



*Theodore Roosevelt*  
MEDORA FOUNDATION

# ROUGH RIDER REVIEW

## THEN SUMMER CAME...

**By Randy Hatzenbuehler**  
TRMF President



Dear Friends of Medora,

Why did Theodore Roosevelt say that he learned so much during his time in the Badlands and from the people who lived in "Dakota"?

Historians and students dig deep into his writings and books written about him and become expert on the subject.

The answer might be found in the winter and spring of 2009. North Dakota was pounded by snow and rising rivers and creeks during the spring. Damage and suffering was incurred in communities across the state. Yet, the story that dominated the national news was the spirit of cooperation and the determination of the people of our state to do everything possible to avert and minimize the natural disaster of widespread flooding. Maybe that is what TR saw in the people

while he was here and was what he had in mind when he coined the term "Bully Spirit".

Summertime is a celebration in Medora of that spirit and TR's life. We hope you'll find time to join us for a couple of days in the Badlands. Phase I of the renovation and expansion at the Historic Rough Riders Hotel will be complete and we are thrilled to invite guests into the beautiful new lounge and dining room. Our jobs allow us to "work" at the Medora Musical, Pitchfork Fondue, and Bully Pulpit Golf Course and to head into the Theodore Roosevelt National Park on a weekly basis. And now we have a great conference center! That's not bad.

As an organization we lost a great friend and employee with the passing of "Gentleman Wade Westin". Thank you to the amazing number of people who extended their prayers and condolences. We are choosing to have a great year in 2009 as the best way to honor our friend.

One of the best things about winter in North Dakota is we get to look forward to our amazing summers. Well, summer is coming and we can't wait to serve and entertain you in Medora!

*Randy Hatzenbuehler*

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Wade,

Your  
wonderful life touched  
so many of ours.  
Our lives are better  
because we knew you.  
We are so sad to say  
goodbye, but we rejoice  
knowing that you are  
safe at home with your  
Heavenly Father.

As you sang so many  
nights at the Musical,  
“it’ll only be a  
while until we  
see your smile.”

Until we meet again,  
Happy Trails.

With Love,

Your Family at the  
Theodore Roosevelt  
Medora Foundation

In Loving Memory of  
**Wade Westin**





# UNDER HAROLD'S HAT

**Sharing information about Harold Schafer and his vision and ideas for Medora**

*It's fun to look through old newspaper clippings in the TRMF and Gold Seal Company files.  
Here's a few little gems we pulled out this winter.*



**"I think Harold Schafer did a fantastic job for the city of Medora. He took his money and he built this city. I just hope there's enough who follow Harold's line of thinking when he can't do it any more. We wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Gold Seal."**

*-Betty Golberg, operator of the Red Trail Campground, Bismarck Tribune, July 21, 1985*

**"I think that's why he is putting it (Medora) in a foundation—it's perpetual. That's his legacy to North Dakota. Young people will always have a place to work. When most famous people pass on—let's say he's famous—they're recognized with a statue or cement monument. This is his statue—Medora."**

*-Zeke Lazorenko, former Medora City Councilman, Grand Forks Herald, February 1, 1987*

**"(Medora) was never an attempt to make money. It was an investment in charity."**

*-Harold Schafer, Grand Forks Herald, February 1, 1987*

**"Medora shows what can be accomplished by the dedication of a single individual who is willing to devote time, energy and resources to a goal. (Harold) Schafer and Gold Seal have done a good job, creating what is probably the premier visitor attraction in the state."**

*-Mike Maidenbergh, Publisher, Grand Forks Herald, July 1985*

**"I am an optimistic guy and I feel that we will get out of this recession. The American people elected a new president on the basis that some**

**changes were needed in the way we were doing things. I think we are moving in the right direction . . . Until we have a balanced budget, we can't start paying off our deficits. I hope the people will accept the challenge—the challenge to pay off the national debt, even at the rate of 1 per cent a year. That would take 100 years at that rate. But we could do it if we are determined to do it."**

*-Harold Schafer, Fargo Forum, Feb. 20, 1983*

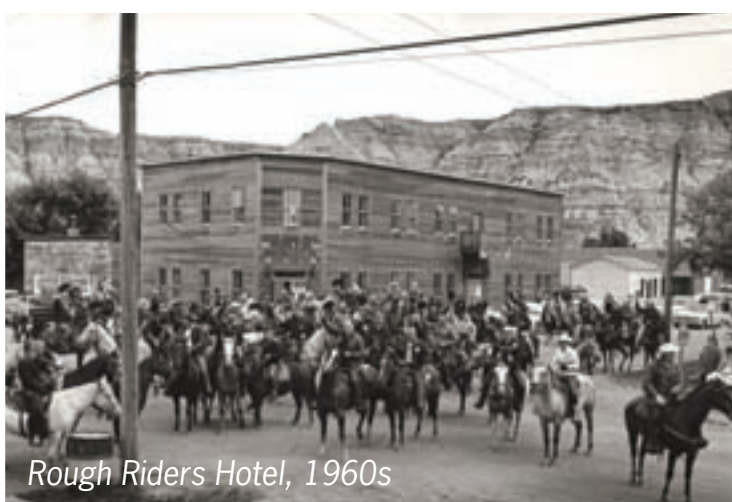




# Rough Riders Hotel Reopens in June



*Rough Riders Hotel, 1880s*



*Rough Riders Hotel, 1960s*

**By Mike Beaudoin**

*Rough Riders Hotel General Manager*

**W**ait until you see what we did to the Rough Riders Hotel this winter! The renovation of the historic hotel went on despite the harshest winter in recent memory, and the contractor tells us we'll be open in June.

What's most exciting is the visual aspect of the property. We've got photos of horseback riders in front of the hotel when it first opened in the 1880s, and again when Harold

Schafer rebuilt it in 1965, and if we put horseback riders in front of the hotel today (okay, we'd have to move a little construction equipment first), you wouldn't know the difference!

Inside, our design recreates the late 1800s. The décor is very period appropriate. The fireplace will be the focal point in the restaurant, which now occupies the entire first floor of the hotel. The fireplace bricks came from the North Dakota State Capitol Building that burned down in 1930—turns out Harold bought a few pallets of them more than 40 years ago and had them in storage all this time. The fireplace turned out beautifully, with oak trim and mantle, adding a nice piece of history to the already historic Rough Riders Hotel property. Another part that really stands out is a beautiful piece of stained glass between the lounge and restaurant. The dining room will now seat more than 100 guests and the lounge will seat 26.

