

THE JAYCEE SPIRIT

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

It is with mixed emotions that I write my message this month. Some of you may know and some of you may not know, but this will be my last newsletter article. I will be moving to Alaska the end of May, so I am passing the gavel on down. I will remain a Bismarck Jaycee – it’s just the thing to do. You are my family and I love all of you. Too bad I don’t have enuff room to take you all.

Congratulations to the chapter for winning the Spirit Award at convention. Way to go. I’m pretty sure part of it had something to do with Jim and Chris running around and doing the random “5”. In the parade of chapters, we finished behind Fargo by 6 points. Not too bad. I would also like to mention that our chapter came home with a lot of awards. Our 3 first timers did an awesome job. They wore the frog hats with pride. And how about Tiffany Busby? That girl came home with more wood than a lumberjack. Individual RoadRunner of the trimester; Jaycee of the month of February; Speak-Up winner; 2nd place in First Timers. Wow. I’m proud of you Tiffany. Keep up the enthusiasm and spread it around to all of the other newcomers we have. It is that enthusiasm that feeds on others and will get our organization back to where we need it to be. I have some awards that will be given out to those who were not at convention but won awards.

Congratulations also to our OYND Candidate Carrie Grosz. She was one of the winners. It’s great to see such deserving people nominated for the award. I recommend the chapter start looking for a candidate for next year. The rules don’t really change, so get thinking of some one. Also, if you know of a farmer, ask that person to consider filling out the paperwork for OYF. We need to recognize those young people in our state and let them know they are appreciated.

Our chapter is a very strong chapter and of that, I’m very proud. Keep up the good work and the fun projects. We have some projects we need to continue working on – like the Prayer Bears, the Interstate Cleanup – and, of course, keep recruiting. There are so many people still out there that would make excellent Jaycees. Go to the training, get to the conventions, learn all you can. We belong to a great organization and we need to keep it alive.

If any of you have the desire to travel up to Juneau, Alaska, within the next couple of years, give me a shout. I will be keeping the sillyjillysimpf@bis.midco.net email address and watch the forum so I can stay informed. I love the Bismarck Jaycees and the ND Jaycees. You guys rock!

one last time
 ~ Peace Out ~
 Jill Simpfenderfer

INDIVIDUAL VP

Here's my deal for the newsletter:

Categorically the Best Recent Musical Releases You're Stochastically Unlikely to be Aware of:

Best U.S. Expatriate-Cum-British Invasion Dropout To Sing About Punching Donkeys: The Drift / by Scott Walker

Something of a no-brainer category, admittedly, but this album has a lot going for it. Simultaneously dark, brilliant, terrifying, hilarious, unforgettable and insidiously infectious, buy this album now, and regret it for the remainder of your days.

Best Release From a Recently Demised Jazz Legend: Time Lines / by Andrew Hill

This genius pianist may have been marginalized for the majority of his recording career, but for this release, he was reunited with Blue Note, the label that suppressed the bulk of his profoundly creative formative years. Fortunately they didn't shelve this one for decades. Rest in peace, you bad, bad man...

Best Self-Produced Concept Album: I'll Sleep When You're Dead / by El-P

This founding member of Co-Flow has issued his second full-fledged solo album. And it proves that he's capable of everything he's hinted at previously.

Cannibal Ox called him the hardest working man in the business, and I don't know about you, but I make it a point not to argue with Cannibal Ox. This album is worth far more than it's weight in plastic metal laminates.

Best Gathering of Soul: Iron Leg / by Mickey and the Soul Generation

Those of us who missed out on hearing Mickey and the Soul Generation in the '70's (that being everyone on planet Earth) have cause for celebration: Bay area legend DJ Shadow has compiled their complete

works, including previously unissued material. Prove you're funky and buy this album.

Best Drone Album: Altar / by Sunn 0))) and Boris

Maximum volume yields maximum results. This is not for the low fi remaining among us, but it will rip the nuts off of those who are appropriately prepared. And who have nuts.

Best Blues Album About the Aftermath of Katrina: Bad Blood in the City: The Piety Street Sessions /

by James Blood Ulmer
Okay, so this hasn't been released yet, but still--how could it go awry? Irrepressible free jazz guitarist Blood has been getting back to his delta blues roots lately. With this outing he focuses on recent events down home, blending original tunes with songs by Junior Kimbrough, Sun House, Willie Dixon, and Howlin' Wolf. Buy it Tuesday!

Best Black Metal Recording From a Tasmanian Hermit: Nefaria / by Striborg

Despite the legions of releases in this category thusfar in 2007, Nefaria stands out as a front runner. Sin Nanna's music is hard to classify, but this may have something to do with the fact that he lives alone in a forest, subsisting off grasses, nuts, berries, insects, and the like. Somehow he's managed to record an abundance of tunes on a tape recorder. For this, we're grateful.

