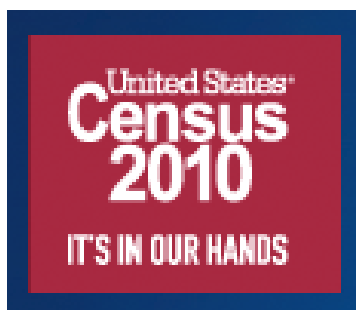
According to numbers supplied by the MPO, we can expect the official census will show significant growth for our two cities. Here are the population estimates from the past several years. It is good to see a 12.3% increase over the past 9 years for Grand Forks and a 14.2% increase for East Grand Forks.

	<u>GF</u>	<u>EGF</u>
2001	49,561	7,626
2002	50,065	7,730
2003	51,178	7,926
2004	52,168	8,050
2005	53,230	8,355
2006	54,083	8,477
2007	54,576	8,611
2008	55,138	8,687
2009	55,691	8,712

Census Forms Out This Month

The 2010 Census forms will soon be in your mailbox and it's important you take the time to fill it out and send it back. The form has only 10 questions and should only take about 10 minutes to complete.

The information gathered from the census will impact funding for roads, schools, hospitals and much more. Census data is used to determine how to distribute more than \$400 billion each year to states and communities like Grand Forks and East Grand Forks.



Questionnaire Assistance Centers will be located at the Grand Forks Public Library, the Chester Fritz Library at UND, the Greater Grand Forks Senior Citizen Center and the Grand Forks County Office building.

The 2010 Census – It's safe, it's easy and it's important.

For more information, contact the Grand Forks Public Information Center at 746-4636 or visit the 2010 web page at www.2010census.gov

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"The Chamber of Commerce creates an environment that encourages business success while enhancing the quality of life in our region."

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President's Message

Chamber Update

Mayor Cites Chamber/City Partnerships During State of the City
Grand Forks Mayor Michael Brown delivered a very positive message to a huge crowd of 350 people during his Chamber sponsored State of the City Address recently. He talked about our many community assets, resources and opportunities.

From a business community perspective, he mentioned 13 specific items where the Chamber and City are working together, providing evidence that the City and Chamber are partnering more than ever before to get things done. Some of the things we are working on are reducing retail leakage, future missions at the base, city regulatory issues like the downtown design review guidelines and developing a joint "community wide" agenda for the 2011 legislative session.

MN Business Day at the Capitol March 10th

You are invited to join an East Grand Forks Business Day delegation in St. Paul on March 10th. Chamber President, Barry Wilfahrt and East Grand Forks EDHA Director, Jim Richter will be attending Business Day at the Capitol on March 10th.

For more information or to join Barry and Jim on this visit to St. Paul, contact The Chamber at 772-7271 or info@gochamber.org.

Library Feasibility Discussed

Library Board Chairman, Susan Mickelson, from Simmons Flint, and Library Executive Director, Wendy Wendt spoke at The Chamber Board of Directors Meeting and Chamber BGEA Committee recently. They presented a very compelling case to replace the existing 1972 Grand Forks Public Library. The need seems apparent. The next phase is to assess the viability of 11 different locations, select an architect and then determine the best approach to funding a Library project. The Chamber will continue to monitor this project keeping in mind the important balance between local taxes the need for quality of life infrastructure.

Chamber Retail Committee Moves to Solution Phase

At their February meeting, the Retail Committee talked about retail leakage of Northern Valley customers to Fargo, online and beyond. They also reviewed CVB survey data from Canadian visitors showing what would make them more likely to visit again and stay longer in our communities. Selection and variety were near the top of the list.

There are a variety of ways to work with existing business people to fill in these real and perceived gaps in products and services. There are also data sets and tools available for existing and potential new businesses to consider in their decision to diversify, expand or even add a new location in our market. To this end, the retail committee voted to look at potential options to reduce this leakage. At the march 8th meeting a retail analytic firm will make a presentation outlining some of the potential options.

Why is this important? Shopping locally helps provide local jobs, helps local business thrive, helps encourage new businesses to open and puts sales tax revenue into local quality of life projects and essential community services.

The Retail Committee will meet at 2 p.m. at City hall in Grand Forks. All interested Chamber members are welcome to attend.

