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•If you wish to suggest a NDCHF Hall of Honor nominee contact a local Trustee. Deadline for 2003 nominations is Jan. 17. See page 3.

•The recently published NDCHF Cookbook features 500 recipes and dozens of historical facts. See page 20.

•Don't miss Medora's 7th Annual Cowboy Christmas, Dec. 6-8. Call 701-623-4378 for more information.

•The eighth NDCHF Annual Meeting and Banquet is scheduled for Feb. 21-22 at the Seven Seas, Mandan. Call 701-663-7401 or 800-597-7327 for banquet tickets or room reservations. Specify your affiliation with the NDCHF to receive the special rate.

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Hall of Fame Capital Funds Drive Continues

The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame received a tremendous boost last month when Cloverdale Foods stepped forward with a \$255,000 financial package. The gift includes more than \$100,000 in cash and another \$150,000 of in-kind gifts over the next five years.

The gift is a memorial in remembrance of H.S. Russell and his Four Square Ranch. Russell founded Cloverdale Creamery in Mandan, which has evolved into Cloverdale Foods. The food-processing facility now does more than \$35 million a year in business. T.J. Russell, president and CEO of Cloverdale, announced the gift on behalf of Cloverdale Foods and the Russell **(Continued on page 19.)**



Mandan News photo

Cloverdale Foods CEO and NDCHF Capital Funds Drive General Chair T.J. Russell (center), poses with Governor John Hoeven and NDCHF Executive Director Darrell Dorgan at the Capital Funds Drive kick-off press conference held at the N.D. Heritage Center, Bismarck, in August. NDCHF Capital Funds Drive Honorary Chair is former Governor Art Link.

Clay Jenkinson Addresses NDCHF Induction

Quoting Thomas Jefferson in his only book, "Notes on Virginia," humanities scholar, social commentator and historical impersonator Clay S. Jenkinson told NDCHF guests at the fifth induction ceremony on Aug. 3 in Medora: "Those who labor in the earth are the chosen people of God, if ever He had a chosen people, whose breasts He has made his peculiar deposit for substantial and genuine virtue. It is the focus in which he keeps alive that sacred fire which otherwise might escape from the face of the earth..."

In other words, Jenkinson said, "Jefferson believed that the agrarian citizen is the most important person in a republic, the most important person in the economy

and the most important person in the way that we define what a complete human being is."

Reflecting on Jefferson's quote, Jenkinson continued: "It seems to me absolutely vital that we keep that fire alive in western North Dakota. There are two ways to do it. One is to do the work of the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, to honor people who have contributed to this life." The second way to keep that fire **(Continued on page 19.)**



North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame inductees and representatives gathered following the ceremony held Aug. 3, 2001, in Medora. Fifty-six individuals, ranches, animals and events have been inducted since 1998.

Sage-Chase Serves NDCHF Board

Lydia Sage-Chase, New Town, was recently named to the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Board of Directors, serving as the State Historical Society representative.



Sage-Chase is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes, Fort Berthold Reservation. She inherited the name Who Pti Tah, which means "Scattered Corn," from her great-grandmother who was the first female Mandan Corn Priest of the Mandan Tribe.

Today, Lydia is director of Adult Basic and Secondary Education at Fort Berthold Community College, New Town. She teaches about her Mandan culture in every avenue of her life, from elementary to college classrooms. She sees importance in contin-

uing traditions, language and culture, and is very involved in numerous cultural and educational entities. "You have to have some kind of tradition and heritage behind you," Sage-Chase told the *New Town News* (Aug. 15, 2002). "It's really sad that many of our people are losing that heritage and culture."

During the last year, Sage-Chase has been on dialysis, but says she never lets her illness stand in the way of her job performance or anything else she puts her mind to. She credits her husband, Bob, with standing by her and assisting her. He volunteers at her place of employment and helps her plant a traditional Mandan garden with traditional Nu-eta tools including a scapula hoe, deer antler rake and digging stick. Sage-Chase concludes, "Keeping my Mandan family traditions alive and well is my number one goal."

NDCHF Annual Meeting Scheduled for February

The eighth North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Annual Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 21-22, 2003, at the Seven Seas, Mandan.

Friday evening's no-host ice cream social with special entertainment begins at 7 p.m. Saturday's membership meeting begins at 1 p.m. NDCHF Trustees hold their annual meeting at 2:30 p.m., and will discuss 2003 nominations.

Saturday evening activities include a no-host social at 5:30 p.m. with the annual banquet at 7 p.m. An auction will follow the banquet.

Banquet tickets are \$25 each and only 300 will be sold. To reserve tickets or a motel room see "Hall Highlights" on page 1.

Pelissier Recognized as Rancher of the Year

Blanche Pelissier, Dickinson, was honored with the Dickinson Roughrider Commission Rancher of the Year award this past July.

Pelissier fondly remembers growing up on her father Bert Harmon's ranch nine miles south of Medora. She rode horseback to school and at age 18, married Bernie Pelissier, son of 2000 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Inductee Louis Pelissier.

Pelissier told *The Dickinson Press* in a July 4, 2002, article, "We went to a lot of rodeos, probably because

(Bernie's father, Louie) was the pick-up man and Bernie was the hazer." Blanche herself competed in barrel racing.

She also remembers serving as roundup royalty at Bob Bloom's rodeo in Wibaux, Mont., in the early 1950s.

In 1956, Blanche and Bernie and their children moved to northern British Columbia, where they continued ranching. "Ranching is more than a job, it's a way of life," she told the *Press*. "Looking back, I wouldn't have had it any other way."

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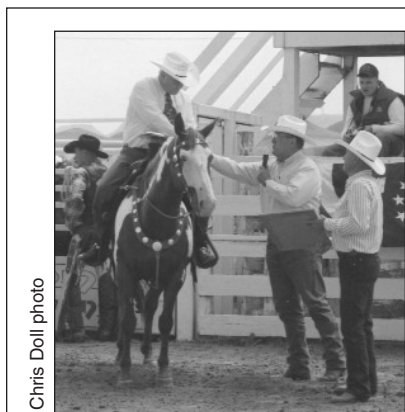
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Chris Doll photo

Winston Bruce (horseback), Calgary, Alberta, Canada, was honored for his years of service to North Dakota rodeo at the 2002 Home On The Range Champions Ride at Sentinel Butte. Presenting the awards were NDCHF Board Director Winston Satran, Bismarck (center), and 1998 NDCHF Inductee Jim Tescher, Sentinel Butte. Bruce, who recently retired, was manager of Stampede Ranch, Rodeo Productions and Chuckwagons.

Cowboy Hall of Fame Receives Access to Osborn Photos

Buz Osborn, Dickinson, recently gave the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame permission in perpetuity to copy and make negatives of Osborn photos currently housed at the Jochim Museum, Dickinson. The images represent the late 1800s to the 1970s and many of the photos were taken by Buz

and his father, Lawton Osborn Sr. "These photos are a very important slice of everyday life in North Dakota," assures NDCHF Executive Director Darrell Dorgan. "Access to these photos is notable because when the Osborn photo collection is combined with the Leo Harris photo col-

lection – given to us by American State Bank – we have a major pictorial history of western North Dakota."

Original Osborn Photography Studio furnishings from Dickinson are currently on display at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City, Okla.

NDCHF Seeks 2003 Nominations

Nomination deadline for 2003 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame inductee candidates is Jan. 17, 2003. Anyone wishing to suggest a nominee should contact a local NDCHF Trustee. All nominations must be submitted on the 2003 NDCHF Inductee Nomination Form which was mailed to trustees in November. Nomination forms are also available from the NDCHF office.

A rotation developed by the NDCHF Board of Directors specifies that some categories will only accept nominees and have inductees in specific years. The six categories and maximum number of inductees for the 2003 induction are:

- Pre-1940 Rodeo (2)
- Contemporary Rodeo (1)

- Rodeo Producer (1)
- Pre-1940 Ranching (2)
- Contemporary Ranching (1)
- Special Achievement (1)

For specific information on category criteria and Trustees representing your district, please call the NDCHF office at 701-250-1833.

Thus far, 56 individuals and events have been inducted into the NDCHF Hall of Honorees. Ballots will be mailed to Trustees in late spring and inductees will be announced in July. The 2003 induction is scheduled for Aug. 2-3 in Medora and Sentinel Butte.

