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Welcome to the 67th Annual Champions Ride Saddle Bronc Match! Thank you for coming and we hope you enjoy the day because it is going to be exciting! We are pleased to have with us guests from R&J Bus Tours of Minnesota. They have been faithful supporters since 2012. Also, with us today is North Dakota's rodeo royalty, the Linseth Family who is performing live for us, and of course many top P.R.C.A. cowboys and broncs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors and advertisers that help make this event possible. You can read more about the sponsors and advertisers in our commemorative program book. Also, special thanks to our rodeo committee who have been working on this event for the past year. They work hard to make sure each year is better than the previous year. This year we have new seating above the chutes and we added a new purse payout of \$50,000!

A special thank you to all the volunteers and staff who are willing to help out today. There are many people who are donating their time to work in the concessions, helping direct traffic and parking, bringing their team and wagon for special guests, or working in the arena. We would not be able to put on an event of this magnitude without them, and their time and talents are greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank P.R.C.A. and the Cowboy Channel for live-streaming our event. We are honored that the Champions Ride Saddle Bronc Match will be featured on the Cowboy Channel.

We are privileged to have Glee Nett, Executive Director of Children't Western Wish Foundation with us today. During the intermission, the Foundation will be recognizing an individual with a special gift presentation. You can read more about their mission and presentations at www.CWWF.org.

This past year, Home On The Range has been blessed to be featured on many different media platforms, BEK-TV, Tigger & Bec podcasts, Ending the Game website, and Dakota Cowboy. You can check out any of these videos on our website or Facebook pages. We have gained a lot of publicity and exposure from outside the state of North Dakota, and have received lots of interest and support.

We hope you enjoy your day with us, and realize that the Champions Ride Saddle Bronc Match is more than just a rodeo. This event helps raise money to support the programs and services for the children we serve. If you would like to learn more about Home On The Range, you can sign up for our free newsletter by visiting <u>www.hotrnd.com</u> or calling our business office for a tour.

Happy Trails and we hope to see you next year on August 3, 2024!

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67th Annual Champions Ride Match

Schedule of Events

1:00 pm Presentation of colors and sponsor flags

National Anthem - Kailee Tescher Canadian Anthem - Alexia Siegle

Cowboy Prayer (Father Nicholas Vetter)

Alvin Nelson Long-Go Saddle Bronc Riding - 1st Go, 1st Sect. Saddle Bronc Riding - 1st Go, 2nd Sect.

Saddle Bronc Riding - 2nd Go, 1st Sect. Saddle Bronc Riding - 2nd Go, 2nd Sect.