Barry Wilfahrt

GF PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCES CHOICE FINANCIAL NAMING SPONSOR FOR PROPOSED WELLNESS CENTER

During the March 2, 2010 Grand Forks Park Board meeting, Commissioners voted to accept a final contract with Choice Financial Group, defining their official partnership as Naming Sponsor of the proposed new health and wellness center. Currently, a group of citizens are working diligently to raise funds to support the capital costs of a new facility, which will be named *Choice Wellness Center*.

Choice Financial signed a \$2.75 million naming sponsor agreement, which is one of the largest donations in the history of Grand Forks, N.D. The sponsorship includes primary naming rights of the proposed Center, which will be located on South Washington Street between 40th and 47th Avenues. *Choice Wellness Center* will be owned and operated by the Grand Forks Park District.

Choice Financial **Chief Operating Officer**, Brian Johnson states, "Choice believes it is our role as a community bank to better the places in which we live. Choice Financial has been a committed leader to our rural communities and their needs for years. Today, Choice Financial wants the people of Grand Forks to know that it is committed to making this community better."

"The best way for our community to prosper is by investing in its future. We strongly believe there's immense value in our investment, which will enrich the lives of Grand Forks and area residents for generations to come," says Wayne Zink, Choice Financial Market President.

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Welcome New Members

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Associated Construction Engineering, Inc is a multi-disciplined, full service consulting engineering firm. They offer services in Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, and Fire Protection systems design.



A. Pink Enterprises

The Ambassadors recently welcomed new business and new chamber member, A Pink Enterprises with a ribbon cutting.

ATHENA Nominations Now Being Accepted

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 6th Annual Grand Forks Regional ATHENA Award that is presented annually by chambers of commerce, women's organizations and universities around the world. The award is established through local host organizations in partnership with ATHENA International's national underwriters, local businesses and individual sponsors. The Grand Forks Regional ATHENA Award is brought to the Grand Forks area by The Chamber-Grand Forks/ East Grand Forks and Rydell GM Auto Center.



ATHENA Award Recipients are individuals who:
~A man or woman who demonstrates excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession.
~Provides valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community.
~Actively assists women in realizing their full leadership potential.

Past ATHENA Award recipient are:

2009- Debbie Swanson
2008- Bonnie Peterson
2007- Lillian Elsinga
2006- Melanie Popejoy
2005- Kris Compton

The application is available online at www.gochamber.org.
Deadline for nominations is Friday, April 9, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.
delivered or mailed to The Chamber.

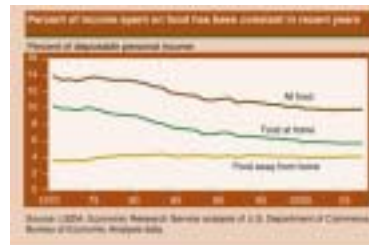
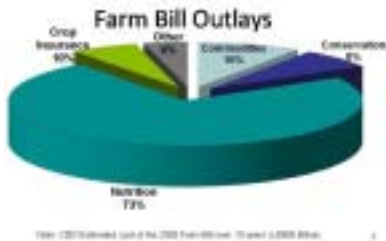
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Did You Know?

March 20th is National Ag Day and The Chamber's Agribusiness Committee wants you to know....

Nearly 75% of total USDA Farm Bill Budget goes directly to consumers in the form of assistance to purchase food (EBT) Electronic Benefit Transfers.



*The state's commercial banks are the #1 ag lender in the state with 2.6 billion in loans. * Agriculture accounts for approximately 22 percent of the loan portfolios of North Dakota banks. *North Dakota production agriculture is a \$4.7 billion industry. *Production agriculture is the largest sector of North Dakota's economy, making up 25 percent of the economic base.

Fun Facts

Americans today consume **17.3 billion quarts of popped popcorn** each year! The average American eats about **68 quarts!**

One bushel of corn will sweeten more than **400 cans of pop**. There are about 600 kernels on each ear of corn.

Each American consumers, on average, **53 pounds of bread per year**. Assuming a sandwich was eaten for breakfast, lunch and dinner, it would take 168 days to eat the amount of bread produced from one bushel of wheat. A family of four could live for 10 years off the bread produced by one acre of wheat. One bushel of wheat will produce **73 one-pound loaves of bread**.

