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• SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2002 •
Tjaden Terrace, Medora, North Dakota

12 Noon - Musical Entertainment

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1 p.m. - Welcome

by Master of Ceremonies Phil Baird, Mandan

Honor Song

Keynote Address

by Clay S. Jenkinson

Humanities Scholar, Author and North Dakota Native

Rodeo Honorees

Introduced by Dean Meyer, Selfridge

George Bruington
Scott Gore
Dale Jorgenson
Figure Four

Ranching Honorees

Introduced by Robyn Nelson, Pembina

Freida Bohnsack
William "Bill" Taylor
Harris Goldsberry

Ranch Honoree

Introduced by Russ Danielson, Harwood

Birdhead Ranch

Leader of Ranching/Rodeo Honoree

Introduced by Shannon Rustad, Kindred

Pearl Cullen

Honor Song

Induction activities continue Sunday, August 4, 1 p.m., at the **Home On The Range Champions Ride** at Sentinel Butte. The 2002 NDCHF rodeo honorees will be introduced by Winston Bruce of the Calgary Stampede.

N.D. Cowboy Hall of Fame Inducts Nine Honorees

Five men and two women who have lived and portrayed the cowboy lifestyle, one historic ranch and one notable bucking horse compose the fifth round of North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame inductees.

Rodeo honorees are George Bruington, Scott Gore, Dale Jorgenson and Figure Four. Ranching honorees are Freida Bohnsack, William "Bill" Taylor, Harris Goldsberry and the Birdhead Ranch. Leader of Rodeo & Ranching honoree is Pearl Cullen. (Inductee biographies begin on page 2.)

The formal induction is Saturday, Aug. 3 at Tjaden Terrace, Medora. Free musical entertainment begins at 12 noon with the ceremony at 1 p.m. Saturday's pre-induction activities include a NDCHF Trustee's meeting at 10 a.m. Mountain Time at Tjaden Terrace.

Individuals must reserve their own tickets for the evening pitchfork fondue and Medora Musical. Tickets and motel information are available by calling 800-633-6721.

Activities continue Sunday, Aug. 4, 1 p.m. at the 46th Annual Home On The Range Champions Ride, Sentinel Butte. For HOCR Champions Ride tickets call 701-872-3745.

NDCHF Receives \$750,000 EDA Grant

The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame building project received a \$750,000-boost from the Federal Economic Development Administration on April 3 when Senator Kent Conrad formally presented an EDA check to

NDCHF representatives at American State Bank, Dickinson.

"The Cowboy Hall of Fame is a celebration of our state's history and tradition, from the Indian people who first lived on these (Continued on page 15.)



Those present to help the NDCHF receive a \$750,000 EDA grant included (left to right): NDCHF Executive Director Darrell Dorgan, Bismarck; NDCHF President Phil Baird, Mandan; Senator Kent Conrad; NDCHF Founding Trustees Chair Rex Cook, Dickinson; NDCHF Founding President Evelyn Neuens, Bismarck; Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council Executive Director Rod Landblom, Dickinson, and Federal Economic Development Administration Regional Director Cip Jungberg, Aberdeen, S.D.

2002 Inductees:

Rodeo

• George Bruington •

George Bruington's rodeo involvement began in 1925. Over the next 73 years he participated as a competitor, judge, pickup man, clown and stock contractor. He was born prematurely on Aug. 16, 1909 in a sod house near Amidon, a son of Ward and Mabel Bruington.

His mother said he was born horse-minded. "The Slope Saga," page 609, reports that when George was about 3 years old threshers came to their house. That was exciting for a little boy who loved horses. He ran from place to place and eventually to the granary to watch the men unload grain wagons. The wheat looked good, so he tried some, chewing away happily. "Slope Saga" continues, "One of the men said to him, 'You'll have to eat awful fast to eat all of that before spring.' Evidently George thought he meant it – that night he became violently ill."

"Slope Saga" also tells about an evening when 4-year-old George climbed a broken fence post. When he reached the top the post flipped over, cutting his tongue on the barbed wire. His father ran the team in out of the pasture and prepared for a trip to the doctor in New England, 25 miles away. The doctor sewed it up and the next morning George arrived home happily sucking on hard candy.

George started trading horses when he was 10 years old. That was just the



beginning of a lifetime of buying, training and trading horses. Bruington lived in the Amidon area until he was about 16 years old and then moved to Almont, where he made his living trading horses.

He competed in all the traditional rodeo events such as bareback and saddle bronc riding, team tying, calf roping and bulldogging. He also enjoyed horse racing, chariot racing, wild cow milking and did some Roman riding with Herb Wagner, Earl Bird and Red Olson.

In the late 1920s he started stock contracting, trailing his stock to and from the rodeos until 1931 when he bought a truck. On Dec. 10, 1932, he married Ruby Wagner. He bought a ranch at Almont and started to slow down on the rodeoing. In the '40s and '50s he farmed, ranched and milked cows, but still kept the bucking stock he loved so much.

In the late '60s he decided to build his herd and start contracting rodeos full-time. He became a North Dakota Rodeo Association member and remained one of the NDRA's top contractors until 1988.

He furnished bucking horses for many area rodeos as well as practice stock for rodeo schools. His best horses included: X23 Pay Day, a NDRA saddle bronc horse of the year; 203 Headlight, a two-time NDRA

bareback horse of the year and top horse at the North American Rodeo Commission Finals in Gallup, N.M.; and Superstar, a four-time NDRA saddle bronc horse of the year.

In 1988 he sold most of his bucking string to three Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association contractors: Buddy Pinz, Terrebonne, Ore.; Johnny Walters, Kirksville, Mo.; and Ron Martin from New York.

Walters arranged to send a truck and a check to North Dakota to pick up his horses during the February Minneapolis/St. Paul rodeo. A day later the truck returned with the horses, a brand release – and the check. Walters reprimanded his employee for not paying Bruington, and then learned that George wouldn't accept it **(Continued on page 3.)**

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(Bruington, continued from page 2.) until he knew that Walters was satisfied. "Ol' George drove clear to Minneapolis and spent the weekend with us," Walters says. "On Sunday before the rodeo was over he says, 'What do ya' think? Are you satisfied with them?' I said 'Yep, I like 'em George,' and handed him the check back. That's the kind of man he was. That was one of the nicest sets of horses I ever bought in my life and George was one of the nicest men I ever did business with," Walters says. "He was very honest about the horses and that's something you don't see a whole lot."

Walters took Pay Day, Headlight and a black horse he called Whiskey to the National Finals Rodeo. Unfortunately, Superstar died of colic before he had a chance to buck at the NFR.

Bruington kept some horses and leased them to Brad Brettin, formerly of Beach. "George had bucking horses since way back in the '30s," Brettin says. "He was very knowledgeable about bucking horses and was highly respected by many. I learned from him. He was a wonderful, kind-hearted, Christian man and he just loved those horses."

Bruington was a people person who helped a lot of cowboys get started – he was always behind the chutes helping them out. The NDRA and the Neuens family honored Bruington with the Walt Neuen's Memorial Sportsmanship Award in 1995.

George died Nov. 5, 2001. His wife, Ruby, and their three children survive him: Cynthia (Obert) Barstad, and twins, Kay Sorensen and Herbert "Buzz" Bruington, all of rural

Mandan, eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

• Scott Gore •

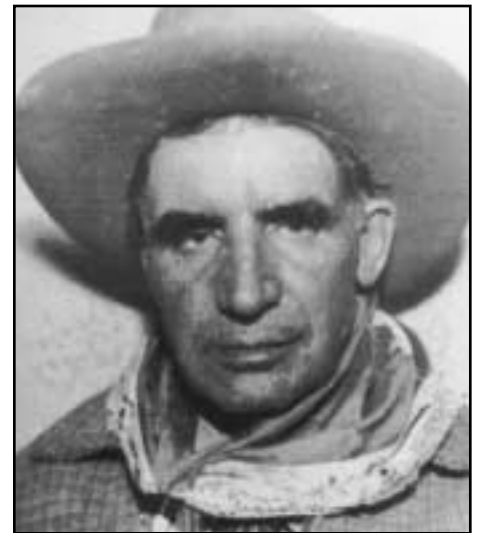
Scott Byron Gore was born Dec. 16, 1880 at Deadwood, S.D., to Robert Bruce "R.B." and Ella (Ayres) Gore. His father ran a half-way station where stagecoach horses were changed.

Scott, his father, and his brother, Frank, came to North Dakota in the 1890s and went to work for Pierre Wibaux's W Bar Ranch. Scott homesteaded along the Little Missouri River and that became his life-long home. He established a cattle and horse ranch at the mouth of Beicegel Creek, 20 miles west of Grassy Butte. He raised huge herds of horses and his OTO brand was known throughout the country.

Scott became a nationally known rodeo champion and rancher, having ridden in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show in Europe and becoming a North Dakota state saddle bronc riding champion. "The Slope Saga" notes that Scott won the bucking horse championship at Glendive, Mont., on Sept. 30, 1901, his brother Frank's wedding day. Scott's niece, Edna Gore Tuller, wrote "Mother always said that it was a very exciting wedding day."

Scott married Alice Wentworth in 1905 and they had one son, Merrill, who was born Oct. 9, 1911. Merrill married Olive B. Bracket and they had two children. Later, he married Helen McIntosh and they had three children. Merrill died in Oregon in 1974.

ride on the best-acting horse they ever saw. Judging from the applause, the large crowd in attendance was of the same opinion. In addition ... Scott was the leading man in a number of thrillers not on the program. He caught one of the pitching horses just as it was about to jump into the crowd. At another time he held one of the outlaw horses while it was being saddled, holding it by the ears and throwing his legs around the animal's neck."



The Sept. 9, 1915 *McKenzie County Chronicle* reported, "Scott Gore rode Bad Land Charley in the broncho busting exhibition at Williston last Saturday ... and those present witnessed probably the best event of its kind ever pulled off in this part of the country."