Intermission

Cowboy Calcutta

Cowboys draw stock

Stock Bios

Jim and Tom Tescher Championship Round

Awards Presentation

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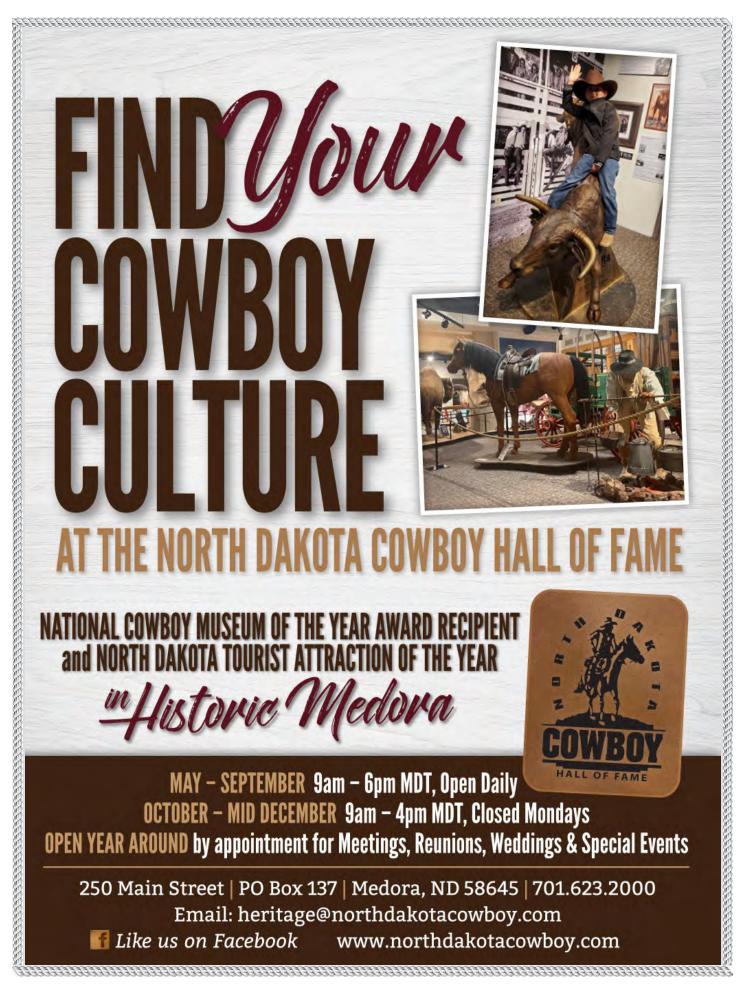
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1957	Alvin Nelson, Grassy Butte, ND	1990	Dan Mortensen, Billings, MT
3 1958	George Menkenmaier, Burn, OR	1991	Ty Murray, Stephenville, TX
1959	Duane Howard, Minnewaukan, ND	1992	Paul Peterson, Edmund, OK
1960	Marty Wood, Bowness, Alberta, Canada	1993	Brad Gjermundson, Marshall, ND
3 1961	Benny Reynolds, Melrose, MT	1994	Craig Latham, Goodwell, OK
3	& Pete Fredericks, Halliday, ND	1995	Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, Canada
3 1962	Shawn Davis, Whitehall, MT	1996	Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, MT
1963	Jim Tescher, Sentinel Butte, ND	1997	Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, Canada
1964	Shawn Davis, Whitehall, MT	1998	Jeremy Crane, Bismarck, ND
1965	Jim Tescher, Sentinel Butte, ND	1999	Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, Canada
1966	Jim Tescher, Sentinel Butte, ND		& Glen O'Neill, Water Valley, Alberta, Canada
1967	Hugh Chambliss, Albuquerque, NM	2000	Glen O'Neill, Water Valley, Alberta, Canada
3 1968	Bill Smith, Cody, WY	2001	Todd Hipsag, Firth, NE
1969	Larry Mahan, Salem, OR	2002	Tom Reeves, Stephenville, TX
1970	Ralph Maynard, Eagle Butte, SD	2003	Dan Mortensen, Dillon, MT
1971	Jim Tescher, Sentinel Butte, ND	2004	Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, SD
1972	Bill Pauley, Miles City, MT	2005	Jeremy Crane, Baldwin, ND
1973	Hugh Chambliss, Albuquerque, NM	2006	Cody Wright, Milford, UT
3 1974	Wally Badgett, Kinsey, MT	2007	JJ Elshere, Quinn, SD
1975	Bill Pauley, Miles City, MT	2008	Cody Wright, Milford, UT
1976	John McBeth, Burden, KS	2009	James Irish, Lewistown, MT
§ 1977	J.C. Bonine, Hysham, MT	2010	Wade Sundell, Bayholm, IA
1978	Bill Pauley, Miles City, MT	2011	Cody Wright, Milford, UT
1979	Bud Pauley, Miles City, MT	2012	Chuck Schmidt, Keldron, SD
3 1980	Bud Pauley, Miles City, MT	2013	Josh Reynolds, Ekalaka, MT
1981	Rockie Kukla, Killdeer, ND	2014	Cole Elshere, Faith, SD
1982	Butch Small, Dubois, ID	2015	Wade Sundell, Colman, OK
1983	Chuck Fratzke, Watford City, ND	2016	Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, AB
1984	Rockie Kukla, Killdeer, ND	2017	Allen Boore, Axtell, UT
3 1985	Harry Rose Jr., Clovis, CA	2018	Allen Boore, Axtell, UT
3 1986	Lewis Feild, Elk Ridge, UT	2019	Wade Sundell, Colman, UT
1987	Marty Jandreau, Kinnebeck, SD	2020	Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, AB
3	& Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, SD	2021	Brody Cress, Hillsdale, WY
1988	Brad Gjermundson, Marshall, ND	2022	Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, AB
3 1989	Robert Etbauer, Goodwell, OK		

CALCUTTA RULES

We have a Calcutta after the first go round. For those of you not familiar with a Calcutta, it's a live auction of the cowboy's qualifying for the final go round. The payout is 80% and 20% to Champions Ride and it pays 6 places. Individuals, groups or businesses can bid on their favorite cowboy and cheer him to be champion, with a chance to win back some money! Bidders will need to pay the secretary at the west-side canopy by the trophy saddle, before the short go round can begin. One social security number is required. If a group is bidding, let us know by coming to the fence or telling a spotter! Payout checks will be dispersed after the rodeo at the HOTR Administration building.

