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Chamber Board Opposes Measure 5 Constitutional Amendment

The Conservation Measure would direct 4.8 billion into "conservation projects."

The Chamber Board heard presentations from both sides of the issue before voting to support the opponents of Measure 5, joining close to 100 other organizations opposing Measure 5. We encourage you to oppose it because:

- It would be a change to the constitution so it would be very hard to make minor adjustments to the amendment once it is passed. Many legislative bills are tweaked at the next legislative session to fix unintended consequences. Once it is in the constitution, change is almost impossible.

- Supporting the Governor's \$80 million conservation proposal is much more flexible and makes more sense. It's for only 2 years and can be updated to fit the needs every legislative session versus being locked into the constitution.

- Measure 5 will take away valuable resources we need for infrastructure and programs in our state. In Grand Forks we would all benefit from: 42nd street underpass at Demers Avenue, road repairs on Columbia Road and elsewhere, a backlog of renovation and maintenance in the millions at UND, a new interchange on I-29 in South Grand Forks, support for college student tuition funding, and countless others.

- 4.8 billion is so much money that the proponents have no idea how it would be spent in a constructive manner with any assurance of maximum effi-

ciency and return on investment of the money.

- Out of state interests are pouring millions into the campaign.

Businesses are encouraged to vote no on Measure 5.

Work Begins on Key Legislative Priorities

Team Grand Forks, a coalition of The Chamber, The GF Regional EDC, City of Grand Forks, Grand Forks County and UND have been meeting for months to determine the top legislative priorities for the community. While the final list is not set, several projects are moving to the top of the list.

1. 42nd Street Underpass
2. 50% state participation in the \$130 million dollar water treatment plant
3. Base Retention Funding and other BRIC priorities
4. UND maintenance funding
5. Airport aprons for UND at GFK

Once formalized, Team Grand Forks will meet with local legislators to gain their support and educate them on the needs so they can help make the upcoming session a success for Grand Forks. The Legislature will also be asked to approve the second half of the funding for the state

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medical school. This is expected to be routine, but is still over \$60 million dollars.

Wilfahrt Appointed to NCTC President Search Committee

Chamber President, Barry Wilfahrt will serve as the local community representative on the committee talked with interviewing and recommending candidates for the NCTC President's position.

Dr. Ann Temte will be retiring June 30, 2015 after serving as the President for the past 9 years. The business community enjoys a very close relationship with NCTC since a majority of its graduates work in area businesses.

Wilfahrt said "Dr. Temte has been a vital partner in our community and will be missed. The selection

of the right person as leader of NCTC is vital to helping meet the growing workforce demands of local employers."

A new NCTC President will likely be named next Spring.

Chamber and EDC Meet With Lt. Governor Wrigley

Representatives from The Chamber and GF Regional EDC met with Lt Governor Drew Wrigley to hear about the state's "Find the Good Life" campaign and visit about the local workforce development committee's work.

Grand Forks has 6 subcommittees of HR Directors and support agency professionals working specific ways to connect potential employees to the local workforce. Specific strategies are being developed for veterans, college students, new Americans,

retired senior citizens who may want very part-time work, high school students, people with special needs and "non-placeables" (people who have had more than 8 jobs in the past 2 years). Each group presents specific challenges and barriers to employment and the committee is looking at every way possible to get some of these hard to place groups into the workforce.

Chamber Updates State Officials on Workforce Committee Priorities and NV360 Process

Chamber President Barry Wilfahrt recently met with ND Commerce Commissioner Alan Anderson and his staff to provide an update on the local workforce development

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Henry Havig Nominations Being Accepted

To: Members of The Chamber – GF/EGF
From: Chris Wolf, 2014 Board Chair
Re: 2014 Henry Havig Award For Community Service

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 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 through community service in multiple volunteer leadership roles.

