



BRANDING IRON

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Last Week: Little Missouri National Grasslands



Rob Schilling, recreation manager for the Little Missouri National Grasslands, reported on the work of the U.S. Forest Service in western North Dakota. Dakota Prairie Grasslands was a part of the Custer National Forest district until 1998, when it became an independent unit in the USFS.

Dakota Prairie Grasslands includes the Little Missouri National Grasslands in western North Dakota and 3 other units in North and South Dakota comprising more than 1 million acres. Much of the land was acquired by the federal government in the 1930s under the Bankhead-Jones Act. In some cases, grazing lands were leased back to the original ranch owners and are now fourth- and fifth-generation ranch operations in the Badlands. Some ranchers still see the land as theirs, though the land is owned and managed by the USFS.

The Forest Service manages lands for multiple use and sustained yield. In addition to grazing, other uses include oil and gas leasing, recreation, wildlife management, and fire management. Recreation includes (continued on page 2)



This Week's Greeters Are:

Jim Ozbun & Barb Patterson

Next Week:

Seth Poland and Tim Priebe

Give Thanks Today: Alexandra Schwab

Next Week: Todd Schweitzer

God, be with us as we share this meal. Make us grateful for your bounty, and move us to share your goodness with others, in our families, our workplace, and our community. Amen.

Your Program Today:

Gaylon Baker, Stark County Development Corporation

Coming Up:

September 9—DSU Foundation Update, Shawn Smith (receiver)

September 16—DSU Athletics, Tim Daniel

Program Chair: Jim Ozbun **Next Month:** Dennis Cannon/Jodi Bosch

Birthdays

Jim Ozbun 9/3

Mark Emmerich 9/4

Announcements:

- Deepest sympathies to Rotarian Clyde Frank on the death of his wife Eunice.
- A newsletter editor and two weekly “reporters” are needed. Please see Marvin Eberts if you are interested.
- A district grant has been awarded to help ship donated books to Ajara, West Africa. Congratulations to Rita Ennen and the committee for preparing this successful grant application!
- **Miss a meeting?** Try an e-meeting makeup at www.rotaryclubone.org or www.siliconvalleyrotary.com/
You will find a wide variety of interesting articles and videos!

Little Missouri National Grasslands (cont'd from page 1)

both developed use—with 10 campgrounds, 2 day-use areas, and 16 trailheads—and dispersed use, such as hunting, ATV riding, mountain biking, fishing, and birding. ATVs were traditionally used for work purposes on farms and ranches in the area, but recreational use is growing and the Forest Service is working on a management plan, in an effort to protect users from getting lost and to protect the natural environment from degradation.

Among the events hosted by USFS staff are the Kids Fishing Day and the Rough Creek Institute. The latter is a week-long educational course for high school students, for which they earn 1/2 high school science credit.

Like communities throughout the region dealing with the influx of people, the Forest Service is facing management challenges such as vandalism and squatting in the grasslands.

District Service Project Opportunity: Guatemala

Two teams are being recruited for work on two new classrooms in Zacualpa. The local partner is the Vista Hermosa Rotary Club of Guatemala City. Each team will work for 5 days and spend two days in Antigua. The NGO partner will be a coffee cooperative.




Team One-February 6-15 (10 people -2 already on team=8 people)

Team Two-February 13-22 (10 people -2 already on team=8 people)

If interested contact Warren Bender at bttt817@hotmail.com or call 218-590-4464.



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Last Meeting Visitors

- Laura Fleig, manager of Prairie Hills Mall, guest of Peggy O'Brien
- Frank Pearson's daughter