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USA...USA...USA! 2010 Winter Olympics

A reminder that the 2010 Winter Olympics start on February 12, 2010 hosted by Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The games are broadcast locally on KVLV-TV 11. We have a few local faces to watch for: the Lamoureux twins Jocelyne and Monique of Grand Forks, ND, who compete in women's hockey, Natalie Nicholson, Grand Forks, ND, competes in curling and Zach Parise, a hockey player for UND, will compete in men's hockey. Also, formally from Fargo-Moorhead, Mark Ladwig will be competing in pairs skating.

The 2010 games run through February 28, 2010.



On the HomeFront...

with Kari Myhre

February 2010

Valentine's Day...for some it brings feeling of warmth and joy. For others, Valentine's Day is just another commercial holiday created by greeting card and jewelry companies.

At Park Co., we love February since we consider it our official the start of our spring! "Spring?!?" you may ask...well for buyers and sellers who would like to be in a new home by the time the weather gets nice, now is the time to act. Plus if you qualify, the first-time and existing homeowner tax credits must have a contract written by April 30th.

So...Happy February & remember to "Think Spring!"

Home & Garden Show

The 2010 Home & Garden Show is on February 26th -28th at the Fargodome. Join us and 329 other exhibitors at the largest selection of home and garden exhibits in the region.

The featured speaker will be award-winning New York City television personality Cathy Hobbs. She offers years of design experience and a polished delivery within her seminars. Topics will include staging a home to sell, "greening" a home along with entertaining and style ideas under \$10.

The show hours are Friday 3 pm to 9 pm, Saturday 9 am to 6 pm, Sunday 11 am to 5 pm. Regular admission is \$8. Hope to see you at the show!

The F-M Home Market

In the January 27th issue of the *Fargo Forum*, there was an article about the state of the home market in the Fargo-Moorhead area. According to the Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead and the Fargo-Moorhead Area Association of Realtors, the Fargo-Moorhead real estate market is stable.

The total number of building permits issued for new homes were up for the first time in four years. According to Terry Becker Construction and president of the Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead "Single-family construction increased 5 percent in 2009."

In 2009, there was a 6 percent increase in total home sales over 2008 and home values rose 3 percent. Along with the tax incentives for both existing and first-time homebuyers, 2010 is shaping up to be a good year.



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