It is an award that recognizes individuals who have provided exemplary voluntary 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, 2014 to: The Chamber 202 N. 3rd St. Grand Forks, ND 58203, fax to 701-772-9238 or email to info@gochamber.org. Additional information regarding the nominee may be included when submitting the nomination. The Selection Committee is comprised of the past recipients of the award. This award will be presented at The Chamber's Annual Dinner and Banquet on January 30th, 2015 at The Ralph Engelstad Arena.

Nominations shall include:

- Nominee's Name
- Leadership qualities, organization memberships, Youth involvement, community service and other pertinent and relevant information
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2015 Chamber Annual Meeting

Mark Your Calendars:

Chamber Annual Dinner and Meeting will be on Friday, January 30th 2015 at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. Featured speaker will be Senator Heidi Heitkamp. More information coming soon.....



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- Uff Da, what should I do?

Come celebrate **National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)** and increase your knowledge about reasonable accommodations.

Held each October, NDEAM is a national campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The theme for 2014 is "**Expect. Employ. Empower.**"

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Tanaya Reitz Joins AE2S

(Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.) has hired **Tanaya Reitz** as a Real Estate Program Manager in the firm's Fargo, ND office. Reitz will lead land management activities for the F-M Area Diversion Project, for which she will advise colleagues; manage budgets and schedules; direct co-workers, land acquisition firms, and consultants; and meet with clients, agencies, and property owners.



Before joining AE2S, Reitz was a Land Administrator at Cliffs Natural Resources Inc., where she was involved in acquiring land rights, mineral rights, negotiating easements, and

managing wetland mitigation projects for iron ore mines in northeastern Minnesota.

"Obtaining land and real estate is a critical piece of the Diversion Project," said Eric Dodds, PE, AE2S Operations Manager. "Bringing Tanaya onto the project team will improve our ability to secure land on a timely basis and at a fair price to all concerned."

Originally from Moorhead, MN, Reitz has a Bachelor of Science degree in Real Estate Studies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN.

Nygaard Joins Century-Link Team in GF

CenturyLink, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) promoted **Kevin Nygaard** to Area Plant Supervisor, APS, in Grand Forks after sixteen years of service in the Minneapolis area.

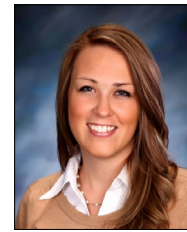


"I like the 'Up North' feeling of Grand Forks and how friendly the community is here," he said, reflecting on the move from Hastings, Minn.

Nygaard now supports technicians that service the Grand Forks community.

Berg Named to Choice Financial Sr. Management Team

Samantha Berg, Human Resources Specialist was recently named to the senior management team at Choice Financial.



Berg joined Choice Financial

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Dr. Lisa Henry and Dr. Fallon Hoverson Join Altru Health System

Originally from East Grand Forks, **Lisa Henry, MD**, joins Altru's long-term and palliative



care team. Dr. Henry earned her Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and a Doctor of Medicine from the University of North Dakota.

She completed her residency in internal medicine through the University of North Dakota and her Veterans Affairs Quality Scholars Fellowship through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Most recently, Dr. Henry provided palliative care to patients in Fargo. Dr. Henry is board certified in internal medicine.

Fallon Hoverson, MD, joins



Altru's family medicine team. Dr. Hoverson received a Bachelor of Science in psychology from the University of North Dakota. She continued to earn her Doctor

of Medicine from the University of North Dakota.

Dr. Hoverson taught anatomy as a teacher's assistant and has done research at the University of North Dakota. She completed her residency at Altru Family Medicine Residency.

Kristi Magnuson Nelson Recognized by National Grocers Association

Kristi Magnuson Nelson, President of Hugo's Supermarkets, has been presented with the Spirit of America Award by the National Grocers Association (N.G.A.). The award is one of the N.G.A.'s top honors and was given to Ms.



Magnuson Nelson during a ceremony at the North Dakota Grocers Association's Annual State Convention in Fargo recently, which recognized her life-long leadership in the grocery industry.

