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By Randy Hatzenbuehler
President

Record heat, drought and high gas prices bucked us hard during the first two months of the summer. We hung on, though, for a strong finish in August and early September. The final night of the *Medora Musical* had the biggest crowd of the season and capped off a great Labor Day weekend. When the dust settled, we were thrilled to only be down 2.8% in visitation from 2005. Thanks to all of you who made a trek to the badlands this year!

Was the 2006 Musical the best ever? It will unquestionably be remembered for the nightly standing ovations that audiences gave our featured act - the *Mapapa African Acrobats*. The 2006 season will also be noted as the year that *Bully Pulpit Golf Course* was named the "#1 Best New Affordable Public Course" in America by *Golf Digest*. Winston Satran, our Vice President in charge of operations, also "eased" into retirement this fall. We want to thank both Winston and his wife Barb for the tremendous dedication and leadership they provided and wish them much happiness as they enjoy more time with their family.



The Mapapa African Acrobats

Looking ahead, it is a very exciting time for the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. **We have a talented, dynamic group of people working who believe in Medora and are on a mission to make sure every family in North Dakota discovers this state treasure.** We've "rolled back" the Bunkhouse Package to 2005 prices and held the prices for the Musical and Fondue. Plus, we've brought back the *Kids are Free on Wednesdays* program. In 2007, any student entering grades 2-12 will receive a complimentary ticket on Wednesday nights at the *Medora Musical*. We are opening a *Medora Kiosk* in the West Acres Mall so more people from Eastern ND and Western MN know about all that Medora has to offer. We are planning to build the "Spirit of Work" Quarters, a housing complex for the hundreds of volunteers who help each summer. And we are studying ideas for more guest lodging in Medora.

If you happen to be at West Acres in Fargo, ND, stop by the *Medora Kiosk* (see page 7). The Kiosk will offer vacation packages, baskets and merchandise that will make great Christmas gifts. Our Kiosk customer service representatives would love to help you plan a group outing to Medora for 2007 or 2008 (you can also call us at 1-800-633-6721).

Thank you for your visits to Medora. We hope to see you back in 2007 and wish you the very best as you prepare for the holidays.

OUR MISSION

PRESERVE the values and traditions of the Old West embodied in the pioneer cattle town of Historic Medora and the "Bully Spirit" of Theodore Roosevelt.

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

SERVE the traveling public, providing for their comfort while visiting Historic Medora and Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

OUR VALUES

- **Integrity** in all we do
- The importance of **family**
- **Excellence** in products and services
- **"The Medora Experience"** enhances the character of our employees and customers
- Inspiring American **patriotism**
- **Stewardship** of all resources
- **Respect** for all people
- **Education**, especially to youth
- **Innovation** in thought and action
- The value of **work**



FOCUS ON A VALUE - PATRIOTISM

By Winston Satran
Retired Vice President of Operations

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation bestowed a great honor on me by allowing me to serve as Vice President of Operations. This responsibility afforded me the opportunity to attend countless Musicals in the last eight years and delight in the many portrayals of the themes of the Musical. One of the themes that is most important to me is Patriotism.

The *Medora Musical* provided many occasions to view the flag waving, listen to the Star Spangled Banner sung in the dusk of the early evening, and see the American flags snapping in the breeze as the horseback riders gallop on stage. All of this causes me to wonder, at times, if it is too much. Do we make our patriotic heritage overdramatic and too much of a show?

I have asked many of our Canadian friends who have attended the Musical if this is overdone. Their usual answer is, "Not at all. We wished our country would demonstrate the love of country more." My duties also put me in contact with the many international employees who come to Medora to work, experience the western lifestyle, and interact with real Americans. At the end of the season, I ask them, "What do you like best about America?"

When I posed this question to Andrea, one of the young ladies from Jamaica, she sat there for some time absorbed in thought and finally blurted out, "Ida." I said, "Ida? Please explain." Ida Fiedler was Andrea's housekeeping supervisor and worked with her every day of the summer. Andrea went on to explain that Ida taught her many things, but the most important were *to have fun at work* and secondly *to work hard and then set an example at work so others will follow you*.

Andrea told me that she will remember this always, everywhere she goes, and she will apply it to all her future jobs. What a wonderful American gift to Andrea, who was able to observe what real hard-working Americans are like and to be able to adapt those values to her own life and carry them with her wherever she may go.

On occasion, our patriotism is delivered in a simple, wonderful way. Often, people show they are patriotic by their actions. Ida passed away in 2005, but her spirit and patriotism will live on in all who came in contact with her. Ida was a true Patriotic American.



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PERFECT GATHERING PLACE...



Round up the relatives for a family reunion or special event and head to Medora - the perfect place for a family gathering!

"The people in Medora bent over backwards to make our weekend special. We had 32 people celebrate our 60th Wedding Anniversary. The TR Ranch House was the ideal headquarters for our group. If you need references for Medora - call us!"

Ed and Lois Horning

"Medora is a great place to have a reunion. We had 70 people in Medora for the Arthur Link Reunion, and all the families seemed to really enjoy it. There was something for everyone!"

Governor Arthur and Grace Link

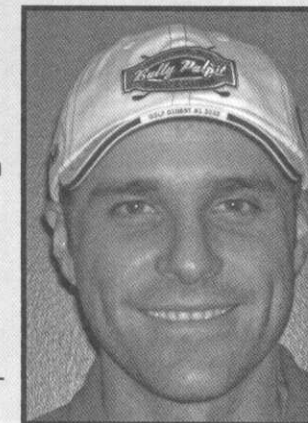
WELCOME

Wade Westin, Marketing/PR Director for TRMF, his wife, Lesley, and daughter, Hannah, welcomed *Wyatt William Westin* to their family on Thursday, August 24, 2006. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Welcome, Wyatt, to the TRMF family!



ND GOLFER

Andy Doeden, a native North Dakota golfer, proudly wears Bully Pulpit Golf Course apparel when he's on tour! Doeden played on the Canadian Professional Golf Tour in 2006. Following a 2nd place finish at the Greater Vancouver Charity Classic, Doeden appeared on the Golf Channel. He also shares a birthday with Theodore Roosevelt - October 27.



11TH ANNUAL OLD-FASHIONED COWBOY CHRISTMAS

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Western Education

Education, especially to youth is a value of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. Each summer, hundreds of students come to the badlands for a unique field trip to learn about the rich history of Medora.

Bully Expedition



Calling all 4th graders to Medora! The Bully Expedition has been going strong for ten years, this year taking 134 fourth graders on a scavenger hunt around Medora to the different historical points of interest. The photo at left shows Ann Riippa, team leader, with her group at a stop at the TR National Park Visitor Center. Team leaders for the Bully Expedition are pictured in the photo at right.

