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# ROUGH RIDERS REVIEW

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## Best Year Ever (So Far)



Randy Hatzenbuehler  
TRMF President

Thank you for making the 50th anniversary season amazing. Our attention has now shifted to the 2016 Medora summer season. Yet the good feelings from this year are lingering. If we had to use only one word to recap the past summer it could be – RECORD. Records were set at the *Medora Musical* with 124,000 guests; 46,800 meals at the Pitchfork Steak Fondue; more than 19,000 rounds of golf at Bully Pulpit; a record number of horseback rides; best year ever in retail . . . you get the picture. We had a great year, and our team, led by Mike Beaudoin, loved serving record numbers of guests in Medora.

Recently, a friend asked “Do you think Rod Tjaden or Harold Schafer ever imagined 124,000 people seeing the show in one year?” I loved the question. Rod was the president of the TR Medora Foundation for the first 10 years and ran the Medora operations for 15 years prior to that when it was part of the Gold Seal Company. Harold was the Founder of both the Gold Seal Company and our Foundation that was created for the benefit of Medora. Rod passed away in 1997; Harold in 2001. I believe the answer to the friend’s question is YES; Rod and Harold looked forward to great things for Medora. They had a passion for Medora that still fuels and influences us long after they have been gone. For a reaffirmation of Harold’s positive attitude, and his commitment to Medora, take a look at the letter on the next page.

Here are some of the exciting things on our horizon:

- A “*Magical Musical Medora Christmas*” – three of the *Medora Musical*’s most popular cast members: Emily Walter, Jared Mason, and Bill Sorensen are taking Medora on the road in the form of a Christmas show. (See page 7 for show locations, dates and times).
- In April we will move into the new **Life Skills Center**. The TR Medora Foundation operates in the summer with nearly 1,000 people--approximately 340 employees, 30 contracted cast, band and technicians, and more than 600 volunteers throughout the summer. On a daily basis, more than 425 employees and volunteers will use and enjoy the Life Skills Center.
- 130,000 people to the *Medora Musical* next year! We continue to see strong growth in annual membership. The annual membership makes it easy for people to enjoy the show several times a season. Memberships make a great Christmas gift (see page 1 for more info).
- The “*Medora Gospel Brunch*.” *Medora Musical* producer Curt Wollan will write and produce this new show for 2016 that will be performed on Saturday and Sunday mornings.
- **Broadway star Jared Mason** will bring his one-man concert to the Old Town Hall for the whole season. Jared was born in North Dakota and is a former cast member of the *Medora Musical* (see page 6 for more info).

- Complete restoration of the historic **Joe Ferris General Store**. Thank you Dr. Dennis Wolf of Dickinson for your gift to help us preserve an important historical asset of Medora.
- Expansion of our summer concert series.

One final thought, looking to the future: Today, as I write this, it is October 27, Theodore Roosevelt’s birthday. Sometimes I think we should make a bigger deal out of this day in North Dakota and maybe we will in the future. Stay tuned. Better yet, if you have an idea you’d like to share, please email it to me at randyh@medora.com.

During the last weeks of our wonderful summer, Derrick Bulawa, CEO of BEK Communications, who had seen the *Medora Musical* four times already this year, called and said “We think there should be a quality recording of the historic 50th anniversary edition of the *Medora Musical*.” He was serious. In fast fashion he had the BEK team’s production truck and up to six cameras at the theater; they were here on three separate nights recording the show. The most exciting part is BEK will be broadcasting the full recording on November 29 and additional dates during the coming year across its affiliated stations in North Dakota. All of this was done as a gift to the Foundation so that this piece of history will be preserved as a recording.

We are eager to share Medora with even more people in 2016. But as we head into the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas we feel immensely grateful for the cast, band and crew of the *Medora Musical*, all of our 2015 employees and volunteers, our amazing Foundation Members and supporters, the leadership of our board of directors, and most importantly, our guests. Have a blessed holiday season.



