



# BRANDING IRON

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## Last Week: State of the City



Mayor Dennis Johnson reported on the growth of the city and improvements that are planned in the near term. Niles Hushka made a presentation to city officials a couple of weeks ago, and even allowing for a 20% reduction with reduced oil prices, the city's growth will be substantial. Dickinson's population is projected to be 38,600 by 2020. Indications of growth include the number of live births, which was 613 in 2014, and 74 in June of this year.

The airport will be putting in \$100 to \$150 million into infrastructure so the city could quite possibly need to put water and sewer out to the airport.

Dickinson is considered to be the "Bedroom City for the Bakken." This is problematic for the city because it doesn't receive any taxes generated by the companies that have their headquarters outside city limits.

Housing permits issued for single housing units in Dickinson will be less than 200 this year. This is an indication that housing has caught up with demand, and we don't have a housing shortage anymore.

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### **This Week's Greeters Are:**

Mike Kiedrowski & Stan Koppinger

#### Next Week:

Amy Kreidt & Ken Kussy

### **Give Thanks Today: Dawn Pruitt**

**Next Week:** Stepheny Reger

Lord, thank you for the blessings of this day, for the joys of summer, and for the goodness of family and friends. We are truly grateful. Amen.

### **Your Program Today:**

Bolivia Trip—Chad Billings

### **Coming Up:**

July 15—Ronda Fitterer, Consolidated Communications

July 22—District Governor Craig Loughery

July 29—Terri Thiel, Dickinson CVB

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

### **Birthdays**

Alex Schwab 7/9

Vicky Steiner 7/9

## Announcements:

- **Miss a meeting?** Try an e-meeting makeup at [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org) or [www.siliconvalleyrotary.com/](http://www.siliconvalleyrotary.com/)  
You will find a wide variety of interesting articles and videos!

## State of the City (continued from page 1)

The city's 1½% sales tax generated \$12,794,000 in 2014.

Infrastructure projects over the past four years cost \$230 million, of which \$130 million came from state oil impact funding. Only \$26 million will be available for infrastructure projects in 2016-2017.

## Be a Gift to the World



K. R. Ravindran, Rotary International's new president, is a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Ravindran is an entrepreneur who took a label-printing business from a small outfit operating in a space the size of a garage to a global powerhouse in the packaging business that has helped change the value-added tea industry in his

country. "I'm sometimes introduced as a self-made man,"

he says. "You've got to be utterly egocentric to believe you are self-made. Each one of us is made because so many people helped us become who we are."

"One of the reasons I work so much for Rotary is that I have been helped by so many people, and often you never have a chance to reciprocate," he explains. "The only way you can is by helping others. When the people I help ask me, 'What can I do?' I say, 'Go and help someone else in return.'"

For Ravindran, paying it forward isn't a fad, it's a way of life. And this year, he challenges all Rotarians to *Be a Gift to the World*.



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## Last Meeting Visitors

- Sarah Jennings, staff member in Senator Heidi Heitkamp's office, guest of Shirley Meyer
- Jennifer Gooss, new Dickinson city attorney, guest of Shawn Kessel
- Sandy Moos, guest of Guy Moos
- Andy Emmard