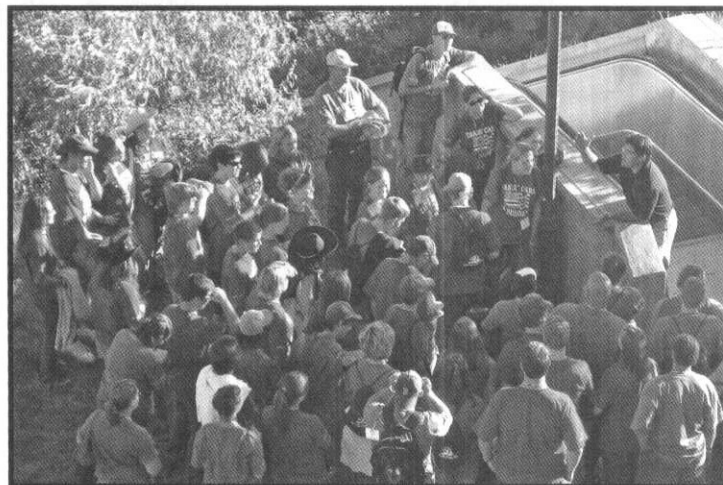
Classroom in the Badlands



North Dakota and Theodore Roosevelt history come alive in a unique learning environment - the badlands! Eleven schools participated in Classroom in the Badlands this past spring, leaving behind bookshelves and chalkboards for boardwalks and buttes! Schroeder Middle School, Grand Forks, ND, is pictured at left at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre, ready to start their Behind the Scenes Tour. Schroeder Middle School brings around 75 kids annually to Medora to have some "hands-on" history! In addition to their educational programs, some schools, like Schroeder, have a dance one night as well.

Business Challenge

These students are "Taking Care of Business!" Each year, the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation teams up with Dickinson State University during Business Challenge week to show them how a business works in the badlands. In 2006, over 230 students enjoyed a barbeque on the Chuckwagon Buffet patio and attended the *Medora Musical*. In the photo at right, Randy Hatzenbuhler, President of TRMF, gives them a quick "lesson" as they head down to the Musical.

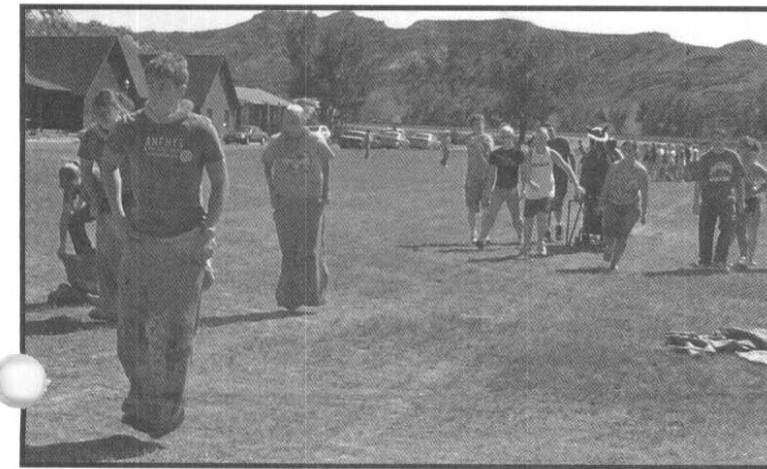


Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous

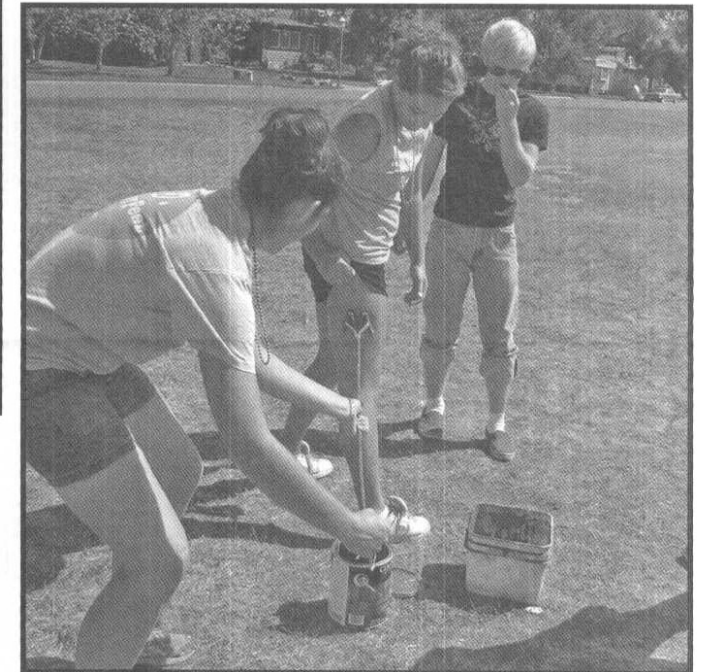
The North Dakota National Guard hosted over 540 students and 70 staff this year's Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous. Fifty states and four Canadian provinces each sent ten essay contest winners to North Dakota to showcase the Lewis and Clark trail. Planners for the Rendezvous felt that Medora was such an important part of North Dakota that they wanted to include it in these kids' experience. Attendees enjoyed a Military History Walk at Chimney Park, the ropes course at the Badlands Bible Camp and the *Medora Musical*. Shown here is the North Dakota National Guard Blackhawk Helicopter that General Putnam arrived in; this helicopter was on display part of the time at Chimney Park.



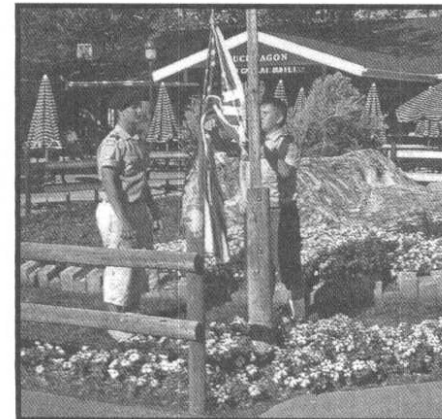
University of Mary Freshmen Orientation



The University of Mary gave their incoming freshmen a unique and interesting orientation. Over 400 University of Mary freshmen experienced the badlands, learned more about their new university, met new friends and had fun with a "Cowboy Obstacle Course." Above, students participate in a potato sack race. At right, students are "branded" with the "M" for Mauraders.



Boy Scouts



Twenty Boy Scout troops rotated through Medora this summer. These troops assisted Cowboy Lyle in "Cavalry Colors," a twice-daily flag raising and lowering demonstration. The troops came from various towns in North Dakota, including Crosby, Fargo, Bowman, Minot, Bismarck, Grafton, Dickinson, Ray and Tioga. While in Medora, the boy scouts helped TRMF by picking up trash at the campground and amphitheatre parking lot. They also participated in other outdoor activities to hone the skills they had learned, worked on earning badges and simply enjoyed the badlands atmosphere.

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Bully Pulpit

GOLF COURSE

By Dave Solga
Director of Golf Operations

In January 2006 *Golf Digest* rated Bully Pulpit the "#1 Best New Affordable Public Course" in America. The course was also named "Best New Modern Classic" in April 2006 by *The Links* magazine. The course played great all year and the conditions were the best yet.

Several tournament and group events were held from April through October of this year. We kicked off the season with the Beach High School Boys Invitational. We also held the Dickinson High School Boys Invitational Tournament.

The 2nd Annual Rod Tjaden Memorial Golf Tournament was a tremendous success, generating \$22,669 for the Tjaden Educational Assistance Fund. Team Magi-Touch Carpet One & Furniture, Inc. (pictured left to right - Justin, Pete, Randy, Josh and Jesse Horner) scored a 157, edging out the defending champs, Team Bullinger/Heyer, by one point. Great prizes were given and everyone had fun. This is a four-person team event that fills quickly, so get your registration in early



for next year's tournament, scheduled for June 15, 2007. Thank you, Clem Weber, for chairing this event.

