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Medora Will Have A Role In Next 25 Years



Randy Hatzenbuehler
TRMF President

Vince Lombardi, the legendary Green Bay Packers football coach, said, "The next time you make a touchdown, act like you've been there before." Implied in his statement was that you should expect to do it again

and that you should not over-celebrate. April 2, 2011, quietly marked the 25th anniversary of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation (TRMF).

We will avoid excessive celebrating, but we will have a lot of fun in 2011. And we have the expectation that Medora's significance and TRMF's role will be even greater during the next twenty-five years! It is fun to look back at 25 years of building and accomplishments, but

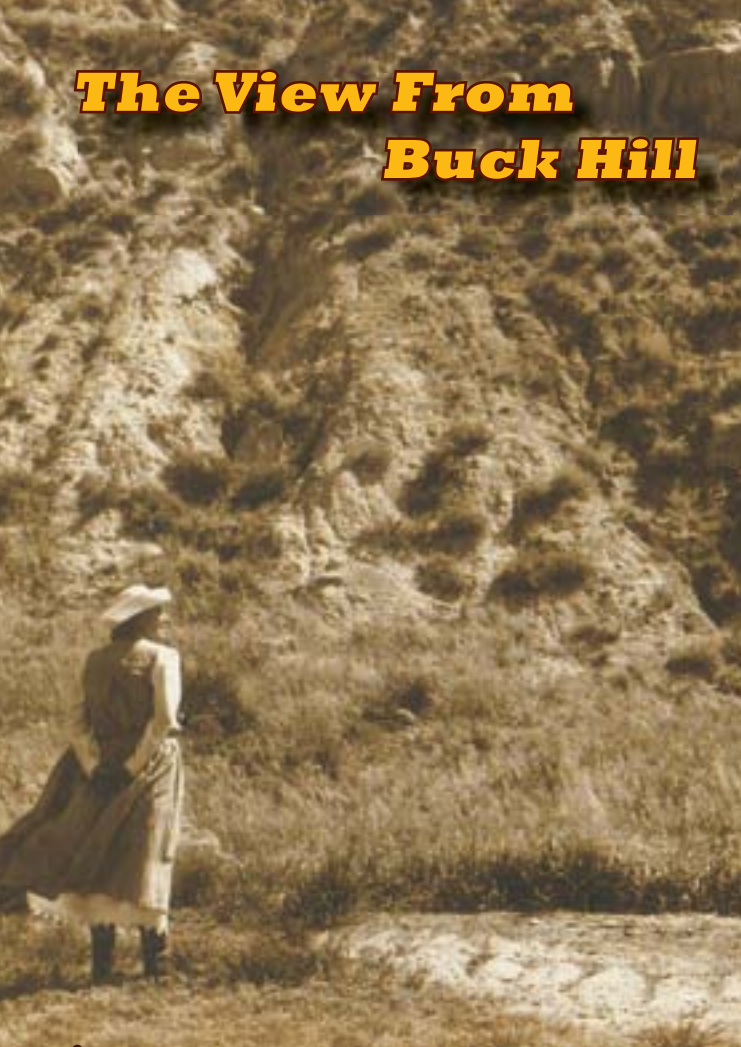
it is more exciting to look ahead. A few thoughts about that future:

- Medora must stay pristine, clean, wholesome, and true to Harold Schafer's **promise** to provide uncompromisingly good family entertainment.
- In a fast-paced, expanding North Dakota economy, more people are choosing to live here. Medora can play a role in helping new residents to our state adopt the best of what makes us North Dakotans. Medora can play a role in helping them and visitors become even better **stewards**. The values exhibited by our workers and volunteers, the beauty of the badlands, and protected land in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park can influence people to have respect and appreciation for North Dakota.

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This photo of a buffalo herd in Theodore Roosevelt National Park was taken by Bill Kingsbury, TRMF board member. The framed print hangs in many of the rooms at the Rough Riders Hotel.

The View From Buck Hill



Sheila Schafer never ceases to amaze. This past winter, she took a poetry class. Of course, part of taking a poetry class is writing poems. Here is one of her offerings.

Where My Soul Is Home

*Afloat above the rest, a sacred butte Medora
Morning sun, spring, wild flower—alone
The awe of creation – my sense of place
In peace, I stand, where I shall someday lie.*

Here is her explanation of the poem.

“On coming to Medora each spring—and climbing Buck Hill—I clap three times.

- Once for the creation.
- Once because Harold was so brave to sell his company and fulfill his dream of restoring the history and legends and magic of Medora.
- And once because I’ve been granted “one more summer.”

When I am gone, my friends will scatter ashes of mine at Buck Hill. Who can tell—perhaps I’ll clap again.”

The Next 25 Years

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- Visitors perceive Medora as **authentic**. Authenticity can come at the price of extra maintenance expense and fewer marketing opportunities that are afforded by large billboards and neon signs. But it is also that which makes Medora attractive and valuable to most visitors. We believe it is vital to Medora’s future success.
- Projects, projects, projects. The article “*Ambitious Growth Plans Being Discussed In Medora*,” found on page 8 of this newsletter, notes projects that we hope to work on in the years to come.
- One in particular, an “**institute**” is a concept that recognizes that Harold Schafer and Theodore Roosevelt are linked as part of Medora’s history, and that their ideas on entrepreneurship, business, conservation, public policy, philanthropy, family, work, a strenuous life and many more subjects are worthy of study and relevant today and can help shape a better future for our region. I imagine Harold and TR would have been good friends had they lived at the same time and met; they would not have agreed on everything, but they would have shared a common optimism and energy that far exceeded those around them. I look forward to our discussions about an institute.

We truly love our responsibility and opportunity in Medora. All the while we get to dream about bigger, better and more things for the next 25 years; we also have the excitement of what is immediately in front of us – SUMMER! One of my favorite things is hearing stories of people who have come to Medora for 6 or 12 or 20 or even 47 consecutive years. They tell of how they love sitting in the amphitheatre and enjoying the simultaneously classic, and yet new each summer, *Medora Musical*. It opens June 10, but the golf course will be open much earlier!

It looks to be a busy season, and there are events and special discounts celebrating TRMF’s 25th anniversary (example: Bully the Play and Comedy Corner are ½ priced all season) so now is the time to call us at 1-800-633-6721 or visit www.medora.com to book everything you need. Our spring visitor’s guide is being mailed with this newsletter to help you plan a badlands trip. See you in Medora!

Randy Hatzenbuehler
Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation President

Medora In Winter: A Great Getaway

A crackling fire in the fireplace. A library full of Theodore Roosevelt books. Steaming hot coffee and homemade muffins on a crisp winter morning. A buffalo herd lumbering down a trail in the national park right outside your bedroom window. And a “blue plate special” for supper in the dining room.

That’s the recipe for the first successful winter season at Medora’s Rough Riders Hotel, North Dakota’s newest full-service hotel, located in the heart of the badlands.

“It was a very successful first winter for the hotel,” says Medora’s Chief Operating Officer, John Motley. “Better than we had anticipated.”

The newly-renovated and expanded Rough Riders Hotel will celebrate its first birthday in May, and Motley says it has been a very good first year. “Business was terrific last summer, our shoulder season months of May and October are strong, and, while it was a challenge to hire winter staff, everyone pitched in to make the winter a success as well.”

“We’ve established our baseline trend levels now, so we’ll have a better idea of what to expect in the future,” Motley says. “There’s no question that we’ll be a year-round destination now.”

By far the biggest challenge is staffing the hotel over the winter, Motley says. “But we’ve found that the regular staff here likes to pitch in and help. And that is great.



The Rough Riders Hotel served guests all winter and is on its way to becoming a year-round, full-service hotel.

The more we, as staff, know about how the different areas operate, the more well-rounded we become. Our guests will benefit from that as much as we do.”

“We had groups in from all over the state, and they’re finding this is a very good meeting place. Not only are the facilities first-class, but the setting here in the badlands provides a great atmosphere for getting away from the cities and really relaxing while getting some business done.”

Motley says a lot of visitors, locally and from around the region, were just enjoying a weekend getaway. “The cross country ski trails at Bully Pulpit, along the Little Missouri River, were a big hit with guests,” Motley says. “And having the luxury of an evening in the new hotel, with its fine dining, added to the experience.”

Operators Are Standing By!

If you’ve already called the Medora switchboard to make reservations for this summer, you’ve noticed something different: things happen a lot quicker on the phone this year. That’s the benefit of a \$150,000 investment by the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation in a new state-of-the-art phone and computerized reservations system.

“Frankly, there were a lot of times we just weren’t very good at taking care of business over the phone,” says Randy Hatzenbuehler, Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation President. “That’s been frustrating,

both for us and for our customers. That’s changed, now that we’ve made this investment.”

John Motley, Medora’s Chief Operating Officer, says the upgrade now gives the Medora switchboard crew access to 48 lines, instead of just 12 in the past. “We’ll add staff, now that we have more lines, and everything will happen faster, making for a much better customer experience.”

The 1-800-MEDORA-1 phone line is well known throughout the region, and it does so much more than just make room reservations. In addition to booking a room, callers often order their *Medora Musical* and *Bully! The Play* tickets, purchase gift cards, make dinner reservations at the Pitchfork Steak Fondue, and reserve tee times at Bully Pulpit Golf Course.

“Because we’re the central switchboard for most Medora attractions and retail shops, as well as dining and lodging facilities, we tended to get jammed up in the past, and we know that was frustrating for our guests,” Motley says.

So far this year, the system is paying off. “Our advance reservations are significantly ahead of last year,” Motley says. “Just by being able to handle more calls, in a more efficient manner, we’re seeing business improve.”

“Call us!” Motley says. “Operators are standing by!”



Rebecca Roth is one of the smiling faces on the other end of the phone when you call Medora for reservations this year.



Under Harold's Hat

What Would Harold Say?

Probably no one knows better what went on "Under Harold's Hat" than his son, former North Dakota Governor Ed Schafer. Last June, shortly after Ed rejoined the board of directors of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, he treated Foundation members and guests at the annual Rough Rider Roundup to this special insight into what Harold might say if he were to walk around Medora today.

Welcome to the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation Rough Rider Roundup Luncheon! That's quite a mouthful. You might be interested in how we got the name Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. It was about six months before the launch of the organization, and several of us were sitting around a table working on the set-up. In the room were tax experts, accountants and business advisors, all working on the best way to start this venture. Someone said, "We need a name." Harold said we should call it the Medora Foundation. Then someone mentioned that the area included the history of Theodore Roosevelt and maybe we would want to include that somehow. Harold said, "OK, we'll call it the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation!" When several high powered advisors opened their mouths to respond, Harold said "final decision" and after a two and a half minute, one-sided conversation, we were left with this rather unwieldy name.

When Nancy and I walked into the new Rough Riders Hotel a couple of days ago, we were blown away with just how "perfect" it is. The design is perfect, the décor and style and character—perfect. The new hotel is warm and inviting and completes a cycle that started a hundred and twenty five years ago. It also completes a cycle for Harold Schafer that started almost 50 years ago: a new hotel that fits into the center of town and becomes the hub of activity for this wonderful place called Medora.

