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“Neighborly travel” is the ticket for 2006

By Randy Hatzenbuehler
President

Friends of Medora,

When you see the word “deeeelighted” or “Bully,” you picture those words being enthusiastically exclaimed with jaw jutting and teeth flashing by Theodore Roosevelt. He certainly must have felt that way when springtime hit the badlands. We can tell North Dakotans like springtime too – because the phones have been ringing steady with people making their plans for a Medora vacation. We are optimistic about the 2006 season.

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation celebrated its 20th birthday on April 6, 2006. It received an unexpected early present in January when *Golf Digest* named the Bully Pulpit Golf Course the **No. 1 Best New Affordable Public Golf Course in America**, a first for any course in North Dakota.

The *Medora Musical* has been honored in many ways over the years – covered by national magazines and noted by the Library of Congress as an “American Legacy Event.” The show’s greatest honor, though, is our wonderful, loyal audience. Its greatest strength is the setting and the people who work in the show. We are very proud that **Kinley Slauter, our theatre manager, was named the North Dakota Tourism Behind the Scenes Employee of the Year.** The award was presented by Governor Hoeven at the North Dakota Tourism Conference in Minot on May 1. The 2006 show will feature new specialty acts, a new host and the ever-present promise to be the “Greatest Show in the West.” Take advantage of a great “2 for 1” promotion during the whole month of June!



We encourage you to be part of a solution to the energy price challenge. North Dakota could become a model for the country for what we call “neighborly travel.” When you make your trip to the badlands, load up your buggy (or SUV) with a neighbor. It’s smart and friendly; and if enough people commit to “neighborly travel,” we could make a difference in the energy challenge. The rest of country could be saying, “We should do what those folks in North Dakota did.”

Thank you for your loyal patronage to Medora. We, too, are “deeeelighted” that spring has arrived and we look forward to serving you during your visit to the badlands.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TRMF!

Celebrating 20 years: 1986 - 2006

By Annika Nelson
Development Assistant

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation (TRMF) had its start on April 6, 1986, after Harold Schafer sold the Gold Seal Company to Airwick Industries and transferred his holdings in Medora to create the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, a non-profit, public foundation. Although once a dusty, deserted ghost town, Medora now shines as North Dakota's #1 Tourist Destination! The *Medora Musical*, Bully Pulpit Golf Course and intrigue of the badlands draws over 250,000 visitors each year to Medora.

Memories are made in Medora. Several TRMF employees kindly shared some of their own Medora Memories. Enjoy these memories they have shared with you - and we hope you will come to Medora year after year to make more memorable experiences and reminisce about the good times you had in Medora!

"We had an 'outhouse' as a set piece on stage (at the *Medora Musical*) and someone from the audience decided it was easier to use ours than climb all the way up to the top of the seating area and use the restroom, so she walked on stage and went in to use it. At some point she got out and went back to her seat. I'm sure she was upset that we had no toilet paper!"

Curt Wollan, Medora Musical Producer

"Medora is full of peace. It is one of the safest places in the world."

Most standard quote from International Workers

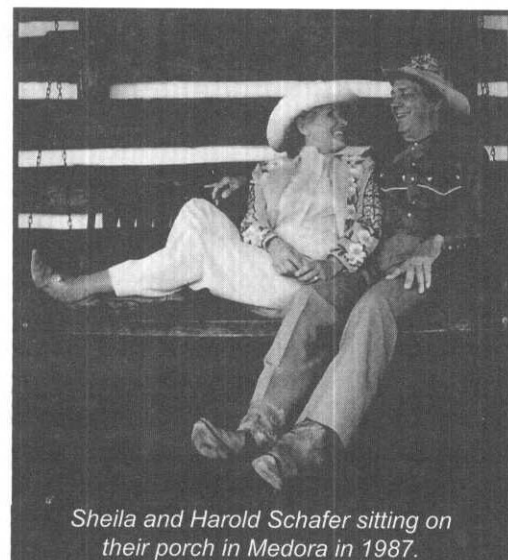
"Years ago, before the Tjaden Terrace was built, people used one hand to hold the plate down and one hand for the fork on account of the wind (at the Pitchfork Fondue). The coleslaw had to be stirred often. Was it because the coleslaw just had a lot of pepper?"

B.J. Ridl

"I have countless memories of the *Medora Musical*. One show I particularly remember included a set that nearly everyone's initial reaction was, 'That is horrible; you can't do that!' 'That' was having a spaceship fly across the stage, land, and have Elvis and a couple of aliens emerge. The scene was nearly chopped after the first two nights, but ended up becoming one of the most remembered and loved scenes over the years. The Musical is a variety show!"

Randy Hatzenbuehler

What Harold said when asked what he thought of the book (*Aristocrat of the West*, the biography about his life): "It's alright, but there's too darn much stuff in there about me."



Sheila and Harold Schafer sitting on their porch in Medora in 1987.

Medora managers were lamenting their fate of three straight rain-outs at the *Medora Musical* and were overheard saying, "Pray for no rain-out tonight." Harold's response: "Pray for important things, the weather will take care of itself."

Abby, our Pitchfork Fondue cook, told Winston Satran, TRMF Vice-President, this one day, "I found out that people in North Dakota are just like the people in Indonesia, which is halfway around the world from here."

"The huge bear you see at mini golf is quite a traveling bear. Before he was chained down, maintenance would get a call: 'We think we have your bear...' He has roamed to the west exit of Medora, the top of the Badlands Saloon (Pizza Parlor), Belfield High School and even Sandy Tjaden's shower!"