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## Lots available at Sully Creek

**B**ully 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. Call Randy or Clarence if you are interested in learning more.

## 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.

Here’s the letter that started it all—the creation of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, which celebrates its 30th birthday next year. Harold sent this letter to hundreds of friends at Christmas time in 1986, announcing that he was selling Gold Seal and creating the foundation that continues to operate Medora attractions today. “Sheila and I are happy in dedicating our future efforts to the continuing development in Medora.” What a wonderful gift to the people of North Dakota.



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December 31, 1986

Dear Friends:

While in the hospital with my leg surgery, I thought of many things. The wonderful life God has granted me, my fine family, great business and personal friends, and the mental, spiritual and financial rewards I have enjoyed. I also thought of how much I so want to do in whatever remaining time God grants me, and decided that when I left the hospital some major steps should be taken towards securing some hopes and dreams I have had.

Last April, the members of my family, who are the owners of Gold Seal Company, agreed that the best course of action to be taken was a most difficult personal decision, but undoubtedly the best business course -- that being to sell the Gold Seal Company. After 44 years, a difficult decision, and yet also an exciting one. The subsequent sale thus set in motion the realization of seeing my family able to secure whatever material needs and desires they may have, and for me to realize the dream of assuring a future for Medora.

The family, including Erma, contributed large numbers of shares of Gold Seal stock to create the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. This foundation then received the Medora Division of Gold Seal Company.

Sheila and I are happy in dedicating our future efforts to the continuing development of Medora. We plan to live there in the summer and in our Bismarck condo the balance of the year -- when we are not doing some traveling, which we both enjoy so much. Wherever we are, we welcome you -- we love you -- we appreciate what you have done for us. Memories of our association with each of you remain precious!

This is the time of the year when we wish all of our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, but also want to extend those kind of serious prayers to each of you for all the rest of your lives.

*Harold*

FOUNDER - CHAIRMAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## 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 four summers, veteran TR repressor, 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: Colonel Roosevelt, do you enjoy travelling and making speeches?**

Back in the day, I wrote to my family and friends, occasionally lamenting the many speeches I was expected to make while I travelled. Of course, with

no microphones, I was often shouting and my voice often wore out. As if battling Congress and the special interests on Wall Street weren't enough, as your President, I was expected to make some sort of formal speech at nearly every train depot and function along the way.

Travelling the country today is very enjoyable. I share stories of my time ranching along the Little Missouri with thousands of people, invite them to visit Medora, gateway to Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and I travel in comfort in Manitou the Medora Mobile.

(Special Prize: Who drives a late model Cadillac Escalade with North Dakota License Plate # 5A? If the owner of that automobile calls Medora's Teddy at 1-800-MEDORA-1, and they can report where they saw Manitou the Medora Mobile, they win a free steak dinner for two with TR at Theodore's, Medora's wonderful restaurant located in the Rough Riders Hotel, in 2016.)

## TR On the Road



Medora's own Theodore Roosevelt, Joe Wiegand, visited Minot Air Force Base, meeting with community and base leaders, speaking with the kids at area schools, and even "inspecting" America's "Big Stick" with the airmen of the 91st Missile Wing, known as the Rough Riders.



TR meets with Gary Sinise, star of the movie Forest Gump and other Hollywood productions, at Minot Air Force Base.



TR presents a Medora National Parks Centennial Teddy Bear to the State University of New York ESF Lumber Jacks and Lumber Jills, winners of the Teddy Roosevelt Days competition in Newcomb, New York.



TR at the gate of Grand Canyon National Park. Grand Canyon was one of the first areas protected by Theodore Roosevelt under the Antiquities Act.

## Touring the Pitchfork Ranch

By Ron Stromstad  
TRMF Development Director

"Places everyone!"

"Ready on the set!"

"And, ACTION!"

We were on the set of a Hollywood movie, in the Badlands of North Dakota. Generators, gear, campers and tents stood next to an archaeological dig, one created for filming the movie. Long periods of waiting resulted in 15-20 seconds of filming, and then doing it several times to make sure it was right. The movie was being filmed on the Pitchfork Ranch, west and north of Amidon, ND.