The last event of the year was held October 7th with the 3rd Annual Break Forth Bible Church Scramble. It was a successful

fundraiser for their youth group. Eighteen four-person teams enjoyed the beautiful fall colors at Bully Pulpit on a great day for golf.

We invite all groups, family reunions, businesses and associations to host an outing or tournament next year. Our golf packet will prove helpful as you begin

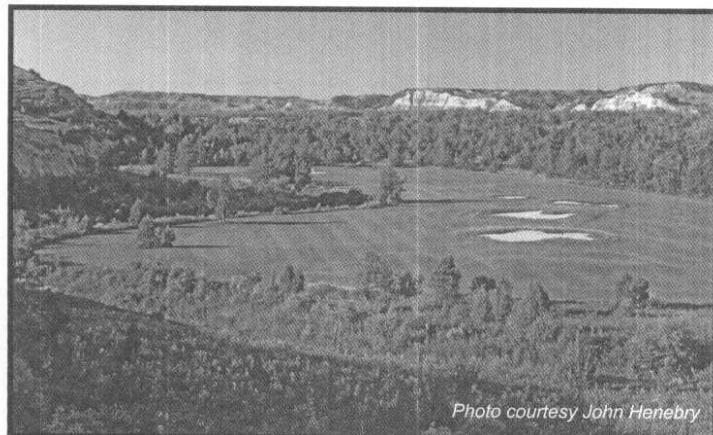


Photo courtesy John Henebry

to prepare for your upcoming event. Included in the packet is a service information document, brochure, food and beverage options and a contract to secure your event date. We look forward to helping you customize an outing to meet your need and budget.

If you are interested in making tee time reservations for 2007, receiving a tournament packet, purchasing a player's card or triple challenge card, or have any questions, please call 1-800-633-6721 or the golf shop direct line at 1-701-623-4653. Thank you for playing Bully Pulpit.

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MEDORA IS NOW IN FARGO!

Randy Hatzenbuhler
President

On October 16, 2006, TRMF brought a bit of the badlands to Fargo. The *Medora Kiosk* opened for business at West Acres Mall near American Eagle and Victoria's Secret.

Eric Clock, *Medora Kiosk* Manager, is excited about this new venture. He has gift merchandise featuring the best of Medora souvenirs and Bully Pulpit Golf Course apparel. The staff at the Kiosk will be available to answer questions about Medora and customize great Medora Vacations, starting as low as

\$159. Eric said, "If you need a wonderful, unique Christmas gift idea, we will be able to help you."

Eric looks forward to becoming part of the business community of Fargo. He's available to give presentations to area service clubs and to businesses looking

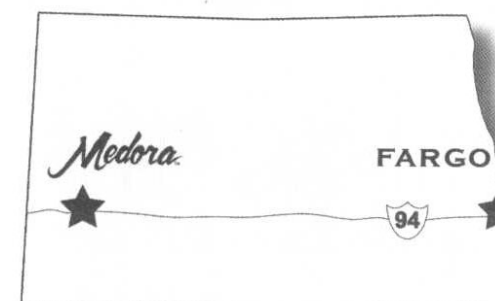
for information on how Medora can serve their needs for company retreats and reward travel.

"Medora loves Fargo and the Red River Valley. Some of our most loyal customers come from the Valley; it just makes sense for us to have a presence in Fargo,"

said Randy Hatzenbuhler, President of TRMF. He added, "There are nearly eight million shoppers at West Acres. Most of them have never been to the badlands of North Dakota. We hope to help them become more aware of the amazing recreational activities, entertainment, history, adventure

and dining that are in Medora. The badlands is the state's outdoor playground."

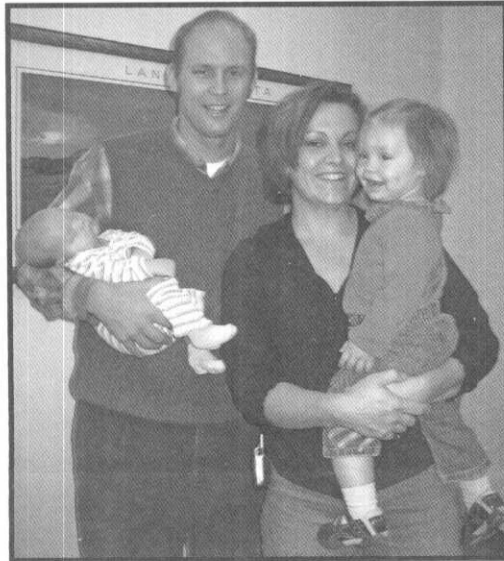
Give Eric a call at 1-701-364-0525 if you would like more information on the *Medora Kiosk* or would like to schedule a service club presentation.



TRMF SPOTLIGHT WADE WESTIN

By Annika Nelson
Development Assistant

Gentleman Wade may no longer be in the *Medora Musical*, but he is still a large part of the operations of the TRMF. A Burning Hills Singer from 1999 to 2003 and the host of the Musical in 2004 and 2005, Wade joined the TRMF team as the Marketing/PR Director in the spring of 2002. His mix of creativity, imagination and humor are a good fit for TRMF. "I really enjoy advertising, marketing and tourism. This job is a great way for me to do what I love in a place I love: Medora. Medora has created many opportunities for me, and it is fun to be in the best place for tourism in the state!" Wade remarked.



A native of Zahl, ND, Wade and his wife, Lesley, and their two children, Hannah, age 20 months, and Wyatt, age 2 1/2 months, live in Bismarck. He enjoys taking walks with his family, including their dogs Riley (chocolate lab) and Zoey (miniature dachshund). Wade works in the Bismarck office during the off-season and makes his way back to Medora each summer.

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER PASSES!

Great news! The Pension Protection Act of 2006 passed the House and Senate by wide margins. This new legislation provides gift opportunities for current IRA rollover gifts from individuals age 70 1/2 and above.

While there is no charitable income tax deduction for the IRA rollover, the distribution is not included in the donor's taxable income, thus simplifying the donor's tax return and saving some tax. An added bonus is that an IRA rollover by Dec. 31 of this year will qualify for all or part of the IRA owner's required minimum distribution for 2006.

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation is a qualified 501 (c) (3) nonprofit public foundation.

Please call Randy Hatzenbuhler at 1-701-223-4800 or email him at randyh@medora.com if you have any questions or need more information. You can also check with your tax advisor for more details.

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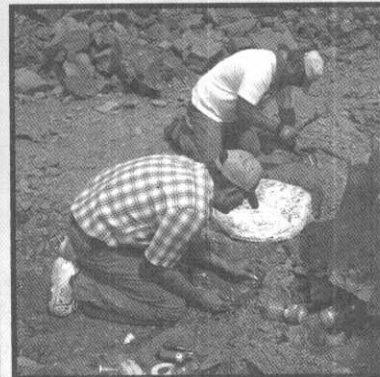
MEDORA FOSSIL DIG FACTS

By Kathy Miller
Group Sales

- The site is located three miles east of Medora and is owned by the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. Anything found on the site is cleaned, preserved and stored at the ND Geological Society at the State Capitol in Bismarck.
- Champsosaur (crocodile-like animal), turtle, shells, lizard remains and fish fossils have been found at this 60 million-year-old site.
- Dr. John Hoganson is the Paleontologist in charge along with his assistant, Brett Woodward, a paleontology lab specialist.

