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Randy Hatzenbuehler  
TRMF President

**W**e work hard to promote Medora and invite people to experience the North Dakota Badlands. We don't do it as well as our customers:

*"Seventeen years ago my husband and I took our first vacation together to Medora from Rapid City, SD. I told him that I fell in love twice*

*that day...first with him, then with Medora."* - A lady we should hire for marketing.

*"Unexpected and moving."* - Amity Moore, a writer from Colorado describing the *Medora Musical*.

Our vision is to connect people to Historic Medora for positive, life changing experiences. It happens more than we know. Summertime is our best chance to make it happen; this newsletter is an invitation to visit Medora this summer! We have many reasons to be optimistic - here are just a few:

- Governor Jack Dalrymple presented the Governor's Award for "Attraction of the Year" to the *Medora Musical* during the North Dakota Tourism Conference in late April. It is a wonderful honor for a show that is proud to be one the great traditions in North Dakota. Opening night is June 8.
- A brand new show - "A Teddy Roosevelt Salute to Medora," presented by Joe Weigand. We are thrilled to have Joe join our Medora family. He has performed all across the country, including the White

House for President Bush at the celebration of the 150th birthday of Theodore Roosevelt in 2008.

- All eighteen holes are open again at Bully Pulpit.
- The 18-month Von Hoffman house restoration is completed and ready for visitors!
- Kids will love the new stuff. An electronic western shooting gallery returns to downtown Medora; and the new "Family Fun Center" includes a rock climbing wall, bungee jump trampolines and a 170 ft long, 40 ft high inflatable water slide.
- Pent-up demand - for many who experienced flooding, 2011 was the year of the lost summer.

Western North Dakota is a bustling area; the energy industry is booming. Occasionally we hear folks say silly things like "all the rooms are rented in Western North Dakota." We have made provisions to have our guest rooms available for the traveling public during the summer season. **It is always good to call early to book your Medora vacation: call 1-800-633-6721 to speak to our reservation staff.**

Finally, we are grateful that the Theodore Roosevelt National Park is our next door neighbor. Come out west and you will see what the whole world is interested in; but come to Medora and you will experience the same peaceful, quiet beauty that causes people to "fall in love" and describe it as "unexpected and moving."

We look forward to seeing you in Rough Rider Country!



## Welcome Back To Medora



TRMF Board Chairman Ed Schafer

**S**pring is here and everyone is enjoying the warmer sunshine and new growth. The song birds nest and blossoms open and we all enjoy the beauty of sights and sounds after a long grey winter season.

There is a “freshness” that comes with this time of year that makes everything so much more cheery.

Spring also ushers in the clean-up, paint-up, fix-up time for Medora. Getting ready for the tourist season always reminds me of the frenzied Spring activity of the early days in Medora, back in the 1960s, preparing for mobs of people we hoped would be descending on this little spot of tranquility after a long dormant winter. In those days, there was absolutely no activity during the winter and the whole town pretty much just battened down the hatches to ride out the bad weather and isolation that descended after the transitional fall season.

But with spring came the anticipation of activity and we had to get prepared. Guest lodging was being built, buildings renovated for food and gift presentations, and the Burning Hills Amphitheatre was a mess after sitting through the winter.

With no paved streets, no curbs and gutters, and lots of melting snow and ice, one can easily image the havoc that presented itself every spring. There was

mud everywhere which slowed things down drastically, and the efforts to get ready often resulted in the clean-up efforts going backward with all the grit and grime that was carried into the facilities as workers were moving in and out. None of the equipment worked after sitting around so long without use, pipes leaked, boards were warped and there was much to do before people could enjoy their time visiting this unique place in western North Dakota.

I remember with agony, because there was only one piano in town, that we had to move that cumbersome and heavy instrument back and forth from the Theatre for musical rehearsals to the bar for nightly entertainment. The pickup slogged through mud up and down “the hill” and we had to lug that thing over the mushy ground several times a day. Ugh!

