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A Final Time Around For Medora Musical Co-Host Bill Sorensen!



Bill Sorensen is a Medora institution. He's been performing magic and comedy on our stages for more than 40 years. Bill will co-host the *Medora Musical* one more season, taking the stage to welcome visitors to the Burning Hills Amphitheatre beginning May 31. Don't miss the 2019 edition of the *Medora Musical* and a chance to join us in thanking Bill for his years of dedication to Medora.

Bold Plans For The Medora We Love!



Randy Hatzenbuehler
TRMF President

I love North Dakota. There is a winter blanket across the state, as I write this, which will soon melt away with springtime, followed by the season of lakes and the Badlands. Yes, my thoughts are looking toward the 55th season of the *Medora Musical* and much more in Medora.

Reflection often brings us to a point of gratitude. Let me begin by saying thank you. We finished 2018 with 999

Annual Members – a record with over 10% growth over the previous record. Volunteers and members constitute an army of Medora promotors. You are forces that grow – volunteers and members bring more volunteers and more members. THANK YOU and keep up the good work!

Humble Beginnings

In 1958, a group of people carved an amphitheater in the Badlands for a show to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Theodore Roosevelt's birthday. There was no population base to justify what this group of dreamers did. Some described it as crazy.

Others would point to it as the birth of a tourism industry for North Dakota.

Without this group of "crazy people," it is unlikely Harold Schafer would have dedicated much of his life and his resources to preserving and presenting the history and allure of TR's life in the Badlands. Harold understood that TR would be relevant forever. Without those carvers, Harold and others, the TR Park might not have been elevated to National Park status. Life in North Dakota is better because they dreamed big and "dared greatly."

Dreaming Big

We continue to dream big things. Here's what we're planning over the next five years:

- More families coming to Medora because of the affordable Elkhorn Quarters and Medora Wish Endowment
- Growing annual attendance at the *Medora Musical* to 150,000 annually
- 1,500 annual individual members and 300 annual business members (84 last year)
- A new park for all ages in Medora
- A presidential library and museum for Theodore Roosevelt

This summer the first phase of the "Point-to-Point Park" will be in Medora. We enjoy the opportunity to

combine "history, education and entertainment" in Medora. TR is acknowledged as the "readingest and writingest" president; and he also might be the president who most enjoyed playing with his children. He famously created a game called "point-to-point" which he played with family, staff members and dignitaries.

As Joe Wiegand, our "TR," enthusiastically tells, "we would spin a young Roosevelt child around, and wherever the dizzy child was pointing after the spinning stopped, that point would become our objective. The only rule was you could not go around obstacles, but rather you went over... under... or through the obstacle!" Our park will be a nod to the 26th president's joy of living and playing with family.

The first phase will include a point to point zip line ride that should be installed by late summer. A fascinating "Perception House" has already been constructed by private investors for the park. When funding is available, we will begin constructing the new "Little Bully" Mini-Golf Course this year – the course will include nine holes in the Badlands! Check out the story on page 5, or our website medora.com/give/point-to-point-park/ for more information on this exciting project.

All New Medora Musical

The *Medora Musical* opens May 31! We are thrilled that Bill Sorensen will bring his lovable touch to the 55th edition of the show and sad that he announced it will be his final season in the *Musical*. His love for the community and entertaining Medora visitors is a major part of the Medora story. Let's say thank you with record crowds throughout the summer!

We would be proud to have you become an annual member and enjoy the show multiple times with your annual member season pass. The *Medora Musical* has been a family tradition for families across North Dakota and the region. We've noticed that some of your families have grown in numbers – please see the new information on page 4 about how we have made it easier for you to honor everyone in your family with a named seat at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre!

I love North Dakota and all its seasons, and I can't wait for my favorite season, when families make a summer trek to Medora.

Randy

Gospel Brunch Returns For 4th Season

"The Queen of the West" Emily Walter headlines the famous Medora Gospel Brunch, beginning at 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday this summer in the Town Square Showhall.



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.

Hotel and Ferris Store Reconstruction Underway

(Continuing the correspondence between Harold and Antoine (Tony) de Vallombrosa. In mid-November of 1963, Harold sent Tony some clippings from North Dakota newspapers about his restoration work underway in Medora. Just days after receiving it, and just four days after the assassination of President Kennedy that fall, Tony wrote back that the Kennedy events called to mind the assassination of his own grandfather, also at a young age.

