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•If you wish to suggest a NDCHF Hall of Honor nominee contact a local Trustee. Deadline for 2002 nominations is Jan. 21. See page 2.

•Don't miss Medora's Cowboy Christmas, Nov. 30-Dec. 2. Call 701-623-4910 for more information.

•The NDCHF is seeking North Dakota Rodeo Association newsletters from 1970-82 and *ProRodeo Sports News* Year-End Editions from the 1980s. Call NDCHF President Phil Baird at 701-663-2252.

•The seventh NDCHF Annual Meeting and Banquet is scheduled for Feb. 22-23 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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# The Cowboy Chronicle

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## Hall of Fame Building Fund Receives Boost

North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame fundraising efforts received a major boost when NDCHF officials were notified that a \$750,000-grant has tentative approval. NDCHF Executive Director Darrell Dorgan calls the potential grant "fantastic news," and adds, "If we can raise the money to match this grant, construction should begin in Medora in September 2002."

Five local governments, businesses and individuals, who are determined to see construction begin next fall, recently made major financial commitments to the NDCHF Building Fund: the Billings County Commission and the Medora City Commission, both of Medora; Ed & Toni King, Dickinson; Stockmen's Livestock Exchange, Dickinson; and BP Amoco, Mandan.

•The **Billings County Commission** committed \$250,000. In expressing the county's support, Commissioner Wes Schuhrke, says, "If the Cowboy Hall of Fame is going to get off the ground they need some matching funds. Somebody has to take a dip so others will get in line and help." He adds, "We figure this might help create an extra job or two in the community plus get something good going in southwestern North Dakota. We made a commitment and hope other people get on the band wagon to support it."

•The **Medora City Commission** pledged \$100,000. Mayor Olie Golberg, Medora, says, "They (commissioners) have made a verbal commitment, but there's groundwork to be finished on how to do it. Details will be worked out in November and (Continued on page 12.)"

## Reflections from the Fourth NDCHF Induction

The colorful pageantry of the Old West came alive when 15 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame inductees were honored Aug. 4, 2001, at Tjaden Terrace, Medora. Despite the extreme heat, recollections of notable rodeo cowboys, struggles and triumphs of ranching pioneers and a spirited salute to the Sanish Rodeo combined to create an impressive representation of how the NDCHF is proceeding from a dream of few to reality for many.

This year's honorees included: **Rodeo** - Elmer J. Clark, **George Defender**, Wilfred "Sonny" Ehr Jr., Delvin Reich, **Rodeo Producers and Livestock** - John Stevenson and Old Fitzgerald; **Ranching** - Jay N. Grantier,

Andrew Voigt, Frank Kubik Jr. and Towner's Eaton Ranch; **Leaders of Ranching and Rodeo** - George M. Christensen, DVM and Earl Northrop; **Special Achievement** - Sanish Rodeo; **Arts & Entertainment** - Frank Bennett Fiske; and **Great Westerner** - Sakakawea. For complete inductee biographies see the August *Cowboy Chronicle Extra* or contact the NDCHF to receive a copy. (For 2002 nomination information see page 2.)



North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame inductees and representatives gathered following the ceremony held Aug. 4, 2001, in Medora. An impressive list of 15 inductees typifies how the NDCHF is moving from a dream to reality.



## Bit from the Board

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## Nominations Sought for Hall of Honorees

Nomination deadline for 2002 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame inductee candidates is Jan. 21, 2002. Anyone wishing to suggest a nominee should contact a local NDCHF Trustee.

Nomination categories and the potential number of inductees for 2002 include:

- Leaders of Rodeo and Ranching (1)
- Pre-1940 Ranching (2)
- Contemporary Ranching (1)
- Ranches (1)
- Pre-1940 Rodeo (2)
- Contemporary Rodeo (1)
- Rodeo Livestock (1)

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

Thus far, 47 individuals and events have been inducted into the NDCHF Hall of Honorees. Beginning in 2002 through '10, a rotation developed by the NDCHF Board of Directors specifies that some categories will only accept nominees and have potential inductees in specific years. For example, categories not represented in 2002 will be represented in 2003 or '04. Also, individuals nominated but not selected for induction in 2002 are eligible for nomination in subsequent years.

Ballots will be mailed to Trustees in late spring and inductees will be announced in July. The 2002 induction is scheduled for Aug. 3-4 in Medora and Sentinel Butte.

If fund raising remains on target, plans call for groundbreaking in August 2002 and a grand opening in the summer of 2003. The 14,000-square-foot facility in Medora will be located at the current Museum of the Badlands site.

**Change of Address notice for 2001 NDCHF Nominee:**

**Pearl Cullen  
 Edgewood Vista  
 3406 Dominion St., Apt. 120  
 Bismarck, ND 58503**

## NDCHF Annual Meeting Scheduled for February

The sixth North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Annual Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22-23, 2002, at the Seven Seas, Mandan.

Friday evening's no-host ice cream social begins at 7 p.m. and will feature entertainment, videos and visits with inductees.

Saturday's Annual Membership Meeting begins at 1 p.m. NDCHF Trustees hold their annual meeting at 2:30 p.m., to discuss 2002 nominations.

Saturday evening activities include a no-host social at 5:30 p.m. with the annual banquet at 7 p.m. Banquet tickets are \$25 each and only 300 will be sold. To reserve tickets or a motel room see "Hall Highlights" on page 1.

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# Robert Wilcox: Dunn County Rancher and Sheriff

The features on his page are the ninth and 10th articles in a series of 10 articles profiling early North Dakotans who came to the area by way of trail drives.

Robert L. Wilcox was born in Jacksonville, Georgia, April 3, 1869, the son of John Thomas and Elizabeth Wilcox. He came to North Dakota in 1889, trailing a herd of cattle from Texas through the Ash Coulee route to a point about three miles from Grassy Butte. He remained in that area. In 1894 he was selected to represent the North Dakota Stock Grower's Association at the Union Stockyards in Chicago. He spent four years there, checking brands on cattle from the Dakotas and Montana.

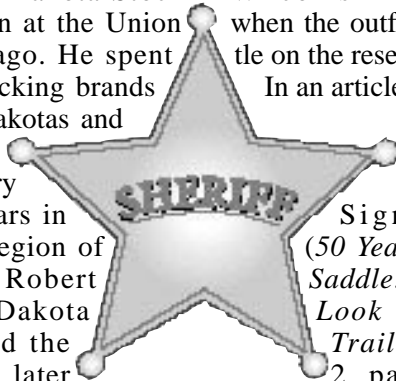
In 1898, he and Jerry Hayes spent two years in the Klondike gold region of Alaska. Then, Robert returned to North Dakota where he purchased the Sam Bierline ranch, later converting it into a model dairy farm. His brand was the Bar S Bar. He married Maggie Schoenline in 1901 and

they had one daughter, Marie.

