



ROUGH RIDERS REVIEW

THEY PUT THE STEAKS ON PITCHFORKS!

By Kaitlin Hopkins

Note: Kaitlin Hopkins is the head of the Musical Theatre Program at the Texas State University Department of Theatre and Dance in San Marcos, Texas. She and her husband Jim visited Medora for the first time last summer, and she wrote the following letter to her students back in Texas on Facebook. We're always interested in what first-time visitors think, and we thought this was worth sharing.

Dear Beloved Students,

Today was an AMAZING life adventure. We came to North Dakota early so we could go somewhere we had never been. It was worth every minute of the 5-hour drive from Fargo to Medora, North Dakota, where our adventure began! The drive was spectacular, but we couldn't have imagined the day that lay ahead of us. It started with a Cowboy Gospel Brunch . . . are you kidding me? It was incredible, I cried a few times, I know . . . I'm hopeless, but Jim looked so relaxed and happy, and we were singing along, and it was just a really great way to start a really special day. They started singing "This Little Light of Mine" and I was done, crying, singing, and finishing the huge homemade cinnamon roll on my plate all at the same time and just so happy to be there.

The town of Medora is not like anywhere we have ever been. The topography is just breathtaking but we went there because we heard the town of 116 residents put on a musical every night in the summer about the history of the town in an outdoor amphitheater that is built into the side of a cliff (they built a 6 story escalator to get you down to it, it's nuts), and the set is a replica of the Main Street in town . . . come on . . . seriously? We were seeing this show no matter what, but it gets better . . . there was a Cowboy Fondue BBQ thingy beforehand (like we didn't do enough damage at brunch). Oh yes, and I shouldn't forget to mention the homemade ice cream at the creamery and fudge place in town. *Continued on page 5*



Cowgirl Kaitlin Hopkins
at the Medora Musical.

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“Best Ever”



Randy Hatzenbuehler
TRMF President

Over the years, the following conversation has happened many times:

Ed Schafer: “How is the *Musical* this year?”

Sheila Schafer: “Best ever! And the Badlands have never been greener!”

Ed Schafer: “Randy, how is the *Musical* this year; Sheila says it is the best ever, but she says that every year.”

I will keep with tradition: The 2016 season just might have been the best ever. The season was dedicated to the memory of Sheila Schafer. We had a new host. We scheduled three nights off during the summer for the cast and we had five weather cancellations for a total of eight non-show nights. Still, more than 114,000 people enjoyed the *Medora Musical*. Hats off to the cast and crew for giving us a show that will long be remembered and to all of our staff, volunteers, board members and supporters who helped make this the second-most attended year in the history of the *Medora Musical*.

If “magic” happens at Disney, then this summer “miracles” happened in Medora. Bill Sorensen had surgery for stage four throat cancer in late May and had radiation treatments five days a week for most of the summer. He also delivered the message each weekend during the brand new *Medora Gospel Brunch* that lifted spirits all summer long. Beating the cancer and still delivering the message is a miracle, but it’s classic Bill.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you’ll see Nick LeTang’s article about Ira, one of our international employees, who suffered a life-threatening accident that went from tragic to miraculous. On the final night of our season, long-time friend and supporter Jack Olin was able to make it to the *Medora Musical* for the first time in 2016 – and for his 52nd consecutive season. Nice things, maybe even small miracles, were happening every day in Medora.

Thank you to Joe Wiegand and Jared Mason for sharing their talents. They are world class entertainers who have performed for US Presidents and on Broadway, but they choose to be with us in Medora.

We moved into the new Bill and Jane Marcil Life Skills Center. It is everything we hoped it would be and more. Nearly 1,000 people who worked or volunteered for the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation used this new facility. They came from 22 countries and 38 states to serve visitors to Medora in a way that would have made Sheila Schafer proud.

While our operating season is complete, our fiscal year goes through January 31, 2017. The end of the calendar year is an extremely important time for us because so many people make their philanthropic decisions at that time of year. In our next newsletter we will share exciting news about a wonderful couple who are making it possible to double the capacity of the restrooms at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre.

Please give me a call if you are considering a gift to TRMF or want to learn more about our membership programs or the 40% ND State Tax Credit for gifts made to a qualifying endowment. Your generous support of Medora is why Sheila was able to say “best year ever” each year – Thank you!

