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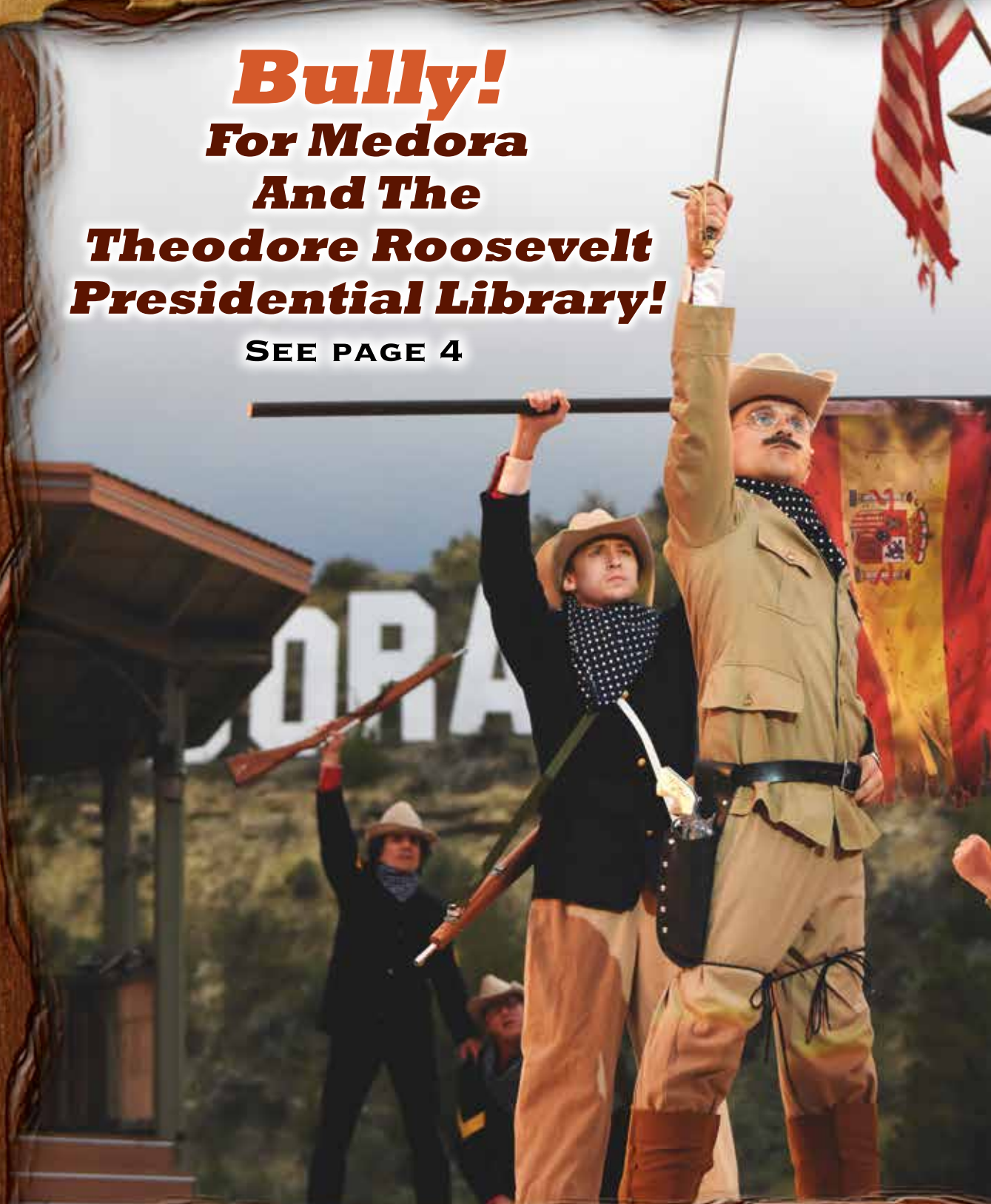
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Getting Ready



Randy Hatzenbuehler
TRMF President

As I write this in late May, we are just days from opening night of the 55th edition of the *Medora Musical*. Proper punctuation to the statement should be followed with seven exclamation points!

We are thrilled to be at this point. Volunteers, employees, cast, and crew have the town and Bully Pulpit Golf Course looking amazing, and the show promises to be so as well. We

are training people from all around the country and world about our history, Harold, Sheila, TR, the Marquis, and Medora.

The employees are learning about our vision, "To connect people to Historic Medora for positive life changing experiences." One of our value statements is "We Are a Family that Values Family." It is interesting to watch people from across our state, country, and the globe become our TRMF family each summer. The e-mail below was from our Hospitality Manager, Kathy Beaudoin to our Chief Operating Officer, Mike (who happens to be her husband):

"I don't know if you can ever use this or not, but I thought it was pretty neat... We know that Medora is oftentimes the 'first' for a lot of people that come here. It can be their first time coming to America, the first time away from home, their first job, their first Love..."