Amber Voigt, a paid participant in the 2005 dig, assisted Hoganson and Woodward this year. Her major is Paleontology at Valley City State University.

- The ten-day event took place July 14-23, 2006, making it the second annual dig at this site.
- **The 3rd Annual Fossil Dig will be held August 5-12, 2007, with family day taking place on Wednesday, August 8, to coincide with Medora's Kids Day.**



Diggers at the 2nd Annual Fossil Dig in Medora methodically looked for fossils. In the photo at right, Dr. John Hoganson (top) is shown with a dig participant.

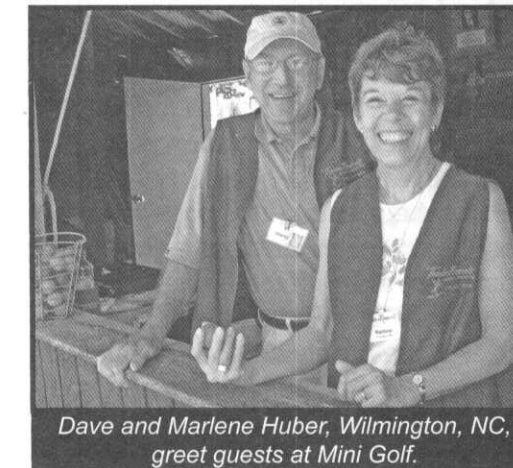
VOLUNTEERS: PRICELESS

By Laurie Hatzenbuhler
Volunteer Coordinator

A total of 413 volunteers donated their time, talents and energy to TRMF in 2006! Of the 413 volunteers, 353 came to Medora this summer to promote the town and keep the spirit of Theodore Roosevelt and Harold Schafer alive. Twenty-two volunteers came each week to support TRMF in its efforts to serve the traveling public. A volunteer commented, "One of the most important things we will take with us is the memories and friendships of the WONDERFUL people we met."

The season kicked off when **forty-nine volunteers came to Medora for the "Spirit of Work" week** that started May 22. This five-day experience helped TRMF prepare for the summer season. The volunteers cleaned, painted and stained many businesses; prepared flowerbeds and planted nearly 14,000 flowers; installed new seats at the amphitheatre; replaced old boards at the Ranchorama and Medora Riding Stables and replaced, routed and rounded the edges of all the picnic table boards at the campground. It was hard work, but fun!

Every week, the volunteers staffed the Information Center, Mini Golf and Doll House. They greeted guests at *Bully*, the play, and the Pitchfork Fondue.



Dave and Marlene Huber, Wilmington, NC, greet guests at Mini Golf.

They served as hosts at the Medora Campground, Harold Schafer Heritage Center and the Chuckwagon Cafeteria. They also assisted staff in the Bully Pulpit Clubhouse

snack bar, served brownies and beverages at the Pitchfork Fondue and ushered guests to the *Medora Musical*.

In mid-August, many of our seasonal employees returned to school, leaving a void in staffing our businesses. Fifty volunteers came to the rescue by operating cash registers in the retail stores and the

Bake Shop, mowing lawns, cleaning bathhouses, cleaning campsites, making pizza, scooping ice cream, assisting with Fondue preparation and busing tables at the Chuckwagon. In the evening, many volunteers were at the *Medora Musical* taking tickets, handing out programs, ushering or working in the concession stand.

Volunteers also helped with other tasks for TRMF. Some of these projects included: distributing Visitor Guides throughout the state, assisting in the Bismarck office with mailings and staffing trade show booths in Minot, Fargo and Bismarck. In Medora, they also assisted staff at a golf tournament, welcomed motorcoach groups and worked at the Bully Pulpit Golf Course as a Player Assistant & Starter.

When the season was all said and done, the relationships formed with one another continued to grow. TRMF hosted 192 volunteers at the Seven Seas in Mandan, ND, this fall for a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation would like to thank all of the volunteers who have given their time, energy and resources. They are invaluable to us and are wonderful ambassadors! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Laurie Hatzenbuhler at 1-701-223-4800 or email her at laurieh@medora.com.

VOLUNTEER STATS

	2005	2006
Number of volunteers	378	413
Average hours worked/day	6 hours	6.5 hours
Total volunteer hours	19,200	22,326
Cities represented	104 cities	117 cities
States represented	18 states	22 states
Foreign country	Peru	Canada

Volunteers are not paid -
not because they are
worthless, but because
they are **priceless**.

-Anonymous

THE *Medora Musical*™

By Kinley R. Slauter
Amphitheatre Manager

The *Medora Musical* is special. Why? The Burning Hills Amphitheatre is a setting like no other. Our unique amphitheatre, carved out of the badlands, is home to an equally unique show.

Since the original amphitheatre was built in 1958, it has been home to a special show. The original production, "Old Four Eyes," was written specifically for the new theater that would be its home. When that show's writer decided to discontinue its production in the Burning Hills Amphitheatre, another script was written especially for presentation in the amphitheatre. When Harold Schafer purchased the venue in 1965, he contacted Sheehan Productions to put together a show expressly for the outdoor theater. It was critical that representatives from the Minneapolis based production company visit the location to further tailor the new show to the site.



There is no arguing that building an outdoor theater in North Dakota for a show that was originally intended to run for only four performances is both bold and ambitious (and maybe a little crazy). Over 2.5 million audience members and forty-eight years later, it's obvious that it was the right thing to do. One of our greatest challenges - the outdoor setting - is also one of the things that make the show unique.

Another unique element is our audience's loyalty and support. Volunteers completed the original amphitheatre in 1958. The project was spearheaded by a volunteer Board of Directors. Several years later, Harold Schafer joined that volunteer board. After the original shows, Harold made the financial commitment to start a new show for audiences to enjoy as they visited the North Dakota Badlands.

As attendance continued to increase during its early years, improvements were made to accommodate the growing crowds. In 1986, when Harold founded the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, the *Medora Musical* was outgrowing its home. Fundraising and planning began for the monumental project of rebuilding the Amphitheatre. Hundreds of individuals and businesses came forward with the financial support to make the dream of a first-class facility a reality. In June of 1992, the greatest show in the west began kicking up its heels on a bigger, better stage. Volunteers continued to assist at the amphitheatre by offering their services to clean and repair the theater in the spring, usher each night during the season, and fill almost every position at the end of each summer when our student labor force departs.

Though the *Medora Musical* changes from year to year, certain elements are always included. The show has always intended to be a family event, appealing to all ages. Since it started in 1965, it has followed a musical comedy revue format. Each year, the Musical

THERE'S NOTHING ELSE LIKE IT



is dedicated to the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt. The show includes modern country, western and gospel music selections with a patriotic finale. We know our audience cares; we have hundreds of letters to prove it. When a significant change to the show is made, people write to us. Sometimes they do not like the change, sometimes they love it, but often they write just to let us know that they noticed.

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation has great talent and a one-of-a-kind outdoor theater. More than that, however, we are fortunate to have one of the most **loyal audiences** anywhere in the world. So whether you have been enjoying the show since the audience sat on wooden benches or you have only recently discovered the "Greatest Show in the West," we thank you for being a part of our loyal audience.