Individuals nominated, but not selected for induction in 2003, are eligible for nomination in subsequent years.



Osborn photo

This classic photo of Dean Armstrong riding a saddle bronc at the Dickinson Bronc Riding Match of Champions – held between 1948-58 – is but one example of the work produced by Osborn Photography Studio, Dickinson. "These photos are a very important slice of everyday life in North Dakota," assures NDCHF Executive Director Darrell Dorgan.

Winter History Symposiums Set for January/February

The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame's 2003 Winter History Symposiums will likely feature Native American flutist Keith Bear, New Town, author Tracy Potter, Mandan, and NDCHF Executive Director and video producer Darrell Dorgan, Bismarck.

Bear's internationally recognized storytelling and musical ability leads listeners on imaginary visits to the placid places where Bear himself has been inspired, such as a river's edge or a cottonwood forest.

Potter recently completed a book tentatively titled, "Sheheke: Mandan Indian Diplomat," subtitled, "Friend of Lewis & Clark, Brother of President Jefferson." Sheheke was born at the On A Slant Village, south of current-day Mandan, in 1766. He

became a Mandan Chief, hosted Lewis & Clark and traveled with them to meet President Jefferson in Washington, D.C., in 1806.

Dorgan utilized Potter's book research, as well as information gathered by historians James Ronda and Clay S. Jenkinson, to produce a video about Sheheke. The video will be shown at each symposium.

The free events are funded by the North Dakota Humanities Council and coordinated by the NDCHF and the Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation. This is the fifth year the NDCHF has taken a history program on the road.

NDCHF members will be reminded of dates, locations and times by mail and through local media. For further details call the NDCHF office at 701-250-1833

2003 Winter History Symposiums

All programs begin at 7 p.m. local time.

- **January 8 - Bismarck**
Bismarck Veteran's Memorial Library
- **January 9 - Rugby**
Rugby Econo Lodge
- **January 22 - Dickinson**
DSU Beck Auditorium
- **January 23 - New Town**
New Town Civic Center
- **February 12 - Grand Forks**
UND Student Union Lecture Bowl
- **February 13 - Fargo**
Plains Art Museum

Now & Then

Four N.D. Natives Compete in Senior Pro Finals Rodeo

Four North Dakota natives competed in the Senior National Finals Rodeo (SNFR) held Oct. 29-Nov. 3 in Reno, Nev.: Owen Voigt, Don Tescher, Randy Sandvick and Rodney Nelson.

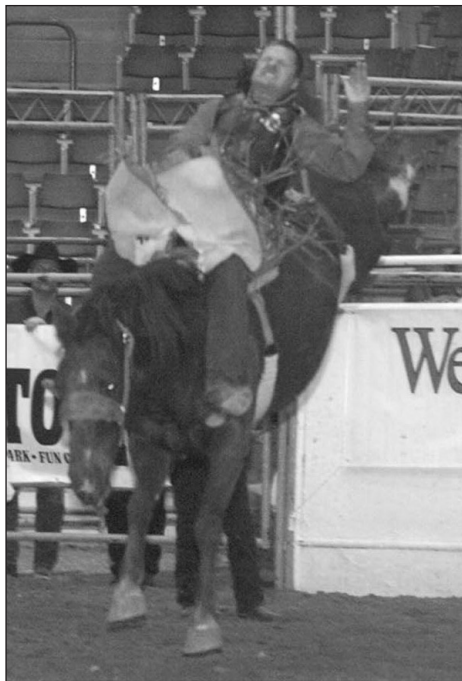
A Mandan-native, Voigt entered the SNFR in first place in 40-50-year-old bareback riding, winning the year-end championship with 2,760 points, more than 1,000 points ahead of his nearest competitor. Tescher, a Sentinel Butte-native, entered the 40-50 saddle bronc riding in ninth place, ending the year in sixth. Killdeer's Sandvick qualified for his first SNFR in eighth place in 40-50 steer wrestling, ending the year in eighth. Nelson, representing Almont, entered the 50+ steer wrestling in 16th place and wrapped up the year in 14th.

• Owen Voigt •

Owen Voigt, a son of Pete and Dawne Voigt, was born in 1958. He grew up with eight siblings on a small ranch along the Heart River west of Mandan, graduating from Mandan High School in 1977.

His first rodeo experience was at the Halliday Showdeo. "I rode the bus up there and stayed with my grandparents," Owen says. "Dean Voigt (my cousin) and I won the rescue race." Owen also placed second in break-away roping and third in bareback riding and steer riding. He participated in high school rodeo for four years and rodeoed for Bismarck Junior College, Bismarck, and North Dakota State University, Fargo. He qualified for the College National Finals in saddle bronc riding in 1980 and '81.

Thereafter, he competed mostly in amateur rodeos in the Dakotas and Montana, winning the Roughrider Rodeo Association bareback riding title from 1981-85, as well as capturing all-around and saddle bronc titles in 1982. He was the North Dakota Rodeo Association reserve champion



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Mandan-native Owen Voigt spurs a bareback horse at the 2001 Senior National Finals Rodeo (SNFR). On Nov. 3., Voigt won the 2002 National Senior Pro Rodeo Association 40-50-year-old bareback world championship in Reno, Nev.

saddle bronc rider in '84 and twice competed in the North American Rodeo Commission Finals.

Recalling a favorite rodeo memory, Owen says, "Don Tescher and I were at a rodeo at Cannonball, I think in 1982. They gave away beautiful, hand-made beaded buckles. Don won the bronc riding and I won the bareback riding. (My wife) Becky took a picture of us holding our buckles while we have our hats cocked off in ol' Freddy Berger-style." He laughs and admits, "We were thinking we were pretty neat guys!"

Owen "retired" from rodeo in about 1991. He cracked out at a few open and National Senior Pro Rodeo Association rodeos in 2000, after coaching high school competitors in Helena, Mont. "They were razzing me about being an old guy. I said, 'Well -

OK!'" His son Jordan's rodeo interests also drew Owen back into the arena. "I thought I'd take him and show him what it's about," Owen says.

He competed in 32 rodeos in 2001, qualifying for the Senior National Finals Rodeo and becoming the year-end runner up in bareback riding. He competed in 43 rodeos in 2002 and had sewed up the year-end championship even before the finals.

Fellow SNFR qualifier Don Tescher, Sheridan, Wyo., says of Voigt, "I've never seen anybody with a harder work ethic than Owen. He's a good friend, a good family man and a strong Christian." Another SNFR qualifier, Rodney Nelson, Almont, adds, "Owen is not riding like a 44-year-old. He rides at a caliber where he could be placing at all types of rodeos anywhere. I have to give him credit."

Comparing senior rodeo to other levels of rodeo Owen says, "Senior pro rodeo is truly like a big family. It's competitive, but you're competing more with your animal and yourself than against other people. You don't win a lot of money, so you're doing it more for yourself." Voigt continues because he enjoys competing in places where he'd never competed before. "Another big push is to be physically and mentally fit to be competitive. It's still a lot of fun to get on and spur a good, jump-kick horse."

He expresses appreciation to his sponsors, Pallister Plumbing and Heating and Keller Reynolds Law Firm, both of Helena, Mont. "They've made it so Becky and the kids can travel more with me."

Owen, and his wife, the former Becky Freise, Bismarck, have lived in Montana since 1989. They currently make their home in Helena, where Owen works for the Montana School Services Association, which is an insurance pool. They have three
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Now & Then

Winnie "B." Clauson: Ranching Solo in the N.D. Badlands

When you're born in Big Horn County, Mont., and spend a majority of your adult life living south of Sentinel Butte, "Wherever other people come from is a long ways off."

Winnie "B." Clauson, was born into her father's hands in a blizzard-bound log house on Feb. 21, 1919, a daughter of Joseph R. and Nora (Ferman) Crackenberger. Nora died when B. was about seven years old. She grew up at her father's side and was educated near Kirby, Mont. "I was so busy doing what I liked to do, I never thought of

doing anything else. All during high school I had a hard time studying because I was too wrapped up in what was going on at home," she told *The Forum*, Fargo, in an Oct. 18, 1987 article.