Badlands and Theodore Roosevelt historians Rolf Sletten and Doug Ellison accompanied TRMF development assistant Betty McCommon and me on a tour of the ranch one day this fall. Jon Wanzek, owner, is an avid history buff of western North Dakota, and a great supporter of TRMF. Wanzek has had several small cabins erected near the ranch headquarters, made entirely with repurposed building materials from days long gone by. These quarters are used by his friends and family when visiting the ranch. It is a beautiful setting in which to relax and enjoy the beauty and serenity of western North Dakota.

A feature length movie was under production at the ranch during our visit. It is interesting to see a movie set in the Badlands, with about 45 people milling about and getting ready to shoot scenes for the movie being produced by Wanzek's Bad Medicine Films. The film is set in modern times and involves discovery of a Tyrannosaurus Rex fossil. Throw in a "bad guy" who is going to steal the fossil and sell it overseas for millions of dollars, and you have "Valley of Bones." The movie should be



Jon Wanzek, Pitchfork Ranch owner, at the "dinosaur dig" created for the movie "Valley of Bones" being shot on his ranch.

completed in about a year.

The Pitchfork Ranch is a good grass ranch with spring-fed Sand Creek running through it. Elmer Mack put together the first acreage that eventually became the Pitchfork Ranch and then he sold to Wilmer and Merle Aus in 1949. Jon Wanzek, of Fargo, purchased the Pitchfork Ranch in June 2009. The Aus family wanted to keep the original brand (Right Rib Cattle), so Wanzek bought another Pitchfork Ranch brand (Left Shoulder Cattle) from a ranch near Reeder, ND.

The ranch and surrounding area are steeped in history. The Fort Lincoln (Mandan, ND) to Fort Keogh (near Miles City, MT) stage route runs through the ranch, and local old-timers put the location of the Sand Creek Stage Station near the current ranch headquarters. The graves of two of the three stage stop men are on the ranch, having been killed when a small group of Indians tried to steal their horses. A third man caught a mule and rode bareback to Medora to tell of the battle.

The ranch of Mrs. Maddox, the tough old woman who sewed Theodore Roosevelt's buckskin shirt and trousers, is thought to be just south of the Pitchfork Ranch headquarters. More exploration to determine the exact location will begin next spring.

Under Jon Wanzek's watch, the history and beauty of the Pitchfork Ranch will be further discovered and preserved. TRMF appreciates Wanzek's support of Medora and the Badlands, and his keen passion for western North Dakota's history.



Jon Wanzek on the porch of one of his rebuilt cabins.



# A Magical Musical Medora



Three “Best-of-the-West” entertainers are bringing Medora-style, family entertainment to the four corners of the state with 13 shows in 10 communities between Nov. 28 and Dec. 13, 2015.

### A Magical Musical Medora

Christmas variety show will feature three of the top performers to have graced the stage of the Burning Hills Amphitheater, including *Medora Musical* co-hosts Bill Sorensen and Emily Walter. They will be joined by yodeler extraordinaire Jared Mason.

“We can’t think of a better way to thank all those who helped make 2015 the *Medora Musical*’s most successful season ever than to bring some holiday entertainment to their home towns,” said Randy Hatzenbuehler, TRMF president. “We’re excited to cap our 50th anniversary season with this travelling, home-style variety show.”

The show will feature the musical talents of Mason and Walter and the comedy and magic talents of Sorensen, all who have appeared as featured performers of the *Medora Musical*.

Jared Mason performed as a Burning Hills Singer and featured vocalist in the *Musical* where many remember him for his yodeling abilities. Since his time in Medora he has become an award-winning recording artist, composer and actor, and most recently starred on Broadway as Jerry Lee Lewis in the Tony Award winning musical *Million Dollar Quartet*.