November 16, 1963

Dear Friend Antoine:

Thought you might be interested in reading the enclosed newspaper articles about the project in Medora.

We have had a good break in the weather this fall and as a result have accomplished more than expected out there. We now have the Rough Riders Hotel all up again and closed in so we can work on the inside over the winter. And we think perhaps we will even get the Ferris store to the same stage if the warm weather stays with us just a bit longer.

Haven't been out there for a while since I have my wife and youngest daughter in the hospital so have been spending my days at home. However, I plan to take a run out to Medora the first of next week and check with the workers.

My mother and step-dad moved out there for the summer and like it so well they have decided to stay also during the winter months. We're all enjoying the work out there and looking forward to further accomplishments.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Schafer

November 27th, 1963

Dear Friend Harold,

Am most interested in reading your newspaper articles about the project in Medora rebuilding the Rough Riders Hotel and the Ferris Store. Also your intention of putting up a motel sounds exciting especially if you combined with a good simple food restaurant. All these elements added to the outdoor theater will make "Medora" a great tourist attraction. A swimming pool might be needed to cool off after a ride on horseback in the hills with Walter Ray's horses in summer.

Sorry to hear you have your wife and youngest daughter in the hospital and I hope it is not serious.

Of course I cannot finish this letter without mentioning that President Kennedy's assassination which has been very much of a shock to the French people is a reminder of "Marquis de Mores" my grandfather's assassination in the Sahara Desert in what is now Libya (Tripoli) at the age of 37 which is 10 years less than the president.

I find it very hard to keep in touch by correspondence with all North Dakota activities and friends. I do hope to hear from you soon.

Most sincerely,

Antoine de Vallombrosa

MEDORA 2019 CALENDAR

May 18	BBQ & Bluegrass Festival 12 noon-4 pm - Downtown Medora	June 21-22	Medora Classic Car Show - next to Badlands Motel
May 24-26	Medora Cowboy Poetry Gathering - Medora Community Center	July 4	4th of July Parade 3:30 pm - Downtown Medora
May 26	Badlands Gravel Battle Bike Race 8 am -TRNP	July 4	Fireworks! After the <i>Musical</i> - Chimney Park
May 31-Sept. 7	<i>Medora Musical</i> 7:30 pm - Burning Hills Amphitheatre	July 6	Independence Day Weekend Parade 3:30 pm - Downtown Medora
May 31-Sept. 7	Pitchfork Steak Fondue 5:30-6:30 pm - Tjaden Terrace	July 7	Veterans Appreciation Day at the <i>Medora Musical</i>
May 31-Sept. 30A	Teddy Roosevelt Salute to Medora 3:30 pm daily - Old Town Hall Theater	July 19-21	Badlands Chautauqua - A Gathering of Teddy Roosevelts
June 8	Bull Moose Mud Run 1 pm - Medora Family Fun Center	July 27	Kat Perkins Concert, Time TBA - Burning Hills Amphitheatre
June 14	Flag Day Parade 5 pm - Downtown Medora	August 3	Maah Daah Hey 100 Bike Race - Maah Daah Hey Trail
June 14-15	ND Cowboy Hall of Fame Induction Weekend	Sept. 1	Wade Westin Music Fest 12:30-4:30 pm - Town Square
June 15-Sept. 8	Medora Gospel Brunch Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun, 9:30 am - Town Square Showhall	Sept. 7-8	Medora Hot Air Balloon Rally - next to the Badlands Motel
June 21	Rod Tjaden Memorial Golf Tournament - Bully Pulpit Golf Course	Sept. 7-8	Badlands Kite Fest 10 am-4 pm - Burning Hills Amphitheatre

Details on these and lots of other 2019 Medora activities can be found on our website, WWW.MEDORA.COM/EVENTS

2019 Medora Musical™ Opens May 31!



General Public tickets go on sale April 22.
VIP Medora Musical Tickets on sale for YOU on April 8, only at MEDORA.com!