"Bad Land Charley is a horse which has defied all riders for the past four years ... It remained for Scott Gore, McKenzie County's champion rider of the west, commonly called, "Champion Rider of the World," to perform the feat and he did it to the satisfaction of all who saw the performance. Old broncho busters and men who have seen wild broncho riding for years, who were present pronounce it to be the best riding exhibition they have ever seen. Scott rode clean, whipped the horse at every jump and didn't pull leather – he never does."

Charlie Aasen, Alexander, confirms
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The July 8, 1915 *Schafer Record* reported on Watford City's Fourth of July celebration: "Scott Gore, who is claimed by many to be the champion rider of the world, rode a dark brown three-year-old horse. Old-timers say that Scott put up the best

(Gore, continued from page 3.)

that Gore's riding was spectacular saying, "Former Governor Link's older sisters told me if Scott Gore rode in a rodeo locally, that was one day they took off from farm work; everyone went to see Scott ride."

NDCHF Trustee Merle Clark, Marmarth, notes that his father, 2001 NDCHF Inductee Elmer Clark, considered Scott superhuman in the way he could ride tough horses and in the hard work he did on the ranch, riding and crafting log buildings. Though the book, "Tipperary," notes that Scott Gore didn't successfully ride the famed horse, reliable oral histories conclude that he rode Tipperary, but didn't receive official credit.

Elsie Trotter notes that her father, 2000 NDCHF Inductee Louis Pelissier, placed Scott Gore No. 1 on his list of top bronc riders. John Trotter, son of Scott's friend and neighbor Leighton Trotter, notes that Scott was a top range cowboy and very good at breaking horses. "He was a real cowboy's cowboy."

"Memories of Old Western Trails in Texas Longhorn Days," by Joseph Stroud, and local newspapers document that once when Scott was chasing horses on Singletary Divide his mount got tangled in wire. Scott sustained severe injuries and couldn't walk. He laid for three days before setting an old homestead shack on fire to attract attention. The Stevenson and Woods families saw the smoke, found Scott and assisted him in receiving medical attention.

Scott owned cattle, horses, land and made his living on the back of a horse for more than 65 years. He died

March 2, 1955 and is buried in Poker Jim Cemetery, about 5 miles from his home. He was inducted into the Range Riders Museum Memorial Hall in Miles City, Mont.

• Dale Jorgenson •

Dale Jorgenson was born Aug. 19, 1936 to Carl and Helen (Dodge) Jorgenson. He grew up on a ranch southeast of Watford City. His dad was a pickup man and calf roper, so Dale grew up with rodeo. He found that when mom and dad went to town, there were plenty of opportunities to "try out" the horses and cows around the ranch.



Jorgenson began his rodeo career competing in high school and non-RCA rodeos. He was the 1956 North Dakota High School bareback riding champion and the all-around champion. Shortly before the National High School Finals Rodeo in Reno, Nev., Dale narrowly escaped drowning in a dam east of Watford City. The local American Legion Club offered to fly him to the finals so he would arrive in

time, but the doctor wouldn't release him. His dream of going to the NHSFR had to be realized later when his three children qualified to compete at nationals.

Dale's first North Dakota Rodeo Association championship came in

1957 in the bareback riding. That same year he became the first non-RCA cowboy to ever win the North Dakota all-around saddle.

He attended Dickinson State College, Dickinson, where he competed on the first rodeo team in 1957-58. He finished third in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association bull riding standings that year.

In the spring of '58 the Houston rodeo went non-RCA so Dale competed, winning \$1,658. He used his earnings to buy a set of rings for his high school sweetheart, Barbara Thomas. They married June 30, 1958 and leased a ranch east of Watford City. When the lease expired they purchased it. The couple has three children: Tim (Sue), Watford City; Tom (Teresa), Williston; Joan Kitzmann, Watford City; and seven grandchildren.

In 1968 Jorgenson and Angus Fox represented North Dakota at a four-state bronc riding match at Bison, S.D. The match paid only two places – Angus won first in the saddle bronc riding and Dale won second in both saddle bronc and bareback riding.

Dale earned 14 NDRA championships in three decades, from 1957-75. His NDRA championships include four bareback riding championships (1957, 1968, 1971, 1975); two steer wrestling championships (1967, 1972); one saddle bronc riding championship (1969); and seven all-around championships (1957, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1972).

Jorgenson's NDRA championships were all non-Rodeo Cowboys Association wins and he claimed numerous NDRA Finals championships too. It was not uncommon for him to win money in three roughstock events and steer wrestling at a single rodeo. Between 1957 and 1975 he earned 16 first-place wins or ties in four different events at the White Earth rodeo alone.

Through the years he also claimed the Scott Gore Memorial Award, became permanent owner of the NDRA All-Around traveling trophy and received the Walt Neuens **(Continued on page 5.)**

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(Jorgenson, continued from page 4.) Memorial Sportsmanship Award.

Long-time friend and fellow competitor Esley Thornton Sr., Lincoln, Neb., recalls, "I met Dale in Oklahoma City, Okla., in 1958. I was stationed there in the military. He and Mervel Hall stayed overnight en route to Houston. They were entered in the stock show where Dale split second and third in the bull riding, winning a whole lot of money."

After Thornton was discharged from the military, he enrolled in Dickinson State College, Dickinson, where he and Jorgenson were members of the school's rodeo team. "Our friendship materialized with honesty, loyalty and kindness," Thornton says. "Dale's language was cowboy or barn talk, but I never seen Dale angry mad. He helped out everyone he could and always owned the good horses."

As Jorgenson and Thornton quit riding saddle bronc, they started team roping. "In 1973 we ended up at a roping school in Sidney, Mont., where the world champion Camarillos – Leo, Jerold and Reg – were the instructors," Thornton says. They had students rope while they watched and coached. "Leo pulled Dale aside and told him to take off his spurs. Dale went out to the trailer, took off his spurs, rode back into the arena and parked beside me kind of embarrassed. He leaned over and half-whispered, "Man, I feel naked!"

Thornton concludes, "Dale has nearly 20 trophy saddles, a house full of buckles and a whole lot of memories. He's truly a cowboy and I'm proud to be his friend."

In recent years Dale has competed in

Old Timer's rodeos, where he's also garnered success and saddles. One of his proudest moments was teaming up with his son, Tom, to win a saddle and prize money for second place in the 1997 Montana Team Roper's Association #7 Roping at Billings, Mont.

Besides competing, Jorgenson served the NDRA as an event director, board director, vice president and then as president from 1972-75 and again in 1989. He served on the North Dakota High School Rodeo Association board for many years and coached the Watford City High School team. He was always willing to assist with practice sessions or hazing, and was generous with the use of his steer wrestling horse: a palomino gelding named Trouble. The former race horse carried many cowboys to the pay window.

Dale has always enjoyed rodeo and is a staunch advocate of it being a family sport. Dale and Barb still host practice sessions at their ranch arena east of Watford City. He enjoys training horses and roping with his family and friends. He judges some rodeos and continues to compete in team roping and senior breakaway roping.

• Figure Four •

Noted bucking horse Figure Four was born in the late 1940s on the Figure Four Ranch about 30 miles northwest of Killdeer. Bred by ranch owner Vic Christensen, he was born to a gentle saddle mare owned by an aunt of the Christensen children. His sire is u n k n o w n . Christensen sold the yearling stud, along with several other horses, to Nick Fettig, Killdeer, in the early 1950s. It



was then that Figure Four became part of the Fettig family's bucking horse fraternity. A year or so later, Nick Fettig sold Figure Four and other horses to Phil Fettig. Upon Phil's death in 1960, ownership of Figure Four transferred to Jack Fettig.


The steel-gray gelding stood roughly 16 hands and weighed about 1,300 pounds. Figure Four had a good temperament and was easy to handle. His first trip out of a bucking chute was as a three-year-old in the fall of 1952 when young roughstock hand Duane Howard, Minnewaukan, got on him at an all-horse rodeo at the Killdeer Mountain Rodeo arena, Killdeer.

Recalling that day, 1998 NDCHF Inductee Duane Howard says, "He was a dark, dirty gray at that time. He was kind of sucked up – I think he was tired because they'd had a hard time getting them (the bucking horses) rounded up." He adds, "He was kind of a wild horse and he was young, but he really wanted to buck and did a lot of things quick. I think I won first on him." Howard concludes, "He grew up and got to be pretty juicy later on."

Perhaps Figure Four's most famous trip was at the 1956 Dickinson Match of Champions, Dickinson, when six-time World Champion Saddle Bronc Rider Casey Tibbs rode him in the final go-round and split first/second with North Dakota cowboy Joe Chase, who competed aboard Whiz Bang. The capacity crowd enjoyed the noted competition as each cowboy

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(Figure Four, continued from page 5.) attempted his 10-second ride. To this day, some say Tibbs made the whistle; others say he didn't.

The following year, 1999 NDCHF Inductee Joe Chase, Loveland, Colo., rode Figure Four at the Match of Champions. "He was one of the more honest and better bucking horses that I've ever rode," Chase says. "He wasn't that rank, but you had to be riding up pretty good or if he had a good day he'd buck you off."

Chase also drew Figure Four one year at the Minot Y's Men's Indoor Rodeo, Minot. "He didn't have as good a day – he came out the wrong way that he was used to coming out – but he bucked good enough to win on of course." He concludes, "I have really high marks for the horse and I feel he's very deserving of the award."

Figure Four was selected for the 1959 National Finals Rodeo and was the high-marked saddle bronc horse in two go-rounds. He also bucked in the saddle bronc riding at the NFR in 1961 and '62 and in the bareback riding in 1964. From 1964-66 Figure Four was used only in the bareback riding event and his last recorded performance was in 1966.

LeRoy P. Fettig, Dickinson, says Figure Four was a smart, cunning, proud-acting horse throughout his life. "He was a very honest bucking horse. Nothing dirty. He jumped high and bucked hard." Figure Four was very athletic, loved to buck and was always sound. The gelding was halter broke, but was never broke as a saddle horse. Fettig also notes that Figure Four was difficult to round up out in the

Badlands, where he ran throughout his life.

