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## Business Bytes <br> NDSU offers online cooperative business class

 sity and the NDSU Quentin Burdick Center for Cooperatives arecollaborating to provide an online course on cooperative busi-
nesses.
The
16 -week course will help participants better fulfill their
roles as members or directors of cooperatives, improve the man-
agement skills of those working agement skills of those working in a cooperative and inform pro-
fessionals and policymakers who fessionals and policymakers w
interact with cooperatives. Course topics include the origins of cooperative businesses,
cooperative business managecooperave
ment and governance, and cooperative business finance.
North Dakota has approximately 400 cooperatives in op-
eration," says Gregory McKee who will be teaching the course. McKe also is the NDSU Quentin Burdick Center for Cooperatives
director and an assistant profesdirector and an assistant profes-
sor. As global markets grow and technology changes the way business is done, thoughtful leader-
ship from cooperative business ship from cooperative business
directors and managers is more
 and maintaining the benefits cooperative members receive.
The online class begins 23. Those wishing to enroll in
the class need not be pursuing a degree to take the class but must enroll as a student at NDSU. To enroll as a special-status student, go to http://www.ndsu.edu/dce/
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North Dakota Taxable Sales and Purchases by Industry for 1st Quarter 2010
Statistics from the North Dakota Tax department show the wholesale trade industry in North
Dakota had the biggest piece of he sales and purchases pie in the first quarter of 2010 with the Smallest
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The totals by industry
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Accommodation \& Food SerOther Services - \$67,211,766 Miscellaneous - \$11,310,692

## American Cancer

 Society names new District Executive Director for NDThe American Cancer Society he position of District Executive Director for District E, which enBurns is a graduate of Minnesota State University - MoorBuad. Prior to his new position, the American Cancer Society for 11 years as a District Manager and three more as a Regional Vice President. As District Executive Director,
Burns will be based out of Fargo Burns will be based out of Fargo
and will coordinate all statewide activities pertaining to the organization's income development and cancer control programs.

## Midcontinent ownership changes through buyout; stays local

Three long-time employees and
minority shareholders of Midcontiminority shareholders of Midconti-
nent Media, Inc., Patrick McAdaragh nent Media, Inc., Patrick McAdaragh,
Dick Busch and Steve Grosser, have bought out the remaining shares of Midcontinent Media, Inc., a private-
ly-held company with operations in ly-held company with operations in
South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota. Midcontinent Media is the managing partner and 50 per-
cent owner of Midcontinent Communications, the region's largest cable 100 percent of Midco Connections, customer-contact center business in Sioux Falls that serves the direct marketing industry.
McAdaragh, Busch and Grosse have increased their ownership stake
in the company to 100 percent by pur chasing the remaining shares from the estate of the company patriarch, Larry Bentson, who died in 2009 at
the age of 87. Each of the three new

## owners will have a one-third interes

 in the company. Retired Midcontinent president and chief executive officerMark Niblick will continue to serve as chairman for Midcontinent
McAdaragh, president and chief executive officer of Midcontinent, is
a Sioux Falls, South Dakota native, an Augustana College graduate and a 30year Midcontinent employee. Busch, Midcontinent's chief operating officer, is from Rugby, North Dakota and
graduated from North Dakota State graduated from North Dakota State of Sioux Falls. Busch has been with Midcontinent for 34 years. Grosser, the company's chief financial officer, has been with Midcontinent for 20
years and is a native of Cokato, Minyears and is a native of Cokato, Min-
nesota and a St. Cloud State University graduate.
he we are committed to continuing the tradition of Midcontinent's found-
employees" said McAdaragh "Fel employees," said McAdaragh. "Fel-
low Midcontinent employees and our customers are our friends, family and neighbors. We strive to bring them the best products and services available and to be a great place to work. In ad
dition, we will continue our founders tradition of investing in the communi ties that have welcomed us."
Busch said that as new owners they will continue in their current roles in guiding the company forward. "We
have a strong team of over 1,100 staff have a strong team of over 1,100 staff with the company-who understan that the customer always comes first," he said. "While we continue to mov
forward, we have the stability of a ver forward, we have the stability of a very
competent, dedicated workforce at core of everything we do."