Over a number of years Emily Walter has performed in the *Medora Musical* as a Burning Hills Singer, co-host and host. While serving her country, Walter was the lead vocalist in the US Air Force Strategic Air Command Band. She starred in Patsy Cline shows across the United States and Canada and as a featured vocalist performing on cruise ships all over the world.

Bill Sorensen has served as cohost of the *Medora*

*Musical* for 3 years. As a magician, juggler and public speaker he has performed over 5,000 shows nationwide. He produced and appeared in The 4M Review variety show in Medora for 30 years.

“I’m the magician,” Sorenson said, “but what’s really going to be magical is bringing Emily and Jared’s holiday entertainment to folks across the state.”

All evening shows are 7:30 p.m. with the exception of Dec. 5 in Medora which will be at 1:30 and 7 p.m. to allow for an evening fireworks show. There will also be

### MAGICAL MUSICAL MEDORA CHRISTMAS CONCERT SCHEDULE

City	Dates/Time	Venue	Tickets available at:
Minot	Nov. 28, 7:30	Central High School	Convention Visitors Bureau
Devils Lake	Nov. 29 7:30	Lake Region CC	Convention Visitors Bureau
Bottineau	Nov. 30, 7:30	Bottineau High School	ConventionVisitors Bureau
Fargo/Moorhead	Dec. 1, 7:30	Fargo Theater	jadepresents.com
Wahpeton	Dec. 2, 7:30	NDSCS	Econofoods
Medora	Dec. 4, 7:30 Dec. 5, 1:00 Dec. 5, 7:00	Old Town Hall	CVB and Rough Riders Hotel front desk
Williston	Dec. 6, 7:30	Williston High School	Convention Visitors Bureau
Grand Forks	Dec. 7, 7:30	Empire Theater	ticketmaster.com
Jamestown	Dec. 8, 7:30	Reiland Theater	CVB and Reiland Box Office
Bismarck/Mandan	Dec. 12, 7:30 Dec. 13 2:00	Mandan High School Mandan High School	Dan’s Super Market Dan’s Super Market

an afternoon matinee in Mandan on Sunday, Dec. 13. Tickets for all shows are \$20. Forum Communications is sponsoring the shows in Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown and Dickinson.

### BOOK REVIEW

## Another Theodore Roosevelt Christmas Present



When you read *A Most Glorious Ride: The Diaries of Theodore Roosevelt 1877-1886* by Roosevelt historian Edward P. Kohn you understand why young TR loved his ranch life in the North Dakota Badlands so much.

Kohn’s compilation of TR’s early diaries takes us through the formative years of Roosevelt’s life, from his entrance into Harvard, through his ranching years in the Badlands of Dakota. Back east, the diaries show he found time to either ride a horse or drive a carriage nearly every day. In fact, that’s how the name of the book came about—Roosevelt describing one morning’s activities as “a most glorious ride.” Imagine, then, trading the streets of New York and the woods of Long Island for the prairies of Dakota. That’s why he loved ranch life.

It’s the first time anyone has published all of Roosevelt’s early diaries. The task is not simple—the diaries are not all in one place. Some are in the Library of Congress Collection in Washington, D.C., some at the Houghton Library at Harvard, both repositories of tens of thousands of Roosevelt documents and artifacts. The Theodore Roosevelt Center at Dickinson State University is in the process of digitizing all of the Roosevelt documents from both collections. The diaries will be part of that process at some point—all in one place, online. In fact, the work already done over the past few years



Alice Lee Roosevelt in 1883

contributed to Kohn’s book. He cites documents he retrieved from the DSU digital files several times.

Roosevelt readers have much to learn from this book. You’ll learn of Roosevelt’s deep religious beliefs in his early years, and how he turned to prayer and the Bible in sorrowful times, upon the death of, first, his father, who died at age 46, and then his mother and

his wife just a few years later. He wrote in his diary of June 30, 1878, just four months after his father’s death “Nothing but my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ could have carried me through this, my terrible time.”

