



CLUB NEWSLETTER

First Western Bank & Trust ★ **50 PLUS CLUB**
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September 18 Club Event
1:00 pm at the
Grand Oasis Hotel

SHARING A SPECIAL D-DAY ANNIVERSARY EXPERIENCE

Verla Rostad traveled to France with the Heritage Singers of Minot in June of this year.



The group was in Normandy, France on the weekend of the observance of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

Verla will share photos taken at Omaha Beach, the D-Day Museum, and the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach. Verla's presentation will include a refresher on WWII history interspersed with the photos, as well as an interesting observation of how the people of Normandy remember their liberation from Nazi occupation in 1944.

Please call 852-3711 to make your reservation by Thursday, September 12.

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!

October 16 Club Event
1:30 pm at Oak Park Theater

Popcorn and a Movie

A private viewing of the movie "Ordinary Angels" will be shown at the Oak Park Theater at 1500 4th Ave NW. The movie will start at 1:30 pm but arrive early to get your popcorn and soda.

This movie is based on the true story of a Kentucky hairdresser who helped a critically ill little girl to get a life-saving liver transplant. The movie is rated PG and should be over around 3:45 pm.

Please call 852-3711 and RSVP by Thursday, October 10.



November 20 Club Event • 1:00 pm at the Grand Oasis Hotel



There's more to Activities than Bingo, with Chuck Repnow

→ Chuck Repnow is the Activity Director at Mountrail Bethel Home in Stanley. After a 25-year photography career as owner of Strand Studio in Rugby, he found a new career in

bringing "more than Bingo" to residents in nursing and assisted living facilities. With a flair for good art, humor, adventure and travel, he delights in planning engaging and fun activities for true life enrichment.

You don't want to miss this event as Chuck plans to bring a home-made lemon meringue pie as a door prize!

Please call 852-3711 by Wednesday, November 13 to reserve your spot.

Norsk Høstfest Volunteers Needed. The Norsk Høstfest is looking for volunteers for the 45th festival September 25-28, 2024. This unique festival celebrates the rich heritage and traditions of Scandinavian culture and depends on hundreds of volunteers for its success! If you are interested in volunteering go to hostfest.com/volunteering and sign up. Volunteers will receive a free general admission pass for the day their shift, a free volunteer t-shirt and free snacks, water and a Spicy Pie pizza coupon. A volunteer may purchase one Great Hall concert ticket for the difference of the ticket and general admission price.

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Protect Yourself from QR Code Fraud

Be aware of urgent requests using QR Codes: Fraudsters often pretend to be government officials and use fake QR codes to defraud people. For example, a scammer may pose as a Social Security employee claiming that there is a problem with your account.

Stay Informed: Stay up to date on the latest QR code fraud and scams. Follow trusted sources such as news outlets and official government websites for updates. QR codes are an easy and convenient way to get information, but it's important to be aware when using them.



The Mouse River Players are excited for the upcoming 33rd season. Their first show is Steel Magnolias. Step into the enchanting world of Truvy's beauty salon, where a group of extraordinary women come together to share more than just their hairstyling secrets. The story begins with uproarious exchanges and humorous collisions of personalities, drawing the audience into a world of wit and charm. As the play proceeds, it takes an unexpected turn towards tragedy, leaving the women grappling with life's fragility. The play will be held on September 13th (Friday) and 14th (Saturday) starting at 7:30 PM and on the 15th (Sunday afternoon) at 2:00 PM. This will be repeated the following weekend on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd at the same times. Additional information is available by calling 701-838-3939 or going to their website: mouseriverplayers.com

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: Social Security Matters (Feb 22, 2024). *Fraud, Scams, Privacy & Identity. Protecting yourself from QR code fraud.*

Protect Yourself from QR Code Fraud

Quick Response codes, better known as QR codes, are scannable barcodes that will direct you to websites. QR codes can be very useful, but sometimes scammers use them to trick people into visiting fake websites or run harmful software that can steal their personal information.



Some examples:

- ▶ QR codes sent by email or text message pretending to be from delivery companies.
- ▶ Request that you confirm your information due to suspicious activity using fake QR codes.
- ▶ Harmful codes placed on social media advertisements.

Here are some tips to avoid related scams:

Verify the source: Before scanning a QR code, make sure it

comes from a trusted and reliable source. Legitimate QR codes from SSA will always send you to a safe and secure webpage.

Inspect the code: Scammers may try to imitate a QR code. Study the QR code closely. Look for any signs of altering or misspellings. Avoid scanning a QR code if something looks suspicious.

Be aware of codes from unknown sources: Social Security Administration and Medicare will never send a QR code by text or email asking you to confirm your information.

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