B. graduated from high school in Hardin, Mont. Her first job was as a ranch cook. She met Bowbells, N.D., native, Milo R. Clauson at a Montana dance hall. The couple married April 28, 1939, in Broadus, Mont. They lived in Birney, Mont., and later Circle, Mont. In 1955 they bought two sections of land and moved to a ranch about 25 miles south of Sentinel Butte. They enjoyed ranching together and square dancing, until Milo died of cancer June 27, 1969.

"I didn't know whether I'd be able to stay and do it or not," B. told *The Forum*. "You depend on another person so much. You have to practice doing things alone."

But she wasn't afraid to take on solo tasks. "There's no use being in business if you don't at least attempt to work at it," she said. *Forum* writer Kevin Murphy noted a typical day in the fall of 1987 when Clauson "saddled up at 7:30 a.m. to round up 14



Winnie "B." Clauson, Sentinel Butte, was known for her roping skills. Here, she brings in a calf for branding at Karnes Johnson's X-X Ranch in 1975.

Mrs. Leonard Fahlstrom photo

steers for transport to Dickinson, 70 miles away. She had help loading the cattle onto the truck, but made the three trips to Dickinson alone. Her day ended at 8 p.m." A few weeks later B. drove the truck to Roundup, Mont., to get coal and then spent the better part of a day shoveling it into a basement storage bin. "If I need help, my neighbors are more than willing to come by and help me," she said. "I wouldn't be able to do this alone if it wasn't for them."

Describing B. as rugged yet gentle, soft-spoken yet pointed, the article said, "The rancher stands lean and straight, something like the .22 rifle she keeps stowed in the closet. She uses the gun to fend off coyotes, skunks and other threats to livestock and buildings." Asked whether she was a good shot, B. answered, "Not especially." Her sister, Gladys Kluk disagreed, recalling one day when B. discovered a rat in the house. "Quick, she got the gun," Kluk said. "It took three shots and she hit it every time."

B. worked hard and enjoyed her cattle, horses and blue heeler dog, Tyke. She also enjoyed searching for arrowheads. "Ranchers have a lot of ups and

downs, mostly downs, but they like what they do," Clauson told *The Forum*. "They don't necessarily like everything, but as long as they can get on a horse and ride, they put up with things like mending fences and digging fence holes and riding tractors."

In a Feb. 25, 1988 *Golden Valley News* article, Jim Hardy referred to B. as the "Sweetheart of the Badlands," telling of an enjoyable afternoon when nearly a dozen folks surprised her with a 69th birthday celebration. "The little

group of celebrants congregated in their pickup trucks on a little knoll about a mile-and-a-half from the Clauson ranch in southeastern Golden Valley County. From which point they descended upon the unsuspecting cowgirl in force ... The looks of surprise and joy on the beautiful face of B. Clauson were more than enough compensation for her adoring friends and neighbors – the George Van Daeles, the Bill Johnsons, the Karnes Johnsons, the Bob Hendrys, Mark Hendry, B.'s sister Gladys and yours truly."

Former neighbor and friend Ruth Johnson, Beach, says of B., "She was a quiet person, but she really knew her ranch work. She spent time and probably did things better than what some of the men would have. And she was very good at roping, (a skill she probably learned as a youth)." B. told *The Forum*, "Roping is exciting. It's like playing golf and not having to walk."

Ruth's son, Bill Johnson, Sentinel Butte, grew up about eight miles from the Clausons and says of B., "She and her husband were definitely my mentors. Whenever I needed words of
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Iver L. Tveit, Forbes

NDCHF District: 11

Family: wife, Lola Mae; son Jim; daughter Joan Hoffman; son Bruce; seven grandchildren and five – nearly six – great-grandchildren

Occupation: Semi-retired rancher

First job: “Milking cows by hand and running a pitchfork. It paid \$20/month throughout the summer and harvest; room and board in the winter.”

First horse: “A strawberry roan that Dad and Mom gave me when I graduated from the eighth grade. He was three years old and I broke him to ride. His name was Jazzbow.”

Favorite Rodeo Event: “I truly enjoy saddle bronc (riding) and a good rope horse in action. It is a display of intelligence, ability and rhythm.”

Special ranching memory: “March 1949 when we purchased our first two Quarter Horse mares from Al Buchli, Golden Valley. They were Maud Evans, the first American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) brood mare to come to North Dakota, and Wren.”

Who do you consider a hero? “My wife, Lola, and long-time neighbor and friend Harold Ladd, for the early support and encouragement of our Quarter Horse breeding program.”

Honors and Accomplishments: “Receiving our 50-year breeding trophy award from the AQHA.”

Name six things you like: “When all the children come home, state and local history, attending equestrian events, Christmas Eve (lutefisk and lefse), foaling time and poetry. My poetry hero is James W. Foley.”

Free-time activity: “I enjoy C-Span early mornings and playing cards with Lola.”

Latest book read: “Rusty Spurs Jingle (1 and 2)” by Al Buchli and “Giants of the Earth.”

Greatest learning experience: “When I was a hobo in the Dirty Thirties.”

One unique thing about yourself that most people don't know: “I have always envied early pioneers, including having had the privilege to meet and visit old timers such as Ben Bird and my grandparents, Iver and Marta Tveit.”

If you had \$1 million how would you spend it? “I would spend a little of it foolishly, put some in savings and contribute the balance to the cause of the forgotten man.”

Advice for a young person: “Be prepared to roll up your pant legs at any time and expect a lot of hard times.”

Why do you support the NDCHF? “It strengthens my love for the pioneers and early settlers while presenting and preserving the romantic, but difficult, times they had and their zest to succeed.”



(Voigt, continued from page 4.)

children: Jordan 19, Carolyn, 16, and Claire 8. Owen enjoys hunting and fishing and says, “We’ve got some horses we use for packing in the mountains.”

• Don Tescher •

Don Tescher was born at Beach in 1953, a son of Tom and Lorraine Tescher. He grew up with nine siblings on a ranch northeast of Sentinel Butte, near Camel Hump. “I think I was nine when I got on my first pony and yearling steer at a rodeo in Beach. I rode ‘em about five jumps between the two of them,” Don says.

Don fell in love with saddle bronc riding at about age 10, at the Home On The Range (HOTR) Saddle Bronc Match, Sentinel Butte. “I remember

the Harry Knight broncs and the Fettig broncs,” he says. “I used to get in trouble at school drawing pictures of bucking horses all the time.”

He rode his first saddle bronc horse at Wibaux, Mont., at age 14. He competed in a few Little Britches and high school rodeos, graduating from Sentinel Butte High School in 1971. “I bet I got on 20 broncs before I ever got to the whistle,” he says. “I first got the timing down on a bronc in the fall of ‘71 at the old Schnell’s arena in Dickinson.”

Don competed in 30 amateur rodeos in 1972, buying his Rodeo Cowboys

Association permit in the spring of 1973. “I filled (Continued on next page.)



Sentinel Butte-native Don Tescher rides Tornado at Fort Worth, Texas, in 1974.

Jerry Gustafson photo

TALKIN' WITH TRUSTEES

Joseph James Wicks, Cushing, Texas

NDCHF District: 13

Family: "I was born at Fort Yates in 1927, the middle child of Joseph F. and Marcella Jean Wicks. I had an older brother, Chaske F., and a younger sister, Katherine Ann."

Occupation: "Maritime industry consultant on new construction and offshore drilling equipment. I retired from the U.S. Coast Guard as a captain in 1985."

Favorite Rodeo Event: Saddle bronc riding.

First horse: "At 12-years-old I finally owned my own pinto called 'Red Ears.' He was fish-eyed, crop-eared and would kick and bite without provocation. I have scars he gave me when I wasn't paying attention to what I was doing."

Special ranching memory: "During the summer months of 1939 and '40 I was employed on the Cannonball Ranch (J.F. Sullivan Ranch), earning \$1.25 a day plus room and board. One of my duties was to handle a U.S. Army remount stallion named 'Algernon.' He was a half-brother to the famous race horse, 'Man-of-War.' Local ranchers would have their mares bred at the ranch for \$15 each."

First Rodeo Experience: In my day, anyone dealing in horses, mules or cattle would ride something in a local rodeo. My first experience was riding a steer at the Fort Yates rodeo. Actually, I wasn't worth a damn as a rodeo rider."