One acre (**43,560 square feet**) of soybeans can produce **82,368 crayons**.

Soybean oil is the **most widely used edible oil in the United States**; you can find it in mayonnaise, salad dressing, process cheese products, dessert frostings and much more.

Americans eat about **125 pounds of potatoes a year**, about half from fresh potatoes and half in processed foods.



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.

Boardwalk Bar & Grill
 Center Court Fitness Club
 Century Electric, Inc.
 City of Grand Forks
 Comeau Electric, Inc.
 Curtis Fischer Tax Services
 Dakota Metal Fabrication Inc.
 Edgewood Vista - EGF
 EGF Education Association
 Fine Print of Grand Forks, Inc.
 Games to Go

Gate City Bank
 Gate City Bank (24th Ave. S)
 Gate City Bank (DeMers Ave)
 Grand Cities Mall
 GF County Soil Conservation District
 GF Public Library
 Liberty Tax Service
 Mittelsteadt, Rod Insurance Agency
 Network Center
 Networking Specialists, Inc.
 Pizza Hut

Plato's Closet
 Premier Signs, LLP
 RDO Equipment Company
 Red River State Recreation Area
 Rehabilitation Consulting & Services
 Rose Flower Shop
 Stenseth, Paul
 Success Unlimited
 Thompson David - Attorney at Law
 Village Family Service Center
 Wakefield Hearing Center

Mayor's State of the City Lunch



Northstar Telcom Business After Hours



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A Month in Pictures



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Mayor's State of the City Luncheon



February Brown Bag Seminar



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Mayor's State of the City Lunch

AE2S Hires Lotvedt and Fornshell

AE2S (Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.) has hired **Kristen Lotvedt** as a Design Engineer in its Grand Forks office. Originally from Hatton, ND, Kristen grew up in a family of civil contractors, providing her unique insight into the construction process. Kristen earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from North Dakota State University.



At AE2S, Kristen will provide civil engineering services, including site and infrastructure design. She will be initially working on the addition to the University of North Dakota Education Building and the Langdon, ND 15th Street Reconstruction project.

AE2S has hired **Aaron Fornshell** as an Engineering Intern in its Grand Forks, ND office. Aaron is a native of Minot, ND and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of North Dakota (UND). Aaron is currently completing his Masters Degree in Civil Engineering at UND, with an environmental emphasis. Prior to joining AE2S, Aaron worked for CPS, Ltd.



At AE2S, Aaron will initially be part of the design team working on the \$14.6 million Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project for the City of Valley City, ND.

Alerus Financial Staff Changes

Robin Carriere has accepted a new role with Alerus Financial as a Mortgage Shipper and Closer. Carriere will work at Alerus' Banksouth location on South Columbia Road.



Previously a Customer Service Supervisor, Carriere will now be responsible for many closing and post-closing processes regarding real estate mortgages. Additionally, she

provides customer support during mortgage closings and follows up with investors.

Carriere holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of North Dakota and currently resides in Grand Forks with her husband, Steve, and their two children.



Alerus Financial is pleased to welcome **Casey Hancock** as an IT Specialist at its Banksouth location, 2300 South Columbia Road.

Hancock is responsible for providing technology tools and support to all employees of Alerus Financial. Additionally, he resolves technology issues, identifies needs, and assists with administrative functions related to billing, inventory, and daily processes.

Hancock holds a computer science and networking degree from Northland Community & Technical College in East Grand Forks, MN. He currently lives in Grand Forks.



Alerus Financial is pleased to welcome **Chris Wolf** as a Relationship Manager at its downtown Corporate Center location.

Wolf is responsible for generating new business opportunities and managing significant customer portfolios. He is the primary contact for new or existing customers, presents formal product proposals, and maintains ongoing prospects for new business development. He also coordinates with the appropriate product specialists to address specific financial objectives for each customer.

Wilke and Samuelson Join EAPC



Samuel Wilke joins EAPC's Grand Forks office as a structural engineer. Sam has been a structural engineer (E.I.T.) for Structural Design Group in Rochester, MN since 2005. He graduated from

NDSU with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 2005 and is currently attending the University of Wisconsin-Platteville pursuing a M.S. in Engineering.