The kitchen will be a chef's dream, with ample room to serve our guests in the dining room, conference center and multiple caterings all at the same time. Eight luxury guest rooms will be open in June. Again, we stayed very focused in keeping the character and integrity of the old Rough Riders Hotel in place, with more upscale period-appropriate furnishings, from the carpet to the fixtures.

When the conference center is completed later this year, and the 68 new guest rooms open in 2010, Medora will no







*Rough Riders Hotel, 2009 – Bring on the horses and riders!*



#### **Historic Bricks Make New Fireplace**

Next time you're in Medora, stop in the Rough Riders Hotel dining room and take a look at the new fireplace. New, that is, except for the bricks. Long ago, Harold Schafer purchased a couple of pallets of bricks that were salvaged from the old North Dakota State Capitol Building that burned in 1930. TRMF's maintenance director, John Hild, has been storing them, waiting for an appropriate place to use them. Now he's found one. The fireplace will provide a cozy setting for supper in the badlands next winter.

longer be just a summer destination. The Rough Riders Hotel will be open year round, and we have begun taking bookings for the conference center. This is a very exciting time, and those of us who are fortunate enough to live in Medora know how beautiful the winters are. I encourage business owners and meeting planners to think of Medora when planning their meetings, retreats and Christmas parties. We hope to see you in Medora!

## **Ribbon Cutting June 20-Thanks To Our Donors**

To celebrate the completion of the first phase of the Rough Riders Hotel project, we're going to have a ribbon cutting during this year's Rough Riders Roundup. We've invited Governors and Senators and Congressmen and Mayors, and now we're inviting you, to join us at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 20 as we cut a ribbon across the historic corner doors of the hotel on Medora's Town Square.

We'll be saying thank you to all who have made gifts to make the restoration and expansion of the historic Rough Riders Hotel possible. Here is the list as of April 2009.

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# Medora Musical™

**Medora Musical opens June 3, 2009!**

**By Kinley R. Slauter**  
Amphitheatre Manager

**P**reparations are in full swing for the 45<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Medora Musical*. Curt Wollan, our Director, has been hard at work putting the show together with our experienced artistic team- Music Director Sandy Tipping and Choreographer Bo Price. Changes continue to be made to the script and music as the opening performance draws near. Four weeks of intense rehearsal will precede the June 3, 2009 season premiere.

Host "Buffalo Dale" Given is again joined by featured vocalist and sidekick Job Christenson. Veteran actor Jim France will portray Theodore Roosevelt. Some of your favorite Burning Hills Singers are returning to the show this year, including Lexie Wollan, Chet Wollan, Brittany Everitt, Justin Droegemueller and Joey Ford.

The Featured Variety Act Lineup for the 2009 is also complete!



## **July 6th to July 23rd- Project Dynamite**

Their edgy humor and high-energy charisma will blow you away, literally. This action packed duo show features astonishing stunts and memorable moments wrapped up into one hilarious presentation. Their non-stop humor has led them to international venues and countless stage, nightclub, radio, and television appearances. You'll be holding your breath one second and laughing hysterically the next.

## **July 24th to August 2nd- Patrick Hanifin**

Patrick, also known as "Saint Patrick" for his squeaky clean humor, is a demand performer at corporate events, clubs, and churches across the country. Blending his arsenal of comedy coupled with hysterical and original material, he's able to offer his audience a unique way of looking at the world through his style of humor.



## **June 3rd to July 5th- The Peking Acrobats**

They push the envelope of human possibility with astonishing juggling dexterity and incredible balancing feats, showcasing tremendous skill and ability. They are masters of agility and grace. Often accompanied by traditional Chinese music that compliments the awe-inspiring feats to create an exuberant entertainment event featuring all the excitement and festive pageantry of a Chinese Carnival!

## **August 3rd to September 6th- The Peking Acrobats**

Second chance to catch this audience favorite!

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**WWW.MEDORA.COM**





# Putting together the “Greatest Show in the West”



**Curt Wollan** has a long history with the Medora Musical. He began as a Burning Hills Singer in 1977 and 1978, joined original Producer Fred Smith in 1987, and soon after began directing the show. In 2003 Curt's daughter Lexie joined the cast and the following year his son, Chet, began performing in the show also.

Following are Curt's responses to a few questions as he prepares to direct the 45<sup>th</sup> edition of the Medora Musical.

**Q:** What do you most remember about being a Burning Hills Singer in '77 and '78?

I remember how close we (the Burning Hills Singers) all got during the summer and how we still keep in touch every once in a while after over 30 years. I also remember how warm the audiences were to us and how appreciative they would be. I especially remember Harold and Sheila and their generosity.

**Q:** How do you keep the *Medora Musical* new and exciting each year?

We try to find different themes each season that reflect somewhat our current national and local issues as well as finding new ways to present the mission of the Foundation pertaining to all the things Medora and TR stood for and continue to stand for.

**Q:** What is the most challenging aspect of bringing together the show?

The challenge lies in keeping it fresh with new ideas while keeping the traditions alive that the audience has come to expect in the production, all the while trying to keep the show at two hours with an intermission. It's also a challenge to keep the level of talent high with ever increasing competition from Cruise Ships, Theme Parks, and Summer Theatres.

**Q:** Curt, how has production of the show most changed since you began as the Producer in the early 1990s

The production has changed quite a bit from when I was in it simply with the addition of a new theme each season that ties the show together taking it out of the strictly "variety show" genre. New advanced stage technology has also been a dramatic change since the days of tin can lights and one speaker on stage with corded microphones. Now all microphones are wireless and there are 300 lights in the air with giant speaker stacks on either side of the stage. When I first became the Producer in the early 90's we were still tracking the show on reel to reel tape and splicing together the instrumental cues with sticky tape. Now it's all digital. Amazing!