I was trying to imagine what Harold Schafer would say if he dropped in for a visit about eight and a half years after he left Medora to our care.

I am certain the first thing he would say would be to his dear Sheila, "How wonderful it is that you have continued to have your heart in Medora."

"You are the official greeter, spreading your joy and good cheer around town, you open our house to our friends and supporters and you have shown more love than I can imagine by continuing to build our dream," he would say. "You are what kissable, huggable, loveable and unbelievable is all about!"

On this imagined visit, Harold would get up in the morning and want to experience the history of Medora. He'd visit the new Theodore Roosevelt Interpretive Center, where among the displays are a full sized horse, the shirt TR was wearing when he was shot in Milwaukee and lots of guns.

He would stop in at the new Chateau De Mores Interpretive Center and see artifacts from the Marquis' life, a stagecoach,

saddles and lots of guns. Then he would visit the Harold Schafer Heritage Center and say, "I have floor wax and bleach and bubble bath! But I want guns, and saddles and horses—a stagecoach—maybe even a locomotive!" And then he would get almost weak-kneed with gratefulness and thank God for soaps and detergents and the success of the Gold Seal Company which made his beloved Medora possible.

But to really consider what Harold might say today, we need to step back a little and recall what he said yesterday.

Now, you all know that Harold Schafer was a man of action. He didn't contemplate, didn't consider, he just did!

He said of himself, "I am known as a man who shoots from the hip and makes quick decisions. Sometimes these decisions, and doing things the way I do, disturb the people who work for me, my family, my suppliers, my customers and people in the organizations I work for."

I think he was being mighty hard on himself when he wrote that—obviously, his style was very successful and he developed loyal employees, loyal customers and extremely loyal followers, friends and supporters.

But his impulsiveness did cause some very interesting situations.

I remember when we were building the Badlands Motel and Harold came out to check on the progress. The original design included concrete curbs defining parking spaces in front of each room with flower boxes between them.

Harold got out of the car and promptly tripped over the curb. He got up, brushed himself off, and went into a room and looked around. When he walked out he tripped over the curb again, this time ripping his pants. He jumped into the car and sped off. You'll have to imagine what he said about that—all I know is the next morning we were all out there with sledge hammers until the curbs were no more!

He decided one day that Medora would be much more clean and easier to deal with if there were curbs and gutters and the streets were paved. Now, he liked the color pink, and can you imagine if you were a long time resident of Medora and woke up one morning and your streets were pink? What a great way to build good relationships with the locals!

But today he would say how grateful he is for the local businesses and entities and the men and women who serve the city and county; all of whom now work together to provide a good experience for our visitors—those who gather to promote Medora and the badlands for the good of all.

To members of the planning and zoning committee and Valerie Naylor and other community members who were anguished about new projects and changes in the community he would say: "Thank you—I love you—we tried our best!"

On Thursday, we had an executive committee meeting and a lot of the discussion was centered around proper accounting. How can we develop financial and management reports that

correctly assign costs to each entity so we can precisely measure performance, so we can do a better job at costing services and operating properly?

I am sure Harold would say, "Who cares about all that—just take care of the people!"

Yesterday, the board of directors met in the new conference room at the hotel, and he would want to say thank you to all who dedicate their service and support to the foundation so we can continue to provide the vacation experience that has made Medora the number one tourist attraction in the state of North Dakota. A place that is centered on family values and patriotism and the love of the land—a place that we can all be proud of.

And I have no doubt in my mind that if he were to address the board today, he'd say the rooms are too expensive, the tickets to the *Musical* cost too much and there are still lines in the ladies restrooms!

And we'd point out how bookings are strong and sales are up and show him that more and more people are coming to Medora every day to enjoy themselves. He'd be silent for a moment, shake his head—get a big smile on his face and say—"Wonderful!"

To all the employees, all the volunteers, all the people who make up the Medora experience, Harold Schafer would hope your work gives you as much fun and satisfaction as it did for him. May Medora's past inspire your future!

And he would be excited about the 45th reunion of the *Medora Musical*. Those of you who have been hanging around the *Musical* for quite a while will confirm that he'd say, "It's about time we got a dog act back in the show!"

Harold would talk about the spirit he found here. He would take a look at that beautiful collection of books in the new



TRMF Board Chairman Ed Schafer

lobby of the hotel and say how grand it is for people to be able to learn about Theodore Roosevelt—but he would hope they learn about TR outside.

You know, he never wanted televisions or even phones in the rooms here—he wanted people to be out and absorbing the spirit of these beautiful badlands, and all they contain, that he loved so much. The spirit of this place that draws you here and whispers to you when you leave—come back, come back! And shouts out when you are here—this is God's majesty.

You know Harold took a shine to my dear Nancy. He told me often that she was the best thing that ever happened to me—and he was right!

When Nancy would see him she'd ask, "How are you doing Harold?" And he would say, "Wonderful, just wonderful, but even better now that you are here."

And that is where he would be today. He'd be even better—because all of you are here! You continue to make Medora an alive and vibrant and joyful place.

Harold Schafer would stride through the streets and see all the things that have happened since he left. He would see the new Medora, the Spirit of Work Headquarters, and the Ticket Junction; he'd ride around the Bully Pulpit and see the new Welcome Center at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre.

He would stand in the lobby of the Rough Riders Hotel, the place where it all began for him and he would say this: "I can't believe the goodness that is all around us, I just can't believe it."

As you enjoy your time in this wonderful, wonderful place, may your hearts be filled with goodness, and I pray that God's steady hand will be on your shoulder.

The following article is reprinted from an early-1960's issue of the Billings County Pioneer. Thank you to Jane Cook for finding it for us. If Harold were here today, he would laugh long and hard at the headline writer's description of him, and no doubt appreciate the kind (and very true) words of the editor at the end of the story.

Bismarck Tycoon Buys Hotel

Harold Schafer, owner of the Gold Seal Wax Co., of Bismarck, purchased the Rough Riders Hotel at Medora, a fact which has caused quite a furor in this area.

Mrs. Juanita Organ, who was recently proprietor of the structure, and her late husband, owned it for the past 10 years. Schafer intends to use part of the hotel for a museum, and to make other changes to make it a real tourist attraction.

The hotel, built by Mr. Fitzgerald in 1884, became nationally famous when the late President Theodore Roosevelt lived in Medora, where he ranched while he regained his health.

Since Mr. Schafer's purchase of the historic site, he has already been approached by three individuals who wished to buy it from him. This Wednesday, when we attempted to contact Schafer, we learned he was in British Columbia on business. But his wife confirmed the fact that Mr. Schafer had completed the transaction, making him the owner of the hotel, which has long been a center of community events in the little cow town of the Badlands.

The original owner of the hotel sold it to Tom Gregar, who later sold out to Bill Rozell. Fitzgerald learned the hostelry business in the very early days, as the operator of the DeMores Hotel at Medora, which burned down in later years.

The old structure, in its 75 years of existence, has been the meeting place for all the civic organizations of Medora, as well as a gathering place for every sort of group. It has housed numerous saloons of different descriptions, which have played an important part in the life of Medora. Its downstairs lobby has seen many big business deals completed (mostly cattle) and its dining room has also contributed to making it a popular meeting place. If its downstairs room could only "talk," to say nothing about the ones upstairs, many pioneer stories of interest would be revealed.

The building has housed nobility up until recent years, and in the past few years many tourists have stopped to see the room where our former president slept. Mr. Schafer will no doubt renovate the building, do considerable repairing and make it a first class tourist attraction. It has a great future potential as the entire town of Medora and the new owner may give Medora the transfusion it needs to make it one of the best known travelers' attractions in the western half of the U.S. We sincerely wish Mr. Schafer every success in his new venture, knowing that he isn't investing his money for a profit but trying to restore Medora and also trying to preserve some of the early day history of this western town.

Two Premieres, An Unveiling, A Launch – And More!

TR Symposium and TRA Annual Meeting in Medora and Dickinson October 27-30

A symphony and a film premiere, the unveiling of a new statue, and the launch of a new web site – all in one weekend? Yes, and the opportunity to join in a discussion about Theodore Roosevelt's fascination with the American West, led by acclaimed speakers and authors Elliott West, Douglas Brinkley, Patricia Nelson Limerick, and Edmund Morris, to name just a few.

The Theodore Roosevelt Center at Dickinson State University is pleased to announce its sixth annual symposium to be held October 27-30, 2011, in Dickinson and Medora, to be held in conjunction with the Theodore Roosevelt Association's Annual Meeting. Several recent books, including Douglas Brinkley's *Wilderness Warrior* and Roger DiSilvestro's *Theodore Roosevelt in the Badlands*, raise new questions about why Roosevelt came to the West, what he learned here, how his western experiences contributed to the nation's idea of Theodore Roosevelt, and how his time in Dakota Territory and other western landscapes shaped his presidential policies, including his conservation agenda.

Interspersed with the symposium presentations will be the feature events named above. A bronze statue of TR will be unveiled at the site where he gave his first great national speech on July 4, 1886. "In Cowboy Land," a four-movement symphony composed by legendary musician Chris Brubeck, will be performed in Dickinson by the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra. The symphony title is taken from the chapter in TR's *Autobiography* about his time in Dakota Territory. The film *Through the Roosevelt Country with Roosevelt's Friends*, made in 1919 by Hermann Hagedorn and remastered with contemporary footage of the Badlands, will premiere. Finally, the TR Center will proudly celebrate the launch of the extraordinary Theodore Roosevelt Digital Library – the collection of thousands of documents, photographs, cartoons, and other materials related to TR – housed in North Dakota but available to the world through the TR Center's eye-catching new website.

The symposium begins on Thursday evening, October 27, with a general session at 7 p.m., and ends on Sunday, October 30, by 5 p.m. Activities will be offered "a la carte," allowing you to select those in which you have the most interest. All lectures and panel discussions are free. A registration fee will be charged for meals, featured events, and transportation.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. For more information or to register, visit www.theodorerooseveltcenter.org.

TRA Annual Meeting In Medora and Dickinson

Attending this year's Theodore Roosevelt Center Symposium will be members of the Theodore Roosevelt Association from around the country. The TRA is holding its 92nd Annual Meeting, Reception and Awards Banquet in Dickinson and Medora in conjunction with the symposium. Edmund Morris, whose recent book *Colonel Roosevelt* completes a masterful three-part biography of TR, will receive the organization's highest honor and deliver the keynote address at the banquet. A complete TRA Annual Meeting agenda will be posted on the organization's website, www.theodoreroosevelt.org.

