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# **All In For Reese!**

**WE'RE ALL IN FOR THE NEXT GENERATION**

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# All in for Reese

Last summer in Medora, I told my wife, Laurie, *"I am all in for Reese"*. Reese is our 4 ½ year old grand-daughter.

Laurie's 33-year career in healthcare ended early in 2017. It was a transition for her – actually, it only took her 15 minutes to get used to retirement! Leading up to the summer season, the big question was whether she would spend the whole summer in Medora, or just weekends. Grand-children were a very important part of the decision.

We are blessed to have our children and grand-children living nearby. Laurie spent the summer in Medora and we enjoyed having Reese and her 2 ½ year old brother Dawson spend 22 nights (either separately or together) with us in Medora. They were about the same age that our children were when I began working here, so the experiences were remarkably familiar. If we had allowed it, they would have gone to the *Medora Musical* every single night.

Reese and I climbed the butte that overlooks the town; initially she was afraid to make the climb, but as we were reaching the top, she was shouting her new motto - "Big, Bold and Brave". She proudly made the climb three more times during the summer along with several more hikes in the badlands. I love that she thinks of Medora as one of her homes.

Reese and Dawson enjoy the show and the freedom of Medora in the same way that our children did. I don't need to tell you each silly little thing that makes that true, but I will tell you they love finding "Olaf", their favorite horse at the stables, and trips to the ice-cream parlor, important games of mini-golf, chases through the children's park, the Fourth of July fireworks, and of course the *Musical* (every night!).

We have had campaigns for important and needed projects for Medora. Harold Schafer and Rod Tjaden saw clearly that the future of Medora was at risk in the late 1980s; the campaign for a new Burning Hills Amphitheatre was essential. Similarly, campaigns for the Harold Schafer Heritage Center, Tjaden Terrace, Scholarships, Bully Pulpit Golf Course, Rough Riders Hotel, numerous historic preservation and restoration projects, *Medora Musical* Sponsors, the Life Skills Center, and now the Elkhorn Quarters have helped Medora better serve the visitor and reflect how much people care about Medora. Thank you to everyone who has played a role to this point.

I hope to be part of future campaigns. But, there is an unofficial personal campaign that drives me to do everything I can for Medora, and that is *"All in for Reese"*. Let me explain.

Last summer's experience with our grandchildren was an epiphany of sorts for me. I enjoyed being with them so much, especially evenings at the show. That night when Laurie and I were visiting after the show, I



Reese climbing the bluff with Grandpa Randy.

said, *"I know exactly why I am working and I know that I won't ever personally see what I am working for – I want to do everything I am able to make sure Reese will have the same experience we had tonight. That is: someday she will enjoy taking her grand-children to Medora and she will see the same joy in their eyes as we see in hers. I am all in for Reese."*

For that to happen, the Medora Musical will likely be 110 years old.

We have an understanding of the cost to maintain the properties of Medora and the challenge of visitation that is primarily

seasonal. Outside consultants tell us that it will be necessary to grow our endowment to levels that even Harold Schafer did not imagine in order to keep facilities in Medora in first class condition.

They tell us it will take \$50 million in today's dollars. We, too, must be

"Big. Bold. And Brave."

"All in for Reese" has made this reality crystal clear for me; my job is to grow the endowment over the next 7 to 10 years to the levels needed to sustain Medora for future generations.

"Do something you love, and you will never work another day in your life." That old adage has made sense to me ever since Rod Tjaden offered me a job to work in Medora 30 years ago. I love Medora and what it represents.

I'm going to conclude by asking you to join me by doing two things:

- Please consider making an annual endowment gift to take advantage of the 40% North Dakota State Tax Credit;
- And please take time to prepare or review your will and consider including the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation.

Reese says thank you!

Oh, and by the way, the responsibility to my grandchildren is getting heavier – Reese and Dawson were joined by cousin Reagan who was born in January 2018! Life is good.

See you in Medora,

*Randy*



# Greg Butler Steps Up Once Again To Help With New Elkhorn Quarters



Greg Butler

**T**here's a brand new Medora lodging facility awaiting our guests this summer. The Elkhorn Quarters, our new motel and seasonal staff housing complex, has replaced the old Bunkhouse trailers, and a big reason for that is the generosity of our longtime supporter Greg Butler of Fargo.

The Elkhorn Quarters is a \$6 million solution to a \$20 million problem. Over the last few summers, we've identified a need for 400 new rooms, half for our guests and half for our summer staff. To build 400 new rooms would take an investment of \$18-20 million. That's just not possible for a seasonal destination like Medora.

But like our founder, Harold Schafer, who brought those trailers to Medora from the oilfield 35 years ago, we're being resourceful. Since we've named our new facility after President Theodore Roosevelt's Elkhorn Ranch, our approach to this project is to reuse and conserve in a way that we think TR would approve, by utilizing a former workforce housing complex, rather than building from scratch.

But unlike the trailers Harold found in the 1980s, this time it's in the form of 2x6 modular constructed housing on 2x12 floor joists set on 7 foot concrete footings. And we're bringing some touches of the Elkhorn Ranch to the property. Additionally, this helps us keep an affordable lodging option available for families and offers a new, popular kind of tiny-house lodging experience in Medora. We've remodeled them, and they're ready for our guests.

And Greg Butler values resourcefulness. Greg has

made the lead gift to this project, in the form of a \$1 million challenge match – he will match the next \$1 million raised for the Elkhorn Quarters project. Greg recognized the importance and need for seasonal employee housing, and for a modest priced guest lodging facility in Medora.