Medora Musical host Chet Wollan said, at the conclusion of the song *Go Rest High On That Mountain* by Vince Gill, which was sung during the moving, horseback-tribute to Harold and Sheila Schafer: “Harold and Sheila Schafer, you will never be forgotten.” As long as there is a need for families to gather in a safe, friendly, beautiful place called Medora, it is true: Harold, Sheila and TR will never be forgotten.

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Randy".

P.S. The *Medora Christmas* show is coming to a town near you – look for a full schedule in this newsletter.

World Champion

Here's another full-time TRMF employee we're very proud of. Our Development Assistant in our Bismarck office, Betty McCommon, won the World Championship in the Women's Senior Division of the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association this fall.

World Champion Betty McCommon!





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.

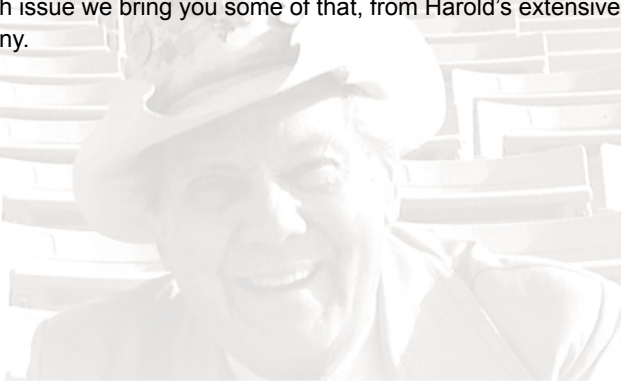


Photo by Bill Kingsbury

The *Medora Musical* ending this year was a tribute to Harold and Sheila Schafer, who are together again, after Sheila's passing last spring. This year, instead of a solitary rider descending the bluff under the spotlight, two riders met at the top and rode off into the Badlands . . . or into Heaven, if you want to imagine that. And all that was done with narration by

Sheila herself, her own words in her own voice:

"Everybody has special places in their lives. I call them spiritual and sacred places, because that's when I feel the most alive, and the most appreciative of my life, and of this creation, and of what Theodore Roosevelt brought to us in North Dakota with his love of the wilderness, and . . . it's a miracle . . . it's eternal . . . it just is there, quietly, waiting for you to come and say, 'Good morning!'"

Thank you, Sheila. And God bless Harold and Sheila Schafer, riding together into eternity.

Medora's own Theodore Roosevelt, Joe Wiegand, joined celebrities, politicians and entertainers in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in front of the Roosevelt Arch entrance to Yellowstone National Park in August. Here's a short excerpt from a *New Yorker* magazine story about the event.

Joe Wiegand, a native of Elmhurst, Illinois, is a man of considerable mass—not flabby but stout, like Roosevelt. A college runner, “he grew into his present role,” according to his wife, who accompanies him on tour. Wiegand displays all the skill and presence of a professional actor, which he is not. His earliest inclination was to be a politician. After high school, where he served as student council president, he completed an undergraduate degree in political science and studied international politics in Costa Rica, South Africa, Italy and the Philippines.

He twice ran for a seat in the Illinois Legislature and lost. He ran other campaigns while serving as a county commissioner. His friends always said that someday he'd be President, but by the millennium his life in politics had been less than fulfilling. Just then, on Christmas of 2001, his sister-in-law gifted him a copy of Edmund Morris's “The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt.” Wiegand discovered a brilliant dead president who wasn't using his lines anymore, and became him.



Joe Wiegand, as Theodore Roosevelt, welcomes visitors to the NPS Centennial celebration in Yellowstone National Park.

“There were five national parks when I became your president,” Wiegand said—no, shouted—from behind his bushy mustache and wire-rim spectacles. (He spends an hour a day in vigorous outdoor activity and sunlight to maintain a semblance of Roosevelt's wind-burned complexion and acquired his Roosevelt voice, a particular rapid-fire cadence, from listening to online versions of Thomas Edison's wax-cylinder recordings of the

A Quarter For Teddy



Theodore Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota is the fourth of five sites celebrated in 2016 on a U.S. quarter-dollar coin. Overall, it is the 34th quarter in the United States Mint program of America the Beautiful Quarters, a series that commemorates national parks and other national sites throughout the United States and its territories. The quarter was officially released in an August ceremony at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center east of Medora.

