Instagram in a Minute:

- Social channel focuses primarily on high-quality photography and video.
- Need a good photo to start with.
 - Not grainy.
 - o In focus.
 - o Most smart phone cameras are fine.
 - o Can use photos from regular camera but can only uploaded from phone.
- Be sure to use relevant or trending hashtags if appropriate. There can be too many hashtags used and if the right ones are used, they won't help gain followers.
- Be strategic of what content you post to Instagram it should align with your brand's messaging and overall social goals and strategy as well as business goals and strategy.
- Promote that you are on social media and ask for them to follow you.
- Instagram add-ons:
 - o Boomerang from Instagram App does looped videos
 - o Layout from Instagram App able to display more than one picture in a frame
 - o Repost for Instagram App able to repost other posts
- Best times to post Mon. Fri. 12-1p.m.

Instagram Definitions:

- **Hashtags** phrases started by a pound sign that users can use to track an event, follow a brand, and encourage conversation from those with similar interests, ex: #mainstreet #shoplocal #tbt
- Instagram Business account different than a personal account, it allows a contact button to be posted directly on the profile. Allows for Insights (analytics) to see who all visited your profile, follows you and follower make up.
- Insights Instagram's analytics for business profiles. If have 100 or more followers can see demographics on them.
 - o Can see insights for Instagram Stories as well as posts.
 - o Insights Definitions:
 - Impressions The total number of times all of your posts have been seen.
 - Reach The number of unique accounts that have seen any of your posts.
 - Engagement The number of times your post was liked, saved & commented on.
 - Saved The number of unique accounts that saved your post.
- **Promoted Post** Pay to have a post appear more often in feeds. Same thing as a Facebook promoted post.
 - o When click on button, choose which objective you want and follow directions.
 - o Can chose to run ads through Instagram or on your Facebook account for Instagram.
- Saved posts You can choose to save posts by themselves or as part of a collection for data mining later or to back to something that you liked.

