

# STUTSMAN COUNTY



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## Connie Ova Celebrates Retirement

Last month we honored Connie Ova's 21-year career with the JSDC with a retirement party. She will be officially retired at the end of the year!

Connie began employment with JSDC as Training and Projects Coordinator and accepted the position of CEO in November of 2003. She stepped down as CEO in March of 2023 to start working part-time as she began her transition to retirement. She has been overseeing and

advising on the major projects that were started during her time as CEO.

Connie has been instrumental in developing partnerships among many community entities. She assisted with the coordination of SE ND Manufacturers Roundtable, packaged several business expansions and startups, and developed relationships with several firms considering location in Jamestown.

As part of the celebration, we had Mayor Dwaine Heinrich proclaim that December 21st is officially "Connie Ova Day" in the City of Jamestown.

Cheers to a lifetime of hard work, dedication, and countless memories! Wishing Connie a retirement filled with relaxation, adventure, and all the joy that comes with a well-deserved break. Here's to new beginnings and endless possibilities. Happy retirement!

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it and everyone who has sent well wishes to

## In the News:



### [Forbes] Ranked: North Dakota Rated Best State To Start a Business In 2024

Millions of Americans are ditching their day jobs in pursuit of starting a business that will bring them more happiness, fulfillment and-hopefully-more income. However, starting a successful business is no easy feat.

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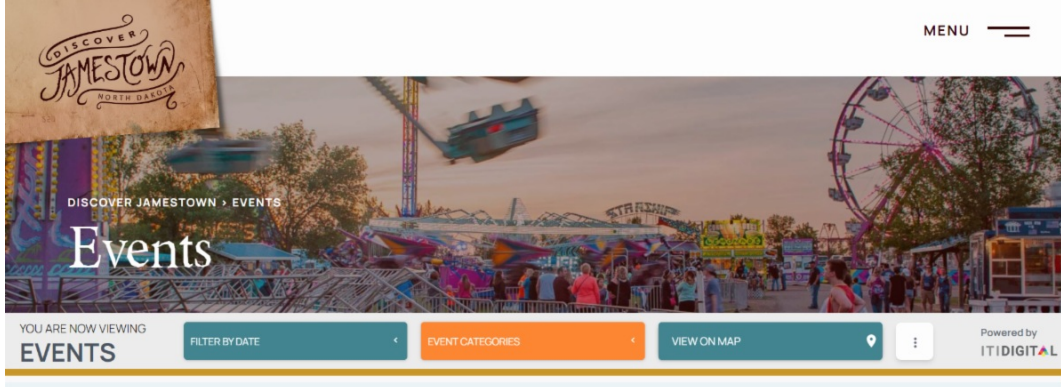
### UJ Launches Online MBA Program

University of Jamestown announced that it is launching a Master of Business Administration (MBA) program under its online division UJ Accelerated. The MBA, led by program director Dr. Michael Brizek...

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## Upcoming Business Resource Events:

Event:	Date:	Hosted By:
<u><a href="#">Are You An Entrepreneur?</a></u>	January 22	<u><a href="#">JREC</a></u>
<u><a href="#">S.T.I.R.@ Drift Prairie Brewing</a></u>	January 23	<u><a href="#">Jamestown Chamber</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Bookkeeping Made Easy</a></u>	January 29	<u><a href="#">JREC</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Introduction to Wholesale for Product-Based Businesses</a></u>	February 7	<u><a href="#">JREC</a></u>
<u><a href="#">SEO Ranking Workshop</a></u>	February 13	<u><a href="#">JREC</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Get Found, Got Growth: Get Found on Search and Thrive Online</a></u>	February 14	<u><a href="#">JREC</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Valuable Visibility: Being An Expert on Your Customer</a></u>	February 15	<u><a href="#">JREC</a></u>



## Tourism Website & Community Calendar Given a Refresh

On the search for local events? **Jamestown Calendar** is now an integrated module on the Jamestown Tourism website! Same great resource, but now it has the ability to pull events from all over the web! Users are also able to sort events by category, such as by Chamber member businesses, family-friendly events, and more!

This calendar helps visitors and community members plan the month ahead. It also serves local businesses as a talent recruitment tool to showcase the community. Whether your business hosts a trivia night, your restaurant brings in local music, or you lead a group yoga class, Jamestown wants to know about it! Don't forget to register your events!

[Visit Our Website](#)

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