David Samuelson, AIA, has been hired as a senior project architect in the Grand Forks office. David has over 20 years of commercial and institutional real estate design, development and facility

improvement experience specializing in the management of the total planning and construction processes. Project types include restaurants, hotels, grocery stores, residential, commercial, schools, healthcare, military, and detention facilities. David has been self-employed since 1999.

Zach Bopp Joins EAPC

CPS, Ltd is pleased to welcome **Zach Bopp** as a Civil Engineer in our firm. Zach is



originally from Foreman, ND and is a recent graduate of the University of North Dakota where he earned his Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering.

During his employment with CPS he has worked as a utility design engineer, assisted with construction engineering services on a variety of projects, and land surveying. Mr. Bopp worked closely with senior staff in the utility and paving design of King's View First Addition located in south Grand Forks. He also complemented other CPS staff in providing construction engineering services on the New City of Grand Forks Municipal Solid Waste Landfill and two paving stimulus projects also in Grand Forks. Mr. Bopp's next assignment will be working on a large North Dakota Department of Transportation project on Highway 18 from Mayville through Portland, ND.

FS Engineering Announces New Leadership

Greg Boppre and Brad Bail of FS Engineering in East Grand Forks, are proud to announce that long-time employee **Steve Emery, PE** has been made a partner in the firm.



Emery has a civil engineering degree from NDSU and has 13 years of experience in the land surveying and civil engineering field. He has worked at the company since 1996, most recently serving as the lead designer and project manager

for projects in the surrounding area. Among his most recent projects are the new Warroad Well and Wellhouse, the Parkview 2nd Addition in Warren, and the new Water Treatment Plant in Greenbush.

“Brad and I have watched Steve grow into a confident engineer and experienced project manager and we are excited to offer him this opportunity to help lead our firm,” said company president Greg Boppre.

Altru Physician Receives Certification

Dr. Freaha Riaz, family medicine, recently achieved certification by the American Board of Family Medicine. She joined Altru Clinic-Family Medicine Center in July of 2009. Dr. Riaz received her medical degree from the University of Health Sciences in Pakistan. She served as chief resident at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, an affiliate of Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia. Dr. Riaz is also a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) seeks to provide assurance to the public that certified family physicians possess the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to provide quality care to the individual, family and community, through commitment to professional standing, continued competency in the specialty of Family Medicine, and lifelong learning. Physicians must periodically complete requirements to maintain their certification.

Jordahl Receives Award

Dale Carnegie Training recently recognized **Kim Jordahl's** outstanding professional performance for 2009 by awarding her with the top Trainer of the Year Award. The award was presented to Kim by Dale Carnegie Training's North Dakota/Western Minnesota franchise owners. Kim is a trainer at Eide Bailly Training, the Dale Carnegie Training office for North Dakota and western Minnesota areas.



Kim Jordahl has been with Eide Bailly Training since 2006 and has partnered with businesses located in western MN to facilitate change, increase productivity, promote professional growth and improve quality within their teams and external clients. Kim's background includes a degree in secondary education as well as certification with Dale Carnegie as an instructor. Among her 17 years of sales experience, 14 of those are specific to sales management and training.

Ruthig Joins Trojan Promotions

Trojan Promotions has hired **Mike Ruthig** as an Account Executive. He will manage relations with current and potential customers and market the Grand Forks firm throughout the region.



Ruthig earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from UND in 2009. He previously worked in the steel industry at Brunswick Steel; most recently in the staffing and recruiting field with Express Personnel.

Mike is currently a Chamber Ambassador and a member of a Grand Forks Chapter of BNI.

Mike is originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba. His wife, Joelle is an Associate Professor of Psychology at UND. They have a daughter, Madelyn.

Haagenson Promoted at JLG

Jason Haagenson, CPA was recently promoted to the position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at JLG Architects. Jason will be responsible for overseeing all of the accounting, administrative and financial practices of the company. As an executive team member at JLG, he will provide leadership and coordination in developing and direction the company's financial strategy.

Jason joined JLG in 2008 in the role of

Controller, and brought over a decade of experience in accounting and financial management to the position. He graduated Cum Laude from Jamestown College with a dual major in Accounting and Management Information Science, and a minor in Business Administration.

Zink Promoted at Choice Financial

Wayne Zink was recently promoted to president of Choice Financial in the



Grand Forks market. Zink will be responsible for overseeing the deposit and loan business development efforts, community awareness, and customer service activities of the bank.

