



MPO Monthly Newsletter

**MANDAN IN MOTION**

MARCH 2025

## A Word From Our President



Dear MPO Members & Community Partners,

It's that time of year- we can see "the light at the end of the tunnel"! I hope you're enjoying our early spring weather (dare we hope it's here to stay).

Over the past 6 years serving with MPO I've been thrilled to witness the incredible growth, imagination, passion and dedication of our staff, board, sponsors, partners and community. We've undergone a shift in the focus and amount of activity of our organization. In doing so we've established many new & exciting events for our community while enhancing long-standing events.

None of this happens without a great staff and a visionary-minded Executive Director. This dramatic expansion of activities and programs calls for additional assistance in staffing. We met that challenge with the hiring of our Assistant Executive Director Triston Kosek who recently joined our team. We look forward to the gifts & talents he brings to the table! Success also requires a dedicated & dynamic group of Board members – which we absolutely have! 2025 sees the addition of new board member Nathan Schneider from the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber EDC as well as a newly-elected Executive Committee: myself, Kristi Kraft, President, Zac Ranisate as Vice-President, Ryan Heinsohn as Secretary/Treasurer, Nick Guarcello filling the Past President role and Mandan City Mayor Jim Froelich. It's a pleasure and honor to serve our community alongside this Executive Team and all our Board members & staff- the talents and energy they bring to the table are priceless.

We are grateful for your support, encouragement and investment and are excited to continue to strengthen our community, enhance the quality of life, and foster community spirit and connection. We live in a very special place & I hope you're all as proud as I am to be a part of it!

## In this newsletter:

Summer is coming and so are sponsorships, Mandan Magazine and volunteering opportunities!

## Add to your calendar:

### Member Event (Rescheduled)

March 26, 2025 || 7:00 AM

#### Mandan Morton Public Library

Coffee & Donuts with the  
MPO Board of Directors

[RSVP HERE](#)

# Our New & Upgraded Members

At the Mandan Progress Organization we are continuing to try to grow and bring in new members that help us operate and introduce new connections that continue to develop our community. In the past six months we have been able to bring on some new members.

In an act of gratitude we would like to show them off, link to their contacts and extend a word of thanks to all of our new and old members that have decided to place your dollars in the hands of the MPO. We are so excited to continue to better the community activities and connections in the Bismarck-Mandan area.



**Community Hero & Presenting Sponsor**



**E I D E**  
**AUTOMOTIVE GROUP**

Ford LINCOLN CHRYSLER DODGE Jeep RAM  
 KIA CHEVROLET SUBARU

Eide Automotive

**MANDAN Independence Day PARADE**  
EST. 1879

PRESENTED BY **E I D E** AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

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## Legacy Member



**Stage Stop -  
Saloon, Grill & Liquors**

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*Thank you for increasing your support!*

## Premiere Member



**Vision Source**

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*Thank you for increasing your support!*

# REGISTRATIONS

FOR 2025 EVENTS ARE NOW OPEN



Participation in **MPO Events** allows businesses to increase exposure and take part in the experiences of Mandan

Vendor events include **Touch a Truck, Buggies-N-Blues, Mandan's Independence Day Celebration**

**2025 Touch A Truck Truck Sign Up**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**2025 Fourth of July Parade Registration**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**2025 Vendor Applications for Food, Craft and Business Vendors**

[CLICK HERE](#)



# Volunteers & Committee Members Needed!

Be a pivotal part of all the fun, exciting, expansive events in Mandan.



## Volunteer

- Arrive and serve on the day of the event/day before the event (if possible) to duties as assigned

## Committee Member

- Attend once-a-month meetings & assist in the planning and execution of MPO Events

## Perks Include

- Exclusive Visit Mandan Volunteer Gear
- Fulfill Service Hours
- Build Mandan Connections
- Become A Valued Member Of A Great Team!

## Events

- Art in the Park
- Independence Day Parade
- Buggies-n-Blues
- Holiday Lights
- Touch a Truck

**For more information  
or to sign up**

[CLICK HERE](#)

# Mandan Progress Org MIX & MINGLE EVENT

Conversation, Cornhole & Cocktails



24 April 2025  
4 - 7 PM



1700 E Main St,  
Mandan

**Register Now**

**Questions?**

701-751-2983

info@mandanprogress.org



## 2025 ANNUAL MANDAN EVENT GRANT APPLICATION

Have a major event planned in Mandan for 2025?  
Affiliated with a nonprofit and looking to help secure funding  
to make it a reality?