When Dunn County was organized in 1908, Robert was named its first sheriff. He had built a home in Dickinson at 644 Second Avenue West, and he and his family lived there for many years. He also erected a business block in the city (*50 Years In The Saddle: Looking Back Down The Trail*, Volume 1, pages 18-19).

Virginia Weber Bice, Killdeer, recalls working for Maggie for \$3 a week in 1932, when the Wilcoxes lived west of Killdeer. Bice also notes that Dan and Mimia Beck, and their daughter, Carrie, worked for Wilcox, living in a bunk house at the River Ranch, 22 miles north of Killdeer and one-half mile south of the Lost Bridge. The Becks also cooked for Wilcox's cowboys when the outfit ran cattle on the reservation.

In an article by Louis



Signalness, (*50 Years In The Saddle: Another Look At The Trail*, Volume 2, page 424),

Signalness wrote of homesteading near the Little Missouri River in

Dunn County, and mentioned Robert as one of his honest and dependable neighbors.

An article about Walter R. Veigel ranching on the north slope of the Killdeer Mountain, (page 547) notes Robert was a neighbor and describes him as "a debonair black-haired Texan, who was engaged in the ranching and banking business."

In the same book (page 115), an article about C.R. "Cal" Dodge, notes that Dodge came to McKenzie County in 1900 and ranched near Dimmick Lake, in partnership with Wilcox and Wilse L. Richards.

Robert spent many years in ailing health and died at his Dickinson home April 19, 1957, at the age of 88.



Robert L. Wilcox and Wilse L. Richards crossing the Little Missouri River.

50 Years in the Saddle, Volume 3 (1990)

# A.N. Jeffries: Foreman of Long X

Notable trail driver A.N. Jeffries was foreman for the first Long X trail drives that came north from Texas.

Jeffries was born Nov. 3, 1860. According to *North Dakota Historical Quarterly*, Volume 1, 1926-27, in an article by McKenzie County native George F. Shafer, A.N. headed the first large Reynolds Brothers Long X trail drive from the Rio Grande River to the Little Missouri River in 1884.

Shafer writes, "The herd was guided by means of a compass, and it reached North Dakota in September, having left Texas early in the spring. This

process was repeated each year until 1897, and in this way the grazing lands of McKenzie County were replenished with new cattle."

After the Long X sold out in 1897, A.N. made his home in Dickinson and continued in the cattle business. For a time, he and Wilse L. Richards and George Frye were in partnership. A.N. continued with many livestock interests and he was also involved in banking in Dickinson. He probably died Nov. 11, 1909, though some sources indicate 1908.



# Now & Then

## Monty Carson: "Consistent...Controlled...Text-Book Style"

When rodeo folks are asked to describe Monty Carson's bareback-riding style, their answers are as constant as the five consecutive bareback titles Monty won within the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Badlands Circuit between 1979 and 1983. Time and again he's described as "Consistent ... Controlled ... Text Book."

His former traveling partner, Sam Perkins, Sherman, Texas, says, "Monty was an aggressive, smart rider and almost every ride he made was text book." Perkins recalls that the Grassy Butte cowboy's riding style replicated that of his idol, Joe Alexander. "Joe had an extreme amount of control and that is another way to describe Monty's riding."

Monty, a son of Raymond and Leone (Jost) Carson, grew up with two brothers, Ron and Gary, and began his rodeo career at a Little Britches Rodeo in Sidney, Mont., in 1966. "My parents hauled me lots of miles when I was young," he recalls. "Dad was a great supporter of rodeos and loved bucking horses."

Monty developed his controlled riding style early on and joined the PRCA in 1975. He explains, "When I started out, they were still using soft handholds and you had to rely on your feet more." Monty concedes, "They didn't buck me off a lot. I guess I didn't gawk around much."

Besides five circuit titles, Monty claimed Badlands Circuit Reserve Champion titles in 1976, '77 and '78. That wasn't his first success either. In 1973 he split the North Dakota High School Rodeo Association bareback title with Wade Sundby, Williston, and went on to place seventh in the National High School Rodeo Finals in Ogden, Utah.

After high school he rodeoed for



Grassy Butte cowboy Monty Carson (back left), pictured with his wife, Carrie, and their sons, Layne and Chase.

Dickinson State College, Dickinson, qualifying for four College National Finals Rodeos. He won three reserve championships in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Great Plains Region and claimed the region title in 1977. He was also the North Dakota Rodeo Association Reserve Champion in 1974.

Monty credits much of his bareback riding success to North Dakota cowboys and North Dakota bucking horses. He thanks Jim Johnston, Grassy Butte, Harry Olson and Curtis Kelling, both from Killdeer, and his Uncle Tom Solberg, formerly of Grassy Butte, for getting him off to a good start. Some of his favorite draws included Aber Rodeo Company's bareback horses Mean Boy and Eddie's Pet. His least favorite mount also hailed from his home state: Aber's Defender. Of the big, strong, yanking horse, Monty says, "I did place on Defender several times, but it was always a chore."

Midwest rodeos were good to Monty. He recalls winning a rifle in Wolf Point, Mont., a pair of spurs in North Platte, Neb., and \$2,400 in Denver. In the fall of 1982, regional rodeos contributed to one of Monty's most memorable runs. He won the Northern

International Livestock Exposition rodeo in Billings, Mont., the Badlands Circuit Finals in Bismarck and placed at the Y's Men's Rodeo in Minot. He says, "On the way home, I stopped in Belfield and traded my wore-out car. I had enough cash for a new Chevy pickup."

Perkins says, "When Monty was up in his own country, it seemed that he rode better and was more confident. Overall, I never did think he won as much as he should have. He should've qualified for the National Finals a few times."

Monty's highest PRCA rankings came in 1977 and 1979 when he ended those respective years 25th and 23rd in the world standings.

Carson and Perkins traveled together "for a good part of two to three years." Monty says, "I saw a lot of places and things that I never would have otherwise, but I sure got tired of the traveling."

Perkins adds, "Monty and I made a lot of all-night trips." They once left Valley City in the dark, after waiting for Richard Bahm, Carson, to ride a saddle bronc horse, and competed in a San Angelo, Texas rodeo the following afternoon. Perkins remembers traveling on bad roads through South Dakota. "It was a 1,300-mile trip and we had to average 75 miles per hour to make it. I am sure we drove a lot faster than that."