Figure Four turned white as he aged and was still owned by Jack Fettig when he died on his home ground in the Little Missouri Badlands in the late 1960s. He was estimated to be 21 or 22 years old at his death.

Ranching

• Freida Bohnsack •

Frieda Bohnsack was an ambitious North Dakota pioneer. Long before women's liberation, she walked a path chosen by few females, and one that would have challenged most men. From the 1930s to the 1950s, she was a rancher, an entrepreneur and a single parent.

Freida was born April 10, 1898 near Hillsboro, a daughter of Charles and Hulda (Kreinke) Bohnsack. She graduated from North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, and earned a master's degree from the University of Minnesota.

In 1935, Bohnsack inherited her father's 2,000-acre Ransom County ranch at Sheldon, along with six calves, a drafty bunkhouse, a rundown barn and a big mortgage.

"This single young woman took on the enormous job of rebuilding and operating her father's eastern North Dakota ranch in the 1930s," writes Janice Rustad, Kindred. "With great determination and tenacity she prospered despite many difficulties including the Great Depression and doing what was considered men's work."

Freida earned money to build up her Angus cattle herd by taking in up to 600 cattle for summer grazing. She quickly realized where she could save money, learning veterinary skills by watching professionals. When there were threats of rustlers in the vicinity, she slept in her

truck with a .22 rifle at her side.

Bohnsack's Angus cattle – branded "Reverse F Lazy B" – often brought top price at the fall Sandhills Feeder Calf Sale at McLeod. In 1954, she traveled to Clute, Texas, and returned with two, two-week-old, purebred Blue Brahman calves in the back of her 1948 Willys Jeep station wagon. Bohnsack and the animals made the 1,500-mile trip in two days and she said they "didn't have any trouble at all." She fed the calves condensed



milk during the trip and soon, she was raising Brangus cattle.

Although she had some hired help, Bohnsack was in charge of the endless hours of riding and checking cattle, doctoring livestock, haying and fencing.

Still, she found time to start a saddle club, organize and lead a 4-H club and teach school for two years. She was active in the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, North Dakota Angus Association, Business Women's Club and in church activities.

In 1941, Frieda adopted a baby girl, Bonita. She would laugh and say, "That's when my friends *really* thought I was crazy!" She taught Bonita to ride at a very young age and together, they enjoyed ranch life.

The Bohnsack Ranch was an exciting place to grow up – especially since the operation leased out land for summer grazing. "We would have **(Continued on page 7.)**



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roundups every weekend to do cattle work – branding, vaccinating, castrating – and that would turn into a rodeo almost every weekend,” Bonita Bohnsack Laske said in a Sept. 12, 1993 *Fargo Forum* article. “People would come and watch and help. It was a business operation, but it was also entertaining.”

In the 1940s, Freida started organizing rodeos. According to the *Forum*, riders would come from towns like Sheldon, Leonard, Enderlin and Chaffee. “During the rodeos she would always have someone sing the ‘Star Spangled Banner.’ We had some relatives from Minneapolis who had beautiful voices,” Bonita recalls.

Lester Anderson, Leonard, a former ranch manager and business associate, also recalled the rodeos, saying, “Nobody got killed, but it was wild. Some of them cows came right at you. Those were the good old days. There were a lot of rough-and-tumble boys in those days. More than now.”

Always an advocate of women’s participation, Freida also introduced all-girl “showdeos,” featuring regular rodeo and timed events for girls and women. “I remember it well, because I got to ride a steer,” Bonita told the *Forum*. “I couldn’t fall off at first and I twirled around the animal until I finally came off.”

Besides cattle work and rodeos, Freida prepared and hosted countless Sunday chicken dinners at her “dude” ranch and gave guests horseback and buggy rides. “There were always horses to ride,” Laske told the *Forum*. “My job was taking care of all of the horseback riders. There were buggies

for the elderly to ride in and a stage-coach to take people for rides through the hills.”

The *Forum* article continues, “The ranch had two cabins for family members who would come from as far away as the East and West Coasts. An old schoolhouse from near Sheldon was moved in and dubbed ‘The Lodge,’” which had walls covered with ranch memorabilia.

Freida was an excellent marksman and hunter. Each November she opened the ranch to hunters, providing food and sleeping accommodations to her guests.

She was an ambitious woman and a true pioneer who taught all who knew her a sense of pride in work and ranching. Still, she herself never considered what she was doing extraordinary.

Bohnsack died of cancer in 1959. Bonita was crowned Miss Rodeo North Dakota in 1964, placing third in the Miss Rodeo America pageant.

Freida’s beloved ranch is now operated by her adopted daughter, Bonita Bohnsack Laske, on a lease basis. She is married to Leonard-native Lynn Laske, and they have one daughter. The Laskes live at Oklahoma City, Okla., where they breed, raise and successfully compete on cutting horses.

• Bill Taylor •

William Lemuel “Bill” Taylor was born Jan. 23, 1874 in Rolla, Mo., the first son of James and Martha (Hoagland) Taylor’s 10 children. He was raised on the Taylor family homeplace in Sumner County, Kan. The parcel had been left vacant by earlier

homesteaders and offered the Taylors land, a three-room house with a sleeping loft and a spring.

There, Bill played cowboy with a cornstalk horse, roped his mother’s geese and “shot” a whittled wooden gun. He wanted to be a



cowboy or a “horse doctor.” His father taught him to ride, shoot, plow, hay and fiddle.

Three days after Bill’s 13th birthday, his father died of pneumonia. Bill left school to work the farm with his mother. Six years later, in 1893, she married Civil War veteran Archilaus Gudgeon.

That fall, 19-year-old Bill struck out on his own, riding from his home in frontier Kansas to be a cowboy in Texas, eventually making his way to North Dakota. Along the way he learned the ropes from full-fledged cowboys. His own stock in trade: 6 feet 3 inches, straight and lean, good horseman and shooter, fiddler, dependable worker and possessor of manly qualities which Theodore Roosevelt called “invaluable to a nation.”

From Texas, he sent a letter to his mother, informing her that it was “a fine place,” with “good wages where I can help Jess (his younger brother) get along all right too.” Jess, 16, joined Bill. They were hired by the Converse Cattle Company to trail 3,000 Longhorns to the company’s AHA Ranch in McKenzie County, North Dakota. Cowboys and cattle traveled by rail to Moorcroft, Wyo., where they were joined by cowboys sent down from the AHA. Twelve men moved the cattle toward the AHA at a rate of 15 miles per 16-hour day. Bill continued working there and

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for another Converse ranch, the Long X. He made other trail drives in 1897, 1899 and 1900.

When Converse began closing their operations, Bill went to the DZ where Sam Rhoades was foreman. In the few years left of big outfits, he also worked with Austin Meade on the MS, the X Bar, Peaceful Valley and for Wilse Richards' North Dakota Land and Cattle Company.

In 1905 he began running horses with his own T+ brand, buying them up as he could as a modest start for a place of his own. On Jan. 23, 1914 he signed the ranch purchase order for his T+ Ranch near the Killdeer Mountains, and on April 18 of that year he married homesteader Olaphene "Teppy" Werypy from Minnesota, Minn. She was a homesteader, dressmaker and amateur artist.

In the next few years, he invested big in a train-delivered herd that turned out to be a bust. The horses arrived too sick to trail out of Dickinson. By 1917 he had sold the T+ in time to escape a disastrous market that ruined many horse ranchers and had built the Taylor Hotel in Dunn Center, a promising new town on a new Northern Pacific rail line. Bill brought his law and order talents to the new community. He served in the World War I Home Guard, three terms as deputy sheriff, two terms as justice of the peace and four terms as marshal.

He was active in 50 Years In The Saddle, Rough Riders, Killdeer Mountain Roundup Association and officiated at Killdeer Mountain and

Sanish rodeos. He was a friend of Native Americans and managed a parade and powwow at Dunn Center's first Independence Day celebration.

Bill and Tep retired to Dickinson in 1941. Bill died Aug. 9, 1961, and Teppy died Sept. 7, 1964. They are buried in Dickinson. They have two daughters, Ruth Taylor (Herb) Scobie, Evanston, Ill., and Goldie Taylor (Doug) Wilson, San Luis Obispo, Calif., and three granddaughters.

Bill was a plain-spoken, modest and independent man who was kind to children and animals. He had a garden toad called John, an old fighting rooster that followed him around town and numerous adopted cats including an early ranch cat, Long X Tom. Bill gave high regard to work and character. One of his regrets was that he had never fought in a war.

In an oral history interview in 1959 Bill said, "The Longhorns, you can't get them back. You read about the buffalo, they're the same. The old-time cowboys and them went together. They're gone." At Clint Randall's death that year, Bill said, "Don't you worry. We'll all go there, over the old trail. We'll all see it. It ain't grassed over. We'll all be there."

• Harris Goldsberry •

Harris Goldsberry was born March 17, 1915 in the Badlands 50 miles northeast of Beach. He was the fourth of six children born to James and Susan (Brown) Goldsberry. Today, he lives on what continues to be the Goldsberry Ranch, just a half-mile up the Little Missouri River bottom from where he was born.

All Harris ever wanted to be was a horseman and a rancher. "When I

was a young fella you'd trade horses," he says. "I'd lay awake nights scheming how I could get a certain one." At 15, he started working for neighbor and noted horse rancher Richard Moore. Moore told Rex Cook, Dickinson, that Harris was one of the best riders who ever worked for him. Cook himself says of Goldsberry, "I know of no one who is a better exam-



ple of a North Dakota rancher."

James Goldsberry, like many others, went broke during the Great Depression. James told his son, if he could pay off the debt he could have the ranch. During those lean years Harris spent many exciting, eventful days gathering wild horses and he eventually bought back the ranch headquarters. Neighbor George Wolf, Medora, assures, "He made it through the Great Depression, some terrible dry summers and tough winters, but never gave up."