And so with Greg's help, and yours, we'll have a \$2 million start on paying for our new facility. It's located right on the spot the old Bunkhouse was located, and just across the street from our new Life Skills Center. Our staff can walk across the street from their rooms in the new Elkhorn Quarters to get their meals, sales and life skills training, and more.

And our summer guests can enjoy the pool and recreation facilities while staying in new rooms just a stone's throw from downtown Medora, and right on the road to Bully Pulpit Golf Course.

Our lead benefactor, Greg Butler, is chairman of the board of Gremada Industries, a manufacturing firm located in Fargo, with offices around the country. Greg is semi-retired and devotes much of his time to travel and philanthropy. In the past, he's helped us build our volunteer housing facility, the Spirit of Work Lodge, the new Rough Riders Hotel, and the new road up the hill and parking lot for the *Medora Musical*.

Greg's gifts haven't always been for our glamorous projects, but his years in the construction business helped him understand the need for infrastructure projects, and he's been there to help us with those.

**Greg invites you to join him in this big new infrastructure project. He'll match your gift, doubling your impact on this new facility. To join him, call Randy or Joslyn at 701-223-4800.**

## PUT YOUR NAME ON A STREET!

Here's a bird's-eye view of our new lodging facility, the Elkhorn Quarters. Do you want to help support this project? You can see the naming opportunities still available at [MEDORA.COM/give](http://MEDORA.COM/give). Call Randy or Joslyn at 701-223-4800 to find out how to put your name on a street!





# **History, Education and Entertainment**

## **All In For The No**

**A**s you've seen in the previous pages, we really are committed to preserving the Medora experience for our children, and our children's children.

The next generation of Americans deserves the chance to experience Medora, and we'll continue to strive toward making that a reality by focusing on what has made Medora great for the last 50 years: an unmatched mix of History, Education, and Entertainment.

We will continue to focus on these three areas, and

on our commitment to connecting people to Medora for positive, life-changing experiences.

That means we will have many great projects for the future for you to consider being involved with, or to just come to Medora and enjoy.

Harold Schafer was no small dreamer. That's why Medora today is our state's top tourist destination, and the best weekend getaway for North Dakotans.

The TRMF board and staff has given much thought

## **Memberships and Sponsorships**

- **Annual Members – Individual & Business**

\$250 - \$2,500 - Annual members provide the base support for TRMF and enjoy some nice perks.

- **Medora Musical Sponsorship**

\$5,000 - \$25,000 - Support the Greatest Show in the West in numerous ways!

- **Medora Gospel Brunch Sponsor**

\$25,000 - This new show, a big hit with our visitors, provides guests a beautiful buffet brunch and one heck of an uplifting gospel show.

- **Old Town Hall Theater show sponsors:**

- A TR Salute to Medora**

- \$25,000 - Support the presentation of Teddy Roosevelt's time in the Badlands and beyond by our TR, Joe Wiegand.

- Wonderful Work, The Life of Harold Schafer**

- \$20,000 - A brand-new show celebrating the life of Harold Schafer, the man who kept Medora from disappearing.

- **Magical Medora Christmas Show**

\$25,000 - Support the show that has been a winter wonder! In just a few show seasons the Magical Medora Christmas Show has become the must see, get you in the spirits, show that folks just can't get enough of!

## **Endowments**

- **Andrist Endowment for Performing Arts**

Matching challenge grant to fund music and art in Medora.

- **Burian Family Endowment for Maintenance**

- **Erma Wolter Beautification Endowment**

- **Schafer Endowment for general support**

- **Tjaden Scholarship Endowment**

Provides scholarships for 29 outstanding seasonal student employees.

- **Kavlie Family Fund Endowment**

Supports our Christian partners in Medora.

- **"Medora Wish" Endowment**

A new endowment created to provide people the opportunity to experience Medora who otherwise would not be able to.

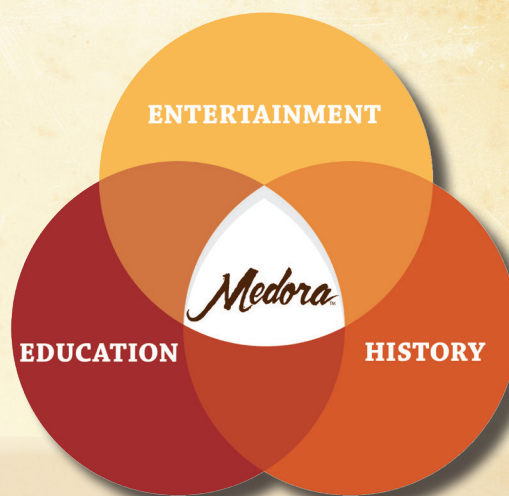
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# ment For Medora- Find YOUR Future ext Generation.

as to what Medora will be in the future. On these pages you'll see a preview of some of our ideas. This list is not all-inclusive, and we're always interested in hearing from our friends. Please take a glimpse into our Projects for the Future, and let us know what you think.

And please consider being as generous as you can to help us with these projects as we prepare Medora for generations to come.



## Major Projects

- **Medora Musical Seat Campaign**

\$1,000, \$5,000 & \$15,000 - The current amphitheatre seats were installed in 1992 and provided comfort for 25 years. These seats are ready to be replaced to serve guests for the next 25 years.

- **Elkhorn Quarters**

\$20 Million challenge finds \$6 Million solution! Recycle and reuse, and save millions. This project completes the Life Skills Center campus and keeps affordable lodging for families.