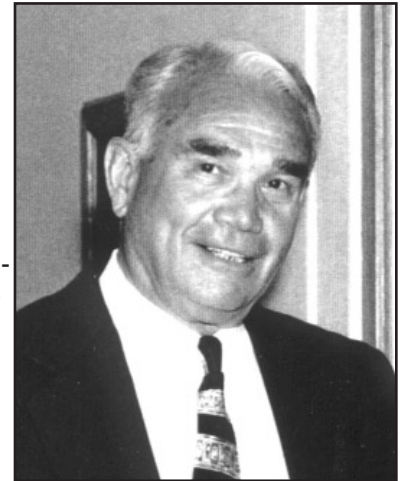
Latest book read: "F.I.A.S.C.O.," by Frank Partnoy, a book about the day-to-day life of an investment banker.

Free-time activity: "Skiing with my three sons on various ski slopes in the U.S. and Canada."

Greatest learning experience: "The opportunity to be around Army veterans from World War I. They were kind and had time to talk. I shall never forget the time and patience of Sgt. Joe Jordan and B. Gen. Frayne Baker."

Advice for a young person: "Study and learn the profession you want to make your life's work. Learn to take orders and keep an open mind. Always do more than fellow workers. Never allow personal life to interfere with professional duties."

Why do you support the NDCHF? "Because it is home-grown and it honors those ranchers and cowboys that have made, and make, North Dakota the great state that it is today."



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it on the Fourth of July that same summer," he says. Having had success at Mobridge, (S.D.), and Belle Fourche, (S.D.), rodeos, he says, "The first rodeo I entered on my card was the Cheyenne Frontier Days." Admitting that he was a *bit* overconfident, Don laughs and says, "I called Cheyenne and told them I wanted to enter. They said, 'What's your card number?' I said 'I don't know I just ordered it.' I was going to set the world on fire, ya' know."

His rodeo successes include ending the 1976 season ranked 17th in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, winning the 1983 North Dakota Rodeo Association saddle bronc championship and claiming the Canadian Senior Championship in 1996. Other highlights include making the high-point ride of the day at the 1977 HOTR Saddle Bronc Match

aboard the bucking horse of the day, Marvin Brookman's Tombstone. He reflects, "I think that's the buckin'est horse I ever rode." Another fun memory centers around a Bottineau rodeo where Don won the bronc riding, his brother, Perry, placed second and their brother, Doug, won third.

Tescher married Ebba (Schaeffer, Amidon), in 1982. Today they live in Sheridan, Wyo., where Don is an insurance agent. The couple has two children, Kyle, 14 and Mona, 9. "One of my favorite buckles I ever won was at Kyle, Saskatchewan, 'cuz it's got my boy's name on it," Don says.

He competed in amateur rodeos for many years before joining the National Senior Pro Rodeo Association in 1997. Don's qualified for the Senior National Finals Rodeo (SNFR) four times: 1997, '98, 2001 and '02. "I got on 14 broncs this summer but only five of them were in

senior rodeos," he says, noting that a contestant must compete in five senior rodeos to qualify for the SNFR. He entered this year's SNFR in ninth place and ended the year in sixth. He'd previously placed third and fourth in the year-end standings.

The other nine head were at open, amateur rodeos. Don was especially thrilled to win a saddle bronc buckle at Richey, Mont., this last July, as he'd won his first buckle at Isabel, S.D., in 1972. "I realized this past spring if I won a buckle this year I'd have buckles 30 years apart."

Friends and the challenge of competition are what entice Don to continue climbing on. "I like the game and a little mental escape from my work," he says. "Rodeo's a health motivation for me. It forces me to try harder to stay in shape." Still, he doesn't intend to ride broncs after he turns 50 next October.

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• **Randy Sandvick** •

Randy Sandvick was born at Dickinson in 1958, a son of Thorris and Lynell Sandvick. He grew up with two brothers and three sisters on the Spruce Hill Ranch near Little Missouri State Park north of Killdeer. After completing high school he earned a two-year diesel mechanics degree from Williston State College, Williston. He worked in Montana for 12 years before returning to Killdeer in 1988.

Recalling his youth Sandvick says, "We were riding anything that moved. We and the neighbors built an arena at our place and we rode everything, including milk cows." He also remembers 4-H rodeos. "I know Mom's got buckets full of ribbons from us kids."

Injuries plagued Randy's rodeo interests. He endured a Farmhand accident as a seventh grader and tore up an elbow as an eighth grader. In high school, he team roped as a freshman and sophomore. "When I was a junior, Doug Hansen came to teach in Killdeer. He was my hero. He started me riding broncs and bull dogging." A highlight was winning the steer wrestling at the Killdeer High School Rodeo as a senior. "I was the first guy out and I won it – smoked 'em," he laughs.

At 22, Randy ripped out his shoulder on a practice horse in Wolf Point, Mont. "I didn't compete again until I was 36 when I bull dogged on a dare." His rodeo pace has steadily increased and this year, 44 and single, Sandvick competed in roughly 40 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) rodeos as well as National Senior Pro Rodeo Association rodeos. He smiles, "I went to eight (senior pro) rodeos and qualified eighth, so I kind of spanked 'em."

Contributing to Sandvick's current enthusiasm for steer wrestling is a 12-year-old mare named Betta that he purchased out of Montana



this past January. "She's a sweetheart," he says of the dark bay with a black mane and tail and white socks. "She's a lot of race horse and really well bred. 'Fastest horse I've ever been on. She's smart and takes the travel good. She's phenomenal." Besides Sandvick competing on Betta, PRCA cowboys Todd Suhn and Jason Lahr are riding her.

Randy's initial senior rodeo goal was to qualify for the finals and win the average. He laughs and says, "A few years ago I bet Larry (his younger brother, a nine-time PRCA National Finals Rodeo qualifier), that I'd beat him to winning an average buckle 'at the Finals.'" Eventually, Sandvick hopes to rodeo harder in the senior pro association. "You can't never let yourself get old," he says. Health-wise he adds, "I feel better now than I ever did when I was younger." Noting his sister, Marla's untimely death this past summer he says, "She taught us to live every day. She tried to do what she liked and she was always on me to go do it." He adds, "I love to rodeo. I have a lot of fun and tons of friends."

He notes that senior pro rodeos are family affairs, but they're competitive. "There are 60+ calf ropers that I'd put up against PRCA guys all day long.

They are out of this world. The team roping is tough. In the bull dogging there are three-second-runs and a lot of fours."

Beyond rodeo, Randy has been self-employed since 1988, operating Dakota Kid Enterprises, a mechanics shop located east of Killdeer. "I work on big trucks, tractors and heavy equipment." He has also raced dirt track cars. "I don't like that laid-back lifestyle. I like to go," he says, noting that he'll probably return to racing after rodeo.

• **Rodney Nelson** •

Rodney Nelson was born in 1949, a son of Farrel and Martha Nelson, and was raised with three siblings along the Mouse River north of Towner. His rodeo career began by riding calves at the 1956 Bantry rodeo, where he won third. "'Still have the ribbon." He teases, "My career has been downhill ever since."

Nelson competed in every rodeo event at one time or another but he mostly competed as a North Dakota Rodeo Association saddle bronc rider. "I have exceptionally large feet so I hardly ever blew a stirrup," he quips.

Rodney and his wife, the former Teri Olson, Williston, married in 1980. They ranch near Almont and Rodney is also a cowboy poet, speaker and author. Today, the couple's daughter and son, Annika and Lafe, both attend Dickinson State University, Dickinson.

He began competing in the National Senior Pro Rodeo Association in saddle bronc riding and steer wrestling when he reached the eligible age of 40. "I went to the Finals in about '91. I thought it would be easy but it was an exceptionally high quality rodeo, which I didn't expect. They turfed me three times in a row in the saddle bronc riding. I don't think I'd ever bucked off three horses in a row in my life." He recalls being impressed by fellow competitors like Benny
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Killdeer's Randy Sandvick competes in the 40-50-year-old steer wrestling at a senior pro rodeo in Douglas, Wyo., in 2002.

Jan Spencer photo

(Clauson, continued from page 5.)

wisdom I always took stock in what she said. They were good cattlemen and knew how to handle cattle.”