Featured Presenters at the 2011 Theodore Roosevelt Center Symposium



Dr. Simon Cordery

Dr. Simon Cordery will present "*Taming the Railroads, Taking the Train: Theodore Roosevelt's Ambivalent Attitude Toward the Iron Road.*" Cordery is Professor of History at Monmouth College, in Monmouth, Illinois. He has published two books, *British Friendly Societies 1750-1914* (2003) and *Mother Jones: Raising Cain and Consciousness* (2010), and articles in *Biography*, the *Journal of British Studies*, and *Labour History Review*. Dr. Cordery will discuss how Theodore Roosevelt left his mark on the American railroad industry, deepening federal regulation of the industry and browbeating Congress over rebates, and how the railroads also left their mark on him, with his famous trips to Medora by railroad and the fact that he stayed in this region because the tracks brought him near the bison he wished to hunt here.



Roger L. Di Silvestro

Roger Di Silvestro will present "*Theodore Roosevelt in the Badlands: An Easterner's Sojourn on the Last Frontier.*" Di Silvestro is well-known for his nature writing, including *The Endangered Kingdom: The Struggle to Save America's Wildlife* (1989), *Reclaiming the Last Wild Places: A New Agenda for Biodiversity* (1993), and *The African Elephant: Twilight in Eden* (1991). His interest in the West, and in Theodore Roosevelt in particular, prompted Di Silvestro's most recent book, *Theodore Roosevelt in the Badlands: A Young Politician's Quest for Recovery in the American West*. His book chronicles the turbulent years Roosevelt spent as a rancher and is the basis for his talk. This talk focuses on the exciting story of how Roosevelt's

spirit and political dynamism were forged during roundups, bronco busting, fist fights, grizzly bear hunts, and encounters with horse thieves, hostile Indians, and vigilante justice.



Dr. Patricia Nelson Limerick

Dr. Patricia Nelson Limerick will present "*The Winning of the West Revisited*." Dr. Limerick is the founder and chair of the board of the prestigious Center of the American West at the University of Colorado, where she is also a Professor of History. Upon earning her Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale, Dr. Limerick taught at Harvard University before relocating to Boulder. Her book *Desert Passages: Encounters with the American Deserts* (1985) was followed by *The Legacy of Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West* (1987), a celebrated and provocative reinterpretation of Western American history. At the Center of the American West, she presides over a forum committed to the civil, respectful, problem-solving exploration of important public issues.



Dr. Elliot West

Dr. Elliot West will present "*Roosevelt's West*." A distinguished scholar and teacher, Elliott West is a recognized authority on the American West. The topics of his seven books have included mining, childhood, saloons, and Native Americans. His service to the academic community includes presidency of the Western Historical Association, leadership in the Arkansas Humanities Council, advisory board member for History Book-of-the-Month Club, and juror for the Pulitzer Prize in History.



Dr. G. Edward White

Dr. G. Edward White will present "*Theodore Roosevelt and the Fashioning of the Cowboy Myth*." White is a Harvard and Yale educated attorney and is the David and Mary Harrison Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Virginia. Dr. White has authored fourteen books, on topics ranging from baseball to constitutional reform, from legal biographies to Theodore Roosevelt. *The Eastern Establishment and the Western Experience: The West of Frederic Remington, Theodore Roosevelt, and Owen Wister* (1968/rev. 1989) will serve as the basis for Dr. White's exploration of Roosevelt and the creation of the cowboy myth in the American West.

Dr. Douglas Brinkley is professor of history at Rice University and a fellow in history at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy. A member of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation's board of directors, Brinkley will revisit his adventures in the North Dakota Badlands



Dr. Douglas Brinkley

on his Majic Bus trips, discussed elsewhere in this newsletter. Dr. Brinkley's most recent publications include *The Quiet World: Saving Alaska's Wilderness Kingdom, 1879-1960* (2011) and *The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America* (2010). Brinkley is a contributing editor for *Vanity Fair*, *Los Angeles Times Book Review* and *American Heritage*, as well as a frequent contributor to *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker* and *The Atlantic Monthly*.



Clay Jenkinson

Symposium moderator **Clay Jenkinson**, a native of Dickinson, ND, is the Theodore Roosevelt humanities scholar at Dickinson State University. He is also a distinguished humanities scholar at Bismarck State College, a columnist for *The Bismarck Tribune*, and director of the Dakota Institute. Clay is one of the nation's leading interpreters of Thomas Jefferson. He has lectured about and portrayed Jefferson in forty-nine states over a period of fifteen years. Clay also portrays Meriwether Lewis, John Wesley Powell, J. Robert Oppenheimer and Theodore Roosevelt. Clay has dedicated the better part of his life to researching the historical characters he portrays and to bringing back and defining the "living theatre" of Chautauqua, which emphasizes education with audience participation to enhance the learning and entertainment experience.

Keynote Speaker at the Theodore Roosevelt Association Annual Meeting



Edmund Morris

Edmund Morris, the keynote speaker for the Theodore Roosevelt Association's annual meeting, was born and educated in Kenya and attended college in South Africa. He worked as an advertising copywriter in London before immigrating to the United States in 1968. His 1980 Pulitzer Prize-winning biography *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt* began his acclaimed three-part life of Theodore Roosevelt. *Theodore Rex*, which won the *LA Times* Book Prize, followed in 2001 and *Colonel Roosevelt* in 2010. As President Reagan's authorized biographer, Morris published the national bestseller *Dutch: A Memoir of Ronald Reagan* in 1999. *Beethoven: The Universal Composer* (2005) grew out of Morris's four decade-long fascination with Beethoven and his own love for the piano. Morris has written extensively on arts and travel and for such publications as *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, and *Harper's Magazine*.

Ambitious Growth Plans Being Discussed In Medora



**TRMF Development
Director Cordell Dick**

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation board of directors and staff are discussing an ambitious ten-year growth plan titled "Ensuring Medora's Greatness." Board members and staff began airing the plan at their recent annual meeting, and it will be the subject of discussion at "many more meetings" according to TRMF Development Director Cordell Dick.

"We're looking at ideas that could lead to \$30 to \$40 million in additions and improvements over the next ten years," Dick said. "Our success will depend on how well we are able to work with our many current, as well as new, donors, including those in western North Dakota who are experiencing new-found wealth because of the expansion of the oil industry."

Among the ideas is the restoration of the historic von Hoffman House, a project which is already underway. Other items on the historic preservation and restoration list are renovating the Fudge Depot, which is a former bank building; rebuilding the historic Vanvig and Bird Houses; and re-facing or rebuilding the Pizza Parlor block.

"We know we have prospective donors whose interest is in historic preservation, and we'll be visiting with them about these projects," Dick said.

In the area of presenting new attractions, the board will discuss such things as a display area for the Harold Schafer Indian Artifact Collection, a Medora Welcome Center, enhancements at the *Medora Musical*, Ranch-o-Rama improvements and programming, a Theodore Roosevelt Badlands Institute, and additional historic interpretation and outreach.

"As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of TRMF, we're recognizing that Medora is a tremendous success story," the development director said. "Gifts to the Foundation of more than \$30 million have allowed us to grow to the position we're in now. We know that there will be many, many new opportunities to match future donors with projects in which they are interested."

Dick pointed to two gifts involving mineral ownership that demonstrate donors' intent for long-term gift benefits. The estate and mineral trust of Allwyn Carus has already

generated income of more than \$230,000 from mineral acres in western North Dakota. According to Carus's nephew, Edward, the trust administrator, Allwyn purchased land and mineral interests in western North Dakota in the late 1930s and 1940s. When he died at age 102 in 2004, he named the TR Medora Foundation as one of ten charitable beneficiaries of his estate. "He was a fan of both Theodore Roosevelt and Harold Schafer," Edward said. "He admired their independence." The Carus estate will continue to generate income for future projects in Medora.

TRMF is also going to benefit from a gift of mineral interests from Matt and Joann Butler of Fargo. The Butlers made their gift earlier this year. Dick said that the Butlers had acquired a small mineral holding in western North Dakota that has already begun generating income. "The Butlers saw it as a special way to make an ongoing gift to our Foundation," Dick said. "We're very appreciative to Matt and Joann, and all of the Butler family, for their continued generosity."

Going forward, Dick said there will be a number of needs in Medora which will not generate revenue or add to the bottom line, or even be noticed by the visiting public, but will meet infrastructure needs. These include modernization or replacement of the existing guest lodging facilities, construction of additional employee and volunteer housing, an "operations maintenance center," staff office space, and an increase in scholarship amounts and numbers to college-age employees, among other needs.

"We need to keep reminding ourselves of our mission, and of Harold's vision for Medora," Dick said. "Just like when Harold started things here, a lot of behind-the-scenes enhancements don't add to the bottom line, but they improve the quality of the visitor experience, and that is important."

"Medora is in kind of an interesting place right now," he added. "Our brand is strong and recognized widely in North Dakota, and there's tremendous potential for working with all of our donors to benefit both them and the Foundation. We're well-placed to benefit from the good fortunes of both our current and new prospective donors. We hope people with an interest in Medora, in Theodore Roosevelt, in the culture of the Old West, and in what Harold Schafer and his foundation have done here, will visit with us about opportunities to continue this legacy."

Tax-Free IRA Rollover Extended!

Here's a bit of good news out of Washington: Congress has renewed the IRS provision that allows tax-free transfers of IRA funds to eligible charities for another year. What that means:

Individuals age 70 ½ or older may continue to make tax-free transfers up to \$100,000 from an IRA to the

Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation for the 2011 tax year. Gifts may be made until December 31, 2011, and these gifts fulfill some or all of the required minimum distribution without increasing taxable income.

If you'd like more information and a sample letter for your IRA custodian, please call Cordell Dick at the Bismarck TRMF office, (701) 223-4800.

New Sound System For Medora Musical

Buffalo Alice returns to the 2011 *Medora Musical*, this year as hostess of the 46th edition of the show, which runs from June 10-September 10. Emily Walters, a veteran of the *Medora Musical*, will portray Buffalo Alice. Expect to see some familiar faces in the Burning Hills Singers this year, including crowd favorites Lexie and Chet Wollan, a pair of North Dakotans, Jeremiah Swenson of Stanley and Misti Koop from Grand Forks, and South Dakota's Bo Price, longtime choreographer for the show.

Specialty acts include:

- Sylvia Fletcher—Hilarious Ventriloquism, June 10-July 8
- Karyn Ruth White—One Funny Lady, July 9-July 29
- Rudi Macaggi—Fun Physical Stunts, July 30-August 19
- Aloft—Amazing Physical Feats, August 20-September 10

Also returning to Medora this year, after a 15-year absence, to portray President Theodore Roosevelt in the *Medora Musical* and *Bully! The Play*, is John Kunik, who last appeared here in 1996.

Special promotions this year include Kids Days on Sundays and Wednesdays, and Seniors Days, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Veterans Recognition Day will be July 10.

Kinley Slauter, Burning Hills Amphitheater manager, said the amphitheatre's sound system has been completely overhauled, with \$125,000 worth of sound improvements installed over the winter.

The *Medora Musical* plays at 8:30 nightly, while *Bully!* plays daily at 4 p.m. in the Old Town Hall Theatre, and the *Comedy Corner* plays Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m., also in the Old Town Hall Theatre.

