



Theodore Roosevelt
MEDORA FOUNDATION

SUMMER
2018

ROUGH RIDERS REVIEW

The 2018 edition of the

Medora Musical™

has opened to rave reviews.

INSIDE

2

LETTER FROM THE
PRESIDENT

4-5

UNDER HAROLD'S
HAT

6-7

BULLY SPIRIT
AWARD

8-9

ROUNDUP
HIGHLIGHTS

10

OFF TO FRANCE!



**THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S SHOW
IS "FAMILY." MEET THE CAST AND
GET MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 3!**

Hard to Explain



Randy Hatzenbuehler
TRMF President

Medora is very hard to explain. Why will hundreds of people have volunteered before our June 1 opening night of the *Medora Musical*? They have worked hard alongside our employees. Retired folks pulling weeds, preparing flower beds, cleaning everything, stocking stores, hauling furnishings, doing countless handyman repairs and more.

One volunteer partially answered the “why” question for me this spring while she was pulling weeds on hot spring day. She said her reward was, “When I return later this summer and I see how beautiful the town is, I feel good knowing that I was part of it.” Thank you to everyone who has, and will, volunteer in 2018!

Have you ever tried to explain to someone what it is like when they first encounter the Badlands? Have you ever tried to explain what the *Medora Musical* is? It is hard. That is because there are so few places like Medora, this landscape and that show. Thankfully, so many people simply say to their family and friends, “Come with us, you’ll see what we are talking about.” If you have not taken someone to the show before, I recommend it – they will think you are wonderful!

We can’t wait for you to enjoy Medora this summer. Gone is the Bunkhouse – it is hard to explain how good it feels to say that! In its place is the 364 room Elkhorn Quarters. Our team, led by Jack Marquart, Mike Beaudoin and Kinley Slauter, have worked tirelessly since last Labor Day to get the project ready for summer 2018. The Elkhorn Quarters is going to be terrific for young families – ask about the “suite” rooms that sleep 5 with a queen bed, and a bunk bed with full size on the bottom and single on top.

We can’t wait for you to enjoy this facility! Thank you, Greg Butler, for your lead gift, and to others for your generous support – the employees living there appreciate you more than you know.

The 2018 edition of the *Medora Musical* cast has been in Medora since early May rehearsing the 2018 edition of the *Musical*. I don’t go to rehearsals, but the cast does rehearse in the new Life Skills Center just down the hall from my office. So occasionally, I can’t resist and I will stand outside the rehearsal hall and listen to their voices.

The “Family” is the theme, and from the sneak peaks I have heard and seen, the show will be fittingly outstanding in this 60th anniversary of the Burning Hills Amphitheatre. Every Wednesday and Sunday, we celebrate families at the *Musical* with free admission for anyone age 17 and under who is attending with a parent or grandparent.

Oh my, we are going to have a great summer! You can make reservations online at medora.com, or call us at 1-800-633-6721.

Historically, Medora was a one-night visit for most people. They would arrive in time for dinner, enjoy the show, have breakfast and head home. Today, that is changing. *The Gospel Brunch*, *A TR Salute*, new children’s shows – *Carl and Greta’s Cowboy-Sing-Along* and “*Mistified*,” *Todd Oliver and His Talking Dog Irving*, *Wonderful Work -The Harold Schafer Story*, a summer concerts series, and more programming in the TR National Park, has made Medora a multi-day stay.

Big thank you to Fred and Joyce Evans for sponsoring the Gospel Brunch and to “Energy of North Dakota,” a program of the ND Petroleum Council, for sponsoring *A TR Salute*.

We’ve also learned that people really like Medora in the fall and winter too. Watch for details about programming during those periods as well.

I can’t explain this either, but after 30 years, Medora is as exciting, and even more interesting, than my first year. Maybe I am able to explain it – it is because of you. You care enough about this special place to visit often, promote it enthusiastically, volunteer your time and even support it with your philanthropy. Thank you!

See you in Medora,

Randy

Meet The Cast Of The 2018 Medora Musical

It’s a big, bold new show, but you’ll see a lot of familiar faces onstage at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre for the 2018 version of the *Medora Musical*, including three North Dakotans, crowd favorites Misti Koop of Grand Forks, Taylor Leet of Bismarck, and Alyssa Scott of Fargo.

Last year we welcomed our four millionth visitor to the *Medora Musical*, and many visitors from around the region make it a family tradition to see the show each year. So this year, the theme of our show is “Family.”

The theme can be traced directly to the people who come to the show – the *Medora Musical* has been a family tradition, for visitors and staff, since Harold and Sheila Schafer started the show in 1965. Today, you see families all summer long with two, three, even four generations coming together.

We’re excited that the show will again be hosted, for the third year, by Minnesota’s own Chet Wollan, “Cowboy Chet,” now living with his wife Candice Lively Wollan, who also returns as a Burning Hills Singer, in Strawberry Plains, Tennessee. Chet will be joined once again by the “Badlands Prestidigitator,” Bismarck’s Bill Sorensen, as co-host.



The 2018 Cast of the *Medora Musical*! The reviews are in! This year’s *Medora Musical* is being lauded as “one of the best!” The new “Family” theme and all-new Ghost Ride are fan-favorites! Don’t miss it.

Other returnees are Ken Quiricone from Stratford, CT, Kevin Korczynski from Bel Air, MD, Jessica Bradish from Des Moines, IA, Dustin LaFleur from Lafayette, LA, and Christie Robinson, Bucksport, ME.

