



Rewriting the Rural Narrative

Sept. 14

Bismarck Country Club

8:30 a.m. Partner booths open

9 a.m. Welcome

Ryan Taylor, Director, North Dakota USDA Rural Development

Lynette Flage, Director, NDSU Extension Center for Community Vitality

9:20 a.m. The Rural Brain Gain — Ben Winchester, Research Fellow/Community Vitality, University of Minnesota Extension

10:10 a.m. Networking break

10:30 a.m. The Rural Brain Gain — Ben Winchester

11:30 a.m. Melissa Sobolik, Director, Hunger Free North Dakota, Great Plains Food Bank

11:45 a.m. Lunch and networking

12:45 p.m. Food Systems in Rural Areas — Ryan Pesch, Extension Educator/Community Economics, University of Minnesota Extension

1:35 p.m. Networking break

1:50 p.m. Food Systems in Rural Areas — Ryan Pesch

2:50 p.m. Closing comments and evaluation — Ryan Taylor

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