Who knew that young Theodore taught Sunday School during much of his time at Harvard? And who knew, also, how wealthy Roosevelt was at an early age—his inheritance from his father when young TR was just 19 was an allowance of \$8,000 a year. Those 1878 dollars might translate to around \$200,000 in today’s dollars, a princely sum for a college student.

The book, via the diaries, turns quickly to joy during Roosevelt’s junior year at Harvard when he first seems to have discovered girls, and, specifically, Alice Hathaway Lee, to whom he was married on his 22nd birthday in 1880. When he has fallen in love with Alice and she has agreed



Young Theodore Roosevelt (right) and his brother Elliot on their first hunting trip to Dakota Territory.

to marriage, he writes “I am so happy that I hardly know what to do. My own beautiful queen is the same as ever and yet with a certain added charm I do not know how to describe. I can not take my eyes off her; she is so pure and holy that it seems almost profanation to touch her, no matter how gently and tenderly; and yet when we are alone I cannot bear her to be a minute out of my arms.”

In October of that year he writes of his first (and possibly only) experience with over-indulgence in alcohol. “In evening was I was inducted into the Porcellian Club and was “higher” with wine than I ever have been before—or will be again. Still, I could wind up my watch. Wine always makes me awfully fighty.”

The diaries most enjoyable to friends of Medora, of course, will be from his Badlands years, 1883-1886. While today we talk of those years with awe, of the impact they had on his future life, he writes of them casually, as if he were doing nothing out of the ordinary. Readers will delight in his

descriptions of the country through which he traverses. And of the descriptions of his activities on his ranches here, near Medora.

In a review written earlier this year for the *Bismarck Tribune*, Judge Robert Wefald writes: “This is a great book for those who simply cannot get enough of Theodore Roosevelt . . . as well as an easy and enjoyable read.”

Kohn’s 284-page book, complete with 25 pages of photos, published by the State University of New York Press and available at online booksellers and perhaps some North Dakota book stores for \$29.95, about the price of a good bottle of wine, with which it should be enjoyed, would make a good Christmas present for Roosevelt fans. There’s still time to order it.



# Medora Volunteers Enjoy A Lunch, Rise To The Challenge

Hundreds of our summer volunteers spent an afternoon with us this fall, at our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheons in Fargo (at right) and Medora. It's our chance to say "Thank You" for the invaluable help we get from our volunteers each summer. Our Volunteer List now includes more than 1,400 people from across the country and Canada. And now, those volunteers are challenging themselves to do even more. In 2016, each of our volunteers is being challenged to bring ten new people to Medora. Our volunteers will talk to their circle of friends and relatives who don't know about Medora, or who haven't ever visited, and encourage



them to visit in 2016. Medora Volunteers are our best ambassadors. Thank you, Volunteers!

# Coal Diggers Welcome Their Sponsors

We love it when our friends from North American Coal Corporation (NACCO) come to town. After a summer meeting in Medora, the North American crew attended the *Medora Musical*. Since North American is the sponsor of our stage band, the Coal Diggers, we thought we'd line the group up for a photo with the band. In the front row, from left, are Mike Briggs, Aaron Garrett, Carroll Dewing, JC Butler, Eleanor Benson, Robert Benson, Ellen Jumper, Gen. John Jumper, Walter Simpson, and Jay Kost. In the middle row are David Straley and Mike Gregory. The band members (the guys in the hats) are, from left, Chad Willow, Roger Rettig, Nick Kellie, Josh McFerren, Marc Bohn, and Ed Avila. We're grateful for all the support we receive from North American Coal Corporation.



# Medora Is A Safer Place, Thanks To A Gift From Sanford Health

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation has always taken pride in the fact that Medora is a safe place for families to enjoy themselves. Thanks to a grant from Sanford Health, Medora is now even safer for the visiting public. Sanford Health has donated funds for the purchase of four additional Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) units to be placed in strategic locations in town.

The AED units are portable devices used to check heart rhythm and, if necessary, can send an electric shock to try to restore normal rhythm for those suffering from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), commonly referred to as a heart attack. They are a first line of defense when someone suffers a heart attack.