The company was founded when partners Eddie Ruben and Joe L.
Floyd started a chain of movie theaters
in Minnesota in the early 1930 and later, with Larry Bentson, eventually business in the Dakotas in the 1940s and 1950s. They continued to invest in the latest technology bringing the region into the cable and Internet age.
In 1968, Floyd's son, Joe H. Floyd, joined Midcontinent to help build the Joined Midcontinent to help build the
fledgling cable business, eventually becoming president and chief operating officer in 1995. Joe H. Floyd re-
tired in 2001. Mark Niblick joined the company in 1985, serving variously as general counsel, chief financial officer and finally as president and chief executive officer. Niblick retired from
"We are very fortunate having this We Wertunity very fortunate having this opportung company that means so much
of the ", McAdaragh said. "While the
to us, original founding trio of Eddie Ruben,
Joe L. Floyd and Larry Bentson are no
longer with us, we still rely heavily on
the counsel of our two retired lead the counsel of our two retired lead
ers, Joe H. Floyd and Mark Niblick, ers, Joe H. Floyd and Mark Niblick
Not only are we fortunate to have thi ownership opportunity, we are privileged to have learned from these fiv
outstanding individuals" outstanding individuals. Larry Bentson wanted to continu was gone, and he wanted manage ment to have an opportunity to carr on this legacy," said Grosser. "In
world of economic uncertainty private equity buyouts, some believe private equity buyouts, some believe planning made the smooth transition of ownership a reality. His foresigh means that Midcontinent will contin-
ue to treat employees as partners and ue to treat employees as partners and
customers as neighbors."

## This is one plan that is not going up in smoke


#### Abstract

By Lin Smithwick When he was a kid running around the neighborhood in Arthur, Rick Burgum probably wasn't giving too much thought to his growing up days ahead. Burgum was about 11 years old and he and his pals had fun and, maybe - maybe just a little mischie on their minds. A couple of those pals were Bruce Pearson and Frank pals were Bruce Pearson and Frank Pearson. Today, Burgum sits in his of fice in the Arthur Company eleva tor, smiling at the memory of thos childhood days. On the east side of Arthur, there was a broad expanse of could reach beyond the clouds. It was the perfect place for kids - especially young boys - to play. It was also the chief.

A large tree was the centerpiece for the lush landscape that provided refuge for the youngsters. The tree with its huge, strong arms and mas sive trunk, could ang arms and mas of the young Arthur boys "We used to go up there by the grin. "We called it our 'smoking tree One day, Burgum recalled, things go a little out of hand. "We made a shed out of some, straw bales and the caught fire." Fortunately, nothin serious happened - except mayb some injured pride - and the fire wa put out. As summer days turned into autumn and the days into months and years, Rick Burgum always remem bered those 'smoking tree' days Somewhere along the way, day dreams forged with the reality of hard work and loyalty creating the success that Rick Burgum and his "smoking" buddies have achieved. A couple of weeks ago, a new sign went up on the west side of Hwy 18




## Positive growth reported in first quarter of 2010

that links Arthur with other rural Cass County communities. The sign announced a new building project - a
housing development in Arthur. The housing development in Arthur. The
addition is on the east side of Arthur. The land encompasses several picturesque lots with serene prairie vis-
tas that bind earth and sky together. A large tree once stood there offering Rick Burgum ever dreamed of one day owning that property, there is
little doubt what it would be called. That's why Arthur's newest setting for country homes is called the Smoking Tree Addition. "We have a
lack of building spots in Arthur and there is a lot of business activity here, so this seems like a good idea." All the two-year property tax exemption up to $\$ 150,000$. Burgum says the lots
range from, $\$ 22,000$ to $\$ 32,000$. range from, \$22,000 to \$32,000.
City water and sewer are included with the purchase of a lot. Building Burgum points out that all the lots have nice views - either looking east across the prairies or facing west for The new home fer Degerness and their family is located in the Smoking Tree area. Joel, of building his own home. Together with Jennifer and family and friends, into their new home this past Thanksgiving Day. "We love it here," Jenni-
fer said. "The view is unbelievable." The panorama of the ever-changing seasons just outside their large win-
dow provides a constant change of scenery. "We wouldn’t have consid-
ered building anywhere else. This is a wonderful spot."
able, the Smoking Troice lots availevolved from the outhfuladvion has of Rick Burgum and his pals.


