



CLUB NEWSLETTER

First Western Bank & Trust ★ **50 PLUS CLUB**
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June 24, 2025

Club Event 11:00 am at the Grand Hotel – Picnic without the Ants

Mark your calendar for the annual free turkey dinner to be held on June 24, 2025. A “Patriotic” theme is planned so be ready to be entertained, have a great meal and win some prizes. Entertainment by Daniel Starks and bingo will add to this fun event. Registration will open at 10:30 am with activities starting at 11:00 am.

Please call 852-3711 by Monday June 16, 2025 to reserve your spot.



July 30, 2025

Day Trip to Grand Forks to attend the Frost Fire Summer Theater presenting “FAME”

The 50 Plus Club will be providing a bus for transportation, a lunch and a theater ticket to the musical “FAME” at the Empire Arts Center in Grand Forks.

To register for this free day trip call 701-852-3711 until two buses are filled but no later than June 20, 2025 to reserve your spot. The buses will be departing at 8:30 am sharp from the Grand Oasis Hotel, 1505 N Broadway, Minot ND. Please wear comfortable shoes, a light jacket if needed and any snacks/drinks for the bus trip. The motor coach has a restroom for your convenience.

THE DETAILS

- › **8:30 am** Bus departs Minot from the Grand Oasis Hotel
- › **11:00 am** Box lunches provided on the road
- › **12:45 pm** Arrive at The Empire Arts Center in Grand Forks
- › **2:00 pm** 4:30 pm - Enjoy the musical “FAME”
- › **4:45 pm** Bus departs for Minot
- › **8:30 pm** Arrive in Minot

Please remember the meetings and events are for 50 Plus Club members only!

Newsletters come out at least four times a year to announce upcoming meetings and events. Would you like to receive your newsletters electronically? Email your request to: stephanie.hoffart@firstwestern.bank, to be first to get them!

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Medicare's New \$2,000 Limit on Prescription Costs – Watch Out for Scams!

How to Stay Safe:

- Never share personal information with strangers on the phone or in email.
 - Don't click on unknown links in emails or texts.
- Check your Medicare statements for mistakes or charges you don't recognize.
- Treat your Medicare card like a credit card—keep it safe!
- Report suspicious activity.



Stay alert and protect yourself from scams!

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 or call 1-833-818-0029. 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: NY SMP (14 Jan 2025) Statewide Fraud of the Month. Medicare Prescription Drug Cap Scams - FOX40*

Medicare's New \$2,000 Limit on Prescription Costs – Watch Out for Scams!

Starting January 1, 2025, Medicare will limit how much seniors must pay for prescription drugs to \$2,000 a year. This new rule applies to Medicare Part D and will help millions of people afford their medicine. But scammers might try to trick you by pretending to offer help or asking for money.



Be Careful of These Scams:

- Unwanted phone calls offering help
 - If someone calls you out of nowhere and says they can help with your Medicare drug benefits, be careful!
 - Never share personal details like your Medicare number or bank information.
- Fake fees or payments
 - Scammers might say you have to pay a fee to get the new \$2,000 cap.
 - Medicare will never ask you to pay ahead of time for benefits.
- No extra cards or paperwork needed
 - If you are part of a Medicare Prescription Payment Plan, you don't need a special card or extra paperwork at the pharmacy.
 - Your current Medicare or drug plan will handle everything as usual.

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