B.J. Ridl

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More Medora Memories...

What you are likely to hear when you walk by the Schafer residence in Medora: "Hello you wonderful people! Welcome to Medora!" with a hug from Sheila Schafer, followed by a statement like, "I am over 80 years old and I want to die from hugs!"

"We have a rule for the acts (at the *Medora Musical*) that we need to approve their costuming, especially the circus acts who tend to wear very little. We had a Russian family of acrobats and one of their bits was a life-size rag doll that was bent and twisted around by two male acrobats. It required a woman who was double-jointed inside the rag doll suit. At the end of the act, they would un-zip the doll suit and out would pop this beautiful lady! Her costume was chosen by us out of her wardrobe and it was no worse than a catalina swimsuit with a skirt...very conservative for our family show. One night she got to the theatre and her costume had been washed and it wasn't dry yet. She had to go on, so she grabbed another costume from her wardrobe. When they unzipped the rag doll suit, out popped this gorgeous woman wearing next to nothing, sort of like a thong and two sheer hankies discretely placed over her chest. There was a gasp and a hush, then wild applause."

Curt Wollan, Medora Musical Producer

"I remember Saturdays before the 'new' theatre was built in 1991-1992 when there was only general admission seating and the crowds would begin forming at the top of the theatre at 4:30 in the afternoon for a performance at 8:30 p.m. Ah, the good old days!"

Randy Hatzenbuehler

"Back in the 70s a bighorn sheep ewe showed up in the elk pasture. She buddied up with a raghorn bull and stayed with him throughout the summer. She eventually became part of the elk herd and lived with them until she died of old age in the mid-80s, by which time she was pure white. A year or so after her arrival, the herd had to undergo a health test in preparation for a sale I had arranged. The herd came into the corral and the ewe was right in the midst of them. When the first draft of elk was pushed toward the round pen, she led the way. I was concerned she might get trampled in the milling animals, as she was much smaller. There was no need to worry. When she entered the round pen, she angled up the side of the 8 foot high 2x8 wall, stood perfectly balanced on the edge of the top 2x8, looked around, and dropped off into one of the back pens. She was safe, out of the way, and gave us quite a demonstration of agility and balance!"

Denis Joyce



Harold was reading the new biography of his life, *Aristocrat of the West*, when a guest asked him what he was doing. He looked up from the page and replied, "Looks like I am in the Swiss Alps."

"Spirit of Work"

By Annika Nelson
Development Assistant

The changing of seasons - birds singing, trees blossoming and grass growing - signals to some people the start of the grilling season, baseball or time at the river. But for a large group of people affiliated with the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, it means volunteering in Medora!

TRMF is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers. They come from all over the country and they share a love of Medora, the badlands, the people, and North Dakota. It is through their commitment to Medora that we have started the "Spirit of Work" Quarters Campaign.

Our goal is to raise \$1.1 million dollars to build the "Spirit of Work" Quarters. This facility will house the volunteers for their eight-day stay in Medora and will feature a large gathering space for the volunteers to visit with each other, rest, relax and just simply enjoy the day. Other ideas for the quarters include a kitchen area, library/internet room, courtyard and standard and large suites.

"I think it's a great idea. The volunteers will appreciate it. We need to be a part of this. It'll be a convenient gathering place where the volunteers will get to know each other better," Millie Heins states. Millie is a three-year volunteer for TRMF and has generously contributed to the "Spirit of Work" Quarters campaign.

To date, we have raised \$418,125 for the campaign! That's 38% funded. In order to start building the facility, we need to be 75% funded.

It's exciting to be working on such a worthwhile project. The volunteers are awesome ambassadors for Medora and we appreciate their support! If you have any questions or would like more information about the project, contact Annika at 701-623-4444 or email her at annikan@medora.com.

Schedule of Events

2006

April 14	Bully Pulpit Golf Course OPENS!
May 27-28	Cowboy Poetry Gathering
June 2	Pitchfork Steak Fondue Nightly 6:30 p.m.
June 2	Behind the Scenes Tour Nightly 7:00 p.m.
June 2	Medora Musical Nightly 8:30 p.m.
June 4	TR Nat'l Park 52nd Annual Bird Walk
June 5	Red Hat Society Day in Medora
June 6	SENIORS Day Each Tuesday through August 29
June 7	KIDS Day Each Wednesday through August 30
June 7	Walking History Tour Daily 1:00 p.m. Wed., Sat. & Sun. 10:00 a.m. through August 13
June 9	Museum Theater - Murder and Mayhem Every Fri. 2:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. through August 13
June 9	Rod Tjaden Memorial Golf Tournament
June 10-11	Rough Rider Roundup
June 11	Ecumenical Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Public Welcome
June 14	Flag Day and All Horse Parade
June 15	Legislators Appreciation Day
June 23-24	Medora's Antique Classic Car Show
June 25	Bully Expedition - 4th Graders Day
July 1	Celebration Parade 3:30 p.m.
July 4	Independence Day Parade 3:30 p.m.
July 4	Fireworks Spectator Spectacular! Following the Medora Musical
July 9	Veteran's Day in Medora
July 9	24th Annual Burkhardt Country Western Concert 2:00 p.m.
July 14-24	Fossil Dig in Medora
July 30	The Special Consensus Bluegrass Band Workshop 2:00 p.m. Concert 4:00 p.m.
Aug. 5	ND Cowboy Hall of Fame Ceremony
Aug. 6	Home on the Range Champions Ride Rodeo at Sentinel Butte
Aug. 27-28	Harold Schafer Founders Society
Sept. 3	Medora Musical Final Show and Fireworks Extravaganza
Sept. 4	Burning Hills Bash featuring the Medora Musical's cast members 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 9-10	Badlands Appreciation Weekend
October 15	Bully Pulpit CLOSSES
Nov. 10	Wildlife Feed in Medora
Dec. 1-3	Cowboy Christmas



Hold on to your hats - the "Red Hatters" are invited to the "Razzle Dazzle Roundup" in Medora June 5, 2006!