Best Album With Liner Notes in Invisible Ink: Abandoned Language / by Dalek

Jersey duo Oktopus and dalek make a lasting impression with their latest release.

Best Super Fun Japanese Weird Thing: Sensuous / by Cornelius

Cornelius continues to be one of the most accessible oddball freaks in the music industry. His latest album just hit stores stateside, so you don't even have to shell out the exorbitant import rates anymore. Yeehaw. Note: this album doesn't make

you want to pee as much as his last one did. He's been working on that.

Best Legally Released Turntablist Album: The Audience's Listening / by Cut Chemist

If you're worth your salt, you've been spinning his bootlegs for years. Even if you're not, you can rejoice with the rest of us in his first officially licensed disc.

Danceable, comical, hip, and catchy as hell. You won't regret it.

Best Compilation of 78's: The Stuff That Dreams Are Made Of / compiled by Yazoo

Treasure trove of roots blues and folk music from the 20's, including previously unissued tracks by Sun House. Very fetching packaging and liner notes make this double disc irresistible.

Best Subversive Homosexual British Industrial Reissue: Nail / by Scraping Foetus Off the Wheel

You may know J. G. Thirwell from his soundtrack work on Cartoon Network's Venture Brothers. Or from covers of his work by extreme metal mavens like Fear Factory. His influence is wide reaching, but his audience is extremely limited. There's good reason for this. It's because he's completely friggin' bonkers.

Best Reggae-Influenced Album by an Incompetent Documentary Filmmaker: Yell Fire / by Michael Franti and Spearhead

A truly beautiful album of songs inspired by time spent in Iraq, Israel, and Palestine--obviously this one's less street-conscious than his previous releases, but it comes from the same place and moves toward the same ends. Good words and great music from a man who is much better heard than seen.

That's all I have for you this evening. Cheerio.

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COMMUNITY VP

FINALLY YOUR COMMUNITY VP (CHRIS ZIEGLER) HAS SUBMITTED AN ARTICLE!! I AM SORRY FOR NOT GETTING ONE DONE SOONER AND I WILL DO BETTER IN THE FUTURE. SINCE TAKING OFFICE I HAVE TRIED TO BRING IN NEW PROJECTS AND KEEP OUR NAME IN THE COMMUNITY.

THE PAST MONTH WE HAD SEVERAL PROJECTS. OUR PITCH HIT AND RUN THAT WAS HELD IN BISMARCK WAS A GREAT SUCCESS WITH A GOOD TURN OUT OF KIDS THIS YEAR. THE PRAYER BEAR PROJECT THAT WE STARTED IS A LOT OF WORK BUT IT IS GOING TO A GOOD CAUSE AS WE HELP MAKE THESE BEARS FOR OUR NORTH DAKOTA SOLDIERS. THE LAST ONE WAS A LOT OF WALKING AS WE STARTED TO CLEAN UP THE INTERSTATE IN MANDAN FOR THE ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HELPED IN THE PROJECTS AND WELL AS THOSE WHO PLANNED AND ORGANIZED THEM. YOU ALL DID A GREAT JOB AND DESERVE A PAT ON THE BACK.

NOW GOING FORWARD INTO THE MONTH OF MAY LETS TRY AND HAVE THE SAME GREAT VOLUNTEERS AND PROJECTS. THIS MONTH WE HAVE A FEW PROJECTS THAT ARE SCHEDULED AND SOME THAT ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US MEET AGAIN AND FINISH SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT WE STILL HAVE NOT COMPLETED SUCH AS THE INTERSTATE CLEAN UP AND THE PRAYER BEARS.

AS A CLOSING NOTE FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE IDEAS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO PLEASE BRING THEM UP IN THE MEETINGS OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ANYTHING THAT I CAN HELP YOU WITH PLEASE CALL ME OR EMAIL ME.

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MEMBERSHIP VP

First off, I would like to welcome our three brand new Jaycees: Vanessa Magstadt, Lorrie Somers, and Sarah Devereaux. And next, I would like to welcome our three new transfers: Pam Johnson, Dennis Burdolski, and Becky Burdolski. And finally, I would like to thank Lori Jepson, Melissa Evans, and Al Peterson for finding us these new members.

Next, I would like to talk about our new website a bit. Thank you to those who have checked out and registered on our new forums and I would like to encourage the rest of you to do so as well. It's easy to do and will hopefully help keep us all better informed, but they are only as good as we make them. I have also been working heavily on our new photo gallery. I would welcome any additional submitted photos. I hope you all enjoy it.

I want to continue to improve our website and make it the best that it can be. But, to do this I need all of your help. We need to add more content to our site. Please send me any photos, articles, or suggestions that you may have. Thanks in advance for any help and I hope you all enjoy the new site.

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Management VP/Treasurer

No Article Submitted by Lori J.

Hey everyone! I have a few things

I need to talk about, so read on!!!!