Tickled by a memory of helping B. sort calves, Bill grins, “She was one of the only people I ever knew that was superstitious. I always helped her sort calves. We’d pair up the heifer calves with the mothers and if they both looked good, those were the ones we’d gate with the horses on the sort. She wanted about a dozen calves. She would pick the calf, I would keep track of the mother and the two of us would take the pair through the gate. One time we had 12 picked and then there was another pair out there that looked good, so we had 13 pairs. That was one more than we needed, but she kept looking. I couldn’t quite understand why. I thought we were done. It come to the point that she either wanted 12 or 14 – and we had 13! I got quite a kick out of that, but of course I didn’t laugh. I had the utmost respect for her.”

Though B. loved to ride horse, age made it difficult for her to mount up. She eventually began using a four-wheeler, but even then she sometimes rode in the fall in spite of the difficulty. “She wasn’t one to complain,” Bill says.

Former neighbor and friend Eunice Van Daele, Bowman, says B. was quiet but adds, “She was full of fun too, if you got to know her real well. She was an all-around cow hand, a good friend and was always there to



An Oct. 18, 1987 *Fargo Forum* article described “B.” Clauson as “rugged yet gentle, soft-spoken yet pointed.”

lend a helping hand.”

The Van Daele’s lived about five miles from B., and prior to the installation of telephones in the late 1970s, they communicated via two-way radios. “We worried about her so we kept an eye on her. We called her every night or she’d call us to make sure that we knew she was in,” Eunice says.

One spring B. called and asked for help in getting a newborn calf out of a snowbank. “She couldn’t get to it because the cow kept coming after her,” Eunice says. “(My husband) George went up to help her on his snowmobile. He got the cow’s attention so she could grab the calf and haul him out of there.”

Though some might question the sanity of a seasoned woman ranching alone, B. told *The Forum* nonchalantly, “I’m never snowed in for more than two or three weeks. And I can get out with the snowmobile.”

Obviously, B. enjoyed wide-open spaces. She concluded, “Towns are all right, but I don’t like so many people in such a hurry and I don’t see any reason to hurry. I will stay here as long as I can. I don’t know what else I would do.”

She continued ranching until 1995 when she sold her ranch to Don and Patsy Maus, Golva, and moved into Sentinel Butte. After all, that was close to home for B. and “wherever other people come from is a long ways off.” She died June 29, 2000, and is buried at Beach.



(Nelson, continued from page 8.)

Reynolds and Kenny McLean at his first SNFR. “He (Reynolds) was like a childhood hero. He was 57 years old, got on six head in the bronc riding and bareback riding, and rode them all. That impressed me.”

Rodney adds, “The senior pro finals is a very high quality rodeo. It’s fun to go and compete. You’ll see three-second runs in the 50+ bull dogging and you’ll see 80-point plus rides in the bull riding.”

This year he entered the SNFR in 16th place and ended the year in 14th.

“It’s not particularly hard to qualify – you have to go to five rodeos,” he notes. “I do it because it’s fun to be able to compete with your peers at this age.”

(For more information on the National Senior Pro Rodeo Association visit www.senior-rodeo.com.)



Almont’s Rodney Nelson competes in the 50+ steer wrestling at a senior pro rodeo in Douglas, Wyo., in 2002.

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Scenes from the 2002 NDCHE Hall of Honorees Induction



The Wagoneers, Rhame, provided musical entertainment prior to the induction.



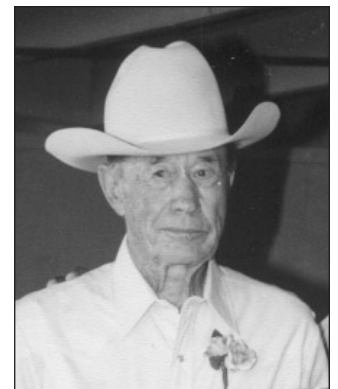
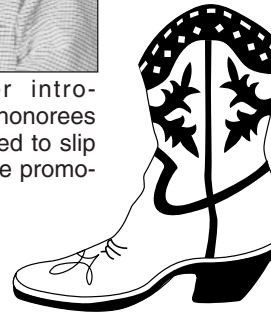
The stage at Tjaden Terrace was set for the fifth round of NDCHE inductions.



1999 Rodeo Honoree Joe Chase, Loveland, Colo., and 1998 Rodeo Honoree Duane Howard, Sheyenne, catch up with one another.



Dean Meyer introduced rodeo honorees – and managed to slip in a horse sale promotion besides!



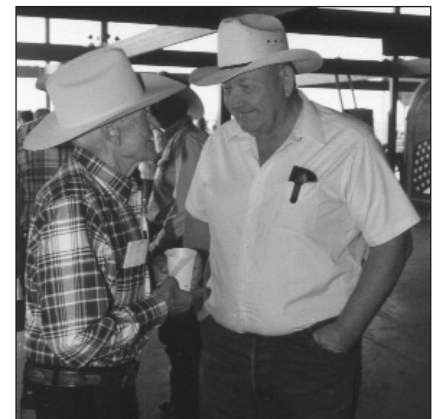
Ranching honoree Harris Goldsberry, Beach, simply told attendees, "It's an honor to be recognized for something you enjoy doing."



Lyle Bagnell, Huson, Mont., and Pearl Cullen, Bismarck, enjoyed front-row seats at the 2002 induction where Cullen was Leader of Ranching/Rodeo honoree.



2001 Ranching Honoree Frank Kubik Jr. (right), and his wife, Doris, (left), both of Dickinson, visit with George "Skip" Duemeland, who maintains ownership in the original Patterson Land Company in central North Dakota.



Jack Fettig, Killdeer, and M.G. Olson, Dickinson, visit prior to the induction ceremony. Fettig was among those accepting a trophy cup in honor of noted bucking horse Figure Four.



Miss Rodeo North Dakota 2002 Kami Fladland, New Town, was among the royalty assisting with the induction ceremony.



Cowboy Action Performers Donate Event Proceeds to NDCHF



Bounty hunters, bank robbers, gamblers and jail breakers were among the Cowboy Action Performers who staged a reenactment and fast draw demonstration/competition at The Post, Mandan, this past June. At right, Gary Beneke and Bryen Birkholz, a.k.a. "Big Nose Curry," hand over the admission fees and concessions proceeds to the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, represented by Executive Director Darrell Dorgan. To schedule a Cowboy Action Performers event call Birkholz at 701-663-5127.

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"Bringing Home The Tree"



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Editor's Note: The NDCHF salutes artist Scott Nelson, Solen, for creating the "Bringing Home the Tree" sketch. Be sure to find the 16 hidden words – frontwards, backwards or diagonally – and then try your hand at sketching the thrilling winter scene!

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NDCHF Website Up and Running

Perhaps you want to lay your hands on a bit of information about the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame – but can't find it in that stack of papers you've been meaning to organize? If you have internet access, the solution is as close as www.northdakotacowboy.com.

A classic saddle bronc photo by Ray Erhardt welcomes you to the website designed by Kranzler Kingsley Communications Ltd., Bismarck. The site features information about the Hall of Fame, inductee biographies and photos, and the latest news and views of the Hall. It also offers online membership payment and gift shopping.

Back issues of the *Cowboy Chronicle* are also featured on the site, allowing visitors to access the com-

plete text and photos. A simple click on "Cowboy Links" puts you in touch with nearly 20 helpful and entertaining sites, including Cowboy Slang, Medora Tourist Information, the State Historical Society of North Dakota, Fort Abraham Lincoln, the North Dakota Rodeo Association, the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, and the National High School Rodeo Association.

If you have ideas for additions to the website, please contact the NDCHF by phone at 701-250-1833 or via email at info@northdakotacowboy.com or heritage@btinet.net.

(To view and read Cowboy Chronicles on the NDCHF website, you must download Adobe Acrobat Reader, available free at

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All Trail Drivers incentives plus a professionally-produced five-minute video segment on family and family history shot on-location in North Dakota. A copy of the tape will be retained in NDCHF archives.

National Cowgirl Museum Opens In Fort Worth

Women who helped tame the West are riding high in the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, Fort Worth, Texas. Their tales of grit and grace are being told in the \$21 million, 33,000-square foot building that opened in June.