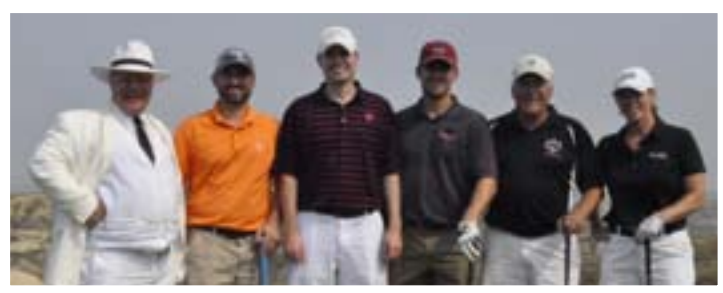
Now, in addition to the AED units already in place at Bully Pulpit Golf Course and the Burning

Hills Amphitheatre, there will also be units placed at the TRMF Maintenance Shop, Rough Riders Hotel, Medora Campground and Badlands Motel.

"Providing these units to the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation is a great opportunity to help our friends in Medora, the many thousands who visit the area from across the region, and to deliver on our mission of dedication to the work of health and healing," said Craig Lambrecht, MD, Sanford Bismarck President. "It is a great match and another way for us to be good partners in the community."

"The best AED unit is one that never gets used – but we are delighted to have them available for the safety and use by the visiting public," responded Randy Hatzenbuhler, TRMF President. "Sanford Health and TRMF care about the well-being of our guests."

# Rod Tjaden Memorial Golf Tournament Return To June in 2016



The Magi-Touch Carpet One team, left, consisting of Jesse, Justin, Josh and Randy Horner, took Low Gross honors in the Rod Tjaden Memorial Golf Tournament in August at Bully Pulpit Golf Course this year. Right, the Fisher Industries team of Florian Friedt, Greg Schafer, Curt Kittelson and Tyler Reisenauer took Low Net honors. The teams are pictured with Medora's own Teddy Roosevelt, Joe Wiegand, and Joe's wife, Jenny Cook Wiegand, a professional golfer who helped the teams get close to the pin on one of the par-three holes. Next year's tournament will move back to June 24. The tournament was originally held in June but was moved to August a couple years ago when flooding restricted play on some of the holes at Bully Pulpit. Bully Pulpit Golf Professional Casey Moen invites teams to call the golf course at 701-623-4653 and sign up any time, because the 36-team event generally sells out. Don't miss a chance to get your team registered for the 2016 tournament!

# Hunting Dakota With Roosevelt

What do you get when you squeeze 120 hunters into the lobby of the Rough Riders Hotel? The Bismarck Cancer Center's annual "Hunting Dakota With Roosevelt" fundraiser, that's what. Each year Tweed Roosevelt (he's in there somewhere) travels in his great-grandfather's footsteps to Medora to join supporters of the Cancer Center for their annual pheasant hunt, raising more than \$100,000 for the Cancer Center's operations. Medora and TRMF are pleased to play a part in this very successful charity event.



# North Dakota Tax Credits Make Giving Easy

By Ron Stromstad  
TRMF Development Director

The North Dakota Legislature has provided a wonderful giving opportunity for any North Dakota resident who wants to do more charitable giving, and receive tax benefits.

Now, gifts to qualified endowments from individuals and businesses qualify for a state income tax credit of 40%, up to \$10,000 for businesses and \$20,000 for couples filing jointly. The minimum required gift an individual can make is \$5,000 and the maximum is \$25,000 to a non-profit organization with a qualified endowment, like TRMF. For example, individuals in the 35% federal tax bracket realize savings as shown here:

TRMF Endowment Gift:	
Gift Amount	\$5,000
Federal Tax Savings	(\$1,750)
ND Tax Credit	(\$2,000)
Net cost of gift	<u>\$1,250</u>

If this fits your situation, why not consider giving a gift to Medora, and treat yourself to some excellent tax benefits at the same time! As a donor said last year, "It's a no brainer—you've got to do it! No one who is able to do this should be paying taxes."