- **Life Skills Center**

Support and naming opportunities are available Medora's at our Life Skills Center, the hub for student workers, volunteers and international staff, and where they collaborate to improve operations and create lasting experiences for life.

- **Medora Musical Incline Elevator**

\$500,000 - The installation of a new incline elevator at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre, as an additional service for mobility impaired guests, at the *Medora Musical*.

- **Town Square Show Hall Renovation**

\$500,000 - The heart of Medora's downtown entertainment is due for renovation to better accommodate guests and performers. This area serves as the home to the Gospel Brunch as well as patio sets for visitors to enjoy all summer!

- **Rough Rider Adventure Park and Visitor Center**

\$5 - \$10 million - This brand new first impression of Medora will serve as a "welcome" for guests, a place for families to have fun together, with new mini golf, pool and splash parks, and a Badlands zip line. It will be a place to showcase the native geology and, even showcase the remarkable personalities of Medora.

## History Projects

- **History - Preserve & Bring to Life!**

\$25,000 - Badlands Chautauqua - Living history gathering

\$500,000 - Restoration of Stockmens Bank Building, "Fudge Depot"

## Future Leadership Development

- **#BestSummerOfMyLife • Internships and Programming**

\$5,000 per summer internship - 20 opportunities remaining

\$25,000 Life Skills Programming Sponsorship

UT OUR STORY AND THE IMPACT YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL MAKE.





# Under Harold's Hat

TRMF's Founder and First Board Chairman Harold Schafer was well-known for a faded old felt hat covered with pins and buttons from people he had met and places he had been. A lot of wisdom emanated from under that hat, and each issue we bring you some of that, from Harold's extensive files and those of his Gold Seal Company.

## Harold to the Rescue

Sometime in late 1954, workmen were replacing the roof on the old Dakota National Bank building in downtown Bismarck. The building shared a common brick wall with the building next door, which housed Scott's Department Store, better known to old-timers as Scott's Five and Dime.



Scott's was a two-story building, just north of the corner of 4th Street and Broadway, which later became headquarters for Bismarck's KFVR Radio and Television. During the 1950s, Harold Schafer's Gold Seal Company used the second floor as offices for its Bismarck headquarters.

During the roofing process, a 40-foot section of the brick wall collapsed. When it went down, steam and water started erupting from broken pipes. Harold, who had been at work in his office at

the time, sprang into action.

This picture shows Harold, dressed for work in a suit and tie, climbing up the side of the building, where he was able to shut off a valve and stop the escaping steam and water. The Bismarck Tribune reported that Harold's quick thinking in shutting off the water did much to reduce the water damage in the Gold Seal offices and in the store below.

The February 1955 issue of *Work*, the monthly magazine of the Gold Seal Company, where this picture appeared, also reported "Considerable comment and levity was caused by the discovery

of a row of empty Budweiser beer cans which had evidently been placed on the steel beam by workers at the time the building was constructed." The cans can be seen in the top left corner of the photo.

## MEDORA 2018 CALENDAR

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>April 23</b>        | Medora Musical Tickets go on sale!            |
| <b>May 13</b>          | Mother's Day Brunch at the Rough Riders Hotel |
| <b>May 27</b>          | Badlands Gravel Battle Maah Daah Hey Trail    |
| <b>June 1</b>          | Medora Musical Season Opens 7:30 pm           |
|                        | Burning Hills Amphitheatre                    |
| <b>June 1</b>          | Pitchfork Steak Fondue Opens 5:30-6:30 pm     |
|                        | Tjaden Terrace                                |
| <b>June 8</b>          | BROADWAY IN THE BADLANDS Opens!               |
|                        | See page 8 for more.                          |
| <b>June 9</b>          | Bull Moose Mud Run Maah Daah Hey Trail        |
| <b>June 9-10</b>       | Rough Riders Roundup - SAVE THE DATE!         |
| <b>June 15</b>         | Medora Gospel Brunch Opens 9:30 am            |
|                        | W,F,S,S Medora Town Square Showhall           |
| <b>June 22</b>         | Rod Tjaden Memorial Golf Tournament           |
| <b>June 27-30</b>      | Kat Perkins Rising Star Camp                  |
| <b>June 30</b>         | Kat Perkins Concert, 3:30 pm                  |
|                        | Burning Hills Amphitheatre                    |
| <b>July 1</b>          | Independence Day in Medora – Parade           |
| <b>July 4</b>          | Independence Day in Medora                    |
|                        | – Parade and Fireworks                        |
| <b>July 6-7</b>        | North Dakota Music Festival                   |
|                        | - Andrist Stage, Downtown Medora              |
| <b>July 8</b>          | Military Appreciation Day                     |
| <b>July 9</b>          | Eagles Tribute Concert 7:30 pm                |
|                        | Burning Hills Amphitheatre                    |
| <b>July 20-22</b>      | Badlands Chautauqua – Gathering of TRs        |
| <b>July 28</b>         | Maah Daah Hey Trail Run                       |
| <b>August 4</b>        | Maah Daah Hey 100 Mountain Bike Race          |
| <b>August 11-12</b>    | Cowboy Mounted Shooting                       |
| <b>August 20</b>       | 1964- The Beatles Tribute 7:30 pm             |
|                        | Burning Hills Amphitheatre                    |
| <b>Sept. 1-2</b>       | Wade Westin Music Fest                        |
|                        | - Town Square, downtown Medora                |
| <b>Sept. 8</b>         | Medora Musical Finale Weekend                 |
| <b>Sept. 22</b>        | Church of Cash LIVE at the Old Town Hall      |
|                        | Theater and Medora's Town Square Oktoberfest  |
| <b>Oct. 26-27</b>      | Medora's Wild West Fright Night               |
| <b>Nov. 30- Dec. 1</b> | A Magical Medora Christmas LIVE               |
|                        | at the Old Town Hall Theater                  |
| <b>Dec. 7-9</b>        | Medora's Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas       |
| <b>December 15</b>     | Bold St. Nick's Fat Bike Race                 |

