

The official newsletter of The Wahpeton Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce

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**Jordan Evenson**, Marketing Assistant

*Happy New Year*

As we step into January, the Wahpeton Breckenridge Area Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to embark on a new year filled with exciting opportunities and collaborations – even bigger and better than last year!

We're excited to introduce a new initiative: Chamber Chats! Starting this month, join us on the 4th Thursday of each month for engaging discussions, networking, and insights from industry leaders. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow business professionals and share experiences. Watch your email for more details!

Stay tuned for more upcoming events, workshops, and networking opportunities designed to help you thrive in 2024. Let's make this year a remarkable one together!

*Katie Rauber*





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- Kelly Larson** - Vertin Munson and Joseph Vertin & Sons Funeral Homes
- Lynzee Hagemeister** - Daily News



## Join our Team

We are currently looking to add more ambassadors to our group. The Twin Town Ambassadors meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am at the chamber office. Being an ambassador is a great way to learn more about what is happening in the businesses in our community.

If you would like to join this fun, energetic group and help us celebrate the milestones of our business community, please feel free to contact us and we'd be happy to give you more information.

WAHPETON BRECKENRIDGE

# CHAMBER BUCKS



*shop local. eat local. spend local. enjoy local*

The Wahpeton Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce is happy to offer the Chamber Bucks Program to the Twin Town Communities. The Chamber Bucks Program is designed to keep dollars local. They are great as employee incentives/rewards, giveaways or gifts from friends and family. Anyone can buy Chamber Bucks. They can be purchased at the Wahpeton Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce office in \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations and used for goods and services at participating businesses in the Twin Towns.

## WHERE CAN I USE CHAMBER BUCKS?

Chamber Bucks can be used for products and services at participating chamber member businesses in Wahpeton and Breckenridge. Please scan the QR Code below to view all participating members.

## HOW DO I USE CHAMBER BUCKS?

Customers will redeem Chamber Bucks at participating businesses toward a single purchase of equal or greater value. They are not redeemable for cash. After you accept a valid Chamber Buck at your place of business from a customer for goods and services, you may go ahead and cash the Chamber Bucks just as you would any check. This is an exciting change to our program.

## WHERE CAN I BUY CHAMBER BUCKS?

Chamber Bucks can be purchased at the Wahpeton Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce office during regular business hours.

## HOW DO I BECOME A PARTICIPATING BUSINESS?

To become a participating business, you need to be a member in good standing of the Wahpeton Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce. There is no charge for being a participating business. This program is offered as a benefit of your chamber membership.

**SCAN THE CODE TO VIEW  
PARTICIPATING  
CHAMBER BUSINESSES**



# GET SEEN!



## Advertise on the Chamber Digital Sign!

\$175.00 - 2 weeks

\$300.00 - 4 weeks

**Use your design or we will help you make one.**

We will continue to run Member logos throughout the year as a perk of being a member.

# Welcome New Members!



## Country Financial

We're more than an insurance company - COUNTRY Financial clients not only trust us with insuring their homes, cars, farms, businesses, and lives, but also to help them plan for the future with investing, retirement and financial planning.



Find us on 

## Make a Wish North Dakota

Tens of thousands of volunteers, donors and supporters advance the Make-A-Wish® vision to grant the wish of every child diagnosed with a critical illness. In the U.S. and its territories, a wish is granted every 34 minutes.



Find us on 

*We're so happy you're here!*

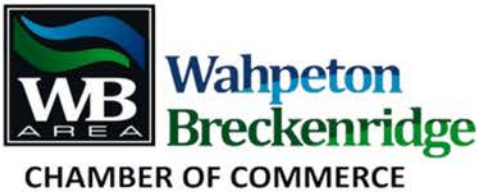


# Business Spotlights

The Wahpeton Breckenridge Chamber Ambassadors would like to thank Casey Formaneck for making it happen!



The Chamber and the Twin Town Ambassadors had the privilege to visit Country Financial in Wahpeton. - Casey Formaneck



We'd like to welcome Country Financial- Casey Formaneck to the chamber crew and back to town! Thank you Casey Formaneck for inviting us over to do a special ribbon cutting and giving us a tour! We cant wait to see all that Country Financial does!



**Website**

**Casey Formaneck**  
500 Dakota Ave Ste 106  
Wahpeton, ND 58075  
P: 701-353-6071

# UP YOUR CAREER

*in the Southern Valley*



## *Now Hiring*

- Professional Services
- Education
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**APPLY NOW**

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*Follow us!*





*Thank  
You*

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Cookie Crawl! Your sweet tooth helped us raise \$2,725 for our local food pantry.

Together, we're making a difference in our community, one cookie at a time!