But the frenzied activity meant that our guests would be arriving soon and we wanted them to have an enjoyable and memorable experience during their stay. The smell of cut lumber and the sound of hammering were the signs that spring was in the air, and soon all the work and that effort would lead to a presentation that people from all over the world would grow to love and yearn for a return.

This morning in church a person came up to me all excited because he had volunteered to help with the opening activities this year. I said, “You mean you are excited to go to Medora just for some hard work to get things ready for the season?” He smiled and said, “I love it out there!” We at the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation hope you do too!

## NEW! Chefs And Menu At Theodore's Dining Room



**A** couple of North Dakotans with training at prestigious culinary schools and experience in the art of making dining customers happy have joined the staff of Theodore's in the Rough Riders Hotel. And they'll

be bringing a new menu with them. Jordan Taylor, new Executive Chef at the Hotel, was born in Fargo, received his business degree at SDSU in Brookings,

and attended the Western Culinary Institute in Portland, OR. He has 9 years of kitchen experience, most recently at Roots Restaurant and Bar in Portland. Dee Quinnett, new Sous Chef, is from Neche, and worked as a paramedic in Hettinger, ND, before attending the International Culinary School at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. The two will offer a new menu to visitors to Medora this summer. Jordan plans to incorporate more local produce—farm to table—and local game to the menu and Dee is excited about a new dessert menu: “Dessert is the best part of your dining experience.” TRMF's Food Service Director, Joe Oster, says he is delighted to have Jordan and Dee join our team at Theodore's, bringing “new fresh talent and ideas.”





# Under Harold's Hat

## Would You Be Interested In Leasing The Ferris Store?

*Was Harold Schafer always North Dakota's most generous man? Well, he certainly showed his generosity in 1962, when he first began developing Medora. Read this correspondence:*

May 30, 1962  
Mr. J. Eaton  
Medora, N. Dak.

Dear Mr. Eaton:

I have finally acquired clear title to the Rough Riders Hotel. Working in cooperation with Mr. McCaw of the Park Service and Historian Dick Mader, I expect to redo the hotel in its original form sometime in the near future.

The thought occurred to me that the Ferris Store which you own should be fixed up as it used to be. It would be easy to do this work at the same time I remodel the hotel. Would you be interested in renting or leasing me the Ferris property, with an option to buy? This would give you small revenue from your property to pay taxes, etc. I would put in a considerable capital investment in remodeling and since you own the store and the land around it, I would give you a percentage of profit from the operation of the store, if and when any was made.

If this has any interest to you Mr. Eaton, tell me what kind of small rental you would want until it became a satisfactory business and what percent of the profit you feel you should have. Also advise if you have any young family relatives you would want to run the store and/or employ as manager of the same.

Sincerely yours,  
Harold Schafer

Reply:

June 1, 1962  
Mr. Harold Schafer  
Gold Seal Company  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Schafer,

Your letter to Mr. Eaton was received today, and he was interested in your suggestions concerning the Ferris building. He has done some restoration work there himself, and has been interested in having more done.

As you may know, Mr. Eaton has not been at all well, for some time, and is unable to do very much himself, now. He has a memory problem, also. He has asked me to write you that he is interested in what you plan to do, and would like it very much, if you plan to be out here in the near future, if you will stop at his house and talk it over with him. I'm sure an arrangement satisfactory to you both can be made.

I have been doing the abstract work for him, for some time now, and recently more of his personal work.

Very Truly,  
Jay J. Eaton  
By: (Mrs.) E. H. Smith

*Note that the correspondence was exchanged in the summer of 1962—exactly 50 years ago. Correspondence continued throughout the summer. In July, Harold noted in a letter to Mrs. Smith "The thought occurs to me now that other than Mr. Eaton's home in Medora, all of his properties are tax-costing properties and not income-producing. This letter is written to confirm my desire to buy the Tester (Ferris) store and the block in which it sits, and make it part of the restoration project when I start restoring the hotel this fall. If it is a matter of disposing of all the property, I would be happy to buy all of your Medora property . . ."*

*The rest, of course, is 50 years of history.*





**TRMF Development  
Director Cordell Dick**

**W**orking as a professional fundraising executive, it is always a good idea to go back to the basics from time to time. I was reminded recently of the statements contained in the Donor Bill of Rights, a publication that was developed and endorsed several years ago by many development associations and organizations throughout the country. It articulates what the

Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation has always believed and strived to achieve. It is worth reprinting for you as a reminder of your rights as a Foundation donor.