New to the show this year are Ben Massouras of Phoenix, AZ, Jon Woodruff from White Bear Lake, MN, and Benjamin Frankart, Republic, OH.

They’ll all be joined onstage by the Coal Diggers Band, whose returning members are Andrew Crowe, fiddle, Franklinton, NC; Brandon Fillette, piano, Weddington, NC; Perry Orfanella, bass, Carmel, NY; and Adam Vogel, guitar, Melrose, MN. New Coal Diggers members this year are Junior Mercer, who’s replacing longtime band member Roger Rettig on steel guitar, from Sevierville, TN, and Barry Smith, drummer, Orlando, FL.

The *Medora Musical* plays nightly at 7:30 p.m. MDT in the Burning Hills Amphitheatre.

MEDORA 2018 CALENDAR

June 22-23	Medora Classic Car Show – Next to Bad Lands Motel	July 28	Badlands Trail Run - Maah Daah Hey Trail
June 27-30	Kat Perkins Rising Star Camp	August 4	Maah Daah Hey 100 - Maah Daah Hey Trail
June 30	Kat Perkins Concert, 3:30 pm Burning Hills Amphitheatre	August 11-12	Cowboy Mounted Shooting
July 1	Independence Day in Medora – Parade 3:30 pm	August 20	1964- The Beatles Tribute 7:30 pm Burning Hills Amphitheatre
July 1	54th Anniversary performance of the <i>Medora Musical</i> - Burning Hills Amphitheatre 7:30 pm	Sept. 2	Wade Westin Music Fest, Free Music Downtown Medora all day
July 4	Independence Day in Medora – Parade 3:30 pm, Fireworks after the <i>Musical</i> , downtown Medora	Sept. 6-7	Elevate Inspired Woman’s Conference – Marcil Life Skills Center
July 7-8	ND Music Fest, Andrist Stage, downtown Medora, all day	Sept. 7-9	Medora Hot Air Balloon Festival and Badlands Kite Fest
July 8	Military Appreciation Day	Oct. 26-27	Medora’s Wild West Fright Night
July 9	On The Border-Eagles Tribute Concert 7:30 pm Burning Hills Amphitheatre	Dec. 7-9	Medora’s Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas
July 20-22	Badlands Chautauqua – Gathering of TRs	December 15	Bold St. Nick’s Fat Bike Race Maah Daah Hey Trail

For more information on any of these events, visit our website,
WWW.MEDORA.COM/EVENTS

2018 Development Report

The 2018 TRMF Development report is now available on our website. Take a look at donor lists, financial statements, future projects and stories of success at Medora.com/Give/Development-Report.

Under Harold's Hat

TRMF's Founder and First Board Chairman Harold Schafer was well-known for a faded old felt hat covered with pins and buttons from people he had met and places he had been. A lot of wisdom emanated from under that hat, and each issue we bring you some of that, from Harold's extensive files and those of his Gold Seal Company.

Two Thousand Dollars Down & Twenty-Five Thousand In The Mail

The story of Harold Schafer's early involvement in Medora is well known—the Rough Riders Hotel is falling down, and in 1962, North Dakota's State Historical Society Superintendent Russell Reid asks Harold to save it. Harold buys it from the elderly couple who owns it and is trying to run it, and donates it to the State of North Dakota, but the Legislature refuses to appropriate any money to restore it, so Harold takes it back and takes it apart, board by board, and rebuilds it himself.

But there's a parallel track, involving the rest of Medora. From deep in the stack of boxes in the Harold Schafer Heritage Center in Medora, a file rose to the top last winter, containing a document that tells the further story of Harold's deep involvement in saving not just a hotel, but a whole town.

The document, prepared by Harold's Bismarck law firm, Jansonius, Fleck, Smith, Mather & Strutz, is a carbon copy of what was likely the final sale agreement between Harold and the de Vallombrosa family, descendants of the Marquis de Mores and his wife Medora, represented by the Marquis' and Medora's grandson, Antoine de Vallombrosa.

The document, essentially a bill of sale, transfers all the de Mores property in Medora and Billings County to Harold for the sum of \$27,000. It is perfectly preserved on fine onionskin paper.

In *The Aristocrat of the West*, Larry Woiwode's splendid biography of Harold Schafer, Harold recounts the day he verbally closed the deal with "Tony."

"Richard Rausch was his attorney, and I'm sitting in my office on Fourth Street, and Tony and Rausch are on the davenport, and Tony looks up at the ceiling and says 'Grandpa, it's so far from France to North Dakota . . . it's so far, such a burden, and he wants to do something in Medora—would you mind if I sold it to him?' A conversation with Grandpa up there in the clouds. Then all of a sudden he says 'I'm going to sell it.'"

The rest is history, of course. No one knows who got a good deal, but Harold's son Ed, now chairman of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, to which Harold and his family gave all their assets in Medora, said years later that the French family was likely relieved just to find a buyer for 800 acres or so of what must have seemed like worthless bad lands and a bunch of overgrown lots and boarded up storefronts in a run-down village in the middle of nowhere in the great American desert.

No one knows, of course, not even Harold, how much he spent after that, restoring the town, but it was likely in excess of ten million dollars before he deeded all he had bought and improved to the foundation which perpetuates Medora's legacy today.