Kristi grew up working in the family grocery business in Grand Forks. She graduated from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. In 1998 she began working alongside her father in the operations area of the business as the Director of Marketing and Advertising. In 2007 after her father passed away, she took over the lead position in running and growing the family business. Hugo's currently operates a total of ten grocery stores located in Grand Forks (4), East Grand Forks, Crookston, Thief River Falls, Jamestown, Grafton and Park Rapids.

Kristi has been very active in the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce serving on a variety of committees, including the Leadership, Youth Leadership and Finance Committees. Currently, she holds a position on the Chamber Board of Directors and will serve as the Chairman of the board in 2015. Kristi has previously served on the Board of Directors of the local United Way, she is a major supporter and advocate for the local Community Violence and Intervention Center and a big supporter of the University

of North Dakota, in particular the North Dakota Museum of Art located on the Campus of UND. She currently serves on the Board of Director's for the Prairie Harvest Foundation. Kristi supports many other nonprofit organizations in the communities her stores have the pleasure of serving. She is a current member of the North Dakota Grocers Association Board of Directors.

The N.G.A. Spirit of America Award, established in 1982, honors key industry and community figures who have provided leadership in the area of community services and government relations on behalf of a free and independent food distribution system. N.G.A. has given this award to over 400 individuals, including Presidents George H.W. Bush and Gerald Ford, as well as other distinguished individuals serving in the grocery industry and the public interest.

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JLG Architects Receives National Recognition

The North Dakota Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has awarded three of the five total annual design awards to projects by JLG Architects:

Merit Award, Loretta Building; Fargo, ND

An historic building in the heart of downtown Fargo which began as a furniture store and saw its share of ups and downs throughout the years has hit its peak 100 years after its original construction. Now a center of commerce in Fargo's vibrant downtown scene, Loretta improves the overall density and walkability of the area and also showcases an important piece of Fargo's built history. The building serves the downtown community by providing prime retail and office space for eighteen businesses, including a restaurant, a clothing retailer, and an art gallery. Through creative use of both new materials and existing resources, the designers were able to combine the character of yesterday with amenities and furnishings which fit today's tastes. The result is a building which can be described as quintessentially "Fargo:" quirky, funky, and gracious.

Merit Award, Williston Area Recreation Center; Williston, ND

As the largest park district-owned indoor recreation center in the country, the Williston Area Recreation Center (WARC) makes a big impact on a booming community. Located on the Williston State College Campus and partnering



with the Williston Park District to attract and retain families, the WARC was designed and built as an investment in the long-term quality of life for the entire population. Includ-

ing unique features such as an indoor turf field, golf simulator, high-tech pitching simulator, and kitchen space for cooking classes – all of which were provided under budget and on schedule – the WARC successfully engages the entire Williston community. JLG collaborated on this project with Sink Combs Dethlefs.

Juror's Choice Award, NDSU Beef Research Facility; Fargo, ND

NDSU has always been a leader in agricultural research and education. The new NDSU Beef Research Facility is one of three facilities in North America equipped with the capability to control feed mixes and monitor dietary and developmental results. This building includes an open-air front porch to greet faculty. Translucent panels are used extensively on the roof and walls to minimize the amount of artificial lighting required during the day. The site landscaping, the water-settling area and other exterior details enhance the performance of the facility and complement the design. All these details come together to create a unique place to study, teach and visit.

Regional Magazine Features Johnson as Rising Star

Brian L. Johnson, chief executive officer at Choice Financial, has been selected as one of Northwest Financial Review's "Rising Stars" in banking.



Rising Star nominees are bankers under the age of 45 who have worked at a bank for at least 10 years and who have made significant contributions to their bank, industry and community, and who are poised to continue to make substantial contributions for years to come. Anywhere from

five to 10 community bankers are selected annually. Brian was featured in the July issue of Northwestern Financial Review magazine.

Johnson has been with Choice Financial since 1999. Prior to becoming CEO, he was chief operating officer, and has also served as president of the bank's Walhalla, N.D. location, chief credit officer, and market president for the bank's two locations in Grand Forks, N.D. Johnson is also a member of the company's board of directors, senior credit committee, and executive management team.