### **A Donor Bill of Rights**

Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life. To assure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the not-for-profit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- I. To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
- II. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewarding responsibilities.

- III. To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.
- IV. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
- V. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.
- VI. To be assured that information about their donation is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- VII. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
- VIII. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
- IX. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.
- X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

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United Way of America



## **NEW! The Von Hoffman House**

Well, it's not exactly new to Medora, but the historic Von Hoffman House, built in 1884 by Medora Vallambrosa's mother, Athenais von Hoffman, is newly restored and is open to visitors this summer. You'll remember it most recently as the Medora Doll House. Now it includes period paint, wallpaper, flooring and furnishings, including some of the home's original furniture. In a visit you'll learn about the historic von Hoffman and Foley families, enjoy gallery displays and peruse historic documents. It's open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. And this summer, Medora's guided walking tour, *Footsteps Into Medora's Past*, will depart at 1 p.m. daily from the front porch.

# “My Heart Belongs To Medora”



Sheila Schafer (left) and Madge Rieke (right) in their college days, and some time after their college days

“My heart belongs to Medora. It’s been a great adventure in my life.”

That’s the conclusion Madge Rieke draws as she sits back and contemplates 80-plus years of a real adventure-filled life from her home in a suburb of Seattle, Washington. From that home, which she says is now tended to by a gardener and a housekeeper (“I mostly sit and watch them work now,” she chuckles), she either hosts bridge games or travels out to join her bridge partners several days a week, and she plans her next trip to Medora.

“Oh, since I moved to the west coast, I’ve probably been back to Medora at least 30 times,” she says. “I have to get back there to visit my friend Sheila. We’ve been friends for a very long time”

Friends indeed. Fast friends. For more than 60 years now. Just sit back for a minute and imagine being Sheila Schafer’s college roommate. How much studying do you think got done in THAT room!?!

But Madge persevered, got her teaching degree and then a master’s, taught school in this country and Japan, and had a long career in social work in Washington state. Along the way, she says, she got involved in a little property management business, and when Sheila’s husband Harold established a non-profit foundation to manage the Medora assets of the Gold Seal company, Madge sold a piece of property and put the proceeds of the sale into a charitable trust to benefit the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, becoming one of the Foundation’s very first donors.

“Harold was so wonderful and generous –I just adored him,” Madge says. “He had been generous to me when I needed help, and this was my way of saying thanks.”

“Oh, we’ve traveled all over together,” says Sheila. “There were seven of us girls who lived in Comstock Hall, and we called ourselves ‘The Comstock Cuties,’ and we played a lot—a lot—of bridge together.”

A lot indeed, and Madge still does. Google her and you’ll find her on hundreds of bridge websites. And you’ll find her regularly on a plane to Bismarck, headed for Medora.

“I went in 1965, when Harold had a big buffalo roast to celebrate the opening of the Rough Riders Hotel, and I’ve just kept going back. I shot 8 millimeter movies of the buffalo feed,” she says. “I wish I could find that film now.”

She followed the developments in Medora as the town grew. “Harold wanted to bring the town alive, so other people would come to love it as he did. Medora was the joy of his life for many years.”

“With her gift, Madge taught us a lot about charitable giving in the early days of the Foundation,” says TRMF president Randy Hatzenbuehler. “We’ll look forward to seeing her back in Medora this summer.”