He will oversee both Choice Financial locations at 1697 South 42nd Street and 4501 South Washington Street in Grand Forks.

Zink joined the company in 2008 as senior vice president business banking. He has several years of banking experience and previously worked at a local financial institution as vice president / business banker. He attended North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.D. where he received his business administration degree.

Zink, along with his wife and children, resides in Grand Forks.

Forte Joins Fine Print of Grand Forks

Joe Forte has joined Fine Print of Grand Forks, Inc. as a sales representative. He will be focusing his sales expertise on commercial printing services, as well as screen printing, embroidery, and promotional products. Forte, a New York native, has over 25 years in sales, marketing, and management.

Prior to joining Fine Print, Forte worked in the office supply industry - selling printing and marketing/specialty items. While living on Long Island, he worked as an account manager for Coca-Cola Enterprises and later supervised the company's largest distribution fleet. Forte has been a Grand Forks resident for 4 years and he and his wife Tina are expecting their first child in April.

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A Chamber & SCORE Brown Bag Seminar

Marketing With Social Media



Do you **Tweet**? Are you a **Facebook** fiend? A **YouTube** fan?

Social media is no longer a short-lived fad; it's a bona fide communication channel. It can be an important part of your company's marketing

mix, but thoughtful strategy comes first. Conversation will center on these topics, with plenty of time for audience Q & A:

- *How do area businesses use social media as a marketing tool? Or don't they?
- *Why social media matters for business
- *What to do before getting started in social media
- *How to listen to what people are saying about your brand
- *How other businesses have found real success

Wednesday, March 31, 2010
11:30am – 1:00pm
The Chamber
Lunch is provided
\$20/ members
\$30/ non-members

This brown bag is presented by:

Libby Issendorf

Social Media Strategist - The Flint Group

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

Reservation deadline is March 30th.

Seating is limited, sign up soon.

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

Nalubega and Nawaz Join Altru Health System



Rita Nalubega, MD, joins Altru Clinic-Lake Region as a family medicine physician. Dr. Nalubega completed a family practice residency with The Medical Center of Beaver, Pennsylvania, an affiliate of Penn State University of Medicine. Dr. Nalubega is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Medical Association and Pennsylvania Medical

Society.

Hamid Nawaz, MD, joins Altru Health System as an interventional cardiologist. After completing his medical degree with Khyber Medical College in Peshawar, Pakistan, Dr. Nawaz did his internship and residency in internal medicine with Lincoln Hospital in New York, NY. He has completed fellowships in cardiology as well as interventional cardiology and nuclear cardiology. Over the last 15 years, he owned a private practice of intervention and nuclear cardiology in Fort Lauderdale,

Florida, and was the director of a catheterization laboratory at Marion General Hospital in Marion, Indiana. Dr. Nawaz is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology.

Women's Fund Welcomes New Advisory Committee Members



Dawn Botsford is an events coordinator in the Office of Ceremonies and Special Events at the University of North Dakota located in the Office of the Vice President for Student and Outreach Services. Prior to her position in events, she worked as a conference coordinator for the Division of Continuing Education for 22 years. She grew up on a farm near Northwood, North Dakota and

received her bachelors and masters degrees from UND. Dawn and her husband, John, are parents to Tom, a senior at Cornell University.



Jolene Brosseau grew up in Grand Forks and has lived here most of her life. She attended Central High School and later the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, FL. Jolene graduated from the School of Associated Arts in St. Paul, MN, with a 4-year degree in interior design. She has worked as a designer for her entire professional career, including with O'Keefe and

Bohlman Furniture, Glen Cunningham, Expressions, and CC Plus Designs - all in Grand Forks. She is currently working with Sterling Carpet One in Grand Forks and has also worked as a designer in Albuquerque, NM and St. Paul, MN. Jolene is married to Jim Brosseau, a physician with Altru. They have 3 children, two of them living in Los Angeles and one in Grand Forks.

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Hosted by Northland Community & Technical College Foundation and The Blue Moose (Park in West or South Lots of NCTC)

Hosted by:



Thursday, March 11, 2010

4:45pm - 7:00pm

Free Admission



Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres and beverages from the Blue Moose
~ Lots of Great Door Prizes ~ Progressive cash drawing is at \$900!