Johnson is a native of Walhalla, N.D., and graduated from Jamestown College, Jamestown, N.D. with a business management and economics degree. He has served on the Grand Forks-East Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce board of directors and was named a Rising Star by Northwestern Financial Review in 2006. In March 2011, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis named Johnson to its Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council, to advise on the region's economic outlook and challenges in the Ninth District.

CenturyLink Opens Teacher Grant Program

CenturyLink, Inc. (NYSE: CTL), in partnership with the North Dakota Educational Technology Council, is connecting teachers with technology for the classroom. The CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation's Teachers and Technology grant program will open its application process on Oct. 1 for teachers in CenturyLink's local service areas who want to innovatively implement technology in their classrooms to increase student achievement.

Full-time PreK-12 classroom teachers in public or pri-

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vate schools in CenturyLink residential service areas are eligible to apply. Visit <http://fsrequests.com/CenturyLink-Grant> to apply for a grant. The deadline for applications is Jan. 2, 2015.

"We are thrilled to be a part of providing innovative technology in the classroom," said Julie Darrington, CenturyLink vice president and general manager for North Dakota, South Dakota, and western Minnesota. "With technology becoming such an important part of the student learning experience, we're excited to assist teachers with implementing new learning techniques through these grants."

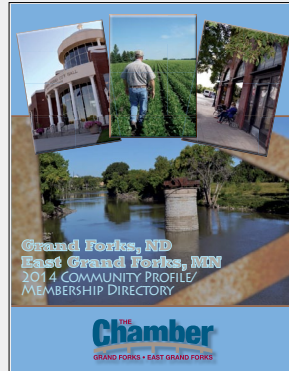
Jeff Rerick, a teacher at Grafton Public School in Grafton, applied and won a grant for the 2013-14 school year to purchase K'NEX Building Systems.

The Foundation will award more than \$1.4 million in grants to support technology in the classroom through its 2014-2015 Teachers and Technology program, offered throughout the company's service areas in the U.S.

Grant winners will be announced between April 1 - May 15, 2015.

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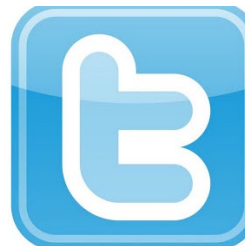
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committee. The local group is looking at how it can best partner with the state to address the tight labor market. Many members of the local group also met with the new ND Director of Job Service to provide a similar overview.

Wilfahrt and Community Foundation Director Kristi Mishler also met with Alan Anderson and his staff to provide a recap of the NV360 Community Visioning Process and also talk about the Knight Foundation and Gallup research that concluded Social Offerings, Openness and Aesthetics are the key drivers that attach people to a community. This is the research that served as the basis of the community visioning process that has sparked such projects as the Downtown Development Group and 42nd Street Arts Corridor.

Chamber and Good Samaritan Society to Host Candidate Forum

Come hear candidates representing East Grand Forks for State House of Representatives, City Council and School Board. Each candidates has been asked to use their time to introduce themselves, their reason for seeking office, and the issues they hope to address if elected.

The candidate's forum will be held on **Thursday, October 9, 2014 from 7:00pm - 8:30 pm.** This forum is jointly sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Good Samaritan Society Heritage Grove and will be held in the chapel of Heritage Maples (2122 River Road NW). Dane Ferguson, of Ferguson Books and Gifts and the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee Chair will moderate the forum.

Chamber to Host Candidate Forum at GF City Hall

The Government Affairs Committee of the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks will host a forum with candidates representing Grand Forks for District 18 and 42 State Senate and State House of Representatives. Each candidate has been asked to use their time to introduce themselves, the reason for seeking office, and the issues they hope to address if elected.

The public is invited to attend the event which will be held on **Tuesday, October 30, 2012 from 6:30-9:00 pm.** This forum is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and will be held in the Grand Forks City Council Chambers. Government Affairs Committee Chairman Greg Hanson, from Valley Memorial Homes will moderate the forum.

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