Tickets for all the shows are available on the TRMF website, www.medora.com, or by calling 1-800-633-6721. "This is going to be a busy summer," Slauter said. "Call early to get tickets for good seats."



Emily Walters will star as Buffalo Alice in the 2011 *Medora Musical*.

Dakota Air Radio Show in Medora June 4

The Medora performance of *Dakota Air: The Radio Show*, scheduled for Medora's Burning Hills Amphitheatre on Saturday, June 4, is the 10th and final presentation of the show's successful inaugural season. *Dakota Air* is an old-fashioned live radio variety show, featuring comedy skits and music along with local history, culture and talent.

The Medora show will feature the traditional and contemporary western sound of the Radio Stars Band, as well as the comedy and historical storytelling of creative director Steve Stark and the Airheads Radio Acting Company. Stark is well known for his knowledge of and portrayal of President Theodore Roosevelt, who is so closely tied to the badlands of North Dakota. Guest stars include singer/songwriter Jesse Veeder-Scofield, columnist and cowboy poet Rodney Nelson, and Medora's own Burning Hills Singers, who will be debuting a brand new song written just for the 2011 *Medora Musical*. Special guest star for the *Dakota Air* Medora show is Paulette Carlson, founder and lead singer for the

chart-topping, ACM/CMA award-winning band, Highway 101. In addition to performing in *Dakota Air*, (which will be broadcast live over the statewide Prairie Public network), Paulette and the Radio Stars will be performing a 45 minute concert of Paulette's hits immediately following the radio show.

Executive Producer and host of the show, Merrill Piepkorn, says, "This will be an action-packed, fast paced show, a one-of-a-kind experience celebrating the Badlands of North Dakota and the western way of life, past and present. *Dakota Air: The Radio Show* at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre is a perfect way to kick off a summer full of great experiences in North Dakota."

The 90-minute radio show begins at 2:30 p.m. MDT, and Paulette Carlson's concert will follow immediately. Admission is \$25 for adults, \$10 for students, and pre-school children are free. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 1-800-633-6721, or by visiting www.medora.com. If you can't attend, tune in to your local Prairie Public radio station to listen to the live broadcast from Medora.

Three Join TRMF Board Of Directors

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation Board of Directors welcomed three new board members at its annual meeting in January. Marlene Hoffart, Dr. Douglas Brinkley and Al Christianson were elected to three-year terms. They replace Joey Hildebrand, Rick Berg and Dan Swetich, whose terms expired. Thanks to Joey, Rick and Dan for their years of service to the Medora Foundation. Welcome aboard Marlene, Al and Doug! Here's a little information on our three new board members.



Marlene Hoffart

Marlene Hoffart is a Rugby, ND, native and a graduate of Rugby High School and the University of North Dakota. She and her husband Ron are the owners of Grouser Products of West Fargo, which Ron founded in 1978. The company has many patents on steel tracks for over-the-tire skid loaders and dozers for tractors used in industry, with a worldwide distribution network

including Australia, New Zealand, Russia and Mexico.

Marlene served as executive assistant to former Governor William L. Guy with the North Dakota Community Foundation and worked in the Burgum and Irby Law Firm in Fargo for 13 years before joining with Ron in his business.

She has been in numerous volunteer and community positions including a CCD teacher in her church, a 4-H leader, a Moorhead State University usher, a member of PEO, and a Medora volunteer for the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation.

Marlene began visiting Medora about the time the *Medora Musical* started, visited many times, became a summer volunteer, and last year she celebrated her birthday and her 45-year anniversary with Ron in Medora. In addition to volunteering in Medora, Marlene is a volunteer literature distributor for TRMF in Fargo.

Marlene and Ron are the parents of three daughters and have five grandchildren who also love Medora.



Dr. Douglas Brinkley

Dr. Douglas Brinkley is a tenured Professor of History at Rice University and a fellow at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History. His most recent book, *The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America*, was published in 2009 and became an instant *New York Times* bestseller and was the recipient of the 2009 National Outdoor Book

Award and 2009 Green Prize for Sustainable Literature. He is a graduate of Ohio State University and received his doctorate in U.S. Diplomatic History from Georgetown University.

While a professor at Hofstra University, Doug created the American Odyssey course, in which he took students on cross country trips where they visited historic sites and important political and literary figures. It was on those trips that he first visited Medora, as a guest of Harold and Sheila Schafer, with whom he served on the board of the Theodore Roosevelt Association, and as a result of that visit, featured Medora in his first book, *The Majic Bus: An American Odyssey*. He has returned to Medora many times, both for research on his Theodore Roosevelt book, and simply to enjoy Medora, the badlands and Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Doug is the author of more than a dozen books, and is a contributing editor for *Vanity Fair*, the *Los Angeles Times Book Review* and *American Heritage*, a regular contributor to the *New York Times*, *The New Yorker* and *The Atlantic Monthly*, and a political commentator for CBS News. He is an active member of the Theodore Roosevelt Association.



Al Christianson

Al Christianson is a native North Dakotan, born and raised at Washburn, and a graduate of Washburn High School and the University of North Dakota. He is currently the Manager of North Dakota Business Development and Governmental Affairs for Great River Energy. Great River has been a longtime Medora supporter and is a major contributor to the Rough

Riders Hotel project.

Al began his employment with Cooperative Power in 1977 as a control room operator and has held a number of positions in the operations group, including operations coordinator. In 1997, Cooperative Power merged with United Power to form Great River Energy, at which time Al transitioned to business development and governmental affairs for the new firm, headquarter in Elk River, MN.

Since that time, Al has played a key role in developing the Blue Flint Ethanol Project, Spiritwood Energy Park and a number of other business ventures for Great River. He is also responsible for all phases of governmental affairs for Great River in North Dakota.

Al was appointed by Governor John Hoeven to the North Dakota Renewable Energy Council and continues to serve on that council. He is the immediate past chairman of the American Coal Ash Association, Chairman of the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation, a director on the North Dakota Concrete and Redi-Mix Board, represents Great River on the South Dakota Redi-Mix Board, the Association of Redi-Mix of Minnesota and a board member of the North Dakota Alliance for Renewable Energy, as well as a member of numerous other associations and boards.

Al is married to Jane and has a daughter, Molly, a senior at Bismarck High School and a son, Kendall, a junior at Washburn High School.



Theodore Roosevelt

MEDORA FOUNDATION

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Integrity in all we do

The importance of **Family**

Excellence in products and services

“The Medora Experience”

enhances the character of our
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Inspiring American **Patriotism**

Stewardship of all resources

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Mission Statement

Preserve the experience of the badlands, the historic character of Medora and the values and traditions of the “Bully Spirit” of Theodore Roosevelt.

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

Serve the traveling public, providing for their comfort while visiting historic Medora, the badlands and Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



The “Majic Bus” Bring

In the spring of 1992, Douglas Brinkley, a young ambitious assistant professor of history from Hofstra University on Long Island, located not far down the road from Theodore Roosevelt’s home at Oyster Bay, turned a bus into a rolling classroom, complete with beds and a bathroom, painted it up in “majic” colors, grabbed 17 of his best students, and set out to teach them history and literature on the road.

Five weeks after their departure from New York, a bedraggled bunch of students, a tired bus driver and a still-patient professor rolled into Medora, North Dakota, one of the last stops on their “American Odyssey” before heading south to the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore, where they would take a left turn on Interstate 90 and return home.

Professor Brinkley was acquainted with Harold and Sheila Schafer through their joint service on the board of directors of the Theodore Roosevelt Association, and when Harold and Sheila learned of the bus trip, they insisted the group stop in Medora as their guests. Brinkley, tells the story of his first visit to Medora in a chapter of his book about the trip, *The Majic Bus*. Here’s an excerpt.

From the Crow Agency, we continued our journey through Montana, our destination now the Badlands town of Medora, North Dakota, where Theodore Roosevelt spent his Wild West days. Harold and Sheila Schafer, two of the most colorful and generous people I know, live and work there. Harold would be called away to Bismarck on business, so it would be Sheila who entertained us.

Harold Schafer, a flamboyant eighty-year-old philanthropist whose son, Ed, has recently been elected governor, is a North Dakota legend, the youngest man ever to receive the Horatio Alger Award from American Schools and Colleges. In 1942, at age thirty, Schafer founded Gold Seal, originally a one-man cleaning-wax company. By the time he was thirty-six, he would be a self-made millionaire. . .

Instead of using the millions Gold Seal was earning just to make more money, Harold Schafer and his vivacious and talented actress/wife/business partner, Sheila, restored the Badlands town of Medora . . . and set up a nonprofit public corporation: The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. “We all need heroes,” Schafer has said. “Theodore Roosevelt was gutsy, and his is still a great name in world history. Medora is a great part of North Dakota history.” Due to the Schafers’ restoration efforts, Medora—and a sizable chunk of the North Dakota Badlands now protected as

the Theodore Roosevelt National Park—is the single best family vacation spot for capturing the American West of cowboy-and-buffalo lore. Unlike other national park gateway towns like Gatlinburg, Jackson Hole or Estes Park, Medora refuses to go neon; the foundation insists the historic town stay rustic and authentic.

Brinkley, who has gone on to become one of America’s most important and prolific historians, recorded that first impression of Medora: “the single best family vacation spot for capturing the American West . . .”

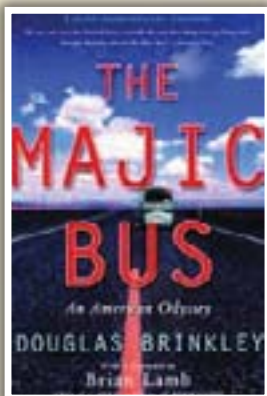
Now, some 19 years later, it is fitting that Dr. Brinkley, still a huge fan of Medora, with numerous visits here to soak up some of that history, has been elected a member of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation board of directors. Here’s a little more from *The Majic Bus*:

It was 9:00P.M. when we finally crossed into North Dakota . . . It was a cool, clear, windy night and along the roadside we kept catching the red-eyed flash of unknown critters. We met Sheila at the two-story Little Missouri Saloon, known as the final resting place for hundreds of cowboy and straw hats that permanently hang from the wooden ceiling beams. A few local ranchers and teenagers stared at the spectacle of the

Majic Bus discharging its load of New Yorkers in the Badlands. Sheila greeted us in front of the Little Missouri with enthusiastic hugs, then led us inside to celebrate . . . with the biggest T-bone steak-a-thon imaginable—not to mention mounds of baked potatoes, salad, and ice cream. What an evening! Sheila left us to ourselves, but handed us the keys to the Badlands Motel, where we would stay for two nights.

The next morning we all met Sheila at the covered wagon in the front yard of her home . . . After feeding us coffee, juice and doughnuts, Sheila took us on a walking tour. Medora’s roads have been paved and streetlights have been installed, but it’s still the same wooden-planked Dakota town that Theodore Roosevelt fell in love with. Everywhere you walk in Medora, you bump into TR’s past.