Harris married Margaret Sullivan in 1937. To provide for his family and build up a cattle herd, Harris trapped and hunted, chopped cedar posts and broke horses. Margaret taught school for \$40/month and together they raised three sons.

"Goldsberrys were our neighbors for 40 years," says 1998 NDCHF Inductee Jim Tescher. "Even if you could order one from a catalog, you couldn't find a better family ... Harris was an excellent leather carver, cat skinner, baler man, team roper and horseman."

Friend Glenn Hutchinson, Wibaux, **(Continued on page 9.)**



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(Goldsberry, continued from page 8.) Mont., says of Harris, "Because it was 50-some miles to town, he had to become a jack of all trades. He may not be a master of all trades, but he has some knowledge of just about everything you need to do on a ranch."

Noting Goldsberry's equine ability, Tescher adds, "Sometimes the horses that he broke were 8-, 9-, or 10-year-old studs. He knew good horses as well as anybody. With one look he could tell you what was good or bad about them, but he never ran down another man's horse."

Harris and his family have long maintained a quality herd of Hereford cattle, too. Tescher recalls, "One time I told Harris about a friend of mine who said, 'If they ever strike oil on my ranch, all I'm going to raise is buffalo and Longhorns.' Harris said, 'Well, I'll be damned. If I ever get oil I'm going to see how *good* of ones I can raise, not how *poor* of ones.'" The Dickinson Roughrider Commission honored Harris as 1989 Rancher of the Year.

The Goldsberrys started raising registered Quarter horses in 1955, placing themselves among the pioneering Quarter horse breeders in the state. Harris says, "We like to have them pretty but they gotta prove out." Goldsberrys host a fall production sale and the ranch was recently recognized by the American Quarter Horse Association for 45 consecutive years of registered breeding.

Harris and his sons also took up team roping and became known as top hands. Harris and his son, Ron, were North Dakota Rodeo Association

team roping champions in 1961, 1963 and 1967.

Auctioneer Lynn Weishaar, Reva, S.D., says of Harris, "He's certainly one of the most critical eye's in the horse business. There are a lot of horses in the country and an ungodly number of horse lovers, but there's damn few horsemen. Harris is a horseman."

Though Margaret died in 1988, Harris continued ranching with his son, Ron and family, in an arrangement that carries on yet today. Harris's daughter-in-law, Karen, describes "Pop" as "the most honest man I've ever met." His son Jerry lives near Grassy Butte, while Loren (Bonnie), lives near Dickinson. Harris has eight grandchildren.

Hutchinson concludes, "The best thing about Harris Goldsberry is the type of man he is. He has spent his entire life working on his ranch and in doing so, has put some skins on the wall. He never has a bad word to say about anyone. He remains the quiet, humble person he has always been."

The Goldsberry's maintain a herd of Hereford cattle and 30 to 40 brood mares. Harris is involved in every aspect of the horse program and eagerly awaits each year's new foals. Friends and neighbors still stop in to hear about wild-horse gatherings, favorite mounts, river-crossing predicaments, old-time cowboys and his common-sense take on politics. Harris concludes, "I've always told 'em, the only way they'll get me out of here is to haul me out."

• Birdhead Ranch •

The Birdhead Ranch, McKenzie County's second largest ranch, was established in 1891 when Joseph and Robert Stroud located on the Missouri River bottoms southeast of Williston. (It was second in size only to the Reynolds Bros. Long X). In late 1892, the location sold to Landers and Green. In 1893 it sold to the Morning Star Cattle Co., consisting of Jeff Hanley; Cornelius, Robert and Elijah Jaynes; Martin and Thad Uhlman; James McEwen "Mac" Uhlman; and other small investors from Wisconsin.

The Morning Star obtained title to the Birdhead hay meadow and had numerous line camps including one with a large spring near Ragged Buttes. A small, log, scoria-roofed building was constructed there as

View of Birdhead Ranch headquarters, 1920.



cowhand housing, and when McKenzie County was organized in 1905, it was leased for \$1 a month to serve as the county's first courthouse. The town of Alexander sprang up around it.

When Fort Buford and its buildings were abandoned in 1895, Elijah Jaynes bought a large house and moved it west of Timber Creek, adjoining the original ranch site. This became McKenzie County's first post office, named "Stroud." Most ranch buildings were unpainted cottonwood, but this painted building, "The White House," became an overnight stop for travelers to and from Williston.

The distinctive Birdhead brand **(Continued on page 10.)**

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originated when Morning Star owners decided to brand a shipment of cattle at Wibaux, Mont., before trailing them north. Someone sketched a crude bird's head and Thad Uhlman used a borrowed forge to model a branding iron to match.

Frank Banks, who had immigrated with a Reynolds Brothers trail herd, purchased the Birdhead Ranch site in 1904. He joined others in negotiating the "Big Lease" on the Fort Berthold Reservation. After wintering at headquarters, cattle were trailed some 80 miles each spring. Each fall, market steers and canners were driven to Killdeer, Plaza or Sanish for rail shipment while the remaining herd moved back home.

In the spring of 1913 Banks bought 150 registered Hereford cows from Attorney Usher L. Burdick, becoming the first McKenzie County ranch to raise registered Herefords. Banks sold half of the ranch to Anders Madson in 1917. Banks retired to Williston and died in 1920, making Madson sole owner with its 800 cattle and 75 horses. Madson continued leasing summer grazing on Fort Berthold through the 1930s. Swift and Co. named him North Dakota's outstanding cattleman in the late 1930s and he became a North Dakota Stockmen's Association charter member in 1941.

Madson's niece, Arlene L. Isaak, Arnegard, recalls spending summers at the Birdhead. "Uncle Anders's stucco-encased log house sprawled on a bench near the Missouri River. Each spring the river – out of its banks – spread its roily water over a flood plain, turning native grass into a lush

green meadow, even during droughts."

Recalling 1930s haying seasons at the Birdhead, Isaak writes, "Uncle Anders would shout to the bunkhouse occupants, 'Roll out 'o your sougans – it's daylight on the swamp.'" One ranchhand saddled up to jingle the work horses from the east pasture while others busily filled large water-wagon barrels from the artesian well, for watering the horses at noon. "You'd hear the thunder of horses' hooves and the wrangler's 'Hee-yah!' as they topped a grassy knoll," she writes. Then all hands began roping the horses and harnessing the teams, including the outlaws, Friday and Saturday, who bolted on impulse.

Then twenty hired hands gathered in the dining room for pancakes, bacon and eggs. "By 7 a.m. the clattering cavalcade departed for the meadow," Isaak writes.

Of course an impressive noon meal and morning and afternoon lunch were delivered to the hay field. "Aunt Bessie and I would drive to the hay field with coffee and sour cream cookies," Isaak writes. "My job was to hold a clean rag in the huge coffee-pot's spout to prevent spillage.

"In the evening I'd climb the windmill to watch for the empty, rattling waterwagon and weary teams. As the hands filed into the dining room for fried potatoes and ham you'd hear someone telling about a near runaway or how bad the grasshoppers were. After the dishes were washed we'd sit outside. One of the young men would strum his guitar and sing. 'The Old Chisholm Trail' and 'Red River Valley' were favorites but how I hated to hear the mournful words of 'Little Joe the Wrangler' and 'Old Shep.'"

Isaak recalls evening games of hide-and-seek or ante-I-over or swimming. "The sloping bank covered with greasy sediment provided a natural water slide to scoot down

into the river." She adds, "At that time, the river was a friend."

But the Birdhead's relationship with the Missouri River would soon change, as the Garrison Dam was planned after World War II. Isaak writes, "No one believed the water level would reach the ranches located up- and down-stream."

However, the Garrison District Real Estate Division bought the Birdhead's bottomland in 1952. Madson retired, leaving operations to his son-in-law and grandson, Oren and James Forthun. By 1972 the building site was abandoned, as it was periodically inundated by Garrison Dam waters, and 7,000 acres of range- and farmland were sold to various parties. The ranch site was catalogued as a historic site in 1986 and in 1997 the ranch house was termed "eligible." James Anderson bought the 2,677-acre ranch and the Birdhead brand in March 1996. In 2002, operation and eventual ownership of the Birdhead Ranch will be assumed by Dustin Ceynar, great-great-grandson of cofounder James "Mac" Uhlman, thus bringing the Birdhead full circle.

Ranch/Rodeo Leaders

• Pearl Cullen •

Pearl Edwards Cullen was born Oct. 4, 1910 to Henry and May (Clark) Edwards. Growing up south of Hazen, Pearl had plenty of access to Shetland ponies such as Spunk and Beauty, and later, big horses for riding and farming. This early exposure to horses and work on her father's farm resulted in a bond with horseflesh that she cherishes yet today.

Pearl graduated from Hazen High School in 1928, earning a teaching certificate from Dickinson Teacher's College in 1934 and subsequently teaching 14 1/2 years. She also spent many years as an Oliver County 4-H leader. Still, Pearl was never far from her love of horses, as she rode horses and even farmed with neighbors using an eight-horse quadrille team.

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It was inevitable then, that Pearl would take an avid calf roper and horseman as her husband. She married Clair Cullen March 21, 1940 and they ranched near Hensler from 1940-79. Lyle Bagnell, Huson, Mont., refers to the couple, saying, "Like bacon and eggs, they go well together and you hardly ever think of one without the other." Clair helped many young, aspiring cowboys improve their skills and it was common to find local boys spending weeks at a time with the couple.

Perhaps Pearl and Clair's most prominent and profound impact on rodeo began when Clair attended a meeting in Beulah on Feb. 28, 1953, which birthed the North Dakota Rodeo Association. Pearl couldn't attend, as she was acting postmaster at Hensler that day, but Clair arrived home with an ultimate surprise: Pearl had been selected as the group's first secretary-treasurer. Pearl reveled in her new position, dutifully throwing her energy into the NDRA for the next 11 years. When Pearl was queried as to how association members were to know what was going on, she created a newsletter providing rodeo dates, results, contestant points and other pertinent information. Consequently, she became the first editor of what is now the *NDRA Rodeo News*.