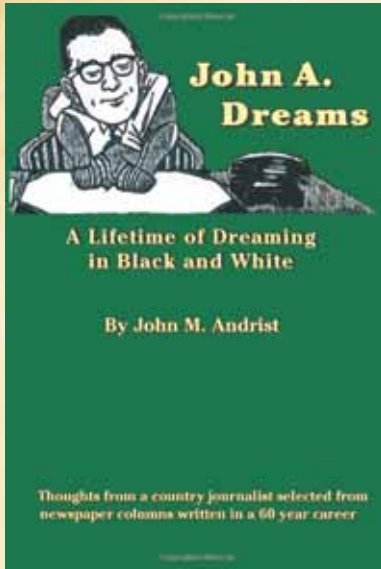


## NEW! The Hyde House

Now you can be an overnight guest in one of Medora’s oldest houses, the Hyde House. Perfect for history enthusiasts, this is one of the original dwellings from early Medora, built by the Marquis de Mores in 1883. We’ve added a few amenities, like air conditioning and indoor plumbing, but you’ll get a real feel for Medora’s past on a night in this historic building. The house has a queen bed, a sitting area, and a refrigerator and microwave. Call 1-800-MEDORA-1 (1-800-633-6721) to reserve the Hyde House.



# Giving While We're Living



John Andrist spent the last 60 years writing a book. Well, sort of. At the pace of an hour or two a week. The TRMF board member's recently released book, *John A. Dreams: A Lifetime of Dreaming in Black and White*, is a collection of his weekly newspaper columns dating back to his beginning in the newspaper business in 1951. His selected columns (he obviously

couldn't include them all—more than two thousand written in his career) pretty much track all the important comings and goings of life in the small North Dakota town of Crosby: births, deaths, weddings, funerals, anniversaries, celebrations, business start-ups and failures, bumper crops and droughts, along with casual observations on world events that people in Crosby were talking about, and milestones in his own life, as well as those of his parents, in-laws, siblings, wife and children. His personal stories paint a fascinating picture of an All-American family in a small American town. His professional responsibilities as a small town newspaper editor and publisher take us through end-of-life tributes to almost anyone of any importance in Divide County, as well as the State of North Dakota and the United States of America. John Andrist was a keen observer. He didn't miss much of what went on in his world, and he shared what he saw with his readers over the years. And now with us, through this collection.

Some highlights:

July 16, 1958: "At no time in history has any group of people anywhere on earth been endowed with so much—monster cars, washers, dryers, refrigerators and freezers, automatic heating, television, modern plumbing, power lawn mowers . . ."

August 20, 1959 (upon returning from a trip to Minneapolis): I certainly can't understand the freakish looking young people who congregate on the Nicollet Mall by night. The fringe of the hairline on short boys, the hem of the skirt on tall girls, and my belt line are all at about the same height."

December 31, 1969 (early in the Vietnam War): I'm

convinced it is time for accelerated withdrawal from Vietnam, a reduction in the arms race, and reappraisal of our program of supplying arms to others."

September 13, 1988 (the day the last of their 5 children left for college): "... the first time in 25 years Elaine and I have been alone in the house . . . we laid together and just cuddled for what seemed like hours, in a mood only for lying closely together and pondering the new phase that had come to our lives . . ."

May 8, 1991 (on the occasion of his wife Elaine's 60th birthday): "I'm not going to tell you how old she is. But she will spend the evening having dinner with her 60-year-old twin sister . . ."

October 15, 2008 (upon the death of his wife): "We have been a couple since our high school days . . . Walking together hand in hand never lost its magical solace—an activity that enriched our lives as much when I walked beside her wheel chair as it did when we were teens . . . I dreamed the dreams. She made them come true. Goodbye light and love of my life."

John was successful in business and made a few good investments. And when he sold his newspaper to his son Steve when he was 60, he embarked on a couple of new careers: politics and philanthropy. This fall, he seeks his fifth term in the North Dakota Senate, even at age 80. And continues to share what he accumulated during his life with others. Back in 1995, he wrote in one of his columns of "accumulators" and "distributors." He counted himself among the former. And wrote "those of us who have acquired substance ought to be better at spending it . . . we work all our lives, scrimping and saving, to build a nest egg, and then spend our last years hoarding it so somebody else can spend it after we die . . . few of us have learned the art of giving, that we should give until it feels good, really good." And then later, he recounted the tale of the cow and the pig: "One day a pig was pouring out his heart to a cow. 'Everyone seems to have contempt for me. At the same time they admire your gentleness. Sure, you give milk, but I give even more. I give bacon and ham. They make my skin into footballs and even pickle my feet so nothing is wasted. Still, nobody likes me. Why is this?' The cow thought for a minute. Cows don't do anything fast. Then she said 'Perhaps it's because I give while I am still living.'"

