



South Central Dakota Regional Council

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MAY NEWSLETTER



SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) mission grows with need. Volunteers pictured are Warren Tobin, Dave Smette and Kirk Heim.. SCDRC and the JREC credit SCORE mentors with filling a vital referral role. SCORE's goal is to walk a client through the process of developing a business plan. This includes budgets, marketing, business structure, tax entity, insurance and determining capital need for the first year. "We get them to think about how to get it done rather than just give our advice," Smette said. They come up with the idea and we walk them through with a lot of questions. To schedule an appointment with a SCORE mentor please contact Traci Redlin at SCDRC at 701-952-8060.

Valley City Most Affordable City to Live in North Dakota

SmartAssets ranked Valley City as the most affordable city in North Dakota to live. The study's conclusion is based upon an affordability index weighing property taxes, homeowner's insurance fees and mortgage payments relative to income. The next cities in line are Williston, Wahpeton and Devils Lake. This is SmartAsset's fourth annual study on the most affordable places to live in North Dakota.

Nonprofit seeks to help special needs people with horse riding.

A Moment of Freedom, formed by people who ride and care for horses, will offer therapeutic horse rides to people with special needs starting this fall. Annie Keffeler, Kelli Connolly and Jackie Engdahl are part of the group raising funds to build an outdoor riding arena on property owned by Keffeler and her husband near Buchanan. The arena should be completed by the end of the summer in time for Connolly and others to hold a riding program in the fall. Keffeler said the goal is to have special needs people work with horses as much as they can and be able to ride horses with the help of volunteers who will walk alongside them. You can buy a panel for \$250 to sponsor the outdoor arena. You can customize it or dedicate it to someone. For more information contact Keffeler at 320-3543 or Connolly 320-1603.





ND Lt. Governor Makes Stop in Napoleon

ND Lieutenant Governor, Brent Sanford, along with four members of his staff made a stop in Napoleon Wednesday, May 2, pitching the Governor's Main Street Initiative, as well as listening to questions from those in attendance. He toured the city of Napoleon, stopping at the school and the Care Center. Sanford outlined five key points the Governor is working on; government reinvented, education, energy issues, behavioral health (addiction) and Main Street Initiative.

Gas prices highest since 2014.

The national gas average of \$2.81 is 43 cents higher than last year and the loftiest price per gallon since November 2014. This year's pricing will not be reminiscent of 2014, but motorists are beginning to take notice of the higher prices according to AAA. In ND, the statewide average is 14 cents less than the nation average. Gas prices are expected to continue to rise with the approach of the busy summer driving season.

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE COMMUNITY:

Foster County Fair—June 20—23rd

Wells County Fair—June 21—24th

Binford Days—June 23rd

Corn Farmers may be eligible for Syngenta settlement: Farmers who grew corn from 2013 to 2017 are likely to get notices in the mail in mid-May telling them to apply to be included in the \$1.51 billion settlement with Syngenta over a faulty marketing of genetically modified corn varieties. Federal and state lawsuits were filed in 2016 alleging that Syngenta was negligent in prematurely introducing particular varieties of genetically modified corn into the marketplace. China stopped expected corn imports, which the suit says cost U.S. farmers and others money in each of the years since. Lead law firms in the case believe it is the largest agricultural settlement in U.S. history. If you get a notice in the mail, go online and file. Do not wait and do not delay. If things go as the preliminary settlement indicates, payments would likely come next year at this time.



Biking in the Fight Against Cancer

Tarika Srinivasa, 19, from Ashley, ND is biking over 4,500 miles from Austin, TX to Anchorage, AK. Her goal is to fundraise \$7,000 for cancer research and to honor those who have suffered from cancer. The ride will begin June 1st. Tarika is a member of The University of Texas 4000 Team. The largest annual student-led charity bike ride in the world. In the communities they stop in, the team will lead cancer prevention and detection educational program. To donate go to tinyurl.com/Tarika2Alaska