

DAKOTA CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

# Dakota Challenger

## October is National Disability

### Employment

### Awareness Month

### Inclusion Works



The effort to educate the public concerning issues relating to disability and employment began in 1945 when Congress enacted Public Law 176 which declared the first week of October as “National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week”. The year 1962 found the word ‘Physically’ being removed in order to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of persons with cross disabilities. Twenty-five years later, Congress expanded the week-long recognition to a month, changing the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month. In June 2016, the US Department of Labor stated that the percentage of people with disabilities in the labor force is 20.6% compared, to 69% of people without disabilities.

This year’s theme “Inclusion Works” reflects the important role disability plays in workforce diversity.



### Mission Statement:

The Dakota Center for Independent Living believes in self-determination for people with disabilities and helps to create the environment in which it is achieved.

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## 26th Celebration of ADA

Dakota Center for Independent Living celebrated the 26th anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act in Mandan at the Eagles Park. It was an appropriate setting for this event since Universal Park was constructed to meet the needs of everyone. The celebration fed 90 people that consisted of DCIL consumers, along with many others that were invited to come in from the playground to join in the fun. Royce Schultze began the celebration with a welcome speech and a short talk on what ADA stands for. He was followed up by Andrea Fonkert from the Chamber of Commerce, young leadership program. Andrea talked about how the Universal Park came into existence and all the different community agencies that pulled together to make it a reality. DCIL staff would like to thank the Consumer Empowerment Committee for all of the work dedication to making this event such a huge success.



## Elks Camp Grassick

DCIL staff participated in the transition camp this July by providing the video series called Money Smart. Class participants are provided with a mixture of workshops and recreational activities that help prepare them to transition from High School to independent living.



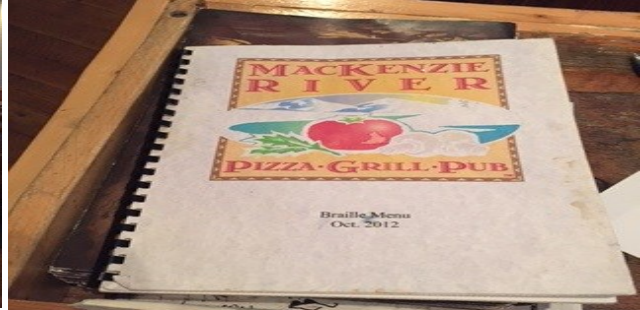
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## Mackenzie River Pizza, Grill and Pub

This fine eating establishment offers a complete Braille Menu for their guests who have a visual impairment. Thank you for accommodating your patrons. Visit them today!



4510 Skyline Crossings



## "Thank you" to JL Beers

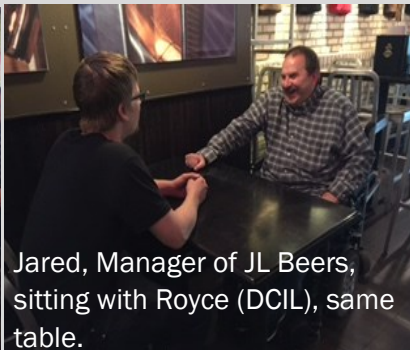
217 N. 3rd Street

This innovative and progressive downtown Bismarck business deserves a big 'shout out' for their forward thinking when they installed these ADA adjustable tables. Besides the two adjustable tables in the bar area, manager Jarrod Kastrow, states that they have approximately 7 low tables in the back patio area that are accessible tables as well, and the back patio area is accessible from the alleyway. (As seen in the photo below)

Jared, thank you for the time and consideration you offered us. We encourage everyone to frequent this wonderful establishment.



Adjustable table, seen here at it's height.



Jared, Manager of JL Beers, sitting with Royce (DCIL), same table.



Assessable seating on patio.

<https://www.amazon.com/Amazon-Echo-Bluetooth-Speaker-with-WiFi-Alexa/dp/B00X4WHP5E>

# WHAT IS AMAZON ECHO?

Echo/Alexa may be the closest thing we'll have to a Star Track computer at home.