Grab your red hat, a couple friends and head to Medora June 5 for a special Red Hat Society Day!

This fun-loving group can enjoy tea on the Doll House lawn, buggy rides with Cowboy Lyle around town and photos with true western heroes - horses!

Other activities include: "Bully," the Play at the Old Town Hall Theater, the Pitchfork Steak Fondue at the Tjaden Terrace, and the "Greatest Show in the West," the Medora Musical. A special Red Hat breakfast is also scheduled for the morning of June 6.

Red Hatters receive 15% off lodging, the Pitchfork Fondue, "Bully," the Play, and the Medora Musical on June 5. Call 1-800-MEDORA-1 (800-633-6721) and ask to speak with Doug. Hope to see you there!

ARIZONA DAYS

By Laurie Hatzenbuehler
Development Coordinator

One hundred and seven friends of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation joined us for fun in Mesa, Arizona on March 6 and 7. Burt and Ethie Hoovestol hosted a social and reception at their home. Iona Hegel played keyboard and Nancy Lillis led us in an old-fashioned sing-a-long. It was a delightful evening! Thanks to all who attended and especially Burt and Ethie for their wonderful hospitality.



Orrin Holen, Ethie Hoovestol, Fred Lemke, Burt Hoovestol and Millie Lemke enjoy Arizona Days festivities.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT:

ACCIDENTAL PRESIDENT AND COWBOY

By Clay Jenkinson

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

The following essay is just a small excerpt from Clay's forthcoming Theodore Roosevelt in the Dakota Badlands: An Historical Guide. Jointly published by Dickinson State University and the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, the 96-page book will be published in early June 2006.

The national leader of the Republican Party, Mark Hanna of Ohio, had warned against nominating Theodore Roosevelt to the Vice Presidency in 1900. "Don't any of you realize that there's only one life between this madman and the Presidency?"

He was right about Roosevelt's proximity to the Presidency, wrong about Roosevelt's mental state. Roosevelt was a hectic, impulsive, aggressive private citizen, but he turned out to be an extremely prudent President. The "cowboy" won the Nobel Peace Prize for his intervention in the Russo-Japanese War.

Roosevelt was propelled into the Vice Presidency for three reasons. First, he was a rising national political figure, immensely popular throughout the United States. He later said, in truth, that he "rose like a rocket." Second, he was a deeply ambitious man with his eye on the White House, and he knew that he had to keep himself in the public eye if he expected to win the Presidency in 1904. His friend Henry Cabot Lodge agreed that the Vice Presidency was a pretty dreary job for a man of action and ambition, but he said, "It gives you a position in the eyes of the country second only to that of the President." Third, the Republican bosses in New York (where he was governor) were tired of his reformist leadership, and they wanted to kick him upstairs and get rid of him, perhaps once and for all.

After the Republican National Convention nominated Roosevelt for the Vice Presidency in June 1900, Senator Hanna wrote to his old friend President McKinley, "Your duty to the Country is to live for four years from next March." Hanna wasn't amused, or even bemused, when he uttered these words. He was worried. He feared that the nation's destiny might be put into the hands of an immature man, even perhaps a reckless one.

In November 1900, McKinley was re-elected President over his Democratic opponent William Jennings Bryan

of Nebraska. Roosevelt, as Vice President, presided over the United States Senate for five days before it recessed.

Then it happened. William McKinley was assassinated in September 1901 in Buffalo, New York.

Now Hanna barked, "Now look, that damned cowboy is President of the United States."

Cowboy meant something different in 1900 from the romantic associations it carries today. The first President to use the term, Grover Cleveland, had employed it in a decidedly pejorative sense. "Cowboy" meant someone at the edge of the law, someone likely to take the law into his own hands, one prone to shoot first and ask questions later, a transient without serious or permanent ties to the well-being of any community.

Along with his friends Frederic Remington and Owen Wister, Theodore Roosevelt helped to create the modern mythology of the American West, and to lift the cowboy out of social marginality and into the center of the nation's romance with its frontier past. Roosevelt helped to make the cowboy attractive, partly by writing romantically about the cowboy's stoic virtues, and partly by doing everything in his power to become one himself. He recognized that "cowboy" meant discipline, hard work, uncomplaining dedication to getting the job done, courtliness unless provoked, a precise sense of honor that had ties to the old code duello, and a preference for action over talk. In short, Roosevelt believed that he was a better man and a better leader for being a cowboy. He did not make any attempt to distance himself from his Dakota experiences or habits. He invited Rough Riders and cowboys to dine with him in the White House, and he packed a gun when he traveled around the country in his official capacity as President.

Theodore Roosevelt was America's first cowboy President. The things that mark him as a great man and great President, the things that led Gutzon Borglum to carve his visage on Mount Rushmore, are closely allied with the lessons Roosevelt learned in the badlands of what became North Dakota.

Mark Hanna thought he was belittling Roosevelt to call him "cowboy." Roosevelt rightly understood that it was a badge of honor.