We've Got A Few Seats Still Looking For A Name

Sweet Seat Opportunity

Harold Schafer looked pretty pleased when we snapped this picture of him with the original seats in the new Burning Hills Amphitheatre back in 1992.

Last year we replaced all those seats, and we think he'd be pleased with the look of the new seats today too. In an effort to complete the naming of those new seats, we're offering you the opportunity to name a whole 'lotta seats with a great savings. Want to honor all the grand kids? No problem. Want your company name on a big part of a row? You got it. Already have a seat named and want to add more? We'd love to make that happen.

- 1 seat naming is \$1,000
- 10 – seats named for \$5,000
- 15 – seats named for \$7,500
- 20 – seats named for \$10,000

*Unfortunately, existing named seat locations cannot be moved to be next to newly named seats.

**If you've sponsored 5 seats already, we'll let you name



five more at no extra cost. Same for those of you who sponsored 10 seats.

If you haven't already signed up to sponsor a new seat, or want to sponsor more, you can do it now by going to our website, medora.com/yourseat.

Here's What's Next in Medora: Point To Point Park!

We've been looking at that big open space beside the Badlands Motel, as you first arrive in Medora, for many years, wondering "What would be the best use of that land?" Finally, we've settled on an answer to that question:

Welcome to Point to Point Park!

Named for Theodore Roosevelt's favorite game, we're creating a brand new place for families to enjoy the Badlands together—a perfect downtown Medora destination for adventurers of all ages.

The Park will have a combination of free and ticketed attractions, including an all-new mini golf, Medora's own "slant house," a zero-entry pool and 400 foot long lazy river, a community splash pad, a kid-friendly "jump pillow," and shade structures. And, what is sure to become one of Medora's main attractions, a Badlands Zipline Ride.

We've been talking about a Medora Zipline ever since a few of the participants in our 2007 TRMF-sponsored Panama Canal cruise tried one, on one of our cruise stops. We thought the North Dakota Badlands would be a perfect place for such an attraction. So here we go! The Zipline will run up and down the big butte behind the Badlands Motel.

The Point to Point Park will tuck in between the motel and the existing Children's Park, as well as in the big vacant space beside the motel. It will be the first thing families see when they arrive in town, and for many it will be the first stop on their Medora adventure.

It's the newest in a series of major investments in Medora to enhance and expand the experience our visitors and guests have. The idea and concept is driven in large part by the long-held awareness of the need to create attractions and attractors for what we have come to call the "missing middle," young people in their teens and their families. The new park is just the attraction young families



Here's our architect's initial design for the Point to Point Park.

and grandparents have been waiting for.

This park will also encourage the "more adventurous" members of the family to experience the picturesque buttes by taking a marked climbing route to the top of the Badlands overlooking Historic Medora, where they'll find native geology and vegetation, and the park may one day showcase the remarkable personalities of Medora through statues or other historic preservation ideas.



Youngsters (of all ages) will enjoy the lazy river on a hot summer day.

It will also offer the community and its visitors nearly 100 new paved parking spaces. Although geared toward a younger crowd, the entire experience will be enjoyed and utilized by young and old. It will be a place to socialize, to relax, to exercise and simply play together, surrounded by the beauty of the Badlands and the history of Medora.

As with our other major projects, we're seeking sponsors for this new attraction. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Joslyn Tooz, our Major Gifts Officer at: 701-223-4800, or e-mail her at joslynt@medora.com



The area shaded in blue, surrounding the Badlands Motel, will be home to the Point to Point Park. Step out your motel room door and you're in the park!



The Zipline will climb the butte behind the Badlands Motel.

Incline Elevator Will Be The Next Addition To The Burning Hills Amphitheatre!

We're excited to announce plans for a new feature at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre to make access to the *Medora Musical* more enjoyable for all our visitors.

With help from sponsors, we plan to install an incline elevator to bring mobility-impaired guests from the parking lot down to the theater level for the show—and back up after the show!

In years past we have done our best to make the *Medora Musical* a fun, enjoyable summer spot for all of our visitors. Part of doing so is making our visitors' entry into the Burning Hills Amphitheatre memorable. The scenic views of the Badlands and elk on the hill as you descend into seats is a beautiful setting.

