

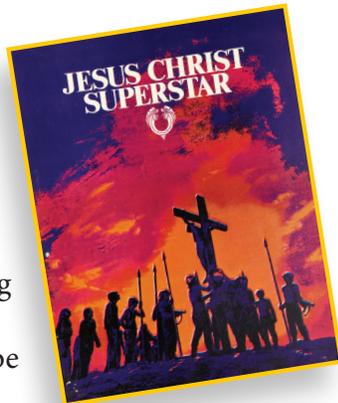


# CLUB NEWSLETTER

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March 25

**T**O CELEBRATE Easter, we have planned the perfect movie for Thursday March 25, 1:30 pm, at Oak Park Theater in Minot. A private viewing of the movie “Jesus Christ Superstar” will be shown in the theater at



## POPCORN AND A MOVIE

1500 4th Ave NW. The movie will start at **1:30 pm** but arrive early to get your free popcorn and pop. Please follow social distancing while in line. Masks are encouraged but not required. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Please call 852-3711 to make your reservation by Monday March 22, 2021. As always, the movie, pop and popcorn are free. The theater will be freshly sanitized and seating is configured to practice social distancing. See you at the Movie!

April 22  
Grand Hotel  
1:00 pm

## SNEAK PEEK at New Discovery Center

This is such an exciting time for North Dakota’s brand-new hybrid children’s museum/science center called the Magic City Discovery Center (MCDC)! Construction begins this spring so dirt will be moving, exhibits are being fabricated and STEAM is in the Air! Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) is the Magic City Discovery Center’s focus for learning and they are gearing up for a grand opening in late 2022! Come hear about the world-class exhibits that are accessible for all children and get a sneak peek of the 3-story building design atop North Hill in Minot. Can you imagine a more spectacular view? You won’t want to miss this presentation. The event will also include coffee, punch and dessert. Please call 852-3711 to make your reservation by Monday April 19, 2021.



May 19, Grand Hotel  
1:00 pm

*Senior Officer Moss to Speak about Fraud Prevention*

Senior Officer Aaron Moss from the Minot Police Department will be providing valuable information on personal safety, social media/telephone scams and other forms of fraud that are relevant to senior citizens. He will also have time for questions from the audience. The event will include coffee, punch and dessert. Please call 852-3711 to make your reservation by Friday May 14, 2021.

### TOURS

We are currently looking for some options of tours in 2021. Once we have finalized options, I’ll provide details in the next newsletter.

**Please remember the meetings are for 50 Plus Club members only.**

Newsletters come out at least four times a year to announce upcoming meetings and events. Like to receive your newsletters electronically? Email your request to: [stephanie.hoffart@firstwestern.bank](mailto:stephanie.hoffart@firstwestern.bank), to be first to get them.

# IRS Warn of Growing Wave of New Scams During Pandemic

There will always be fraudsters looking to find ways to take advantage of people during hard times, and the coronavirus pandemic is no exception. Fraudulent tax schemes cause harm to the Federal government and taxpayers who are victims. Taxpayers should be wary of these schemes.

It may be tempting to see a bigger refund or to find a way that you can get stimulus checks sooner, but these things are typically tied to a scam. Some other fake promises scammers are using to reel you in and steal your information include fake donation sites or emails stating that you can get on the front end of a COVID-19 vaccine. Nine out of 10 coronavirus domains are scams. They use codewords such as "coronavirus", "COVID", or "stimulus" payments. Scammers are working hard to get information from taxpayers and use it for their scheme to take your money.

## Tips to tell if you are talking to someone pretending to be from the IRS:

- ▶ The IRS will **NOT** send you a text or email about tax issues or stimulus checks.
- ▶ The IRS will **NOT** call in regards to the Economic Impact Payment.
- ▶ The IRS will **NOT** ask you for credit card information, Social Security numbers or any personal financial data.

*If you think you have been scammed, act quickly. First file a police report and then complete form 14039, an identity theft affidavit, that can be found on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov). These steps will help the IRS work faster in assisting the victim. You can also call the Tax Administration hotline at 800-366-4484.*

## Watch out for Medicare COVID-19 Scam!

Scammers are calling beneficiaries and pretending to be Medicare representatives. The caller asks for the Medicare number and the enrollment dates on the card and tells the beneficiary that they need a new Medicare card because of COVID.

**Medicare IS NOT issuing new cards because of the pandemic.** Medicare will never call you, **DO NOT** give out your Medicare number, Social Security number or any personal identifying information to callers.

**Reporting Medicare fraud:** If you think you have spotted fraud, report it right away. ND SMP will help seniors prevent, detect and report Medicare fraud. If you see anything suspicious, contact the ND SMP at [ndsmp@minotstateu.edu](mailto:ndsmp@minotstateu.edu) or call 1-800-233-1737 or 701-858-3580. For non-Medicare fraud issues, contact the ND Attorney General's Office at 1-800-472-2600.

The information provided is intended to be a general summary only. Source of information: Stallworth, S. (2021 March 2). IRS Special Agent warns against new wave of COVID-19 scam. WDAZ Fox News. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/irs-special-agent-warns-against-new-wave-of-covid-19-scams/ar-BB1diB88>



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