Perkins usually took care of the duo's entering and therefore, the driving schedule. He recalls a stretch of rodeos where they went from Fort Worth, Texas, to Lake Charles, La., to Scottsdale, Ariz., back to Fort Worth, up to Rapid City, S.D. and then back to El Paso, Texas. "That was one night after the next of driving," Perkins (Continued on page 7.)

# Now & Then

## Sheila Crowley Robinson: Collection Anchors Library

Sheila Crowley Robinson received two meaty bits of advice from her mother: “Do interesting things when you’re young so you have interesting thoughts when you’re old,” and “If you want to do something, you’ll find the time, the work will still be there.”

Heeding the wisdom of age, Sheila spent a lifetime reading and traveling the route of the Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery – all the while raising a family, working on the family farm and participating in civic and agricultural groups. Continuing that sense of spirited involvement, Sheila recently donated nearly 100 of her most-treasured books to the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame for its reference library. The books, a comprehensive history of the cattle industry, are in addition to her collection of *Bar North* and *North Dakota Stockman*, *American West* and *Persimmon Hill* (National Cowboy Hall of Fame) magazines.

Born Nov. 27, 1920, to Matt and Pauline Crowley, Sheila was raised on the family’s ranch north of Hebron. Matt had arrived in Dakota Territory in 1887 when he, his parents and seven siblings arrived from southeastern Minnesota and settled 15 miles north of Hebron. Matt became a pioneer rancher and a contemporary and friend of John Leakey.

In the days before Garrison Dam and the highway crossing the face of the earthen embankment, David Marshall Robinson, who had been born to Helen (Clark) and George M. Robinson in Bismarck, Aug. 1, 1918, would come courting at the Crowleys’ after ferrying his red 2-door Pontiac across the Missouri River at Stanton. Upon graduating from Iowa State College in 1942, Sheila married the



Sheila Crowley Robinson recently donated nearly 100 of her most-treasured books to the NDCHF’s reference library. Her husband, Dave Robinson, (pictured at left) served as North Dakota Stockmen’s Association president in 1964-66.

North Dakota Agricultural College grad in a ceremony at the Crowley home in Hebron.

The newlyweds moved to the Robinson family’s Coal Harbor Stock Farm, taking up residence in the house previously occupied by the cook. Feeding the hired hands became Sheila’s job, one she held up until the time their children “were pretty well grown.” Together the couple raised one daughter, Jan Jenson, Statesville, N.C., and two sons, Matthew “Buck” (Janette) and Stephen (Barbara), both of the family farm. They have five grandchildren.

Dave and Sheila had front row seats during the building of Garrison Dam and subsequent development of neighboring Riverdale, three miles to the west. “We got acquainted with the guy who was the head of the dam construction and met a lot of people through him,” Sheila says. “The railroad that hauled the equipment for the dam went across our land; the spillway used to be part of our pasture.”

The history of the Robinson farm dates to 1883 when Dave’s grandfather, John Jacob Robinson, moved to Dakota from St. Louis and settled along the Missouri River. Draft horses were the mainstay of the operation at that time. Hereford cattle were added

when work horses lost favor to smoke-belching, steel horsepower. Today, crossbred cattle graze pastures that run up to the breaks along the river and calves are custom fed on the property.

Busy as they were raising crops, cattle and kids, Dave and Sheila made time for the state and their community. Dave served as president of the North Dakota Stockmen’s Association (NDSA) in 1964-1966, was a charter member of the McLean County Farm

Bureau, served on the Victoria School Board and was one of the first directors of Garrison Diversion. He was the District 8 Republican chair for many years and served two years in the North Dakota House of Representatives and 10 years in the Senate.

In a 1999 review of past NDSA leaders, “Through the Presidents’ Eyes,” Dave said the most important issue during his term was excessive beef imports, which rose from more than 500 million pounds in 1960-63 to 1,214 billion pounds in subsequent years. The NDSA and National Cattlemen’s Association (NCA) helped curb the amount of imported beef that came into America by getting a beef quota bill passed in 1964. Dave tipped his hat to then NCA President Brooks Keogh and then North Dakota Congressman Don. L. Short, Medora, for their assistance.

Sheila represented North Dakota’s cattle industry as well, serving as the state Cowbelle’s third president in 1955-57. She was also active in Farm Bureau Women, Homemakers, Riverdale Women’s Club, Keep North Dakota Clean, and participated in activities of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation for more than 30

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# TALKIN' WITH TRUSTEES

## LeRoy E. Johnson, West Fargo

**NDCHF District:** 12

**Family:** wife, Roberta; four children and 11 grandchildren

**Occupation:** Construction superintendent

**Favorite Rodeo Event:** "Bareback riding, because of the skill of the rider."

**First horse:** "A Paint Horse colt that I raised and trained."

**When you were 13, what did you want to be when you grew up?** "A horse breeder and trainer."

**Name four things you like:** "Horses, real tractors, toy tractors and art museums."

**Free-time activity:** "I enjoy making wooden models of old machines like hay wagons, hay trailers, drags, covered wagons and stage coaches. I also make harnesses for Breyer horses."

**Latest book read:** "Checkered Years: A Bonanza Farm Diary" by Mary Dodge Woodward.

**Greatest learning experience:** "Serving in the 82nd Airborne in the U.S. Army."

**One unique think about yourself that most people don't know:** "My favorite artist is Bev Doolittle."

**If you had \$1 million how would you spend it?** "I'd retire and travel."

**Advice for a young person:** "Work hard and do the very best you can in whatever you're doing."

**Why do you support the NDCHF?** "To help preserve our heritage."



(Robinson, continued from page 5.) years. Sheila fondly recalls when the McLean County Historical Society, of which she was president, reconstructed Fort Mandan, the 1804-1805 winter headquarters of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Today the fort is a popular tourist destination.

Sheila's love of reading was fostered in her parents' home by her mother, a school teacher who headed west from Pennsylvania in the early 1900s. Pauline Shoemaker Crowley's journey is chronicled in the book, "Land in Her Own Name," by Elaine H. Lindgren. Sheila's father, who had a fourth grade education, spent evenings reading with his family and became well educated on a number of topics.

In marriage, Sheila found a mate who reflected her enthusiasm for reading. "Even when we got television, we preferred to spend the evening reading. Dave read more political titles while I liked history. Collecting books was my idea, but he was involved too, he paid for them!" In the early days of their marriage the books were stored in makeshift cases made of bricks and boards. Later, sturdy bookcases reaching near the ceiling filled one bedroom in the house, spilled over into another

and out into the living room.