#### Abstract

Tax Commissioner Cory Fong an- nouced recently that North Dakota's economy expanded at a moderate economy expanded at a moderate pace during the first quarter of 2010,


 which includes January, February, and March. According to the economic report, North Dakota's first quarter total taxable sales and purchases were $\$ 2.607$ billion, up $\$ 67$ million from the first quarter 2009 for an increase of 2.65 percent "This is a good report, highlight-
ing the fact that North Dakota's ing the fact that North Dakota's economy strengthened compared
to the same quarter in 2009," said Fong. "It is very encouraging, es pecially since it came during a time of continued uncertainty and weakening in most other states' economies." The construction sector showe
rising 16 percent compared to the same quarter 2009. The retail trade sector, the sector most often looked
to as a measure of consumer confidence, grew the most in dollars, growing $\$ 71$ million. Other sectors showing gains include: professional, scientific, technical, and manage
ment services, up 13 percent; mis cellaneous, up 12.6 percent; wholesale trade, up 10.8 percent; other services, up 9.6 percent; financial, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing, up 9.5 percent; retail trade, food services, up 5.7 percent; arts, entertainment and recreation, up 5.4 percent; information industries, up 2.9 percent; and mining and oil extraction, up 0.9 percent.
Fong said, "North D
Fong said, North Dakota ha
which was due in part to stability in
several sectors, such as construction, retail and wholesale trade, as
well as the expansion of oil drilling well as the expansion of oil drilling activity."
Four
Four sectors reported declines including: utilities, down 71 percent; transportation and warehousing,
down 20.3 percent; manufacturing, down 3.5 percent; and educational health care, and social services down
$\qquad$ "In the utilities sector, the main contributing factor to the declining numbers is the exemption from sales tax for natural gas used in heating
and industrial purposes," said Fong. "The effect of this exemption affects a number of sectors."
Effective July 1,2009 , all natu-
trom from and use taxes. This
change in the taxable base is the pri-
mary factor behind the drop in sales from the first quarter of 2009, when natural gas was subject to a one percent statewide sales tax "Had natural gas remained taxable at one percent," said Fong, "the rate of overall growth this quarter
would have been nearly seven per cent." Of the 50 largest cities, the biggest percentage increases for the first quarter of 2010 were Bowman, 64.8 percent; Washburn, up 36.3 percent; Langdon, up 37.7 percent Stanley, up by 33 percent.
The biggest percentage first
quarter decreases for the 50 largest cities were Northwood, down 26.5 percent; Cros
down 3.8 percent; and Walhalla down o.8 percent.
Counties with Counties with the highest per86.5 percent; Billings, up 74.8 percent; Grant, up 72.6 percent; Bowup 37.3 percent up 37.3 percent.
The counties counties with the biggest percentage decreases were Burke,
down 31.9 percent: Slope down 25 percent, Benson, down 17.1 percent; Divide, down 13.5 percent; and McHenry, down 10 percent.
The complete North Dakota Sales and Use Tax Statistical Report Sor First Quarter 2010 is available on the Tax Department's web site at: www.nd.gov/tax/.

## New business on Front Street




Jess Sell poses inside her new studio in downtown Casselton.
rity at the former Merit Care hospital.
"I went to NDSU to study criminal "I went to NDSU to study criminal justice and decided that just wasn't
for me. I had always been interested in photography, so I decided to try it." She has studied photography and

## Majority of ND taxpayers filed on line

Fargo Same Day Surgery Center re-opens

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surgical care and the organization' commitment to pioneering innovative patient care for the region. The facility has been redesigned to offe the latest in outpatient care to make receiving same day surgery easier and more convenient.
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ruptions and delays often involved in our hospital operating rooms where emergencies are given priority," said
Dennis Millirons, president of SanDennis Millirons, president of San ford Medical Center Fargo.
The facility opened August 16 and will accommodate up to 30 cases per day with a focus on urology, gynecology and general surgeries that
require a short amount of time and require a short amount of time and
allow patients to go home the same day.
"We're excited to be experiencin a strong increase in surgical care volume. Since the merger, we've been able to hire more surgeons in new specialties which means we can offer patients more options. The Sanford
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field. Jessica Sell is now busy develop ing the future of her world and Event ing the future of her world and Event
Photography. "I have a lot of ideas and a lot of plans for my new business," a lot of plans for my new bur
she said. "It is very exciting."
percent and provides physicians and patients with the convenience of another facility to meet their needs,"
says Becky Moch, executive director, Surgical Services. "We expect to see an increase in efficiency and timeliness for all of our surgical patients as a result of this."
Renovations include a new interior design that streamlines the patient care experience and a calming
décor that creates a soothing, relaxdécor that creates a soothin, relaxthose waiting for patients under

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going surgery include comfortable seating, a computer station, wireless connectivity, check-out DVD players, board games/activities and refreshments and rolls. Front doo parking provides easy access. The Same Day Surgery center quisition of Dakota Heartland Hos pital which had 10 operating room and is now the Sanford Health South University campus in Fargo.