"About 2 weeks ago, I was visiting with Shanice and Cornellia. They are two cooks that Shemabeth referred to us from Jamaica. I found out that Cornellia has never ridden/rode a bike ever in her life. I was just coming from the LSC to pick up some things at the RRH for Community night and I saw Shanice cheering Cornellia on at the Elkhorn quarters while Cornellia was riding around in circles on a bike! She was kind of in the "trees" but I was driving and was not able to stop and see the outcome!!!

"That just warmed my heart, that at 20-something, she has finally learned how to ride a bike in Medora!!!"

We are lucky to have Mike, Kathy, and 50 more people with similar character and values that make up our full-time staff. We are lucky to have Shanice, Shemabeth and Cornellia and 300 more who come together to make our summer season family.

You also are part of the larger Medora family. As members of our Foundation, and loyal visitors to Medora, those of you who read this newsletter a few times each year are the real magic of Medora. When you, the guests arrive, it gives everything purpose.

Say hello when you are in town,

MEDORA 2019 SUMMER CALENDAR

May 31-Sept. 7	<i>Medora Musical</i> 7:30 pm - Burning Hills Amphitheatre	July 8	Fresh Horses – Garth Brooks Tribute 7:30 pm – Burning Hills Amphitheatre
May 31-Sept. 7	Pitchfork Steak Fondue 5:30-6:30 pm - Tjaden Terrace	July 14	Veterans Appreciation Day at the <i>Medora Musical</i>
May 31-Sept. 7	Footsteps Into Medora's Past 2 pm daily - Von Hoffman House	July 19-21	Badlands Chautauqua – A Gathering of Teddy Roosevelts
May 31-Sept. 30	A Teddy Roosevelt Salute to Medora 3:30 pm daily - Old Town Hall Theater	July 27	Kat Perkins Concert, 3 pm - Burning Hills Amphitheatre
June 15-Sept. 8	Medora Gospel Brunch Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun, 9:30 am - Town Square Showhall	August 19	British Rock Royalty concert 7:30 pm - Burning Hills Amphitheatre
June 21	Rod Tjaden Memorial Golf Tournament - Bully Pulpit Golf Course	August 3	Maah Daah Hey 100 Bike Race - Maah Daah Hey Trail
June 21-22	Medora Classic Car Show - next to Badlands Motel	Sept. 1	Wade Westin Music Fest 12:30-4:30 pm - Town Square
June 28-July 4	Medora WISH Kids Free Week	Sept. 7-8	Medora Hot Air Balloon Rally - next to the Badlands Motel
July 4	4th of July Parade 3:30 pm - Downtown Medora	Sept. 7-8	Badlands Kite Fest 10 am-4 pm - Burning Hills Amphitheatre
July 4	Fireworks! After the <i>Musical</i> - Chimney Park		
July 6	Independence Day Weekend Parade 3:30 pm - Downtown Medora		
July 7	Veterans Appreciation Day at the <i>Medora Musical</i>		

Details on these and lots of other 2019 Medora activities can be found on our website,

WWW.MEDORA.COM/EVENTS



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.

Oil!

(Continuing the correspondence between Harold and Antoine (Tony) de Vallombrosa. In September of 1965, at the end of the first summer season for the Gold Seal Company in Medora, Harold had written to Tony "Please consider yourself my guest at any time. We now have a wonderful hotel and restaurant facilities in Medora at all times and I would love to have you there at any time for as long as you wish to stay.")

Sometime during the summer of 1965, Tony learned that oil had been discovered near Medora. On September 30, 1965, Antoine de Vallombrosa wrote a handwritten letter to Harold Schafer.



Antoine de Vallombrosa

Dear Friend Harold,

I am deeply gratified to receive your interesting offer of sharing your enthusiasm and fun with me. Also that you have accomplished some of the restoration of Medora that my father and grandfather would have deeply desired. Furthermore your offer to help me build a summer home in Medora. I know that you are not only a rich man having fought your way to the top but that you are also a philanthropist trying to make North Dakota a better place to live in. This was the main reason I relinquished to you for a small fee my Medora properties rather than give them to the State Historical Society as my father had suggested.

Today I am informed that what I had hoped for since twenty years has happened: oil is being drilled for all around Medora and maybe on the 600 acres sold to Mr. Schafer. This to me is becoming an obsession every time I wake up and think I again have missed what can happen once in a lifetime. I know I can't ask you to give me back the 600 acres. The only consolation prize for me would be to have your promise that a substantial part of this extra income to you from oil will be used to improve Medora for the next fifty years or more. If you could do this I would feel much happier.

May I return your very best health and happiness greetings.