Bookcases strained from the weight of other authors' books as well as from those researched, written and edited by Sheila herself. Working with daughter Jan, a computer whiz, Sheila authored "Along the Lewis & Clark Trail in North Dakota" in 1993. The book grew out of a series of slide presentations Sheila made after having attended 26 meetings of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. "The Story of Garrison Dam" followed in 1997. Two family histories were assembled with Sheila working as editor: "The Crowleys of Knife River Ranch & Elm Creek Ranch" and "Robinson Family History: 100 Years of the Robinson Stock Farm."

Following Dave's death from cancer on Sept. 15, 2001, Sheila felt it was time to organize her books and find a



Dave and Sheila Robinson (1985)

home for them. Taking inventory of her library, she and Jan counted 1,432 history volumes. "I started out reading about North Dakota cattle history but branched out into fur trading, Lewis & Clark, the military and many others. The books were going to chase me out of the house if I didn't do something with them," Sheila quipped.

"I wanted good homes for them, so I have started dividing them up between the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame and the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center in Washburn. I gave my mother's 17-volume Theodore Roosevelt collection to the Harold Schafer Center in Medora. I'd like to see the two libraries in Medora (NDCHF and Schafer Center) joined into one. That would give people a real good place to go and do research."

Jan, who has helped sort, catalog, pack and haul the books and magazines is pleased with her mother's gift to the NDCHF, saying, "It makes sense that the Hall should have them. Our family has a long ranching history. It's not too hard to believe that someday Grandpa Matt will be represented in the Hall."

—Written by Jeri L. Dobrowski

# TALKIN' WITH TRUSTEES

## Dan Kalil, Williston

**NDCHF District:** 1

**Family:** wife, Kathy; four sons: Bill, Thomas, Alex and Ian.

**Occupation:** Third-generation rancher/farmer and Williams County Commissioner

**Favorite Rodeo Event:** "Saddle bronc riding and watching the pickup men."

**First horse:** "We won a Shetland Pony at the St. Joe's Mardi Gras, Williston. It was a mean little SOB."

**First rodeo experience:** "At the State Line Club (west of Williston) in the early 1960s. Hoss Cartwright (Dan Blocker) was there."

**When you were 13, what did you want to be when you grew up?** "When I was eight I wanted to be a cowboy, by 13 I wanted to be the governor."

**What was your first job?** "Picking rocks with a SC Case for no pay."

**Who do you consider a hero?** "All of my uncles. Each of them had a profound affect on me and I am thankful I grew up in their company."

**Free-time activity:** "If I have a spare five minutes I like to sit on the bunkhouse porch."

**Latest book read:** "40 Years of Gatherings" by Spike Van Cleve and "Peace Like A River" by Leif Enger.

**Greatest learning experience:** "Raising four boys and being in public office."

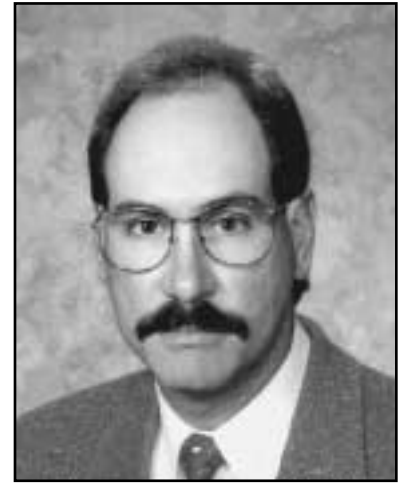
**One unique think about yourself that most people don't know:** "I completely restored a 1929 Ford Model A truck during high school and I still have it, but I don't let the boys drive it!"

**If you had \$1 million how would you spend it?** "I'd throw a Cowboy Christmas Ball in Medora with Michael Martin Murphy and Ian Tyson entertaining. Then I'd pay my bills as far as the rest would go."

**Advice for a young person:** "Get the best education you can, read everything and don't be afraid to fail."

**Honors and accomplishments:** "Serving my third term as a Williams County Commissioner, North Dakota County Commissioner Association past president and North Dakota Agricultural Products Utilization Committee chairman."

**Why do you support the NDCHF?** "To honor the struggles and preserve the memories of North Dakota's first generation."



**(Carson, continued from page 4.)**

says, "and I'm sure Monty probably questioned my sanity as to the way I'd entered us up."

Spending that much time together on the road may get on the nerves of some traveling partners, but the two cowboys got along well. "Monty was probably the best traveling partner I ever had," Perkins says. "I enjoyed traveling with Monty because he was a fairly educated guy and we could carry on a wide range of conversations. That made the time pass when we were on the road." He adds, "I could always rely on him. The only thing that got him upset was when I'd pull into McDonalds for breakfast – he hated their coffee."

Practical jokes also made the time pass more quickly. "Monty was a little hard on rookies," Perkins recalls, "and I guess I was too. One of us would start out and the other would ad lib and just go with it." During one trip,

Carson, Perkins and Rockie Kukla, Killdeer, who was "pretty much a rookie at the time," were enroute to Edmonton, Alberta, in Monty's van. Kukla was concerned about crossing the border and the other two compounded the rookie's anxiety by assuring him that he needed his birth certificate to get into Canada. Monty



Monty Carson's highest PRCA rankings came in 1977 and 1979 when he ended those respective years 25th and 23rd in the world (Badlands Circuit Finals photo).

tried to talk Kukla into walking up a side street, bypassing the border patrol and meeting them at a truck stop on the Canadian side. Kukla declined the walk due to wet, cold weather conditions, and took his chances with the border police – who didn't even mention his birth certificate.

Perkins remembers another north-bound trip in which he and Merlon Fairbanks, White River, S.D., were traveling to Regina, Saskatchewan. Tough weather forced them to stay in a cold motel room in Watford City. Perkins later complained to Carson about the cold stay. That December, Perkins received a Christmas card from Carson, along with a Letter to the Editor clipped from the *McKenzie County Farmer* newspaper. The letter, supposedly written by Perkins, raved about the fine accommodations he'd enjoyed in Watford City. Perkins laughs and says, "Monty always **(Continued on page 9.)**"

# Notes from the NDCHF Office

Dear NDCHF Members,

The NDCHF has had a great year. We received tentative approval of a large matching grant and with luck, we'll be able to break ground on the Hall of Fame in Medora in August 2002, during our fifth round of inductions.