John shares his thoughts on giving with us on the next page. We hope you'll read his words. They're important. And we think you'll like his book, too. You can get it by sending a check for \$20 to the Crosby Journal, P.O. Box E, Crosby, ND 58730, or online at Amazon.com.

# Turning Selfishness Into Selflessness

By John M. Andrist  
TRMF Board Member



John Andrist

There are only two kinds of people – accumulators and distributors. No matter how much money they make, distributors normally have nothing left over. No matter how little they earn, accumulators always have some left over. This piece is written for the aging accumulators, folks like me.

Six months after we die, everything we have accumulated is gone—redistributed for somebody

else's pleasure, or sometimes their ruination. I'm selfish enough so I realized some fifteen years ago that I deserved the pleasure of spending some of it, giving it away if you will.

This satisfies a second human longing. Some place in this journey we call life we come to realize that all the toys we acquire give only temporary pleasure. Real joy and satisfaction comes from the things we do for and give to others. You just can't beat turning your natural selfishness into joy until you make that discovery.

The beginning is honestly recognizing when you have more than you are going to need for yourself, and more than your children will really need. That's a key. We all want to leave something for our children. But only so much can contribute good to their lives. Little joy, and much travail, comes with winning life's lotteries.

Alas, we accumulators have a hard time shifting gears after a lifetime practicing the art of not spending. So it takes some practice, actually pretty hard work. We're fighting basic human instinct as persons who have difficulty spending money on ourselves, while contemplating giving it away to someone else, or some cause that we like.

But hey, there is pure joy in discovering the art of turning selfishness into selflessness.

Mind you, I'm not perfect. After giving away half of my income for most of two decades I still have this problem of more savings than I'm going to need for the remaining time God is likely to give me.

A special friend of mine, Sheila Schafer, told me her husband, the late Harold Schafer, accumulated tens of millions of dollars, but gave most of it away before he died. Now, he's the expert, the guy who really had life figured out. You and I probably have only a pittance in comparison, but just as the Biblical book of Ecclesiastes reminds us, there is a time and a season for everything. We accumulators need to realize this discovery is the essence of happiness.



## **NEW! Medora's Family Fun Center**

A whole new adventure zone, fun for the whole family, awaits you this summer in Medora. Located at the entrance to the Medora Campground, west of the Little Missouri River, the Family Fun Center features the world's largest inflatable slide, a rock climbing wall and a bungee jump. Open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.



# MEDORA 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(For more information, or to buy tickets or make reservations, call 1-800-633-6721, or go online to [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com))

## MAY

**26-27 - Cowboy Poetry Gathering:** Cowboy-up in Historic Medora with this annual Old West event. Local and national cowboy poets and western artists present their talents on this Memorial Day Weekend gathering. For more information contact Bill Lowman at 701-872-4746.

## JUNE

**3 - Theodore Roosevelt National Park 58th Annual Bird Walk & Chuckwagon Breakfast:** Join us at 6:30 a.m. MDT at the Cottonwood Campground. For more information contact the Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association at 701-623-4884.

**8 - Medora Musical:** The "Greatest Show in the West" begins its 48th season. Show held nightly through Sept. 8, 2012, at 8:30 p.m. MDT at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre.

**8 - Pitchfork Steak Fondue:** Unique dining served overlooking the North Dakota Badlands every evening through September 8, 2012, at 6:15 p.m. MDT at the Tjaden Terrace

**9 - Medora Bully Run:** Join us for this annual road race that winds its way through town and the scenic North Dakota Badlands. 10K Run - 5K Run - 5K Walk. Register online at [www.medora.com/events](http://www.medora.com/events) or call 1-800-633-6721.