But not all guests are able to have this great experience when visiting the Amphitheatre. Bringing guests into the Amphitheatre on golf carts using the walking path has worked

for many but it is not the most ideal mode of transportation for our mobility impaired guests. The need for more accessible and safe transportation for mobility impaired folks really kick-started our search for a solution. That's when we came upon the incline elevator!

The installation of the incline elevator will be right next to the existing escalator. The incline elevator will be a horizontally moving, open-air, covered elevator that will hold up to 10 people per trip.

This addition to the Burning Hills Amphitheatre will give all guests the scenic entrance to the Badlands venue they want to experience. This will also be a safer, quicker mode of transportation for visitors who have difficulties walking or doing stairs upon entering the Amphitheatre. The incline elevator will provide better customer service to those who need additional help.

This necessary and important project will connect more people to Medora. The right donor could start the installation of the incline elevator very soon, making trips to seats easier and quicker for mobility impaired guests. Would you be interested in being a sponsor? If so, contact Joslyn Tooz, TRMF's Major Gifts Officer at (701) 223-4800.

Thank you for considering sponsorship of this valuable addition to the *Medora Musical*!



The new Incline Elevator for mobility impaired guests will be located right beside the existing escalator.

The Cabin That Fell Off The Bluff

Take a look off to your right as you drive into Medora this summer. Over there along the bluff line behind the Badlands Motel you'll see something that doesn't look quite right—a log cabin that appears to be falling down the hill.

Once you've checked into your motel room and picked up your *Medora Musical* tickets, wander over to Medora's wackiest new attraction: "Perception – A Magical Accident."

This creation of longtime Medora magician Bill Sorensen and his buddy Diving Don Otto will have you shaking your head in amazement as you enter and defy gravity and, well, you just have to experience it to believe your own eyes.

This wacky new Medora attraction is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Stop by for a visit!



Up is down, and down is, well, take a look for yourself at Medora's newest attraction.

Child Care Center Makes Medora More Family-Friendly

Since the day Harold Schafer began inviting visitors to Medora to experience the Badlands and the Old West, we've depended on young people, first from North Dakota, then from all across the country, and now from all over the world, to join our summer staff to assist in the visitor experience.

Our staff has been mostly young, single, or college-age students, spending their summer break in the North Dakota Badlands. But as Medora continues to grow and our staff needs increase, we'd like to be able to bring more young families to Medora. What's been holding us back is the lack of a licensed, full-time child care facility.

Currently there's no day care center in Medora or Billings County, and that makes it hard for young families to build a fulfilling life here. The lack of child care impacts the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation's staff turnover and recruitment. Establishing a child care center will improve both. So we're going to do it!

Our plans are to build a child care facility near the Children's

Park in a quiet area of town. This facility will be a place for learning, playing, and socializing for the children of Medora. The center will also be open to National Park Service families and other Medora and area residents.

A child care facility will first and foremost serve the employees of TRMF and the community, with the potential for growth to serve guests as well. This child care center will be under the direction of newly-hired, Karen Witchey, a licensed child-care expert with support from the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. This is all part of making Medora a lasting place for families to live!

Our Major Gifts Officer, Joslyn Tooz, is looking for sponsors for our new Child Care Center. If you'd like to help create a facility that impacts our employees and the whole Medora community, and could provide day care services to visitors as well, contact Joslyn at (701) 223-4800, or send her an e-mail at joslynt@medora.com.

Thanks for your continued support of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation and all of our employees and their families!

The BULL MOOSE MUDRUN June 8!

The Bull Moose Mudrun is a Badlands obstacle course run inspired by Teddy Roosevelt's daily routine, that he designed because he thought Americans were "getting too soft!"

TR's rules were simple: The president would pick two points, Point A and Point B, and no matter what was in the way, he would challenge himself and whoever he could get to join him to go over, under or through an obstacle which was in the way.

If that sounds like fun to you, then this is your race! Participants will line up at 1:00 p.m. June 8 at the Medora Family Fun Center, located just west of downtown Medora, on Pacific Avenue, at the entrance to the Medora Campground.



The race course is a 3.3 mile loop course and there will be three categories of racing;

- One For Fun Category—team mentality, help each other out.
- Competitive Category—One lap, timed, must complete all obstacles

without assistance.