Sincerely,

Antoine de Vallombrosa

As soon as he received the letter, on October 5, 1965, Harold wrote back.



Harold Schafer

Dear Friend Antoine,

Thank you for your nice and complimentary letter of September 30.

First of all the oil business - - There is now staked out a location for a well on the south Section 3 which you sold to me. The Amerada Oil Company informs me that they expect to start drilling about the first of November. There has been much and good oil found in the Medora area and there is drilling going on. Whether I get an oil well on the land only time can tell, but rest assured the profit will be spent building Medora.

Truly this is an exciting thing to participate in. Your grandfather's life has become an interesting thing for me as has the life of Teddy Roosevelt.

The reason I am encouraging you to come and spend some time in Medora is truthfully that I think you would enjoy it.

You may find things of interest here that will give you pleasures for as long as you live. Why don't you now at least plan on the summer of 1966.

Very definitely I plan on continuing the theatre site. Its location to the chateau will make it all part of a nice area in the future.

When you come next summer you could live as you like in continental style. You can sleep when you want to, eat when you want to and drink when you want to.

With much appreciation and only the desire in my heart to return the courtesies.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Schafer

Visit 'Little Bully Pulpit' and 'Manitou'

It's called "Little Bully Pulpit," and it's under construction this summer as part of Medora's newest attraction, Point to Point Park. When it opens, our new 18-hole mini-golf course will take after "Big Bully," with Badlands holes as well as challenging flat holes with lots of your favorite Medora characters waiting for you to join them.

"Little Bully Pulpit," our new mini-golf course and "Manitou," our new Zipline Ride, will be the first two features of Medora's Point to Point Park open to visitors—you should be able to take a ride on Manitou before summer's end, and watch our golf course "superintendents" carve the back nine of the golf course out of the Badlands this fall. In the coming years, look forward to our Lazy River, Splash Pad and Jump Pillow.

All this is possible because of the generosity of Point to Point supporters like you. If you want to help make Medora more family friendly by building our Park, just give Joslyn Tooz, our "Park Superintendent," a call at (701) 223-4800. There are hole sponsorship and other support opportunities available.



Bully For North Dakota!

We Proudly Support The Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library And Museum

In the early 1950s, Harold Schafer peered over the edge of the butte overlooking the tiny village of Medora and proclaimed, "There's too much here to let disappear." That was the moment that North Dakota's tourism industry was born.

Harold saw an opportunity to create something wonderful for generations to come. He knew the legend of Theodore Roosevelt translated across the globe and that his "Bully Spirit" could inspire millions.

Harold's son Ed, now chairman of our board, recognizes his dad's great vision today, "Harold knew that the people and the landscape of North Dakota made Theodore Roosevelt the man who went on to become one of the most famous, well-loved and successful Presidents in the history of this country. Some people thought the whole idea was crazy – but Harold seized the opportunity he saw from the top of that butte and today millions of people have enjoyed Medora and been inspired by this place the same way Theodore Roosevelt was."

Now, the North Dakota Legislature has voted to support building the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential

Library & Museum right here in Medora. We believe this decision is yet another historic moment that our children, and children's children will look back upon with pride. A moment when our state felt the Bully Spirit within us and had the courage to seize an opportunity that will make North Dakota an even better place for generations to come.

Bully! To the North Dakota Legislature! To Governor Burgum! To the Roosevelt Family, the TR Presidential Library Foundation and to invested donors from across the land! Bully to our friends in Dickinson whose work laid the foundation for this historic project! Bully to the community of Medora and to the many, many people who have forged this remarkable idea ahead over the past two decades – you are truly people in the

arena, who have worked hard at work worth doing, and we commend and congratulate you all!

This monumental project is not ours, but one we absolutely believe will elevate the entire town and state to new heights. Our colleagues leading the TR Library Foundation have much work ahead to make this historic project a reality, and we at the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation stand ready to, "Do what we can, with what we have, where we are," to help this incredible, historic effort.

Bully for North Dakota!



The Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Medora will be home to many photos of TR taken throughout his life. Thanks to the Theodore Roosevelt Center at Dickinson State University for this composite photo.

Ask President Roosevelt



Joe Wiegand as President Theodore Roosevelt

"Ask President Roosevelt" is a feature of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation Member Newsletter, the *Rough Riders Review*. For seven summers, veteran TR reprisor, historian, and actor Joe Wiegand has brought Theodore Roosevelt to life on the matinee stage at Medora's Old Town Hall Theater. During the off-season, Joe travels the country as TR, representing the Medora Foundation. As part of every performance, in character as TR,

Wiegand takes questions from the audience.

Q: Mr. President, you returned from Cuba with your Rough Riders in 1898 and just three years later you were President of the United States. How did that happen so fast?