The agreement was likely signed the day noted in the agreement, May 1, 1962. The Marquis' grandson had traveled to Bismarck and Medora to consummate the deal, and then departed to his apartment in New York. Just six days later, in a letter in the file dated May 7, Harold wrote to "Tony," saying:

Dear Friend Antoine:

It certainly was a pleasure to get to know you as an individual. I admire the respect you have for your ancestors, and particularly your judgement in wanting to do the things in North Dakota, which would not only be of value to the people here, but have a tendency to revere their memory.

Sincerely yours,
Harold Schafer

And from New York, on May 8, Antoine sent a handwritten note to Harold, saying:

Dear Mr. Schafer,

I must let you know how much I enjoyed your warm hospitality during my stay in North Dakota and do hope I may reciprocate should you come to New York or Paris or Biarritz.

Most Sincerely,
Antoine de Vallombrosa

Thus began a long friendship and years of fascinating correspondence between the two men—letters we'll share in future issues of the Rough Riders Review.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, Made and entered into this 1st day of May, 1962, by and between ANTOINE de VALLOMBROSA, Party of the First Part, and seller, of the post office address of the Metropolitan Club, One East Sixtieth Street, New York 22, New York, and HAROLD SCHAFFER, Party of the Second Part, as the Purchaser, of the post office address of Bismarck, North Dakota,

WITNESSETH:

1. That Party of the First Part agrees to sell and Party of the Second Part agrees to purchase all of the lands and lots possessed by Party of the First Part in Billings County, North Dakota, which includes the following described tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

All of Section three (3), Township 139 North, Range 102 West;

The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast quarter (NE ¼ SE ¼);

The Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE ¼ SW ¼), less 33.45 acres in Section Twenty-seven (27) Township 140 North, Range 102 West 5th PM, Billings County, North Dakota; and

Approximately one hundred (100) lots situated in the village of Medora in said Billings County, North Dakota, together with all appurtenances thereto.

2. That the consideration for said sale shall be the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand dollars (\$27,000).

3. That with respect to certain lots situated in Block Fifteen (15) of the village of Medora, it is understood by the Parties that there is now a Catholic Church located on two of said lots; that heretofore Louis Manca de Vallombrosa, father of the Party of the first part, executed a certain agreement to the Diocese of Bismarck, a religious corporation, wherein it was generally provided that said Diocese of Bismarck would have the right to purchase the adjacent lots in said block for religious use or church purposes, and that Party of the Second Part agrees to respect said arrangement and agreement should the Diocese of Bismarck elect to acquire said lots for expansion or church purposes.

4. Party of the first part represents that he is a single man.

5. That Abstracts of Title have been ordered for said lands and lots and that Party of the Second Part shall have a reasonable time to examine the same.

6. That the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) is paid herewith, acknowledged as received as initial payment on said purchase price with the balance payable after examination of said abstracts and delivery of Deed.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties have affixed their hands and seals the day and year first above written.



Harold Schafer



Antoine de Vallombrosa

Antoine de Vallombrosa

PARTY OF THE FIRST PART

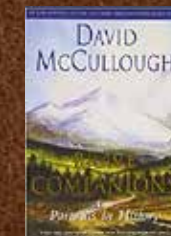
Harold Schafer

PARTY OF THE SECOND PART

BOOKS WE RECOMMEND

Brave Companions: Portraits in History

BY DAVID MCCULLOUGH



From David McCullough, Pulitzer Prize winning author who brought us *Mornings on Horseback*, one of the definitive biographies of Theodore Roosevelt, we get this collection of profiles of men and women who shaped the course of history, including Frederic Remington, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Louis Agassiz and yes, Theodore Roosevelt and the Marquis de Mores, in a chapter called "Glory Days in Medora."

McCullough shares the history of the time Roosevelt and the Marquis spent in Medora, and recounts a trip he took to Medora with Antoine de Vallombrosa, grandson of the Marquis and his wife Medora, and he shares his impressions of Medora and the Badlands today, from a drive he and "Tony" took one summer day:

"Part of what is enshrined in our collective memory as the 'Real West' had its origins in a little town in the Badlands of North Dakota—a place called Medora, which by all rights ought to be as celebrated as Dodge City or Tombstone . . ."

"The view has suffered scarcely at all in the intervening years. The light on the landscape is no less extraordinary, the immeasurable North Dakota sky is something to take your breath away. In early fall the cottonwoods are a blaze of gold beside the mudbrown river, and with the disappearance of the summer tourist traffic, Medora might still be the end of the world.

"Come winter it is the end of the world. Only about one hundred and thirty people, including the staff of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and their families, hang on in the town itself, while on outlying ranches, as snowbanks grow and temperatures drop to 20 below and worse, the isolation and hardships of daily life are compounded a hundredfold.

"Winter is what ended the cowboy dream for Roosevelt . . ."

You can find the book at Doug and Mary Ellison's Western Edge bookstore in Medora. If it's out of stock, they'll order it for you.

Rolf Sletten Honored With First-Ever TRMF Bully Spirit Award

Bully Spirit Award

The *Bully Spirit Award* is the highest honor bestowed by the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation to an individual or couple who have committed extraordinary effort and dedication to fulfill and advance the mission and vision of the Foundation, which is to connect people to Historic Medora for positive life changing experiences.

The heart of the *Bully Spirit* is the allure of Badlands and the landscape's capacity for healing, inspiration, and expanding one's soul.

The life of the *Bully Spirit* is seen in the human capacity for goodness and achievement. That goodness and achievement is best represented in the lives of Harold Schafer and Theodore

Roosevelt.