Welcome to the Home On The Range Annual Champions Ride



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Champions Ride?

Champions Ride Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pause, mindful of the many blessings You bestow upon us at Home On The Range, and among our friends gathered here today. We ask that You be with us at the Champions Ride 66th year, and we pray that You will guide us in the arena of life. We don't ask for special favors; we don't ask to draw around a chute-fightin' horse, not to break a barrier, or to never be faced with challenges in our day-to-day lives. We do ask, Lord, for safety of the animals and competitors in the arena and for safe travels following today's event.

Help us, Lord, to live our lives in such a manner, that when we make that last inevitable ride to the country up there, where the grass grows lush, green and stirrup high, and the water runs cool, clear and deep, that You, as our Last Judge, will tell us that our entry fees are paid. Amen.



Barney Sheridan is from the small town of Arlee in Western Montana. A resident for over 30 years, Barney is an announcer with the PRCA, announcing many ProRodeos throughout the year from Washington to Arizona, Idaho, Wyoming, the Dakotas and of course Montana. This year he will work at more than 20 events and more than 50 performances. Barney says "I Love the fact that you have to travel a long way to see most professional sports, But in ProRodeo... we bring the best in the world, right to your backyard! Barney's wife Tara, daughter Nicolle, and son Cody are all members of the PRCA. Tara and Nicolle are both PRCA Music Directors, and his son Cody Sheridan is a Professional Tie Down Roper. "We all get together for a nice dinner in April, and stay in touch throughout the summer season. Everybody going different directions... gets a little crazy at times".

Barney has announced the Turquoise Circuit Finals in Arizona, has received the Western Heritage Award from The University of Montana, and in January 2017 was honored to receive the Western Heritage Award from The Montana ProRodeo Hall And Wall Of Fame. This is Barney's 6th year of announcing at the Champions Ride Match.

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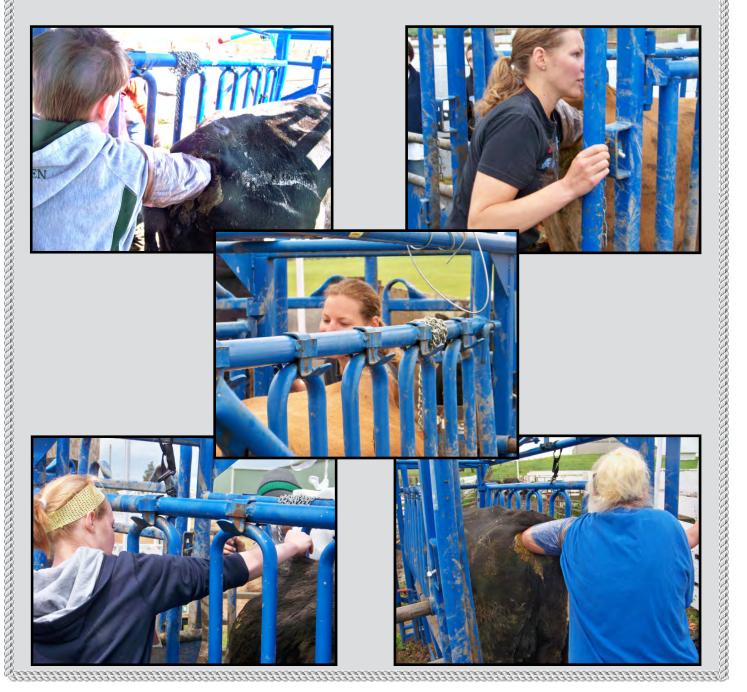