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is coming up quickly....June 2nd at the Century High School Track. Thanks to those of you who have signed up to walk, raise funds, or pledge someone on the team. I have not received much communication from the chairperson(s) this year, so at the time I am writing this, I do not have a whole lot of details. I will forward on any info I get as soon as I receive it.

I did send out an email earlier this week. Please read this email. I am looking also for a co-captain, as I found out I am having surgery the week before and I will be laid up still that weekend and won't be able to do much. This would involve helping set up early in the day of the relay, and turning in money on bank days, etc. Let me know if you can help out. You probably won't get the pretty captain shirt, but you can have mine if it makes you feel better!

Congratulations goes out to Carrie Grosz on receiving one the three OYND (Outstanding Young North Dakotan) awards throughout the state. She is very deserving. There were some awesome candidates. Thank you to Jill for getting the paperwork turned in by deadline. She went 2007 ND Jaycees Community Development VP
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through a lot of work to get this in. We also need to start thinking about our OYF (Outstanding Young Farmer) Candidates. We should have this paperwork turned in around September 1st. It is a very time consuming task, and it helps to get pictures during the different times of the year. If you have someone in mind, please bring it up at the meeting or talk to an Exec Board member or myself. I'd love to see us have a candidate.

Pitch Hit and Run is going to be run in Washburn this weekend. I wanted to congratulate the team on a job well done in Bismarck!!! We had almost 40 students. How awesome!!! There were some glitches as usual, but over all, I was so proud of all of you! Keep up the hard work everyone!

Please keep a little portion of your summer open for Jaycee Events. I plan to be traveling some this summer on behalf of the state executive team, so I will be looking for some roadrunners to keep me company!

Thanks and happy summering!

Melissa Evans

SECRETARY

Yea Spring has finally arrived!!!
I would like to say what a great time we all had in Fargo at the convention. It was a blast like usual. I would like to say thank you to Jake, Judy, and Tiffany for competing as First Timers. These 3 helped me meet my challenge that was put out to me in January when I was a first timer. These 3 now have a challenge out to them to bring new members to the August convention held right here in Bismarck.

I would like to say I am very excited to say that Stacey Fitterer has given us the okay to plan a fundraiser. The committee is in the works on planning a HotDog, Chips, and Pop fundraiser. The committee should have lots of information by Tuesday meeting.

I would like to take the time to say a special Thanks and Good Luck to Jill on her new journey in Life. You have been a great President and the Bismarck Jaycees will miss you greatly.

Amy

Howdy folks,

The Pitch Hit and Run in Washburn is this Saturday. Pray for good weather.

Here is the skinny.

We'll meet at JC Hall starting at 7:30 AM. Leave Bismarck by 8:00 AM.

Get

to Washburn in plenty of time for set-up (and maybe a coffee run).

Registration starts at 10:00 with the event beginning at 11:00.

Probably

take the same amount of time as the Bismarck event. Directions to the field

are below. Washburn is small so drive Main St. North until you see a baseball field by the water pumping station on your left.

Parks and Recreation Baseball Field
1st Ave, Washburn, ND

10:00 AM

Directions: Take Boat Ramp Road off of Main Ave. The field is off of 1st Ave.

Here is my cell # 527-1400, let me or Shawn know if you can make it.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Vanessa Magstadt

Lorrie Somers

Sarah Devereaux

WELCOME TRANSFER MEMBERS

Dennis and Becky Burdolski

Pam Johnson

CREATIVITY- CLEAR YOUR MIND

Because we are always thinking, planning, and worrying about things, our minds tend to get cluttered with thoughts and it becomes difficult to focus all of our mental energies on a specific task. You can't think creatively about a problem when half of your mind is thinking about what you want to eat for dinner or how bad the traffic is going to be when you leave work. Before you begin a task where you want to apply all of your creative ability, start by clearing out your mind.

There are many ways of doing this, try this one to start. Sitting comfortably, find a nearby object such as a pencil. Now, stare at it. Try to empty your mind of every thought that isn't related to your object. Your whole universe is the pencil. What would it be like to be a pencil? Without touching it, close your eyes and imagine what a pencil feels like. Does it have a smell? A taste? If any unrelated thought enters

YEARLY RENEWAL REMINDERS

May: Derek Jundt

June: None

ANNIVERSARIES

None

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

John Weber
Chris Zeigler

your mind, refocus your attention onto your object. With practice you will become better at shutting out unrelated thoughts. Do this for at least 5 minutes (set a timer so you aren't thinking about the time). You should find that your mind is more focused and has fewer distracting thoughts. This is the correct mindset for creative thinking.

Spring is God's way of saying, "One more time!"

- Robert Orben

BISMARCK JAYCEES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2007

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1.	2.	3.	4.	5. Pitch Hit Run@ Washburn 10:00am
6.	7.	8. Jaycee Meeting 7:30pm @ Jaycee Hall	9.	10.	11.	12.
13. Happy Mothers Day	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.
20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.
27.	28.Happy Memorial Day	29.	30.	31.		