Each was touched by their love for Medora and the Badlands, and each had an extraordinary life of positive, life-changing impact.

Just as people are attracted to Medora for varied reasons, *Bully Spirit Award* recipients will be known for their extraordinary efforts to share the history of Medora, Harold Schafer, and Theodore Roosevelt; their impact through volunteerism; their generosity; their care for the landscape; their optimism, which fuels action and achievement; and their extraordinary positive impact on the greater world in which they live.

TRMF Chairman Ed Schafer Presents Bully Spirit Award



TRMF Chairman Ed Schafer

these Badlands.

For that matter, what is the intrigue that brings us all here still today?

Teddy Roosevelt called it the "Bully Spirit."

I think Harold was always infatuated with the fact that Theodore Roosevelt chose to come here when his wife and mother died on the same day. It was this place that he sought out for solace.

It was here where he repaired his soul, toughened himself physically and healed his broken heart. On the day TR's wife died, he wrote in his diary, "The light has gone out of my life." He rekindled that light here in Medora. The Badlands that he also grew to love gave him strength and courage. Teddy was magnetized by this area, returning often and saying that had it not been for his life living and working in North Dakota, he would never have been President of the United States.

Do you sense the spirit that grabbed hold of Theodore Roosevelt, the spirit that is alive today in these hills?

Harold talked about the spirit too, overlooking the area and saying "There is too much here to be lost, we must preserve this history—this spirit—for others who come after us."

And that started Harold Schafer's indefatigable mission to make sure Medora would be here today and tomorrow for all of us who follow—so we can feel the spirit, reach down inside ourselves to find love and happiness, grab onto the goodness that surrounds us here.

It is my honor today, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation to present the *Bully Spirit Award* to Rolf Sletten.

This summer in Medora you will find a focus on family. How we develop our own families with high character, integrity and moral courage. Importantly, we are incorporating all who come through this magical place into the Medora family.

Excerpts from TRMF Chairman Ed Schafer's presentation of the Bully Spirit Award to Rolf Sletten

Earlier this morning—this gorgeous morning—Nancy and I took a walk in these beautiful parts and the scenery was breathtaking as always.

I absorbed the beauty and the majestic quietness as we walked, listening to the birds chatter and small creatures scurry in the underbrush along the road.

In that setting, I contemplated what attracted my father, Harold Schafer, to this place---what is it that drew him--pulled him to

Rolf Sletten became connected to Medora through family. He fell in love with the spirit that resides here and became an integral part of the Medora family. He and Emily put a stake in the ground and immersed themselves in the community.

When the Development Committee recommended Rolf to the Board for this award they pointed out he is a volunteer extraordinaire. If something needs to be done in this community, Rolf has his hammer and saw at the ready.

He is the unsung hero of the Medora Christmas Show, providing creative input, designing and building the set, and traveling with the show, putting the set together for the show and knocking it down afterward. Over and over and over again. And to no surprise to those of us who know Rolf, he does it all as a volunteer!

Rolf is a lyricist, penning the words to the Badland's Hallelujah, a hymn that captures perfectly the spirit of this special place.

One of the highlights of Rolf's presence in Medora that I particularly appreciate is his daughter—appropriately named—Medora! Medora is an active and engaged member of the TRMF Board of Directors.

But the most extraordinary impact Rolf Sletten has had is becoming a resident historian. He authored two books on the history of Medora and Theodore Roosevelt's ranches. Each project involved years of research and writing. And as Randy says, these books reflect not only Rolf's passion, but his generosity—after he finished the books, he gave all the work and the rights to the books to the Medora Foundation.

Rolf Sletten has shaped the culture and future of Medora by helping us discover the history that created the Bully Spirit that runs through the veins of those who have the blessing of spending time in the North Dakota Badlands.

Congratulations, Rolf!

Medora Is The Best It Has Ever Been ... Right Now!



Rolf Sletten

Excerpts from Rolf Sletten's remarks accepting TRMF's Bully Spirit Award

I was first told that I would be receiving this award last fall. When it was announced, I was stunned, I could hardly believe it. Of course, since then I've had a lot of time to get used to the idea and to sort out my emotions and now that the day is actually here, I feel many powerful emotions but there are really three things I want to tell you.

First of all, I'm extremely grateful.

Second, I'm deeply humbled, particularly when I think about all the people to whom the award could have been given.

And third, there is no other organization that could possibly give me an award, deserved or not, that I would value half as much as this award from the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation.

I love this place, this organization and this group of people, so thank you, so very much.

Many of you knew Harold Schafer. I know it doesn't seem

possible, but Harold has been gone almost 17 years now, and the truth is that all too soon, no one who knew Harold will be here. One day we will all be gone. All of us. We will all be gone. This will be a whole new era for TRMF and for Medora. The era when all personal memory of Harold has faded away. When everyone who was directly influenced by Harold is gone.

But remember, when all individual memory of Harold is gone, the Badlands will still be beautiful, the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt will still be alive, and Harold's vision for Medora will live on through this Foundation. When all individual memory of Harold is gone it will be replaced by the institutional memory that lives in this organization.

But...does it matter? Does it really matter if Harold is remembered? Or maybe the real question is WHY.

Why should we remember Harold? Is it because he poured his money and his soul into this place and therefore he deserves to be remembered as the guy who saved Medora from collapsing into its own miserable dirt streets?