On hand for the release were, from left, ND Congressman Kevin Cramer, ND Senator John Hoeven, US Mint Principal Deputy Director Rhett Jeppson, TRNP Superintendent Wendy Ross, and NPS Midwest Region Deputy Director Patricia Trap. The design on the quarter depicts a young Teddy Roosevelt on horseback surveying the terrain near the Little Missouri River in the North Dakota Badlands. The quarters are available at your local banks.

Park Service Turns 100

mmemorates NPS Centennial

President.) "Speaker of the House Joe Cannon showed his opposition: 'Not one red cent for scenery!' he said. But the American people called for national parks, and I was able to deliver five more. We passed the Monuments and Antiquities Act, too, during my presidency. When Congress wouldn't declare the Grand Canyon a national park, I used the power of the Act to declare it a national monument!"

Joe's animated performance at the National Parks Centennial celebration, sandwiched into a star-studded lineup of governors, senators, real Roosevelts (TR V), Park Service officials (including Director John Jarvis), Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, and musicians John Prine and Emmy Lou Harris, in front of 6,000 spectators gathered around the Entrance Arch to Yellowstone National Park named for (and dedicated by) TR, was one of the highlights of the evening. The crowd roared as Wiegand, dressed as TR in his top hat and tails, shouted "Welcome! I bet you didn't expect to see the Monopoly Man here tonight!"

He entertained for about 15 minutes, talking mostly about Roosevelt's conservation efforts. "Certainly not an evening I will ever forget," Joe said later.

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation is proud

to have Joe representing Medora, North Dakota, and Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Joe will travel the country this winter, and then return to Medora next summer for a reprise of his daily show "A Teddy Roosevelt Salute to Medora."



A couple of young visitors enjoy meeting the president.
(Photos courtesy the *Jackson Hole Daily*)

Steaks on Pitchforks

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Anyway, they PUT THE STEAKS ON PITCHFORKS AND THEN THEY DEEP FRY THEM! I'm still recovering, and we had ribs and bison because clearly the deep fried piece of cow that was a big as my head wasn't nearly enough.

The *Medora Musical* was . . . everything . . . including the ELK that just happen to be up on the hill before the show started. There were even horses on stage, clogging, and at one point, they brought up all the kids in the audience on stage to take the oath to take care of our national parks. It was awesome.

There was a Teddy Roosevelt re-enactment today as well . . . I can't even begin to tell you how cool this place is. We also went on a carriage ride, and then drove thru the National Park and saw a BUFFALO right up close, and prairie dogs (hundreds of them), and wolf (editor's note: probably a coyote), and 4 Elk in total. It was incredible.

The people of Medora are beautiful, just loving and open, and wanting to share about all the history in that area, some incredible stories. We went to a homestead built in 1883, and I think my favorite thing was the Cowboy



Kaitlin Hopkins and her new friend in Medora

Museum, we watched a wonderful film about the history of how the town was settled and all the astonishing things that happened here.

Oh, and we also went to a concert during the day by this amazing musician, singer, songwriter named Jared Mason (he did

Million Dollar Quartet and *STOMP* on Broadway), really interesting guy and man, he could play the guitar, piano and uke in ways that were inspiring, serious groove in this guy, so unique and just so, so much joy in what he does, and he just "did him," and I found that compelling and inspiring and a valuable reminder that we can only be who we are, and to trust that it is enough.

The sunset was like a warm blanket, and we watched the moon rise behind the stage as the *Medora Musical* was coming to a close . . . it was a perfect day.

Medora's Youngest Volunteer Hopes to Keep Coming Back

The phone rang at Roger and Pat Larson's house in Euclid, Minnesota in the summer of 2015. It was the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation calling to ask Roger and Pat if they knew of someone who could help out as a volunteer—they were short one volunteer the week Roger and Pat were coming out to help.

Well, Pat, said, we have our granddaughter here with us right now. We'll bring her along.

That began Emma Sherman's experience as a Medora volunteer. Emma, who is now 13, completed her second summer as a volunteer in 2016, and plans to come back.