**Q:** What is most rewarding about being involved with the *Medora Musical*?

The most rewarding thing I hear is when I hold auditions in North Dakota for the show, or meet people from North Dakota when I'm traveling. I always hear "I always wanted to be a Burning Hills Singer ever since I stood on that stage as a little kid." Just recently my family and I were in Florida at a restaurant. My son, Chet who was in the Musical, went to the rest room and as he was washing his hands the guy next to him said "Hi Chet!" It turns out he was from North Dakota and sees the show with his family every year. He told us how much that show has meant to the state of North Dakota and it made me feel very proud.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### MAY

- 11 Bully Pulpit Golf Course Season Open:** Welcome to the 2008 golf season at this world-class course nestled in the rugged North Dakota Badlands. Weather permitting. For more information or to make tee times visit [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com) or call 1-800-633-6721.
- 16 Ribs and Bluegrass:** Enjoy the tastiest barbeque ribs and hot bluegrass music in the badlands. For more information contact the Medora Area CVB at 701-623-4829.
- 23-24 Cowboy Poetry Gathering:** Cowboy-up in Historic Medora with this annual Old West event. Local and national cowboy poets and western artists present their talents on this Memorial Day Weekend gathering. For more information contact Bill Lowman at 701-872-4746.

### JUNE

- 1 Theodore Roosevelt National Park 55th Annual Bird Walk:** Join us at 6:30 a.m. MDT at the Cottonwood Campground. For more information contact the Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association at 701-623-4884.
- 3 Medora Musical:** The "Greatest Show in the West" begins its 45th season. Show held nightly through September 6, 2009, at 8:30 p.m. MDT at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre. For tickets call 1-800-633-6721 or go online to [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com).
- 3 Pitchfork Steak Fondue:** Unique dining served overlooking the North Dakota Badlands every evening through September 6, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. MDT at the Tjaden Terrace. For tickets call 1-800-633-6721 or go online to [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com).
- 3 Kids Day every Wednesday** (through September 2, 2008): Great activities in Medora. Plus, all kids see the *Medora Musical* for FREE! Call 1-800-633-6721 or go to [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com) to make reservations.



- 6 Medora Bully Run:** Join us for this third annual road race that winds its way through town and the scenic North Dakota Badlands. Run or walk, 5K or 10K. Register online at [www.medora/events](http://www.medora/events) or call 1-800-633-6721.
- 7-8 Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Day in Medora:** All members of the Red Hat Society are wanted in Medora for a dazzling good time! Plan your day around special activities, including a tea social, and finish with the *Medora Musical*. For more information, or to make reservations, call 1-800-633-6721.
- 9 Seniors Day every Tuesday** (through September 1, 2009): All seniors, age 55 and older, receive 15% off their *Medora Musical*, Pitchfork Fondue and lodging at TRMF properties (Badlands Motel, Rough Riders Hotel or The Bunkhouse). Call 1-800-633-6721 or go to [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com) to make reservations.
- 13-14 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of**

**Fame Winchester Weekend:** A weekend celebration of the western lifestyle of days gone by. For more information contact the NDCHF at 701-623-2000.

- 14 Flag Day and All Horse Parade:** Beginning at 2:00 p.m. MDT through the streets of downtown Medora, this unique parade is limited to horses and horse-drawn carriages. Out-of-town entries are welcome! For more information contact the Medora Area CVB at 701-623-4829.

- 14 Marquis de Mores Birthday Celebration:** Enjoy birthday cake and refreshments on the porch of the Chateau as the founder of Medora turns 126. For more information contact the Chateau de Mores at 701-623-4355

- 15-20 Medora Fossil Dig:** Join us for this unique opportunity to dig for fossils near Medora. Special packages are available. For more information or to make your reservation, call 1-800-633-6721 and ask to speak with





- Laurie in Group Sales.
- 21 Ecumenical Worship Service:** A non-denominational worship service held at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre in Medora at 9:30 a.m. MDT with special music performed by the Burning Hills Singers, Medora Coal Diggers, and special guest artists. For more information call 1-800-633-6721.
- 26 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Annual Patio Dinner & Dance:** For more information contact the NDCHF at 701-623-2000
- 26-27 Medora's Antique Classic Car Show:** A wide array of antique and classic cars on display on the east end of Medora and in the Medora Community Center with awards presented in various categories. For more information, or to register, contact: Dakota Western Auto Club, Carl F.W. Larson, 127 10th Ave. W., Dickinson, ND 58601 or call 701-225-8851 or e-mail [elarson@ndsupernet.com](mailto:elarson@ndsupernet.com).
- 27-28 Custer Trail Days:** Follow the trail of General Armstrong Custer as he meets his demise out west. For more information contact the NDCHF at 701-623-2000.
- 27-28 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Wild West Barrel Racing:** Watch this exciting test of horsemanship agility at the Ranchorama Rodeo Grounds. For more information contact the NDCHF at 701-623-2000.
- 28 Bully Expedition - 4th Grader's Day:** Fourth graders from all across North Dakota venture to Medora for an educational scavenger hunt, free *Medora Musical* ticket, and loads of fun! For more information call 1-800-633-6721 or visit [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com).

## JULY

- 4-5 Independence Day Celebration Festivities:** Fun, family parades held at 3:30 p.m. MDT through the streets of downtown Medora on **July 4**. Out-of-town entries are welcome! Following the *Medora Musical* on July 4, see a **Fireworks Spectator Spectacular** in downtown Medora. This professional fireworks display will amaze with vibrant colors, patterns, and presentation. For more information call 1-800-633-6721 or visit [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com).
- 5 NDRA Rodeo in Medora:** Enjoy a spectacle of determination and grit as cowboys and cowgirls compete

- for bragging rights. For more information call 1-800-633-6721.
- 5 Medora Alumni Homecoming:** Calling all past employees of the Gold Seal Company. Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, and Medora Musical cast and crew! Come home to Medora for this alumni reunion event. Register online at [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com) or call 1-800-633-6721.
- 12 Veteran's Day in Medora:** All veterans and their families are invited to enjoy Historic Medora as we honor their service to our country. All veterans receive a **free Medora Musical ticket and ticket for the Adolph Burkhardt Country Western Concert**. For more information and reservations call 1-800-633-6721.
- 12 Adolph Burkhardt Country Western Concert:** A variety of country entertainers perform at the Medora Community Center at 2:00 p.m. MDT. Admission is only \$6. For more information and reservations call 1-800-633-6721.
- 25 National Day of the Cowboy:** Gun reenactments, western activities throughout the day.