**9 - National Get Outdoors Day:** Free entrance to Theodore Roosevelt National Park. For more information contact Theodore Roosevelt National Park at 701-623-4466.

**9-10 - North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Winchester Weekend:** A weekend celebration of the western lifestyle of days gone by with fun festivities, including the Antique Gun Road Show. For more information contact the NDCHF at 701-623-2000.

**10 - Kids Day:** Every Wednesday & Sunday (through September 5, 2012): Great activities in Medora. Plus, all kids see the Medora Musical for FREE!

**10 - Bully Expedition - 4th Graders Day:** Fourth graders from all across North Dakota venture to Medora for an educational "Amazing Race," free Medora Musical ticket, and loads of fun! Essay contest winners will

be announced.

**12 - Seniors Day:** Every Tuesday & Thursday (through Sept. 6, 2012): All seniors, age 55 and older, receive 15% off their Medora Musical, Pitchfork Fondue and lodging at TRMF properties (Badlands Motel, Rough Riders Hotel or The Bunkhouse).

**14 - Flag Day and All Horse Parade:** Beginning at 5:00 p.m. MDT on the streets of downtown Medora, this unique parade is limited to horses and horse-drawn carriages. Out-of-town entries are welcome! For more information contact the Medora Area CVB at 701-623-4829.

**14 - Marquis de Mores Birthday Celebration:** Enjoy birthday cake and refreshments at the Chateau as the founder of Medora turns 154. For more info contact the Chateau de Mores at 701-623-4355.

**17 - Burning Hills Worship Service:** A non-denominational worship service held at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre in Medora at 9:30 a.m. MDT with special music performed by the Burning Hills Singers, Medora Coal Diggers, and special guest artists. For more information call 1-800-633-6721.

**21 - National Park Fee-Free Day:** Free entrance to Theodore Roosevelt National Park. For more information contact the Theodore Roosevelt National Park at 701-623-4466.

**22 - North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Annual Patio Dinner & Dance:** For more information contact the NDCHF at 701-623-2000.

**23-24 - Medora's Antique Classic Car Show:** A wide array of antique and classic cars on display on the east end of Medora and in the Medora Community Center with awards presented in various categories. For more information, or to register, contact: Dakota Western Auto Club, Carl F.W. Larson, 127 10th Ave. W., Dickinson, ND 58601 or call 701-225-8851 or e-mail [elarson@ndsupernet.com](mailto:elarson@ndsupernet.com).

**23 - North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony:** Held at 1:00 p.m. MDT at the Tjaden Terrace, this year marks the twelfth annual induction ceremony. For more information contact the NDCHF at 701-623-2000.

**30 - Dakota Air the Radio Show:** Held at 2:30 p.m. MDT at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre.

## Medora Musical Opens June 8

If you're in the audience at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre when the "curtain goes up" on June 8 for the 48th edition of the *Medora Musical*, you'll see a fresh, new show with an all-star cast. And for the next 92 nights, audiences will marvel at the experience the "Greatest Show in the West" continues to deliver here in the North Dakota Badlands.

This year's show is headlined by returning show host Emily Walter, "The Queen of the West," David Walters returning as Theodore Roosevelt, a whole new cast of Burning Hills Singers and the veteran show band, the Coal Diggers.

New cast members in the Burning Hills Singers this year include a pair of North Dakotans, Misti Koop of Grand Forks and Paula Mechling of Bismarck. Other "locals" this year are Mike Engh and Daniel Crary of

Billings, MT. They'll join cast members from Tennessee, Texas, Connecticut, New York, Iowa, Kentucky and Maryland. Keyboardist Chad Willow and fiddler Amberly Rosen lead the Coal Diggers again this year.

And each night, a featured act takes the stage to give the singers and dancers a breather during the show. This year, you'll see hip hop rollerskaters Breaksk8, fresh from the "America's Got Talent" show, returning Irish comedian George Casey, the "Queen of Southern Sass," comedienne Etta May, and "Magic's Royal Duke," Sammy Cortino.

If you want to see them all, get your season pass by calling 1-800-MEDORA-1.