Medora™ VACATIONS

- ★ 2 *Medora Musical* tickets
- ★ 2 Pitchfork Steak Fondue tickets
- ★ 1 night lodging for 2 at The Bunkhouse

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Based on double occupancy.

Customize your vacation by adding golf at *Bully Pulpit* or with other lodging options.

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AUDIENCE:

The group of spectators at a public event; listeners or viewers collectively, as in attendance at a theater or concert.

LOYALTY:

An example or instance of faithfulness, adherence, or the like.

Source: www.dictionary.com

Medora Musical™ SEASON PASS

Music. Dancing. Variety acts. Setting.
The *Medora Musical* is the
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Buy the season pass and see the *Medora Musical* as many times as you want for **one low price!**

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ADULT PASS: \$50.00 PLUS TAX

STUDENT PASS: \$27.50 PLUS TAX

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By Kinley R. Slauter
Amphitheatre Manager

In August, a once-in-a-lifetime event happened at the Bismarck Civic Center – the unveiling of the North Dakota State Quarter, the 39th coin in the United States Mint's 50 State Quarters® Program. Medora's own Burning Hills Singers were invited to perform at the event. They sang a number of songs from the *Medora Musical*, including the Star Spangled Banner. Nearly four thousand people gathered to welcome the new coin.

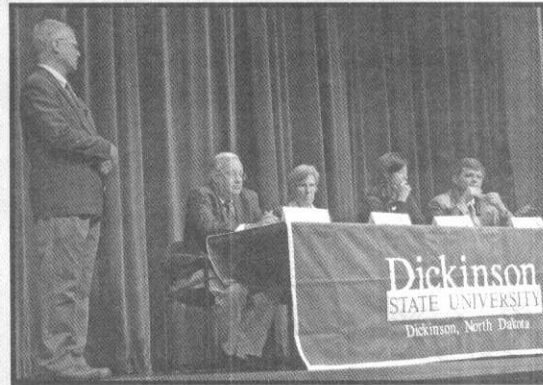


The audience, which included many schoolchildren from the surrounding area, began to scream in excitement as the ceremony got underway. Other program highlights included addresses by Clay Jenkinson as Theodore Roosevelt, Lt. Gov. Jack Dalrymple, First Lady Mikey Hoeven, and Governor John Hoeven.

The ND Quarter pays tribute to the badlands with a pair of grazing American bison in the foreground with a sunset view of the rugged buttes and canyons of the badlands in the background.

By Wade Westin
Marketing/PR Director

Dickinson State University hosted a symposium October 12-14 that focused on Theodore Roosevelt, the adventurer. Guest scholars included (pictured right to left) Dr. Douglas Brinkley, Candice Millard, Patricia O'Toole and Tweed Roosevelt. Clay Jenkinson, TR Scholar-in-Residence at DSU, served as moderator for this extraordinary event that had over 360 attendees and drew people from twenty-five states. Friday's events included engaging presentations and discussions by the guest scholars. Saturday's activities featured a trip to Theodore Roosevelt's original Elkhorn Ranch Site with remarks by Bruce Kaye, Chief of Interpretation at TR National Park.



“SPIRIT OF WORK” QUARTERS

By Annika Nelson
Development Assistant

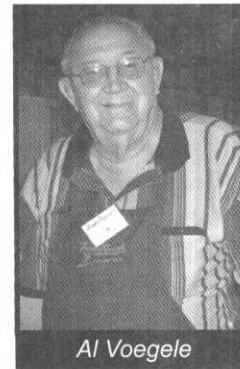
The summer volunteer season in Medora is over, but preparations for next season are already underway. Ideas and excitement surrounding the “Spirit of Work” Quarters are buzzing throughout the TRMF office.

The site has been selected! The “Spirit of Work” Quarters will be located near downtown Medora on the corner south of the Cowboy Café and north of the Medora Catholic Church. Many volunteers have contributed ideas for the design and interior of the building. We are also working with a local contractor to develop a cost-effective plan for the building.

We plan to submit a zoning application to the Medora Zoning Board by February 1, 2007.

We are developing three committees to help us organize what needs to be done for the project: landscaping, interior decorating and furnishings selection, and construction.

Thank you to everyone that has supported the project! Al Voegele, one of the first to volunteer for TRMF with his wife, Marlys, commented, “TRMF is a great organization, and what they are doing for ND is fantastic. The Quarters is one of the best things to happen to ND.” Marlys passed away this past spring, but Al continues to volunteer in Medora. He has contributed over \$25,000 to the “Spirit of Work” Quarters. He made this gift possible with a charitable gift annuity.



Al Voegele

To date, \$543,670.54 has been raised out of the \$1.1 million projected project cost. We are currently 49.42% funded and need to be 75% funded to commence with construction. **Our goal: raise the remaining \$600,000 before December 31!**

If you have any questions about the project, please contact Annika at 1-701-223-4800 or email her at annikan@medora.com.

T.R.'S THIRST FOR ADVENTURE

By Clay Jenkinson

Theodore Roosevelt Scholar-in-Residence at Dickinson State University and a consultant to the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation

Theodore Roosevelt had an almost unbelievable thirst for adventure. Frail and asthmatic as a child, Roosevelt threw himself into what he called “the strenuous life,” and by way of sheer discipline became the most adventurous President in American history. All of his life he sought out adventures with a zest that borders on mania. He surrendered himself totally to whatever he undertook, often to the point of recklessness. In the course of one of the most hectic lives in American history, he broke bones (arms, ribs, shoulders, etc.) with regularity and nonchalance.

Roosevelt's lust for life was huge. He had gargantuan appetites—for food, for strenuous activity, for reading, for cultural experience, for power, and for love. He could not be sedentary. Even when the administrative and political burdens of the Presidency were greatest, Roosevelt played tennis, boxed, and practiced jujitsu. He instructed his Presidential boxing partner, an officer much younger and more skillful than himself, not to hold back in their sparring. When the officer struck Roosevelt so hard that he caused Roosevelt to go permanently blind in one eye, the President kept the knowledge to himself because he did not wish to upset his fellow pugilist.

Roosevelt's adventures include a yearlong safari in Africa (1909), the arrest of desperadoes at gunpoint (1886), a truly heroic assault on a Spanish-held promontory in Cuba (1898), wilderness hunting trips all over North America, and the exploration, in 1914, of the last major uncharted river in South America. Before the safari, TR wrote, “By George! I am as eager to go to Africa and to hunt . . . as a boy who has been reading dime novels and wishes to go West and fight Indians.”

To his son Kermit, Roosevelt wrote, “I always believe in going hard at everything. My experience is that it pays never to let up or grow slack and fall behind.”

Roosevelt's love of adventure had two intellectual foundations.

As a sheltered boy, he had read widely in adventure literature—from the great national epics of European literature to the modern adventure novels of Sir Walter Scott. In spite of his own physical limitations, he was able to imagine himself as a central figure in what he called “Hero Tales,” and he was determined to make his body strong enough to enable him to seek out adventures, particularly in the American West.

He also had formulated what has been called the “Roosevelt Frontier Thesis,” which argued that the unique strength of the American character had been forged on the frontier by men like George Rogers Clark, Daniel Boone, and Davy Crockett. Roosevelt's thirst for hunting adventures, camping, creating new national parks and monuments, and protecting the nation's natural resources, were direct results of his belief that some part of the Daniel Boone experience must be made available for future generations.

