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Harvest 2020

These photos of Harvest 2020 in full swing were taken from the sky by a drone flying high over Ag Lender, Todd Neurohr's brother's operation near Gladstone, ND. Todd looks forward to getting behind the wheel of the combine every harvest. This year's harvest season is still very active for many farmers, including Todd's brother. His sunflowers remain and should be ready to go in about a week. The 12th of this month brings us National Farmers Day. A day devoted to the well deserved praise of all the hard working farmers across our region and the nation, working day and night to bring food to tables all over the world. Like the saying goes—"If you ate today, thank a farmer."



MSA United Way Little Black Dress Campaign

The Security First LBD campaign committee raised over \$2000 in September to benefit women and children in need in Bismarck/Mandan. Ronda, Amber, Laura, Sarah, Natalie and Sandy wore the same black dress for the entire week of the campaign, as a symbol of solidarity with those in our community who struggle with poverty. At the end of the week, the dresses were donated to the United Way along with the funds raised. Thank you, ladies! You are making a difference!



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Leadership Bismarck-Mandan — Dallon Bitz



Photos are of Dallon and his fellow classmates throughout the program. Sarah Getzlaff, CEO, and TJ Rooney, Bismarck President, joined Dallon on his graduation day.

This past year, I had the honor of being chosen as a participant for the Leadership Bismarck-Mandan program through the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber EDC. Every year, a committee at the Chamber EDC selects up to 20 participants for the program based on criteria surrounded around interest in our community's well-being, willingness to be involved in community service, and potential for community leadership.

My 17 classmates and I met every two weeks from September through March to learn about some of the most compelling issues that captivate our community today, become familiar with industries and business sectors that we don't often cross paths with in our every day lives, and network with like-minded individuals who also want to invest themselves in the future of the Bismarck-Mandan community. Some of the issues days we participated in included Law & Legislature, Agriculture, Energy, Economic Development, Arts & Leisure, and Education among many others. We were fortunate to learn from and interact with many leaders in our community as well, such as Msgr. Shea and Sister Thomas Welder, the superintendents of both the Bismarck and Mandan public school systems, business leaders from Cloverdale Foods, MDU Resources, BNI Coal and Sanford Health, local law enforcement officers, local nonprofit organization leaders from HIT, Inc., Global Neighbors and the United Way, local state legislators Rick Becker and Pat Heinert, and North Dakota Supreme Court Justice Gerald VandeWalle.

My experience in the program was very eye opening. I learned so many things about my community that I never would have been exposed to if it weren't for Leadership Bismarck-Mandan. And even more amazing was the experience I had developing a local project with five of my classmates. Our Leadership class split into three groups to form projects that could benefit our community, and my group chose to develop a Bike Share Program. The program was approved by the Chamber EDC in July and may be implemented into our community as early as Spring 2021! We still have a long way to go, but we are making progress and looking forwards to our next steps of soliciting grant money to get the program up and running.

I highly recommend this program to anyone who would like to know more about the community we call home. The experience I've had is one that will have a great impact on my career in banking, and the relationships I've built through this program will last a lifetime. I extend my gratitude to the leaders at Security First Bank for recommending me for this program, and I hope to see more of my coworkers participate in Leadership Bismarck-Mandan in the future.

- Dallon Bitz, AVP Commercial & Ag Lending



The Bismarck Tribune's Best of the Best Awards

Congratulations, Brandie and Dennis! You are the best of the best in 2020!



Brandie Lang
First Place
Best Bank Teller



Dennis Kraft
Second Place
Best Loan Officer

Every year the Bismarck Tribune holds their Best of the Best awards. The best of the best in a variety of categories from food to healthcare are chosen by popular vote! We are proud to have three award winners!

Brandie Lang won Best Bank Teller for the third time! Brandie has a heart of pure gold that drives her passion to go above and beyond for every customer.

Denis Kraft won second place for Best Loan Officer. Dennis is a fierce advocate for every customer, making sure they understand the mortgage process and that their loan closes on time.

The mortgage department won 3rd place! This team has worked together for over 7 years and it shows! The customer experience is smooth sailing from start to finish.

Congratulations to all of our winners! Thank you to everyone who voted. We have the best customers!



Our mortgage team placed **3rd** in its category in the Bismarck Tribune's Best of the Best Competition!



Center and New Salem Open Houses

Every year we look forward to a hot meal and great conversation at our fall open houses in Center and New Salem. Our open houses are a chance to show appreciation for our great customers and the communities we serve. With everyone's best interest and health in mind, we decided to do something a little different this year... we brought in a food truck! The Hearty Heifer food truck pulled up next to our offices in Center and New Salem and served up food to go. The food truck allowed us to do something special for our customers while adhering to current health and safety guidelines. We missed the energy of everyone gathering, but we were so glad to be able to offer a special meal to the community like we usually do. Thank you to everyone who attended and we hope to return to our traditional open houses next year.

Thank you for being a part of the Security First family!





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