## JULY

**1&4 - Independence Day Celebration Festivities:** Fun, family parades held at 3:30 p.m. MDT through the streets of downtown Medora on July 1 and 4. Out-of-town entries are welcome! Following the Medora Musical on July 4, see a Fireworks Spectator Spectacular in downtown Medora. This professional fireworks display will amaze with vibrant colors, patterns, and presentation.

**8 - Veterans Day in Medora:** All veterans and their families are invited to enjoy Historic Medora as we honor their service to our country. All veterans receive a free Medora Musical ticket and ticket for the Veterans Country Western Concert.

**23-29 - Medora Fossil Dig:** Join us for this unique opportunity to dig for fossils near Medora. Special packages are available.

**28 -National Day of the Cowboy:** Visit Historic Medora for a full day of western heritage and activities. For more information contact the NDCHF at 701-623-2000.

## AUGUST

**11 - Day of the People:** A day of celebrating the people and traditions of North Dakota's native people. For more information contact the NDCHF at 701-623-2000.

**12 - Sperry Horse Sale:** A production and performance quarterhorse sale held at Ranchorama Rodeo Grounds. For more information contact Robert Sperry at 701-565-2013 or visit [www.sperryhorses.com](http://www.sperryhorses.com).

**21 - Medora's Birthday Celebration:** Join the festivities with birthday cake and refreshments at the Chateau as Medora von Hoffman turns 156. For more info. contact the Chateau de Mores at 701-623-4355.

**25 - National Park Service Founder's Day Celebration:** For more information, contact Theodore Roosevelt National Park at 701-623-4466.

**25 - Badlands Trail Run:** Enjoy the "breath-taking" beauty of the badlands first-hand on a 5K/10K run or 5K walk on the rugged trails near Medora. Register online at [www.medora.com/events/](http://www.medora.com/events/) or call 1-800-633-6721.

## SEPTEMBER

**2 - Wade Westin Music Fest:** Enjoy performances by various artists and musical styles in a tribute and celebration of the life of Wade Westin.

**8 - Final Performance of the 2012 Medora Musical:** See the final performance of the Medora Musical as we bid a heartfelt farewell to the 2012 season.

**8-9 - Hot Air Balloon Rally:** View a spectacular hot air balloon rally all weekend in Medora's rugged badlands. Mountain bike on Medora's awesome single track trails. Hike in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Step back in time at various Medora museums. Visit Medora to appreciate all that the beautiful badlands have to offer.

**15 - Rummage in the Badlands:** City-wide rummage sale. For more information contact the Medora Chamber of Commerce 701-623-4910.

**29 - National Public Lands Day:** Free entrance to Theodore Roosevelt National Park. For more information contact the Theodore Roosevelt National Park at 701-623-4466.

## OCTOBER

**27 - Craft Show in the Badlands:** Handmade arts and crafts at the Medora Community Center. This event is held annually in late October. For more information call 701-623-4474.

**31 - Halloween Party for Kids:** at the Chateau de Mores for elementary school age children, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information contact the Chateau de Mores at 701-623-4355.

## NOVEMBER

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

**10-12 - Veteran's Day Weekend:** Free entrance to Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

## DECEMBER

**7-9 - Medora's Old-Fashioned Cowboy Christmas:** A unique way to celebrate Christmas and a great reason to visit Medora in the winter. Holiday activities kick off with a cowboy jamboree Friday evening. The fun continues through the weekend with great food, fun holiday activities, and lively music. For more info, contact the Medora Area CVB at 701-623-4829.

## NEW! A Teddy Roosevelt Salute To Medora



Theodore Roosevelt comes to life in this vivid new presentation, daily at 4 p.m. in the Old Town Hall Theater. Old Teddy is portrayed by Joe Weigand, who has performed the role nationally, including a White House appearance in celebration of TR's 150th birthday. Much of this new show focuses on Teddy's

time right here in the Badlands of North Dakota. Get your tickets at the box office thirty minutes before showtime.

