

GLUB NEWSLETTER

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April 23, 2025 Club Event 1:00 pm at the Grand Hotel Daniel Gannarelli, Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation

Daniel Gannarelli is the Director of Development for the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. He will be sharing updates on projects in Medora to include the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library that will positively impact our state and the world.

Please call 852-3711 and RSVP by Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

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.

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to be first to get them!

Popcorn and a Movie March 19, 2025 Club Event 1:00 pm at Oak Park Theater

A private viewing of the movie "Reagan" 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.

An American biographical drama film based on the book "The Crusader Ronald Reagan and the Fall of Communism". The movie is rated PG-13 and should be over around 3:30 pm.

Please call 852-3711 to make your reservation by Friday, March 14, 2025. As always, the movie, soda and popcorn are free.

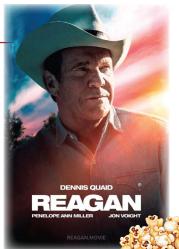
There is more to Activities than Bingo with Chuck Repnow

May 21, 2025 Club Event 1:00 pm at the Grand Oasis Hotel

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, May 14, 2025 to reserve your spot.





How to Protect Yourself

Scammers are always coming up with new tricks, but here are some ways to stay safe:

- Be suspicious of deals that seem too good to be true.
- Don't click on unknown links in emails or texts.
- Be careful with your phone and don't share personal information with strangers.
- Watch what you post on social media.
- Research companies or people before giving them any personal information.

Report suspicious activity.





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: Experian-Prevention (20 Dec 24). The latest scams you need to be aware of in 2025. Retrieved from https://www.experian.com/blags/ask-experian/category/fraud-and-identity-theft/prevention/.

AARP Scam and Fraud (16 Dec 2024). Here are five common scams to watch for in 2025. Retrieved from:

https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2024/biggest-scams-2025.html

Most Common Scams to Watch for in 2025

The new year doesn't always mean scammers change their tricks, but they update their scams by using new technology and taking ideas from old scams and big events happening in the world. Scammers always have the same goal—to get your personal information or money!

Types of scams to watch out for:

- 1. Al (Artificial Intelligence) Scams Scammers might use Al to create fake people or change voices during calls to trick victims.
- Cryptocurrency Scams People new to crypto investing are often targeted by fake investment offers, scams involving celebrities, or "pump and dump" schemes where prices are manipulated.
- Synthetic Identity Scams Scammers make fake identities by mixing real and fake information. They use these identities to open credit accounts or take out loans.
- 4. Romance and Celebrity Scams These scams use Al-generated profiles to seem more believable. Victims might think they've started a relationship or friendship with a celebrity, but it's all fake.
- 5. New Medicare Card Scams Scammers pretend to be Medicare workers. They call and say they need to update your Medicare card, asking for information like your Social Security or bank account numbers.



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