"These women are great role models – often extraordinary women who did extraordinary things because they had to get done," said Patricia W. Riley, the museum's executive director. "These are inspirational lessons whether you're 6 years old or 60."

Pam Minick, a champion team roper

and a 2000 Cowgirl Hall of Fame inductee, said of the women honored, "The common thread, whether they're a cowgirl at heart or a competitor, is perseverance and looking at obstacles as a stepping stone." Minick is also the first female rodeo announcer in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Community leaders say the National Cowgirl Museum is expected to draw 280,000 visitors a year.

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Medora's "Old Fashioned" Cowboy Christmas Planned for Dec. 6-8

The Old West town of Medora will be outfitted in its holiday best Dec. 6-8, when the Medora Chamber of Commerce hosts the 7th Annual "Old Fashioned" Cowboy Christmas.

Tentatively, the weekend will kick-off with a wreath ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the Community Center, followed by "Treats and Eats on the Streets." Various displays and activities are planned throughout town. A Cowboy Christmas Jamboree is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday evening in DeMores Hall.

Activities on Saturday, Dec. 7 include an arts and crafts show, pic-

tures with Santa and tree decorating with Santa. "Western Chuckwagon Adventures," with Barb "Wire" Fisher and Glenda Bell, a.k.a. Calamity Jane, will highlight daytime activities, along with Paul Harvey's Christmas Story and Cowboy Christmas Poetry. Saturday evening events include a traditional Christmas supper, a western parade of lights and dancing.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, a breakfast and Ecumenical church service are planned, followed by a kids' stick horse rodeo and a weiner roast.

For more information call event chair Mary Griffin at (701) 623-4378.



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2002 Year-End Rodeo Results

PROFESSIONAL RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION

2002 National Finals Rodeo

Bareback Riding -- Larry Sandvick, Killdeer native, Belle Fourche, S.D.

NORTH DAKOTA RODEO ASSOCIATION

Year End All-Around -- J.B. Lord, Piedmont, S.D. and Dawn Homme, Billings, Mont.

Finals All-Around -- Robert Sperry, Dickinson; and Dawn Homme

Bareback Riding -- Year-End Champion - Brian Weiser, Kindred; Reserve Champion - Josh Pennington, Killdeer; Finals Average - Brian Weiser

Calf Roping -- Year-End Champion - Preston Billideau, Parshall; Reserve Champion - Robert Sperry, Trotters; Finals Average - Robert Sperry

Breakaway Roping -- Year-End Champion - Joanna Murray, Isabel, S.D.; Reserve Champion - Jackie Olson, Almont; Finals Average - Brandi Guttormson, Sawyer

Saddle Bronc Riding -- Year-End Champion - Kutter Moore, Blaisdell; Reserve Champion - Cody Smith, Trotters; Finals Average - Tim Jones, Newcastle, Wyo.

Steer Wrestling -- Year-End Champion - JB Lord; Reserve Champion - Jeff Rudd, Ross; Finals Average - J.B. Lord and Jeff Rudd

Barrel Racing -- Year-End Champion - Julie Voigt, Beulah; Reserve Champion - Rae Lynn Roesler, Miles City, Mont.; Finals Average - Julie Voigt

Team Roping -- Year-End Champion - Ross

Carson, Philip, S.D.; Reserve Champion - Jeff Nelson, Midland, S.D.; Finals Average - Jed Bohmbach, Stanley, and Matt Otto, Grand Forks

Sr. Men's Breakaway Roping -- Year-End Champion - Len Hofer, Meadow, S.D.; Reserve Champion - Arlen Hulm, Faith, S.D.; Finals Average - Arlen Hulm

Bull Riding -- Year-End Champion - Dallas Miller, Glen Ullin; Reserve Champion - Cody Weinberger, Breien; Finals Average - Tyler Feist, Lincoln

ROUGH RIDER RODEO ASSOCIATION

Men's All-Around -- Adam Johnson, Enderlin

Women's All-Around -- Brandi Guttormson, Sawyer

Junior Boys' All-Around -- Kane Gjermundson, Marshall

Junior Girls' All-Around -- Codi Sebastian, Towner

Bareback Riding -- Brien Weiser, Kindred

Junior Bareback -- Zane Forester, Richardton

Saddle Bronc Riding -- Tate Eck, Bismarck

Junior Saddle Bronc -- Michael Welch, Bismarck

Calf Roping -- Kelly Eggl, Minot

Junior Calf Roping -- Jason Erhardt, Coleharbor

Steer Wrestling -- Greg Carlson, Jamestown

Team Roping -- Frank Whitecalfe, Garrison

Mixed Team Roping -- Frank Whitecalf and Lee Selland, Bismarck

Barrel Racing -- Julie Voigt, Beulah

Junior Barrel Racing -- Brook Unruh, Zap

Novice Barrel Racing -- Chelsey Benson, Sheyenne

Goat Tying -- Lexi Sebastian, Towner

Junior Goat Tying -- Codi Sebastian, Towner

Ladies' Breakaway -- Brandi Guttormson, Sawyer

Junior Breakaway -- Kristy Peterson, Washburn

Senior Breakaway -- Frank Whitecalfe

Bull Riding -- Kacey Senger, Devils Lake

Junior Bull Riding -- Tony Smith, Kathryn

NORTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

All-Around Cowboy -- A.J. Franzen, Sidney, Mont.

All-Around Cowgirl -- Heidi Uecker, Hettinger

Bareback Riding -- Lee Dunford, Menoken

Saddle Bronc Riding -- Lee Steffan, Dickinson

Calf Roping -- Clayton Morrison, Killdeer

Team Roping -- Colt Gorrell and Clint Gorrell, Beach

Boys' Cow Cutting -- Johann Thomasson, Edinburg

Girls' Cow Cutting -- Toni Shaw, Minot

Goat Tying -- Lindylu Evridge, Lemmon, S.D.

Breakaway Roping -- Brandi Guttormson, Sawyer

Steer Wrestling -- Brent Dolezal, Killdeer

Bull Riding -- Brent Dolezal

Pole Bending -- Alisha Herdegen-Gullickson, Alexander

Barrel Racing -- Desirae Weigel, Napoleon

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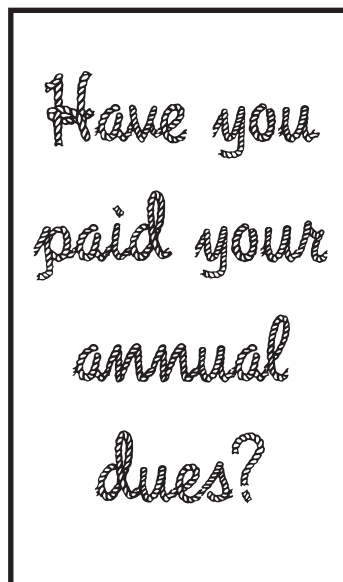
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Individuals Honored with Benefactor and Memorial Plaques

Karnes Johnson and Vern Krinke are currently being honored with \$5,000 Benefactor plaques to be placed in the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame. Eddie Houge Barnes and Lucien C. Barnes are being honored \$1,000 Memorial Wall plaques while Mike Knight is being remembered with a file card.

•**Karnes Johnson** was born south of New England in 1912. He attended rural schools and starting breaking horses at about age 12. At 16, Karnes and his family moved to a ranch south of Sentinel Butte. Karnes endured the Great Depression as an aspiring, young cattleman and always had a soft-spot in his heart for Herefords. He married Ruth Clarin in 1941. He was a North Dakota Stockmen's Association President and served six two-year terms in the N.D. House of Representatives. The life-long learner found his greatest satisfaction in his family. Johnson is being honored with a Benefactor plaque in recognition of a \$10,000 gift he left to the NDCHF.



•**Vern Krinke** was born near Haley in 1929. As a young man he ranched in the Haley area, graduating from Scranton High School in 1946. He became an elementary teacher and later



worked 32 years for World Book Encyclopedia. In 1987 he moved to Auburn, Wash., and married Annette Lozensky Stuart. He was a restorer with a special interest in wagons, windmills and western antiques. Krinke spent 30 years catering chuckwagon dinners, which he enjoyed immensely. He is receiving a Benefactor plaque because he donated a fully restored, nearly original Studebaker chuckwagon worth an estimated \$25,000, to the NDCHF.