A:After the fight in Cuba, I rose like a rocket! In August of 1898, the Regiment and I were quarantined at Camp Wikoff at Montauk Point, Long Island. In September, the Republican Convention at Saratoga nominated me for Governor of New York. That November, I bested the New

York Democrat Augustus Van Wyck 661,707 votes to 643,921.

In the year 1900, rather than allow me to run for another two-year term as Governor, the Republican leadership conspired to send me away to a place from which a man might never be heard from again...the Vice-Presidency of the United States! The Grand Old Party added me to President William McKinley's re-election ticket, Vice-President Garret Hobart of New Jersey having died in office the previous year.

President McKinley and I beat William Jennings Bryan & Adlai Stevenson, 292 Electoral College ballots to 155. We carried 28 of our 45 states, including both Dakotas, Minnesota, and Nebraska & Illinois, the home states of our opponents.

We were inaugurated on March 5, 1901, and on September 6th, President McKinley was shot by an assassin in Buffalo, New York. It was in that city, on September 14th, upon the death of President McKinley, that I took the Oath of Office as the 26th President of the United States.

Frank Larson Honored With Bully Spirit Award At 2019 Roundup

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation board of directors recently selected Frank Larson to receive the Bully Spirit Award.

The selection process is rigorous as we only recognize one person per year and Frank is just the second recipient of this award. As you read the description of the award below, you will see clearly, why Frank was chosen.

*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.*

FRANK LARSON – 2019 BULLY SPIRIT AWARD RECIPIENT

Frank served on our board of directors for twelve years and was the chairperson for seven of those years. Those were transformative years for Medora and TRMF – a Historic Preservation and Restoration Board Committee was formed, and that drove the improved condition of many of our properties. It is hard to imagine Medora today without Bully Pulpit Golf Course or the Rough Riders Hotel; it is even harder to imagine those projects without Frank's leadership and support.

Frank has had a tremendous impact on the appearance of Medora. However, it is what we all learned from Frank that has meant the most to us. We learned: that a smile is easy; a word of encouragement is easy; belief in others goes a long way; there is magic in the words "do you think we can....."; to thank people when someone leaves your organization and see it as an opportunity to get stronger; to dream bigger; and we learned that Frank truly valued Medora and what it means to the state of North Dakota.

TRMF President Randy Hatzenbuehler said "Frank is one of the most remarkable people I have met and I am grateful for his friendship."



Frank Larson, TRMF's 2019 Bully Spirit Award winner, and TRMF President Randy Hatzenbuehler paused for a photo with Craig and Shelley Larson, Frank's son and daughter-in-law, beside the artwork presented to Frank as part of the award, Michelle Brown's painting "Medora's Ghost Riders."

Congratulations to Frank Larson, our 2019 Bully Spirit Award recipient. It is an honor well-deserved.

Frank Larson: Lawyer, Banker, Philanthropist



Frank Larson

Frank Larson, a lawyer by trade, started Starion Bank with the purchase of a bank in Oakes, ND, in 1969 and in Ellendale in 1970. Today, Starion has 15 branches in North Dakota and Wisconsin.

Over the years, Frank has served on many boards of directors, including Starion, the Bank of North Dakota, and the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. He has received many awards for his leadership in the banking industry and community-building efforts, including the Community Leadership Award from the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce, the Greater North Dakotan Award from the Greater North Dakota Chamber of Commerce, and the Distinguished Community Banker Award from the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota.

Frank has also been honored for his extensive philanthropy in North Dakota in many ways, including with an honorary Doctor of Leadership and Philanthropy from the University of Mary and the Walt Odegaard Leadership Award from the North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations.

A North Dakotan born and raised, Frank and his late wife JoAndrea raised their four children in Valley City where he still resides because, as he likes to say, "This is the greatest state in the greatest country in the world!"

It's Summer

You're going to LOVE the 2019 Medora Musical

The *Medora Musical* turns 55 this year, and we've got a cast with a great mix of familiar faces and fresh talent.

For starters, we've got the dynamic duo of Chet Wollan and Bill Sorensen back to host the show. Chet, a Minnesota native who now lives in Knoxville, Tennessee, is in his 4th season as host and his 13th season in the show. Bismarcker Bill has been performing in *Medora* for 40 years as a magician, comedian and entertainer and has announced this will be his last season in the show. He's earned his retirement!