During the 1940s through the early '60s the couple attended many rodeos where Pearl assisted local rodeo committees and/or timed rodeo events. Clair competed and/or judged. He earned the 1955 NDRA (non-RCA) calf roping championship.



Greg Childs, Kaysville, Utah, recalls attending rodeos with his dad – old-time calf roper Jim Childs, Mandan – in the 1950s. "It seems that our outfit was always parked near Clair's. Pearl would look after my sis and me while the men were in the arena." Recalling Clair's favorite rope horse, Goldie, Childs adds, "My sis and I could always count on Goldie as a mount for the grand entry."

NDCHF Founding President Evelyn Neuens, Bismarck, recalls of that same time period, "When our kids were rodeoing Pearl took care of all the kids on the circuit. She and Clair were the ma and the pa of any kid needing help or advice. Just when some kids were about to give up, Pearl and Clair would come along, give them a good pep talk and off they'd go again."


As the NDRA's first secretary-treasurer, Neuens remembers Pearl's commitment. "She's the one that really made it. She kept it all together." Time and again, Pearl or Evelyn called in high school and NDRA rodeo results so rodeo would be featured in the next day's newspaper. "I think that was very important in getting rodeo associations started," Neuens says. "Nobody had any money then, so it had

to be volunteer."

Reflecting on Cullen's overall contributions, NDCHF President Phil Baird, Mandan, says, "The documentation of a lot of rodeo history in the 1950s and '60s was due to the diligent efforts of Pearl. As the founding NDRA secretary, she not only thoroughly documented the success stories within that association, she also chronicled accomplishments of high school, college and professional rodeo competitors from North Dakota. Her work provides a super snapshot of the great accomplishments of North Dakota rodeo cowboys during that era."

Through the years Pearl often fantasized about her neighbor, Hannah Smith's lovely, well-preserved sidesaddle. On July 4, 1947, Pearl had her first opportunity to wear an old-fashioned, borrowed dress with a big skirt and ride sidesaddle in the Mandan parade. Pearl then acquired her own sidesaddle and styled her own riding dresses. Mavis Bucholz, Wilton, and Pearl soon found an authentic Lola Gentry sidesaddle dress pattern. The women welcomed other ladies with sidesaddles to join them in appearances. Pearl's last appearance riding sidesaddle was July 30, 1994 at the first Taylor Horse-Fest, Taylor.

Clair died June 23, 2001. Today, Pearl lives in Bismarck where she continues to be an avid cheerleader of the NDRA and enjoys seeing her successors carry on. She put a lot of time and effort into the NDRA, but she enjoyed every minute of it. Pearl says, "A love of horses has made a big difference in my life. It pays to have horse hair in your blood."



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TALKIN' WITH TRUSTEES

Rex Cook, Dickinson

NDCHF District: 3

Family: wife, Ann; son, Brian, Arvada, Colo.; daughter, Sally, Bismarck; and four grandchildren.

Occupation: "I taught in Dickinson Public Schools from 1964-89. During the summer I raised cattle and horses and competed in rodeos and horse shows."

What was your first job? "One of my first jobs was working on a threshing crew at 13 years old. I got 35 cents per hour."

How did you choose your line of work? "After graduating from Sentinel Butte High School in 1945 I taught the Goldsberry School in 1945-46. Then I graduated from college in 1950. I started teaching because there was a demand for teachers. It also gave me time to work my ranch and participate in ranching/rodeo activities."

Notable horse: "When I was 13 I had a roan gelding that I broke to ride. He was really a bronc but turned out to be a good horse."

Favorite Ranching Memory: "While growing up my favorite activity was the horse roundup. Each year we'd gather horses, brand colts, castrate studs and start breaking horses. Chasing horses and working horses in corrals is very exciting."

First Rodeo Experience: "In 1945, Howard Van Horn put on a rodeo at his ranch. I was the announcer, entered the calf roping and the wild horse race."

Favorite rodeo event: "I competed in calf roping and team roping for a number of years. My favorite event is calf roping."

Name four things you like: "Good horses, good friends, good western music and good books."

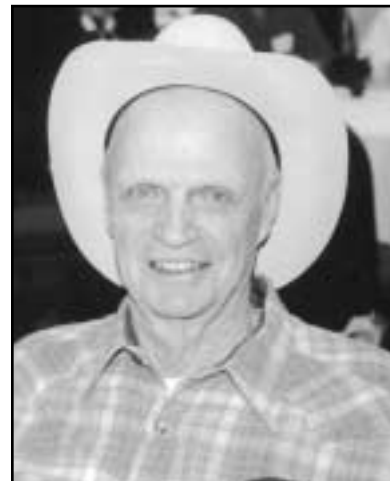
Latest book read: "'The Lazy B,' by Sandra Day O'Conner. She was raised on a ranch in New Mexico."

Who do you consider a hero? "My heroes are the many men who have given their lives in the wars to protect our country and our way of life."

Who has most influenced you? "Two men who greatly influenced me while I was growing up were my uncle, Ted Cook, and Richard Moore. Both were old-time horse ranchers. It was fun to work with them."

Honors and accomplishments: "I enjoy leatherwork. In 1989 the North Dakota Council on the Arts chose me to demonstrate leather carving and saddle-making at the North Dakota Centennial Celebration in Bismarck. I have enjoyed teaching saddle-making to numerous people. A recent accomplishment was winning the open cutting at Miles City, Mont., April 22, 2002."

Why do you support the NDCHF? "It's needed – to preserve the western history of the state."



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SRRHSR Club Earns Award

The Sheyenne Red River High School Rodeo Club, West Fargo, received the first-ever North Dakota High School Rodeo Association "Best High School Rodeo Event" award for the 2002 rodeo season. Club President Ron Bjorland, West Fargo, received the award at the NDHSRA Finals held June 14-16 in Bowman.

The SRRHSR Club hosted its 28th rodeo in April. Spokesperson Karen Chilson, West Fargo, says, "We are very honored to have received this award and look forward to making our 2003 rodeo better than ever."

TALKIN' WITH TRUSTEES

Frances M. Werre, Wahpeton

NDCHF District: 12

Family: husband, Ed; two sons, James, Fargo, and Joel, Dunn Center.

Occupation: Retired teacher

What was your first job? "Working at the AAA office in Killdeer. It paid \$2.50/day."

How did you choose your line of work? "Typing all day gave me a backache so I enrolled in Dickinson State Teacher's College."

First horse: "Flicka. My sister and I were excited to be told to go to the barn after opening our Christmas Eve gifts. There Dad had two ponies in a stall – Fleet and Flicka."

Favorite Ranching Memory: "Riding in the Badlands for the fall roundup."

Favorite Rodeo Event: "Saddle bronc riding is exciting; often local talent."

When you were 13, what did you want to be when you grew up? "A teacher."

Name things you like: "Rain during drought, frost after mosquitoes, riding, swimming, reading, housekeeping, raising flowers and golfing."

Who do you consider a hero? "My dad, Earl Morrell, because he introduced me to horses. George Fenton, for his unassuming mannerisms and his dedication to ranching."

One unique thing about yourself: "I like to memorize or rememorize old poems."

Free-time activity: "I make greeting cards."

Latest book read: "'Peace Like A River' by Leif Enger."

Greatest learning experience: "During high school I roomed and boarded at the Taylor Hotel in Dunn Center during the winter months. Bill (Taylor) and I were buddies because we both liked horses. He cautioned me not to ask so many questions and to listen more – a great learning experience."

Advice for a young person: "Choose wholesome friends."

Why do you support the NDCHF? "North Dakota is a rural state. The ranching industry was vital to our history and I hope it will continue to be vital and viable in the future."



Father William J. Fahnlander Book Available

"An Ordinary Disciple of Christ," a book celebrating the life of North Dakota's Father William J. Fahnlander was released in March. The 155-page soft-cover book contains stories and photos gathered from more than 60 individuals who knew Fahnlander throughout his life.

"From the time his death was announced, I heard stories about

Father Bill," says Rev. David G. Morman, who conceived and financed the project. "I thought that bringing these stories together in a book was a way to honor the stories and honor the man." The book was edited by Jeri L. Dobrowski, Beach.

Excerpts from an abundant collection of letters and articles Fahnlander left behind paint a poignant picture of his

daily routine as a father to hundreds of boys at Home On The Range (HOTR), Sentinel Butte. It also includes notes and photos portraying his association with the HOTR Champions Ride, including photos of Fahnlander with

1998 NDCHF Inductee Jim Tescher, with movie and singing star Rex Allen and accepting the 2000 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Special Achievement award for Champions Ride.

Besides the obvious references to Fahnlander's life, Morman sees the book having another mission: "This book is testimony of God's goodness exhibited in one person."

Book profits are being donated to the Father Fahnlander Endowment within the HOTR Foundation. The fund supports religious activities, which are vital to the Ranch's curriculum.

The book sells for \$17.95 and is available in local retail outlets or via mail by adding \$2.25 postage. To order the book send \$20.20 to "Fr. Bill Book" Dept. NDCHF, 725 12th St. W, Dickinson, ND 58601-3516.

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Notes from the NDCHF Office

These are exciting days at the NDCHF. We're preparing for our fifth round of inductions and have started our Capital Fundraising Drive that should allow us to begin construction this winter.

Three months ago, with help from U.S. Senator Kent Conrad, we landed a \$750,000 Economic Development Administration grant. However, to get the full \$750,000 we have to raise some matching funds.

Recently, we also received notification of a \$250,000 Department of Transportation grant and a \$20,000 Department of Interior grant. Combined with last year's legislative funding (\$100,000), a \$250,000 pledge from Billings County, \$100,000 from the City of Medora, and a number of smaller pledges, we now have nearly \$1.6 million committed to our building fund! We also have a building site valued at nearly \$1 million and several important collections – saddles and photos – to build around.