## AUGUST

- 2 53rd Annual Home on the Range Champions Ride Rodeo:** Held at Home on the Range near Sentinel Butte.
- 8 Sperry Horse Sale:** A production and performance quarterhorse sale held at Ranchorama Rodeo Grounds. For more information contact Robert Sperry at 701-565-2013 or visit [www.sperryhorses.com](http://www.sperryhorses.com).
- 21 Medora's Birthday Celebration:** Join the festivities with birthday cake and refreshments on the porch of the Chateau at Medora von Hoffman turns 128. For more information contact the Chateau at 701-623-4355
- 25 Founders Day:** National Park Service Day – Celebrating the Day the National Park was formed
- 29 4th Annual Medora Badlands Trail Run:** Enjoy the "breathtaking" beauty of the badlands first-hand on a 5K/10K run or 5K walk on the rugged trails near Medora. Register online at [www.medora.com/events](http://www.medora.com/events) or call 1-800-633-6721 for more information.

## SEPTEMBER

- 6 Final Performance of the 2009 Medora Musical:** See the final performance of the *Medora Musical* as

- we bid a heartfelt farewell to the 2009 season. For tickets call 1-800-633-6721 or visit [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com).
- 11-12 Badlands Appreciation Weekend:** View a spectacular hot air balloon rally all weekend in Medora's rugged badlands. Mountain bike on Medora's awesome single track trails. Hike in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Step back in time at various Medora museums. Visit Medora to appreciate all that the beautiful badlands have to offer. For more information call 1-800-633-6721 or visit [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com).
- 13 Haunting Memories:** Madame de Mores remembers from the Riviera to Dakota. The Marquis comes to life in her recollections. For more information contact the Chateau de Mores at 701-623-4355.
- 19-20 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Horse Cutting:** Watch as cowboys showcase their skills in roping, horsemanship, and teamwork at the Ranchorama Rodeo Grounds. For more information contact the NDCHF at 701-623-2000.

## OCTOBER

- 31 Craft Show in the Badlands:** Hand-made arts and crafts at the Medora Community Center. This is an annual event in late October. For more information call 701-623-4474.

## NOVEMBER

- 6 Wildlife Feed:** Eat on the "wild" side! Hunters and friends are all welcome to this annual food extravaganza. Menu includes various dishes made with wild game such as elk, bison, pheasant, and deer. For more information contact the Medora Area CVB at 701-623-4829.

## DECEMBER

- 4-5 Medora's Old-Fashioned Cowboy Christmas:** A unique way to celebrate Christmas and a great reason to visit Medora in the winter. Holiday activities kick-off with a cowboy jamboree Friday evening. The fun continues through the weekend with great food, fun holiday activities, and lively music. For more information contact the Medora Area CVB at 701-623-4829.



*"Come Home to North Dakota"*

*Medora Alumni Homecoming 2009*

*Sunday, July 5, 2009*

Calling all past employees of the Gold Seal Company, the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, and *Medora Musical* cast and crew! Come home to Medora for an Alumni Reunion Event. This will be a great opportunity to remember your time working in Medora, reconnect with past employees, and enjoy Medora in 2009. Schedule of events and RSVP form are available online at [www.medora.com/alumni](http://www.medora.com/alumni) or by calling 1-800-633-6721.

Help us spread the word to friends and family who have worked in Medora!

New – "Alumni News": Let us know what you have been up to! Submit personal and professional milestones to [personnel@medora.com](mailto:personnel@medora.com), attn: Alumni News. This will be a new feature in our biannual newsletter.



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## News From TRMF Alumni

Past employees of the Gold Seal Company, Medora Foundation, and cast and crew of the *Medora Musical* - we want to hear from you! Submit your alumni news to [personnel@medora.com](mailto:personnel@medora.com) with a subject line of "Alumni News".

**Tor Johnson** was a Burning Hills Singer in 1983 and 1985, and also worked on the grounds crew in town in 1984-5. Tor is married to wife Margaret Berg and has three children: Berit (13), Tryg (10), and Gus (5). Residing in South Minneapolis, Tor is now the Performing Arts Director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities and is active with the Minnesota Opera. He also maintained a friendship with *Medora Musical* host Bob "Badlands Bob" Bergman and his family over the past 25 years and was blessed to sing at Bob's memorial service in March 2008.

A Burning Hills Singer in 2003 and 2004, **Cheryl Hoffmann** injured her back in the summer of 2003 and had to leave 6 weeks before the musical ended. She had spinal fusion surgery that October and was back doing the *Medora Musical* the next year. Cheryl is currently on the Broadway National Tour of the musical "Annie" which has been directed by Tony award winner Martin Charnin. She has been playing the role of "Lily St. Regis" for the last 2 years and will continue to do so until March of 2010. The tour will then jump to Asia March -June 2010.





# Sweet Treats at Cowboy Lyle's Candy

By Kinley R. Slauter  
Burning Hills Amphitheatre Manager



Lyle Glass — "Cowboy Lyle"

Visitors to the boardwalks of Medora this summer will have a new store to enjoy- Cowboy Lyle's Candy. Located across from the Chuckwagon Buffet, this new store will feature a variety of goodies including Jelly Belly Jelly Beans, delicious Medora chocolate bars, and fresh roasted pecans and almonds. In addition to the candy and snacks, the new store will also offer a selection of western wear including shirts, bandanas, and cowboy hats. Also featured will be badlands photography by Cowboy Lyle Glass, both framed and unframed. Stop by to check out this wonderful new store!

In other changes to Medora Shopping, Teddy's Bears, where you can "build your own Teddy Bear," is moving next door to the Stage Barn. New to the Ticket Junction will be an expanded line of souvenirs and gifts and the addition of official Medora souvenirs for kids. The Joe Ferris General Store continues to be a great place to stop for shopping, a beverage, or free internet access.

Remember, these stores along with the Rough Riders Gift, the Corner Corral, the End of the Trail, the Doll House, Bully Pulpit Golf Shop, Medora Musical Store, and Medora Musical Welcome Center all participate in the "Shop for a Reward" program- receipts totaling \$200 or more from our stores are valid for a free "Build Your Own Bear" at Teddy's Bears located in the Stage Barn.