Well, that is one pretty good reason to remember Harold. But there is something more than that, and that is: we need to preserve Harold's vision for Medora, not just because he deserves it, but for our own sake. Or really for the sake of our grandchildren.

Now some people would say that Harold had no vision for Medora. He only knew that he was fascinated by the history of this place and he thought it was worth saving and so he just started buying, and building, and buying, and building, and then some more buying. And he really didn't have any grand plan.

Well there might be a little truth in that, at least in the very early days, but on another level, Harold definitely had a vision for Medora. We see it, for example, in the *Musical*. More than fifty years ago he and Sheila insisted that the *Musical* needed to include something for kids, it had to honor Theodore Roosevelt, it had to have a gospel section, and it had to have a big patriotic finale. They wanted live horses and Harold wanted live buffalo on

stage (which was a really bad idea). Well, it's now 53 years after the first *Medora Musical* and ALL of Harold and Sheila's original elements are still part of the show (except the buffalo). Pretty remarkable.

We also see Harold's vision for Medora when we walk around downtown. This is a very family-friendly place with ice cream shops (lots of ice cream shops) and playgrounds and horseback riding and mini-golf. It's very different than Deadwood which, like Medora, has fascinating history and a beautiful setting, but there you find a casino on every corner and it has a very different feel.

The point, again, is that we really need to make sure that when all individual memory of Harold is gone, his vision will live on in this Foundation. I'm not saying that Medora should never change. There must always be change, but we can't lose sight of Harold's vision for this place.

I think he got it right. He was focused on the right things and we can't take it for granted that those "right things" will endure. They will endure only if someone makes it their mission to ensure that they do. That someone has to be the TRMF.

We have many friends and partners who work to preserve the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, but if Harold's vision for Medora is going to be preserved, if we believe that is important, then that task will fall on us alone and that means it falls on the shoulders of the TRMF.

I am really pleased that when I look at the TRMF website I now see several pieces there about Harold and I am thrilled that this summer the Foundation is honoring Harold's life by launching a brand-new show called "*Wonderful Work*," starring Tom Milligan as Harold Schafer. Please go see it. And while we're are on that subject, you must also see Joe Wiegand as TR in the latest version of the *Teddy Roosevelt Salute to Medora*. This is one of Medora's great treasures.

Theodore Roosevelt loved North Dakota. He said that, but for his experiences here he never would have been President. He said that if he could retain just one memory from his incredible action-packed lifetime, he would choose to remember his time here on the ranches. And he said that here (right here) began the romance of his life.

Medora is having the best days it ever had, right now. Medora is the best it has ever been right now, and that is because of the hard work of Harold and Sheila Schafer, and Rod and Sandy Tjaden, and Randy Hatzenbuehler, and John Hild and Denis Joyce, and all the other people who have devoted their lives to this place.

Medora is having the best days it has ever had, mostly because of this Foundation and because of all of you: the volunteers, the donors, employees, performers, board members, producers, administrators and rank and file members of the Foundation. The best thing Harold Schafer ever did was to create this Foundation.

Medora will get even better in the future. It is a better place today than it was a year ago and it will get better by next year. And then, even after all of us are gone, it will still prosper and grow and that will happen mostly because of this Foundation.

I hope too, that someday, down the road, the TRMF can work in concert with The Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library. I think that would be a wonderful thing. We'll have to wait and see how that unfolds but if it is built, then I believe the Library will find that it has a great friend and neighbor in this Foundation.

I do know that whatever happens, the TRMF will be here building Medora, preserving the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt and keeping Harold Schafer's vision alive. And so, for all those reasons, there is no other award that I could possibly receive from anyone, that I would value as much as this one.

Thank you.



TRMF chairman Ed Schafer and TRMF President Randy Hatzenbuehler present the Bully Spirit Award to Rolf Sletten.

The 2018 Rough Riders Roundup

A few hundred of our best friends joined us in Medora June 9-10 for our annual Rough Riders Roundup. At the Welcome Luncheon, we presented the first-ever *Bully Spirit Award* (see pages 6-7) to Rolf Sletten, followed by a tour of our new 364-room lodging facility, the Elkhorn Quarters, officially the largest hotel in North Dakota.

As usual, we dined at the Pitchfork Steak Fondue, attended the *Medora Musical*, and ended our first day with an Afterglow Dessert event at the Rough Riders Hotel.

On Sunday, Msgr. James Shea, President of the University of Mary and longtime friend of TRMF, delivered an inspirational message at our All-Faiths Ecumenical Service in the Burning Hills Amphitheatre, and everyone went home with a big sendoff brunch on the Tjaden Terrace.

See you next year!



President Roosevelt greets Roundup guests.



TRMF COO Mike Beaudoin leads a tour of the new Elkhorn Quarters



A group photo at the tour of the new Elkhorn Quarters.



Family Reunion time at the *Medora Musical*



Volunteer Barb Satran helping Steve and Barbara Andrist at the registration table.



Guests of all ages at the Welcome Luncheon.



We had a full house at the Community Center for the Welcome Luncheon.



Having fun while waiting for the Pitchfork Steak Fondue.



Learning about next winter's Cuba Cruise from our own TR, Joe Wiegand, who will lead the tour.

Join Us On A Cuba Cruise

In February of 2019, you'll can join other friends of Medora and venture to the place that made Theodore Roosevelt a legend -- the location of his famous Rough Riders charge up San Juan Hill!!