It was principally his desire to have an authentic frontier experience before the frontier closed forever that led Roosevelt to the Little Missouri River Valley in 1883. The North Dakota years (1883-87) represent the first of Roosevelt's great adventures.

The future President came to the Dakota badlands in September 1883 to kill a buffalo. That proved to be very difficult, but with the help of his local guide Joe Ferris, TR managed to get his first buffalo on September 21, 1883, near Pretty Butte north of today's Marmarth, North Dakota. When Roosevelt approached the corpse of the great beast he did a spontaneous “Indian war dance” and presented Ferris with \$100 for his role in the hunt.

In the course of his hunting trip, Roosevelt fell in love with the badlands of Dakota and impulsively invested \$14,000 as seed money for the first of two ranches he would establish on the Little Missouri River.

Roosevelt's time in Dakota Territory transformed him both physically and spiritually. When he first arrived he was a thin, often-ill New York dude. He was eager for everything, but adept at almost nothing. At first the rough local westerners made fun of him and called him “four eyes” and “punkinlily,” but they underestimated the newcomer. Roosevelt threw himself unhesitatingly into every possible cowboy situation—from stampedes to barroom confrontations—and proved that he was something more than a wealthy tourist seeking a flavor of the Old West.

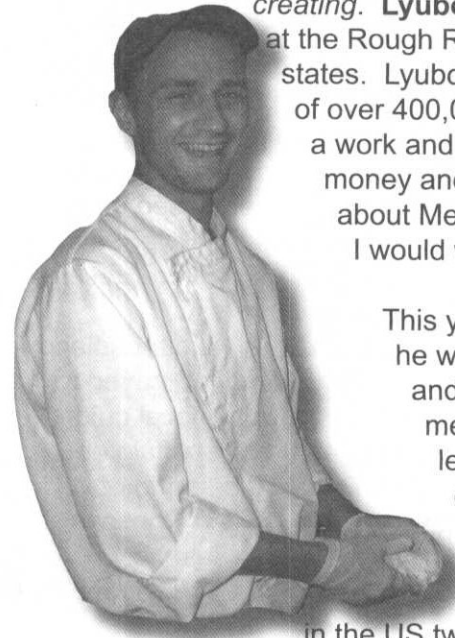
In Dakota, Roosevelt put on muscle and bulk. He faced down his insecurities, his fears, and his grief over the simultaneous death of his wife and mother on February 14, 1884. By the time he left the territory in 1887, he had created his famous adult persona and physique. He was, in short, ready to become one of America's supreme leaders.

MEET LYUBCHIK AND ASHLEY

By Annika Nelson
Development Assistant

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation is proud to employ a hard working, dedicated, seasonal crew that is enthusiastic about Medora. These employees flock to Medora from a multitude of places – all around the United States and even across the ocean! Step into their workplace.

Aromas of mouth-watering foods assail the senses as you walk into the Rough Riders Hotel & Dining Room. Follow those aromas to the kitchen and you will find a group of tireless cooks and chefs not just cooking, but *creating*. **Lyubomyr Igorovych Shkandriy**, Lyubchik to friends, is one of the line cooks at the Rough Riders Hotel. "I love it. This is the first job I get satisfaction from," Lyubchik states. Lyubchik's hometown is Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. How did he go from a town of over 400,000 to Medora, a town of less than 100? "My mom's friend is involved with a work and travel program in the USA. Working in the US is a good way to earn extra money and improve my English skills. I signed a contract with a firm; they told me about Medora. I was greatly impressed with the pictures on the Internet and decided I would want to visit there."



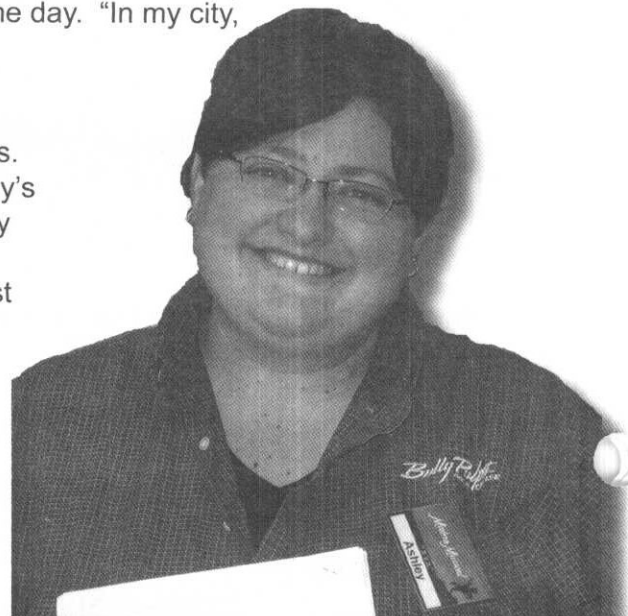
This year marked Lyubchik's second year of working in Medora. He said that if he was going to work in the USA, it had to be Medora – nowhere else! The work and learning opportunities in Medora are amazing. "This is the best training for me and my life. I've learned if you really want something, you can get it. I've learned teamwork and cooperation. Annika, that paper you have is not long enough to write everything I've learned!"

The Ukraine and the USA are quite different, although Lyubchik knew a great deal about this country before he stepped foot on it. After being in the US two summers, he notices several differences. "The relationships between families are not strong as they are in the Ukraine. Also, Americans are very careeristic and independent and do not know about other countries. They try to learn only what they need to know for their life. We try to know more and experience all kinds of knowledge."

A student at the International Academy of Personal Management (the first Ukrainian private academy) studying finance, Lyubchik will receive his degree in the spring of 2007. He would love to stay in his native town after he graduates and own his own business some day. "In my city, there is a whole field of possibilities," he remarks.

Enter a different realm in Medora – a place where computers and telephones go hand-in-hand. "Medora Information and Reservations. This is Ashley. How can I help you?" You might hear a "lilt" in Ashley's voice as she is a singer and musician. **Ashley Flemmer** is originally from Beulah, ND. She graduated from Minot State University in December of 2005 with a Music Education major and started her first teaching job in Scranton, ND, this fall teaching K-12 Music.

"I've been coming to Medora since I was old enough to remember. I thought it would be cool to work here. Guess I have the 'Medora Fever.'" Ashley has worked in Medora four summers, starting out with salad prep in the Chuckwagon kitchen and then moving over to the Badlands Motel and Call Center. "It's a lot of fun. There are always new people and it is a great



work environment. Sometimes it is crazy/busy, but everyone is usually upbeat and happy," she remarks. Working in Medora was an easy fit for a college student, and she says that it is a job she could come back to in the future.

"Working in Medora has taught me the value of working hard and to put your whole effort into everything you do. There is no situation that is not conquerable without a smile!" Ashley says with a smile, of course. She was unable to identify the one thing that she most likes about Medora, just said, "I like it all!" She also said Medora has changed her; now she

has a more positive outlook on life.

"Call 1-800-MEDORA-1 and get a job application. I recommend it. Definitely give it a try; it's a lot of fun," she promises. Both Ashley and Lyubchik are indicative of the quality young people TRMF employs.

Interested in trying out the Medora experience? Take Ashley's advice and call 1-800-MEDORA-1 (1-800-633-6721) and talk to Steph Tinjum, Personnel Director, or visit the website at www.medora.com for more information.

