



# BRANDING IRON

Volume LXII, Number 9, August 26, 2015

## Last Week: TR Honors Leadership Program at DSU



Dr. Debora Dragseth, director of the Theodore Roosevelt Honors Leadership Program at DSU, described the program. The TRHLP is a student-driven program which allows participants to maximize opportunities to learn in the classroom while instilling participative decision-making and collaborative problem-solving techniques with intellectual rigor and character development.

The TRHLP is unique among honors programs around the country in its focus on leadership. In addition to the honors academic curriculum, students are encouraged to take leadership roles throughout campus and in the community. Among the fundraising projects supported by Honors Scholars recently are the Dickinson Backpack program, the Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center, and others. Students from the program will be presenting at the National Collegiate Honors Conference this November in Chicago.

The Honors Program is also unique in accepting students from any academic discipline. TRHLP Scholars take honors courses that meet general education requirements in a learning community. Students who (continued on page 2)



### This Week's Greeters Are:

Cal Oraw & Todd Otto

#### Next Week:

Jim Ozbun & Barb Patterson

### Give Thanks Today: Lloyd Schnaidt

**Next Week:** Alexandra Schwab

Lord, thank you for new beginnings for our young people and education professionals this week. Bless our endeavors and help us to build up our community. Amen.

### Your Program Today:

US Forest Service, Recreation and Range Management

### Coming Up:

September 2—TBD

September 9—TBD

Program Chair: Gaylon Baker Next Month: Jim Ozbun

### Birthdays

Rich Wardner 8/26/15

Jon Hodnefield 8/30/15

## Announcements:

- The **Pancake Carnival** committee will meet after the noon meeting on August 26. The Pancake Carnival is the biggest fundraiser of the year for Polio Plus and other Rotary initiatives. This year's event is scheduled for Sunday, October 4, at the BAC. Your help is needed!
- A newsletter editor and two weekly "reporters" are needed. Please see Marvin Eberts if you are interested.

## DSU TR Honors Leadership Program (cont'd from page 1)

successfully complete all program course requirements will receive a leadership studies minor and will graduate with honors distinction.

## Rotary Around the World

### Australian students take opportunity by the horns

The rules of the Shaftesbury Rodeo Academy are simple: no school, no rodeo. It's a message that teenagers who attend school at Bisley Farm, most of whom have never attended any school regularly, take seriously. Because come Friday night, these aspiring rodeo heroes want to join their friends to ride bulls for a heart-stopping eight seconds, if they last that long.

The school in rural Queensland, Australia, also teaches the boys, who are of the Wakka Wakka Aboriginal people, basic academics and farming skills, including how to care for crops and livestock. It's a fairly common form of schooling in Australia, an alternative education for students with troubled backgrounds. For many of them, Bisley Farm is the best chance for them to improve their lives. But rules are rules. In order to participate in the school's weekly Friday night rodeo, students must attend class Monday through Thursday and do all their work, including helping to manage a herd of beef cattle. Perhaps not surprisingly, student attendance and performance have shot up.

And none of it would exist without Rotary. George Grant wanted to do something for the Aboriginal teenagers after attending a Rotary grants seminar in 2010. He was president of the Rotary Club of Bribie Island, and they started small: six head of cattle, a trailer, and some fencing. They soon started applying for money through Rotary, more than \$120,000. Supported by fundraisers from surrounding clubs, the Bribie Island club donated thousands of dollars toward the project.

For more news, visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).



Dickinson Club Website:

[www.dickinsonrotary.org](http://www.dickinsonrotary.org)

 DickinsonRotary

District Website:

[www.clubrunner.ca/5580](http://www.clubrunner.ca/5580)

Rotary International Website:

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

Club Contact:

Erv Bren, President

[president@dickinsonrotary.org](mailto:president@dickinsonrotary.org)

## Last Meeting Visitors

- Robert Jueves and Emily Luranaga, guests of Mark Billings