

First Western CLUB

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August 20, 2026 Club Event 1:00 pm at the Grand Hotel - Dakota Cruisers

George Masters, President of Dakota Cruisers, will share the history and some experiences with us on what the club means to him and the other members.

Dakota Cruisers, located in Minot, is a car club dedicated to automobile enthusiasts. It hosts a variety of events throughout the year celebrating classic and custom vehicles. The club offers opportunities to connect through shows, gatherings and community events, fostering a shared passion for automobile culture and preservation. They have a scholarship program for area students, and they go to assisted living homes and memory care units in Minot. Club members enjoy car shows around the different communities and even in neighboring states.

The event will include coffee and dessert. Please call 852-3711 to make your reservation by Thursday August 13, 2026.

Dakota Cruisers



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!

September 23, 2026 Club Event 1:00 pm at Oak Park Theater - Popcorn and a Movie

A private viewing of the movie “**The Sheep Detectives**” will be shown at the Oak Park Theater at 1500 4th Ave NW. The movie will start at 1:00 pm but arrive early to get your popcorn and soda.

The Sheep Detective is a whimsical mystery-comedy where a flock of sheep, well versed in whodunit tales read by their late shepherd, set out to solve his suspicious death. Blending live-action and voice performances, it offers humor, heart, and suspense, with a star-studded cast led by Hugh Jackman and Emma Thompson.

The movie is rated PG and should be over around 3:15 pm.

Please call 852-3711 to make your reservation by Monday September 21, 2026. As always, the movie, soda and popcorn are free.



First Western Bank wishes to make you aware of criminal activity impacting individuals and banks in various communities across the Midwest. Specifically, the theft of mail and checks addressed to recipients in Carol Stream, Illinois – a suburb of Chicago. Many popular companies and financial institutions have PO Boxes in this area. We are working with our banking partners, law enforcement, and congressional representatives to address this problem. We strongly advise you review where you are mailing envelopes and use every reasonable alternative to avoid mailing your checks to people or businesses in this area.





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How to Spot and Report Urinary Catheter Billing Scams

Many people with Medicare do not know they have been targeted by fraud until they see a charge on their Medicare statement for medical supplies they did not ask for, need, or receive. **One common scam involves urinary catheters and other medical equipment and supplies.**



Scammers use fake or dishonest medical supply companies to bill Medicare for products they never gave to patients. They may use your Medicare number and personal information to charge Medicare every month for supplies you do not use. This can also put false information in your medical records.

How to Protect Yourself from Medicare Fraud

- Protect your Medicare number, Social Security number, and personal information.
- Do not share personal information with people who call you unexpectedly.

- Keep track of your medical visits, supplies, and services.
- Review your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) or Explanation of Benefits (EOB) for charges you do not recognize.
- Look for supplies listed that you did not request, receive, or need.

Warning Signs of Fraud:

- You receive medical supplies you did not order, or your Medicare statement shows catheter supplies you do not receive or use.
- Someone calls asking for your Medicare number.
- You see charges for services you never received.

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Key Takeaways

- Durable medical equipment (DME) fraud happens when a person is charged for medical equipment that they never used or bought.
- Catheters are one of the most common pieces of DME used by scammers to steal money.
- Protecting your identity and checking your Medicare statements for unapproved DME purchases can help stop DME fraud.

Reporting Medicare fraud:

If you think Medicare fraud has happened, contact the ND SMP at ndsmp@minotstateu.edu or call 1-833-818-0029. Report suspicious charges or calls right away and keep copies of your Medicare statements and notes about suspicious activity.

For non-Medicare fraud issues, contact the ND Attorney General's Office at 800-472-2600.

The information provided is intended to be a general summary only. Source of information: Senior Medicare Patrol Resource Center. (2026, May 11). Medicare DME fraud: How to spot and report catheter billing scams. National Council on Aging