Returning cast members this year are:

- Jessica Bradish, from Des Moines, Iowa, who has starred as a vocal powerhouse in the *Medora Musical* for the past four years.
- Misti Koop, a North Dakota native from Grand Forks and a fan favorite, who has starred as a Burning Hills Singer for the past six years with a number of featured roles during her time in the *Medora Musical*.
- Taylor Leet, from Bismarck, North Dakota, who first starred in the *Medora Musical* in 2016 and is back for her fourth season.
- Candice Lively Wollan, the "Princess of the Prairie," from Strawberry Plains, Tennessee in her ninth year as a Burning Hills Singer. Candice's absolutely superb vocals have made her a fan favorite for years and audiences will again be graced by her talent in this year's *Medora Musical*!
- Ken Quiricone, from Stratford, Connecticut, who's here for his eighth year as a Burning Hills Singer. Ken has played feature roles in the *Medora Musical* including the one and only, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.
- Kevin Korczynski, from Bel Air, Maryland. He has starred in the *Medora Musical* for seven seasons
- Ben Massouras, from Phoenix, Arizona who first starred as a Burning Hills Singer last season.
- Gerry Williams, from Durham, North Carolina, who previously starred in the *Medora Musical* in 2013 and 2014.
- Jon Woodruff, who comes from White Bear Lake, Minnesota. He first made his debut in the *Medora Musical* last year and is



Front row, left to right Taylor Leet, Junior Mercer (steel guitar), Ben Massouras, Andrew Crowe (fiddle), Tryton Landsiedel, Perry Orfanella (bass), Chet Wollan, Bill Sorensen, Gerry Williams, Johnathan Woodruff, Kevin Korczynski, Carson Hooley (drums).
Back row, left to right, Travis Smith (keyboards) Jessica Bradish, Rachel Endrizzi, Ken Quiricone, Misti Koop, Andrea DeVriendt, Adam Vogel (guitar) Candice Lively Wollan.

back for another season of the "Greatest Show in the West!" And there are three new performers in the *Musical* this year.

- Andrea DeVriendt is making her *Medora Musical* debut from Madison, Wisconsin.
- Rachel Endrizzi is coming from Cleveland, Ohio to join the Burning Hills Singers.
- Tryton Landsiedel, from Bismarck, North Dakota will star in his very first *Medora Musical* this year! Tryton has honed his skills as a Kat Perkins Rising Star Camper, then Junior Camp Director and is now ready to make his debut as a Burning Hills Singer.

Returning members of the Coal Diggers band this year are Andrew Crowe, bandleader and fiddle player from Raleigh, North Carolina; Junior Mercer, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, pedal steel; Perry Orfanella, Carmel, New York, bass; and Andrew Vogel, Melrose, Minnesota, guitar. They'll be joined by two new band members, Carson Hooley from Chicago on drums and Travis Smith, Columbus, Ohio, our new keyboard player and vocal captain.

Medora Gospel Brunch, ND State Fair And Norsk Hostfest: Win A Grand Vacation Package!

The Gospel Brunch is back this summer, playing every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 am in the Town Square Showhall, now through September 8. See our hit show with some scrumptious brunch in downtown Medora, Then, you can see the show again at Norsk Hostfest, North America's Largest Scandinavian Festival, in Minot, September 25-28!

And now, for a limited time, you can register for a chance to win The Ultimate North Dakota VIP Getaway—a triple vacation, to Medora, the North Dakota State Fair and Norsk Hostfest—a prize package worth \$3,000! Go to: ndvipgetaway.com/ to register! Entry deadline is June 30.



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2019 Medora Musical Featured Variety Acts

Breaksk8

June 15-28

From the NBA to MTV, from Indiana to China and now Medora, the energetic rolling dance crew Breaksk8 will bring favorite list Michael

Jackson's "Beat it" to life in an entertaining and fun show for the whole family! This roller skatin', break dancin', groovy gang has brought the hype to stages across the nation.



John Cassidy

June 29-August 10

The balloon master is back and better than ever! John Cassidy is a professional comedian, magician, and balloon artist who holds several Guinness World Records for balloon sculpting speed. His records include Most Balloon Sculptures Completed in One



Hour and Most Balloon Sculptures Completed in One Minute. He has appeared numerous times on television as either a stand-up comedian, magician, or as a Guinness Book of Records celebrity. He has been a guest on Late Night with Conan O'Brien, NBC's Today Show, and Live with Regis and Kelly!

C. Willi Myles

August 11-September 7

Get ready to laugh! Comedian C. Willi Myles, "America's Everyday Comedian," has been combing his quick wit and a great sense of humor to deliver one of this country's most high energy, side-splitting shows for all ages. "Keep 'em laughing" has been C. Willi's goal on the stage over the last 18 years and he isn't about to stop now. This standup comic will have Medora Musical fans laughing till the curtain drops on the 2019 season!



Summer Concerts in Medora

Medora's Summer Concert Series continues this year with two big events under the stars on stage at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre. And this year we're offering a special "Dinner and a Show" package, combining the concert with dinner at the Pitchfork Steak Fondue.

Fresh Horses, the Ultimate Garth Brooks Tribute Band featuring Les Smith, takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 8, for an evening of your favorite Garth Brooks music hits. This high-energy band will have you singin' along to all of their old favorites like The Thunder Rolls, The Dance, Papa Loved Mama, Beaches of Cheyenne, and so many more! So grab your friends in low places and head on out to Medora.