**\$20,000 Given Out**

**Request up to \$5,000**  
50% Cash  
50% Mandan Bucks

**Bring people to  
Mandan**

**START APPLICATION**

**Applications Close March 31**



**SPONSORSHIP**  
How it allows the MPO to thrive

As Mandan's biggest summer events—Touch a Truck, Buggies-N-Blues and the Independence Day Parade—draw closer, so does the Mandan Progress Organization's (MPO) need to fundraise. These beloved events bring thousands of visitors to our community, and they wouldn't be possible without the support of local businesses and organizations.

"Sponsoring events in Mandan is more than just brand visibility—it's about investing in the experiences that bring our community together. Our sponsors play a direct role in making these events possible, from the Mandan Independence Day Parade

to Mandan Holiday Lights on Main," said Matt Schanandore, Executive Director of the Mandan Progress Organization.

Sponsorship is one of the best ways to give back to the community while making a lasting impression. Your business can gain exposure to thousands of attendees while directly contributing to the success of these cherished traditions. Whether it's supporting classic car enthusiasts at Buggies-N-Blues, delighting children at Touch a Truck or keeping the spirit of patriotism alive at the Independence Day Parade, there's an opportunity for every business to be involved.

**Sponsorship**



**Funds All MPO Signature Events**



**Showcases Businesses Investment in the Community**



**Allows us to Plan and Expand for the Future**

**Interested in Learning More? Contact Us!**  
 Matt Schanandore  
 701-751-2983 || [Matt@MandanProgress.org](mailto:Matt@MandanProgress.org)

# VISIT MANDAN 2025 BROCHURE

Have a major event planned for 2025?  
Get it included in the 2025 Visit Mandan Brochure!

ALL SUBMISSIONS NEEDED  
BY END OF DAY  
**MARCH 4, 2025**

[SUBMIT HERE](#)



## ADVERTISING NOW OPEN

Summer Issue (May)	Fall Issue (September)	Holiday Issue (November)
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Interested in advertising at a **discounted rate**,  
**supporting the MPO** and **increasing exposure**?

[LEARN MORE](#)

**Want to book a spot? Questions?**  
info@mandanprogress.org || 701-751-2983

## PRICING CARD

AD Spot	Reg	MPO	X2+
Front Inside Cover	<del>\$1775</del>	\$1500	\$1300
Inside Right Read	<del>\$1725</del>	\$1450	\$1250
End Cover Full	<del>\$1600</del>	\$1400	\$1150
Full Page	<del>\$1350</del>	\$1150	\$1000
1/2 Page	<del>\$800</del>	\$750	\$700
1/3 Page	<del>\$650</del>	\$500	\$400
3 Issue Sponsored Story			\$1200

# Sponsorships & Partnerships

For those who have attended our events you know that we rely on sponsors to provide the funding necessary to successfully operate them. As members, your membership helps maintain the organization, but with the commitment to sponsor to an event, you can help sustain and expand our events, and should the community that these events are powered by you.

## Why Sponsor?

Aside from helping the event take place, sponsorships allow your name to be integrated with our marketing, showcase your goodwill to the community and open doors to shaping an event. When you sponsor an MPO event it is our priority to creatively display your name and our gratitude for your support. Thank you for your consideration of sponsorship.

## Sponsoring & Its Benefits

Entry Into Sponsorship Typically Ranges From \$250 to \$25,000



**COMMUNITY CONNECTION & GOODWILL**



**EXCEPTIONAL BRAND EXPOSURE**



**STRATEGIC MARKETING**

## Example of Sponsoring & Partnering



**Let's Talk More About Sponsorships**  
 Matt Schanadore  
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**MEMBERSHIP**  
and making the most of it:

As a member of the MPO you are not only supporting us, but we also are looking to support you. Below is listed some of the basic benefits you have as a member. These benefits are meant to assist in avenues for exposure, showcasing your support and bringing your voice into our operation and future development.