WINNERS! Jim Wheeler, Bismarck, ND, was the lucky winner of the "Ultimate Medora Vacation" drawing that was in the Medora Magazine (Visitors Guide) in 2006. Jim won a three-day, two-night Medora vacation for the summer of 2007! Julie Kunz, Washburn, ND, won the second prize - a hot air balloon ride in the badlands for September 2006. Congratulations to the winners!

A THANK YOU TO OUR DONOR... JO STREHLOW

By Annika Nelson
Development Assistant

Fifteen hundred miles from Medora, underneath warm, sunny skies and the absence of wind is Fountain Hills, Arizona, the home of Joann (Jo) Strehlow. The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation is fortunate to have Jo as a friend and supporter of Medora.

The badlands have long been a draw for Jo. "I love the area and what Harold did there. I love to walk and have hunted for over thirty years with the ranchers in the area. It's my favorite place to go," she commented. TRMF recently celebrated its 20th birthday, but Jo has been involved with Medora long before that. "My involvement with Medora goes back a long way. I remember going to the Ray Ranch with my dad. It has been over sixty years since I first started going to the area!"

Although Jo is retired from being an accountant and housewife, Fountain Hills still benefits from Jo's

presence in town. She is active at the local museum, local church, the Herb and Garden Society (restoring botanical gardens) and the golf league. "I do a little of everything," she says.

It is difficult to pinpoint a favorite memory, as Jo has many memories of the badlands and Medora. "I always enjoy the *Medora Musical*. It is fun to see how it has evolved over the years," she relates.

The miles might be many between Arizona and North Dakota, but the connection between the two places will always be there for Jo. Thank you for your support of Medora!



BADLANDS TRAIL RUN



Eighty-four participants blazed the trail at the 1st Annual Badlands Trail Run held on September 9, 2006.

Next year's 5K/10K event is scheduled for September 8, 2007.

EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

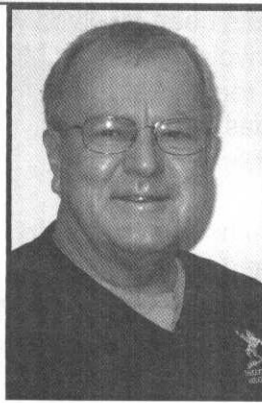
Annually, the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation provides educational assistance awards of \$500 each to seasonal student employees. These awards are financed by the Tjaden Educational Assistance Fund, established in 1997 in honor of Rod and Sandy Tjaden. Primary considerations for award winners are their leadership skills, outstanding job performance, and the ability to positively affect co-workers and visitors to Medora. We are pleased to announce this year's recipients:

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| Aaron Axvig - Bismarck, ND | Lisa Green - Glendive, MT | Daniel Menard - Rolla, ND |
| Marcus Boykin - Williston, ND | Paul Gysberg - Great Falls, MT | Kari Nelson - Grand Forks, ND |
| Jacob Braaten - Thermopolis, WY | Raquel Heinle - Buchanan, SD | Elizabeth Phelps - Dassel, MN |
| Ben Davis - Dickinson, ND | Travis Ketterling - Fullerton, ND | Klarissa Pudwill - Bismarck, ND |
| Megan Dorval - Belfield, ND | Lindsey Kubischta - Belfield, ND | Lance Rambousek - South Heart, ND |
| Shauna Franchuk - Fargo, ND | Julie Laqua - Cavalier, ND | Jenna Reis - New Rockford, ND |
| Kristen Fullhart - Dickinson, ND | Jason Lee - Auburn, WA | Jennifer Wiebe - Brandon, MN |
| Abigail Geroux - Jamestown, ND | Cody Meduna - Plaza, ND | Jettie Wold - Arnegard, ND |

HUBBARD SCHOLARSHIP The Don Hubbard Scholarship is provided through the Tjaden Educational Assistance Fund and is financed by Joanne Hubbard in recognition of her husband, Don. He was able to attend college because of Harold Schafer's generosity. After completing college, Don went on to become a Brigadier General in the Air Force and a pilot for Delta Airlines. In September 2002, Don was awarded the Oglethorpe Distinctive Service Medal posthumously. The governor of Georgia awards this medal in recognition of distinguished service to that state. Only two others have received that award in 60 years. *The scholarships, in the amount of \$1,500 each, were awarded to two students attending the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. The scholarship winners were: Kristine Henke, Center, ND, and Amanda Weston, Bismarck, ND.*

TIM JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP The Tim Johnson Memorial Scholarship is provided through the Tjaden Educational Assistance Fund. Each year, two \$500 scholarships are awarded by the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation in memory of Tim Johnson. Tim worked in Medora for several summers. He brought laughter to the motel front desk with a ready smile, quick wit, and remarkable courage. These scholarships are awarded for leadership and positively influencing guests and co-workers through courage and humor. *This summer, Michael Kinkle, Devils Lake, ND (humor), and Daneen Fiesel, Martin, ND (courage), were awarded the Tim Johnson Memorial Scholarship.*

WINSTON SATRAN SCHOLARSHIP The Winston Satran Scholarship is provided through the Tjaden Educational Assistance Fund. Starting in 2006, this \$500 scholarship will be awarded by the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation each year to honor Winston Satran. Winston was the Operations Manager and Vice President of TRMF for nine years before retiring in 2006. A deep thinker and great reader, Winston brought a wealth of experience and wisdom to the Foundation, which he generously shared with its employees over the years. He was a calming presence within the organization and worked tirelessly to make TRMF stronger and better. The winner of this scholarship is a student worker who demonstrates leadership through compassion, patience, and - most of all - hard work. *This summer, Carmen Fiesel, Martin, ND, was the recipient of this scholarship.*



MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS The Minot State University Board of Regents, the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation and Minot State University have entered a joint scholarship program. The MSU Board of Regents will fund up to four \$1,500 scholarships per year to TRMF, and TRMF will award these scholarships exclusively to MSU students working in Medora. The board members will voluntarily make these contributions for a minimum of five years. *This summer's Minot State University scholarship recipients were Lindsey Brew, Manning, ND; Megan Brown, Langdon, ND; Sara Steckler, Dickinson, ND; and Jeremiah Swenson, Stanley, ND.*

MARIETTA EKBERG COMMUNICATIONS INTERNSHIP Kristina Akers from Bison, SD, worked in the TRMF Medora Administrative Office this summer as the communications intern. This internship is supported by a gift from Jot and Marietta Turner in honor of Marietta's mother, Marietta Ekberg, who was a pioneer in the communications and broadcast industry in Bismarck, ND. Kristi is pursuing her master's degree in business administration with a specialization in marketing from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

MEDORA RIDING STABLES INTERNSHIP Each summer TRMF provides an internship at the riding stables that allows a student employee to learn horsemanship, customer relations, horse health and horse management skills. This internship is made possible by a gift from Madrienne Larson, in honor of her father, H.V. Johnston, a badlands cowboy. *This summer her gift sponsored Kristi Boen from Frazee, MN.*

TRMF CONTINUES TO GROW



Kent Anderson recently accepted the position of controller for the Foundation. Originally from Crosby, ND, Kent is happy to be back in the western part of the state. Previously, Kent worked as the controller for Pacific Santa Fe Corporation in Portland, OR, and then as the compliance and control manager at Dakota Growers Pasta Company in Carrington, ND. Kent graduated from the University of North Dakota with a degree in Accounting and is a member of the North Dakota Society of CPAs. Kent's three favorite things are: his family, Medora and good lutefisk.

