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Don't get scammed!

Submitted by Kennedy Shereck, North Star Community Credit Union

In a fast-paced, digital world full of risk, staying informed and being aware of scams is the best way to protect your personal and financial information. On Tuesday, April 28, North Star Community Credit Union hosted Tonya Hetzler of the North Dakota Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Division for "Don't Get Scammed," a fraud and scam awareness presentation. This event was held in Butte at 2:00pm and in Velva at 6:00pm on April 28. Both sessions collectively welcomed 41 participants eager to learn more about common scam tactics and steps that can be taken to prevent fraud.

Tonya explained many techniques that scammers use to steal your money or information. Her presentation highlighted several warning signs to look for when identifying a scam. For example, scammers might ask you to buy a gift card as a form of payment, or they may tell you to withdraw money from your account and bring it to a "special ATM," which is actually a cryptocurrency machine. Scammers may also create a sense of urgency and secrecy, pressuring you

to act quickly and not tell anyone. Requiring a wire transfer is another common tactic to watch for, so unless you know exactly where a transfer is going, it's wise not to send one. A wire transfer is just like handing over cash because once it's gone, it cannot be recovered. Tonya also warned to never allow anyone remote access to your device because scammers can use it to steal sensitive information, including passwords. If you notice any of these warning signs or if something feels off, Tonya advises you not to hesitate to hang up the phone. Being aware of scam tactics is not about creating fear, but about having the knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions that protect you and your information.

North Star Community Credit Union Velva and Butte Branch Manager Tana Galbreath would like to add to Tonya's advice that you should never give out your authentication codes for any online platform. North Star Community Credit Union and other legitimate financial institutions will never ask you for these codes. If asked, do not respond and hang up the phone. If you are unsure if a request is real, you can always call North Star, your financial institution, or vendor by dialing their number directly to validate the nature of a request.

Tana also extends her thanks to the community for coming out and

participating in these meaningful conversations. Discussions like these help build a more informed and vigilant community. If you were unable to attend the session but

would like more information, stop by North Star Community Credit Union in Velva or Butte to visit with a team member or pick up a resource packet.



Butte residents listening how to protect their personal information at the Don't Get Scammed presentation.



Velva Scam Talk last Tuesday with speaker Tonya Hetzler of the ND Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Division.

Word on the Street

VELVA ELEMENTARY SPRING CONCERT:

Thursday, May 7th at 6:30pm.

VELVA HIGH SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT:

Tuesday, May 12th at 7:30.

FOOD PANTRY:

May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15
The food pantry is open from 5:45-7:15pm in the Fellowship Hall of OVLC, Main Street. The pantry is short of these items: canned meats, canned fruit, personal hygiene products and laundry pods and can be dropped off at OVLC Mon.- Fri. 9am-3pm.

PURDY GOOD OL BAND:

If you're interested in joining the Purdy Good Ol Band for the Velva 4th of July, please call Carmen at 340-9513 or Marlowe at 626-1724.



It Was Front Page News

Submitted by Kathy Holte

May 4, 1950

Road and Grading Work for Power Plant Starts Soon

Clarence Miller, Velva, was low bidder for grading and road in connection with the construction of the \$8-1/2 million steam power generating plant near here. Bids for roads and grading and on the purchase of some equipment were opened recently in the offices of Ulteig Engineering Corporation, Fargo. Miller's bid was \$25,716. Representatives of the Vern E. Alden Company, Chicago, which is in charge of the engineering investigation and design, have conferred with Mr. Miller here. Work on a railroad grade, road grade and other general earth-moving opera-

tions, which this contact calls for, is due to begin soon.

Red Lantern Café will open on Wednesday

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mikkelson, who recently purchased the E.R. Cash Motel in Velva, announce that they are opening a restaurant in that building on Wednesday, May 10. The eating establishment will be in the same section of the building where there had formerly been a café. That part of the structure has been completed has been completed on the inside and the space of the new restaurant will be about twice that used for the purpose previously. The name "Red Lantern Café" has been chosen for

the new establishment. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Regular business hours will be from 6:00 a.m. to 12 midnight.

May 11, 1950

Velva Students Attend Senior Day at College

The Senior Class of the Velva High School spent Monday in Minot attending Senior Day. The day was spent at Minot State College. While at the college, entertainment was given by the different organizations. Mr. C. C. Swain, President of the College was the guest speaker. A concert was given by the college band and tours of the campus buildings were done

in the morning. Lunch was served in Pioneer Hall followed by occupational counseling sessions. There were 504 seniors registered representing 37 high schools and four different colleges sent representatives. An Air Line Stewardess from Minneapolis also attended. The whole Senior class was in attendance except those that could not get in from the country because of the storm.

Otto's West Side Resort Will Open Soon

Otto Schmidt and Russell Selberg both former graduates of the

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