## Badlands Summer Project in its 9th Year



2008 Campus Crusade Badlands Summer Project workers gather atop a Badlands butte.

The Medora Foundation employs individuals from a wide range of backgrounds in Medora each year, and the majority of our seasonal employees are college students who choose to spend their summer vacation working in Medora. However, many of our visitors and sponsors aren't aware that, of those college students,

between 15 and 25 are taking part in the annual Badlands Summer Project sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ.

Spearheaded in 2001, the Badlands Summer Project's focus is to help develop leadership and deepen the faith lives of students involved in Campus Crusade for Christ ministries on their college campuses. These students, mostly from states in the Upper Midwest, live in dormitory housing and are assigned to a variety of full-time summer jobs. Serious about living out their faith as they perform their day to day jobs around Medora, the students intentionally develop relationships with not only fellow project members but also their Medora co-workers.

Campus Crusade for Christ is an interdenominational Christian organization that promotes evangelism and discipleship in over

190 countries around the world. In 1996, USA Today called Campus Crusade the largest evangelical organization in the United States. Today, the organization employs over 25,000 full-time missionaries and has trained 225,000 volunteers around the world. Campus Crusade for Christ has active ministries on 1,064 college and university campuses with over 50,000 students actively involved in the U.S. ministry in 2007.

Over the years, the Medora Foundation has benefited from this group of students in more ways than one. The summer project brings a positive influence to individual summer employees, as well as the general "employee atmosphere" in Medora. These Campus Crusade students' service-oriented attitudes fit beautifully with TRMF's mission to Serve the Traveling Public.

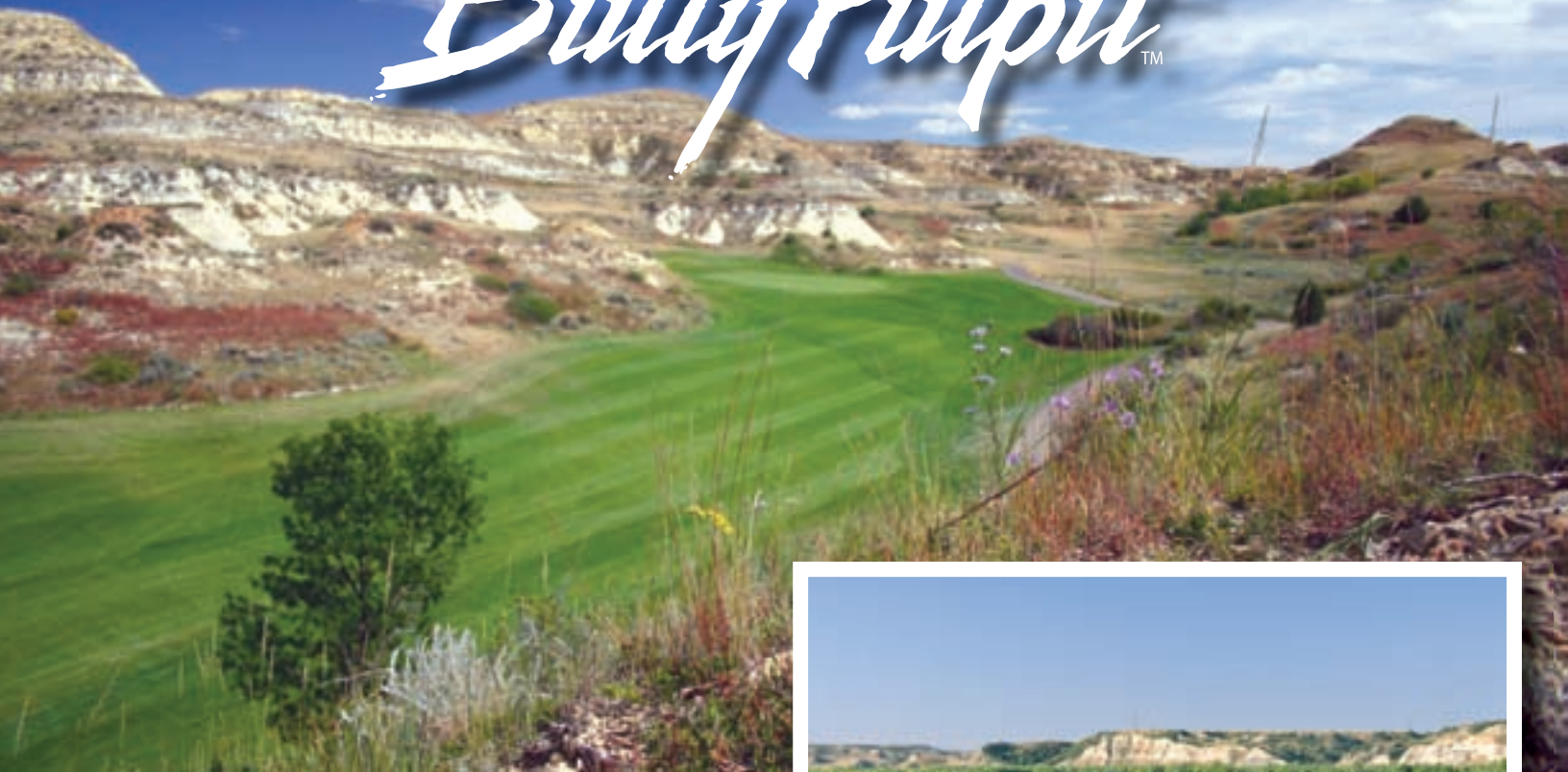
Campus Crusade staff members are also excited to be able to offer the Badlands Summer Project to college students year after year. Director Troy Shirley writes, "It's been such an honor to work alongside the Foundation the last eight years; they've treated the college students we bring with such generosity and kindness. I have no doubt it's what has kept the project alive and kicking every year. Students go back to campus and talk about their experiences in Medora, a town that's had such a rich history in changing people's lives."

We're excited to work with the 2009 Badlands Summer Project participants and hope to continue sponsoring the relationship with Campus Crusade in years to come!





# Bully Pulpit™



## Enjoy Bully Pulpit and Save

By Dave Solga  
Golf Operations Manager

**A** snowy winter—more snow than any we've had since I came here in 2002—and great spring moisture means Bully Pulpit Golf Course is in great shape this spring. The turf is better than ever, and the greens look just like they did last fall: green, smooth, and fast.

