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Governor's Committee On Aging To Hold Forum in Dickinson

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Governor's Committee on Aging is hosting a forum on September 25 at Hillside Baptist Church in Dickinson. Cosponsors include the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Aging Services Division and AARP North Dakota. Seniors and interested individuals are invited to attend. Registration to attend the forum is FREE.

Welcoming comments and introductions will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by an update on the White House Conference on Aging and the ND Silver Haired Assembly by Dallas Knudson. At 10:15 a.m., there is an Interagency Program for Assistive Technology. At 11:15 a.m., special guest Susan Raymond of the federal Administration on Aging Region VIII will discuss trends, funding, and targeting services under Title III services and programs. Lunch and entertainment by the *Friday Night Gang* will follow.

The forum will reconvene at 1 p.m. when Elinor Ginzler, Director for Livable Communities at the national AARP office, will give the keynote presentation: "Caring for Others Without Losing Yourself." Ginzler is an expert on independent living and long-term care issues, including home and community-based services, caregiving, nursing home quality, and housing issues.

Afternoon programming includes a presentation at 2:15 p.m. on fraud, identity theft, and scams, followed by a session on Medicare Part D at 3 p.m.

To register, please contact Mark Jesser toll free at 888-227-7525 or Michelle Sletvold at 701-227-7582 in advance.

Commission Vice Chairman Amy Clark said the forum is one of five organized by the commission and scheduled between September 25 –28 in the communities of Bismarck, Dickinson, Rugby, Valley City, and Williston.

"The North Dakota Forums on Aging will provide an opportunity for seniors and their families to learn about new and existing trends in aging," Clark said.

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