It was buffalo hunting that first brought Theodore Roosevelt to the rugged Badlands when he was twenty-four years old, an asthmatic with a flamboyant zest for buckskin clothes and the outdoors. In the Badlands, TR learned to be self-sufficient—playing the patrician was of little use there. Not long after the hunt, he went back to New York, but he couldn’t get



gs Brinkley to Medora

the Badlands out of his mind. When on Valentine's Day, 1884, tragedy struck Roosevelt—both his mother and his wife died on the same day and in the same house—he headed back to the Badlands to escape the redoubled pain, thereby reigniting a spark in his somber spirit . . .

TR once quipped that the Badlands “look just exactly as Poe’s tails and poems sound”—for like so much of the West, their horizon and colors are hard to describe in words. Clearly the Badlands get their allure from the stark and barren buttes, the sculpted hills and ravines, the maze of odd and intricate canyons that are millions of years old and have stoically refused to relinquish their prehistoric status. But it’s the unspoiled plains surrounding these canyons and the plenitude of animal life still abounding, that make being in this part of North Dakota so memorable. Sheila had ranch hands drive us all over the area, pointing out herds of buffalo and elk and deer and pronghorn antelope. We felt as if we were on an African safari. A highlight was getting to see a buffalo calf, its leery mother ready to charge our truck if we got too close.

Our drive through the (Theodore Roosevelt National) park was so awe-inspiring that it is next to impossible to write about: herds of massive buffalo lumbering across the road, black-tailed prairie dogs popping from burrow to burrow, elk ripping grass up by the roots, a fat badger waddling out of a hole, wild horses streaming across the grasslands, and cottontail rabbits, bounding over hummocks. At one

point, on a hundred-colored cliff near Medora, Dan saw a rattlesnake and panicked: he sprinted back to the safety of the Majic Bus, terrified by the lingering image of its coil and angry that he’d got buffalo chips embedded in his shoe . . . The Badlands are a state of mind, not a location—not merely a cemetery of wind-carved stone and mysterious crags, but an evocation of spiritual presence.

“Medora . . . is the single best family vacation spot for capturing the American West . . .”

That evening Sheila gave us a chicken dinner at the Rough Riders Hotel, where TR once spoke to a crowd from the balcony bully pulpit . . . and Sheila gave all the students Medora souvenirs and copies of Edmund Morris’s Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt*.

(The next morning) the sky was still star-filled and the moon aglow as we crammed our newly-rearranged bags into the bus bay, getting ready to leave . . . As we entered the highway darkness just outside of town, two buffalo by the roadside bellowed, seeming to wish us well on the last leg of our journey.

Professor Brinkley’s introduction to Medora, and his wonderful description of it in his best-selling book, is just a glimpse of his appreciation for this town. On his many visits since, breaks from the nearly-insane pace of his teaching and lecturing schedule, his television commentator appearances on CBS, and his authoring of more than a dozen books, he continues to marvel at the land and people of western North Dakota. The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation is honored to welcome Dr. Brinkley to its board of directors.

Bully For Bully Pulpit!

What do TPC Sawgrass (Players Stadium) in Florida, Spyglass Hill Golf Course at Pebble Beach, California, Kapalua Plantation Golf Course on Maui, Hawaii, and Bully Pulpit Golf Course in Medora, North Dakota, all have in common? Well, all of them except Bully Pulpit are host to PGA tournaments each year. But when you add Bully Pulpit, you have golf courses with four of the “18 Most Fun Holes To Play In America,” according to Golf Digest’s editors. The 15th hole at Bully Pulpit was honored this year by the magazine’s architecture editor, Ron Whitten.

“The tee is on one butte, the green on another, with a wind tunnel between them,” Whitten says.

Indeed, the 15th at Bully Pulpit (shown here looking at the green from the tee box) is the signature hole for the Medora golf course, and Golf Digest ranks it right up there with the famous island green 17th at Sawgrass, home of the annual PGA Players Championship, and the Plantation Course at Kapalua, home to the PGA Tournament of Champions each year.

The course is open! For tee times, call 1-800-633-6721, or go to www.medora.com.



Theodore Roosevelt Biog

There's no shortage of books about Theodore Roosevelt (or BY Theodore Roosevelt, for that matter). Just take a look at the collection in the lobby of the Rough Riders Hotel, or even in your local public library. A new title or two seems to appear every year. Recently, the third (and final) of Edmund Morris's books about TR, *Colonel Roosevelt*, has captured the most attention. A serious Roosevelt scholar could read a book a week for the next few years and not exhaust the possibilities.

What's more, the choices include much fine literature, not just scholarly tomes. How to choose, then, for the casual Roosevelt admirer, especially casual admirers from North Dakota, where Roosevelt, of course, ranched and lived as a young man? Here's a suggestion: Start with Hermann Hagedorn's *Roosevelt in the Bad Lands*. Because when you do, you'll be reading a book by someone who actually knew TR, and knew TR's friends, and, better than anyone else, really captured that time when TR lived that "hardy life" in the badlands of Dakota.

And, it is available. The book has been reprinted several times by the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association and is sold in their gift shops at the Theodore Roosevelt National Park Visitor Centers in Medora and at Painted Canyon, as well as at Western Edge Books in downtown Medora.

Hagedorn wrote the book in the months shortly after Roosevelt's death, and published it in 1921. His research included his many days spent with Roosevelt; Roosevelt's own books on his time in the West; accounts from Western newspapers of the day, including the *Dickinson Press*, *Mandan Pioneer* and *Bismarck Tribune*, as well as the *Minneapolis Journal* and *St. Paul Pioneer Press*; and, of course, as you will read below from the preface to his book, Roosevelt's contemporaries in the "Bad Lands of Dakota." Here's the beginning of that preface:

I question whether any biographer has ever had a better time gathering his material than I have had. Amid the old scenes, the old epic of the frontier has been re-created for me by the men who were the leading actors in it. But my contact with it has not been only vicarious. In the course of this most grateful of labors I have myself come to know something of the life that Roosevelt knew thirty-five years ago--the hot desolation of noon in the scarred butte country; the magic of dawn and dusk when the long shadows crept across the coulees and woke them to unexpected beauty; the solitude

of the prairies, that have the vastness without the malignancy of the sea. I have come to know the thrill and the dust and the cattle-odors of the round-up; the warm companionship of the ranchman's dinner-table; such profanity as I never expected to hear again; singing and yarns and hints of the tragedy of prairie women; and, at the height of a barbecue, the appalling intrusion of death. I have felt in all its potency the spell which the "short-grass prairie" cast over Theodore Roosevelt; and I cannot hear the word Dakota without feeling a stirring in my blood.

*It was Mr. Roosevelt himself who gave me the impulse to write this book, and it was the letters of introduction which he wrote early in 1918 which made it possible for me to secure the friendly interest of the men who knew most about his life on the ranch and the range. "If you want to know what I was like when I had bark on," he said, "you ought to talk to Bill Sewall and Merrifield and Sylvane Ferris and his brother Joe." I was writing a book about him for boys at the time (*The Boys Life of Theodore Roosevelt*), and again and again he said "I want you to go out to Dakota!" On one occasion I referred to his life in the Bad Lands as "a kind of idyl." "That's it!" he exclaimed. "That's it! That's exactly what it was!"*

The wish he had expressed, living, became in a sense a command after he was dead. The letters he had given me unsealed the lips of men who, for thirty-five years, had steadily refused to reveal to "newspaper fellers" the intimate story of the romantic life they had shared with the man who became President of the United States. Aside from what they had to tell, it was worth traveling two-thirds across the Continent to come to know these figures of an heroic age; and to sit at Sylvane Ferris's side as he drove his Overland along the trails of the Bad Lands and through the quicksands of the Little Missouri, was in itself not an insignificant adventure.

One of the original letters, from TR to Joe Ferris (proprietor of the Joe Ferris Store, now owned by the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation), was acquired some years ago by Harold Schafer from the Ferris family. It's now in safekeeping at the State Historical Society of North Dakota. But an exact replica was made by the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Association and has hung for years in the lobby of the Rough Riders Hotel. In fact, it is such a good replica that we've been told many times that we shouldn't have it on display, because it is valuable and likely to get stolen. The fact that it has

ographies: Where To Start?

never been removed from the wall tells us something about the nature of visitors to Medora.

Even if you have never read the book, you know the story of the beginning of Roosevelt's adventures here. Hagedorn tells it best, in the opening chapter of *Roosevelt in the Badlands*:

The train rumbled across three hundred feet of trestle and came to a stop. A young man, slender, not over-tall, with spectacles and a moustache, descended the steps. If he expected that his foot, groping below the bottom step in the blackness for something to land on, would find a platform, he was doomed to disappointment. The "depot" at Little Missouri did not boast a platform. The young man pulled his duffle-bag and gun-case down the steps; somebody waved a lantern; the train stirred, gained momentum, and was gone, having accomplished its immediate mission, which was to deposit a New York "dude," politician and would-be hunter, named Theodore Roosevelt, in the Bad Lands of Dakota.

The time was three o'clock of a cool, September morning, and the place, in the language of the Bad Lands, was "dark as the inside of a caow."

You know much of the story of Roosevelt's time in the badlands.

What you'll enjoy in this book is Hagedorn's prose, his obvious attempt (and success), given his subject, to write a book that will appeal to all Americans. How to capture Roosevelt, the master of description in his own numerous books, without the puffery of the times in which it was written, was no small accomplishment. Here, for example, is the opening paragraph of Chapter 18, about life on the Elkhorn Ranch—followed by the closing paragraph of the same chapter.

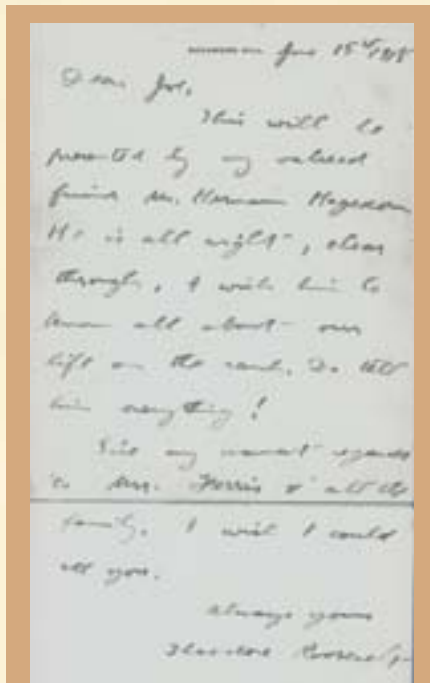
The wild riding, the mishaps, the feverish activity, the smell of the cattle, the dust, the tumult, the physical weariness, the comradeship, the closeness to life and

death—to Roosevelt it was all magical and enticing. He loved the crisp morning air, the fantastic landscape, the limitless spaces, half blue and half gold. His spirit was sensitive to beauty, especially the beauty that lay open for all in the warm light of dawn and dusk under the wide vault of heaven; and the experiences that were merely the day's work to his companions to him were edged with the shimmer of spiritual adventure.