# The Business Connection!

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

## ACBG

Antelope Creek Bar and Grill is gearing up for the first Karaoke night and meat Raffle of 2024! See you at the creek, where good friends meet!



## WHIT AESTHETICS

Pink or Blue?

Make a guess Augusta is due soon! She's on leave February 1st! Plus- WHITS Anniversary party Jan. 9th!



## RED DOOR ART GALLERY

The Red Door Art Gallery is seeking a part time gallery associate.

Retail experience, a good working relationship with the public, and organizational skills are desirable, 10-15 hours/week, including some Saturdays.

## STUDIO 22

Lisa recently got all setup for an early morning milestone session!

Lucky for her sweet little angels are the only thing that she admits will get her out of bed in the morning!

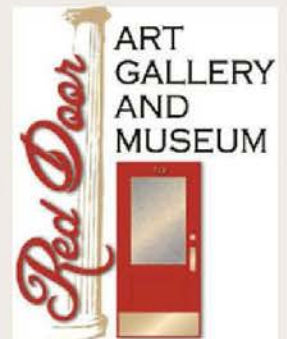


# *The Red Door Art Gallery*

*is pleased to present*

## **'Tis the Season: Celebrating All Four Seasons**

November 14 - January 6



*"Glimmer of Day" by Debra Ann Griffey*

**Artists' Reception**

**Thursday, November 30, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

THE LABOR MARKET INFORMATION PLAYBOOK:  
HOW TO GET IN THE GAME BY EXPLORING  
FUNDAMENTALS & STRATEGIES

OUR COMMUNITY PANEL



**Marcia Havens**  
**Labor Market Information Manager**  
**Job Service North Dakota**

**Understanding the Fundamentals  
of Labor Market Information**



**Matt Marshall**  
**Member Services, Rates & Economic Development Manager**  
**Minnkota Power Cooperative**

**Harnessing the Power of LMI to Guide your  
Economic and Community Development Goals**



**Becca Cruger**  
**Director of Workforce Development**  
**Grand Forks Regional Economic Development Corporation**

**Using Labor Market Information to  
Maximize Regional Workforce Development**



**Matt Gardner**  
**Executive Director**  
**North Dakota League of Cities**

**Optimizing LMI Data for Improved Decision Making**



**Amy Arenz**  
**Bismarck Workforce Center Manager**  
**Job Service North Dakota**

**Strengthening Partnerships through the use of LMI Data**



# January Newsletter



Never Miss an issue Visit: [www.breckenridgemn.net/family-community-center](http://www.breckenridgemn.net/family-community-center)

## Teen Center Happenings

NO COST AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

HOURS (ages 10 & up):

Mon.-Fri. 3:15-5:30pm

Early-out days 1:15-5:30pm.



SENIOR POOL LEAGUE

Fridays 12-3pm

SEASONAL WEEKEND WARMING

HOUSE HOURS:

(WEATHER PENDING)

Fri. 3:15-8pm Sat. 1-8pm Sun. 1-6pm

\*We're CLOSED Monday, January 1st

Skate rentals are \$1.00/day

Sledding & snowshoeing are FREE!

\*\*Remember to dress for the weather!

\*Skates, sleds, hockey sticks, pucks, & snowshoes must be checked out with our staff.

Our concession combo meals start at only \$3.50 & are no more than \$7.00! They include a main dish, 2 sides, & a drink (soda or water)! We also have food available ala carte.

Check out our facebook page at:

[facebook.com/breckenridgefcc](https://www.facebook.com/breckenridgefcc)

for updates!



## Community Winter Chess Tournament

Date & Time:

Saturday, January 27th

8:30am-3:00pm

ENTRY FEE

\$5 YOUTH

\$10 ADULTS



SCAN ME



MORE THAN

\$300

IN PRIZES!

This is a Breckenridge Wahpeton Chess Club tournament for ALL AGES at the Teen Center.

## Teen Center Tournaments

Pool Tournament Date & Time:

Monday, Jan. 8th 3:15-5:30



Ping Pong Tournament Date & Time:

Friday, Jan. 19th 3:15-5:30



\*Must be there by 3:45 to participate in ALL tournaments

## Early-Out Movie Day

Feature Film: "Toy Story 3"

Coloring Contest: Ages 1-15

FREE admission, crafts, door prizes, treats, popcorn, & more!

Date & Time:

Wednesday, Jan. 10th 1:15-5:30

\*Coloring contest winners will be chosen

Wednesday, Jan. 24th by 5:00 pm

### BRECKENRIDGE FAMILY COMMUNITY/TEEN CENTER

521 6TH ST. N. BRECKENRIDGE, MN.