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# Ask President Roosevelt



Joe Wiegand as  
President Theodore  
Roosevelt

*"Ask President Roosevelt" is a feature of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation Member Newsletter, the Rough Riders Review. For five summers, veteran TR reprisor, historian, and actor Joe Wiegand has brought Theodore Roosevelt to life on the matinee stage at Medora's Old Town Hall Theater. During the off-season, Joe travels the country as TR, representing the Medora Foundation. As part of every performance, in character as TR, Wiegand takes questions from the audience.*

**Q: How did you spend your winter, Colonel Roosevelt? Any big plans for the summer ahead?**

A: Like so many of you, Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays spent with family were the most special occasions. Of course, I toured the country, performing for audiences from Portland, Oregon to Saranac Lake, New York. Like many a North Dakotan, the winter found me in Florida, Arizona, and Southern California, where thousands of *Medora Musical* fans follow the migratory fowl.

Travelling the country and telling people about Medora and the beautiful Badlands of North Dakota is a real honor and pleasure, but there was nothing more enjoyable this winter than performing for the school children in Golva, Beach, and Ellendale, North Dakota, and for the Rough Riders in Fargo and Sioux Falls!

Finally, winter is a season to fix machinery, sharpen tools, and make a big plan for the summer. This promises to be the best summer yet in Medora, and I hope to see old friends and new at the Old Town Hall Theater.

It's a terrific honor to lead the Teddy Troupe to France this July 14, Bastille Day, to participate in the ceremonies marking the 100th anniversary of the death of Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, youngest son of Theodore and Edith, over the Second Battle of the Marne in World War I.



TR and his son Quentin, at left, meet General John Pershing.

Our own Austin Artz of Minot, North Dakota, will portray Quentin both here in Medora, and in France, where the local French elementary school will be renamed for

Quentin Roosevelt during our visit. General Pershing joins us, and Grand Forks native and folk artist extraordinaire Tom Brosseau leads a three member musical team to accompany our troupe and honor French-American friendship. To learn more about this Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation Goodwill Ambassador Performance of Music & History, please visit [www.medora.com/Quentin100](http://www.medora.com/Quentin100)

Another big adventure that has required a lot of planning is the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation Cuba Cruise, January 31 – February 11, 2019 from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to Havana, Cuba and Santiago de Cuba, site of the Battle of San Juan Hill. Join me, Randy Hatzenbuehler and our lovely wives as we sail through history. Visit [www.satromtravel.com](http://www.satromtravel.com)

## Support President Roosevelt's Voyage to France

On July 14, 2018, our Theodore Roosevelt will commemorate the sacrifice his son, Quentin, made 100 years ago fighting for liberty over the battlefields of WWI. Help us fund this good will trip to America's oldest ally at [MEDORA.COM/Quentin100](http://MEDORA.COM/Quentin100), or call us at 800-MEDORA1.

### BOOKS WE RECOMMEND

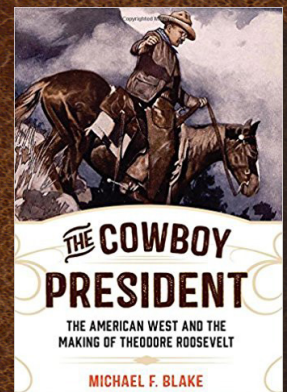
## The Cowboy President — The America West and the Making of Theodore Roosevelt

BY MICHAEL F. BLAKE

Just when you thought that everything that could be written about Theodore Roosevelt had already been written, along comes Michael Blake and his new book "The Cowboy President."

The author spent three years researching Theodore Roosevelt's time in the Dakota Territory, which includes actual hikes and rides over the same land where he rode 132 years ago. Unlike other authors who have written about Roosevelt's time in the saddle, he has real-world experience in herding cattle and crossing rivers on horseback.

Blake's book expands the story of how the land, the people and the Western code of honor had an enormous impact on Theodore Roosevelt and how this experience influenced him in his later years. It's available now online in paperback and Kindle editions, and should be in bookstores by early summer.





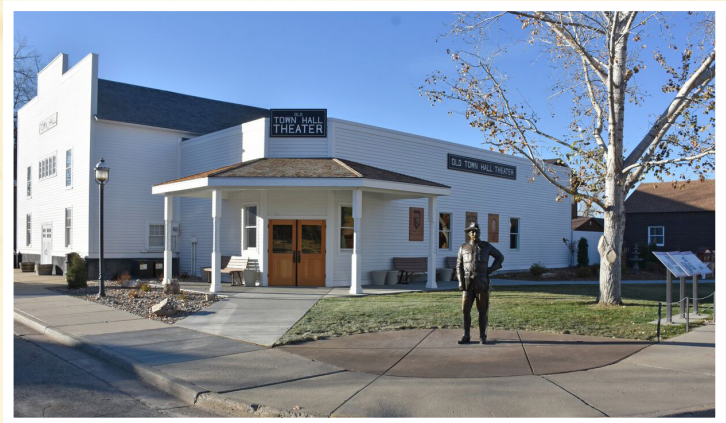
# Broadway In The Badlands

## Welcome To The “New” Old Town Hall Theater

Last year we completed our restoration and renovation of the Old Town Hall Theater, making it more accessible, adding restrooms, and replacing the seating. This year we’re putting it to good use.