Northland Community & Technical College & The Blue Moose invite 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 \$900 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.

46,300+ 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 February 2nd to March 2 were:

Abstractor/Architects/Engineers	2246
Restaurants	2198
Non Profit Organizations	1941
Agriculture/Agribusiness	1556
Realtors	1496
Hotels & Motels	1453
Contractors & Construction	1213
Insurance Agencies	1102
Financial Institutions	1069
Automotive Supplies & Service	884

Member Referrals Made By The Chamber In 2010:

149

Total for February: 67

Certificates of Origin Signed By The Chamber In 2010:

1

Total for February: 1

New Resident Packets Distributed By The Chamber In 2010:

65

Total for February: 25

Chamber Calendar March 2010

March 2

7:30 a.m. Small Business Committee Meeting (Aaltos)

March 4

7:30 a.m. MAC Executive Meeting (COC)

March 9

7:30 a.m. Agribusiness Meeting (Aaltos)
12:00 p.m. Adult Leadership (Location TBD)

March 10

7:30 a.m. BGEA (COC)

March 11

8:00 a.m. MAC (COC)
4:30 p.m. BAH (Northland Community & Technical College)

March 15

12:30 p.m. Ambassadors (Blue Moose)

March 16

5:30 p.m. CATS Meeting (COC)

March 17

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting (COC)
12:00 p.m. Athena Meeting (Blue Moose)

March 18

7:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting (COC)
6:00 p.m. CATS Lottery Drawing (Eagles Club EGF)

March 25

7:30 a.m. BOD Meeting (COC)

March 31

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Seminar – Social Media (COC)

Business Briefs Continued



Sarah Heitkamp is the Co-Owner of Porpoura Coffee House in Grand Forks, ND and is the Co-Founder of Filling the Gap, a program which helps low income Altru Cancer Center patients with travel, lodging and nutritional supplements. Porpoura supports filling the Gap through its sales and tips. Sarah was recently recognized with Altru's Legend Award for her commitment to

serving the community. She and her husband, Charles and daughter, Farrah reside in Petersburg, North Dakota.



Candy Vigen was raised in East Grand Forks and graduated from Sacred Heart High School. She attended UND School of Education and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education with a double major of English and Speech. Candy retired after teaching secondary English, speech, journalism, and drama classes for many years. She is an active

member of Holy Family Catholic Church and former member of the Holy Family School Board. She has served as a volunteer at the Altru Alliance Hospital gift shop for the past 17 years. Candy was recently installed as the President of the Grand Forks Republican Women. She is the mother of three grown children and grandmother of four.

Women's Fund Announces Advisory Committee Officers



Chairperson, **Julie Rygg** serves as the Executive Director for the Greater Grand Forks Convention and Visitors Bureau. In this capacity, Julie oversees all activities of the bureau. She currently serves on various committees and boards including Destination Marketing Association of North Dakota,

Grand Forks County Historical Society, Greater Grand Forks Community (Fire Hall) Theatre, ND Tourism Alliance Partnership, North Valley Arts Council and others. Julie and her husband, Kraig, reside in Grand Forks with their two children.



Chair-Elect, **Abby D'Heilly** is North Dakota's 1st Master Esthetician. She owns Abby @ Pure Image where she does microdermabrasion, facials, body wraps, waxing and eyebrow and eyelash tinting. Abby has 8 yrs of experience. Abby also is co-owner of Picky Girlz Boutique. Picky Girlz is a trendy new women's boutique where you can find designer names. Both businesses are located by the Ralph Engelstad

Arena. Abby is married to Rob D'Heilly and is a proud mother of two.



Roseann Lund is serving her 2nd term as Secretary for the Women's Fund. She is an Assistant Vice President and Senior Mortgage Loan Officer for Gate City Bank. Roseann is a graduate of the North Dakota School of Banking and has been in the banking industry for 29 years. Throughout the years she has volunteered with St. Vincent De Paul Food Cupboard and Thrift Store, Homeless Awareness, Transitional Housing,

Habitat for Humanity, Bowls for Hunger, Grand Forks Board of Realtors, Real Estate Trust Association State Committee, Special Olympics, Saint Michael's Church, United Way and has also been a Girl Scout leader. Roseann and her husband, Tim Lund, have four c