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Check out special deals and the calendar of events. Buy *Medora Musical* and Pitchfork Fondue tickets. Book lodging for your trip. Download job applications or apply online. There is a wealth of information on the website - log on and explore - and plan your Medora vacation!

Medora Musical
WHERE THE WEST KICKS UP ITS HEELS

KIDS DAY

Grab the kids and head out to Medora for some real Western fun! Every Wednesday from June 7 through August 30 is Kids Day. A slate of activities keeps kids busy during the day and then all kids, entering grades 2-12 in the fall, receive a *Medora Musical* ticket for only \$5 + tax when accompanied by their parents or grandparents. It's a deal that can't be beat! Join us for Kids Day on Wednesdays - family fun at its finest!

SENIORS DAY

Every Tuesday from June 6 through August 29 is Seniors Day. Anyone age 55 or older receives 15% off *Medora Musical* and Pitchfork Fondue tickets, as well as TRMF lodging (Badlands Motel, Rough Riders Hotel and The Bunkhouse). Join us in Medora on Tuesdays!

Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones! This summer, Medora is gearing up for its second fossil dig!

In 2005, Dr. John Hoganson and Brett Woodward (North Dakota Geological Survey) led a scientific, professionally conducted fossil excavation in the badlands a few miles from Medora. They dug up all kinds of bones, including crocodile, champsosaur, turtle and fish fossils. This year, they hope to uncover and learn more about the ancient creatures that were in the badlands thousands of years ago. The dig will be held July 14-24, 2006.



Bully THE PLAY

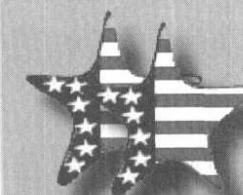
By Kinley R. Slauter
Amphitheatre Manager

"Bully," the Play will celebrate its 15th Anniversary in a new home. The forty-five minute one-act play highlighting Theodore Roosevelt's life will take place in the **Old Town Hall Theater**.

Performances for the show have always been held at the Schafer Auditorium in Medora's Community Center since the play had its start in 1991. The decision to move the production to the Old Town Hall Theater was made last fall when the *Medora Musical* Review Committee was looking for ways to establish one central entertainment venue in downtown Medora.

Also new to the show this year will be Clark Cruikshank, the actor who has been selected to portray Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Cruikshank is a member of the Actors' Equity Association, the primary union of actors and stage managers. Cruikshank's role in "Bully" marks the first Actor's Equity Association contract in North Dakota since its creation in 1913.

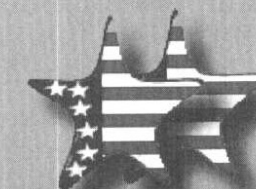
Performances will be held daily at 4:00 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at the Badlands Motel, Harold Schafer Heritage Center, Medora Campground and the Old Town Hall Theater.



GIFT CERTIFICATES

Need a great gift for that hard-to-buy-for person? Get a gift certificate! Give them a gift that introduces them to western charm and hospitality. Use the certificate for the *Medora Musical*, Bully Pulpit Golf Course, Pitchfork Fondue or lodging in Medora.

Call **1-800-MEDORA-1**
(800-633-6721).

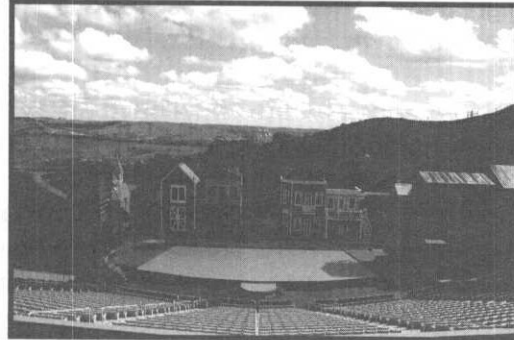


THE GREATEST SHOW IN THE WEST...

PREPARES TO KICK UP ITS HEELS!

By Kinley R. Slauter
Amphitheatre Manager

Spring is always an exciting time in Medora. Preparation that has been ongoing since the close of last season is starting to pay off. The seasonal employees begin to arrive. Very vocal geese that flew south over Medora last fall are now making the return trip north for the summer. This excitement is probably more evident at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre than anywhere. We get updates almost daily from the office of the *Medora Musical* Producer, Stagewest Entertainment.



The first official word usually involves the selection of the featured entertainment for the show. Scheduling of the variety acts this year has changed somewhat. The **Mapapa African Acrobats** will be the first featured attraction for the entire season. This troupe is considered to be the finest of its kind in Kenya. This will be their first appearance on the Amphitheatre stage and they are the first variety act to appear for the entire season since Victor Julian and his Little Stars, a now legendary dog act that performed the entire length of our season from 1970 through 1978.

The cast for the 2006 *Medora Musical* has also been selected. Five Burning Hills Singers call North Dakota home. Levi Andrist of Crosby is back for his third season, Tiffany Meier of Fargo returns for year number four, and Lacey Perhus of Marshall is back for her third season; Bethany Orn of Wimbeldon and Allie Schauer of West Fargo are newcomers this season. In all, nine of the total 12 Burning Hills Singers have been here for at least two seasons.



The Coal Diggers are also returning with five out of the six having played for the show in the past. Dale Given will host this year's

show and Clark Cruikshank will portray Theodore Roosevelt.