The estimated cost of the building project and exhibits is about \$3 million. That's a small amount compared to the value of preserving North Dakota's heritage and culture. Building a center of heritage and history to honor the plains horse culture and those who have played a key role cannot be measured in dollars.

Still, here is an opportunity to put costs in perspective: The Associated Press recently ran a story about a National Cowgirl Museum that opened in Fort Worth, Texas. It has 33,000 square feet and was built at a

cost of \$21 million. The Hall of Fame in Medora will have more than 15,000 square feet plus a 4,000 square foot patio. Our project is half the size and if we use the square-foot cost of the Texas project as an example, it would

cost more than \$10 million. It won't. It will cost approximately \$3 million which is manageable.

We are still working on corporate grants and have started our final Capital Funds Drive for individuals. We hope to raise \$3 million, which would allow us to match all the grants we've received while establishing an endowment fund to provide an adequate continuing source of funding to make this the premier center of western heritage and culture on the Northern Plains.

Former North Dakota Governor Arthur Link is honorary chairperson of the Capital Funds Drive. T.J. Russell of Mandan's Cloverdale Foods is the general chair, and Joe Hauer of United Printing of Bismarck and Phoenix is the general vice chair. Several others are also involved.

Walter Rachinski of American City Bureau (ACB) will manage the Drive. ACB has a long history of fundraising success in North Dakota, including the beautiful Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Washburn.


With generous support from friends like you we'll open our doors in early 2004. But a lot of individuals who are serious about the preservation of the plains horse culture need to step forward in the great American spirit of charitable giving for the common good.

I took that step myself the other day. Now, I hope you'll join me and other supporters of the Hall of Fame – members, trustees and the board – who are being asked to commit to the preservation of your story for those who will follow tomorrow.

Best Regards,



Darrell Dorgan
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NDCHF Livestock Donation Program Continues

This spring the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame livestock donation program netted more than \$1,000 for the NDCHF.

Dan Kalil, WK Cattle Co., Williston, sold a \$500 calf recognizing banker Tom Davidson, Williston, and rancher Les Best, Bighorn, Mont. "It's in honor of the relationship and friendship that they had," Kalil says. "It was what Les calls '40 years on a handshake.'"

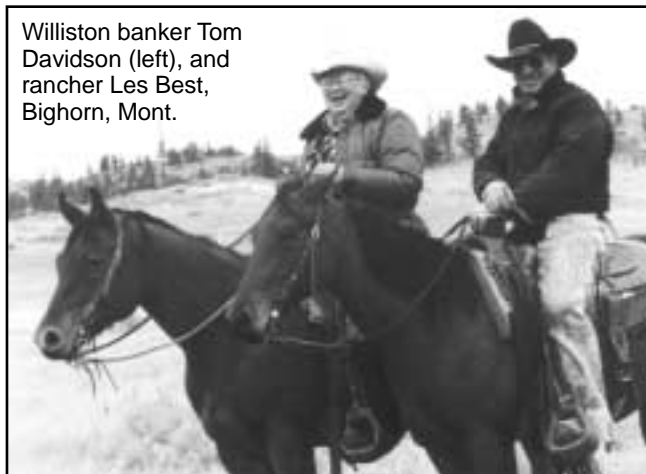
Les Best first came to North Dakota in the mid-'40s to work for Jim Connolly, Dunn Center. He started working for Davidson Cattle Company (DCC) on North Dakota's

Fort Berthold Reservation in 1960. Five years later Best and Davidson agreed to stick together indefinitely, eventually building DCC into 30,000 acres in southeastern Montana.

Though Davidson died in November 2000, the owner/operator arrangement continues between the Best and Davidson families. Kalil notes, "Les is still running the ranch, making saddles in the basement and inspiring the rest of us on how life should be lived."

In addition, a black heifer calf raised \$508 for the NDCHF. The calf, consigned by an unknown seller, was marketed on March 16 at Kist Livestock, Mandan.

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



Williston banker Tom Davidson (left), and rancher Les Best, Bighorn, Mont.

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plains to the pioneers who followed. This grant will help us improve the Hall of Fame to serve as one of the premier attractions in Medora, one of the finest tourism destinations in our state," Conrad said.

"The Hall of Fame will preserve and explain our rich western heritage, the hard way of life on these plains and the rewards of that life. I couldn't be more pleased that the federal government has recognized the worth of this project." Noting the economic potential he added, "This is going to mean more people coming to Medora, and those same people are going to stop in Bismarck, Mandan, Dickinson and Belfield."

NDCHF President Phil Baird,

Mandan, said, "We're here to celebrate and acknowledge a significant accomplishment toward our goal of raising approximately \$3 million to create the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Center of Western Heritage and Cultures: Native American, Ranching and Rodeo."

Officials hope to open the NDCHF in 2004, which coincides with the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial celebration. With millions of visitors expected in the state in the next five years Baird added, "Those people want to know about cowboys and Indians. That's a very important part of our culture and heritage and we finally have a project that's going to bring the horse culture of rodeo, ranching and indigenous people together."

In addition, the NDCHF recently received notification of a \$250,000 Department of Transportation grant. A June 21 letter from Governor John Hoeven states, "It is my pleasure to inform you that

funding will be available for the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame. The Director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation, David Sprynczynatyk, and the Transportation Enhancement Tourism Plan Committee have recommended that the exhibit portions of your project relating to surface transportation be funded under the Transportation Enhancement Program."

Other entities have also recently made major financial commitments toward the building project:

- Basin Electric, Bismarck, has pledged \$25,000.
- the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service has pledged \$20,000 toward the Native American exhibit.
- Consolidated Telephone, Dickinson, has pledged a major in-kind contribution to assist with telephones, computers, monitoring systems, interactive television systems.
- Real Estate developer Pat Altringer, Dickinson, has pledged \$10,000.
- Stark County Development, Dickinson, has pledged \$10,000 toward the NDCHF.
- Three Affiliated Tribes, New Town, has pledged \$10,000.

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The following are new North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame sustaining members. To contribute to the sustaining drive or building fund, please complete and mail the form on page 20.

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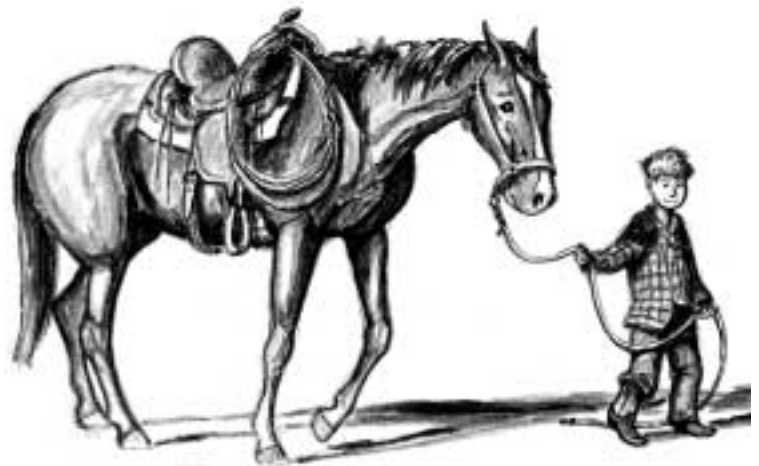
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N.D. Native Clay S. Jenkinson to Keynote Induction

Best known for his portrayal of President Thomas Jefferson, North Dakota native Clay S. Jenkinson will enlighten and entertain attendees at the 5th Annual North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Hall of Honorees Induction. The ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 3, at 1 p.m., Tjaden Terrace, Medora.

Born in Minot, Jenkinson lived most of his young life in Dickinson, eventually adopting Marmarth as his hometown. A humanities scholar, author and social commentator, he lectures throughout the United States. His range of topics spans from the paradoxes in Jeffersonian philosophy to the history of the American Wilderness, from the epic adventure of Lewis and Clark to the future of the Great Plains.

According to an April 29, 2002 *Dickinson Press* article, "Jenkinson considers himself a child of the Great



Plains and believes firmly that we are shaped by the place where we spend the formative

years of our lives. He describes the western Great Plains as the 'landscape of the improbable,' a corridor that is unappealing to most outsiders and very hard on its insiders, and yet a landscape that lends itself to spiritual experiences."

He has authored "The Character of Meriwether Lewis: 'Completely Metamorphosed' in the American West" and "Message on the Wind: A

Spiritual Odyssey on the Northern Plains." He is a scholar in residence at Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Ore., and is editing the North Dakota Lewis and Clark Journals for the State Historical Society of North Dakota. He hosts a nationally syndicated radio program "The Thomas Jefferson Hour®" and hosts/directs a public broadcasting book review program each week.

A Rhoades Scholar, he holds degrees from the University of Minnesota and Oxford University and has received numerous humanities awards.

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Individuals Honored with Memorial Plaques and File Cards

North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame supporters may honor loved ones with \$1,000 Memorial Wall plaques or \$250 card file entries. Jack Chase and John W. Gerbig are currently being honored with plaques while Albert "Spec" Lewellyn is being honored with a file card.

•**Jack Chase** was born near Carson in 1934. He grew up on a ranch and was a notable athlete at Carson High School, graduating in 1952. After a short stint as a ranchhand at Fort Yates, he took a job at Mandan, managing horses for a popular outdoor western drama, "Trail West." He began working as a North Dakota Stockmen's Association brand inspector in 1960 and served as chief brand inspector from 1985-97. He started rodeoing in 1940 and competed until 1980. Jack earned four North Dakota Rodeo Association steer wrestling championships and was a



Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Gold Card member. He was noted for his impeccable ability to share wild, western stories.

•**John W. Gerbig** was born 22 miles south of Medora in 1915. He attended Billings County's German School, which included the sometimes treacherous adventure of crossing Third Creek to get to and from school. John attended Belfield High and graduated from Dickinson's Model High School. He ranched with his parents, eventually purchasing the ranch from them in 1953. He took great pride in his Hereford cattle branded "X (over) 4" on the left rib. He was a fair man, a respected rancher and a good neighbor. In 1980 he sold his ranch to his niece and her husband, Margie and Cary Hande, Amidon. John was a true cowboy. He believed in keeping his fences tight and in minding his own



business.

