



# South Central Dakota Regional Council

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## JUNE NEWSLETTER

### COMMISSION REVAMPS MACHINE SHOP PLANS

At the commission’s regular monthly meeting on May 9th, it was decided that a new county shop will be built. The McIntosh County Commission intends to do it in stages costing no more than \$150,000 each stage which helps the county avoid studies and engineering mandates and the associated costs that mean bringing in outside firms. The county long ago outgrew their aging facility north of Ashley. As equipment has gotten larger, the road crew was forced to park and work on machines outside. Pictured are Commissioners Neil Meidinger, Steve Delzer and Perry Turner.



### North Dakota Net Farm Income Drops 30 Percent

The average net income of farms in the North Dakota Farm Business Management Program dropped 30 percent to \$88,026 in 2017, compared with \$126,752 in 2016, according to Andrew Swenson, North Dakota State University Extension farm and family resource management specialist. The decline in 2017 net farm income was expected because the higher 2016 income was due to extremely high record yields of corn and soybeans and also strong government payments received, which were based on the 2015 crop. The state farm business management summary is available online at [www.ndfarmmanagement.com](http://www.ndfarmmanagement.com)

### Ashtabula Fireworks Show Set for June 30th.



Each year around the Fourth of July hundreds of families flock to Lake Ashtabula to see a fireworks show that has been going on for decades. There are 300-500 boaters filling the water, vehicles line the nearby road for a couple of miles on each side of the lake and dozens more are seated in the campgrounds to enjoy the show. It is estimated that around 3,000 attend each year. In order to fund the increasing cost of the show, organizers must raise about \$10,000 per year. They do this through raffle and cash donations. Raffle tickets are currently for sale and can be purchased by calling 701-840-7970 or 701-840-2349. Tickets are also available at the Crossing restaurant.



### Grants awarded for orchards and gardens

Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring has awarded grants totaling \$52,500 for 12 projects to plant orchards and gardens in these local communities: City of Hatton-\$3,374; Wahpeton FFA-\$7,500; City of Foreman-\$1,100; Willow Park Elementary School West Fargo-\$6,000; City of Jamestown Forestry Dept-\$7,000; City of Litchville-\$6,000; TGU Towner Community Orchard-\$2,500; Shanley and Sullivan Garden Club Fargo-\$1,700; Central Cass Public Schools Casselton \$4,010; City of Horace \$6,750; City of Lincoln-\$3,000; City of Arthur-\$3,566. Grant money can be used for plants, trees, planting supplies, soil amendments, irrigation and fencing supplies, but not for permanent structures, capital expenditures or to buy land.

### LEARN ABOUT NORTH DAKOTA SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS' JOURNIES

#### **ZEN Sleep Consulting—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018**

**5:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.**

Join us for a discussion with Annie Schlecht, as we discuss her small business, Zen Sleep Consulting. Zen Sleep Consulting helps children and parents have a peaceful relationship with sleep. Annie works one-on-one with parents to create a personalized plan based on a child's specific needs. successful sleeping plans provided by Zen Sleep Consulting.

**EVENT LOCATION:** Wimbledon Community Grocery & Café

#### **Life Simply Coached—THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018**

**5:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.**

Join us for a discussion with Lenore Benson, as we discuss her small business Life, Simply Coached, a Christian & Exhortation life coaching service.

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

**EVENT LOCATION:** Angelic Nook - Harvey, ND

For more information, contact the Jamestown Regional Entrepreneur Center at Katherine.Roth@uj.edu or 701-253-4112. <https://www.facebook.com/JRECenter/> | [JREcenter.com](http://JREcenter.com)

## MAIN STREET AWARDS

The Main Street Awards recognize communities actively working to differentiate and enhance the quality of life for residents. The awards are a collaborative effort of Governor Burgum's office, the State Department of Commerce and the North Dakota League of Cities. The awards are an opportunity for communities to showcase their unique efforts and attributes. Projects submitted for consideration should have taken place between July 2016-June 2018.

Nominations should be submitted electronically through the North Dakota Department of Commerce.

The award categories are: ND Legendary Heritage Award, Revitalizer Award, Vibrancy Award, Mobilizer Award, Differentiator Award, Future Leaders Empowerment Award and Main Street Excellence Awards to be presented to four (4) communities based upon population—1) 10,000 or more; 2) 9,999 to 1,500; 3) 1,499 to 500 and 4) less than 500. Nominations must be received by June 30, 2018. Decisions will be made during the North Dakota League of Cities Annual Conference September 13-15, 2018. Further information regarding award types and criteria is available through SCDRC.