It was a free and joyous life that Roosevelt lived with his warm-hearted companions at Elkhorn those late summer days of 1885. Now and then, when work was done, he would sit on the porch for an hour or two at a time, watching the cattle on the sand-bars "while," as he wrote subsequently, "the vultures wheeled overhead, their black shadows gliding across the glaring white of the dry river-bed." Often he would sink into his rocking chair, grimy and hot after the day's work, and read Keats and Swinburne for the contrast their sensuous music offered to the vigorous realities about him; or, forgetting books, he would just rock back and forth, looking sleepily out across the river while the scarlet crests of the buttes softened to rose and then to lavender, and lavender gave way to shadowy gray, and gray gave place to the luminous purple of the night. The leaves of the cottonwood trees before

the house were never still, and often the cooing of the mourning doves would come down to him from some high bough. He heard the thrush in the thicket near by, and in the distance the clanging cries of the water-fowl. He knew the note of every bird, and they were like friends calling to him.

You can buy the book next time you're in Medora. If you already have it, buy it for a friend who doesn't. Everyone should read this masterful primer on North Dakota's most important historical figure.



TR's letter of introduction for Hermann Hagedorn to Joe Ferris:

"Dear Joe,

This will be presented by my valued friend Hermann Hagedorn. He is all right, clear through. I wish him to hear all about our life on the ranch. Do tell him everything! Give my warmest regards to Mrs. Ferris and all the family. I wish I could see you.

Always Yours
Theodore Roosevelt"

Historic von Hoffman House To Be Restored

Planning is underway to restore the historic von Hoffman House in Medora, after the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation received a gift of some of the original furniture that was in the house more than a century ago.

The house was built in the fall of 1884, at the request of Athenais von Hoffman, so she and her husband, the Baron von Hoffman, would have a place to stay when they visited their daughter Medora and her husband, the Marquis de Mores, in Medora. The home is one of only two buildings veneered in local brick that remain in Medora, the other being St. Mary's Catholic Church.

In 1885, the father of the future North Dakota Poet Laureate, James W. Foley, Sr., moved into the house with his family and began serving as manager of the Marquis' holdings in Medora. From that point until sometime in the mid-20th century it was known as the Foley Lodge. Medora Vallambrosa and her sons gifted the house to the Foley family in 1914, and three generations of the family lived in the house while continuing to serve the de Mores family. Local residents looked after the house when the Foley family moved out during World War II.

The house was sold to Harold Schafer's Gold Seal Company in 1969 and became the Medora Doll House. Harold had visited a doll museum in the Black Hills, and thought it might be a good addition to his new tourist enterprise in Medora. He contracted Mabel Gurney, the doll expert from the Twin Cities who had assembled the South Dakota collection, and she began purchasing antique and interesting dolls for display in the museum. The majority of the current collection had been amassed by the time the von Hoffman House reopened as the doll museum in 1971. The house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. Harold gave the house to the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation in 1986.

Now the dolls are being disposed of in the same manner they were purchased, through private sales to

other collectors. Several dolls have been contributed to the collection through the years; efforts are underway to inform their donors of the plans. Restoration of the house, which will serve as a museum to interpret the early history of the town of Medora, will begin this fall, and plans are to have the initial restoration and interpretive displays, including the furniture, ready for the public by late spring of 2012. The TRMF board of directors has committed \$100,000 to the restoration effort, and private gifts are also being sought to help with the costs.

Recently, Dick and Jim Davis of Bismarck, the great grandsons of James Foley, Sr., decided to donate some of the original furnishings from the house to the Medora Foundation. The bedroom set and dining room furniture, originally brought to Medora in the 1880s, has been in their family, and they felt it should be on display back in the house where it originated.

"We're grateful to the entire Foley/Davis family for their appreciation of Medora history and to Jim and Dick Davis for their generosity. We think visitors to Medora will enjoy having another piece of history come back to life," said TRMF President Randy Hatzenbuehler.

Hatzenbuehler said there may be other items from the original house still in the area, and he urged people who know of any items to contact the Foundation. In particular, he said, they are interested in finding out what happened to the piano which was brought to the house in the 1880s and was last displayed there in the 1960s.



Jim Davis, great grandson of James W. Foley, Sr., with one of the original pieces of furniture from the von Hoffman House in Medora.

"THE BUILDING OF THE BRIDGE"

By James W. Foley, Jr.

Ye are the builders of empire, who bridge all the rivers that flow,
Who tunnel the hills with your pathways as Westward and
Westward ye go;
Who ridge all the hillsides with furrows and bring down the grain
to your mill,
Who go forth with stout hearts and singing to bend the wild
lands to your will.

And this is the empire ye builded and this is the river ye span,
And these are the fields ye made fertile and here rise the
dreams that ye plan;
And this is the west where ye planned them--the West that has
given to thee
The spirit that thrills in a people grown sturdy and steadfast and
free.

And what will ye give of the spirit--give back to the West where
it grew?

Will ye give souls for service as steadfast as skies of Dakota are
blue?

Will ye stand firm for right and for freedom as these rugged hills
have stood long?

Will ye honor the wild lands ye master with purpose that still
shall be strong?

For freedom what foes may assail it? Aye these be the dreams
that we dream,
To last while these hills shall stand steadfast, and down the long
course of the stream
The waters shall flow on unceasing! For this is the empire ye
made,
And so shall ye honor it--free men, with strong hearts and souls
unafraid.

(The above poem was written by North Dakota's Poet Laureate, James W. Foley, Jr., who grew up in Medora, for the opening for traffic of the Red Trail Bridge over the Little Missouri River at Medora on July 24, 1916)

Minnesota Couple Finds A Home In Medora

Last spring, Dylan and Bretta Edwards of St. Cloud, Minnesota, were simply looking for a fun summer work experience to fill some time until their Peace Corps applications were finalized. Neither had been to Medora before, but Bretta's interest was sparked when one of her travel and tourism professors at St. Cloud State University alerted the class to summer positions in Medora. When they found Medora could offer them positions that fit their interests and experience, they signed on as seasonal employees.

Bretta worked as TRMF's catering manager and Dylan as our IT assistant in 2010. They were surprised at how busy summer in Medora turned out to be, and enjoyed interacting with guests and employees alike. Dylan said, "It was just so cool to be able to literally meet a new employee every day. And the weather is great." Bretta explained, "There is such a buzz about Medora in the summer. The *Musical* is awesome! It still shocks me every time that such an amazing theatre is right here."

While in the past Medora's business volume would typically wind down in the fall months, in 2010 it seemed business was not slowing down any time soon. Bretta and Dylan had not yet been given a Peace Corp assignment, and were willing to stay on to help TRMF handle its first winter being open for regular business. Bretta began assisting in the group sales office and Dylan took on several projects within the growing marketing department.

As the cold weather passed Bretta and Dylan felt that Medora was becoming more like home every day. When an opportunity came up for them to fill full-time, year-round positions, choosing Medora over the Peace Corps was a challenging but rewarding decision they knew was

right. "We decided to stay because the opportunity was so great. We thought we could do a lot here within each of our jobs."

As the new Group Sales Coordinator, Bretta works to organize details for existing groups and new groups coming in, from *Medora Musical* tickets to golf outings to catered events. She's working to streamline the group planning process and make it more efficient for groups and for TRMF staff.



Bretta and Dylan Edwards

Her focus in the upcoming year will be to bring in more new groups and grow sales. "We haven't even scratched the surface of the potential for winter business and activity."

Dylan's presence as a marketing assistant has allowed TRMF to cover more ground in the winter months. With TRMF open year-round at the Rough Riders Hotel and Conference Center, more off-season print advertising has to be coordinated, among other things. He is also excited to focus on online digital and video content. He's looking forward to what can be accomplished in the next year, with a year's experience under his belt.

Dylan and Bretta are two of several other new, young faces that have joined the TRMF full time staff in the past year. We are excited to be able to draw quality young talent to our organization and to the Medora community.

Gate City Bank Employees Assist In Flood Cleanup



The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation and the staff at Bully Pulpit Golf Course are extremely grateful to the Gate City Bank volunteers from around the state who helped with cleanup after the third year of spring flooding at Bully Pulpit. Here, two volunteers use a fire hose and squeegee to move mud from the fairway.



Volunteers from Gate City Bank who helped in the cleanup at Bully Pulpit Golf Course. Bottom row L to R: Tim Brumfield, Dickinson; Susan Phelps, Park River; Peggy Johnson, Minot; Norm Clark, Bismarck. Top row L to R: Greg Ellwein, Bismarck; Scott Hare, Jamestown; Chad Peterson, Devils Lake; Jeff Peterson, Grand Forks.

Become A TRMF Member Today!

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation Annual Membership program provides ongoing, long term support for the activities of the Foundation. Annual Members provide the resources to fix the boardwalks, paint the buildings, feed the horses, buy new flags, put new costumes on our wonderful Burning Hills Singers, buy vests for our 400 volunteers, mow the grass, plant the flowers and do the hundreds of little things necessary each year to make Medora what it is today.

The benefits of TRMF's annual membership program include:

- Being listed as a patron in the *Medora Musical* program
- Receiving an exclusive invitation to the June Rough Rider Roundup in Medora
- Getting all of the major TRMF mailings: Generations, Rough Rider Review newsletters and the Annual Development Report
- A greatly expanded array of membership benefit options (see membership options on the membership application form in this newsletter)

Membership dues are \$250 and provide a charitable deduction to the extent allowed by law. To join the hundreds of folks from all over who love Medora and want to see it continue to grow and be there for years to come, you can use the membership form included in this newsletter. Here's a list of 2011 members so far. If you become a member by May 27, your name will be included in the *Medora Musical* program for 2011.