This cruise to Cuba will be a friendly one, full of leisure and fun -- all hosted by "Medora's TR," Joe Wiegand, and TRMF President, Randy Hatzenbuhler.

Cruise dates are Feb. 1-11, 2019. You can find more information and register for the cruise at satromtravel.com. Sign up now!

TRMF Troupe Will Travel To France To Salute French-American Friendship

On July 14, 1918, Bastille Day, Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, U.S. Army Air Corps - 95th Aero Squadron and youngest child of President & Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, made the ultimate sacrifice for French freedom. He was flying over the Second Battle of the Marne during the final months of World War One. Had Quentin returned from his morning mission, he would have been in charge of music for a local Bastille Day celebration hosted by his unit for local French citizens.

This summer, exactly 100 years after Quentin's death in battle, the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation will send a troupe of American musicians and actors on a performance pilgrimage to France, to play the music and salute the friendship of the people of France and the United States.

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation's own Joe Wiegand will lead the troupe and bring Theodore Roosevelt to life through first person living history.

The tour's musical tribute to French-American friendship and the music of 1918 stars folk artist Tom Brosseau, a native of Grand Forks, ND, joined by Gregory Page, San Diego, CA, and Meaghan Kyle of Philadelphia, PA.

Austin Artz, a native of Minot, ND, and a soon-to-graduate history major at the University of North Dakota, will share a gifted interpretation of Lt. Quentin Roosevelt.

David Shuey of Pennsylvania, the nation's leading reprisor of General John Joseph "Black Jack" Pershing, General of the Armies and Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe, will join the troupe in a return to France.

Film maker William Gage will be along for the entire journey, working to document this historic event.

TRMF is proud to be a part of an event that pays homage to what can be accomplished when the good people of the world -- from individuals to entire nations -- come together.



Joe Wiegand



Austin Artz

The troupe will perform on the morning of July 14 at Chamery, the French village near Reims, where Quentin was originally buried and where he is remembered with a fountain.

Our group will be performing in Chamery exactly 100 years to the hour and day on which Quentin died nearby in 1918.

The following day, Sunday, July 15 at sunset, the group will perform at Colleville-sur-Mer, the American Cemetery that provides the final resting place for Quentin Roosevelt and his brother, General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who died in France in July 1944, weeks after he was the only General Officer to go to shore on D-Day.

On Tuesday, July 17, the group will perform for a French and American audience in Paris.

As supporters of the American Revolution, France is our oldest ally. Commemorating our shared history and celebrating the hope and promise of our future relations, this TRMF Salute to French-American Friendship is our way of saying thank you to the millions of Americans and French who have served the cause of good, from 1776, to the shaping world conflicts of the 20th Century, to today.

You Can Help Sponsor More Performances

We aim to add additional performances for the American Embassy in Paris and for other institutions that celebrate the friendship between America and France, the world's two oldest republics. Will you join the cause, and help us celebrate the friendship of our oldest ally, and the service and sacrifice of countries and individuals for good?

You can help by making a contribution to the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, which is helping to sponsor the TR Goodwill Tour in France.

\$10,000 Raised

Gets the troupe to France

\$15,000 Raised

Allows funding for additional, free performances for the French public and others

\$20,000 Raised

Allows the production of the documentary video that all donors above \$500 receive

To help, send checks to TRMF, Box 1696, Bismarck, ND 58501, or call Randy or Joslyn at 701-223-4800.

Spring Volunteers At Work

Hundreds of volunteers help us in Medora each summer, and some of the most important ones are those who come before the season starts to help us get ready. Here's a look at some of their tasks this spring. We are so grateful for their help.



Sertoma, TRMF Partner On New Hearing Technology At The Musical

A joint project of North Dakota's five Sertoma Clubs will make the Medora Musical a better experience for people with hearing loss this summer.

Led by North Dakota's Sertoma Governor, Neil Scharpe of Minot, Sertomans raised nearly \$30,000 to install a wireless inductive hearing loop in the Burning Hills Amphitheatre this spring, allowing people with hearing aids to hear the *Medora Musical* directly and clearly, screening out any background noise and clutter, and vastly improving the visitor experience for people with hearing aids.

The Sertoma Club's mission is Hearing Health. When Scharpe saw the results of his Minot Sertoma Club's project to install hearing loops in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall and the MSU Amphitheatre at Minot State University, his next thought was "Why not Medora?"

It was too big a job for just the Minot Sertoma Club to finance, so Scharpe contacted the other four clubs in North Dakota—in Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks and Jamestown—and together they were able to come up with the funds to install the system in about 1,200 seats in the Burning Hills Amphitheatre.

"We saw the Burning Hills Amphitheatre as a wonderful venue for being able to help people with hearing loss," said Neil Scharpe. "Not only are we helping people who attend the show get more enjoyment from it, but it's also a way for us to promote this technology to other venues—Medora reaches a big audience, and we're pleased to partner with them to promote this technology. It just fits right in with our mission."

Scharpe contacted Steve Walsh, president of Midwest Hearing Loops in Minneapolis, the company that had done the jobs in Minot, and asked about installing the system in a large outdoor amphitheatre. Walsh said he was interested.



The Burning Hills Amphitheatre has hearing loop technology for people with hearing aids. Ask for seating inside the loop!

Walsh came to Medora, worked with the amphitheatre staff on planning and design, and turned the installation over to his partner Rick Korinek, an electrical engineer, and his crew, and now the system is ready to be used for the 2018 season of the *Medora Musical*.