Guests who were in town last July 4 or attended the *Medora Musical*'s closing performance last season might remember a spectacular fireworks display produced by RES specialty pyrotechnics. Following their tremendous reception, RES has agreed to return with a display for downtown Medora on July 4 and not one – but two – finales for the show's closing weekend. Performances Saturday, September 2 and Sunday, September 3 will be followed by the professional displays.

If you're looking for savings when you attend the *Medora Musical* this season you're encouraged to check out one of our great promotions. Watch newspapers and listen to radio ads for savings in June. All season, Tuesdays are Seniors Day and Wednesdays are Kids Day and, if you wish to come several times, perhaps the greatest savings is the season pass, available wherever *Medora Musical* tickets are sold. If you're looking for more than tickets to the show, consider making a night of it by adding the "Behind the Scenes" tour or a delicious Pitchfork Fondue steak.

FEATURED SPECIALTY ACTS

First Featured Attraction

June 2 - September 3:

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Second Featured Attractions

June 2 - June 24:

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June 25 - July 17:

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July 18 - August 10:

ROSS BENNETT

Loaded with Laughs

August 11 - September 3:

TOM "MURPH" MURPHY

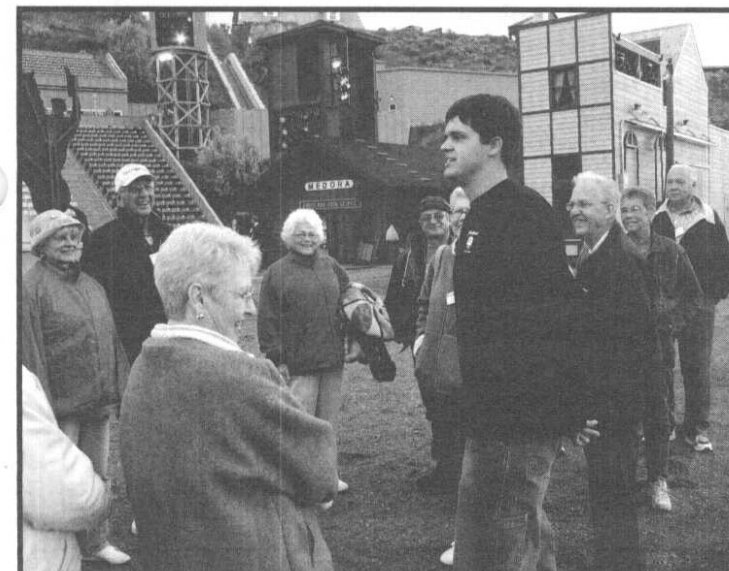
Offbeat Physical Antics

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE BURNING HILLS AMPHITHEATRE

By Kinley Slauter
Amphitheatre Manager

This summer marks the second season of the "Behind the Scenes" tour of the Burning Hills Amphitheatre. Created last year in celebration of the 40th Anniversary and to "show-off" the theater's redesigned set, this tour was a big hit.

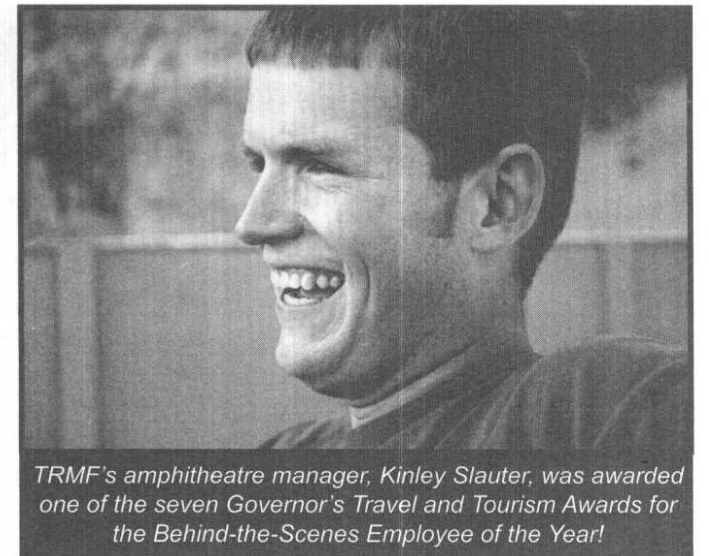
Guests enjoyed getting an exclusive look at what goes into the nightly performances and hearing about the history of the Amphitheatre and the creation of the show back in 1965. One of the highlights is when ticket holders are led through the dressing room and support area under the stage. Remarks like, "I had no idea this was here" and "I just didn't think so much went into the show" are often heard.



Tour guide Bradley Auch stops just behind the stage to point out some fun, historical facts about the Burning Hills Amphitheatre and *Medora Musical*.

This season the "Behind the Scenes" tour will be offered every evening. The tour begins at 7:00 p.m. nightly near the top of the Amphitheatre's escalator and lasts approximately 45 minutes. Tickets can be purchased at all *Medora Musical* ticketing locations or by calling 1-800-MEDORA-1 (800-633-6721).

Medora Musical



TRMF's amphitheatre manager, Kinley Slauter, was awarded one of the seven Governor's Travel and Tourism Awards for the Behind-the-Scenes Employee of the Year!

Congratulations!

An excerpt from the North Dakota Department of Commerce - Tourism Division - Press Release dated May 1, 2006:

"Tourism is North Dakota's second-largest industry and accounts for more than \$3 billion in economic activity each year," said Governor Hoeven. "My congratulations to these award winners for the great job they are doing for our state's economy."