"I had to sleep on the floor last year, but I got a cot this year," Emma said with a smile as she sat with Grandma

and Grandpa at this year's Volunteer Recognition Luncheon in Bismarck in October.

Emma's an 8th-grader at Crookston Public School this year, and she hopes to be back in Medora next summer, before she starts high school in the fall.

Pat and Roger are long time visitors to Medora—they remember sitting on the wooden benches at the *Medora Musical* before the modern Burning Hills Amphitheatre was built.



Emma with Sheila Schafer in 2015.

"It's always been a place we could come to and relax in the summer," Roger says. "We loved coming as visitors,



Emma with her grandparents, Roger and Pat Larson

and we really love coming as volunteers."

Pat adds "We hope Emma can keep coming, too. This is an education. She's getting a great life experience."

Emma agrees. Her favorite assignments are the Pizza Parlor, the Shooting Gallery and the *Musical*, and she really enjoys trips into Theodore Roosevelt National Park when she's not working.

So keep an eye out for our youngest volunteer, Emma Sherman, wearing one of those green vests next summer. While her friends are out chasing Pokemons in Minnesota, Emma will be delivering pizzas and busing tables at the Badlands Pizza Parlor. And loving every minute of it.



Emma received these two necklaces as gifts from Kim Boniwit and Dave McConnel. She was told the one on the left, given in 2015, makes her a member of the Royal Order of the Bison, and the one on the right, in 2016, makes her the Princess of the Bison Tooth. Who says our volunteers don't have fun?

BOOKS WE RECOMMEND

The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt & The Fire That Saved America

"The forest reserves should be set apart forever for the use and benefit of our people as a whole and not sacrificed to the shortsighted greed of a few," President Theodore Roosevelt said in his first address to Congress. In his book *The Big Burn*, Timothy Egan tells the story of the impetus to save the National Forests in the wake of the most massive wildfire ever in the West. The heroism of forest rangers in saving entire towns from the Big Burn turned public opinion in favor of the conservation movement Roosevelt championed. Available at most bookstores and online booksellers.



Living Out Its Values: How TRMF Showed Me It Values Family

By Nick Letang



Nick Letang

"We are a family that values family" reads one of TRMF's Core Values. This value sounds nice and all, but what does it look like? And, more importantly, does TRMF put this value into action? As a seasonal employee, I would like to share a story about how TRMF showed me it values family.

My story has an unfortunate beginning: My friend Ira (pronounced Ear-Ah) was badly injured while riding her bike near the town of Medora this past June. Ira was a fellow TRMF employee who worked in the employee cafeteria at the new Bill and Jane Marcil Life Skills Center. As a Ukrainian student, this last summer was Ira's first time to the United States.

When she is not traveling, Ira studies English at the finest university in Ukraine. Ira was ecstatic to be in Medora. She did extensive research on the United States before traveling here and had plans to visit many of our country's most famous destinations, including the famous faces of Mount Rushmore, the wild of Yellowstone Park, and the bright lights of New York City. These plans, however, were put on hold the day Ira was injured.

Due to her condition, Ira was flown to the hospital in Bismarck. Her injuries would require several days in the ICU, multiple surgeries, and a one-month stay at Bismarck's Sanford Medical Center. Ira's most severe injury was the injury to her head. Due to this injury, Ira lost the ability to speak her fluent English, and she also struggled to speak in her native Ukrainian language.

If Ira's condition was a test of TRMF's resolve for its Values, the Foundation passed with flying colors. First, TRMF's handling of the situation was thoughtful and competent. Because Ira's doctors needed to communicate with her to understand the extent of her head injury, TRMF sent a Ukrainian-speaking employee to Bismarck to assist doctors. Also, since doctors needed a point person to aid in medical decisions, TRMF appointed Laurie Hatzenbuhler, a compassionate individual with extensive nursing experience. Laurie visited Ira nearly every day, helping to monitor Ira's condition and use her medical knowledge to assist doctors in making decisions.