This year we have created several ways for players to enjoy Bully Pulpit and save:

- The Bully Players Card entitles players to a whole new green fee price list, free warm-up balls every time you play, and discounts on golf shop merchandise.
- You can also save by purchasing one of the Spring Stay & Play golf packages.
- Seniors have a new opportunity this year. On Monday through Thursday seniors can play at a reduced rate.
- We've also extended our "replay" opportunity. When you finish your round and decide that one round just wasn't enough, you can play a second round at half price, with an option to play that round on the next day.



The Bully Pulpit golf shop continues to carry the latest fashion trends and equipment needs to fit your game.

Check out our website, [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com), for other great offerings, some of which are only available online. You can also reserve a tee time and find interesting facts and information about the course, request a tournament packet, or purchase a player's card, triple challenge card or get answers to questions by calling (800) 633-6721.

We look forward to another spectacular year and providing you with an unforgettable golfing adventure!





# 2009 Medora Foundation Annual Members

Each year, the list of Annual Members of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation continues to grow. Our Annual Members provide the resources to fix the boardwalks, to paint the buildings, to feed the horses, to buy new flags, to put new costumes on our wonderful Burning Hills Singers, to buy vests for our 400 volunteers, to mow the grass and plant the flowers, to do the hundreds of

little things necessary each year to make Medora what it is today. Membership benefits are outlined on the membership application form in this newsletter. Please consider becoming a 2009 Annual Member of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. Here's a list of members as of the day we sent this newsletter to the printer. New members will be recognized in the next issue of the Rough Rider Review.

## 2009 Annual Members

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Anderson, Sharon  
Andrist, Steve & Cindy  
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Brenteson, Carol  
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Brown, Winnifred  
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Christenson, Gary & Edith  
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Fleischer, Leland & Linda  
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Flurer, Dick & Doris  
Flurer, Paul  
Fong, Brad & Brenda  
Frank, Dr. Walter & Carolyn  
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Furness, Bruce & Lorraine  
Gab, Del & Joyce  
Gackle, Don & Ardie  
Gaffaney, John  
Galbreath, Jeannine  
Gangness, Ron  
Gaukler, George  
Gerhart, Bert & Rose  
Gilbreath, Roy  
Gjerstad, Larry  
Glasser, James  
Gluesing, Wayne  
Goodall, Larry & Dorothy  
Graham, Alan & Barbara  
Great River Energy  
Griffith, Ken & Karen  
Grosz, Dick & Diana  
Groven, David  
Gunsch, Richard & Marilyn  
Gurholt, Paul & Marcia  
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Hanson, Armen & Connie  
Hatzenbuehler, Randy & Laurie  
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Haugen, Irene  
Haumont, Pierre & Darlene  
Hausauer, Alan & JoAnn  
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Heringer, Everett & Carol  
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Hildestad, Terry & Kathy  
Hiltner, Arthur & Glorianne  
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Hoffart, Ron & Marlene  
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Jordheim, Harold & LaVonne  
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Jose, Ralph & Darlene  
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Kazmierczak, Frank & Lerelle  
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KFYR-TV  
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Kostecky, Pam  
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Krause, Dalles & Marilyn  
Kretschmar, Allegra  
Lanternman, A. Kirk & Janet  
Larson, Frank & JoAndrea  
Lean, Earle & Jane  
Lee, Herman & Lenora  
Lemke, Art  
Liffrig, Duane & Doris  
Lignite Energy Council  
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Link, Gov. Arthur & Grace  
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Lorenz, Russell & Joan  
Love, Liz  
Luckow, Lynn  
Lutz, Dennis & Meryl  
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Malkowski, Peter & Betty  
Mariferen, Earl & Lorna  
Maring, David & Mary Muehlen  
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McCullough, Carol  
McQuay, Darrell & Connie  
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Moos, Guy & Sandy  
Muckle, James & Donna  
Mudge, Ken & LeOra  
Neidhardt, Phil & Karen  
Nelson, Elice  
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Neumann, Jack  
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Olin, Jack & Velma  
Orchard, Thomas  
Orr, Clifford & Val  
Otter Tail Power Company  
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Pandolofo, Kirk & Nancy  
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Pitzer, Randy & Peggy  
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Reed, Ken & Shirley  
Reinke, Dennis & Patsy  
Reiswig, Duane  
Richards, Loren & Marian  
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Roach, Brian  
Rockwell, Robert  
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Sandness, Ray & Beverly  
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Schafer, Sheila  
Schaner, Patty  
Schlecht, Warren & Lana  
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Schulz, Harold & Karen  
Schwarz, Elmer & Arlene  
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Sethre, Gary  
Shea, John  
Sherman, John & Louise  
Silbernagel, Jim  
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Zander, Dennis  
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# Wade Westin Memorials

**H**undreds of people who knew Wade Westin and counted him as a friend, or who just saw him perform and felt they knew him, sent memorial gifts to the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation in his memory. Those gifts have been deposited in a special College Fund for

Wade's children, Hannah and Wyatt. Here's the list of memorial donors. It's a remarkable list, a tribute to a remarkable man. If you'd like to join them with a gift to the Westin Kids' Scholarship Fund, feel free to send gifts to TRMF, Box 1696, Bismarck, ND 58502.

## Wade Westin Memorials

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Andrist, Steve & Barbara  
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Berg, Robert & Sheryl  
Bleken, Valerie  
Block, Terry & Ilene Lee  
Bohn, Patrick & Dana  
Borlaug, David & Ruth  
Bougie, Paul & Barbara  
Braaten, George & Eden  
Brandt, Guy & Marj  
Brenteson, Carol  
Brodal, Lynn & Anne

Brorby, Heidi  
Brueland, Norva  
Buchholz, Darren & Jan  
Buchholz, Rodger & Mavis  
Bullinger, Michael & Peggy  
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Carlson, Dean & Ruth  
Carlson, Farrel  
Cherney, Lynn & Debbie  
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Enger, Dennis & Phyllis  
England, Harry & Barb  
Erdmann, Marvin & Lois  
Erickson, June  
Felchle, Deanne  
Fleming, Thomas  
Folvag, James & Gale  
Folvag, Jason & Amy

