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Plenty of bull

Bullrider Cody Hicks of Lake City, IA, barely escapes the kicking rear hooves of a bucking bull after landing hard on the ground during the 20th annual Bull-A-Rama, held at the Clay County Rodeo Grounds Saturday, Aug. 24. The event has been hosted for two decades now by the local Coyote Country Rodeo Club in its effort to raise money for charity "one buck at a time." To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.plaintalk.net.

(Photo by David Lias)

Familiar 'flavor' planned for Ribs, Rods & Rock 'n Roll

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There will be ribs. There will be rods – specifically classic cars, hot rods and even motorcycles. And there will be plenty of entertainment for people of all ages as local citizens put the final touches on plans for the upcoming Ribs, Rods & Rock 'n Roll event in Vermillion. But that's not all. Some new things will be included in the annual event that kicks off Friday, Sept. 6, with the 5 p.m. opening of the Rib Fest food court and beer garden in the downtown business district. Those two venues will stay open until 1 a.m. Saturday. Also scheduled at 5 p.m. Friday is a performance by the Austin Beuscher Band. Other attractions that will be available at 5 p.m. that evening include a family fun area that will include sidewalk vendors. From 5:30 to 7 p.m., a "Wings War" with People's Choice Judging will be held. Friday's activities will conclude with a performance by Mrs. Begley and the Boys. All musical entertainment for the two-day event will be held at the Ratigan Platz in downtown Vermillion. Saturday afternoon, visitors to downtown will be able to observe a new activity to Ribs, Rods & Rock 'n Roll – a Backyard BBQ competition. "It's for anybody – it's typically for the amateur person who does a lot of barbecuing," said Jenny French, a member of the Ribs, Rods & Rock 'n Roll planning committee. "We're doing ribs and chicken, and everything goes – however you want to grill it, smoke it, cook it works. It doesn't have all of the rules and regulations like the national competition." This competition will be judged by local "celebrity" judges.

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USD, Ostfalia University celebrate relationship

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This week USD's Beacom School of Business marked the 10th anniversary of one of its most unique relationships. For all that time there has been an exchange program between Beacom and Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences of Wolfsburg, Germany. Representatives from both schools met Thursday in part to observe the milestone. "We started our international programs 10 years ago, so for us this is something special," said Prof. Dr. Frieder Meyer-Bulleriek of Ostfalia. "It's the 10th anniversary, and we are very happy for this relationship." Associated professor David Carr of USD agreed, saying, "This kind of opportunity fits into USD's vision of being a liberal-arts based university in the sense that we want to educate broadly so this kind of experience really allows students to get exposed to a lot of things they wouldn't get just on-campus." The schools each usually exchange two students each year, as well as faculty members. There currently are two Ostfalia students at USD. "One actually is not in the exchange program," Meyer-Bulleriek said. "She was in the exchange program last year, but she came back to go for her masters degree, and so she is now a regular student here. Another student is here as an exchange student right now."



On Aug. 22, (from left) Wade Druin, Frieder Meyer-Bulleriek, Mike Gillispie, David Carr, Thomas Davies and Joachim Hurth marked the 10th anniversary of the relationship between USD's Beacom School of Business and Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences of Wolfsburg, Germany.

(Photo by Travis Gulbrandson)

USD instructor Mike Gillispie said the program offers many advantages for the students. One, the USD students pay tuition to attend classes in Germany at USD rates. Two, Ostfalia offers a series of classes that are taught in English that the German students also take. "That way, they're not just an isolated group of Americans. That's a very unique experience that a lot of students don't get when they go overseas," Gillispie said. "That's one of the things I think our students find is a really positive thing about this

program – both the exchange program and the summer program – it gets our students involved with the German students in their learning." "It's not only German students, as we have other partnerships with other countries like France, South Africa and Singapore that also work quite well," added Ostfalia's Prof. Dr. Joachim Hurth. "Usually we have about 10 international students at our school, so they also meet people from all these (other) countries."

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