It will take some luck because contributions to non-profit organizations like ours have plummeted since the September 11 attack. Nationwide, groups have reported drastic declines in receipts. The attacks that killed thousands, followed by a nation-wide anthrax scare, have left many understandably apprehensive and cautious.

Our matching grant is for \$750,000, but to receive the entire amount we need to raise more than a million dollars for the building fund. We're well on our way. Billings County Commissioners courageously pledged \$250,000. Medora City Commissioners stepped up to the plate with a \$100,000 pledge – a \$100,000-commitment from a city of 100 people is an act of faith in the future. Ed and Toni King, Dickinson, made a sizeable donation and Stockmen's Livestock Exchange, Dickinson, has shown its support with a \$20,000 pledge. We are working with several foundations and many individuals are expressing interest in contributing.

Because of the matching grant, a pledge is worth more than the actual gift amount: a building fund gift of \$10,000 is worth more than \$13,000, \$20,000 becomes more than \$26,000. Also note that the gifts can be given over a period of years.

If you're interested in providing a lasting gift to our building fund, please call. Gifts can be tailored to fit your financial abilities, and your name or the names of relatives and friends on the Hall of Fame's Memorial Wall provides a last memorial.

In addition to fund raising we're planning for the 2002 NDCHF inductions. Trustees statewide have received information packets and may submit nominations through January 21, 2002. If you know of a potential nomi-

nee, please call your local Trustee Chair. There are hundreds of worthy potential nominees, but all nominations must come through local Trustees. Also, if you're interested in the process, consider becoming a Trustee. There are Trustee vacancies in several districts.

Please mark your calendar for Friday and Saturday, February 22-23, 2002, the dates for our annual meeting at the fabulous Seven Seas in Mandan. Friday night will feature a free social with videos, refreshments and time to visit. Saturday we'll have the NDCHF Annual Meeting, Trustee Meeting, banquet and auction. You can count on enjoying good friends, great food and fond memories. To make room and banquet ticket reservations call 701-663-7401 or 800-597-7327. The Seven Seas provides special rates on a limited number of rooms for NDCHF members, so please plan ahead by calling as soon as possible and mention that you're with the Hall of Fame.

Submit your 2002 NDCHF nominations to a local Trustee. Make plans to attend the annual meeting and if you'd like to talk about a building fund commitment please call me at 701-250-1833.

Happy Holidays.



Darrell Dorgan

## Join the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Corral

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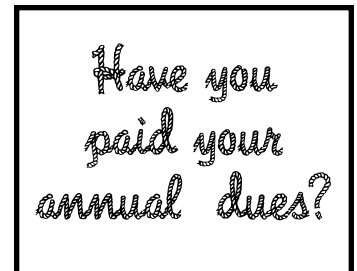
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## Other

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denied writing that letter, but I have to wonder."

Monty retired from bareback riding in 1985 and has since concentrated on team roping. He notes, "I go to about three rodeos a year now and only enter one of them." However, he competes at jackpot ropings throughout the tri-state area and has won many awards and titles including a horse trailer in Timber Lake, S.D. in 1997 and a second-place, \$3,500-finish in Gillette,

Wyo., with Larry Staal, Killdeer.

Monty, his wife, Carrie, and his brother, Ron, organize several ropings a year at Carson's Arena, on their ranch west of Grassy Butte. They also host ropings in Medora and Watford City. Monty enjoys roping because it's a family event that he, Carrie and their sons Chase, 15, and Layne, 12, can do together.

Today, Monty is known for his roping horse savvy and trains several horses a year. For his own use he

prefers Sonny Dee Bar-bred horses. He says, "I like a horse that stands about 15.1 or 15.2 hands, that tries hard and can run."

Whether mounted on a bareback horse of yesteryear or riding a solid roping horse of today, Monty Carson's consistency, control and text-book style place him in the winner's circle, time and again.

-Written by Emily Tescher-Johnston

## N.D. State Fair Parade



Several NDCHF representatives participated in the 2001 North Dakota State Fair parade (left to right): Mardean and (2001 Inductee) Sonny Ehr Jr., Minot; Trustees Lynn Asheim, Mohall and John Bearman, Minot. Not pictured but also participating was Trustee Bob Knudson, Minot. The wagon was driven by Bud Redding, Velva.

**Medora's Cowboy Christmas**  
November 30 - December 2



### National Finals Rodeo Tickets and Hotel Room

The NDCHF has two rodeo tickets for two NFR performances and two nights at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino for sale. Minimum bid \$350. Call the NDCHF office at 701-250-1833.

## NDCHF Beef Hot Dog Heaven in Mandan and Grand Forks



Sue Bamholme photo, courtesy of The Mandan News



Jeri L. Dobrowski photo

Hundreds of folks enjoyed NDCHF All-Beef Hot Dogs at Cloverdale's Hot Dog Celebration held in Mandan on July 20.

NDCHF Hot Dogs are served to event attendees like FOX 96.3's Jon Roberts at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks.

# 2001 Year-End Rodeo Results

### PROFESSIONAL RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION

#### 2001 National Finals Rodeo

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

#### NORTH DAKOTA RODEO ASSOCIATION

**Year End All-Around** - JB Lord, Piedmont, S.D. and Pam Rolph, Mill Iron, Mont.

**Finals All-Around** -- Russell Kling, Killdeer

**Bareback Riding** -- Year-End Champion - Shane Kling, Dickinson; Reserve Champion - Josh Pennington, Killdeer; Finals Average - Cheydan Gordon, Fort Yates

**Calf Roping** -- Year-End Champion - Chad Miller, Bowman; Reserve Champion - Scott Hoovestol, Mandan; Finals Average - Chad Miller

**Breakaway Roping** -- Year-End Champion - Jackie Olson, Almont; Reserve Champion - Jodi Bubel, Dickinson; Finals Average - Jodi Bubel

**Saddle Bronc Riding** -- Year-End Champion - Shaun Stroh, Glendive, Mont.; Reserve Champion - Rick Gross, Shields; Finals Average - Shaun Stroh

**Steer Wrestling** -- Year-End Champion - JB Lord; Reserve Champion - Chad Smith, Dickinson; Finals Average - Levi Wisness, Keene

**Barrel Racing** -- Year-End Champion - Pam Rolph; Reserve Champion - Carol Breuer, Fairview, Mont.;

Finals Average - Lisa O'Keeffe, Mohall

**Team Roping** -- Year-End Champion - Ross Carson, Philip, S.D.; Reserve Champion - Tom Jorgenson, Williston; Finals Average - Chad Kieson, Dickinson, and Tom Jorgenson