- Endurance Category: Complete as many competitive laps as you can in 3 hours.

Following the awards ceremony, kids of all ages will be allowed to compete and complete the obstacles at the Family Fun Center. Parental supervision is required for each child on the course, at all times.

To register, go to ExperienceLand.org but do it fast! Entry fees go up after April 23.

BOOKS WE RECOMMEND

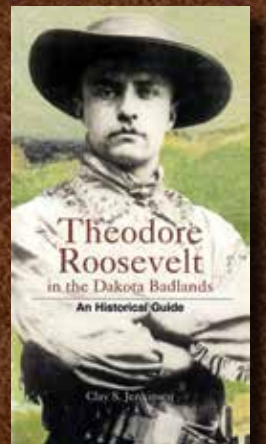
Theodore Roosevelt in the Dakota Badlands An Historical Guide BY CLAY S. JENKINSON

What were the names of Theodore Roosevelt's horses?
Did the ranchers in Dakota Territory really like TR?
How did Theodore Roosevelt become a conservationist?

The answers to those and dozens of other questions about our 26th President are found in Roosevelt scholar Clay Jenkinson's historical guide to TR's time in the Dakota Badlands, published several years ago by TRMF and the Theodore Roosevelt Center at Dickinson State University. Sized conveniently to fit in a coat pocket for easy reference, the book contains more than 100 pages of questions and answers about TR's time here in the 1880s, and explains how his Badlands ranching days helped shape his conservation views, which became an important part of his presidency.

You can find the book at Western Edge Books and Music and other shops in Medora, and in most North Dakota bookstores.

Oh, and those horses? Manitou, Circus, Sorrel Joe, Nell, Hackamore, Wire Fence, Pinto, Steel Trap, War Cloud, Buckskin, and Standing Jimmie, to name a few.



One More Trip Up Kettle Hill For TR



Joe Wiegand as President Theodore Roosevelt

(Note: Medora's own TR, Joe Wiegand, accompanied nearly 100 Medora supporters on the TRMF-sponsored "Cuba Cruise" this past winter.)

Mr. President, what was it like returning to Cuba after 120 years?

For the first time since 1898, I stood atop the San Juan Heights which overlook the City of Santiago de Cuba. It was nearby that the 1st United States Volunteer Cavalry, fighting dismounted, along with a mix of regular troops, charged up Kettle Hill and dislodged the Spanish forces who had defended the

heights with deadly effect.

Visiting San Juan Heights, Santiago de Cuba, Cienfuegos, and Havana with the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation one hundred and twenty years later was delightful. We toured portions of each city and took excursions that took us to more remote places to enjoy history, nature, and culture.

I'm sure more Americans will continue to travel to Cuba. Cuban communism is slowly, very slowly, loosening its hold on the people and the economy. Human pursuit and progress strive towards freedom and respect for individual human rights, and I am certain that brighter days are ahead for the Cuban people.



TRMF's own Teddy Roosevelt entertained guests aboard the Cuba cruise ship.

Kudos to Joe and Katherine Satrom of Direct Travel, and to Randy and Laurie Hatzenbuehler and all the good people from North Dakota and from throughout the country who joined our Cuban Adventure. We in turn joined several hundred new friends from throughout the world aboard the Azamara Journey, and we had a wonderful cruise.

I hope you'll make plans to join us on our next Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation TR Adventure.

TRMF's Theodore Roosevelt Hosts Our Own Rough Riders In Cuba!

Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation friends enjoyed both the strenuous and relaxed life on a memorable Cuban cruise. The 9-day Azamara cruise took place Feb. 2-11, preceded by a night in Miami.

Our participants were definitely noticed on board. In addition to on-board enrichment provided exclusively for our group by Joe Wiegand, Joe portrayed Theodore Roosevelt at a presentation open to the entire ship. It is a dee-lightful fact that by the end of the cruise pretty much everyone on the ship knew about Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Medora and TRMF!

A highlight was seeing the location where TR charged up Kettle Hill in the San Juan Heights of Santiago during the Spanish-Cuban-American War. The site is marked with an obelisk.

We also toured Havana, with its vintage convertibles, Revolution Plaza, US-style Capitol Building, Ernest Hemingway's home, and local artisan market.

