



January 2018 - No. 1

2018 is off to a bittersweet start. On the downside, Denise is out of the office, battling a rare cancer. She asks for our thoughts and prayers to give her the strength to win this battle and get her back to a normal life; filled with gardening, family, NDLTAP and more. To help defray costs, the **Denise Brown Cancer Journey Benefit** has been set up. Checks can be mailed to: Gate City Bank – Downtown, 304 East Rosser Ave, Bismarck, ND 58502. Additionally, Denise's sisters are planning a fundraiser (and celebration that radiation and chemo is over), tentatively planned for March 11th, details are in the works. Stay strong Denise, we're all pulling for you and miss you!



On the positive side, **NDLTAP field outreach efforts are expanding in 2018**. NDLTAP is pleased to have the support of the Western Dakota Energy Association (WDEA) and the NDDOT to provide continued service out west and expanded service across the state. The 2018 financial support allows Curt to provide technical assistance and outreach to the western counties; Leanna to provide truck weight information statewide, LoadPass permit information & promotion for the counties and townships east of the WDEA footprint, and expanded GRIT field support; and Andrew Wrucke has joined the NDLTAP team to provide engineering/planning outreach and GRIT field support across the state. Welcome to the team Andrew! **Big note of thanks to WDEA and the NDDOT for their confidence in our efforts and financial support.**

I hope to see you at the **January 24-26, 2018 County Superintendents/Engineers Conference in Fargo**. This is a powerful networking and learning opportunity that you don't want to miss. If you haven't attended in the past, please consider this as your personal invitation to grow. www.ndace.org

On behalf of the NDLTAP team, please know that we are honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Wishing you a year filled with success stories.

(excerpt from December 12, 2017 facebook post)

Making his NDLTAP debut, Andrew Wrucke, NDLTAP technical support representative and UGPTI associate research fellow, dazzled the Steele County Township officers at their meeting this morning in Finley by handing off a bit of asset management information. By sharing information about roadway values and tracking systems, Andrew was able to help the officers better understand how Reed and Steele County use GRIT as a tool to enhance their roadway network. Andrew can be reached at 218-790-5798 (cell) – a great NDLTAP resource for you to tap into!



Research Review: Crack Seal Best Practices

Crack sealing/filling is a cost effective pavement maintenance tool that can be effectively completed by county workers or contractors. Knowing how to most effectively employ this technique is important, as failure of this product is costly, especially in low budget situations. This review includes some researched best practices from NDDOT, FHWA, and other sources.



[Click to view the full article](#)



Registration and Sponsorship opportunities now available. Click the link below for more information:

[2018 Asphalt Conference](#)

Visit our Training Calendar to see more events and training opportunities:

[NDLTAP Training Schedule](#)

[TLN Video/Webinar Training Schedule](#)

Our Mission

To foster safe, efficient, environmentally sound, and cost effective North Dakota highway, road, and street systems by exchanging transportation technology with North Dakota's local units of government and transportation community through training, technical assistance, and information services as part of the US FHWA's nationwide LTAP network.

Contact us @ NDLTAP 515 1/2 E Broadway, Ste 101, Bismarck ND 58501 -
(701) 328-9855 or ndltap@ugpti.org

[Visit our Website](#)



NDSU does not discriminate in its programs and activities on the basis of age, color, gender expression/identity, genetic information, marital status, national origin, participation in lawful off-campus activity, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, public assistance status, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, spousal relationship to current employee, or veteran status, as applicable. Direct inquiries to: Vice Provost, Title IX/ADA Coordinator, Old Main 201, 701-231-7708, nds.u.eoaa@nds.u.edu.