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# Prairie Talks comes to Rugby

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A new addition to the culture in Rugby is a series entitled "Prairie Talks" which is being brought to Rugby by RHS alum Kristi Rendahl. The first or inaugural talk was presented on Sunday, June 3 at the Eagles by Alan Bjerga, a journalist who has won several awards for his writing. Bjerga wrote the book entitled "Endless Appetites: How the Commodities Casino creates hunger and unrest". Nearly 50 people attended this first Prairie Talk and listened attentively, asking very thoughtful questions after Bjerga completed his talk. Bjerga's presentation style was very down to earth. He really connected with this rural crowd. The presentation was never boring, very factual, and of interest to those attending. The opportunity to see photographs of Tanzania and Ethiopia shot by another RHS alum, Jared Mack, complemented the program. Area residents in attendance, were allowed to sample an Ethiopian bread called injera. It was very pourous and almost grey in color. The taste was very unique to this American palate who believes in very bland food. It was a great experience to see Ethiopia through the eyes of at least three people who have been there. If we never make it to ethiopia, we will have had a small taste of the culture thanks to Prairie Talks.

For those of you who live in the area, mark your calenders for Oct. 7, 2012 when Roxana Saberi, journalist from North Dakota held captive in Iran, will speak on human rights. Watch the Tribune for more information on this Prairie Talk when the time gets closer.

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