Eric Clock continues on his journey as the Red River Valley Sales Manager for TRMF. He will be managing the *Medora Kiosk* in the West Acres Mall in Fargo, ND. After experiencing life throughout the world, Eric is excited to be home in North Dakota. Eric grew up in western North Dakota and received a Masters in Management from the University of Mary. Eric spent the last two years living, working and enjoying the cultures of Europe, Australia and Asia. With a re-energized love for what makes North Dakota great, Eric is looking to help others make that same discovery.



Stephanie Tinjum has enjoyed her first summer as the Foundation's new personnel director. Steph had been a seasonal employee for the Foundation for the past three years, working at the Badlands Motel and Call Center for two years and as an assistant to Winston Satran in the summer of 2005. A native of Powers Lake, ND, Steph holds degrees in English and Education from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. She enjoys jogging, singing, playing guitar and engaging in lively discussions about the placement of commas and other punctuation marks.

Josh Walberg has taken on the responsibilities of the assistant golf course superintendent at the Bully Pulpit Golf Course. Josh is originally from Rosemount, MN. He holds a degree in Landscape Horticulture Turfgrass Management from Colorado State University. Josh recently worked as a crew foreman at Ballyneal Golf and Hunt Club in Holyoke, CO, and then as the assistant construction superintendent at Old Hawthorne Golf Club in Columbia, MO. Bully Pulpit is excited about the knowledge and experience Josh brings to the course. He is looking forward to pheasant hunting with his dog Cleveland in the North Dakota Badlands.



SCHOOL OPENING



Please become a voice in support of the tourism industry's efforts to pass legislation that would have schools begin after Labor Day. It is a good idea for families and for business. Contact your local North Dakota legislator and ask them to support legislation that would have schools begin after Labor Day.



15 SLOPE AREA GIRLS GET BICYCLES, THANKS TO BISMARCK BUSINESSMAN
BISMARCK TRIBUNE, DECEMBER 24, 1955

This story is only one of many that showcase Harold Schafer's generosity.

Christmas came early this year for 15 Slope area families, but although the date was early, the holiday is one of the brightest in many years.

Presents at each home were the same. In every family there was a little girl who for years had longed for a new bicycle all her own but family finances were such that a present was beyond all hope of fulfillment.

Yet, thanks to the generosity of a Bismarck businessman, each of those little girls has a new bicycle and had it in time to ride before the heavy snows made it almost impossible.

THE BICYCLE arrived through a chain of circumstances

such that it would almost appear that old Santa Claus himself was behind the scenes with a guiding hand.

The project started when the businessman called The Tribune's

Browsing Around columnist, Jack Case, and asked him to run in the column a "giveaway" item of a girl's bicycle the businessman's children had outgrown. This request had to be refused, because of a column policy that only pets shall be giveaway items.

This, however, didn't end the plan. The man then offered to give a new girl's bicycle to every little girl who really appeared to deserve one if an item were run offering the bicycle.

This was done, but the item was so worded that it would appear that only one bike was available. It asked readers if they knew of a little girl who wanted and needed a new bicycle but couldn't afford one, and suggested that if letters were written telling of the circumstances, the little girl involved MIGHT get a pleasant surprise.

FIFTEEN LETTERS came in, none of which were written by the girls themselves. Some came from parents who wanted but couldn't afford such a present for their daughters, others came from older brothers or sisters. But most came from warmhearted neighbors and in one case, a landlord, who took time to write a letter in hopes of bringing a little girl happiness.



None of them, of course realized that the situation was such that every deserving letter would result in what turned out to be the event of a young lifetime for the girls involved.

Time was consumed waiting for letters, reading them and then waiting for the bicycles to arrive, and the delay was enough so even those who had written the letters had almost forgotten them.

THEN BEGAN a chain of events that was repeated over a 600-mile route covering a large portion of central North Dakota. A delivery truck would pull up to a modest home, farmhouse or maybe a school building, depending on the time of day. The driver would inquire for a little girl by name, say, "Here is your new bicycle" and drive away without identifying the donor or the person who had written the letter that brought the gift.

This was repeated 15 times, and in most cases the bicycle came as a complete surprise, even to the family involved. Many of the little girls were literally speechless with joy and were typified by one at Solen who could only repeat "Can I go back into the schoolhouse now?"

From Solen on a series of trips lasting several days the truck, (also paid for by the bicycle donor) went to Elgin, New Salem, Stanton, Center, Hazen, Dodge, Wilton, Turtle Lake, Underwood and Napoleon. It also made three stops in Bismarck.

AT ELGIN THE little girl was called out of her class room and could only say after viewing the gleaming bicycle, "Aw you're kidding."

At Hazen the recipient lived on a road that that day was virtually impassable and so the bike was left with her grandfather who vowed, "I'll take it to her tonight if I have to walk out with it."

At Dodge the driver and his helper stopped in a café for a cup of coffee before making the delivery. They attracted the attention of a local man who asked their business in town. When he was told the object was to give away a new bicycle, the man answered scornfully, "Maybe I'd better put my name on one."

He was the most surprised man in town a few minutes later when he came home and found that the bike was intended for his daughter.

At Stanton the bicycle went to a family with several children and came on a day when many of them were home sick from school. Its arrival proved better medicine than that the doctor was prescribing.

IN ANOTHER TOWN it went to a handicapped child whose mother was also largely confined to a wheel chair and at Center it went to a little farm girl with more than a mile to walk to work.

Only sad note came at Underwood where the intended recipient had moved to Minnesota. There the man wrote the letter and was contacted and suggested another little girl who was equally deserving.

During the trip the truck ploughed many tortuous miles of muddy roads, but the drivers never uttered a word of complaint. It was one trip they were really enjoying, regardless of the difficulty.

Hardest part of the project was to avoid identifying the donor, who had specified that he was not to be known, and to convince the little girls (and their parents) that the bicycles really belonged where they were delivered and were not part of some underhanded scheme.



THE ONLY REWARD the man who gave the bicycles will receive will be in knowing he made a lot of people happy, and in reading the letters they wrote to be forwarded to him. They were much more eloquent than were the words of thanks a surprised little girl was able to stammer while gazing starry eyed at her proudest possession.

The feelings of all of them were probably best summed up in the letter of appreciation written by the mother of the little girl at Center who wrote in part, "Thanks for the kind deed. May God Bless you. I was shocked stupid too. I didn't even think to ask the men for supper, as they sure could have eaten as the kids were too excited to eat."



"I was married to the real Santa Claus."

Sheila Schafer

2006 Update:

A happy coincidence occurred recently when Lois Hohimer, McKenzie, ND, met former Governor Ed Schafer. Lois was one of the little girls that received a bike back in 1955. Though she never really knew who had given her the gift, she had heard of Harold's generosity in other situations and, on a hunch, asked Schafer if it was his dad that had given the bikes away. Schafer remembered the article (above and on page 18) and was thrilled to discover that Lois still has the bike Harold gave her fifty-one years ago.

Do you know of someone that benefited from the gift of the bike? Lois would love to visit with other recipients. Please contact Annika Nelson at 1-701-223-4800 or annikan@medora.com if you, or someone you know, received a bike from Harold in 1955.



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