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Tax Commissioner Cory Fong reported that 75 percent of North Dafiled electronically during the 2010 ax season, and at a faster and stronger pace this year compared to prior
"As the filing season progresses, we typically see a narrowing in the percentage of e-file compared to pa-
per," said Fong. "This year was differper," said Fong. "This year was differ-
ent - during the seven days leading ent - during the seven days leading
up to the April 15 deadline, there was up to the April 15 deadline, there was
a surge in electronic filing among the last minute filers."
From April 9 through April 16, the
department department received 38,987 e-filed returns and 10,639 paper returns.
As of April $23,230,784$ individual As of April $23,230,784$ individual
income tax returns were filed electronically, for a 12 percent increase over the same time last season. And, this season's number of e-filed returns is ahead of the total number of e-file returns for all of 2009 . For the filed electronically. During the 2010 season, taxpayers filed 78,271 paper
returns for a total 309,055 paper and returns for a total 309,055 paper and The strongest increase in e-filers came in the 30 and under age group,
for an increase of 8.5 percent of e-file for an increase of 8.5 percent of e-file
compared to last year. The second fastest growing group was the $51-70$ year-old filers with an increase in efile of 4.4 percent.
Fong said, "Taxpayers were filing earlier this year, probably because they were expecting a refund
and they wanted their refund sooner rather than later."
As of April 23, the Tax Depart-
ment had issued As of April 23, the Tax DepartOf that, 122,414 were direct deposit compared to 110,876 last year - a 10 percent increase in direct deposit.
The average refund was more this The average refund was more this
year than last year - $\$ 286$ compared to $\$ 283$ last year.
New this year was a state-only WebFile option to the Tax Department system. The Tax Department also implemented a new interactive tool for taxpayers to use to guid
them to an online e-file service. them to an online e-file service.
"We added the WebFile featu to accommodate those tax filers who had already filed their federal return, in many cases electronically, and were looking for an electronic method of filing their state return,"
said Fong. "We also implemented said Fong. "We also implemented a new interactive online tool. With
the many different e-file companies available to taxpayers, we felt that some taxpayers have missed out on the Free File option in the past be-
cause they have been unsure which
free offering works best for them. We tify which method to use - Free File, created the interactive tool to help
them wade through the free offers them wade through the free offers work best for them." The new tool helps taxpayers idenIRS E-File, or WebFile. According to the Department web site statistics, the online tool was viewed almost 54,000 times.


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| Saturday, August 21 Karaoke Lady |
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Thank you for all who attended Kindred Community Days and to the many volunteers who cleaned up afterwards. Thanks for making this a fun event!

 "Studio Crawl Preview" exhibition on
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Visual Artists' (FMVA) two-day Studio Crawl Saturday and Sunday, October 2
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Various media will be represented in
the Crawl
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The Studio Crawl was established
in 2004 to develop an awareness and appreciation for the quality and diversity of visual arts in the region. During
the two-day event, the public is given a chance to go behind the scenes of a
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demystify art's "making" process. visitation during this year's crawl. StuArt Museum, 704 1t Av. fmva.us, area businesses and from the $\xlongequal{\text { fmarticicipating artists }}$
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student artists can participate. Most studios are fully accessible from a mobility standpoint.
The FMVA is (3) non-profit organization open to all

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| - \$30 entry fee (includes golf $\&$ food) - 25 Team Limit - in Hope, ND | $\mathcal{M i s s i s s i p p i ' s}$ <br> Tower Bar <br> Tower City, ND <br> 749-2571 |




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## Friday, August 27th - 6-8pm

Vets Club Poker League Starting in September! More information to follow. Stop in or call the Vets Club to sign up! SUPER SUPPERS B(I)@ (O)

Wednesday, August 18
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