Then on August 19, the classic rock songs by the biggest bands in British Rock—Pink Floyd, The Who, Queen and Led Zepplin—will be performed by the tribute band British Rock Royalty.

From Comfortably Numb to Kashmir, Bohemian Rhapsody to Pinball Wizard, you'll hear the biggest anthems and a few surprises too. A killer rock band fronted by vocalist and producer Brody Dolyniuk presents the songs as you would want to hear them....bold and in your face, yet faithful to the original recordings. Backed by state of the art video, lighting and lasers, this show promises something truly unique and unforgettable.

This is a must-see show for classic rock fans.

Tickets for each show are \$35, and the special Dinner and a Show package with the Pitchfork Steak Fondue is \$59.95. Premium seating is available at both shows for an additional \$10.

Tickets are available at Medora.com—click on the "What To Do" button—or by calling 1-800-MEDORA-1.



Les Smith • Monday, July 8



Brody Dolyniuk • Monday, August 19

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Sarah, Michele and Jennifer!

We just love it when a young person comes to work for us as a summer job and never leaves! That's the case with two of our employees in our summer newsletter spotlight this year.



Sarah Meduna
in 2007

University with a business degree, and then joined our staff full time, working first in our retail department, then becoming our Human Resources Director from 2012 until 2015.



Sarah Slauter
in 2019

"It's been an amazing experience," Sarah says. "I have a passion for Medora. Our Foundation's emphasis on 'Family Values' means a lot to me. We really are a family here in Medora."



Jennifer handing out
programs at the *Medora
Musical* in 1995.

Jennifer Sykora, Development Database Coordinator

Jennifer Sykora's last name was Harrison when she came to work for us as a server in the Chuckwagon and Rough Riders Hotel dining room in the summer of 1992. She came back every summer during her college days working at the front desk of the Medora Motel in 1993, 1994 and 1995.

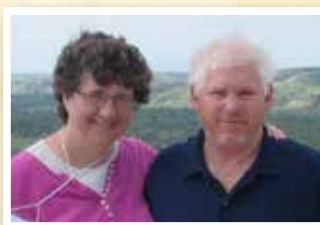
In the fall of 1999, Jennifer joined the full time staff of the Medora Foundation, working as an IT Specialist

Sarah Slauter, Director of Lodging & Reservations

Sarah Slauter has accepted a new role as the Lodging and Reservations Director. When Sarah came to work for us in 2007 as a summer employee working in the housekeeping department, her last name was Meduna. She stayed with us every summer until she graduated from Minot State

In 2015 Sarah moved over to become manager of our Reservation Center and Software Specialist for ticketing and lodging, and in her new role she is now a member of our Leadership Team.

Along the way, Sarah found romance in Medora. In 2012 she married Kinley Slauter, our longtime Burning Hills Amphitheatre Manger, and now they are parents of two daughters, Aleah and Ava.



Jennifer and her husband Joe
visiting the Badlands in 2018.

worked as a part time consultant to TRMF. Today she is the Development Database Coordinator, working from her home in Valley City, where she lives with her husband and their three sons.

"There are many reasons why I am proud to continue to be a part of Medora and TRMF," Jennifer says. "I love the beauty of the Badlands, the people are like family, I believe in the values of the organization, and I appreciate the opportunities TRMF has given me to take on new challenges and learn new skills."



Michele Enderud

Michele Enderud, Director of Human Resources

A native North Dakotan and longtime Human Resources professional, Michele Enderud, joined our staff this spring as our new HR Director. Michele has been an HR professional since 1995 with experiences in Education, Technology and Oil/Gas Industries.

She holds a double Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and Human Resources from Dickinson State University, and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Mary. She is also certified in Labor Arbitration from Kings University. Her "hobby" is teaching Business classes at Dickinson State University and Bismarck State.

Michele and her husband Ryan Enderud live in Dickinson, and she has two adult sons who live in Bismarck.

She describes her short time with TRMF in Medora as "amazing."

The people here are so kind, and everyone's working toward a common goal," she says. "This job is a blessing."

That's a Lot of Flowers!

Our hardworking volunteer crew was kept busy this spring planting thousands of flowers around Medora. Without our volunteers, we couldn't get Medora ready for visitors each spring. Thanks to each of them! The flowers are a gift from Harold Schafer's longtime secretary, Erma Wolters, who left an endowment to purchase the flowers each spring. Thank you Erma!



'It Was The Greatest Thing I've Ever Done!'



Neal Pritchard,
1979 Burning
Hills Singer

Forty years ago, in the spring of 1979, a young Mary College freshman who had seen the *Medora Musical* many times as a boy and had dreamed of one day being a Burning Hills Singer himself, sent an audition tape to the show's production company in Minneapolis.