(218) 643-1282 OR (701) 640-6829



# JOIN FIT AND STRONG!

TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF YOUR LIFE



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RICHLAND COUNTY

## MUST REGISTER!

Fit & Strong! is an exercise/behavior change program for older adults or those with lower extremity osteoarthritis.

Includes  
60-minutes of exercise,  
and 30-minutes of group  
discussion/health  
education.

- Manage arthritis
- Exercise safely
- Decrease joint pain & stiffness
- Improve daily function
- Reduce anxiety & depression
- Develop & maintain an active lifestyle

Begins Wednesday

## January 3, 2024

Meets every Wednesday and Friday for  
12 weeks (Last class March 22)

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Wahpeton Community Center  
Dining Room, 304 5th St. S.



This project is supported by funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Administration of Aging, and granted through the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Aging Services Division.

**Registration required!**

\*\*\*\*\*CALL OR EMAIL\*\*\*\*\*

Class will be limited to 15 participants

Ronda Gripentrog, Extension Agent  
NDSU Extension/Richland County

701.642.7793

[ronda.gripentrog@ndsu.edu](mailto:ronda.gripentrog@ndsu.edu)

# ARE YOU HIRING?

**\*Targeted Industries include:**

IT, UAS, Healthcare, Oil & Gas, Engineering, Skilled Trade, Transportation, Manufacturing, Government, & Education

## JOIN US FOR JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA'S VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2024  
11AM - 3PM CENTRAL TIME**

**Register by 1/12/2024!**

**Let us help you build your  
talent pipeline:**

- NEW 3D Virtual Booths!
- 1:1 Live Chats
- Hassle-Free Set Up
- Convenient and Secure
- Powerful Employer Branding
- Global Talent Reach
- Nationwide Promotion
- No Cost to Employers - Ever!

**Last year's event  
attracted jobseekers from  
29 states and 14 countries!**

**REGISTER NOW >**





## Coins for Wishes

Help put a smile on a child's face during this Holiday Season! You can make a difference and help a child's dream come true.

We will be having a competition between classes! The classroom that collects the most money will win a party with special treats. Please start bringing in your money Wednesday, January 3rd. We will be collecting money through January 17th. The winning class will be announced January 19th!!

(all coins, bills, and checks payable to Make-A-Wish will be accepted)

Thank you again for your generosity and giving with the excitement of the New Year ahead!

**Wahpeton Elementary School**

# PREVENT T2

A PROVEN PROGRAM TO PREVENT OR DELAY TYPE 2 DIABETES

PreventT2 is a CDC recognized program by the National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP) to help individuals delay or lower their risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes.

**Place:** Essentia Health (lower level conference rm), Wahpeton

**Date:** Monday's from **January 29 to May 20, 2024 ---then once a month until Dec. 16, plus June 3**

**Time:** 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE!!

## What do I get when I sign up for this program?

- Support and guidance from trained Lifestyle Coaches
- Access to a 1-year (12 months) program
- Support from other participants

## How do I know if I qualify?

- Your doctor can help you find out if you have prediabetes or are at risk for Type 2 diabetes
- You can also take a free risk test at [www.doihaveprediabetes.org](http://www.doihaveprediabetes.org)

**CHANCE  
TO CUT  
YOUR RISK  
IN HALF!**

**SUPPORT  
TO LOSE  
5-7%  
BODY  
WEIGHT**

**150  
MINUTES  
OF  
ACTIVITY  
A WEEK**



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.  
Richland County Health Department

**Lifestyle Coaches:**

*Miranda Andel*, Richland County Health Department

*Ronda Gripenrog*, NDSU Extension/Richland County

**Registration Deadline: January 26, 2024**

To sign up, please contact:

Ronda Gripenrog, Extension Agent, Coach  
(701) 642-7793 [ronda.gripenrog@ndsu.edu](mailto:ronda.gripenrog@ndsu.edu)

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**MESC**  
OFFICE OF MANUFACTURING AND ENERGY SUPPLY CHAINS



## Extended Product System Rebate Program

The Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains (MESC) is providing rebates to qualified entities that purchased & installed or newly incorporated an extended product system. Extended Product Systems (EPS) are industrial systems that are combinations of electric motors, electronic control, and driven load (e.g., pumps, fans, and compressors).

### Incentivizing the Clean Energy Transition

The rebate program aims to help reduce the cost of making energy efficient upgrades. The types of businesses that are most likely to benefit are ones with large motor and pump driven loads, especially ones that have no load control technology and equipment. These entities could include manufacturing facilities that use air compressors, fans, and pumps for industrial processes or commercial and multifamily buildings with large HVAC-related motors.