If you have questions and/or would like to explore other charitable giving options, give me a call at (701) 223-4800, or simply consult your tax advisor.



## Life Skills Center Will Open In The Spring of 2016

By the time the snow flies, the new \$7 million Life Skills Center in Medora will have windows and siding, and workers will move inside to put the finishing touches on the building. When the Center is opened next spring, it will be the centerpiece for the life skills training so important to the many young people who come to work for us each year, and much, much more. Our employees and volunteers will eat there. There will be recreation and fitness areas. Our museum archives will be moved in, and we'll have much more storage than ever. The *Medora Musical* cast will rehearse there when the weather is bad. There will be classroom and office space for online coursework for our employees. And our



administrative offices will be located there. We expect the new Center to be a beehive of activity year around. The Life Skills Center is the most significant investment we have ever made to take care of the people who serve our visitors. We're a good ways down the road to reaching our fundraising goal to pay for the Center. The chart shows what's needed. If you

## Magical Valentine's Day Caribbean Cruise

*Medora Musical* stars Emily Walter, "The Queen of the West," and Bill Sorensen, "The Old West Prestidigitator," are hosting a Valentine's Day Western Caribbean Cruise. Guests on board the Norwegian Cruise Line's ship "Getaway" will be entertained by the two *Musical* stars between visits to four Caribbean ports: Ocho Rios, Jamaica; George Town, Grand Cayman; Cozumel, Mexico; and Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas.

The ship features an "Illusionarium" with a dinner theater and magic acts. Bill Sorensen will present

some magic of his own, as well as an update on the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation and Medora. Many will recall Bill's humor and magic from the *4-M Review*.

Emily will perform familiar songs from her longtime association with the Musical, both as a member of the Burning Hills Singers and as the show's host for the past five years.

The group will overnight February 13th in Miami, before sailing February 14-21. Contact the TRMF office at 701-223-4800 for further information.

## Jared Mason Returns To Medora For The Summer of 2016!

Fans of Jared Mason, North Dakota native, Broadway star and former Burning Hills Singer, will be happy to know that Jared is returning to Medora next summer. Jared will be performing a one-man show in the Old Town Hall Theatre daily, all summer long. Jared most recently starred as Jerry Lee Lewis in the Broadway production of "*Million Dollar Quartet*," the musical hit inspired by the famed 1956 recording session that brought together rock and roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis for the first and only time. Now, with the show on hiatus, Jared returns to his favorite setting, the North Dakota Badlands and Medora. Don't miss him next summer!



## Give the Gift of Medora for Christmas!

This Christmas, give a gift membership in the Medora Foundation to friends or family members. Just clip off this page and use it to give the gift of Medora this Christmas. We'll send the membership gift directly to your intended recipient(s) in time for Christmas!

Please send a gift membership to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

I want the gift membership to include the following option (check one)

\_\_\_\_ Two season passes to the Medora Musical

\_\_\_\_ Two rounds of golf at Bully Pulpit

\_\_\_\_ Shoppers Delight: a \$125 shopping spree at TRMF stores

Name for the Gift Card:

Your 2016 TRMF membership is a gift from \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment

\_\_\_\_ My check for \$250 is enclosed

\_\_\_\_ Please bill my credit card \$250.

Credit Card No: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Verification Code \_\_\_\_\_ (3-4 digits)

Authorized signature \_\_\_\_\_

Want to give more than one gift membership?

Just send name and address information along with the preferred membership benefit option on separate sheets. Or just call us at (701-223-4800, and we can take care of all your membership gifts by phone. Mail completed membership forms to TRMF, Box 1696, Bismarck, ND 58502

Are you already a 2016 TRMF Annual Member? If not, use the form on page 11 of this newsletter to renew your membership, call us at 701-223-4800, or join online at [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com).



## 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.

## Board of Directors

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Medora Sletten

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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.