2011 TRMF Annual Members Add your name to this list today!

Aberle, Robert & Janice.....Menoken, ND
 Allery, Fran..... Fargo, ND
 Altringer, Pat & Bev.....Mesa, AZ
 Ames, Marlene..... Fargo, ND
 Anderson, C.J. & Sharon.....Watford City, ND
 Anderson, Dale & Claudia..... Fargo, ND
 Anderson, David & Marie..... Dickinson, ND
 Anderson, Merton & Karen.....Watford City, ND
 Anderson, Richard & Darlyne.....Palm Desert, CA
 Andrist, Steve & Barbara..... Crosby, ND
 Anonymous..... Fargo, ND
 Atkinson, Myron & Marjory.....Bismarck, ND
 Backman, Rodney & Karen.....Bismarck, ND
 Bain, Steve & Pat.....Bismarck, ND
 Ballantyne, Gary.....Westhope, ND
 Bank of the West - Beach, ND.....Beach, ND
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 Berg, Rick & Tracy Martin..... Fargo, ND
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 Berndt, Steven & Darlene..... Fargo, ND
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 Bismarck-Mandan Convention & Visitors Bureau.....Bismarck, ND
 Bobcat Company.....West Fargo, ND
 Boche, Tim & Val..... Emerald, WI
 Bollinger, Allen & Brenda.....Edgeley, ND
 Bosch Lumber Co..... Dickinson, ND
 Bosch, Joel..... Dickinson, ND
 Bott, DuWayne..... Marion, ND
 Boulger, John & Mary..... Fargo, ND
 Bowman, Ron & Orpha.....Bowman, ND
 Brandvik, Nancy.....Bismarck, ND
 Brenteson, Carol.....Plentywood, MT
 Breuer, Almit & Marlyne.....Garrison, ND
 Brown, Malcolm & Carol.....Bismarck, ND
 Brown, Robert & DeLayne.....Bismarck, ND
 Brown, Winnifred..... Fargo, ND
 Buchholz, Reuben(dec.) & Jan..... Dickinson, ND
 Buchholz, Rodger & Mavis.....Bismarck, ND
 Bullinger, Mike & Peggy..... Fargo, ND
 Captain Jack's.....Bismarck, ND
 Captain Jack's Mandan.....Mandan, ND
 Cheney, Lowell & GeNeil.....Bismarck, ND
 Christenson, Gary & Edith.....Minot, ND
 Christenson, Ron & Gayle.....Steele, ND
 Christianson, Al & Jane.....Bismarck, ND
 Clement, Don & Pat.....Bismarck, ND
 Clifford, Jim & Janet.....Minot, ND
 Cloverdale Foods Company.....Mandan, ND
 Coteau Properties Company, The.....Beulah, ND
 Credit Collections Bureau.....Bismarck, ND
 Cunningham, Marilyn.....Bismarck, ND
 Curtiss, Win & Pat.....White Bear Lake, MN
 Cutler, James.....Rio Rancho, NM
 Dahl, Brian & Terrie..... Fargo, ND
 Dahl, Phillip & Vivian.....Bismarck, ND
 Dahl, Royce & Marlene.....Verona, ND
 Dalrymple III, Gov John & Betsy.....Casselton, ND
 Daniel, Bill & Bonnie.....Bismarck, ND
 Daniel, Gail.....Bismarck, ND
 Daniel, William & Alice.....Bismarck, ND
 Davis, James & Heather.....Warroad, MN
 Davis, John, Jr. & Hannelore.....Wacouta, ND
 Decker, Pat.....Hillsboro, OR
 Decker, Patricia.....Belfield, ND
 DeKrey, Warren & Eileen.....Bismarck, ND
 Dickinson Ready Mix Co..... Dickinson, ND
 Diss, William & Minnie.....Denver, CO
 Dockter, Allen & Diane.....Bismarck, ND
 Doerner, John & Janet.....Bismarck, ND
 Doezal, Allan & Kaye.....Killdeer, ND
 Dr. Casey B. & Kristi Carlson.....Bismarck, ND
 Dwyer, John & Barbara.....Bismarck, ND
 Dynes, George & Myrtle..... Dickinson, ND
 Eastgate Funeral Service.....Bismarck, ND
 Eaton, Jonathan & Betty.....Minot, ND
 Elvrum, Chuck & Kay.....Mandan, ND
 Enderbse, W. Roger & Colleen.....Grand Forks, ND
 Erickson, Caroline.....Amidon, ND
 Farmers & Merchants State Bank-Tolna.....Tolna, ND
 Fessler, David (dec.) & Elizabeth.....St. Paul, MN
 Flechner, Marcus & Margaret.....Bismarck, ND
 Fleischer, Leland & Linda.....Mandan, ND
 Flare, Norma J..... Fargo, ND
 Flurer, Dick & Doris.....Tempe, AZ
 Fong, Brad & Brenda..... Dickinson, ND
 Frank, Dr. Walter & Carolyn.....Bismarck, ND
 Gab, Del & Joyce..... Dickinson, ND
 Gackie, Don & Ardie.....Garrison, ND
 Galbreath, Jeannine..... Fargo, ND
 Gangness, Ron & Shirley (dec.).....Bismarck, ND
 Gesselle, Violet.....Bismarck, ND
 Gilbreath, Roy.....Bismarck, ND
 Gjerstad, Larry & Margaret.....Mott, ND
 Glasser, James.....Mott, ND