Three new acts will join Joe Wiegand’s Theodore Roosevelt portrayal on the Sorensen Stage in the theater this summer, and our audiences will enjoy our new comfortable theater seating, lights and sound system. No matter what day of the week you find yourself in Medora, you find a show or two at the Old Town Hall.

And, you’ll find Old Town Hall Theater and *Medora Musical* packages, and save money, by visiting our



website, [Medora.com/packages!](http://Medora.com/packages!)

Here’s a preview of our 2018 summer lineup for Broadway in the Badlands at the Old Town Hall Theater.

## Todd Oliver And His Talking Dog Irving Return To Medora



Nationally known comedian Todd Oliver, and his talking dog Irving, were such a big hit when they performed during the *Medora Musical* a couple years ago that we decided to bring them back for a whole summer! Todd’s humor is situational and contemporary, resulting in a clean, universal comedy that makes you feel good and leaves you wondering “How do those funny dogs talk?”

Audience participation will be a highlight, so come ready to laugh AND participate. And we’re not joking about the talking dog part—well, we may be. You’ll just have to see the show for yourself!

*Todd and Irving will be performing in the Old Town Hall Theater at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and Monday, and also at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, June 8 through August 20.*

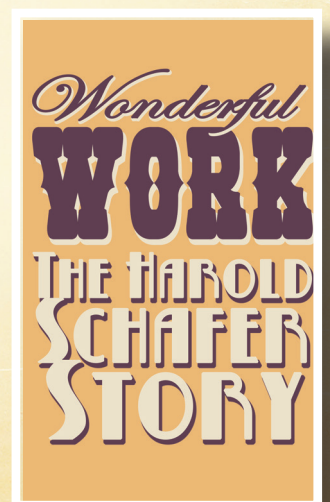
## Wonderful WORK: The Harold Schafer Story

You know Harold Schafer as the man who restored Medora and brought her back to life in the 1960s. Now Harold’s story comes to the stage in Tom Milligan’s one-man show, *Wonderful WORK*. This show traces the wandering life of the legendary businessman and “Father of Modern Medora.”

You’ll grow with Harold from humble beginnings and suffer with him through setbacks during his early career as a young salesman.

Then you’ll go inside his mind as he creates the Gold Seal Company and creates Mr. Bubble, and then risks his fortune by putting it into a quaint amphitheater tucked away into the Badlands, founding the *Medora Musical*, and restoring a frontier cowboy town.

*This show is important, informative and inspiring, and plays in the Old Town Hall Theater at 2 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from June 8 through September 7.*





# nds, Seven Days A Week!

## Carl and Greta's Cowboy Sing Along

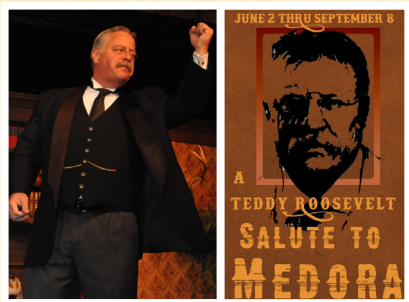


New to the Old Town Hall Theater this summer is a musical for young cowboys and cowgirls, *Carl and Greta's Cowboy Sing Along*. This is an old-fashioned back porch sing along the whole family will enjoy, especially Grandma and Grandpa, who'll remember a lot of these songs.

What you'll find out at the beginning of this show is that Carl may have forgotten to tell his ranching partner Greta that he invited everyone over to sing with him, and she's not too happy about it.

But you'll join in all the fun as Crazy Carl and Grumpy Greta croak out their own wacky versions of "Home on the Range," "Oh! Susanna," "Buffalo Gals," and many more favorites.

## A Teddy Roosevelt Salute to Medora



Theodore Roosevelt comes to life in this vivid and rousing presentation, as Joe Wiegand returns with his portrayal of our 26th president in *A Teddy Roosevelt Salute to Medora*. You'll learn about TR as a president, husband, father, soldier, hunter and Badlands rancher.

You may have seen Joe as Theodore Roosevelt in the hit IMAX movie *National Parks Adventure* or NFL Films' *Centennial of the Forward Pass*. TR will answer your questions at the end of the show.

Joe takes the stage as TR at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday from June 1 through September 8.

## Old Town Hall Theater 2018 Daily Schedule

**See All Four Shows for Just \$40 when you buy  
the Ultimate Downtown Show Package  
- details at [Medora.com](http://Medora.com)**

### Monday

10:30 am – Todd Oliver & Irving  
2:00 pm – Wonderful WORK

### Tuesday

2:00 pm – Wonderful WORK  
3:30 pm – TR Salute to Medora

### Wednesday

10:30 am – Todd Oliver & Irving  
12:30 pm – Carl & Greta  
2:00 pm – Todd Oliver & Irving  
3:30 pm – TR Salute to Medora

### Thursday

10:30 am – Todd Oliver & Irving  
2:00 pm – Wonderful WORK  
3:30 pm – TR Salute to Medora

