Security First Bank OF NORTH DAKOTA FB SNAPSHOT

How do you fix a vulnerability in your jack-o-lantern? With a pumpkin patch.

October is **Cybersecurity Awareness Month**. Now in it's 19th year, and more important than ever, this month is an opportunity to raise awareness about digital security and deliver helpful information to consumers about how to protect their personal data from digital forms of crime. With guidance from the National Cybersecurity Alliance, and a spooky Halloween theme, we present four key boo-haviors to reduce risk online.

> Enable multi-factor authentication whenever possible. Use strong passwords and a password manager. Keep software updated. Recognize and report phishing.

Our newsletter is creepin' it real about cybersecurity. Read on to learn more.

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HIGHLIGHTS

CEO GETZLAFF IN WASHINGTON STATE

SFBND CEO, Sarah Getzlaff, traveled to Washington State in September and presented to bankers at the Community Bankers of Washington annual convention. Sarah shared her experiences advocating for community banking on a state and national level. Sarah made her first trip to the nation's capital as a 14 year old with her dad, Jim Goetz, and has been making regular trips since; raising awareness and providing education about the value of community banking.



LUKE SCHEIRMEISTER JOINS THE AGENCY



Lukas Scheirmeister officially joined Security First Agency as an Agent/Customer Service Representative in September. Lukas is a Bismarck native and recently graudated from NDSU. Lukas was an intern over the summer, becoming licensed and learning the ropes. Welcome to the team, Luke!



HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON MAIN

Security First Bank is thrilled to be a sponsor of the brand new Mandan Holiday Lights on Main exhibit. Running November 26th through January 7th in Dykshoorn Park on Main Street in Mandan, a variety of holiday light installations will be on display. Your family can stroll the park and experience a winter wonderland of twinkling lights and decorations. Best of all, the experience is free to all. We can't wait to see you there! Pictured to the left is Mandan Assistant VP, Susan Bauer, offering a sneak peak of the installation sponsored by SFBND.

COMMUNITY

Open houses were recently held in New Salem and Center. Blessed with great weather and great customers, thank you to everyone who stopped by to join us for delicious food and friendly conversation. Thank you for choosing Security First Bank. We truly appreciate your business! A beautiful fall day for Center Stanton High School's homecoming! Face painting, potato sack races, and some gold 'ol throwing the football. Security First Bank was there to keep everyone fueled up, serving everyone's favorite Cloverdale hot dog. Go Wildcats!









Bowling Bankers

Security First Bank's unofficial Bowling Team recently took second at the Optimist Club's annual bowling fundraiser. The team struck out on a first place finish, but luckily they had enthusiasm to spare - just having fun is right up their alley. LtoR: Tyler Getzlaff, Sarah Getzlaff, Natalie Eckes, Dallon Bitz.





MSA United Way Little Black Dress

A team from the Bismarck office fundraised for women and children struggling with the challenges of poverty in the Bismarck-Mandan community. Wearing the same black dress all week to raise awareness and money, the team hit their goal of \$1500. Way to go! LtoR: Ronda Assel, Laura Sandberg, Natalie Eckes, Allie McGrath, and Sarah Getzlaff.



WE'RE BACK with more cyyyyberrrrsecurrrittty info00000rmaaaaationnnn. (Dracula translation: We're back with more cybersecurity information.)

Multi-Factor Authentication

What is MFA?



Multi-factor authentication is sometimes called two-factor authentication or two-step verification, and is often abbreviated to MFA. MFA is a cybersecruity measure for an account that requires anyone logging in to prove their identity multiple ways. Typically, you will enter your username, password, and then prove your identity some other way, like by responding to a text message or entering a code. MFA makes it extremely hard for hackers to access your online accounts, even if they know your password.

We recommend MFA for any account that permits it, especially any account associated with banking.

Using Strong Passwords

Passwords are the keys to your digital castle. Just like your housekeys, you want to do everything you can to keep your passwords safe.

Creating, storing and remembering passwords can be a pain for all of us online, but the truth is that passwords are your first line of defense against cybercriminals and data breaches. Also, it has never been easier to maintain your passwords with free, simple to use password managers.

Password Tips

Long - Every password should be at least 12 characters long.

Unique - Each account needs to be protected with its own unique password. Never reuse passwords. We're talking really unique, none of your passwords should look alike. **Complex** - Each unique password should be a combination of upper case letters, lower case letters, numbers, and special characters.



Updating Software

Always keep your software updated when updates become available and don't delay. These updates fix general software problems and provide new security patches where criminals might get in. Only get software updates from the company that created it. Whew, that was a lot. But, hang with us for one more key boo-havior and avoid the "scare" of clicking on a spooky link in the future. Phishing is all tricks and no treats.

Phishing is when criminals use fake emails, social media posts or text messages to lure you in to clicking on a bad link or download a malicious attachment. The signs can be subtle, but once you recognize a phishing attempt you can avoid falling for it. Take a few seconds (literally, 4 seconds) and ensure the email or message looks legit.

> Does it include requests for personal information?

Is the greeting ambiguous or very generic?

Is it poorly crafted writing with misspellings and bad grammer?

Does it contain an offer

that's too good to be true?

Does it include language that's urgent, alarming, or threatening?

Does the sender's email address match the company it's coming from? Look for misspellings like pavpal.com or anazon.com.

Uh oh! I see a phishing email. What do I do?

Don't worry, you've already done the hard part, which is recognizing that an email is fake. If you're at the office, notify your IT manager. If the message came to your personal email, do not do what it says. Do not open any attachments or click on any links (not even to unsuscribe), just DELETE.

> Questions? Call or visit any of our offices to speak with a Personal Banker.

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Invited over to watch the game this weekend?

Buffalo chicken dip is an easy recipe that CEO Getzlaff always keeps on hand this time of year. Give it a try for your next gathering.

1 - 10 ounce cans of chunk chicken, drained
1/2 cup of Frank's RedHot
1 - 8 ounce package of cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup ranch dressing
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Serve with celery, crackers, chips or directly out of the crockpot with a spoon.

- Heat chicken and Frank's RedHot sauce in a skillet over medium heat until heated through, 3-5 minutes. Stir in cream cheese and ranch dressing. Cook and stir until well blended and warm.
- 2. Mix in 1/2 of the cheddar cheese and transfer the mixture to a slow cooker. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top.
- 3.Cover and cook on low until dip is hot and bubbly, about 35 minutes.

Mandan Holiday Lights on Main

fare the fate

Hot Chocolate and Cookies with Security First Bank Friday, December 16th 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dykshoorn Park

Christmas carols by Mandan High School Choir members.

Free-will donations to benefit **Mandan Public Schools Foundation's** Student Needs Fund.