Kinley Slauter ... As the manager of the Burning Hills Amphitheatre in Medora, Slauter directs the stage crew and calls backstage cues, ensuring that the *Musical* runs smoothly. In addition, he prepares and maintains the amphitheatre each year. Thanks to his professionalism, keen eye for detail, and dedication, visitors have an outstanding experience when they visit Medora and the *Medora Musical*.

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NEW DIRECTORS JOIN TRMF BOARD



Twylah Blotsky

Twylah Blotsky was born and raised in North Dakota. She went to school in West Fargo and then attended the University of North Dakota for a degree in accounting. She has worked for the family business, Butler Machinery Company, since she was a young girl mowing the lawn around the corporate headquarters. She has held various positions in the company to develop her leadership ability. Along with her position as a Six Sigma Black Belt, she directs several departments in the corporate headquarters. Twylah and her brother, Dan, are the third generation owners of the family business.

Along with a busy work schedule, Twylah makes time for the many important issues in her life, such as PTA involvement, a leadership role in a local Cub Scout Pack, and volunteering in many of her son's sports activities. She is a strong advocate for providing opportunities for children and believes that living in North Dakota is a great place to raise kids and offers them chances for positive growth.

When she finds time for her own hobbies, they include spending time with her husband and two boys, cheering for her sons while they play hockey, scrap-booking, and of course, her spring and fall annual horse rides in the badlands. Twylah also enjoys traveling to experience our nation but is always glad to come back home to North Dakota.

Jay C. Clemens

Jay C. Clemens is Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at eBay, Inc., the world's largest online trading community. At eBay, Jay is responsible for legal matters related to the company's domestic and international marketplace businesses, including the eBay, Shopping.com, Rent.com, and Kijiji platforms. Prior to joining eBay, Jay was Director of International Legal Affairs at VeriFone, Inc., a subsidiary of the Hewlett-Packard Company. He joined eBay after working as an associate in the San Francisco office of Baker & McKenzie, an international law firm.



Jay was born in Bismarck and graduated from Mandan Senior High School in 1978. He received an A.B. in Asian Studies, summa cum laude, from Dartmouth College in 1982. After graduating from Dartmouth, Jay attended Beijing Normal University in the People's Republic of China under a James B. Reynolds Fellowship for International Study. During his time in China, Jay studied contemporary Chinese fiction and played minor roles in numerous long forgotten Chinese movies. After returning to the U.S., he attended Harvard Law School, graduating cum laude in 1986. In recent years, Jay has served as an adjunct professor at Hastings Law School in San Francisco and the Haas Business School at U.C. Berkeley.

Jay and his wife, Carolyn, live in Hillsborough, California, and have two children, Nathaniel and Abigail.



John J. Simmons

John J. Simmons is chairman and chief executive officer of the Bismarck-based Carbontec Energy Corporation in Bismarck, a developer of technology for coal and the coal-fired electrical generation industry.

Simmons holds more than a dozen energy, coal, wood products, chemical, oil-spill cleanup, and other patents in the United States, Canada, Australia, South Africa, Germany, the United Kingdom, Japan, and other countries. Carbontec's synthetic coal technologies are used at coal production plants in Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. The company also owns a major interest in a number of other energy-related companies.

Simmons is also chairman and chief executive officer of Thermo Technologies, LLC: a Bismarck company that develops and markets super-absorbent, fire-retardant polymers for the fire suppression and fire protection industry. He has developed products and technology to extinguish oil-well fires and clean up oil spills, floodwater, and sludge.

A St. Ambrose Catholic High School graduate, Simmons majored in metallurgical engineering at Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI, graduating summa cum laude.

John and Nancy Simmons still live in the same house in Bismarck. Their five children graduated from St. Mary's High School and four live in the Bismarck area.

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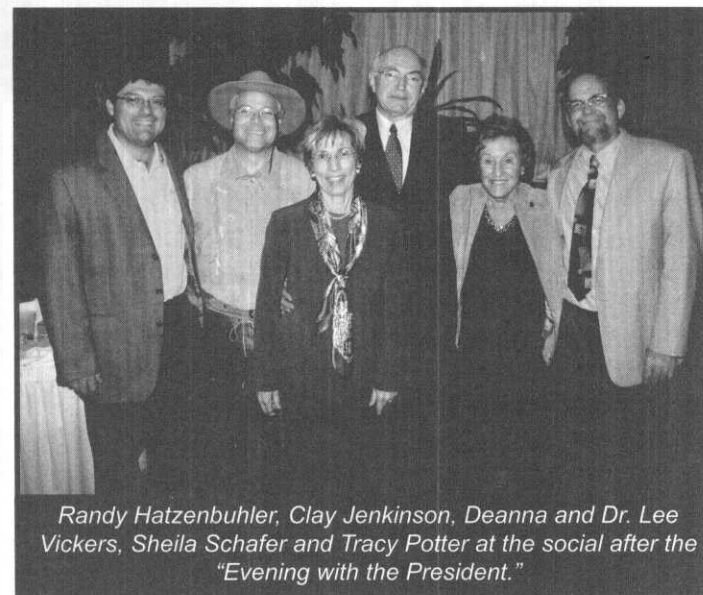
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Randy Hatzenbuehler, Clay Jenkinson, Deanna and Dr. Lee Vickers, Sheila Schafer and Tracy Potter at the social after the "Evening with the President."

On April 11, over 700 people gathered at the Belle Mehus Auditorium to hear "An Evening With the President." The guests enjoyed a rousing portrayal of Theodore Roosevelt performed by noted historian Clay Jenkinson. A reception was held immediately following the event. Clay is jointly working with Dickinson State University and the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. This summer, he will have a special presentation at Rough Rider Roundup.