French, Sharon  
Garaas, Lee & Karen  
Geltel, Janet  
Gilbertson, Joel & Jan  
Grenora Public School  
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Gurholt, Paul & Marcia  
Hagge, Gordon & Delores  
Hanson, Jason & Lori  
Hanson, Kimberly  
Hanson, Marcus & Carmen  
Hardmeyer, Laura  
Hare, Brett  
Harzinski, Terry & Peggy  
Hattel, Fred & LaVon  
Hattel, Sheila  
Hedland, Vern & Marilyn  
Herman, Gwyn & Laverne Johnson  
High, George & Ardis Maney  
Hildebrand, Joey  
Hoeven, Gov. John & Mikey  
Hoffmann, Cheryl  
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Jensen, Mark & Tracy  
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Johnson, Gloria  
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Johnson, Karmen & Lisa  
Johnson, Lavern & Julie  
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Johnson, Marlene  
Jordan, Jan  
Jordan, Susan  
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Larson, Ilene  
Leary, James & Gail  
Lillis, Nancy  
Link, Art & Grace  
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Perhus, Howard & Ila  
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Petroski, Thomas & Jodi  
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Rasmussen, Donald & Kristi  
Reihe, Dennis & Rosanna  
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Stern, David & Virginia  
Stromme, Tom & Kari  
Stromstad, Allen & Alice  
Sundquist, Gary & Beverly  
Swang, Berniece  
Sweeney, Brenda & Daniel  
Sykora, Joe & Jennifer  
Taylor, Carrie  
Thiery, Dean & Julie  
Thomas, Kimberly  
Thvedt, Carmen  
Titus, Dorothy  
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Unhjem, Luann  
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WDAY  
Weigel, Thomas  
West Acres Development LLP  
Westin, Sandra & Loran  
Wiese, Jill  
Wiese, Russell & Deana  
Wieser, Stephen & Janet  
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# Meet our New TRMF Board Members



## **RICK BERG**

Fargo, ND

Rick Berg is a partner in Goldmark Schlossman Commercial Real Estate. He has been a partner in Goldmark since its inception in 1981. Goldmark currently has offices in North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska. Rick is a Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM). He has served in the North Dakota House of Representatives since 1984, during which time he has served as Speaker of the House, Majority Leader, Caucus Chairman and Chairman of various committees. His primary legislative focus is Economic growth and education. Rick was born in Hettinger, ND, and is a graduate of North Dakota State University, in Agricultural Economics. He has been an active member of several organizations, including International President of FarmHouse Fraternity, President of the Greater Fargo-Moorhead Economic Development Corporation, United Way, Hope Lutheran Church and the Chamber of Commerce.



## **JANETTE ANGERER**

Dickinson, ND

Janette C. (Jane) Angerer and her husband Robert J. (Bob) Angerer, Sr. are Florida residents who have over the last six years spent much of their time in Dickinson building various oil and gas related businesses, including Oil For America, LLC, East Dickinson Oil and Gas Company, Stark County Oil and Gas Company, Slope County Oil Company, South Dunn County Oil Company and a number of others. Jane and Bob have five children and nine grandchildren. Two sons live in Dickinson, one who is in the National Guard and one who has worked with Bob in the oil business since he was 10 years old and is now married and has a one year old daughter, Jane and Bob's most recent grandchild. Jane and Bob are the Founding Directors in Mission Earth Foundation. They are charter members of their local church in Tallahassee, Genesis Church. Jane and Bob fell in love with Medora and spend much of their free time visiting Medora and the Badlands. Jane actually calls buffaloes and they respond. They have turned their historic German Bohemian State Bank office building in Dickinson into a "museum," complete with a large library by and about Theodore Roosevelt and a preserved buffalo, which Jane calls Buffy.



## **DON CLEMENT**

Bismarck, ND

Don Clement, a native of Hettinger, ND, is the recently retired managing shareholder of the Bismarck office of Brady Martz & Associates P.C. and a former member of the firm's board of directors. He and his wife Pat live in Bismarck. They have two sons, Casey and Kelly. A practicing certified public accountant for more than 20 years, he also was controller of Signal Realty Inc. and Prairie Partners, Minot, for six years. In 1985, he founded his own accounting firm, which merged with Brady, Martz and Associates P.C., in 1989. The same year, he moved to Bismarck and opened the firm's Bismarck office. Don was instrumental in the development of the Harold Schafer Leadership Institute at the University of Mary. University of Mary president Sister Thomas Welder said this of Don when presenting him the Leader in Entrepreneurship Award from the University of Mary, "We are pleased and privileged to recognize Don Clement with this award. A true servant-leader throughout his career, he has worked to bridge the gap between academics and business by sharing his time and talents in the creation of innovative programs to ensure the practical education of business students and the future of the area economy."

# “Live well...love much...volunteer often!”

By Denis Montplaisir  
Volunteers Coordinator

I received a note from a volunteer this winter that had the above headline printed on the letterhead. For the hundreds of TRMF volunteers (465 in 2008 alone) and an almost equal number that we had to turn down, I believe it captures their “secret” to a fulfilled life and renewed energy.

## So, what's new in '09?

- We've expanded our volunteer summer by four weeks, so we'll have volunteers in Medora from early May through late September. That means room for even more volunteers (we'll have about 500 this year) and that's a good thing, because once again we had way more applicants than openings.
- Volunteers will get some new tasks and assignments this summer. You'll find them at Bully Pulpit, the Chuckwagon, Pitchfork Fondue, Mini-golf, Welcome Center and Musical. They'll plant flowers, build fences and decks, make pizzas and greet guests.
- We'll have a full house at the Spirit of Work Lodge. Our new volunteer lodging facility opened in June 2008, and

this year all our volunteers will be staying there. Our volunteers provided about half of the funding, with the rest from board members and others supporters.

- We're increasing our volunteers' exposure to, and contact with, seasonal staff, through shared training and jobs, career seminars, and mentor exchanges, creating opportunities for more of our volunteers' energy, experience and enthusiasm to “rub off” on our seasonal staff.

Whew, that's a lot! Somebody said to me recently, “I don't know if there is another program in existence that is so good, that has to turn away hundreds of volunteers... every year!” I have to think that he is right. Just think, it started with a simple offer to cover lunch breaks for the summer employees! Now, entire summers are planned around being able to volunteer in Medora, giving freely of their time, talents and energy, and then going home, feeling as one 2008 volunteer said, “like I should be paying you for this wonderful experience.” When you see the Medora volunteers this summer, don't forget to thank them. You'll recognize them by their green vests or their nametags, but usually it's because of their smiles.

