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Last Week: Legislative Update



North Dakota Senate Majority Leader Rich Wardner thought the 2015 legislative session went well and was a positive one for western North Dakota. Since the price of oil increased in May and the tax on oil production will not be reduced (under the old legislation, when oil was below a certain price for five months, taxes were reduced), additional monies will come our way, as well.

The \$1.1 billion in surge funding that passed in February included \$450 million for state highway funding and \$240 million to the top 10 oil producing counties. Those top 10 counties are McKenzie, Mountrail, Williams, Dunn, Divide, Bowman, Stark, Burke, Billings and Bottineau.

Also at the top of the priority list were water (including flood protection), crime, and property tax relief. Our prisons are full, and to accommodate the need, 100 prisoners are being sent to Colorado facilities on July 1. Property tax relief provides a buy-down of 12% on taxes across the state.

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The regular session concluded without resolving the health insurance



Today's Greeters Are:

Jon Hodnefield & Bruce Howe

Next Meeting:

Carmi Howe & Dale Jacobsen

Give Thanks Today: Seth Poland

Next Week: Tim Priebe

Father, when we stop to think about the worries and troubles of those less fortunate, we realize that our own problems are not so bad. Help us to trust in you. Give us a measure of courage and strength. Amen.

Your Program Today:

Bruce Pitts, Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Fndtn. Board Chair

Coming Up:

June 17—Crossover Dinner at Ramada (NO NOON MEETING)

June 24—President Theodore Roosevelt

Program Chair: Guy Moos **Next Month:** Guy Moos

Birthdays

Pat Hart 6/13

Announcements:

- If you have not yet provided a photo for the **Rotary Directory**, please send one to Harvey Brock at hbrock@thedickinsonpress.com.
- **Dickinson Rotary Board** will meet next week, June 17, at noon. Reminder: No Rotary meeting that day.
- The **Rotary Crossover** event, passing leadership to the new team, will be held on **June 17** at the Ramada. Social hour begins in the Lounge at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the passing of the torch, along with Rotary awards, at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$25, with a choice of steak or broiled shrimp. **RSVP by June 10** with number of guests and meal preferences to Stepheny Reger at sreger@weareamerican.com.
- The **Rotary Ride for Clean Water** will be held June 20 in Pequot Lakes, Minnesota. Denise Steinbach invites other Dickinson Rotarians to join her in participating. Contact her at dsteinbach@stlukeshome.com
- **Pancake Karnival** is scheduled on October 4. This pancake breakfast is Dickinson Rotary's biggest fundraising event toward the campaign to end polio. The planning committee for the event will hold its first meeting on June 10, and they welcome new members.

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program for ND public employees (PERS). Sanford Health was awarded the contract for the NDPERS healthcare plan for best meeting the criteria required in the request for proposals. Legislators inserted policy changes in the bill that could change the contract. The Senate was unwilling to pass the legislation with this risk, and the House was unwilling to strike the policy provisions. The legislature will convene in special session on June 16 if the appointed committee of six can iron out the differences before then.

Rotary in the Community



Dickinson Rotary presented two checks to support important organizations in our community. Heather Ingman of the Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center accepted a check for \$1,000. She is pictured here with club president Mary Massad and club

member Rita Ennen, who serves on the DVRCC board.

Ken Nelson and Brad Fong accepted a \$500 check on behalf of Dickinson Baseball.



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Last Meeting Visitors

- Walter Hadley, new City Planner, guest of Shawn Kessel
- Kevin Ferguson, Candlewood Inn, guest of Irene Schafer
- Elaine Carmichael, consultant to the Dickinson Museum Center, guest of Sharon Kilzer