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2018 DTA Memberships Renewed

I have received a total of 28 membership forms; 15 from North Dakota, 12 from South Dakota and 1 from Seattle, Washington.

Our due date is February 28, 2018.

Remember, if you need to be invoiced, send in your form and indicate your billing preference.

Jacque Senger,
DTA Executive
Director

Transit Fundraising

Pat Hansen, Director

South Central Adult Services - Valley City, ND

South Central Adult Services has been raising funds to replace some of the State Aid for Public Transit funds we lost this biennium. We started with sharing our plight on the local radio station in October. To date we have received \$20,820 towards our \$80,000 goal.

Donations have come in from some unexpected sources including a \$5,000 donation from a local church, a safety grant of \$5,000 from Alliance Pipeline to support our taxi service which helps prevent people from driving while under the influence of alcohol, and many private donations from local individuals.



South Central is currently providing service to Bismarck and Fargo five days per week and to Jamestown Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There are no dialysis units or cancer treatment facilities available in any of the seven counties we serve. For most of our dialysis patients and those needing chemotherapy or radiation treatments we are their only option for getting to treatment.

In the News

Karrie Mikkelsen, Director
Cavalier County Transit - Langdon, ND



This article was found in the Cavalier County Republican paper. Karrie Mikkelsen, Director of Cavalier County Transit, wanted to share this with the Transit Tidbit.

A passenger wrote an article in the Cavalier

County Republican paper complimenting the above and beyond service provided by transit driver Carleen Schill (pictured above). Following is an excerpt from the article:

Without transportation there would be no practicing and no groceries. Fast forward past regular services, a baby shower, caroling at two different locations to early Monday. Yes, the tire plus its mate had both outlived their usefulness and would need to be replaced. This or something similar happens from time to time and leads to an emergency response that an increasing number of local seniors fall back on. We call the Cavalier County Community Transit bus.

Carleen Schill assured me she would pick me up around 11am and drop me at the church to practice for this week's musical needs. It was a nice ride with friends I knew on the bus.

Stepping off the bus carrying a heavy bag of music books onto the concrete slab I fell face forward on the concrete. My glasses went in different directions.

Carleen was immediately there to help me up, to pick up the remaining pieces of my glasses and seeing some blood informed me the next stop would be the emergency room.

While the staff there called a doctor, ordered x-rays and did the cleanup, Carleen took the remains of my glasses to the eye doctor who loaned me a different frame for the lenses. It has been a lot of years since the original frames and lenses were issued, and like old cars and old people their models change from time to time. In this case there will be new glasses.

I wanted to write about this in some detail because if you have ever been hesitant to ride the Cavalier County Community Transit bus, that service has often been a lifesaver for older people in Langdon and the surrounding area.

This is true, not just because it gives you transportation but also because the staff are very caring of the people they transport. They do take a personal interest in the health needs of the many who need to go out of town for tests, chemo, out-patient surgery, dialysis, plane connections, and shopping for things not necessarily available in smaller towns.

The bus has become a terrifically valuable service that older people in Langdon often need and appreciate. And when you have an emergency, it is comforting to know the driver is a competent friend right there on the spot.

Special thanks to Carleen for her quick thinking and care.

Life Changes at Any Age

Laurie McGuire

We all know the old saying “you never know about tomorrow”. In May 2017 my husband Dale and I were faced with a life changing decision. After 30 years we made the decision to move back to our hometown of Minot ND to spend some quality time with our elderly fathers.

At first it was a very hard decision for us as we would be moving away from our children, grandchildren, our long history of employment, the home we loved and just our 30 years of daily routine.

The minute we sat our Dads down and told them of our plan just seeing the tears, feeling the warm hugs and hearing the thank you from both of our fathers was all Dale and I needed. We gave notice at our jobs which was very hard for both of us. I have shed a lot of tears as I miss my job at James River very much but also very proud of all that we accomplished in the 15 years I worked for James River Senior Citizen's.

We landed in Minot the end of July, we purchased a home in September and my father moved in with us in October. All is going well. I am truly now the parent of the parent. As I left the Transit World the end of July, my husband after 33 years in the fuel and oil field, ended up in the Transit world working for the famous Darrell F at Souris Basin Public Transit. He really is enjoying having people sitting behind him and not thousands of gallons of fuel. He has a story of a new friendship every day when he comes home. As for me I am taking a short break and plan on being back one day in the future. Happy New Year to all of you.

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2018 DTA Fall Conference

Jacque Senger, DTA Executive Director

Just a friendly reminder that our 2018 Conference is in the planning stages. Our host hotel is the Hampton Inn and Suites, 605-692- 5232 and our alternate hotel is the Fairfield Inn and Suites, 605-692-3500.

Please go ahead and make your reservations early. Our intent is to have our conference forms and TENTATIVE conference agenda on the web by June 1st.

Transit Donations

Karrie Mikkelsen, Director

Cavalier County Transit - Langdon, ND



Cavalier County Senior Meals & Transit received a \$1200 donation from the United Methodist Church in Langdon, ND. The money was raised from the community Thanksgiving meal that was served at the church. With this money we were able to provide several members of the community with meal and ride tickets. We are so thankful to live in a community that believes in the services that we provide.

Also, I wrote a grant for the Langdon Senior Center board to help them with many needed updates to the building so that they can keep their building attractive and functional to their renters such as Cavalier County Senior Meals & Transit and the Langdon Senior Club. The Langdon Senior Center board was awarded \$24,000.

Cold Is A Relative Thing in North and South Dakota

Here are the actual results of our first UND School of Entrepreneurship Research Study Project. We studied North and South Dakotans' unusual ability to handle cold temperatures verses more typical southern folks.

- 70-degree F (21-degree C): Floridians turn on the heat
Dakotans plant gardens
- 60-degree F (16-degree C): Californians shiver uncontrollably
Dakotans sunbathe
- 50-degree F (10-degree C): Italian & English cars won't start
Dakotans drive with the windows down
- 40-degree F (4-degree C): Georgians put on coats, thermal underwear, gloves, wool hats
Dakotans throw on a flannel shirt
- 30-degree F (-1-degree C): New York landlords finally turn up the heat
Dakotans have the last cookout before it gets cold
- 20-degree F (-7-degree C): People in Miami all die
Dakotans close the windows
- 0-degree F (-18-degree C): Californians fly away to Mexico
Dakotans get out their winter coats
- 10-degree F (-23-degree C): Hollywood disintegrates
The Girl Scouts in the Dakotas are selling cookies door to door
- 20-degree F (-29-degree C): Washington, DC, runs out of hot air
Dakotans let the dogs sleep indoors
- 30-degree F (-34-degree C): Santa Claus abandons the North Pole
Dakotans get upset because they can't start the snowmobile
- 40-degree F (-40-degree C): ALL atomic motion stops
Dakotans start saying, "cold enough fer ya?"
- 50-degree F (-46-degree C): Hell freezes over
Dakotans public schools will open 2 hours late

*Thought for the
Month of January...*

*If I quit now, I will soon be back to
where I started and when I started,
I was desperately wishing to be
where I am now.*



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Thanks to all!

- Jacque

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