## Volunteers... A Million Thanks!

### The TRMF Permanent Volunteers Endowment Fund



Volunteers serve as ushers nightly at the Medora Musical

The Medora Foundation has a longtime supporter and volunteer named Al (we won't use his last name because he's a modest man and he'd be a little embarrassed about this story). The other day, Al was reflecting back on a decision he made a little over a year ago that turned out so much better than he'd ever imagined. Instead of re-investing some of his retirement

money into stocks, as he had diligently done over his years as a construction worker, he used those funds to set up a gift annuity with TRMF, in support of our Medora Volunteer Program.

Al's annuity brings him a regular monthly payment, and upon his death, the principal of the annuity will go to the Medora Permanent Volunteers Endowment Fund. In addition to his monthly payments, Al received a substantial (40%) North Dakota income tax credit. The icing on the cake, of course, is that 2008 was a really good year NOT to put more money into the stock market. It was just a really tough financial year. Now, however, Al has made a wonderful gift to TRMF and has even more money left to be able to share with his special niece and nephew.

“I didn't know that I was so smart. I think that I'll do it again,” Al said the other day, with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye.

We hope that he does, and so can you! The Medora Permanent Volunteers Endowment Fund is a wonderful way to provide for yourself, your family and the Medora Volunteers program, especially in these uncertain times. Contact Randy, Jim or Denis to find out more.



# Altringers Make Lead Gift To New Medora Permanent Volunteers Endowment Fund



*Pat and Bev Altringer in one of their favorite places - The Burning Hills Amphitheatre.*

**P**at Altringer of Dickinson was on the original board of directors of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation when it was founded in 1986. Pat and his wife Bev were among the very first Medora Volunteers when the volunteer program was started more than a dozen years ago.

Through the years, they have been financial supporters of

every major project we've undertaken as a foundation. Now they have stepped forward once more to make the lead gift – a gift of \$100,000 – to the Medora Permanent Volunteers Fund.

Our Medora volunteers are an invaluable part of our summer workforce. We know that housing, meals and program coordination have become significant costs associated with managing and sustaining our Medora Volunteers program. The Medora Permanent Volunteers Endowment Fund, which we established this spring, will ensure a viable future for this program.

Our endowment consists of gifts of cash and property, estate gifts, and planned gifts such as charitable annuities and charitable trusts. With a goal of \$1,500,000, all contributions will remain in perpetuity, with only the earnings used to support our volunteer program. Thanks to Pat and Bev Altringer for their generous start for this program.

One more note: As a result of recent legislation passed by the North Dakota Legislature, significant state tax credits are available for planned gifts to this endowment, in addition to federal tax benefits. For example, husbands and wives qualify for a 40 per cent North Dakota Income Tax Credit, up to \$20,000 per year, for planned gifts to the Permanent Volunteers Endowment. Considerable information is available from the TRMF Development team at 701-623-4444.

## Clemens Gift Adds To Spirit Of Work Campaign



Jay Clemens, who grew up in Mandan and now lives with his wife Carolyn and their two children in the Bay Area in California, has made a gift of \$125,000 to the Medora Spirit of Work Lodge campaign. With Jay and Carolyn's gift, the campaign to retire the debt on our new Medora Volunteers lodging facility moved one step closer to completion. Since our volunteers decided a couple of years ago to begin a campaign to build their own lodging facility in Medora, more than a million dollars have been pledged to this project, with just over \$400,000 yet to be raised. Thanks to Jay and Carolyn, and all the supporters of this wonderful project, for helping to make the Spirit of Work Lodge possible.

*Medora's volunteers will be moving back into the new home, the Spirit of Work Lodge, in June.*

# Theodore Roosevelt™

## MEDORA FOUNDATION

### 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**



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**Your membership  
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*Job Christenson is back along with another talented cast for 2009!*

**\$250**  
**Membership**  
**Benefits**  
**Include:** ➔

- Listed as a patron in printed materials for the 2009 *Medora Musical*
- An invitation to the annual Rough Rider Roundup June 20-21 in Medora
- Publications of TRMF - *Rough Rider Review* newsletter, *Generations* newsletter and Annual Development Report
- Charitable tax deduction to the extent allowed by the IRS
- Up to two season passes to the 2009 *Medora Musical*  
(Your charitable deduction will be reduced by \$64.50 for each pass.)

## 2009 Annual Membership Drive

**Enclosed is my annual membership donation of \$250. Please select one of the following options:**

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## MEET THE NEW MEDORA STAFF!



We are pleased to introduce **Julie Thiery** as the Bismarck office's new administrative assistant. Julie is originally from rural Calvin, North Dakota. She holds an Associate of Arts degree from Valley City State University as well as a Bachelors degree in Business Management from the University of Mary. Prior to joining the TRMF team, Julie worked as a Human Resources Assistant at Knife River Corporation. Julie's family includes husband Dean and daughters Danae (13) and Taryn (11). In her spare time, Julie enjoys reading, cross-stitching, quilting and hunting. She says she enjoys her new position and coworkers and looks forward to new experiences on a daily basis.



**Kody Braunberger** has recently accepted the position of Housekeeping Manager for the Medora Foundation. A native of Dickinson, she currently resides there with her husband Brad and son Jake (17) – her daughter Taylor (19) is attending her first year of college out of state. Kody enjoys outdoor activities with her family including sledding, swimming, hiking, and rollerblading. She's also got a passion for playing (and winning) board games! Kody has thrown herself into the challenge of a new position and is "having a Bully time in Medora thanks to all who work here!" We appreciate her enthusiasm in her first year on the team.



The New Rough Riders Hotel Dining Room kitchen will be led by our Executive Chef **Richard Siegel**. A star culinary intern for TRMF and a 4th place finisher at the National Skills USA culinary competition in 2008, Richard will complete his chef's training and culinary arts degree at the North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton this May. Originally from La Mesa, California, Richard and his partner Jim Sitte are gearing up for the move to Medora this spring. Richard is a collector of cook books and snowmen (he has about 1000!) and is proud to say he is a "leap year baby". Richard counts it a privilege to join the TRMF team and says, "Having a new kitchen to work in at the 'new old' Rough Rider Hotel is the icing on the cake."