*"How can we do our job better than yesterday?
Better than a year ago?
Better than five years ago?
We continually strive to improve!"*

Randy Hatzenbuehler

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the family of Ray Anderson. Ray portrayed Theodore Roosevelt in "Bully," the Play and the *Medora Musical* from 1997-2005. He passed away in December.

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**

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.

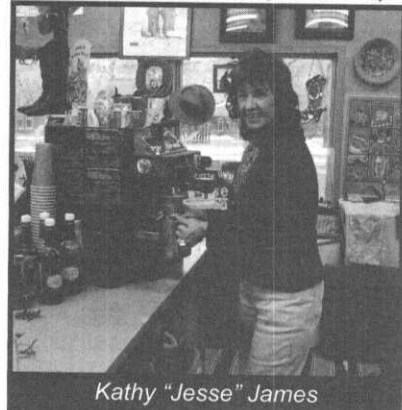
SERVE the traveling public, providing for their comfort while visiting Historic Medora and Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

JAMES GANG JAVA

By Annika Nelson
Development Assistant

Java, gifts and cowgirl tales! One step into James Gang Java and you'll smell the rich, flavorful aroma of coffee, hear old cowboy tunes softly playing in the background, and see a myriad of western products lining the walls and inside of the store.

This year marks the seventh year that Kathy "Jesse" James has had her java shop in Medora. "I've been a



Kathy "Jesse" James

coffee drinker since I was a kid bringing coffee out to the hayfield on the ranch," Jesse remarks, "My sister was an encouragement to me to start this shop."

Jesse James, the outlaw? "I was a junior in college and my biology partner started calling me Jesse," James laughs, "And this business was a great way to use the name!"

Jesse loves to tell people about the area surrounding Medora and its history. "There's mysticism out in the hills," she says with a smile.

James Gang Java has the flavor of Medora in the store, with western souvenirs, Pride of Dakota items (including Fresh Cab and Thunderbird Ranch products), a nice line of cards, great selection of CDs and much more! She also offers quality coffees, espressos, lattes, cappuccinos, iced coffees and fruit smoothies.

The shop is open 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. seven days a week.

THE BUNKHOUSE VACATION PACKAGE

- Medora Musical
- Pitchfork Fondue
- Attraction Pass
- Lodging

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*Sunday-Thursday
*Plus Tax

CHATEAU NUTS

By Annika Nelson
Development Assistant

You may hear of a "nut shack" or a "nut hut," but that's not what you'll find in Medora. Instead, you'll find "Chateau Nuts," a quaint shop in Medora that has every kind of nut imaginable!

Norma Myers decided to start Chateau Nuts twenty years ago. She had been living away from Medora but wanted to return to the quality of life and clean air of North Dakota. "Medora is of the heart," Norma says, and she jumped at the opportunity to set up shop in the badlands.

Why nuts? "Nuts are great for people with limited budgets as they can be used as a treat and as a substitute for a meal. They're also nice for a snack in a car, they keep well, and they're great as gifts for people as a hostess gift," Norma explains, "And hikers and bikers love them, too." You can find almonds, pecans, macadamias, filberts, and soy nuts in addition to an array of seeds, dried fruits and raisins in her store. Some of her most popular nuts are the butter toffee, chicory smoked and cinnamon almonds.



Norma Myers

This lovely lady opens her shop seven days a week, with the doors only closed for church service. Norma loves making friends and visiting with a variety of different people, so stop in, grab a treat and visit a spell.

TRIPLE CHALLENGE

Golf North Dakota's three legendary courses and save!

Purchase the **Triple Golf Challenge** and play an 18-hole round at Bully Pulpit near Medora, Hawktree Golf Club near Bismarck, and The Links of North Dakota near Williston for one low price. **That's three green fees for just \$119.05 (plus tax)!**

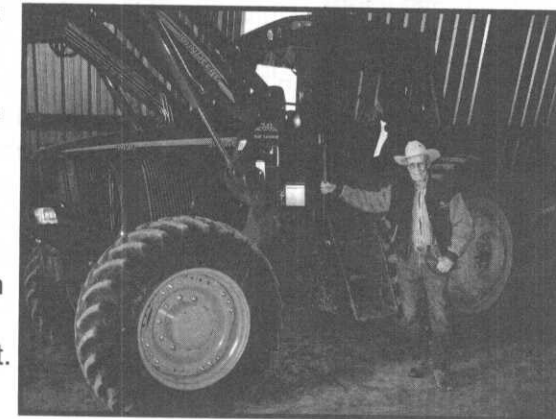
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A THANK YOU TO OUR DONOR... HAROLD "BILLY" RASE

By Annika Nelson
Development Assistant

Meeting with Harold "Billy" Rase is always an enjoyable experience. It's a sure thing to get a strong handshake, a pat on the back, a wide smile and, if you're lucky, a big bear hug. His eyes twinkle underneath his cowboy hat and you're likely to find him in jeans and a western shirt. His jaunty walk and hearty handshake belie his age of eighty-six. Billy is no stranger to hard work; in fact, you can still find him helping out the neighbors hauling bales with his shiny John Deere tractor!



A rancher by trade, Billy grew up in the Grassy Butte, ND area, just west of the Killdeer Mountains and south of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park North Unit and the badlands. His ranch house is nestled in the hills following a long scoria road. This environment has cultivated many a story for Billy, who is a natural storyteller. His stories are endless and always a treat to hear.

