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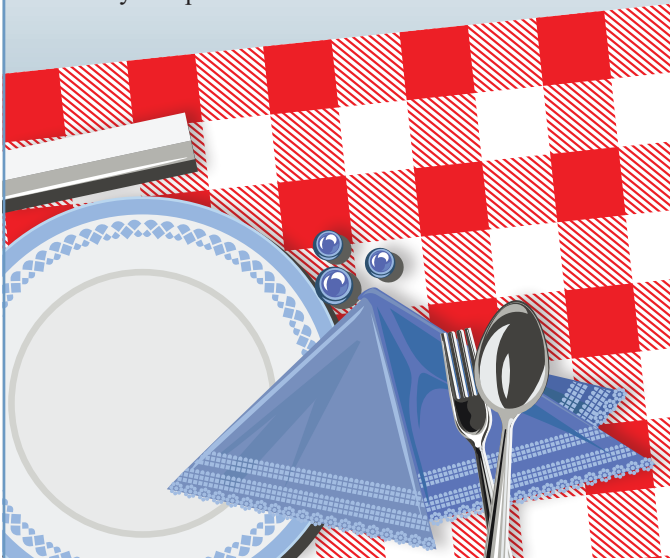
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June 23, 2026 Club Event 11:00 am at the Grand Hotel – Picnic without the Ants

Mark your calendar for the annual free turkey dinner to be held on June 23, 2026. 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 15, 2026 to reserve your spot.



Please remember the meetings and events are for First Western 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!

July 29, 2026 Day Trip to Walhalla to attend the Frost Fire Summer Theater presenting "Come from Away"

The musical is based on the true story of 7,000 airline passengers stranded in Gander, Newfoundland, after the 9/11 attacks, and the small town that welcomed them with open hearts and homes. The show celebrates human connection, kindness, and community through a folk-inspired score, telling the story of how locals and travelers formed unexpected bonds during a time of global crisis.

Payment Options – transfer from your checking or savings account or write a check to First Western Bank.

Exclusive Event For First Western Club Members

BUS TRIP TO THE WALHALLA THEATER

For a Musical Showing of: **Come From Away**

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Cost: \$40.00 Per Person

(Includes Transportation, Lunch Buffet, and Theater Admission)

8:00 AM BUS DEPARTS FROM THE GRAND HOTEL

1505 North Broadway, Minot ND (The bus has a restroom for your convenience)

11:30 AM BUFFET LUNCH AT FROST FIRE LODGE

1:00 PM BUS DEPARTS FOR WALHALLA THEATER

2:00 PM COME FROM AWAY MUSICAL BEGINS

Concessions will be available for purchase at the Theater

4:00 PM BUS DEPARTS WALHALLA

Bus will arrive at the Grand Hotel in Minot at approximately 7:30 PM

Seats Are Limited, RSVP by Wednesday, June 24, 2026:

701-852-3711 or email stephanie.hoffart@firstwestern.bank

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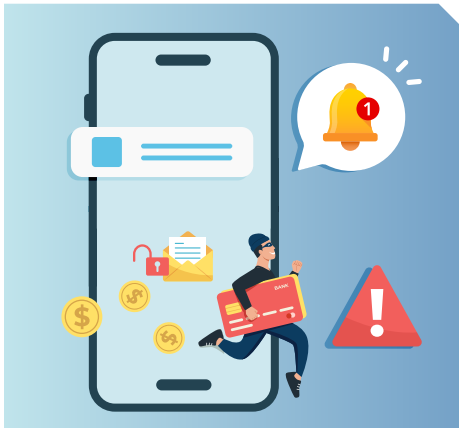
Fake Push Notifications: WHAT MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES SHOULD KNOW

What Is a Push Notification?

A push notification is a short message that pops up on your phone, tablet, or computer screen. Many trusted organizations use them to send helpful updates.

Examples of Normal Push Notifications

- News apps send alerts about breaking news.
- Social media apps like Facebook or Instagram notify you about messages.



wording; the link may not match the company’s website.

- You get a sign-in approval message for a login you did not try.

How to Protect Yourself

- Only allow notifications from apps and websites you trust.
- Think before you click on links.
- Use strong passwords and turn on Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) when available.

- Stores may tell you when an item ships or when there is a sale.
- Banks use them to confirm a payment or to send a code to make sure it is really you.

How Scammers Use Fake Notifications

- Scammers send fake alerts that look like they come from a trusted group.
- They may pretend to be from your bank or government programs like Medicare, Social Security Administration, or the Internal Revenue Service.
- The message often tries to scare you so you will act quickly.

Examples of Scam Messages

- “Your account is not secure. Click here to fix it.”
- “We saw unusual activity. Verify your identity now.”
- If you click the link, it may take you to a fake website.

Warning Signs of a Fake Notification

- You receive an unexpected alert you were not expecting.
 - The message uses urgent words like **Urgent, Action required, Warning.**
- The message says “Dear User” instead of your name.
- The message has misspellings or odd

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What To Do If You Get a Fake Notification

- Do not click the link.
- Dismiss or delete the notification and block the sender if possible.
- Run a security scan on your device.

Remember: Stay alert. Stay informed. Taking a moment to check a message can help keep your personal information safe. Report suspected Medicare fraud to ND SMP at 1-833-818-0029 and non-Medicare fraud to the ND Attorney General’s Office at 800-472-2600.

North Dakota Senior Medicare Patrol Phone: 833-818-0029 or (701) 858-3580

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