Second, TRMF and its employees showed compassion and genuine concern for Ira. Employees quickly organized to raise nearly \$2,000 to help cover medical expenses. TRMF managers were flexible with scheduling, allowing for Ira's friends to travel to Bismarck to visit. On the day of Ira's biggest surgery, TRMF HR Director Chelsea Dicke

drove Ira's best friend to Bismarck so that Ira would not be alone pre- and post-surgery. Inna Melnychuk, a year-round Medora employee from Ukraine, prepared home-cooked Ukrainian food for Ira, in addition to updating Ira's parents of Ira's progress on a daily basis. By the end of Ira's stay in the hospital, numerous TRMF employees, including TRMF President Randy Hatzenbuhler, were able to visit Ira in the hospital and show their support.

After nearly a month in the hospital, Ira was able to return to Medora. Aided by the support of the TRMF family, Ira made a remarkable recovery. Her fluent English that had once escaped her returned, though her injury required that she rest for another two weeks upon returning to Medora. Despite the fact that only a month remained in the season, TRMF honored Ira's wishes to stay and work in Medora. Ira made the best use of this remaining time. Not only did she return to work, Ira was able to do all the things she had planned to do, including making trips to Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone Park, and a stop in New York City on her return flight home.

I commend the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation on how it handled Ira's situation; the Foundation showed me that its Values are more than just words. TRMF treated Ira as one would want to be treated: like family.

(Nick LeTang has worked numerous summers, in many different capacities for TRMF. He now studies law in Montana and, we're proud to say, is one example of the bright young people who spend time working and growing with us in Medora.)



Ira gives a "thumbs up" during her recovery at Sanford Medical Center in Bismarck.

Medora Gospel Brunch Is A Big



Gospel Brunch stars Candice Lively Wollan, Emily Walter, Carolyn Schmitz, and Chet Wollan, with Chad Willow on the piano.

“ Well, the locals really liked it. Some went two and three times. They thought it was not expensive for the quality of the performance. It was well received out here.

Personally, I enjoyed it a lot.” ”

Wally Owen

Medora



Chad Willow, Carolyn Schmitz and Ed Avila entertain with a gospel song.

“ It is wonderful—I can’t say enough nice things about Emily and Michael Martin. The best thing for me—the song “It Is Well With My Soul.” My baby brother, who’s in heaven now, used to sing that song. I sang along with all the other songs, but I cried during that one. Every time Bob and I went—I think we went four times—I felt like I had been to church.” ”

Jane Angerer



Candice Lively Wollan sings a gospel song, accompanied by Ed Avila on bass, while Michael Martin looks on.

“ We loved it. You know, it had a little bit of a story, a little history of gospel music, and that really added to the show. And there were so many familiar gospel songs.” ”

Bev Altringer

Dickinson

“ Bill was right . . . I am still singing songs from the Gospel Brunch! Is there any chance it was recorded? I would love a CD I could listen to at work. I would even send it to family members.” ”

Laurie Eisenbeis

Development Director

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The Medora Gospel Brunch was a big hit in its first season, playing to standing room only crowds most of the summer.

g Hit--It Will Return Next Year!



Emily Walter and Bill Sorensen, former hosts of the Medora Musical, were hosts of the new Medora Gospel Brunch in 2016.



Candice Lively Wollan, Emily Walter and Carolyn Schmitz share a song with the audience at the Medora Gospel Brunch.

“ Thank you so much for making our trip to Medora so special. I enjoyed the Musical and I have told everyone how much we enjoyed the new Gospel Brunch. We enjoyed it so much. Thank you! ”

Grace Link

Bismarck



Former North Dakota First Lady Grace Link (who turned 98 this summer), her son Harvey, and North Dakota's next governor, Doug Burgum, posed with Gospel Brunch host Bill Sorensen after the show on a beautiful Medora Sunday morning.

“ My mom, Teri Nelson, said that she was filling her car up with gas the other day in New Salem at the Cenex station out by the interstate and saw an older couple with a camper/motorhome also gassing up. She decided that she should go and talk to them and tell them about the Medora Gospel Brunch. So she goes up to them, introduces herself, finds out the couple is from Minnesota, and asks them if they've been to Medora and to the Gospel Brunch. Turns out, they had just come from Medora and LOVED the Gospel Brunch. And, mom said, the lady said, "And we got to sit with your former Governor and his wife, Ed and Nancy Schafer! We can't wait to go home and tell our friends that we sat with the former North Dakota Governor!" So the Medora Gospel Brunch experience will be promoted far and wide!” ”

Annika Plummer

Dickinson, former TRMF employee



The whole cast of the Medora Gospel Brunch. Front row: Ed Avila, Chad Willow, Marcus Bohn. Middle: Emily Walter, Carolyn Schmitz. Back: Chet Wollan, Bill Sorensen, Candice Lively Wollan, Michael Martin.