•**Eddie Houge Barnes** was born in Aneta in 1912. She graduated from Cando High School as class valedictorian and earned a medical technology degree from the University of Minnesota. She married Lucien C. Barnes in 1962. She was involved with the Red River Valley Fair, including serving as horse barn superintendent. Her mare, Blackburn, was an open cutting champion in three states in 1968, '69 and '70. She was named 1973 Horsewoman of the Year by the Red River Valley Winter Horse Show and was active in community theater.



•**Lucien C. Barnes** was born in Cass County in 1911. He attended Fargo schools and was active in 4-H, later becoming a 4-H leader. In 1946 the Barnes Pony Farm started breeding reg-



istered Shetland Ponies. He showed and drove ponies at fairs for many years. He helped organize the Red River Valley Fair light horse division and showed at that event for 30 years. Lucien is a charter member of the Red River Valley Horse Breeder's Association, was active in the Crookston (Minn.) Winter Show, and was named 1977 Horseman of the Year by the Red River Valley Winter Horse Show.

•**Elmer "Mike" Knight** was born west of Charlson in 1909. He attended country schools through the eighth grade. As a young man he farmed, struggling through the Great Depression. He later worked in Tacoma, Wash., shipyards and served in the Army Air Force from 1942-45. He eventually returned to the Charlson area, marrying Anna Jellested in 1949. He worked as a mail carrier, fertilizer salesman and set up grain bins. He loved being with his daughters and grandchildren, fishing, playing cards and visiting with friends.



Are you stumped by a long Christmas list or short on gift ideas?

Christmas gift honorariums or memorials are a great way to recognize a loved one.

See pages 12 and 18.

Obituaries

Vivian Ellwein

Vivian Jean Ellwein, 58, died May 17, 2002.

Vivian Bovkoon was born April 17, 1944, in Garrison. She attended school in Turtle Lake. She married Melvin John Ellwein of Ryder. They lived in California and later, Mackay, Idaho. She enjoyed donating her time and expertise as a 4-H horse leader and was a promoter of the Mackay Open Horse Show.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin; two daughters, Valerie (Cole) McKinley, and Tracy Ellwein; two grandchildren; three sisters and three brothers.

Karnes Johnson

Karnes Otto Johnson, 89, died July 27, 2002.

Karnes was born Aug. 16, 1912, on the family homestead south of New England, the son of Otto C. and Ida (Hegge) Johnson. He attended rural schools and at age 16, moved with his family to a ranch south of Sentinel Butte. He married Ruth Clarin in 1941. They lived on the family ranch until November 2000 when they moved into Beach.

He was a charter member of the Little Missouri Grazing Association, served six two-year terms in the North Dakota House of Representatives and served as North Dakota Stockmen's Association President from 1962-64. He was inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Okla., in 1957, was the 1993 Dickinson Roughrider Commission Rancher of the Year and was a 4-H leader. He enjoyed the cattle business,

traveling, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, Beach; one son, Bill (Alleen), Sentinel Butte; one daughter, Gail (Wayne) Weishaar, Lemmon, S.D.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Vern Krinke

NDCHF District 13 Trustee Vern Krinke, 73, died Aug. 25, 2002.

Vern was born March 9, 1929, near Haley, a son of Earl V. and Eleanor (Hetland) Krinke. He ranched as a young man and graduated from Scranton High School in 1946. He attended Dickinson State and Black Hills State. He became an elementary school teacher and later spent 32 years selling educational materials for World Book Encyclopedia, retiring in 1993. He made countless friends, seeing no distinction between working folks or statesmen.

He moved to Auburn, Wash., in 1987 and married Annette Lozensky Stuart. They operated an adult family care home. Vern pursued his interests in wagons, windmills, western antiques and was a master wagon builder.

He is survived by his wife, Annette, Auburn, Wash.; the mother of his children, Betty Hansen Krinke, Salt Lake City; three sons, Glen A., John D., and Grant, all of Salt Lake City; one stepson, Monte Chase, Mandan; four daughters, Mari J. Stilinovich, Salt Lake City, Barbara Woolf, San Jose, Calif., Jane Johnson, Laguna Beach, Calif., and Lisa Cappaert, Bountiful, Utah; one step-daughter, Cynthia Heupel, Auburn; one brother; two sisters, 28 grandchildren and 11 great-

grandchildren.

John W. "Jack" Murphy

NDCHF District 9 Trustee John W. "Jack" Murphy, 74, died Oct. 9, 2002.

Jack was born Nov. 18, 1927, the son of George and Zoe Murphy. He attended Steele Schools and graduated from high school in 1945. He served in the U.S. Army in Japan, receiving an honorable discharge in 1948. Jack earned a animal husbandry degree from North Dakota State University in 1952, returning home to continue farming, ranching and raising Quarter Horses.

He was North Dakota 4-H Foundation board member and past president, North Dakota Stockmen's Association member and was a Presbyterian Church elder. He enjoyed hunting, traveling, reading and was named 1983 North Dakota Range Manager of the Year by the Society for Range Management.

He is survived by a sister and brother-in-law; one niece; three nephews; and dear friends the Gary and Jean Schoenhard Family.

Roland Reich

Roland H. Reich, 85, died March 6, 2002.

Roland was born Oct. 22, 1916, the son of Wilhelm and Elsa (Erbstiesser) Reich, in Shell Lake, Wis. He was raised and educated there. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin and then enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving as a weather observer in Panama. After his discharge he earned degrees from the
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Black Filly Auctioned to Benefit Cowboy Hall of Fame

A black filly colt donated by Sheila Marie, Medora, recently netted \$500 for the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Livestock Donation Program. Named "Dreaming in the Wind," the colt with a blaze face was sired by Blackjack Skipper and double-bred Weiscamp on the top side. She was out of Winds Black Dreamer, a black Quarter Horse mare that goes back to Top Moon, Winchester, Mr. Tail Wind and Jet Deck.



Sheila Marie photo

A black filly sired by Blackjack Skipper is the fourth colt that Sheila Marie, Medora, has donated to the NDCHF Livestock Donation Program.

The colt sold to Ricky Stephens and Jessica Gunwall, Manning, who also purchased the first colt Marie donated, "North Dakota Cowgirl Hall of Fame," foaled in 1999. "I thought that was pretty cool that they bought another one," Marie

says. Of Dreaming in the Wind she notes, "She has great big eyes like a deer and I never had worked with a

filly that was so easy to start." This was the fourth colt Marie has donated to the NDCHF.

"Sheila Marie is a knowledgeable, capable horsewoman," assures NDCHF Board Member Willard Schnell, Dickinson. "She raises horses with color, however she is very particular about conformation, size and structure. The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame is a considerable benefactor of her horse program, but the buyers of Sheila's colts are big winners as well."

If you have livestock that you wish to sell on behalf of the NDCHF and/or desire more information about the livestock donation program, please call the office at 701-250-1833.



Obituaries

(Reich, continued from page 16.)

University of Minnesota, University of Montana and his doctorate from the University of Wyoming. He taught and administered at various high schools and colleges in North Dakota, retiring in 1970.

While teaching he purchased land and ranched south of Wilton, where his life-long goal and dream of a wildlife and conservation reserve is today a reality.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; two sisters; and his faithful companion, Liebe.

Marla Zingg

Marla Zingg, 42, died July 31, 2002.

Marla Sandvick was born Feb. 10, 1960, a daughter of Thorris and Lynell (Fettig) Sandvick. She grew up on the family ranch in the Little Missouri Badlands and attended Killdeer Public School, graduating in 1978. She attended Dickinson State and then transferred to the University of North Dakota where she earned degrees in elementary and special education.

Marla enjoyed horses and rodeoing, reigning as North Dakota High School Rodeo Queen in 1977-78. She married

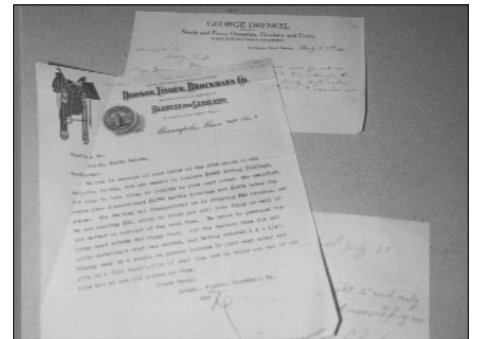
Noel Zingg in 1981. They worked as landmen at Williston, and she later taught special education at Sidney, Mont. Most recently, she taught at United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, and continued her landman work. Marla lived life to the fullest and enjoyed every aspect of being a wife and mother.