**Sr. Men's Breakaway Roping** -- Year-End Champion - Don Schwalbe, Beulah; Reserve Champion - Freddie Berzel, Whitewood, S.D.; Finals Average - Freddie Berzel

**Bull Riding** -- Year-End Champion - James Amundson, Larimore; Reserve Champion - Russell Kling, Killdeer; Finals Average - Russell Kling

**ROUGH RIDER RODEO ASSOCIATION**

**Men's All-Around** -- Greg Carlson, Jamestown

**Women's All-Around** -- Jackie Olson, Almont

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

**Junior Girls' All-Around** -- Kenzie Benson, Sheyenne

**Barrel Riding** -- Brien Wieser, Kindred

**Junior Bareback** -- Brandon Blekestad, Alexander

**Saddle Bronc Riding** -- Kutter Moore, Blaisdell

**Junior Saddle Bronc** -- Luke Baker Jr., Belcourt

**Calf Roping** -- Kelly Ettl, Minot

**Junior Calf Roping** -- Leon Cameron, Sherwood

**Steer Wrestling** -- Scott Kleeman, Killdeer

**Team Roping** -- J.D. Youngbird, Wilton

**Mixed Team Roping** -- Kyle Jensen, Kenmare

**Barrel Racing** -- Beth Rohr, Crary

**Junior Barrel Racing** -- Kenzie Benson

**Novice Barrel Racing** -- Jessica Bauske, Ray

**Goat Tying** -- Jackie Olson

**Junior Goat Tying** -- Ashley Brossart, Rugby

**Ladies' Breakaway** -- Jackie Olson

**Junior Breakaway** -- David Weishoff, Ray

**Senior Breakaway** -- Dwight Hansen, Dunn Center

**Bull Riding** -- Jason Nicolaisen, Max

**Junior Bull Riding** -- Kacey Senger, Devils Lake

#### N.D. HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

**All-Around Cowboy** -- Preston Billadeau, Parshall

**All-Around Cowgirl** -- Heidi Uecker, Hettinger

**Bareback Riding** -- Cheydan Gordon, Fort Yates

**Saddle Bronc Riding** -- Jarrod Becker, Selfridge

**Calf Roping** -- Preston Billadeau

**Team Roping** -- Preston Billadeau and Dusty Hausauer, Dickinson

**Boys' Cow Cutting** -- Preston Billadeau

**Girls' Cow Cutting** -- Toni Shaw, Minot

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

**Breakaway Roping** -- Brandi Guttormson, Velva

**Steer Wrestling** -- Brent Dolezal, Killdeer

**Bull Riding** -- Cody Staiger, Hebron

**Pole Bending** -- Natasha Needham, Parshall

**Barrel Racing** -- Desirae Weigel, Napoleon

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# Winter History Symposiums Coming to Regional Communities

For the first time in North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame history, Winter History Symposiums will be held in eight regional communities across the state.

During the past four years the programs have been hosted by North Dakota's larger cities, but NDCHF Executive Director Darrell Dorgan says, "We're going to try something a bit different this year by taking the programs to slightly smaller communities."

**Tentative locations and dates are:**

- Watford City - January 16
- Bowman - January 17
- Rugby - January 23
- Carrington - January 24
- Wishek - January 30

- Lisbon - January 31
- Mayville - February 6
- Wahpeton - February 7

The program will once again feature University of North Dakota Professor Emeritus Dr. D. Jerome Tweton and Sentinel Butte cowboy poet Bill Lowman.

Last year, Tweton presented "On the Homefront: Life In North Dakota. During World War II." Dorgan notes, "It was a fascinating and memorable look at what life was like in North Dakota during World War II. Because of the current national crisis, we have decided to take a very similar program and supporting materials to a new group of cities, making the events available to a whole new audience."

The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame sponsors the events, free to the public, in conjunction with the North Dakota Humanities Council, (NDHC), Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation and the North Dakota National Guard. Funding is provided by the NDHC.

This is the fifth year the NDCHF has taken a humor and history program on the road. Previous programs have featured Dakota frontier justice, the Spanish American War and pioneer cowboys.

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

## Activity Corral

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Editor's Note:  
 The NDCHF thanks Solen artist Scott Nelson for providing the "Hittin' The Dirt" sketch. Be sure to find the 17 hidden words – frontwards, backwards or diagonally – and then try your hand at sketching the wreck!

## Hittin' The Dirt!

- |        |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| afoot  | loose rein       |
| bit    | ouch             |
| boots  | ranch horse      |
| bridle | rope             |
| cantle | saddle           |
| cinch  | spurs            |
| dirt   | stirrup leathers |
| hat    | stirrups         |
| hooves |                  |



## Livestock Auctioned to Benefit NDCHF

The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame livestock donation program recently netted more than \$3,200 for the NDCHF.

A black/overo stud colt donated by Sheila Marie, Medora, brought \$750 and sold to Donald Lawson, Killdeer. The colt was a half-brother to Marie's 2000 donation, going back to Dual Image, a three-time national champion Paint Horse.



Sheila Marie, Medora

Jack Murphy, Steele, donated a sorrel stud colt that brought \$645 from Carrie Knutson, Steele. Sired by Perrins Doc Bar Jack, A.K.A. Hiram, the colt is out of a Mr. Dusty Blackie daughter and went into Knutson's daughter's 4-H program.

Iver and Lola Tveit, Forbes, donated two stud fees that brought \$775 total. The fees sold to Daymon Mills, Menoken, and Phillip Schlatter, Glen

Ullin.

Burchill Quarter Horses, Valley City, donated two stud fees for Lucky Seven Dunit, a grandson of Hollywood Dun It. The fees sold for \$350 total and went to Bud Anderson, Driscoll, and Phillip Schlatter, Glen Ullin.

Delbert & Rodney Eszlinger, Ashley, donated a stud fee that brought \$325 from Daymon Mills, Menoken.

Gietzen Quarter Horses, Halliday, donated a stud fee for a three-year-old, dark bay, King-bred stud. It brought \$200 from Endine Karges, Hazen.

Deb Thomason, Bismarck, donated a stud fee that sold to Lloyd Miller, Bismarck, for \$120.



Jack Murphy, Steele

Finally, LeRoy Johnson, West Fargo, donated a \$100 stud fee, purchased by Phillip Schlatter, Glen Ullin.



Stockmen's Livestock Exchange, Dickinson, recently pledged \$20,000 to the NDCHF Building Fund. Pictured left to right are: Willard Schnell, Jim Erickson, Larry Schnell, all of Dickinson, not pictured is Delmar Erickson, Beulah.