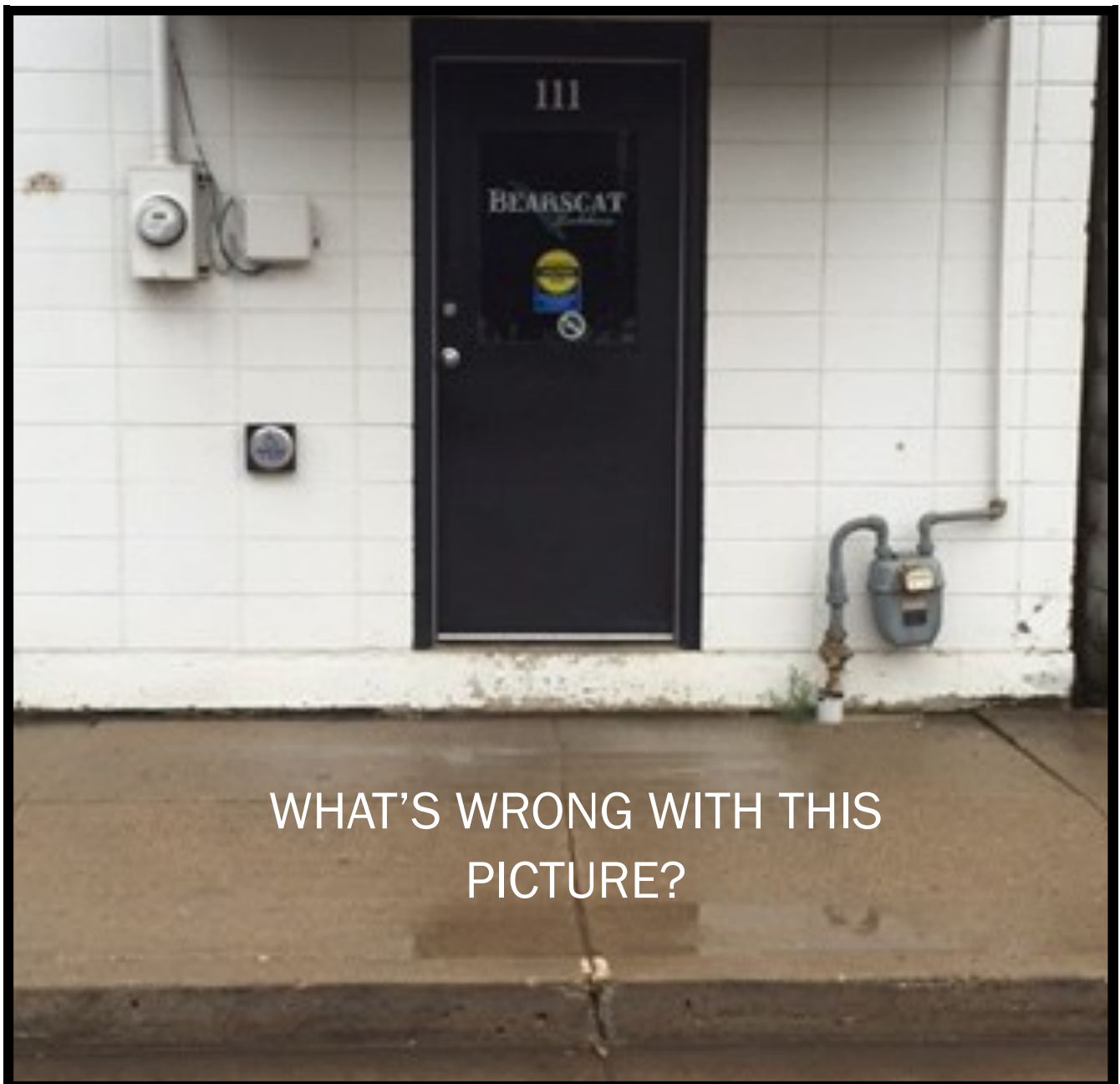
Alexa, ask Campbell's Kitchen for a recipe.

Alexa, turn the music up.

Alexa, set timer for 20 minutes.

Alexa, what's on my calendar for today?

Alexa, ask TV Shows what time The Walking Dead starts.



WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS  
PICTURE?

## Success Story

### CONGRATULATIONS, ELIZABETH

Liz has earned her Driver's Permit and is quite happy about that, as you can see. We are so incredibly proud of Liz! She worked diligently, learning the Rules of the Road information.

GREAT JOB,  
LIZ!!!!