She is survived by her husband, Noel, and son, Tucker, Bismarck; her parents, Thorris and Lynell Sandvick, Killdeer; two sisters, Twila (Tom) Benz, Dickinson, and Laura (Jaret) Cvancara, Williston; three brothers, Monte (Juli), Gillette, Wyo., Randy, Killdeer, Larry (Lynn), Belle Fourche, S.D., and numerous other special relatives and friends.

Obituary Policy: If you are aware of the recent death of a NDCHF member, North Dakota cowboy/rancher, or friend of western heritage, please inform us and if possible, provide an obituary.

Send notice/obituary to: North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, 1110 College Drive, Suite 216, Bismarck, ND 58501. While all submissions will be noted, space availability and NDCHF relevancy may dictate length.

Penfield Sells Historic Letters in Honor of Krinke



NDCHF Trustee Bob Penfield, Bowman, recently auctioned three 1907 documents from the town of Haley, in honor of fellow trustee Vern Krinke who died Aug. 25. Krinke was born at Haley and as a young man, ranched in the area. The set brought \$40 for the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame.

One letter was regarding a merchandise order from Dodson, Fisher, Brockman Co., a harness and saddlery dealer from Minneapolis. An antique dealer from Wyoming purchased the items, commenting, "I love the one that says the order 'will go out on the stage tomorrow.' That's the one that's really worth something."

NDCHF Gifts Honoring Loved Ones

The NDCHF has received honorariums/memorials for the following individuals. To honor a loved one, see page 12.

In memory of Ella Agnew

Joel & Donna Fricke

In memory of Eddie Barnes

Lucien C. Barnes

In memory of Rich Bronson

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In memory of Clyde Brown

Ruth Johnson

In memory of Bob Caudel

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In memory of Jack Chase

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In memory of Edsel Crist

Sheila Marie

In memory of Lawrence Faris

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John & Jennifer Hanson

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David & Carol Nygaard

Nick Oe

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In memory of Grant Iwen

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In memory of Karnes Johnson

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Sheila Schafer

In honor of Evelyn Neuen's 90th Birthday

Robert & Wilma Freise

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E. Arlene McCutchan

In memory of Tammy Jo Rockeman

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In memory of Joe Rodakowski

Randy & Sue Mosser

In honor of Elmer Skogen at Christmas

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In memory of Bill Stauffer

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Randy & Sue Mosser

In memory of Ole Svangstu

Marlene Fortier

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In memory of Herbert Thorndahl

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In memory of Ernest Tweeten

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(Fund Drive, continued from page 1.) Family. T.J. Russell serves as the NDCHF Capital Funds Drive General Chair.

Another major contribution was recently made by Capital Funds Drive Honorary Chair former Governor Arthur Link and his wife, Grace, Bismarck. The contribution amount is confidential, but campaign coordinator Walter Rachinski says Link stepped forward voluntarily with the gift once he accepted the role as honorary chair.

The campaign has set up zone committees across the state to coordinate gifts. Rachinski is working with the groups to organize the Capital Funds Drive. Zone Chairs include Willard Schnell, Dickinson; Robert Knudson, Marv Semrau, and Jock Eaton, all of Minot; and Wayne Deery, Jamestown/Valley City. Other zone chairs and committee members are being recruited.

Presentations have been made to several individuals who have the potential of providing Leadership Gifts of \$100,000 or more, and decisions are pending. NDCHF Executive Director Darrell Dorgan says, "Financially, the Hall Fame now has \$1.9 million in building project commitments. Total estimated cost of the project, with exhibits, is \$3 million."

In December, the NDCHF Board of Directors will decide whether to proceed with bid letting and construction in 2003. Complicating the decision is a \$750,000 U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development

Agency matching grant. To obtain and utilize the entire \$750,000, the amount must be matched and construction must begin by April of 2004.

Dorgan notes that this is an extremely difficult time to raise money. "Stock market declines have devastated charitable fundraising." Other factors that make raising money difficult are low livestock prices, a drought that has financially crippled the state's agricultural sector and the threat of war with Iraq. "Non-profits across the country are having problems," he says. "However, the passion is there and, although it may take longer than hoped, the money will be raised and the Hall of Fame will be built."

As campaign coordinator, Rachinski explains, "There are possibilities for everyone to make multi-year financial commitments. Building pledges from \$1,000 to \$500,000 can be made over a five-year period. The commitments are tax deductible, and this is an opportunity for everyone to join in leaving a legacy. The Hall of Fame will tell the story of the Plains horse culture and preserve the heritage and history of the families and individuals who settled and lived here."

While a multi-year pledge is the simplest way to contribute, Rachinski says gifts can be made through securities and real estate, including deferred gifts through estate plans. He concludes, "We will work with anyone interested in providing a gift. We're happy to assist in tax and estate planning."

(Induction, continued from page 1.) alive is to make sure that 100 years from now there is still a vibrant cowboy and ranch life west of the Missouri River in North Dakota. He admits, "That's going to be the harder issue. But it seems to me that Jefferson would say if we can't make it possible for the ranch/cowboy way to be vibrant in 2102, then that sacred fire – which is the heart of the American dream – will have gone out."

This year's honorees were introduced following Jenkinson's comments: Rodeo - George Bruington, Scott Gore, Dale Jorgenson and Figure Four; Ranching - Freida Bohnsack, William "Bill" Taylor, Harris Goldsberry and the Birdhead Ranch; and Leader of Ranching and Rodeo - Pearl Cullen. For complete inductee biographies see the August *Cowboy Chronicle Extra*. (For 2003 nomination information see page 3.)

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The answers to these questions and a corral full of other fascinating facts await those who purchase the recently published North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Cookbook. The durable, leather-look cookbook features the NDCHF logo on the cover. Inside, the book offers 500 recipes – the usual

and the unusual – including Cream Can Coffee, Indian Gruel, Escaloped Oysters, Kodiak Bear Steaks, Marinated Raccoon and Cream Can Dinners. Recipe categories are separated by 10 divider pages filled with historical information about North Dakota families, businesses and organizations. The three-ring binder and category tabs make the book easy to use.

“It’s a good cookbook that’s really well put together,” says committee member Janice Rustad, Kindred. Other committee members include chairperson Karen Chilson, West Fargo, Roberta Johnson, West Fargo, and Lois Northrop, Fargo.

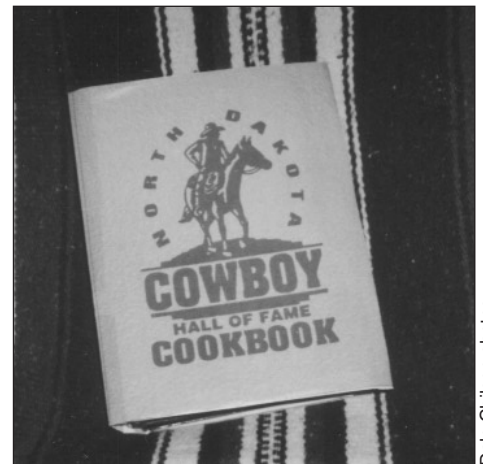
One hundred percent of the net profit goes toward the NDCHF. Cookbooks are expected to arrive at the NDCHF office the third week in November. Orders received by December 10 will be mailed out in time for Christmas gift giving.

To order by mail, please complete the coupon on page 19. Send \$15 plus \$4.50 shipping and handling (\$19.50 per book ordered) to NDCHF Cookbook, 1110 College Drive, Suite 216, Bismarck, N.D., 58501. For more information call Karen Chilson at 701-282-7837.

(Answers: Lorraine (Mrs. Tom) Tescher; 1957; Alvin Nelson.)



Enthusiastic NDCHF Cookbook Committee members include (L to R): Lois Northrop, Fargo; Janice Rustad, Kindred; Roberta Johnson, West Fargo; and chairperson Karen Chilson, West Fargo.



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