### Friday

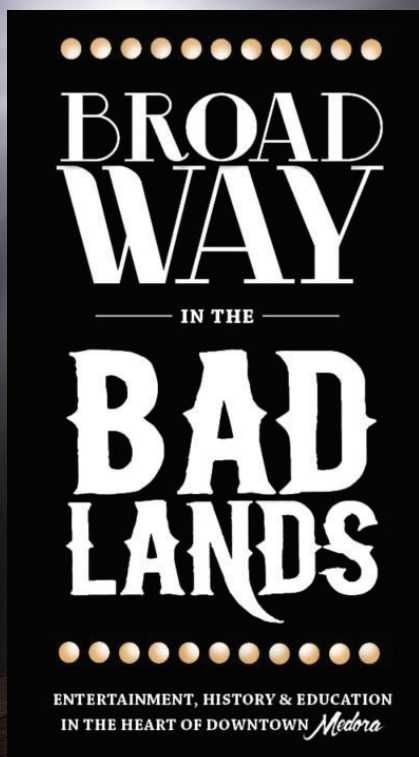
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### Saturday

10:30 am – Todd Oliver & Irving  
12:30 pm – Carl & Greta  
2:00 pm – Todd Oliver & Irving  
3:30 pm – TR Salute to Medora

### Sunday

10:30 am – Todd Oliver & Irving  
12:30 pm – Carl & Greta  
2:00 pm – Todd Oliver & Irving  
3:30 pm – TR Salute to Medora





# Summers In Medora, On The Maah Daah Hey Trail



It's still under construction, but the view out the front window of the house Kadon Hintz and Kyle Leftwich are building is going to be pretty spectacular.

A couple of Bismarck friends were out bicycling on the Maah Daah Hey Trail, just south of Medora, one hot summer afternoon when they noticed a sign that said "Lots For Sale." The billboard was advertising locations for Badlands homes being offered by TRMF in the Sully Creek Subdivision. A lightbulb came on.

"We got this crazy idea to build a cabin," Kyle Leftwich said, and the pair, Kyle and his friend Kadon Hintz, went to visit TRMF President Randy Hatzenbuehler, and the next thing they knew they were

framing up a summer getaway home in the Badlands.

Their "cabin," which turned out to be a bit more than the name implies, is located at the north end of the subdivision near the entrance to Sully Creek State Park. The pair and their family members have done much of the work themselves, except for the necessary tradesman jobs like plumbing and electricity, and some of the finish work inside.

It's been a labor of love for the two men, neither of whom is a carpenter by trade. Both are employed by Sanford of Bismarck, Kyle as a pharmacist and Kadon as



The Hintz family: Michelle and Kadon and their children Parker, Hannah and Owen.



Kyle and Andrea Leftwich and their children Anja, Micah and Emelia enjoying a summer day in the Badlands.

an emergency room physician. They plan to have it done in time to use it this summer.

Their families are as excited as they are. While Kyle and Kadon spend their time on the Maah Daah Hey Trail on bicycles—they even participate in the Maah Daah Hey races in the summer and the winter—their wives, Andrea Leftwich and Michelle Hintz, are runners, and can often be found running on the trail on summer mornings.

And there's usually six children—three in each family—tagging along and finding lots of adventures in their new summer retreat.

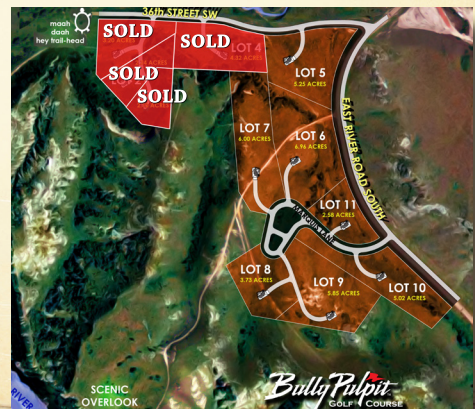
The trailhead for the Maah Daah Hey is at Sully Creek State Park, just down the road from their new home, and the trail practically runs through their back yard.

The two families share their love for the Badlands with another famous former Medora resident, Theodore Roosevelt. They've gotten involved with the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, and last spring Kyle and Andrea served as hosts for a stop on our "Theodore Roosevelt Tour," inviting about three dozen of their friends to their house to meet with TRMF staff and see a presentation by our own TR, Joe Wiegand.

"We enjoy bringing new, young people into the TRMF family," said TRMF President Randy Hatzenbuehler "We're pleased to welcome the Leftwich's and the Hintz's as the first residents of our subdivision. We'll look forward to seeing them around Medora this summer."

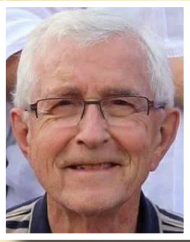
## Lots at Sully Creek Subdivision

Bully Pulpit Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation is offering lots for sale at Medora's Sully Creek Subdivision. Ranging in size from two to six acres, the lots are ideal for permanent or vacation homes. Go to [Medora.com/sully-creek-subdivision](http://Medora.com/sully-creek-subdivision) for more information.





# Goodbye To John Andrist, One Of the Best



John Andrist

**W**e lost one of our most-loved TRMF board members this winter with the passing of John Andrist.

"John served on our board for nine years, and was really, really good to Medora in a philanthropic way, and also through a wealth of words written about us," said Randy Hatzenbuehler, TRMF president. "John was a lot wiser than anyone I get to hang around with.

Whenever we would end a conversation, whether it was an hour or three hours John would put his hand on my shoulder and say "Randy you're a treasure to me." And I know he did it with others. That was not unique to me, I know this because he wanted to lift people up."