“ “It's the best thing that's happened in Medora since the golf course!” ”

Pat Altringer

Dickinson

Rod Tjaden Memorial Golf Tournament Provides Scholarships



The Rod Tjaden Memorial Golf Tournament was a big success again in 2016. Here are the winners. At left, the Low Gross team of Allen Shelley, Brett Erdmann, Nate Hill and Marv Feaks, representing the First International Bank and Trust of Watford City, pose with Joe Wiegand, Medora's own Theodore Roosevelt, who cheered the teams on with a shout of "Bully!" after every good shot, and Jenny Cook Wiegand, our "Beat The Pro" guest. At right is the Low Net team, The Horner Boys, Josh, Jesse, Justin and Randy Horner of Bismarck. Jenny, by the way, is a professional golfer and Joe's wife.

Proceeds from the annual Rod Tjaden Memorial Golf Tournament are used to provide scholarships to deserving TRMF seasonal employees. The following employees were awarded \$1,000 scholarships:

Ashley Bellendorf -- Medford, WI
Yusuf Cansizoglu -- Turkey
Becky Gliniecki -- Franklin, WI
Katie Hammel -- Valley Center, KS
Tyler Hering -- Tampa, FL
Sidney Jeffcoat -- Greenville, SC
Mandy Marboe -- Dickinson, ND
Majalisa -- Solen, ND
Kaitlyn Stickel -- Glendive, MT
Roman Yavorskyi -- Ukraine
John Flood -- Eden, WI
Conner Raymond -- Adrian, MI
Seth Logemann -- Turlock, CA
Jenna Nicholson -- Dawson, ND
Sara Wagener -- Schofield, WI
Benjamin Schuler -- Wishek, ND

A number of other scholarships were awarded this year to seasonal employees who were heading back to school in the fall. They included:

Tim Johnson Award - \$1,500

John Flood -- Eden, WI
Conner Raymond -- Adrian, MI

Winston Satran Award - \$500

Seth Logemann -- Turlock, CA

Wade Westin Award - \$500

Jenna Nicholson -- Dawson, ND
Sara Wagener -- Schofield, WI

Richard Johnson Education Award

Benjamin Schuler -- Wishek, ND

Don Hubbard Scholarship - \$1,500 - to be awarded to a ND University student

Katherine Koll -- Wimbledon, ND
Peter Simon -- Fargo, ND

Sheila Schafer Sunshine Award - \$1,500

Haily Citrowske -- Canby, MN

Shannon "Sunshine" Larson Scholarship - \$1,500

Alissa O'Dea -- Glendive, MT
Kristi Reuer -- Bismarck, ND

Dean Hildebrand Conservation Scholarship - \$1,500

Freddie-Leigh Geiger -- Glendive, MT



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Attention Summer Volunteers!

"We're now taking applications for the 2017 season. To learn more and to apply for next season, go to MEDORA.COM/Volunteer

You can see volunteer season options, details of the program, and can easily submit your application right there. You can print an application from there if you need to, but you can help us save money and time by using our easy web application. Apply today and we'll see you next summer!



Badlands Sunrise

Medora has some wonderfully generous friends. Former TRMF Board Member Bill Kingsbury, who, with his wife Joyce and their children have made a number of gifts to TRMF, captured this Badland sunrise in Theodore Roosevelt National Park with his camera early one morning, and donated a large print of it to TRMF to be used as a fundraising item. Last summer, during Roundup weekend in Medora, the print was purchased at an auction by Joe and Sandi Frenzel, who ranch along the Little Missouri River north of Medora, for \$4,000. And then they donated it back to the Foundation, to hang in the William and Jane Marcil Life Skills Center. We are grateful to Bill, Joe and Sandi, for their generosity.

