



# BRANDING IRON

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## Last Week: Emergency Care at St. Joseph's



Susan Price, director of emergency room care at St. Joseph's Hospital, noted that North Dakota's offerings for emergency care are very different than what she is used to. Coming from a major metropolitan area, where there were several Level I and Level II trauma centers within a 10-mile radius, she was surprised to learn that there are no Level I trauma centers in the state of North Dakota, and just six Level II centers.

St. Joseph's is designated a Level IV center, providing initial evaluation, stabilization, and transfer to a higher level of care.

Farming and resource extraction, both prominent in our region, are two of the top three industries for traumatic injuries. Burns and falls are among the most common types of trauma. Two nurses from St. Joseph's recently participated in training to update their knowledge of the treatment of burns, spending three

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**Today's Greeters Are:**  
Seth Poland & Tim Priebe

Next Meeting:  
Dawn Pruitt & Stepheny Reger

**Give Thanks Today:** Dale Jacobsen  
**Next Week:** Merry Johnston

Thank you, dear God, for another day of life, for another day of living in your love, for experiencing the care of our families. Amen.

### Your Program Today:

James Kramer—Director, Dickinson Parks and Recreation

### Coming Up:

October 29—Health Care in Dickinson and the Region,

St. Joseph's Hospital CEO Reed Reyman

November 5—Rotary Foundation

November 12—Local Dickinson Rotary Foundation

### **Birthdays**

Chris Gerving 10/24

**Program Chair:** Dennis Cannon & Jodi Bosch **Next Month:** Russ Murphy

## Announcements:

- The **International Projects Committee** will meet on October 22 at 11 a.m. at the Elks Lodge.
- **World Polio Day** is Friday, October 24, 2014.
- Don't miss the opportunity to participate in the **Virtual Membership Summit Series**, a series of webinars to help increase Rotary membership. The next webinar is scheduled for October 29 at 5 p.m. For more information or to register, go to <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50019/SitePage/membership>.

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days at Shriners Hospital for Children in Galveston, Texas. The hospital has arranged for Shriners' staff to come to Dickinson and train the rest of our nurses. Trauma nurse training will be a requirement for working in St. Joseph's emergency room. The ER staff are passionate about caring for patients.

The emergency room is seeing 50 patients per day, as compared to about 30 patients per day one year ago. The ER in the current hospital has 9 rooms, while the new hospital will have 19, and there is a possibility the needs will exceed the additional capacity even before the move to the new facility—particularly on weekends, when the emergency room is the busiest. The move is scheduled for December 8.



## Rotary Recognition

Jared Twogood received a Rotary pin, to recognize his having recruited a new member to Rotary. Congratulations, Jared!

## Proposed for Membership

The following individual has been proposed for membership in Dickinson Rotary, subject to approval by the Club after publication in this newsletter for two weeks.

### Chuck Bokinskie

Sponsor: Ken Nelson

Classification: Financial

(Vice President, Choice Financial Group)



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## Last Meeting Visitors

- Sorry—editor forgot to take notes!