"And then I never gave it much thought," says Neal Pritchard. "When school got out, I went back to my hometown of Sidney, Montana, got a summer job, and started working."

And then, around Memorial Day, Neal's phone rang. The call was from the office of the show's producer, Fred Smith. "We start rehearsals for the *Medora Musical* next week" said the voice on the other end of the phone line. "Can you get to Minneapolis right away?"

"I had my folks drive me to Williston, I took the train to Minneapolis, we rehearsed for two weeks, and on June 15 I was on the stage of the *Medora Musical* as a 1979 Burning Hills Singer. 97 shows. Six rainouts."

Neal's parents had been longtime fans of the *Musical*, making the trip to Medora with their family "at least a couple times each summer." But in 1979, they had a special reason to go—their son was on the stage.

"I think they went to the show 60 times that summer," Neal says. "They made that 117 mile trip, each way, in their big



The Mary College newspaper ran a full page feature on Neal Pritchard when he returned to school in the fall of 1979.

Olds 98, most times bringing relatives and friends. Sometimes they spent the night, sometimes they drove home after the show."

When the season ended, Neal went back to Bismarck, got his music degree from Mary College, and became a music instructor. "I didn't audition for a second season," Neal says. "In those days, most of us just stayed for one summer, and the cast changed every year."

During a 20-year career as a music teacher in Bismarck, Neal spent summers driving a tour bus for Harlow's Trailways, a Bismarck bus company. That led to his next career, a job he still holds today, as Transportation Manager for Harlow's. And he still occasionally gets behind the wheel.

His summer in Medora was all he had hoped it would be when he dreamed of being on the stage as a boy. Neal had discovered his love of music at age 6, when his parents bought their first piano.

"I played piano a lot in school, and I was a piano music major in college, so I was used to performing in front of an audience," Neal says. "The kids (all of us were just kids) were good performers, and I learned so much from them. That experience made me a better musician, and a better person."

"I loved every night on that Medora stage. It was the greatest thing I've ever done."



Neal Pritchard at
his desk at Harlow's
Trailways, 2019



DATE	TIME	CITY	VENUE
Nov. 29	7:30 pm	Linton, ND	High School
Nov. 30	7:30 pm	Washburn, ND	High School
Dec. 1	4:00 pm	Aberdeen, SD	NSU Fine Arts Center
Dec. 2	7:30 pm	Spearfish, SD	High School
Dec. 3	7:30 pm	Glendive, MT	Dawson Co. High School
Dec. 4	7:30 pm	Watford City, ND	High School
Dec. 5	7:30 pm	Williston, ND	High School
Dec. 6	7:30 pm	Grenora, ND	High School
Dec. 7	1:30 pm	Medora, ND	Old Town Hall

Dec. 7	6:00 pm	Medora, ND	Old Town Hall
Dec. 8	5:00 pm	Alexandria, MN	High School
Dec. 9	7:30 pm	Jamestown, ND	Reiland Theater
Dec. 10	3:00 pm	Minot, ND	MSU Nelson Hall
Dec. 10	7:30 pm	Minot, ND	MSU Nelson Hall
Dec. 11	7:30 pm	Devil's Lake, ND	Fawcett Auditorium
Dec. 12	7:30 pm	Grafton, ND	High School
Dec. 13	7:30 pm	Fargo, ND	North High School
Dec. 14	3:00 pm	Fargo, ND	North High School
Dec. 1	7:30 pm	Fargo, ND	North High School
Dec. 15	4:00 pm	Henning, MN	School
Dec. 16	3:00 pm	Grand Forks, ND	Empire Arts Center
Dec. 16	7:30 pm	Grand Forks, ND	Empire Arts Center
Dec. 17	7:30 pm	Valley City, ND	Vangstad Auditorium
Dec. 18	7:30 pm	Wahpeton, ND	NDSCS Stern Center
Dec. 19	7:30 pm	Park Rapids, MN	High School
Dec. 20	1:00 pm	Bloomington, MN	Masonic Hall
Dec. 20	7:30 pm	Bloomington, MN	Masonic Hall
Dec. 21	7:30 pm	Page, ND	High School
Dec. 22	3:00 pm	Bismarck, ND	Belle Mehus Auditorium
Dec. 22	7:30 pm	Bismarck, ND	Belle Mehus Auditorium

Subject to Change • Tickets Available in October

See Medora.com for Details

Medora WISH Welcomes You To Medora! FREE!

Each year, hundreds of thousands of people from around the world visit Medora -- taking in all different kinds of entertainment, events, attractions and family experiences in the Badlands that inspired Theodore Roosevelt and Harold Schafer.

But not everyone has the opportunity to be inspired by the Badlands. Now, our new Medora WISH Endowment, created by members of our all-volunteer board and generous supporters, will use annual earnings to help more people experience this amazing place.