Now, people with hearing aids who attend the *Musical* can be seated in rows N through BB for the nightly show. Once seated, they simply turn their hearing aids to telecoil (T-coil) mode and they'll receive the wireless sound signal from directly from the amphitheatre's sound system.

For people who have already purchased tickets and then learn about the system in the *Musical* program, they can ask to be re-seated inside the "loop."

"We're very excited about this new technology, and we're very grateful to the Sertoma Clubs," says Kinley Slauter, Burning Hills Amphitheatre manager. "This will make the show much more enjoyable for a lot of our audience."

If you have a hearing aid and are calling for tickets, be sure and ask for seating in this special section. Be sure to activate your T-coil before you come. And enjoy the 2018 *Medora Musical*!

The Sertoma Club Mission

"Service To Mankind. It's more than just how we got our name, it's been our foundation for over 100 years. Sertomans across the country are unified with a single purpose: serve our communities and improve the lives of those who need help. Our mission and our passion is to improve the quality of life for those at risk or impacted by hearing loss through education and support."



The Medora Gospel Brunch is Back!

After a beautiful array of your brunch favorites—endless helpings of egg bakes, breakfast meats and more (including Bloody Marys and Mimosas), Gospel Brunch Host Emily Walter, the "Queen of the West," leads the gospel show, with a full band and gospel quartet, and Medora Musial co-host Bill Sorensen delivers an inspiring message.

Join us Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with brunch beginning at 9:30 MDT and the show at 10:30, at the Town Square Showhall in downtown Medora, for the Medora Gospel Brunch!

Meet Patrick Romiger, New Golf Pro At Bully Pulpit

It's a long ways from Elmira, New York, to Medora, North Dakota, and the scenery is a bit different, but our new golf pro at Bully Pulpit, Patrick Romiger, says the Badlands suit him just fine, and he's happy to be living and working in Medora. Just like that other young New Yorker who came out here 135 years ago, and eventually found his way to a bully pulpit.

Patrick took over for Casey Moen this summer, when Casey moved to Montana. But he's no stranger to Bully Pulpit—he spent four summers here, from 2013-2016, working for Casey, before moving to Dickinson last year to be the head pro at Heart River Golf Course there.

It didn't take us long to reach an agreement with Patrick to come back to Medora when we learned Casey was leaving. He knows the course, and our operations, and a lot of our staff. And it didn't take Patrick long to decide where he wanted to continue his career as a golf pro. He loves Bully Pulpit.

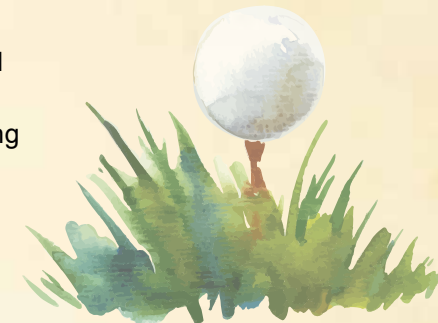
After a standout high school golf career in Elmira, where he was a starter for six years (two of them in junior high) on his high school golf team, Patrick moved on to the Professional Golf Management program at Penn State University. He completed course work there, and then



Patrick Romiger

moved right into the PGA program, where he served internships in Oregon and Pennsylvania before joining Casey at Bully Pulpit.

Now he's our second PGA head professional at Bully Pulpit. Welcome back, Patrick!



Old Town Hall Theater 2018 Daily Schedule

See All Four Shows for Just \$40 when you buy the Ultimate Downtown Show Package – details at Medora.com

Monday
10:30 am – Todd Oliver & Irving
2:00 pm – Wonderful WORK

Tuesday
2:00 pm – Wonderful WORK
3:30 pm – TR Salute to Medora

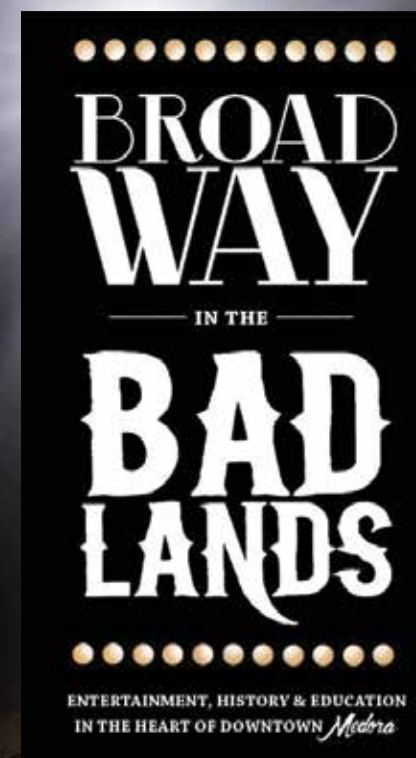
Wednesday
10:30 am – Todd Oliver & Irving
12:30 pm – Carl & Greta
2:00 pm – Todd Oliver & Irving
3:30 pm – TR Salute to Medora

Thursday
10:30 am – Todd Oliver & Irving
2:00 pm – Wonderful WORK
3:30 pm – TR Salute to Medora

Friday
10:30 am – Todd Oliver & Irving
2:00 pm – Wonderful WORK
3:30 pm – TR Salute to Medora

Saturday
10:30 am – Todd Oliver & Irving
12:30 pm – Carl & Greta
2:00 pm – Todd Oliver & Irving
3:30 pm – TR Salute to Medora

Sunday
10:30 am – Todd Oliver & Irving
12:30 pm – Carl & Greta
2:00 pm – Todd Oliver & Irving
3:30 pm – TR Salute to Medora



New Lodging In Medora

The Elkhorn Quarters, our newest lodging facility, located where the old Bunkhouse used to be, is open for business. We're keeping Harold Schafer's tradition of making Medora affordable for all families alive. Stop by and take a look at this new modern lodging spot, or give it a try, and spend a night there next time you are in Medora!