### Who is Eligible?

There are two distinct classes of eligible entities for the EPS program. The first includes entities that purchased a qualifying EPS and completed its installation between October 1, 2021, and September 30, 2023. The second includes owners

of equipment that was redesigned to newly incorporate an EPS if that upgrade was completed between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2022. For both classes, the EPS must be installed within the United States or its territories and meet the technical and efficiency specifications. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to review the program's full guidelines to determine their eligibility.

### How it Works

The total value of a rebate depends on the power rating of the EPS. The rebate is calculated by adding together the nameplate rated horsepower of the motor and the nameplate rated horsepower of the electronic control, then multiplying that sum by \$25. For example, if the motor has a nameplate rating of 7 horsepower and the electronic control has a nameplate rating of 10 horsepower, the rebate would be  $\$25 \times (10 + 7) = \$425$ . The total amount any single entity can receive across all rebates is capped, by statute, at \$25,000 per calendar year. MESC will solicit applications until funds are expended. Applicants should assume that rebates will be considered taxable income, and they will receive a 1099 Form.

### Connect with MESC

Scan our QR code to visit MESC's Rebate Portal for more information.

Our team can be contacted at [DOERebates@icf.com](mailto:DOERebates@icf.com) if you have any questions.

DOE's Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains website:  
<https://www.energy.gov/mesc/office-manufacturing-and-energy-supply-chains>



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Sign up for updates and learn more: [energy.gov/mesc](https://www.energy.gov/mesc)



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## Energy Efficient Transformer Rebate Program

The Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains (MESC) is providing rebates for energy efficient transformers. The rebate program aims to help qualified entities—such as certain domestic manufacturers, utilities, hospitals, schools, and other operators—replace qualified energy inefficient transformers with qualified energy efficient transformers. The application is free and MESC will solicit applications for rebates until the program deadline of December 8, 2023, or until funds are expended, whichever comes first.

### Incentivizing the Clean Energy Transition

The total value of a rebate is based on the energy efficiency gain. It is equal to the difference in core losses between the inefficient transformer and the efficient transformer multiplied by \$2. For example, if the inefficient transformer had a core loss of 1,000 watts (W) and the replacement transformer has a core loss of 750 W, the rebate would be  $\$2 \times (1,000 - 750) = \$500$ . Applicants are *strongly* encouraged to apply for as many rebates as they qualify for, and there is no cap on the amount of funds a single entity may receive. Recipients should assume that rebates will be considered taxable income, and they will receive a 1099 Form.

### Connect with MESC

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DOE's Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains website:  
<https://www.energy.gov/mesc/office-manufacturing-and-energy-supply-chains>

### Strengthening Supply Chains

Acknowledging that current supply chain constraints potentially complicate the purchase and deployment of an energy efficient transformer before the program deadline, entities may apply for a rebate for a transformer that has yet to have been delivered or installed, provided they submit the purchase order, other required supporting documentation, and meet all requirements of the program. Rebates are also available for transformers installed prior to the launch of the program, so long as technical requirements are met, and all required documentation is submitted.

### What is an Efficient Transformer?

For the purposes of this rebate program, an energy efficient transformer is defined as any transformer that meets the definition provided in Sec. 1006(a)(1) of the Energy Act of 2020. This is different from, and should not be confused with, the Department's proposed 2022 Energy Conservation Standards for Distribution Transformers.



**MESC**  
OFFICE OF MANUFACTURING AND ENERGY SUPPLY CHAINS

Sign up for updates and learn more: [energy.gov/mesc](https://www.energy.gov/mesc)

Join us for  
Make-A-Wish® of North Dakota

# Designer Purse Bingo

**February 3, 2024**

Hankinson Community Center  
112 Main Ave S, Hankinson, ND 58041



Doors open at **11am** and  
Bingo starts at **1pm!**

**\$35** per  
bingo  
packet.

Food and beverages available to purchase.

Permit number 23-23

4 PERSON TEAM

# PUZZLE

## Competition

(LIMITED NUMBER OF TEAMS, SO REGISTER NOW!)

Registration money due to hold spot.  
Teams compete to complete a 500 piece puzzle.  
Prizes for top 3 finishers.

**SATURDAY MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> 4:00PM-SHARP**  
**WYNDMERE COMMUNITY CENTER**

**\$100/TEAM**

WITH PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS MAKE-A-WISH OF NORTH DAKOTA.

**MEAT RAFFLE/RAFFLES**

RSVP BY FEB 3RD TO  
KAYCEE 701-640-5477 OR AMY 701-899-2784

*THE BLACK PELICAN WILL BE SERVING FOOD &  
BEVERAGE TO PURCHASE DURING THE COMPETITION.*

Permit #12423