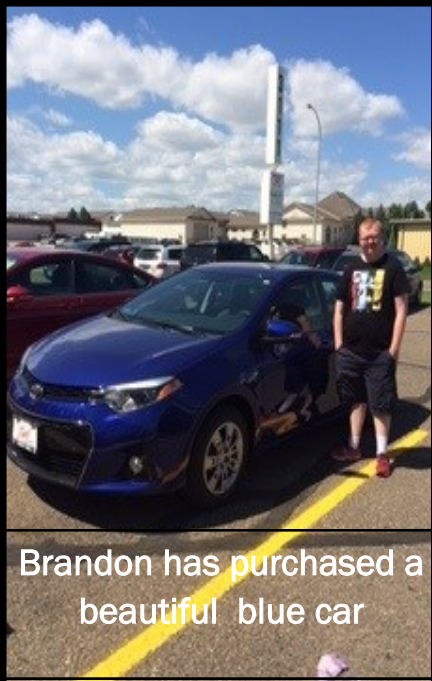


(Left to Right) Susan (DCIL instructor) DOT tester and LIZ!

### CONGRATULATIONS, BRANDON!

Brandon came to DCIL for instruction on Rules of the Road. He set a goal for completing the Permit Course and hoped to get his Driver's Permit. Brandon worked hard for this and is now driving his new car and taking photos of animals and life in general, which is what he has always enjoyed doing.

Good luck, Brandon. The staff at DCIL are all so proud of you and your accomplishments. It's all about having dreams and making them reality; building skills and securing confidence. It's what life is all about.



Brandon has purchased a beautiful blue car

## KIWANAS PARK

Accessible equipment  
318 South Washington



# FAREWELL TO BOB PUYEAR

**After serving 17 years on the DCIL Board, Bob is on the move.....**

**Join us in sending him off on a great new adventure!**

**GOOD LUCK**

**WHEN:** October 10th      **TIME:** 1:30-3:30 P.M.

**WHERE:** Dakota Center for Independent Living  
3111 East Broadway, Bismarck, ND.

**BEST WISHES**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED**

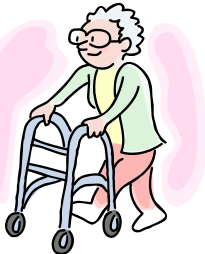
## The 65th ND Legislative Session will begin in January

DCIL has a Legislative Working Committee that meets every other month until the session begins. Once Legislature begins, we will meet once a week. Please get involved and help follow those bills that will directly effect persons with a disability. You can have an active role in the legislative process.

CONTACT

ARDEEN OR  
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MORE  
INFORMATION!!!!

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Wheelchair

Shower Bench

**Loan Equipment  
Available at DCIL**

Walker

Grab Bars

Hoyer Lift-one without sling

**No Charge for Rentals**

**Call Jeannie at 701-222-3636 if you are in need of any  
equipment**



Quad Cane

Door Knob Opener

## The Voice of Royce

As many of you know Bis – Man Transit has been in the process of making some pretty big changes especially with the paratransit system. Due to budget constraints they feel they can no longer offer services 24 hours a day 7 days a week. There have been several proposals, with the most recent, to offer services from 5:30 AM until 7:00 PM Monday through Saturday (with an increase of \$.50 per ride) and extended hours from 7:00 PM until midnight, Monday through Saturday. The extended hours would be open to the entire community at \$5 per ride for people without disabilities, and \$3 per ride for those individuals that qualify to ride the paratransit during normal hours (5:30 AM – 7 PM). There would be no service between midnight and 5:30 AM. Sunday service would fall under extended service hours and would run from 7:30 AM until 2:30 PM; cost is the same as the evening extended hours. The 6 major holidays would have a total of no more than 45 service hours divided up, and those hours are yet to be determined. Service to Lincoln would be discontinued as of June 30, 2017, unless the city of Lincoln extends a financial commitment much the same as both Bismarck and Mandan have been doing for years. Anyone using the paratransit system will still be required to make reservations a day before.

Whether you like or dislike the proposed changes, you still have time to voice your opinion when Bis – Man Transit has their next public forum on these most recent changes. We will post on our Facebook page as soon as that time and date is set. I would also encourage those individuals that use the fixed route system and would benefit from the extended hours, to come out and share your opinions.

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Celebrating **National Disability  
Employment Awareness Month**, the  
Dakota Center for Independent Living  
would like to acknowledge all of the  
businesses in our communities who have  
provided employment to people with  
disabilities. This year's theme, **Inclusion  
Works**, reflects the important role  
disability plays in workforce diversity.

**RECREATION:** Events are a great way to meet new people and make new friends.  
Come out and join us for a wonderful time. **For more information contact  
Jeannie at 222-3636.**



**Check out our blog:**

[dakotachallenger.wordpress.com](http://dakotachallenger.wordpress.com)

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