

South Central Dakota Regional Council Newsletter - April 2018

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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is a time to recognize the important role that communities play in protecting children. Barnes County will honor this by holding a variety of public awareness events throughout the month. There will be a Diaper and Wipe Drive throughout April held at the Barnes County Courthouse Room 102. If you are unable to drop off items at the courthouse you can contact Dana Lindemann, social work supervisor at Barnes County Social Services at 701-845-8521. Donations will be distributed to needy Barnes County families and children. Residents are encouraged to wear blue each Friday to show their support for Child Abuse Prevention. On Saturday, April 28th, a 5K Superhero Fun Run and Walk and Stroller Roll will be held at 10 a.m. at Pioneer Park. All are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero character. Those interested can register at www.entzilla.net or follow the link on the Facebook page Barnes County-Prevent Child Abuse.



2018 Bleacher Builder's LLC PBR Touring Pro

The toughest bull ride in the biggest little town in ND!
Binford, North Dakota!
Saturday June 23rd 2018 6:30 PM

Also Featuring: Clint Adkins, Announcer; Shorty Gorham. Cooper Waln and Frank Newsome, Matador Jerky Bull Fighters; PBR Music Man Marc Stevenson; Dakota Rodeo-Chad Berger, 7 Time Stock Contractor of the Year!

Adult VIP - \$65 in Advance Only - Food Catered by-
Cooper Catering
Adult General Admission - \$20
Junior VIP - \$30 in Advance Only
Junior General Admission - \$10
Free RV Parking, Kids Mutton Bustin' and Concessions
by Close Up

For more information call: (701) 676-2552 or (701)
789-1695

USDA Offers Renewal Options

Agricultural producers wanting to enhance current conservation efforts are encouraged to renew their Conservation Stewardship Programs (CSP) contract. Through CSP, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps private landowners build their business while implementing conservation practices that help ensure the sustainability of their entire operation. Applications to renew expiring contracts are due by April 13, 2018. NRCS will mail contract renewal notification letters to all participants whose contracts expire in 2018. Participants with existing CSP contracts expiring on Dec. 31, 2018 can access the benefits of the recent program changes through an option to renew their contracts for an additional five years if they agree to adopt additional activities to achieve higher levels of conservation on their lands.



City of Cooperstown recognized for Safe Drinking Water Act Compliance

Public water systems are required by the Safe Drinking Water Act to take several actions to provide safe drinking water. The act was passed by Congress in 1974 to protect public health by regulating the nation's public drinking (potable) water supplies. Over the years there have been changes to the act which have made it more challenging to maintain compliance. The North Dakota Department of Health issues a Safe Drinking Water Act Certificate of Achievement as one way to recognize the public water systems that satisfied all applicable requirements during the previous calendar year. The City of Cooperstown complied with all applicable Safe Drinking Water Act requirements in 2017 and were recognized with a certificate of achievement. The City of Cooperstown commends its water system staff of Blaine Larson, Chad Johnson and Randy Myers for a job well done from which the consumers benefited. Great job Cooperstown!

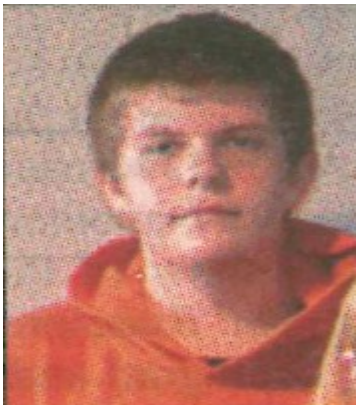
North Dakota to upgrade all schools to high-speed internet

North Dakota is set to become the first state to achieve 1-gigabit connectivity for all school districts – an effort expected to improve digital learning. Governor Burgum stated, “While we already rank high nationally in connectivity for K-12, these significant upgrades, yet cost-neutral, will ensure that our schools have the bandwidth and the speed they need to prepare students for a 21st century economy, which is ever-increasingly being influenced by a rapid digital transformation”. This project is to be implemented by the summer of 2019.

Farm Rescue accepting applications for planting assistance

Nonprofit gearing up for spring relief efforts. Farm Rescue helps farm and ranch families in ND, SD, MN, MT, NE and IA. Applications are currently being accepted for livestock feeding assistance and planting assistance which can be obtained at 701-252-2017 or www.farmrescue.org. Referrals are welcome.

Gackle-Streeter Student Selected to Perform at Carnegie Hall



Dauson Ferrin-Kleingartner has been selected for the 2018 Middle School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. He will perform as an instrumentalist on the Bass Clarinet in June 2018 with the Honors Junior Band. Participation in one of the three Honors Ensembles is limited to the highest rated middle school performers from across North America and select schools internationally. Dauson auditioned this fall and was accepted after a review by the Honors Selection Board. Dauson has studied music for four years and is a member of the Gackle-Streeter High School Band and also was part of the All-State Band the past two years. For more information visit www.honorsperformance.org and www.worldstrides.com.