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December."

•**Ed and Toni King**, Dickinson, have made a substantial donation. Ed King, who was in the grocery business, says, "We're long-time supporters of western North Dakota. I'm native to this area and I enjoy rough country. Medora is good for our part of the state – especially when you're in business, – because it (the town) attracts people."

•**Stockmen's Livestock Exchange**, Dickinson, has pledged \$20,000. Manager Larry Schnell says, "(We support the NDCHF) because we believe in the heritage of ranching and the cattle industry in North Dakota. We've been a part of it for a long time, but the NDCHF reaches back even further." He adds, "We also feel there are significant contributions to North Dakota's economy that go largely unrecognized. The NDCHF addresses that and the Hall itself should be an economic boost to North Dakota."

In addition, **BP Amoco, Mandan**, recently donated \$5,000 to the building fund.

## Mary Louise Defender Wilson Releases New CD

Mary Louise Defender Wilson, daughter of 2001 NDCHF Inductee George Defender, recently released a new compact disk titled, *My Relatives Say*.

On the recording, Defender Wilson, also known as Gourd Woman, tells traditional Dakotah stories using animals, birds, the wind and stars as sub-

jects. The stories illustrate respect, the importance of working together, capitalizing on each other's strengths and helping those in need.

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The NDCHF has received honorariums/memorials for the following individuals. To honor a loved one, see page 8.

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### In memory of Shirley Solberg

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Kurt & Roxanne Solberg Gillespie

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### In memory of Lodema Spurgeon

Bud & Laura Griffin

Karnes & Ruth Johnson

Sheila Marie

Herbert Spurgeon

Al & Joyce Stude

### In memory of Monte Swenson

Robert & Wilma Freise

Evelyn Neuens

## Obituaries

### Ella Agnew



Ella N. Agnew, 78, died Sept. 28, 2001.

Ella Pokall was born March 14, 1923, four miles south of Coldwater.

She attended Dickey Country School and loved to ride horse in the hills above the school in Lorraine Township.

She married Elmer M. Agnew in 1940. They farmed/ranched at Menoken and McKenzie until purchasing a farm west of Moffit, where they remained for 52 years. She was a gracious lady who was very involved in her church and community and enjoyed music, reading, playing cards and Scrabble. Her most important role in life was to be Mrs. Elmer Agnew.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer, Bismarck; one son, Elvin (Wanda), Steele; one daughter, Lonnie Joy (Frank) Privratsky, Braddock; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### Lester P. Anderson

Lester P. Anderson, 88, died June 6, 2001.

Lester was born May 10, 1913, at Leonard. He was raised with five siblings and attended school just one mile from home. He grew up handling his dad's work horses and identified good horses by the way they held their head and ears. He married Leila Hendrickson in 1941. He managed his own operation, as well as the neighboring Bohnsack Ranch for 21 years. Lester managed the Dakota Sandhill

Feeder Association sale for many years. He served as president of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association in 1976-78, and as president of the Sheyenne Valley Grazing Association and the North Dakota Quarter Horse Association.

He is survived by his wife, Leila, Leonard; a daughter, Roberta, Jamestown; a son, Paul (Judy), Leonard; two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

### Leo Connolly

Leo B. "Bud" Connolly, 72, died July 31, 2001.

Bud was born Feb. 8, 1929, in Ayer, Mass. He was raised and educated in an area with many race horses and tracks. His first job was with jumpers, then gaited horses, then race horses. He trained Carryback, a race horse that won more than \$1 million.

Bud had his first taste of rodeo during his dad's travels to Texas. He was a professional cowboy for 20 years and also served in the U.S. Army.

He married Francis "Frankie" Phillips in 1955. They had 12 children and raised several other boys near Sentinel Butte. He loved to teach kids how to ride rough stock and rope.

He is survived by five daughters, Shireen (Boyd) Ducheneaux, Ocala, Fla., Kathlene Zahl, Sparr, Fla., Shephanie Connolly, New Castle, Okla., Kelly Connolly, Duluth, Minn., and Brianna Connolly, Sentinel Butte; six sons, Kenneth (Lynn), Brian, all of Ocala, Fla., Phillip (Cindy), Decatur, Texas, Mike (Pam), Mackburg, Iowa, James (Holly), Fairdale, Ky., and Shawn, Sentinel Butte; one daughter-

in-law, Kim; 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### Otto "Maddy" Feickert Jr.

Otto "Maddy" Feickert Jr., 74, died June 24, 2001.

Maddy was born March 19, 1927, in Jamestown. He served in the U.S. Navy and was discharged in November 1951. He worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad and subsequent railroads from 1948-79. He married Bonnie-Jeanne Blank in 1954.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; one daughter, Mary Catherine Feickert, Grand Forks; two sons, James (Rosalie), Chandler, Ariz., and Paul, Bismarck; and three grandchildren.

### Maynard Fritz

Maynard Fritz, 83, died Oct. 30, 2001.


Maynard was born May 30, 1918, in Billings County. He grew up and attended school in the Whitetail Creek area. He worked for neighbors, spent time in the CCCs and served in the U.S. Marines. He married Inez Ruf in 1945. They ranched in the Grassy Butte area until moving south of Medora to manage the Wosepka Ranch and later the Northrop Ranch. He also worked for the U.S. Postal Service and the Gold Seal Company. He enjoyed rodeos, fiddle playing, collecting arrowheads and making spurs.

He is survived by one son, Dennis (Elaine) Fritz, Rugby; one daughter, Ramona (Kent) Dressler, Marshall; and six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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## Obituaries

### Dale Greenwood

Dale Bruce Greenwood, 72, died Oct. 19, 2001.

Dale was born June 7, 1929, at Rushville, Neb. He was raised on a ranch at White Clay, Neb., and was a rodeo cowboy and clown in his youth. He competed in all roughstock events but favored saddle bronc riding. He was a lifetime member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. He married Marilyn Wilson in 1948 and they moved to North Dakota in 1958.

Dale organized the Association of National Grasslands, served as its first president and devoted many years of his life to defending grazing on national grasslands. He served as North Dakota Stockmen's Association president from 1996-98 and served on many National Cattlemen's Beef Association committees.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, Cartwright; six children, Bruce (Rachel), Yelm, Wash., Dick (Jan), Jerome, Idaho, T.J., Midland, Texas, Jim, San Diego, Deb Cox, Mullen, Neb., Nancy (Curt) Severson and Scott (Dawn), all of Cartwright, and Katy (Tracy) Kovar, Bismarck; 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

### Mike A. Howiatow



NDCHF nominee Mike A. Howiatow, 83, died Sept. 1, 2001.