John's last visit to Medora was last summer, and after he was here, he wrote about how his summer getaway place was Medora, not a lake cabin, in one of his weekly columns:

*"Last week was bitter sweet. It was my last as a Medora Foundation board member — and the first for Grandson Levi, my soul mate.*

*"And my whole family was there at the same time. No lake place could possibly offer more bliss.*

*"Medora is one of the greatest opportunities with which I have been blessed in an active life. Just between you and me, I think it is also God's lake home.*

*"When the call comes to me I plan to be buried at Crosby, near Elaine, my dad and mom, and my brother Cal. But Medora would be my second choice. My heart is still in both places."*

We'll bury John in Crosby, near his beloved Elaine, this summer. Their memory will live on in Medora, through the wind garden John created there in her honor, between the von Hoffman House and the Schafer cabin. Stop by and visit this summer.

And a couple of years ago, John set up the Elaine Andrist Endowment Fund for the Performing Arts. It is part of the reason there has been more free music entertainment, artists in residence programming, and living history on display in downtown Medora.

"John was very giving," said Randy Hatzenbuehler. "Not just to Medora, but to lots and lots of things. One time he just kind of walked into an extemporaneous dissertation on giving, and he said, 'We humans are gatherers. It's just what we do, we gather things.'

"He said then that 'I've figured it out. I figured out that I'm very selfish because once I learned that giving is like a release, it made me feel so good that I wanted to do more and more of it.' I'm thinking man, this guy is talking in a way that we theorize, but he's actually doing it."

Rest In Peace, John Andrist. Good friend of Medora, and mentor to many.

***"Live, love, let love invade you,  
it will never fail to teach you what  
you must do."***

**John Andrist's favorite quote  
by Carlo Carretto**

*In his obituary, John Andrist's family encouraged memorials to the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation Elaine Andrist Performing Arts Fund. Gifts to this endowment earn generous North Dakota tax breaks. If you'd like to be a part of John and Elaine Andrist's legacy in Medora, call us, or talk to your financial advisor about gifts to this endowment.*





# Sponsor A Seat For The Next 25 Years

**H**arold Schafer was pretty pleased with the new seats in the brand new Burning Hills Amphitheatre back in 1992. But now it's time to replace them, and that's just what we did this winter.

Just wait until you see the new look in the Burning Hills Amphitheatre! Our crew has been working all winter and spring to get ready for the 2018 *Medora Musical*. When you arrive, you'll find all new seats!

It's hard to imagine that our amphitheatre is more than 25 years old, and that a couple million people have sat on those seats. No more. All new seats in the lower level of the theater this summer.

Now, you can help us pay for this major upgrade by sponsoring a seat for the next quarter century for just \$1,000, just as you did back in 1992 (don't worry,



original seat sponsors will still be honored on the large permanent plaques at the top of the theater). To help, go to our website, [medora.com/yourseat](http://medora.com/yourseat).

## Summer Concerts in Medora

**W**e're bringing back more concerts to the stage in the Burning Hills Amphitheatre this summer. There's no finer concert venue anywhere.

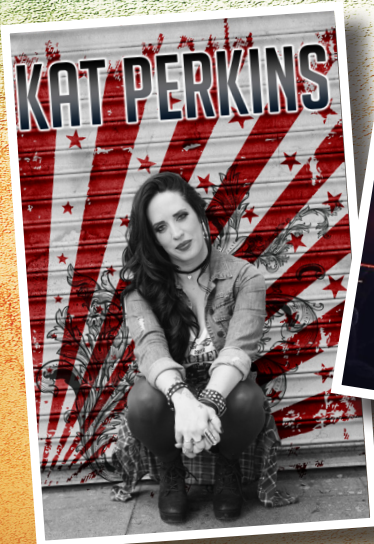
Former Burning Hills Singer and current recording artist Kat Perkins returns to our stage again this summer. Kat's touring the country, but she always makes time for a return visit to Medora. She'll be accompanied by the young musicians from her Rising Star Music Camp on Saturday, June 30 at 3:30 pm.

The Ultimate Eagles Tribute – On the Border takes the stage at 7:30 pm Monday, July 9. The band's passion, showmanship and precise attention to replicating the details of The Eagles music has earned them critical acclaim, name

recognition and a very loyal following. Their stunning guitar work, lead vocals and harmonies capture the feeling of being at an actual Eagles concert.

1964, the best Beatles Tribute band, returns to our stage this summer after their concert was cut short by a North Dakota summer storm last year. For more than 30 years, 1964 has thrilled audiences who never got to see the Beatles on stage in the 1960s. The taste we got last year led us to bringing them back again this summer. They'll be on stage at 7:30 pm Monday, August 20.

Plus, there will be tons of music in downtown Medora all summer long, our new North Dakota Music Festival July 6 & 7, and the annual Wade Westin Music Fest September 1 & 2.



**Kat Perkins**  
Saturday, June 30



**The Ultimate Eagles  
Tribute - On The Border**  
Monday, July 9



**1964: the Tribute**  
Monday, August 20



# Crowd-Pleasing Variety Acts Add To Your Medora Musical Experience

## Tuey Wilson

Comedy Stunt Juggler! Need we say more? June 1-21

## John Cassidy

This fan-favorite from 2017 returns with his gut-busting, high-octane brand of humor, chalk full of props, balloons, and custom balloons inflated at world record speed! June 22-July 16



Tuey Wilson



John Cassidy

## Flight Crew

High tempo, high energy, and so much fun, these professional jump ropers are the greatest in the United States. July 17-August 12.