This year, the Medora WISH is funding two major initiatives. The week of June 28-July 4, is "Kids Free Week," where kids 17 and under get in FREE to select attractions all over Medora, including the *Medora Musical*, A Teddy Roosevelt Salute to Medora, and all our Broadway in the Badlands shows at the Old Town Hall Theater.

Tickets are available now by calling 800-MEDORA1. Hurry—they're going fast.

Our second initiative is one that warms our heart, and would warm the hearts of Harold and Sheila too, if they were here, because Harold always said "I wish people could see Medora for free!"

Working with the Anne Carlsen School, we're bringing a family to Medora that might not otherwise be able to come. The folks at Anne Carlsen are sending Rainann Bull, from Bottineau, ND, and her family here later this summer, and they will be our guests for two nights and three days, and take in all the Medora attractions, absolutely free!

This is all possible because of our Wranglers, who have contributed at least \$25,000. Help us say thank you to:

Don & Pat Clement -- Bismarck, ND -- *Co-creators and lead donors*

Michael & Vicki Zaun -- Gold Canyon, AZ -- *Co-creators and lead donors*

Arthur and Edith Pearson Foundation -- Westhope, ND

Lorraine & Bruce Furness -- Fargo, ND

Jim & Joanne Kack -- Bozeman, MT

Nancy Johnson -- Fargo, ND

Jim & Mary Domaskin -- Stanley, ND

Wes and Bonnie Thomas -- Minot, ND

Ardis Afseth - Minot, ND

If you'd like to become a WISH Wrangler, call Joslyn Tooz at (701) 223-4800.



Join us for the
First ever Kids FREE Week!

June 28 - July 4

Thanks to the new [Medora WISH Endowment](#), we're hosting the very first, Kids FREE Week for some of our most popular attractions.

And, Kids FREE Week includes the Fourth of July!

Join us, Friday, June 28 through Thursday, July 4
when all kids, 17 and under are
ABSOLUTELY FREE at select attractions.

This week will include:

- FREE child/student tickets to the *Medora Musical*
 - FREE child/student tickets to *A TR Salute to Medora*
 - FREE child/student tickets to *Todd Oliver and His Talking Dog Irving*
 - FREE child/student tickets to *Carl and Greta's Cowboy Sing-along*
 - FREE child/student tickets to *Bill Sorensen and Friends*
- PLUS, Sundays & Wednesdays, kids eat free at the *Pitchfork Steak Fondue*.*

But Hurry!

These Kids FREE Week seats will go fast, so book now!

Sweet Seat Opportunity

We're almost done! We've got a name on almost every seat! But we won't stop until every seat is spoken for!

It's been almost 30 years (can that be even possible!) since we built the "new" Burning Hills Amphitheatre and replaced our old wooden benches with new, modern seats with backrests. The sponsors of those 2,800 seats, generously donating a thousand dollars for each seat they sponsored and put their names on, paid for construction of that amphitheatre.

Well, just like you need a new recliner in your living room from time to time, we decided last year it was time to replace all those seats. So, with the names of the original sponsors permanently etched on our Wall of Honor at the top of the theatre, we asked generous sponsors to step forward again and help us pay for them. And they're almost all spoken for.

We want to finish that job this summer, so here's our offer to you:

- A gift of \$1,000, the same price as 1991, gets your name on one seat.
- A gift of \$5,000 gets you up to 10 seats.
- A gift of \$7,500 gets you up to 15 seats.
- A gift of \$10,000 gets you up to 20 seats, or even a whole row if you want one.

And, if you've already sponsored 5 seats, we'll let you name 5 more at no extra cost. Same for those who sponsored 10 seats.

You'll find a seat sponsorship form on page 11 of this newsletter. Fill it out, send it in with your check, and we'll get those names on those seats before you can say "Victor Julian and his Little Stars!"

Thank you for your generous support of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation and our spectacular Burning Hills Amphitheatre.

GET YOUR SEAT!



Last year we replaced all the seats installed back in 1992. In an effort to complete the naming of those new seats, we're offering you the opportunity to name a whole 'lotta seats with great savings.

Put your name on a seat(s) with a tax deductible contribution.

- \$1,000 gets you one seat
- \$5,000 gets you up to 10 seats
- 7,500 gets you up to 15 seats
- \$10,000 gets you up to 20 seats or a row of seats

\$ _____ total contribution

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

*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 who sponsored 10 seats.

Payment Options:

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

Mail forms & checks to: PO Box 1696 Bismarck, North Dakota 58502

Credit Card: Name on Card: First _____ Last: _____
Billing Address: _____ Apt/Suite: _____ City: _____
_____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____
Card Used: MASTERCARD VISA DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS
Card Number: _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____
Exp Date: (MM/YY): _____
Authorized Signature: _____

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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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