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THOUGHT FOR FEBRUARY
2026

Kindness is loaning someone your strength instead of reminding them of their weakness.

DTA 2026 ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

Jacque Senger, Executive Director

Your 2026 DTA Conference will be held in Huron, SD, September 19th through the 23rd, 2026. The conference will be held at the Huron Event Center and the Rodeo at the SD State Fairgrounds. We have secured rooms at the Crossroads Hotel. More information will be placed in the Tidbit as we finalize the conference.

NORTH DAKOTA TRANSIT
AGENCIES

Jacque Senger, Executive Director

If any North Dakota Transit Agency would like to host the 2027 DTA Conference, please contact me.



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2026 DTA MEMBERSHIP
FORMS

Jacque Senger, Executive Director

The 2026 DTA Membership Form was emailed out to all the transit agencies in the middle of January. They are due back March 9, 2026. I have received 17 Membership Forms to date. If you did not receive your form, please let me know.

NEW DIRECTOR

**Laura Winson, Executive Director
Benson County Housing Authority
*Maddock, ND***



Hi, my name is Laura Winson and I am the new Executive Director of the Benson County Transportation Program located in Maddock, ND.

I have been the Executive Director of the Benson County Housing Authority since 2010, a position I will continue to hold along with the newly added responsibilities with Transportation.

I was born in Minnewaukan, ND and attended school in both Minnewaukan and later Devils Lake, ND. After high school I attended the Hair Designers Academy in Grand Forks and Lake Region State College in Devils Lake. I spent 10 years working with adults with disabilities, 5 years with Lake Region Special Education working with high school students with disabilities then 10 years working with

economic development as the Champion REAP Alliance Coordinator before starting my career with Benson County Housing Authority.

My husband and I live in Maddock, ND. My husband Keith has been with the City of Maddock for over 30 years. I have 2 grown children, Sydney and Jordan and 3 grandsons, Rylee, Hudson and Madden. My children and grandchildren live in Maddock and Grand Forks. My grandson Rylee loves trucks, tractors and 4H and my grandsons Hudson and Madden are all about the sports, hockey, soccer and football!

In my spare time I love to sew quilts and bags and during Covid I decided to purchase a longarm quilting machine and have enjoyed learning that skill. I have been a stained-glass artist for 25+ years. My mom taught me and it is something we have enjoyed together. I am Court Appointed Guardian to 2 adults with disabilities, the Chairman of the Benson County Job Development Authority and serve on the Benson County Event Center Advisory Board.

I am excited to pick up the Transportation program, even though I have no experience with Transportation, I feel that my experience working with people with disabilities and low-income housing will be useful in my new role.

I have felt very welcome so far and look forward to meeting more Transportation experts in the upcoming months!

NEW DIRECTOR
Lorrie Craven
Kidder County Transit
Steele, ND

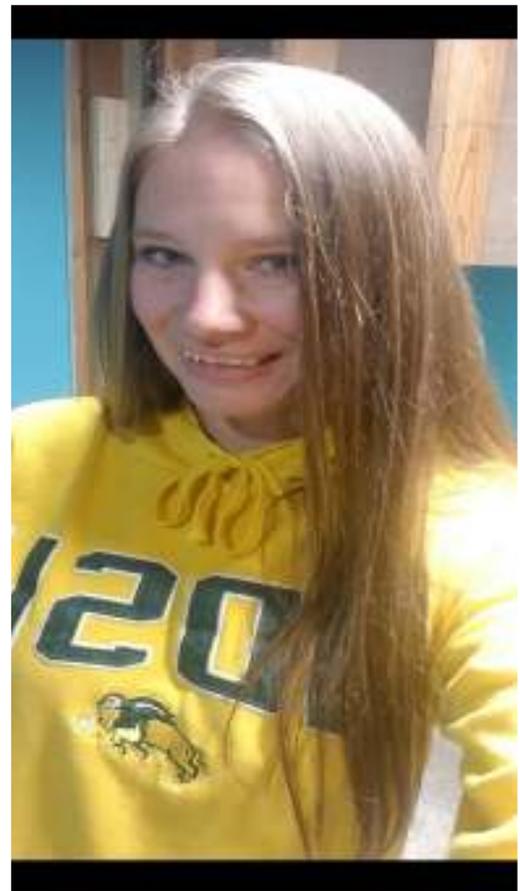
Kidder County Senior Services provides meals for Steele, Tuttle, Robinson, Pettibone, Woodworth, Tappen, and Dawson. Their Public Transit runs Monday-Friday, locally in Steele, and as far as Jamestown and Bismarck/Mandan.



I have had a variety of careers that have been preparing me for the Kidder County Council on Aging's Director of Kidder County Senior Services and Public Transit.

With over twenty-five years as a Caterer, Restaurant Owner, and Wholesaler in Kalispell, MT, I was well-versed in the "Food" business. When the realtor sold the businesses, he offered me a job as his office manager over 50+ agents. Ten years later, a family move took me to Post Falls, ID, where I took a job in Human Resources at a 125+ year-old knife manufacturing company. I had moved to Steele when the position of Director of KCSS/PT opened up. I am excited to put my years of experience to work here in Kidder County.

NEW DIRECTOR
Sunny Brennan
Hazen Busing, Hazen, ND



Hi, I'm Sunny Brennan and I started working as the Director December first. I grew up in the area, graduated from Hazen and moved to Bismarck to receive my Bachelor's of Business Management Degree from Rasmussen College. I also own a dog grooming business called Filthy Paws that I started in January of 2023. It's just myself

that does all the work so I have the pleasure of getting to know my dogs and clients really well. I have two kids, a fifteen-year-old daughter and a thirteen, almost fourteen-year-old son. My boyfriend and I have been together for eight years and purchased a smaller ranch about 15 minutes from Hazen. We enjoyed the quiet county life and building it up to add some livestock this spring. Outside of working and grooming I enjoy riding my motorcycle in the summer, kayaking, working out and just staying home. There's always something to do to keep me busy.

NEW DIRECTOR

**Lori Baumbach, Director
Dickey County Senior Citizens and
Dickey County Public Transportation
Ellendale, ND**



Hi. My name is Lori Baumbach and I am the new Director for Dickey County Senior Citizens and Public Transportation. I am originally from rural Hurdsfield, ND but have been in Oakes for the past 19 years. I have three amazing kids who have given me even

more amazing grandkids, 9 in all. My career background is primarily in healthcare and I have worked everywhere from the reception line to my latest in quality, compliance, and patient safety. A little later in life, I got my master's in business administration with a concentration in healthcare; however, my true love has always been where I can help the people in our community. As Director, I am able to do just that and it feels like the perfect fit.

TRAINING UPDATE

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PASS and Defensive Driving Training classes were held December 29 and 30, 2025 at Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, SD. Thank you to the trainers and everyone at Community Transit of Watertown/Sisseton for making this training possible!

Are you or someone from your agency Interested in becoming a PASS trainer? CTAA now offers PASS - Train the Trainer certification 100% online. It's never been easier to become a PASS trainer.

If you have drivers/staff in need of training or re-certification and would like to inquire about or schedule a class, please contact Rod using the information listed above.



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Tidbit Articles

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