Medora: A Year-Round Destination

Each year, our visitors tell us they're looking for more reasons to come to Medora in the fall and winter. We're listening. We've added more new events this coming fall and winter. Here's a preview.

Church of Cash

Join us Friday or Saturday night, September 21-22, for the fall highlight in Medora: *The Church of Cash*, a world-class Johnny Cash Tribute. Whether you are an old-timer who grew up listening to Johnny Cash in your pickup or a young soldier driving your tank across the deserts of the Middle East with the Man in Black in your headphones, the *Church of Cash* will bring his music, with style and energy, to North Dakota Johnny Cash fans. What the *Church of Cash* has that no one else can match is loyalty to the song and the message that Johnny left to all of us. The band keeps his music alive, with a youthful spirit that has entertained audiences across the country. Concert, lodging and food packages will go on sale soon on our website!

Medora's Wild West Fright Fest

Back for its third year, the Season of the Witch rides in, broomstick and all, on the weekend before Halloween, October 26-27. Everything you love about Halloween—hayrides, trick-or-treating, and even a haunted house—make this the best Halloween celebration ever. Check the website for details on rooms and dining.



Church of Cash



Wine & Dine



Magical Medora Christmas

A Magical Medora Christmas

Our Magical Medora Christmas troupe takes to the road November 28 for their fourth season of shows in North Dakota, Minnesota and Montana. A complete show schedule will be available on our website in early fall. Check the schedule for a show near you!

Medora's Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas

Celebrate Christmas cowboy-style right here in Medora December 7-9. Music, street events, and lots of food and drink await our visitors on Cowboy Christmas weekend.

Romance in Medora - A Valentine's Getaway

Once again we've extended our Valentine's special to two nights, February 8-9, 2019. This is the ultimate romantic getaway weekend, with intimate dining in a Badlands setting, our signature Valentine's buffet and prime-rib carving station, complimentary hand-picked wines and entertainment throughout the evening. Reserve your spot on our website this fall.

Theodore's Dining Room Exclusive Events

From time to time our chef and wait staff get lonesome for company and decide to put on exclusive wine and dine events at Theodore's Dining Room during the long winter.



Wild West Fright Fest



Cowboy Christmas

GET YOUR SEAT!

What a project it was! In 1992, we were tightening bolts on the new seats as guests were riding down the escalator. It was incredibly exciting. Harold Schafer was beaming. We knew this day would come eventually, but who knew it would come so quickly? After 25 years, it is time to replace the seats in the Burning Hills Amphitheatre.

Now is the time to put your name on a new seat! We are proud that the original seat sponsors are permanently recognized on the Burning Hills Amphitheatre Wall of Honor. Our goal was to get the new seats installed in the lower level for the 2018 season. We've done that. Now we need to pay for them. We hope you will help.



Put your name on a seat(s) with a tax deductible contribution of \$1,000 per seat.

_____ # of seats you would like x \$1,000 = \$ _____ total contribution

Name(s) as you would like them to appear on each seat (limit to two names per tag):

Payment Options:

Checks should be made payable to the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundations.

Mail forms & checks to: P.O. Box 1696 Bismarck, ND 58502

Credit Card: Name on Card: First _____ Last _____

Billing Address: _____ Apt/Suite: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

Card Used: _____ MASTERCARD _____ VISA _____ DISCOVER _____ AMERICAN EXPRESS

Card Number: _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____

Exp Date: (MM/YY): _____ Signature _____

*Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) public non-profit foundation.
Your contributions are deductible to extent allowable by Internal Revenue Service.*

Vision

We connect people to Medora for positive, life-changing experiences.

Mission Statement

Preserve the experience of the badlands, the historic character of Medora and the heritage of Theodore Roosevelt and Harold Schafer.

Present opportunities for our guests to be educated and inspired through interpretive programs, museums and attractions that focus on the Old West, our patriotic heritage, and the life of Theodore Roosevelt in the badlands.

Serve the traveling public, providing for their comfort while visiting historic Medora, the badlands and Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Values

We show **respect** for people and place.
We deliver **excellence in hospitality**.
We **work** with creativity and integrity.
We are a family who values **family**.



Board of Directors

Founder

Harold Schafer (1912-2001)

Officers

Ed Schafer, Chair

Greg Tschetter, Vice Chair

Don Clement, Treasurer

Gretchen Stenehjelm, Secretary

Board Members

Dr. Bill Altringer

Claudia Anderson

Levi Andrist

Jane Angerer

Rep. Rich Becker

Twylah Blotsky

Al Christianson

Bruce Furness

Marlene Hoffart

Sen. Karen Krebsbach

Dr. Tracy Martin

Tim O'Keefe

Barry Schafer

Medora Sletten

Mike Zaun

Staff Officers

Randy C. Hatzenbuhler, President

Joslyn Reichert, Development Officer

Bill Sorensen, Development Officer