Gluesing, Wayne.....Denver, CO
 Goodall, Larry & Dorothy.....Stanley, ND
 Goodall, Steve & Patti..... Dickinson, ND
 Grauman, Barbara.....Beulah, ND
 Greff, Kevin & Jo.....Mandan, ND
 Griffith, Ken & Karen.....Baker, MT
 Grosz, Dick & Diana.....Sioux Falls, SD
 Groven, David.....Portland, OR
 Gunsch, Richard & Marilyn.....Bismarck, ND
 Gurholt, Paul & Marcia.....Bismarck, ND
 Haensel, Robert & Dorothy.....Great Falls, MT
 Hanson, Armen & Connie.....Devils Lake, ND
 Hardy, Jim & Charlotte.....Neche, ND
 Hatzenbuehler, Randy & Laurie.....Bismarck, ND
 Hauer, Joe & Florence.....Scottsdale, AZ
 Haugen, Don & Donna.....Minot, ND
 Haugen, Irene.....Valley City, ND
 Hausauer, Alan & JoAnn.....Bismarck, ND
 Heins, Millie M..... Fargo, ND
 Helgeson, Margo.....Westhope, ND
 Herr, Ron & Elka.....Bismarck, ND
 Hildebrand, Dean (dec.) & Joey.....Bismarck, ND
 Hildebrand, Terry & Kathy.....Bismarck, ND
 Hill, Bryce & Maxine.....Bismarck, ND
 Hiltner, Arthur & Glorienne.....Grand Forks, ND
 Hintz, Robert.....Spearfish, ND
 Hoeven, Jack, Jr. & Raziye.....Minot, ND
 Hoffman, Ron & Marlene..... Fargo, ND
 Hoffman, Ray & Gertha.....Scottsdale, AZ
 Hoglund, Gary & Kim.....Mapleton, ND
 Hoovestol, Burton (dec.) & Etheleen.....Mesa, AZ
 Hoplauf, Jim & Lenore.....Bismarck, ND
 Horning, Ed & Lois.....Bismarck, ND
 Hovdestad, Gary & Carol..... Surprise, AZ
 Hugelien's, Inc.....Belfield, ND
 Ibach, Joe & Kathy.....Bismarck, ND
 Indoor Services Inc.....Bismarck, ND
 Jacobsen, John & Jean.....Bismarck, ND
 Jaeger, Alvin & Kathy.....Bismarck, ND
 Jennings, Jon & Karen.....Bismarck, ND
 Jensen Travel - Jack & Hazel Jensen..... Hazen, ND
 JLG Architects.....Grand Forks, ND
 Johnson, Burdell & Theo.....Tuttle, ND
 Johnson, Colleen.....Scottsdale, AZ
 Johnson, Dennis & Nancy..... Dickinson, ND
 Johnson, Gloria..... Moorhead, MN
 Johnson, Joan & Dennis.....Grand Forks, ND
 Johnson, Laverne & Gwyn Herman.....Bismarck, ND
 Johnson, Roger & Mary.....Donnybrook, ND
 Jordheim, Hans & LeVonne..... Fargo, ND
 Jordheim, Terrance & Vera.....Wyndmere, ND
 Jorgensen, James & Cynthia.....Kenmare, ND
 Jose, Ralph & Darlene..... Fargo, ND
 Kack, David & Jennifer.....Bozeman, MT
 Kack, Jeff & Ruth.....Bozeman, MT
 Kack, Jim & Joanne.....Bozeman, MT
 Kack, Steven.....Ennis, MT
 Kadmas Lee & Jackson..... Dickinson, ND
 Kaiser, Marvin.....Williston, ND
 Kautzman, Ray & Darlene.....Mandan, ND
 Kavlie, Dr. Gaylord & Cindy.....Bismarck, ND
 Kazmierczak, Frank & Lerelle.....San Jose, CA
 Kessel, Bruce.....South Saint Paul, MN
 KFYR-TV.....Bismarck, ND
 Kieffer, Roger & Joan.....Grand Forks, ND
 Kingsbury, Bill & Joyce.....Grafton, ND
 Kloster, Paul & Gaye.....Chandler, AZ
 Kloster, Sully & Linda.....Sharon, ND
 Koehler, Ron & Lorraine.....Tioga, ND
 Kolling & Kolling, Inc..... Dickinson, ND
 Koppinger, Stan & Lori.....Beach, ND
 Krabsteth, John & Joyce.....Williston, ND
 Krause, Dales & Marilyn.....Hazen, ND
 Kuschel, Marv & Lori.....Beulah, ND
 Kysar, Esther.....Bismarck, ND
 Lacey, Jack & Sharon.....Wendell, MN
 Landstrom, Rod & Susan..... Dickinson, ND
 Lander, Robert & Pat.....Grand Forks, ND
 Larson, Fred & Karen.....Bismarck, ND
 Larson, Gail & Gloria.....Garrison, ND
 Larson, Richard & Madrienne.....Rio Verde, AZ
 Lean, Earle & Jane..... Fargo, ND
 Lee, Herman & Lenora.....Borup, MN
 Lee, Robert & Bonnie.....Medora, ND
 Lemke, Art.....Eagan, MN
 Lichty, Reuben & Clarice.....Jamestown, ND
 Liffgr, Duane & Doris.....Bismarck, ND
 Lillis, Nancy.....Minneapolis, MN
 Lindell, William & Patricia.....Washburn, ND
 Link, Gov. Arthur (dec.) & Grace.....Bismarck, ND
 Little Missouri Land Company, Inc.....Medora, ND
 Loysen, David & Marsha.....Minot, ND
 Lorenz, Russell & Joan.....Bismarck, ND
 Love, Liz C.....Minot, ND
 Lutschwager, Myron & Creeta.....Grace City, ND
 Lutz, Dennis & Meryl.....Minot, ND
 M & W Beef Packers, Inc.....Mandan, ND
 Magi-Touch Carpet & Furniture Inc.....Bismarck, ND
 Magnotto Properties.....Phoenix, AZ
 Mahlum, Darlene & Pierre Haumont (dec.).....Mesa, AZ
 Marathon Oil Company..... Dickinson, ND
 Maring, David & Mary Muehlen.....Mandan, ND
 Matson, Lois.....Minot, ND
 Mattson, Walter & Ardyn.....Beach, ND
 Maxey, Patrick & Sylvia.....Ramsey, MN
 McCullough, William (dec.) & Carol.....Mandan, ND
 McDowell, Jack & Metta.....New Rockford, ND
 McKenzie, Jean.....Fergus Falls, MN
 McKinnen, Ellen.....Grand Forks, ND
 Melchior, Dick & Linda.....Bismarck, ND
 Messersmith, Calvin & Lois..... Fargo, ND
 Mid America Steel Inc..... Fargo, ND
 Mills, Bill (dec.) & Betty.....Bismarck, ND
 Montplaisir, Denis & Pat.....Mandan, ND
 Moore, Steve & Marcy.....Mandan, ND
 Moos, Guy & Sandy..... Dickinson, ND
 Muckle, James & Donna.....Beach, ND
 Mudge, Ken & LeOra.....Redlands, CA
 Muhs, Robert & Mary.....Dickey, ND
 ND Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives.....Mandan, ND
 ND Hoopster - Don & Joan Hanson.....Mandan, ND
 Neidhardt, Phil & Karen.....Kenmare, ND
 Nelson, Elice.....Plentywood, MT
 Neset Consulting Service, Inc.....Tioga, ND
 Neumann, Jack.....Bismarck, ND
 Newby's Ace Hardware..... Dickinson, ND
 North Dakota Petroleum Council.....Bismarck, ND
 Northern Improvement Co..... Dickinson, ND
 Northwest Tire, Inc.....Bismarck, ND
 Norton, James (dec.) & Mary.....El Paso, TX
 Norton, Wes & Myra.....Bismarck, ND
 Odney Advertising Agency.....Bismarck, ND
 Oehler, Dan & Sonyia.....Erhard, MN
 Olin, Jack & Velma..... Dickinson, ND
 Olson, Milton & Patty..... Dickinson, ND
 Olstad, Barbara & Howard.....Beach, ND
 Opatril, Tracy & Mike.....Glyndon, MN
 Orchard, Dr. Jeff & Leonie.....Bismarck, ND
 Orr, Clifford & Val.....Ypsilanti, MI
 Otter Tail Power Company.....Fergus Falls, MN
 Owen, Wally & Betty.....Bismarck, ND
 Ozburn, Jim & Sonyia..... Dickinson, ND
 Pandolfo, Kirk & Nancy.....Bismarck, ND
 Paulsen, Greta Lynn.....Mandan, ND
 Peltier, Joe & Norma..... Fargo, ND
 Pfeifle, Myron & Judy.....Fountain Hills, AZ
 Pitzer, Randy & Peggy.....Williston, ND
 Pommerer, Roger & Mavis.....Bismarck, ND
 Prairie Lumber.....Beach, ND
 Price, Col Howard & Amy Allen Price, Jr.....Salt Lake City, UT
 Purdy, Kenneth & Cheryl.....Bismarck, ND
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 Rath, Lloyd & Shirley.....Grand Forks, ND
 Reder, Ronald & Ione.....Houston, TX
 Reinke, Dennis & Patsy.....Bismarck, ND
 Richards, Loren & Marian.....Mesa, AZ
 Richter, Henry & Lorraine.....Bismarck, ND
 Rindel, Darlene.....Noonan, ND
 Rintala, John & Fae.....Bottineau, ND
 Ritterbush-Ellig-Hulsing, P.C.....Bismarck, ND
 Roach, Brian & Lisa.....Wheatland, ND
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 Roosevelt, Elizabeth.....Oyster Bay, NY
 Ruff, LeRoy & Sadie.....Ashley, ND
 Rummel, Dean & Danita..... Dickinson, ND
 Russell, Don & Evey.....Mandan, ND
 Russell, T.J. & Gina.....Mandan, ND
 Rydell, Cathy & Chuck.....Saint Louis Park, MN
 Ryer, Edwin & Judy.....Bismarck, ND
 Sand, Lawrence.....Freeport, MN
 Sandberg, Maynard.....Minot, ND
 Sandness, Ray & Beverly.....Bismarck, ND
 Sands, James & Phyllis.....Kasson, MN
 Satran, Winston & Barb.....Bismarck, ND
 Schafer, Barry & Nancy.....Sentinel Butte, ND
 Schafer, Gov. Ed & Nancy..... Fargo, ND
 Schafer, Harold (dec.) & Sheila.....Bismarck, ND
 Schauder, Allen.....Wilton, ND
 Schindler, Keith & Karen.....Bismarck, ND
 Schlecht, Warren & Lana.....Ellendale, ND
 Schmidt, Richard & Dorothy..... Dickinson, ND
 Schulz, Harold P & Karen.....Baldwin, ND
 Schwarz, Elmer & Arlene.....Washburn, ND
 Seeklander, Hadley & Verda.....Hazelton, ND
 Seifert, Dennis & Sharon..... Dickinson, ND
 Sellie, John (dec.) & Carol.....Cathay, ND
 Sethre, Gary & Phyllis.....Wolf Point, MT
 Sherman, Ross & Dr. Kamille..... Dickinson, ND
 Siegel, Ken & Jean.....Mandan, ND
 Siegel, Kenny.....Mandan, ND
 Sing, Steven & Deborah.....Sidney, MT
 Slope Electric Cooperative.....New England, ND
 Smith, Irvin & Marsha.....Bismarck, ND
 Sponsalla, Andrew & Marjorie.....Marmarth, ND
 Sorenson, Ronald & Dianne.....New England, ND
 Spolum, Bob & Laura.....Rio Verde, AZ
 Staahl, Gustav, Jr. & Mary..... Fargo, ND
 Stastney, Ronald & Agnes.....Glendale, WI
 Stauffering, Don & Linda..... Dickinson, ND
 Strehlow, Diane K.....Alexandria, MN
 Suess, John & Yvonne.....Williston, ND
 Sukut, Gary & Leora.....Williston, ND
 Ternes, DuWayne & Sharon.....Bismarck, ND
 Tesoro.....Mandan, ND
 Theel, Cedric & Mary.....Bismarck, ND
 Thier, Dean & Julie.....Bismarck, ND
 Thilmony, Lloyd & Margaret.....Valley City, ND
 Thomas, Tom & Jean.....Rocklin, CA
 Thompson, Mark & Claudia.....Bismarck, ND
 Thon, Harlo & Jan.....Bismarck, ND
 Tinjum, Larry & Jill.....Powers Lake, ND
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 Traynor, Randy & Shelley.....Bismarck, ND
 United Energy Corporation.....Bismarck, ND
 Urberg, S.S. & Patricia.....Fort Wayne, IN
 Vadnie, Harry.....Bismarck, ND
 Valley, John & Cindy.....Bismarck, ND
 VandeValle, Gerald.....Bismarck, ND
 Veeder, David & Linea.....Billings, MT
 Vickers, Dr. Lee & Deanna.....Phoenix, AZ
 Vigesaa, Dan & Connie.....Fergus Falls, MN
 Vossler, Aletha.....Bismarck, ND
 Wagner, Chuck & JoAl.....Maticopa, AZ
 Weigel, Iggy..... Dickinson, ND
 Weigel, Tom.....Mandan, ND
 Weiss, Ron & Ardy.....Moorhead, MN
 Wentz, Daniel & Loretta..... Fargo, ND
 Western Steel & Plumbing, Inc.....Bismarck, ND
 Westin, Harold & Lois.....Alamo, ND
 Wieser, Steve & Janet.....Richardton, ND
 Wigen, Thomas & Virginia.....Grand Forks, ND
 Wilson, Dick & Claire.....Detroit Lakes, MN
 Wolf, Albert & Karen.....Bismarck, ND
 Wolf, David & Eunice.....Bismarck, ND
 Woodbury, LaVonne.....Alexander, ND
 Wysocki, Ron & Vi.....Aransas Pass, TX
 Zurcher, Rodger & Mary.....Glenburn, ND

New Benefit Options for Members

(Place an **X** on your choice, one per membership)



B

TR Bundle: Theodore Roosevelt Bust & Book



A

Medora Musical : Two **Season** Passes**



C

Bully Pulpit : Two Rounds of Golf



D

Shoppers Delight: \$125 Retail Shopping Spree
*redeemable at TRMF stores



E

Winter Romance: 1 night at Rough Riders Hotel and breakfast for two at Theodore's

2011 Annual Membership Drive

Enclosed is my annual membership donation of \$250. My choices are as follows:

- ☐ I would like the membership option **A: two Medora Musical Season Passes** (charitable deduction of \$125)
Names on passes: _____
- ☐ I would like the membership option _____ as checked above (charitable deduction of \$125)
(choose letter B-E)
- ☐ I want the full charitable deduction of \$250 and decline any membership benefit options

Name(s) _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Method of Payment: ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card
Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date: ____/____ Verification code: _____
(3-4 digits)
Authorized Signature _____

Mail complete membership form and payment to: TRMF • PO Box 1696 • Bismarck, ND 58502

Medora Calendar of Events

Here's a peek at what's happening in Medora in coming months. Check www.medora.com for more details and additional events!

MAY

- 9-26 Classrooms in the Badlands
- 14 Friends of the Chateau Wine Social
- 14 Ribs and Bluegrass Festival
- 26 Medora Musical Cast Performance in Fargo
- 27 Medora Musical Cast Performance in Bismarck
- 27-29 Cowboy Poetry Gathering

JUNE

- 1 History Alive weekend performances begin at Chateau de Mores
- 4 Dakota Air: The Radio Show Event
- 5 Theodore Roosevelt National Park 57th Annual Bird Walk
- 10 Rod Tjaden Memorial Golf Tournament (invite only)
- 10 Medora Musical & Pitchfork Steak Fondue opening night
- 11-12 Rough Rider Roundup (invite only)
- 11-12 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Winchester Weekend
- 12 Burning Hills Worship Service
- 12 Kids Day – Kids are free to the Musical every Wednesday & Sunday through September 7, 2011
- 13 Medora Media Days
- 14 Seniors Day – special discounts for seniors every Tuesday & Thursday through Sept. 8, 2011
- 14 Bully Expedition - 4th Graders Day
- 14 Flag Day and All Horse Parade
- 14 Marquis de Mores Birthday Celebration
- 18 Medora Bully Run: 5K / 10K run – 5K walk
- 19 Johnny Holm Band: Performing in Downtown Medora.
- 21 National Park Fee-Free Day

- 24 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Annual Patio Dinner & Dance
- 24-25 Medora's Antique Classic Car Show
- 24-25 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- 25 Arts & Crafts at Chimney Park
- 25-26 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Wild West Barrel Racing
- 29 The Radio Stars: Performing in the Old Town Hall Theatre

JULY

- 1 Billings County 125th Anniversary
- 3-4 Independence Day Celebration Festivities
- 3-4 Greg Hager in Concert: On the Patio of the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center
- 10 Veterans Appreciation Day in Medora
- 10 Teddy Bear Picnic at TRNP
- 10-11 Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Day in Medora
- 23 National Day of the Cowboy.

AUGUST

- 4 Medora to Deadwood Iron Horse Rally
- 13-14 Sperry Horse Sale
- 14-21 Medora Fossil Dig
- 21 Medora von Hoffman's Birthday Celebration
- 20 Day of the People
- 25 National Park Service Founder's Day Celebration
- 27 Badlands Trail Run: 5K/10K run – 5K walk

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Wade Westin Music Fest
- 3-4 Greg Hager in Concert: On the Patio of the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center
- 10 Final Performance of the 2011 Medora Musical
- 10-11 Badlands Appreciation Weekend
- 17-18 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame - ND Cutting Horse Invitational
- 24 National Public Lands Day