•**Albert "Spec" Lewellyn** was born at Wimbledon in 1915. As a little kid he'd climb up the leg of a horse. He became a natural jockey at horse races in Fessenden. He married Nellie F. Fehr in 1936. Spec farmed and raised horses at Wimbledon before moving to Valley City in 1956. He helped found the Sheyenne Valley Riding Club and initiated trail rides. He lost a leg in 1961, but continued working, riding horseback and hunting. In 1967 he was honored as the local outstanding handicapped citizen, though he never considered himself handicapped. He loved life and people.

Additional plaques and file cards will be acknowledged in the November *Cowboy Chronicle*. For more information call the NDCHF office at 701-250-1833.



Cloverdale to Launch New NDCHF Product: 100-percent Beef Smoked Sausage

Cloverdale Foods Company, Mandan and the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame will launch a co-branded, 100-percent beef, smoked-sausage product in July. The country-style sausage will sell in 14-oz. packages labeled with Cloverdale and NDCHF logos.

“We’ll work it into our marketing channels like we did the beef franks,” says Cloverdale Marketing Manager Donna Thronson. “It may take a little time to get it worked into all the stores, but by fall, the sausage should be available across the state.”

The first Cloverdale/NDCHF product, 100-percent beef franks, was introduced in March 2001. “The franks have sold incredibly well through retail and food service,” Thronson says.

NDCHF Executive Director Darrell Dorgan notes that the Hall of Fame needs members and supporters willing to demonstrate product in stores this summer and fall. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Dorgan at 701-250-1833.

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Obituaries

Ervin Bourgois

Ervin Bourgois, 96, died Feb. 27, 2002.

Ervin was born July 22, 1905 on his father's homestead near Double Ditch Indian Mounds north of Bismarck. He married Dorothy Thistlethwaite on Nov. 18, 1933. They raised cattle and farmed north of Bismarck for about 50 years. He was a state representative in the early 1950s, was an American National Cattlemen's Association and a North Dakota Stockmen's Association member for 57 years. He served the Central Livestock Cooperative, headquartered in St. Paul, Minn., and was involved in soil conservation and irrigation.

He is survived by three children, Roger (Lorraine), Bismarck, Virginia (Robert) Dunnigan, Walhalla, and Sally (William) Pratt, East Lansing, Mich.; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Robert E. Caudel

Robert E. Caudel, 74, died April 8, 2002.

Bob was born Sept. 17, 1927 in Nebraska. He served in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps before starting as a mail boy and messenger at Denver National Bank. He worked in the banking industry throughout his life, including with the Bank of North Dakota. He married Pat Higgins June 2, 1978. He also raised cattle and farmed until fully retiring in 1992.

He is survived by his wife and their dog, Sophie.

Marshall "Dutch" Dralle

Marshall M. "Dutch" Dralle, 88, died Jan. 27, 2002.

Dutch was born Sept. 18, 1913 on the family farm near Moffit. He attended rural school and married Helen Carlson in 1940. They farmed in Emmons County until 1963 when they moved to the Sterling area. He served the Emmons County ASCS Board and Sibley Butte Township Board for many years.

He is survived by one son, Monte (Karen), Dralle, Sterling, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lawrence Faris

Lawrence W. Faris, 93, died March 10, 2002.

Lawrence was born Dec. 7, 1908 near Amidon. He attended rural Faris School and graduated from Bowman High School in 1929. He married Frances Grace on Oct. 17, 1937. In 1938 they purchased the Roy Cochran operation south of Bowman. They farmed and ranched there until April 1971 when they moved into Bowman. He enjoyed playing banjo and at one time hosted barn dances for extra income. He was an avid hunter and a generous community supporter.

He is survived by his wife; two children, Laureen Stuber, Bowman, Lowell (Jan) Faris, Bowman; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Borghild Folkvord

Borghild Folkvord, 84, died Feb. 1, 2002.

Borghild Bratberg was born March 27, 1917 near Charbonneau. She attended Minot Teacher's College and Billings Teacher's College, teaching in Richland County, Mont., and McKenzie County. She married Olaf Folkvord June 15, 1942. They ranched near Squaw Gap for 56 years. Since Olaf was crippled, Borghild worked outdoors riding horseback, feeding cattle, farming and haying. Borghild and Olaf believed that right was right and wrong was wrong and there was nothing in between. They taught their children the value of hard work and a deep faith in God. She enjoyed tole painting, rosemaling, needlework, reading and was an accomplished seamstress.

She is survived by two children, Rusty, Squaw Gap, and Kay (Ted) Tescher, Medora, and two grandchildren.

William C. "Bill" Forthun

William C. "Bill" Forthun, 85, died May 19, 2002.

Bill was born northeast of Alexander on Nov. 7, 1916. He attended a rural school and graduated from Alexander High School in 1934. As a young man he worked at the Birdhead Ranch

northeast of Alexander and later worked on the Matt Crowley Ranch. He served in the U.S. Army and earned numerous medals. He married Dora Edna Bratcher in 1947. They raised their family and farmed/ranched northeast of Alexander. He was a 4-H leader for 10 years and served on the McKenzie County Fair Board.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Dennis (Beverly), and Darrell, both of Williston; a daughter Myrna (Harold) Monson, Alexander; and nine grandchildren.

John W. Gerbig

John W. Gerbig, 86, died May 19, 2002.

John was born on his parents' ranch 22 miles south of Medora on Dec. 28, 1915. He attended a rural Billings County School, Belfield High and Model High, Dickinson. He ranched with his parents, purchasing the operation from them in 1953. He took great pride in raising Hereford cattle, was a fair man, a respected rancher and a good friend to his neighbors. He married Effie (Hlebichuck) Dolyniuk Oct. 30, 1971. They remained on the ranch until 1980 when they retired into a new home in Belfield.

He is survived by his wife; one step-son Steve Dolyniuk, Oceanside, Calif.; two step-daughters, Phyllis Gifford, Carlsbad, Calif., and Jeannie Collum, Tulsa, Okla.; three step-grandchildren; one brother and two sisters.

Daniel J. Hafele

Daniel J. Hafele, 33, died Feb. 17, 2002.

Daniel was born May 6, 1968 in Dickinson. He was raised on the family ranch near Rhame and graduated from high school in 1987. He married Beverly Conlon in 1996. He enjoyed the outdoors through hunting, fishing, running traps, bow hunting and photography. He was an accomplished horse trainer who enjoyed braiding horse tack and writing.

He is survived by his wife; his parents, Louis and Cecelia Hafele, Rhame; and four sisters.

Obituaries

Andrew Hecker

Andrew D. Hecker, 84, died Feb. 15, 2002.

Andrew was born Sept. 28, 1917 at Fairfield. He attended eight years of school in rural Fairfield schools. He served in the U.S. Army and received the Bronze Star. He married Victoria Schaff on June 25, 1946. In 1947 he purchased the Ray Hatley ranch northwest of Forham. He raised commercial Herefords and was named 1993 Commercial Hereford Man of the Year. He fully retired in 1997. He was a member of the North Dakota Civilian Rifle Team, Medora Grazing Association and North Dakota Stockmen's Association.

He is survived by his wife; five children, Karen (Roger) Brackel, Mott, Arlene (Ralph) Betz, Caldwell, Idaho, Lyle (Jackie) Hecker, Belfield, Wayne Hecker, Salmon, Idaho, and Dwight "Ike" (Theresa) Hecker, Fairfield; and five grandchildren.

Elmer "Mike" Knight

Elmer "Mike" Knight, 92, died March 5, 2002.

Elmer was born Nov. 11, 1909 in a log house on the family homestead three miles west of Charlson. He attended country schools through the eighth grade. As a young man he farmed and worked in Tacoma, Wash., shipyards. He served in the Army Air Force. He married Anna Jellesed in 1949. He served as a mail carrier, sold fertilizer and set up grain bins until he retired. He loved time with his family, visiting, with friends, fishing and playing cards.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Patricia (Roger) Wehage, Dunlap, Ill., and Anita (Roger) Johnson, Bismarck; and five grandchildren.

Albert "Spec" Lewellyn

Albert "Spec" Lewellyn, 86, died Feb. 12, 2002.

Albert was born Nov. 24, 1915 at Wimbledon. He graduated from Wimbledon High School and worked in the CCC's. He married Nellie E. Fehr Jan. 29, 1936. He farmed, raised

Thoroughbred, Arabian and Appaloosa horses, and owned a dairy, cafe and grocery store in Wimbledon before moving to Valley City in 1956. He was a noted Valley City parade marshall and timed many horse shows and playdays.

He is survived by four children, Dennis (Linda Leick) Lewellyn, Sharon (Don) Wright, all of Valley City; Nancy McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., and Jan Lewellyn, San Diego; a special friend, Myla Nielsen, Valley City; a special relative, Gayle Lewellyn, Bismarck; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

D. Kyle "Kelly" Miller

D. Kyle "Kelly" Miller, 77, died Jan. 30, 2002.

Kelly was born Nov. 30, 1924 northwest of Towner. He grew up on the family farm, finished high school in Towner and earned a four-year animal science degree from North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo. He served in the Army Corps during World War II. He married Alice Springer in 1949. They returned to the family farm/ranch in 1950 and enjoyed a full life for the next 36 years. He served as 1968-70 North Dakota Stockmen's Association president and spent six sessions as NDSA legislative representative. He served on the National Live Stock and Meat Board, was North Dakota Beef Commission chairman and led numerous organizations in the Towner area. He received the NDSA Top Hand award in 1996 and NDSU Agriculturalist and Alumni Achievement awards.

He is survived by his wife; four sons, Jeff (Karen), Rugby, Steve (Jane), Boise, Idaho, Scot (Robyn), Billings, Mont., and Brad (Sandi), Quito, Ecuador; and 13 grandchildren.