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Sax Motor Donates Shuttle Van

Sax Motor Company in Dickinson provided a full sized van for us to use as a shuttle for employees in Medora this past summer. We wrapped it up a bit and kept it busy all summer. We're grateful to Christian Kostecky, general manager at Sax, for the generous gift. "Christian stepped up to provide the shuttle van bringing our

seasonal staff and volunteers from their work sites to the Life Skills Center and back," said TRMF Development Director Ron Stromstad. "His generosity and partnership proved invaluable to TRMF. We are deeply grateful for his support and love of Medora".



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A Magical Medora Christmas Returns

Back by popular demand, "A Magical, Musical Medora Christmas" will be on the road again this year, for 22 shows in 17 communities, opening in Fargo at the Avalon West Event Center on November 26.

The tour expands into Minnesota this year, and also will be performed twice in Medora, at the Old Town Hall Theater, on December 9 and 10, during Medora's Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas weekend, adding even more excitement to that annual winter weekend celebration in the Badlands.

"Bill, Emily and Jared created something very special in 2015," said TRMF President Randy Hatzenbuehler. "Though it was created to cap our 50th anniversary and celebrate our record year, it was quickly obvious that it



needed to be an annual show. We are excited to bring this heart-warming production to even more venues across North Dakota this holiday season."

Medora entertainers Emily Walter, Bill Sorensen, and Jared Mason starred in the show last year. This year they will be joined by former *Medora Musical* star Job Christenson, who will perform songs from his "Home For Christmas" CD.

The tour is sponsored by TRMF and Forum Communications. **The full tour schedule is below. Tickets and info is available at MEDORA.COM/**

DATE	CITY-VENUE-TIME	
Nov. 26	Fargo-Avalon West Event Center-Dinner Theatre. 6:00 pm	Dec. 8 Williston-Williston High School. 7:00 pm
Nov. 27	Fargo-Avalon West Event Center. 3:00 pm	Dec. 9 Medora-Old Town Hall Theater. 8:00 pm
Nov. 28	Grafton-St. Thomas High School. 7:00 pm	Dec. 10 Medora-Old Town Hall Theater. 3:00 pm
Nov. 29	Devils Lake-LRCC Robert Fawcett Auditorium. 7:30 pm	Dec. 11 Stanley-Sibyl Center. 4:00 pm
Nov. 30	Bottineau-James Howell Auditorium. 7:30 pm	Dec. 12 Hazen-Hazen High School Theater. 7:30 pm
Dec. 2	Ellendale-Trinity Bible College. 7:30 pm	Dec. 13 Valley City-VCSU Vangstad Auditorium. 7:30 pm
Dec. 3	Wahpeton-Stern Cultural Center-Bremer Bank Theater. 7:30 pm	Dec. 14 Jamestown-U. Of Jamestown Reiland Auditorium 7:30 pm
Dec. 4	Henning, MN-Henning High School. 4:00 pm	Dec. 15 Bismarck-Legacy High School Auditorium. 7:30 pm
Dec. 5	Grand Forks-Empire Arts Center. 7:30 pm	Dec. 16 Bismarck-Legacy High School Auditorium. 7:30 pm
Dec. 6	Grand Forks-Empire Arts Center. 7:30 pm	Dec. 17 Minot-MSU Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. 7:30 pm
Dec. 7	Watford City-Performing Arts Center. 7:00 pm	Dec. 18 Detroit Lakes, MN-Middle School Auditorium. 7:00 pm
		Dec. 19 Alexandria, MN-High School Performing Arts Center. 7:30 pm

Medora's Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN TRUE COWBOY STYLE! • MOSEY ON DOWN TO MEDORA DECEMBER 9-11!

Join us for "Eats on the Streets" as you leisurely stroll through Medora admiring the beautiful Christmas decorations and snow-capped buttes.

Friday Night: Oyster stew at the Cowboy Café, Veterans Memorial Service, Tree Lighting with Santa, *Medora's Magical Musial Christmas* at the Old Town Hall Theater

Saturday: Eats on the Streets, Kids Crafts, Hayrides, Kiddie Karnival, *Medora's Magical Musical Christmas* at the Old Town Hall Theater, Fireworks, Dance Contest

Sunday: Christmas Cookie Decorating with Santa, Outhouse Races, Ethnic Buffet at the Chateau deMores, Magic Show
For more information, call 701-623-4830, or go to www.medorand.com

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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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