## Kermet Apio

One of Medora's favorite comics returns! Kermet's family-friendly standup routine is requested time again across the world. This summer, catch him back in Medora. August 13-September 8



Flight Crew



Kermet Apio

## 20 Years Of Medora Volunteers



Jean Nesheim

**T**wenty years ago, in 1998, a longtime friend of Medora, Jean Nesheim, organized a group of 40 volunteers to come to Medora and help us out during our summer rush. Jean's gone now, but her memory lives on-in the hearts of the more than 600 volunteers who will come to Medora this summer to help us once again. We couldn't make it through the summer without them. Thank you Jean, and all

the volunteers who have served us over the years.

This year, from April through the end of September, 27 groups of volunteers will be in Medora for periods of 8 to 14 days, helping us out at our busiest times. And not only are our volunteers a great source of help, but many have become financial supporters as well, as annual members or with gifts to support our major projects.

Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes, from all over the country, this year from 20-plus states, and from all walks of life. One of our favorite stories is about the volunteer couple who was asked how long they would be in Medora. The lady of the family said "We have to go home Wednesday, because my husband has surgery on Thursday."

"Oh," we replied, "we're sorry to hear that. What kind of surgery is he having?"

"No, he's not having surgery," she said. "He's performing surgery. He's a orthopedic surgeon."

We're having a big reunion in Bismarck, on a date we'll announce soon, and everyone who has ever volunteered is invited to come and celebrate "20 Years of Medora Volunteers" with us.

God bless our volunteers. And God bless Jean Nesheim for bringing them to us.

## Save The Dates

### 2018 ROUGH RIDERS ROUNDUP

#### June 9 & 10

Weekend Full of Events!

For more information, go to:  
[Medora.com/Rough-Riders-Roundup](http://Medora.com/Rough-Riders-Roundup)

*Formal Invite to Follow*



# Become An Annual Member today!

**T**he TRMF Annual Member program began a few years ago to bring our frequent visitors and best friends into a group that met once a year at the annual Rough Riders Roundup, talk about the future of Medora, and help support the day-to-day activities so necessary to provide all our guests a great getaway experience.

My, how it's grown! Now 800-strong, our 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 500 volunteers, mow the grass, plant the flowers, and do the hundreds of little things necessary each year to make Medora what it is today.

And, our Annual Members support the Medora Foundation's mission: "To connect people to Medora for

positive, life-changing experiences."

As a Medora Foundation Member, you'll be recognized in the *Medora Musical* program booklet, and in our annual Development Report, and receive an exclusive invitation to attend our "members only" events in Medora or abroad. You can join now by using the membership form in this newsletter.

This year, you can also join online, by going to our website, [medora.com/annualmember](http://medora.com/annualmember), or take advantage of our great new option for new or younger members by selecting a monthly automatic payment to spread the cost over a whole year.

And don't forget, Business Memberships are available, beginning at \$1,000, and include transferable season tickets to the *Medora Musical* and free golf at Bully Pulpit! Details at [medora.com/annualmember](http://medora.com/annualmember).



## FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Two more benefits of Annual Membership in the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation:

- Tickets for the *Medora Musical* and other special events in Medora go on sale a week earlier for Annual Members than for the general public.
- *Medora Musical* gates open 15 minutes early every night for Annual Members, so you can enjoy a snack and avoid the long lines.

Become an Annual Member today at [Medora.com/annualmember](http://Medora.com/annualmember)

## 2018 Rod Tjaden Golf Tournament Set For June 22; 2017 Winners - Magi-Touch and MDU Resources

**T**he annual Rod Tjaden Memorial Golf Tournament is now taking team reservations for 2018. Last year's winners, pictured here, will likely be back to defend their titles. At left, the Magi-Touch-Carpet One team of Randy, Jesse, Justin and Josh Horner captured Low Gross honors. At right, is the Low Net team from MDU Resources, Tony Clark, Glenn Bosch, Chuck MacFarlane, and Dave Goodin. This year's tournament is scheduled for June 22. If you want to sign up your team, call Bully Pulpit at 701-623-4653, or e-mail us at [bullypulpit@medora.com](mailto:bullypulpit@medora.com).





# Annual Membership

## Theodore Roosevelt MEDORA FOUNDATION

### Benefit Options for Personal Membership



**Medora Musical** : Two non transferable season passes



**Bully Pulpit** : Two Rounds of Golf

#### All personal members will:

- have their name(s) printed in the Medora Musical program and the TRMF Annual Development Report;
- receive all TRMF mailings and publications;
- receive exclusive "members only" invitations to the Rough Riders Roundup in Medora and the Arizona Days event, as well as an "I'm With Teddy" vehicle decal.



**Shoppers Delight**: \$150 Retail Shopping Spree redeemable at all TRMF stores/venues

- ☐ Enclosed is payment of \$250. I want the full charitable deduction of \$250 and decline any membership benefit options.
- ☐ Enclosed is payment of \$250. I would like the membership option **A: two Medora Musical** season passes.  
(charitable deduction of \$100) 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Two Names Required: Passes are non transferable*
- ☐ Enclosed is payment of \$250. I would like **GOLF option B** (charitable deduction of \$100)
- ☐ Enclosed is payment of \$250. I would like **SHOPPING option C** (charitable deduction of \$100)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

#### Send annual membership information to a friend

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail membership form and payment to: TRMF • PO Box 1696 • Bismarck, ND 58502 • 701.223.4800



## Vision

We connect people to Medora for positive, life-changing experiences.

## Mission Statement

**Preserve** the experience of the badlands, the historic character of Medora and the heritage of Theodore Roosevelt and Harold Schafer.

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

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

## Values

We show **respect** for people and place.  
We deliver **excellence in hospitality**.  
We **work** with creativity and integrity.  
We are a family who values **family**.



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