**Membership Benefits**



**WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE**



**VOTE IN BOARD ELECTIONS**



**MPO NEWSLETTER**



**JOIN AN EVENT COMMITTEE**



**MPO MEMBER MEETING INVITES**



**CO-OP ADVERTISING OPPROTUNITES**

**A special thank you to all our Legacy, Premiere and Excellence members below, your additional support earns additional exposure and gratitude.**  
If you have intererest in moving up your membership, please see the next page.

**STAND OUT MEMBERS**

**Legacy Level Members**



**Premiere Level Members**



**Excellence Level Members**

*First International Bank • The Innovation Barn • Pepsi America • Open Road Honda • Funatix Events  
The Poppy Creative • Third Day Family Farm • National Day Calendar • Black Lions Pub & Pizza • Mandan Road Races  
Knife River Corporation - ND Division*

**Thank You for continued support  
February Renewals**

**Premiere Level Member**  
Lewis & Clark Development Group

**Entry Level Member**  
Shop Suzy B

Mandan Auto Glass  
Family Wellness  
Bismarck Larks

Cloverdale Foods  
Northwest Tire Mandan  
Safe Ship

Bobcat of Mandan  
AE2S

Mandan Regional Airport  
The Title Team

Mandan Eagles  
M&H Gas

AID, Inc.

Farmers Union Insurance - Ressler/Kuntz  
Pahlke Steel, Inc.

Balancing Goat Coffee Co.  
Bravera Bank

McDonald's

Basin Electric Power

**Friend of Mandan Individual Member**  
*Matt Schanandore*

**Upcoming March Renewals**

**Entry Level Member**  
Midway Lanes

Ideal Image Dentistry  
Doll's Studios Tattoo & Piercing  
Fetting Millwork

Al Fitterer Architect PC  
The Golden Comb Day Spa & Salon  
Hirsch Floral & Gifts

Larson's Tattooing  
Heritage Exteriors

M&W Beef Packers Inc.  
Papa Murphy's Pizza

Hopfauf Custom Builders  
Little Caesars Pizza

NAPA Auto Parts  
Mandan Road Races LLC

BisMan Eats LLC  
TP Motel

Sign Pro

Old Town Tavern/Scapegoat Bar  
Dairy Queen

Old 10 Bar & Grill  
Starion Bank

**MEMBERSHIP ACCESS**  
IF YOU NEED TO ACCESS YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
[CLICK HERE](#)

**Annual renewal coming up soon? Interested in making your membership go the extra mile?**  
Consider giving me a call and looking over some of our Legacy, Premiere and Excellence benefits

**LEGACY MEMBER – \$1,000**

  
**RECEIVE  
TICKETS TO  
THE ANNUAL  
MPO DINNER**



  
**HOST  
MEETINGS &  
MIXERS**

**PREMIERE LEVEL  
\$500**

  
**LOGO  
PLACEMENT ON  
THE MPO  
WEBSITE**

**PREMIERE LEVEL  
\$250**

  
**PROMINENT  
NAME  
PLACEMENT**

**Triston Kosek - Assistant Executive Director**  
 **O: 701-751-2983 || P: 651-357-4635**  **Triston@MandanProgress.org**

# OUR TEAM

## Board of Directors

(\*) Member of Executive Committee

**President**  
Kristi Kraft\*

**Vice President**  
Zac Ranisate\*

**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Ryan Heinsohn\*

**Past President**  
Nick Guarcello\*

**Mayor of Mandan**  
Jim Froelich\*

**Morton County Representative**  
Raymond Morrell

**Mandan Parks & Rec Rep.**  
Kelly Thomas

**Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park**  
Erik Dietrich, Ex-Officio

**Mandan Public Schools**  
Janelle Heinsohn, Ex-Officio

**City of Mandan Business Development**  
Madison Cermak, Ex-Officio

**At Large**  
John Bollinger  
Hannah Haynes  
Nathan Schneider

## MPO Staff

**Executive Director**  
Matt Schanandore

**Assistant Executive Director**  
Triston Kosek

**Operations Administrator**  
Grant Heidrich

## WE'RE HIRING

### Director of Community Sales & Partnerships

This vacancy is geared towards an individual who loves sales, independent and collaborative work, can identify potential partners, develop compelling sponsorship proposals and has a great passion for community experiences

[APPLY HERE](#)

## MANDAN COMMUNITY HEROES

### Gold Level



### Silver Level

### Bronze Level

### Entry Level



### Civic Level



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