The port of Cienfuegos earned UNESCO World Heritage Site status as the best existing example of 19th-century Spanish Enlightenment urban planning—charming colonial architecture!

Cultural experiences included an excellent choir which sang "Shenandoah" as part of their repertoire to welcome US visitors, and art galleries.

Evening entertainment presented Havana's classic Tropicana night club show which has been performed since 1939, the Lizt Alfonso Dance Cuba company's ballet at the historic Teatro Marti, and the creative and fun White Night Party on board. (What happens on board stays on board!)

Our tour group was a wonderful mix of nearly 100 friendly, interesting and savvy travelers, all sharing a common bond of interest in Theodore Roosevelt, Medora, TRMF and the destination of Cuba.

Save the Date

29th Annual Rough Riders Roundup
The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation annual member get-together

June 8-9, 2019 Medora, ND

This year we will celebrate the Bully Spirit award recipient, Frank Larson.

Registration for this event will open April 15th.
Make your lodging arrangements now!

For online lodging reservations: Fill in the dates you would like to stay and then use the group code #6521 for the **Rough Riders Roundup Room block or call 1-800-Medora1.

Bully Pulpit Prepares For 2019 Season

Bully Pulpit Golf Course head pro Patrick Rominger says this winter's heavy snowfall provided much needed moisture to the Badlands, but it might delay the traditional April 1 opening of the course. Patrick promises to get the course open as soon as possible and will send out press releases to North Dakota media when the course is open, and will post updated information on our website, medora.com.

Golfers this year will enjoy our brand new fleet of EZ-GO golf carts, and also new this year is free use of the driving range for up to an hour before scheduled tee times. For those pressed for time and just looking to practice, we're offering time on the range by the half hour and hour.

And there's a big sale on last year's apparel in the pro shop to make way for our new inventory—40 percent off, for the first few weeks we are open. New merchandise is starting to roll in from vendors like Puma, Nike, Under Armour, Foot Joy, Antigua, Bermuda Sands, Donald Ross and Greg Norman, to name a few. Lots of fun prints, colors and options to appease the wide range of tastes and styles of the various golf enthusiasts who frequent Bully Pulpit.

Kathy Solga, our Golf Shop Manager, who's been involved in our Rod Tjaden Memorial Golf Tournament since the year it was started, says this year's tourney is scheduled for June 21. To sign up your team, contact Kathy or Patrick at 701-623-4653 or email us at bullypulpit@medora.com.

2018 Rod Tjaden Memorial Golf Tournament Winners



2018 1st Place Gross Team: Floor to Ceiling – Jaret Lee, Ernie Hill, Gary Malkowski and Jim Ernst – Score of 54 Gross



2018 1st Place Net Team: Great River Energy – Charlie Bullinger, Al Christianson, Derek Laning and Jayme Krammer – Score of 50 Net

Broadway Returns To The Badlands

Once again this summer we'll have a full lineup of entertainment at the Old Town Hall Theater, seven days a week. All your favorite acts from 2018 will be returning to the stage. Here's the lineup.

A Teddy Roosevelt Salute to Medora

Joe Wiegand, America's premier Roosevelt impersonator, brings our 26th President to life every day in an extended season stretching all the way through September.

Daily, 3:30 pm, May 31-September 30



Wonderful Work - The Harold Schafer Story

A FREE, live, one-man show bringing to life the incredible story of Harold Schafer, the man who kept Medora from disappearing completely.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, 12:00 noon, June-September



Carl and Greta's Cowboy Sing Along

A family music show with wacky versions of all your old favorites. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 am, June 13-September 8



Todd Oliver And His Talking Dog

America's funniest talking dog. Every day but Tuesday, 1:30 pm, June 8-August 20



Annual Members Take Pride In Medora

Char and Duey Marthaller of Mandan have been Annual Members of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation since 2012. One morning in 2017, they noticed that Sheila Schafer's wishing well behind the Schafer cabin was badly in need of repair. Duey's a woodworker, and together he and Char completely refurbished the wishing well. Stop by and see their work next time you are in Medora.

Meanwhile, read the answers to a few questions we posed to them recently.

What do you want your kids to know about Medora?