William D. "Bill" Scott

William D. Scott, 78, died May 17, 2001.

Bill was born July 11, 1922 near Manning. He graduated from Model High, Dickinson, in 1941. He married Agnes Weber Nov. 2, 1946. He

farmed/ranched on the family homestead throughout his life. He enjoyed feeding his cattle with his "M" tractor, painting, wood carving, collecting arrowheads and antiques.

He is survived by his wife; four sons, David (Carol), Ferron, Utah, Gordon (Gale), Lyman, Wyo., Bruce (Shelly) Tiffin, Ohio, and Billy (Donna), Manning; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Marie Tyler

Marie Tyler, 93, died Feb. 1, 2002.

Marie Cordner was born July 1, 1908 in Moffit. She graduated from Bismarck High School in 1926 and married James Tyler in 1938. She was Miss Rodeo North Dakota contest director from 1958-64, North Dakota CowBelles president in 1963-64 and American National CowBelles president in 1964-65. She was inducted into the North Dakota State University Saddle & Sirloin Club Hall of Fame in 1976 and into the Northern International Livestock Exposition Hall of Fame, Billings, Mont., in 1979. She also served as National Live Stock & Meat Board chairman. She received a National Golden Spur Award in 1985 and was inducted into the Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in 1987. She was inducted into the North Dakota Agricultural Hall of Fame, Valley City, in 2002.

She is survived by her daughter, Peggy Tyler Rowe, Great Falls, Mont., three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Evelyn Veeder

Evelyn Veeder, 77, died April 23, 2002.

Evelyn Wahus was born June 16, 1924 in Charlson. She was educated in the Keene area and then worked for McDonald Douglas in Spokane, Wash. She returned to Watford City and married Cleo Veeder on Aug. 28, 1943. They farmed in ranched for seven years before moving into Killdeer. She was a lifetime member of the Killdeer Saddle Club and enjoyed her grand-
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children, great-grandchildren and crocheting.

She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Barb Reems, Killdeer, Edith (Jim) Brown, Spotsylvania, Va., and Cynthia "Sam" (Frank) Ray, Appleton, Wis; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

James F. Weekes

James F. Weekes, 84, died May 2, 2002.

Jim was born Aug. 4, 1917 at the Riverside Ranch near Almont. He grew up there and attended country school. In 1931 he moved with his family to the HT Ranch west of Amidon. After one year of high school Jim quit to help on the ranch. At 16, he knew his place in life was to be a cowboy. He and his father began staging rodeos at the HT Ranch, drawing people from miles around. He served in the U.S. Army where he was in charge of a 15-horse pack train. In 1944 he and his father purchased a ranch along the Cedar River in Grant County. He married Janet Ferguson in 1945 and they raised cattle and Quarter Horses. Jim put together a good set of pickup horses and traveled to rodeos across the region. They worked their last rodeos in Raleigh in 1974 and '75. He was also a stock contractor and helped many young cowboys get started in the business. The family sold their Grant County ranch in 1971, purchasing a ranch southeast of Belle Fourche, S.D. James and Janet retired to Aladdin, Wyo., in 1991 and moved into Spearfish, S.D., in 2001.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter Nola (Malcom) Price, Wasta, S.D.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Send notice/obituary to: North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, 1110 College Drive, Suite 212, Bismarck, ND 58501. While all submissions will be noted, space availability and NDCHF relevancy may dictate length.

NDCHF Cookbook Project On Target

"Yee-haw! The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame cookbook project is on target," says Chairperson Karen Chilson, West Fargo. "Thanks to all of you, we have well over 300 recipes."

As of late June, Chilson, along with committee members Roberta Johnson, West Fargo; Lois Northrop, Fargo; and Janice Rustad, Kindred; were busy separating the recipes into categories. "We will have everything ready to mail to the printers by August 1," Chilson says. The committee has sold seven divider pages thus far and hopes to sell 10. "The divider pages are really history pages of North Dakota businesses," she explains. Divider-page sponsors provide a history of their family and/or business, which will be printed in the cookbook. Also, once the committee has an agreement with one type of business, they will not seek another

er sponsorship from the same type of business.

"By November 1, I should have a living room and kitchen full of boxes of cookbooks," Chilson says. "Just in time for your holiday gift giving."

One hundred percent of the net profit goes toward the NDCHF. Cookbooks will sell for \$15 each, but a prepress sales special of no shipping and handling is being offered. "Watch for cookbook committee members at Medora in August," Chilson concludes. "We'll be the pushy ol' gals handing out bright-colored coupons!"

Mail orders postmarked on or before Oct. 1 will receive free shipping and handling. To order by mail, send \$15 per book to NDCHF Cookbook, Karen Chilson, P.O. Box 218, West Fargo, N.D. 58078. For more information or to order books after Oct. 1, call Chilson at 701-282-7837.



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North Dakota projects, including the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Washburn. Rachinski himself has helped organizations raise more than \$1 billion over the last 30 years. "Walter Rachinski is not a gun slinger," he says, assuring the membership. "I believe twisting people's arms is the wrong way to run a campaign. Successful campaigns are not just in reaching the goal. You can reach a campaign goal but have a lot of unhappy donors. The corollary is you could have a lot of happy donors and not reach your campaign goal. The fine line between the two is having the right campaign leadership."

Reflecting on the NDCHF's last seven years, Executive Director Darrell Dorgan, Bismarck, says, "The first two years focused on building momentum and selecting a location. In the four-and-a-half years since, we have built a vibrant organization with more than 1,000 charter and annual-

dues-paying members. Though we were stymied a bit after the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation dropped their Center of the American West project, their support for the NDCHF got us quickly back on track."

Noting that the NDCHF has financial commitments of more than \$1.6 million and a building and site in Medora valued at \$1 million, Dorgan adds, "We could go with the financial commitments we already have, but we wouldn't end up with an entity that will proudly honor North Dakotans for many, many generations to come."

NDCHF President Phil Baird, Mandan, concludes, "We're excited to be in the fundraising campaign in earnest. We have a substantial goal to accomplish in a very short time. We're hopeful that people will step up to the plate to make financial contributions that will allow us to move into construction next year and be open in 2004."

NDCHF Prepares \$3 Million Capital Funds Drive

Intensive planning for the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Capital Funds Drive is under way. Organizers hope to raise 80 percent of the necessary capital by mid-December 2002. "It's kind of like horse race: you don't just put them in the starting gate. There's a lot of time and preparation on the preliminary stuff," says Walter Rachinski, an American City Bureau (ACB) fundraising consultant. Rachinski is assisting the committee with numerous duties from developing a strategic plan to writing a comprehensive case statement, preparing prospectuses to designing a campaign brochure. Rachinski is also visiting individual NDCHF board members, reviewing the strategic plan and seeking their personal commitment to the campaign.

Capital Funds Drive honorary chair is former Governor Art Link, Bismarck. General chair is T.J. Russell, Mandan, while general vice chair is Joe Hauer, Bismarck. Other chairpersons are assisting:

- Major Gifts "B" Division Chair Evelyn Neuens, Bismarck.
- Special Gifts Division Chair Bob Tibor, Hebron.
- General Community Gifts Chair

- Janice Rustad, Kindred.
- Marketing Task Force Chair Darrell Dorgan, Bismarck.
- Prospect Development Task Force Chair Pat Weir, Bismarck/Medora.
- Audit Task Force Chair Laura Griffin, Medora.

A major part of the campaign is identifying and selecting the targeted prospective donor base which consists of about 1,200 individuals at various dollar ranges. "Capability is key," Rachinski says. "It would be ridiculous to approach some-

one for \$50,000 if they can only give \$500. That's why the prospect development process is very important."

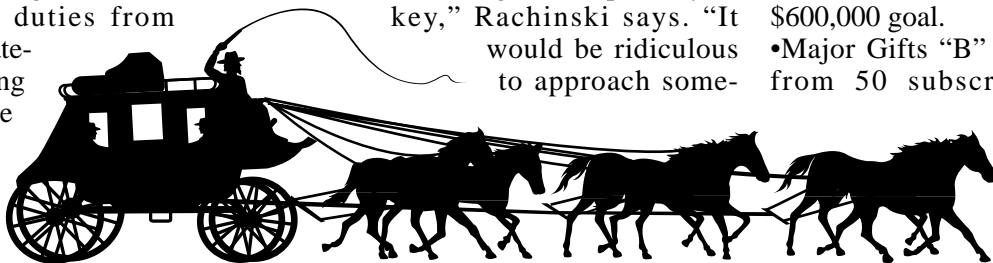
The drive is also an opportunity for individuals or businesses to fund specific components within the Hall of Fame. Qualifying donors may name rooms after themselves or as memorials to family members. Rooms available for recognition include the theater, gallery, board room and exhibit areas. Rachinski says in many drives the building itself is named for a major contributor, such as "Engelstad Arena," at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

The NDCHF is seeking a \$1 million lead gift. Other gift categories, giving levels, number of subscribers needed and category goals are as follows:

- Leadership Gifts of \$100,000 or more from 24 subscribers to meet a \$1,450,000 goal.
- Pacesetter Gifts of \$50,000-\$100,000 from 40 subscribers to meet a \$600,000 goal.
- Major Gifts "A" of \$10,000-\$50,000 from 42 subscribers to meet a \$600,000 goal.
- Major Gifts "B" of \$5,000-\$10,000 from 50 subscribers to meet a \$250,000 goal.
- Special Gifts of \$1,000-\$5,000 from 135 subscribers to meet a \$210,000 goal.

"These campaigns don't succeed on equal gifts but rather, on equal generosity," Rachinski explains. "Someone who gives a \$1,000 gift may have been more generous than someone who gave a \$100,000 gift, so everybody is important." He estimates that the NDCHF will host a major media event in August to acknowledge the capital funds campaign. "There's no such thing as an easy campaign," he adds. "Hard work is the yeast that raises the dough."

ACB has assisted in successful fundraising campaigns for several
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