## NEW! Made In The USA Mercantile



You asked for it. We did it. Opening in the summer of 2012 is our newest retail shop, the Made in the USA Mercantile. Located in the old Stage Barn, we're offering a wide variety of souvenir and gift items made entirely in the United States—a uniquely patriotic shopping

experience! Our other shops will continue to feature a wide variety of Made InThe USA items as well, but step inside the historic red Stage Barn in downtown Medora and an All-American display awaits you.



# New Members Join TRMF Board of Directors

## CLAUDIA ANDERSON



Claudia Anderson and her husband Dale grew up in western North Dakota and have been long time fans of, and visitors to, Medora. Her parents, Claude and Winnifred Brown, who farmed and ranched in the Dunn Center/Killdeer area, were always very active in their communities and instilled that commitment to service in their children. Claudia has many fond memories of traveling

to Medora during the summer with her parents, as well as traveling there with her own family and now extended family. She is interested in continuing to develop Medora into a "Family Destination Vacation." Claudia was a teacher before her retirement and, along with Dale, who served as President of the Greater North Dakota Association, has been very involved in her community of Fargo, where they have lived since they retired in 2006. The Andersons have 2 children, Sonjia, who resides in Fargo with daughter, Kellie; and Sheldon, who is married to Martha and reside in Bloomington, MN with their 4 children, Rolf, Gunnar, Ingrid and Siri.

## GRETCHEN STENEHJEM



Gretchen Stenehjem is a transplanted Minnesotan who moved to Watford City with her husband Steve in 1982, after a short teaching career in Alexandria, Minnesota. She continued teaching in Watford City before going to work in the family business, First International Bank and Trust, where she still works as a member of the management team.

She's also involved in the family's other businesses, Outlaws Bar and Grill and Six Shooters Showhall and Café, which are in the expanded bank plaza on Watford City's Main Street. Gretchen began visiting Medora "when the bleachers were still

wood," to take in the Pitchfork Steak Fondue and *Medora Musical*. At home, she serves as secretary for the McKenzie County Healthcare System Foundation Board, is the National Honor Society Advisor at Watford City High School, and has served on the Watford City Figure Skating Club board, Watford City Bancshares, Relay for Life, Art in the Park, Homefest and many other church and civic committees. Steve and Gretchen's children are grown but maintain their ties to the family and to Watford City. Peter is a Vice President of First International Bank & Trust in one of the Fargo office locations; Erik, a recent graduate of Concordia College is beginning his banking career in the Watford City office; Kira is a sophomore at the University of North Dakota who skated with Disney on Ice before beginning her college career; their youngest daughter, Kristen, is a freshman at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

## GREG TSCHETTER



Greg Tschetter says he has been "part of the Medora experience for 39 years," making at least annual trips to Medora since he was born. Greg has lived most of his life in Minot and is a graduate of the University of North Dakota. Greg has worked for Edward Jones financial planning company for 11 years. He is very active in his church and works on the military affairs

committee of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce. Greg has a love for hunting throughout North Dakota, and spends a lot of time at Lake Metigoshe with his family. He serves on the board of directors for the International Music Camp at Lake Metigoshe. Greg and his wife Nancy, a teacher in the Minot school system, have three children, Brenna, Becca and Ben.

## NEW! Cowboy Cookout

You'll get a new dining experience at the Pitchfork Steak Fondue on Thursday nights this summer. Every Thursday, our Pitchfork chefs will present a new option: Herb Roasted Chicken, BBQ Ribs and a Buffalo Roast Carving Station to go along with all the buffet fixin's you regularly get at the Fondue. The price is the same as the deep-fried Ribeye Steak you're used to, and kids eat for \$9.25. Serving starts at 6:15 nightly. Come and enjoy the Cowboy Cookout at the Tjaden Terrace on Thursday this summer!



# Benefit Options for Members

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



**B**

**TR Bundle:** Theodore Roosevelt Bust & Book



**D**

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



**A**

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



**C**

**Bully Pulpit:** Two Rounds of Golf



**E**

**Winter Romance:** 1 night at Rough Riders Hotel and \$25 gift certificate for Theodore's Dining

## 2012 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 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**.

## Vision

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

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## 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.