We want our kids to know the history of Medora. We want then to know that Medora was founded by hard work and is successful because of generations of hardworking dedicated people. Our kids and grandkids are inspired when they hear the stories of people of the past and present that have created Medora.

Why do you support Medora financially & with your talents?

We talk about the pleasant, peaceful feeling we get when approaching Medora and go down the hill into town. We feel a desire to be a part of this place by helping wherever we can. Prior to retiring, we saw the volunteers working in Medora and we were always impressed with how dedicated and pleasant the staff was. Medora is a place that blends natural beauty of the landscape, wildlife, music, family values, and support of patriotism and religion.



Duey and Char Marthaller beside the refurbished wishing well in the back yard of the Schafer cabin.

How would you describe Medora to someone who has never been?

Medora is a peaceful place where you will feel relaxed and welcome. You can experience natural beauty; enjoy first-class musical entertainment and shopping; attend historical and geological educational presentations; and learn about western lifestyle.

How you hope to see Medora grow?

We would like to see Medora grow while maintaining the values on which it was

founded. Medora has so much to offer young families, so we should work to keep that experience affordable. We believe the Foundation is doing this and we are proud to be a very small part of it.

Become an Annual Member

TRMF's membership program has now grown to more than 1,200 Annual Personal and Business Members—members like the Marthallers, whose passion for Medora inspires our staff of more than 350 each and every summer. If you'd like to join Char and Duey as members of the TRMF family, go the membership form on page 11 of this newsletter, or call our Annual Giving Director, Daniel Gannarelli, at (701) 223-4800, or send him an e-mail to danielg@medora.com.

Railway Credit Union Enjoys Benefits of TRMF Membership



Railway Credit Union President Paul Brucker

"Visiting Medora and attending the many wonderful events is like stepping back in time while getting back out in nature amidst the Badlands. It is always a patriotic, refreshing and rewarding experience that everyone looks forward to while recharging their work and life batteries."

Those are the words of Paul Brucker of Mandan, ND, President of the Railway



Credit Union, one of our many Business Members of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. Paul and many of his staff have taken advantage of the benefits of Business Membership since becoming members.

Paul said RCU first joined TRMF because it seemed like the right thing to do for a patriotic North Dakota-based business, but "It was not until later that we realized the benefits that the membership provided to our credit union members, staff, and volunteers. It has been a great benefit

to be able to send four folks to the Musical every night throughout the season. We have also used the golf passes as a thank you to our credit union volunteers who enjoy golf."

"Our employees, volunteers and members have all enjoyed the benefits," Paul says. "We have also hosted bus trips for our Senior Express Club at the credit union.

It is always one of our most popular destinations, and a great goodwill experience for being a part of our credit union's Senior Express Club."

"We are hoping to be a part of the Medora Foundation for years to come, and maybe one day we can

be some of the first visitors at the New TR Presidential Library," Paul says.

The Railway Credit Union, headquartered in Mandan, ND, has more than 7,300 members and serves the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, MDU Resources, Marathon Oil, CP Rail, AT&T telecom workers and all union members and their families.

Annual Membership Theodore Roosevelt MEDORA FOUNDATION Benefit Options for Personal Membership



Enclose payment of \$250 for any option below.

All personal members have their names printed in the Medora Musical program, receive invites to member-only events, and all TRMF mailings and publications.

- Option A:** I would like two Medora Musical season passes. (Charitable deduction of \$100)
List names to appear on passes: _____ and _____
- Option B:** I would like two rounds of golf at the Bully Pulpit Golf Course. (Charitable deduction of \$100)
- Option C:** I would like a shopping spree at TRMF stores/venues. (Charitable deduction of \$100)
- Option D:** I would like to decline any membership benefit for the full charitable deduction of \$250

Name _____ Address _____

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Medora Business Membership - Thank Employees the North Dakota Way

Business Member Butler Machinery thanked 506 employees & customers with tickets to the Medora Musical last year.



To find the same \$20,000 value that Butler did. Medora.com/give/annual-memberships Or email Annual Giving Director Daniel Gannarelli at danielg@medora.com

Mail membership form and payment to: TRMF - PO Box 1696 - Bismarck, ND 58502 - 701.223.4800

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**.



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