Billy and his family have strong ties to Medora and the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation (TRMF). Billy's dad donated to TRMF when it was created back in 1986, and they've been strong supporters ever since. This year, Billy is one of the Kids Day sponsors at the *Medora Musical*. "The Musical entertains and teaches kids something other than drugs and alcohol. If there's anything I can do for the kids of the country, I'm glad to do it," Billy remarked with pride.

The beautiful country and friendly, sociable people draw Billy to Medora every summer. "I hit it off with most people," Billy says, "And the Medora Foundation is a good, clean organization. It has brought millions into the state and there are so many people to meet! If you speak to someone, they'll speak to you."

Billy has been involved with a variety of different organizations, including Rotary, Farm Bureau and Soil Conservation. Billy has also used his talents as a constable, barbershop singer and square dancer!

His down-to-earth nature draws people to him. His ear-to-ear grin is sure to make you grin, too. He jokes about his age, and just says, "There must be something the Good Lord wants me to do!" An instant friend and an honest-to-goodness neighbor, Billy epitomizes the Western spirit.

Harold Schafer Heritage Center

By Annika Nelson
Development Assistant

Visit the Harold Schafer Heritage Center on your next trip to Medora! Although Medora was once a ghost town, Harold Schafer, through his generosity, fun-loving spirit and enthusiasm, changed the face of Medora and helped make it what it is today.



The Harold Schafer Heritage Center highlights Harold's love and commitment for Medora while also giving visitors a glimpse into his fascinating life.

Remember "Glass Wax," "Mr. Bubble" and "Snowy Bleach?" You'll learn

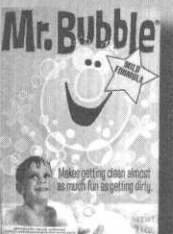


more about these products, and Harold's Gold Seal Company, at this FREE museum.

The Center also features the Sheila Schafer Art Gallery. Each summer, a new artist is featured. This year, Robert Meyer, an award winning photographer, will have his work showcased at the Center. Meyer lives in Los Angeles, California.

The Schafer Center also has a wonderful eight-minute video about Harold Schafer. The ticket office for Medora attractions, including the *Medora Musical* and Pitchfork Fondue, is housed at the Center.

The Harold Schafer Heritage Center is open from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Admission: FREE

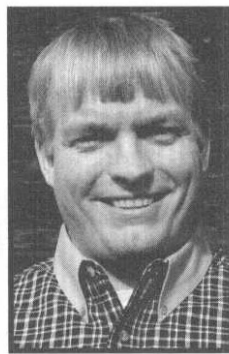


TRMF CONTINUES TO GROW



Laura Eastgate is excited about her new position as Housekeeping Manager. Laura's employment began with a seasonal position in housekeeping. Her energy, attention to detail and need to be busy makes her a perfect fit for this position. Laura

grew up in Coon Rapids, MN. She has three children: Nathan, Angela and Jessica; three grandchildren: Miranda, Nathan Jr. and Brianna and another grandbaby on the way. Laura enjoys curling up with a good book and working on her computer in her spare time.



Nicholaus Teske is adapting quickly to his new position as the Information Technology Manager. Nicholaus is a 2005 graduate of North Dakota State University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science; he also holds an Associates degree in Computer Science from the North Dakota State College of Science.

Nicholaus grew up on a farm north of Scranton, ND. When Nicholaus isn't working on computers at work he is working on them at home. He calls his home computer his baby.

The new Superintendent at Bully Pulpit is Kyle Fick. He hails from Ashby, Minnesota and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus, with a bachelors of science degree in Environmental Horticulture, emphasizing in landscape design and turfgrass management. Kyle enjoys spending time in the great outdoors and dabbles in woodworking projects, including building a canoe! Kyle also says that every now and then he tries to get in a round of golf.



Jim Stegmiller is the new full-time mechanic at Bully Pulpit. Jim was born in Bismarck but raised in Flasher. He has spent his career working for different implement dealers and developing his skills in autobody work. He has been an entrepreneur in Dickinson, owning his own autobody shop. Last summer, Jim was a part-time employee

for Bully Pulpit. Jim enjoys fishing as well as bowling in his free time, and tries to squeeze in a round of golf now and then.

TR WISDOM



"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

Theodore Roosevelt

ROUGH RIDER ROUNDUP

By Laurie Hatzenbuehler
Development Coordinator

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 10 AND 11!

The Sixteenth Annual Rough Rider Roundup, a weekend of activities for *Medora 1,000 Club* members of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11, 2006.

Roundup activities officially start at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday with a welcome luncheon and short program at the Medora Community Center. After the luncheon, participants are free to enjoy Medora attractions. The evening highlights include a social, the famous Pitchfork Fondue, Sensational Sunset Desserts and the *Medora Musical*.

Sunday begins with the Ecumenical Worship Service in the Burning Hills Amphitheatre. Nancy Jones Schafer will offer the message at this year's service. It is truly an inspiring service in a spectacular setting, beginning at 9:30 a.m. A brunch will follow the service at the Medora Community Center.

Often we are asked, "How do we become part of the Roundup?" The answer is, "By becoming a member of the *Medora 1,000 Club*." All contributors making cumulative gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation are *Medora 1,000 Club* members.

The general public is invited to be in Medora during the Roundup weekend, particularly for the Sunday morning Ecumenical Service.

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YOUR GIFT enables the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation to move forward with its mission, responding to the challenges of the present, and preparing for future opportunities to enhance the "*Medora Experience*."

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