Mike was born Feb. 21, 1918, northeast of Solen. He ranched for more than 60 years, raising registered and commercial Hereford cattle that sold across the United States. His lifelong philosophy was to improve the Hereford breed. Mike was an outstanding North Dakota citizen who served on numerous boards. He married childhood girlfriend Catherine Lockner in 1980.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine; one sister; three nephews and five nieces.

### Irvin E. Lee

Irvin E. Lee, 86, died Sept. 30, 2001.

Irvin was born March 3, 1915, in Watford City. He attended Schaefer and Pleasant View Schools while helping on the family farm. He spent time in the CCCs, helped initiate the Soo Pass Dude Ranch in Detroit Lakes, Minn., in 1941, and also served in the U.S. Army. He took great pride in his horsemanship skills and enjoyed teaching others, especially young people. His passions included antique auctions, horses and rodeos.

He is survived by two brothers; one sister; seven nieces; two nephews and their families.

### Shawn O'Brien

Shawn Patrick O'Brien, 51, died Sept. 10, 2001.

Shawn was born March 25, 1950, in Dickinson. He attended Fryburg and Belfield schools. Shawn was a gifted horseman whose first job was operating a dude ranch at Cedar Canyon with his brother, Jim. He worked for several area ranchers as well as in the oil field. He married Ardys Chamberlin in 1994.

He is survived by his wife, Ardys, New River, Ariz.; one son, Brandon, two daughters, Danielle and Jennifer, all of Belfield; his father, Pat (Birdie) O'Brien, Belfield; one brother and four sisters.

### Leo J. Ray

Leo J. Ray, 75, died Aug. 4, 2001.

Leo was born Jan. 3, 1926, in Dickinson. He was raised in Medora and south of Medora on a ranch on Davis Creek. He attended the Hellickson School as well as schools in Medora. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944-46, crossing the Pacific Ocean five times.

He returned to ranching with his dad and married Leah Northrop in 1949. The couple ranched for 30 years before moving to Sidney, Mont., in 1979.

He is survived by this wife, Leah, Bismarck; one son, Donny (Linda), White, S.D.; and two grandchildren.

### David Robinson

David Marshall Robinson, 83, died Sept. 15, 2001.

David was born Aug. 1, 1918, in Bismarck. He graduated from Coleharbor High School and North Dakota Agricultural College.

He married Sheila Crowley in 1942 and lived his entire life on the Coal Harbor Stock Farm. He served as North Dakota Stockmen's Association president from 1964-66 and served in the North Dakota Legislature for 12 years.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila, Coleharbor; one daughter, Jan Jenson, Statesville, N.C.; two sons, Matthew "Buck" (Janette), and Stephen (Barbara), all of Coleharbor; and five grandchildren.

### Lodema Spurgeon

Lodema Catherine Spurgeon, 93, died Aug. 22, 2001.

Lodema Runions was born Nov. 17, 1907, in Sentinel Butte. She was raised and educated there and married Page L. Myers in 1924. They ranched six miles northwest of Medora.

Page died in 1944. She was the first woman to serve as a Medora Grazing Association director, completing her husband's term. Lodema married Herbert Spurgeon in 1952.

She is survived by her husband, Herbert, Dickinson; two daughters, Norma Myers, Medora and Ramona (Dick) Zauner, Riverside, Calif.; two sons, Rodney (Diane), El Cajon, Calif., and Roger (Peggy) Myers, Medora; 14 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

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# Individuals Honored with Memorial Plaques and File Cards

Five individuals are currently being honored with \$1,000 Memorial Wall plaques to be placed in the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame: Ella Agnew, Clair Cullen, George Fenton, Glenn Murray and Norman "Peg" O'Neil.

•**Ella Agnew** was born four miles south of Coldwater in 1923. She attended Dickey Country School and loved to ride horse in the Lorraine Township hills nearby. She married Elmer Agnew in 1940. They farmed/ranched at Menoken and McKenzie until purchasing a farm west of Moffit, where they lived for 52 years. She played piano in dance bands with Elmer for 30 years. Ella was a gracious, dearly-loved lady who enjoyed handwork, reading and traveling.

•**Clair Cullen** was born in Leeds in 1911. His family moved throughout his childhood, until his father purchased a ranch on the Missouri River bottoms west of Hensler in the early 1930s. In 1940 the ranch became a partnership between Clair and his brother, Ross. He married Pearl Edwards in 1940. They helped initiate

the North Dakota Rodeo Association. Clair was a North Dakota Stockmen's Association brand inspector for 36 years, judged rodeos and was the 1955 NDRA (non-RCA) calf roping champion. He always had a pasture full of good Willow Quarter Horses and his personal horses were trained to come when he whistled and to kneel on cue.

•**George Fenton** was born at Oakdale in 1907. The eldest of five children, he was raised on a Badlands ranch homesteaded by his uncle "Big" Pete Peterson. George started his full-fledged ranching career at age 13. Through cattle herding he learned the benefits of good grazing distribution and cattle's preference for specific grasses at specific times. He truly loved the land and his livestock and refused to overstock his ranch. As a young man, he would strap an accordion onto his saddle, ride to a barn dance and play until sunrise. He was easy-going and saw only the good in life. He married Thelma Edwards in 1935 and the couple had four daughters.

•**Glenn Murray** was born in Glen Ullin in 1908. He attended Beulah schools, Valley City Teacher's College and taught one year in a rural school. He married Beatrice Erickson in 1929

and they had four children. Glenn was known as "Mr. Relay," for winning every relay race he entered

from 1928-50. He was a Beulah Rodeo Association member, Cowboy Reunion Rodeo organizer and lifetime member of the Mercer County Historical Society. He was an avid bowler and Beulah Miners fan.

•**Norman "Peg" O'Neil** was born north of Dunn Center in 1923. He attended Connolly School #2 and graduated from Beulah High School in 1941. He married Phyllis Murray in 1954. They farmed and ranched in Mercer and Dunn Counties. Peg was known for his quick, but dry wit. He was a North Dakota Stockmen's Association brand inspector and served as founding president of the North Dakota Rodeo Association from 1953-55. He was extremely proud of the Killdeer Saddle Club's annual Killdeer Mountain Roundup Rodeo and dedicated many hours to the event. He was a member of the Cowboy Reunion Rodeo in Beulah and 50 Years in the Saddle.



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