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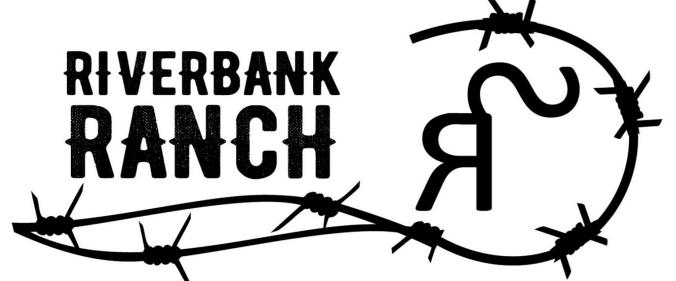
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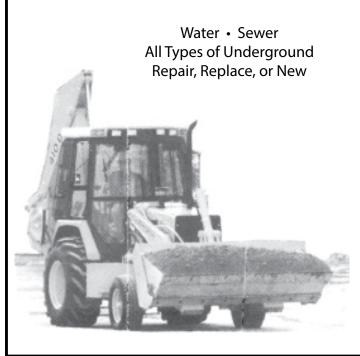
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Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2023 Giving Hearts Day. Home On The Range raised over \$55,000 in online donations! We appreciate your support and hope you will participate in Giving Hearts Day 2024, which will be Thursday, February 8, 2024.

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Teach me to work as hard and play as fair in Thy sight alone as if the world saw.

Forgive me when I am unkind and help me to forgive those who are unkind to me.

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Send me chances to do a little good
every day.
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Home On The Range

A corporation under the auspices of the Bismarck Catholic Diocese of western North Dakota, Home On The Range is a licensed residential child care facility. We provide an around-the-clock therapeutic environment for neglected, disadvantaged, unruly, problematic, and delinquent youth. Many residents are victims of abuse, harbor feelings of anger, have had problems in school, or face drug and alcohol addictions. "Under the guidance of the Catholic Church, provide a safe home for all youth who have experienced physical or emotional trauma, where every act is done with love to help them discover the dignity of the human person and learn the skills to manage life's challenges."

Our program offers a caring, safe, and loving environment where youth of all race, creed, religion, and national origin may learn and experience self-worth. Through individually designed treatment plans, residents develop responsible living skills, acknowledging the importance of God, all human beings and His creations.

Home On The Range cares for a total of 36 children at Sentinel Butte, North Dakota. Home On The Range accepts children from states across the nation.

Services to children and families, leadership in the child care field, and the conviction to making a healthier and stronger world, characterize the Home On The Range philosophy. This philosophy is built on a foundation of Christian values and brings healing to families.



Home On The Range Is Putting Kids Back in the Saddle

Are you a John Wayne fan? He's had many notable quotes, and one that may be familiar to many of you is: "Courage is being scared to death and saddling up anyway." This may also accurately describe the attitude of many of our boys and girls.

Home On The Range is licensed to care for boys and girls, ages 12-18. The children have experienced trauma that many people can't even imagine. They may have been traumatized by events that happened to them (verbal, physical or sexual abuse); witnessed situations that happened around them (domestic violence or family members being removed from the home); or maybe they are suffering from environments because it happened and shouldn't have (neglect, lack of food, shelter, supervision, or the sense of feeling safe and cared for).



While the children are at Home On The Range, they can attend school or work on the G.E.D. certificate, participate in spiritual programs, or recreational and work activities. There are many

therapeutic groups the boys and girls can choose from, or be assigned to, to help them heal. The groups also teach the children ways to cope and deal with life's challenges, how to form positive relationships with peers and adults, and give them new life skills to help them feel safe, and become successful in the

One of our successful therapeutic groups

is our equine assisted program. There are many groups under this umbrella, including EAGALA (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association), Rhythmic Riding, mule driving and therapeutic riding. Each group has different activities and goals. The children can be on the ground working with their horses, or riding a horse in the indoor arena keeping up to the beat of music. There is nothing staged or practiced. But there is healing, a realization of where they may need help, and lots of emotions.

communities.



Sometimes there is so much pain, sadness or frustration, the child may not want to move forward. But with the staff's empathy,

understanding, patience and encouragement, the child can face the challenge and learn how to cope, even overcome it. This experience can carry over into other relationships the child has and other groups. It is rewarding to see the look on the child's face and body when they feel happy and confident, knowing they have accomplished something.

It is a process and our goal is to give the child confidence, new-found skillsets, and a foundation to build positive relationships to get them back in the saddle.

Adventure Therapy Program

Adventure Therapy is an experiential therapy approach where members are able to work through their trauma based challenges through outdoor and healthy living activities. It is an effective tool for overcoming a wide range of mental health challenges including (but not limited to): PTSD, substance abuse, anxiety, depression, eating disorders, and traumatic life experiences.

This year we went to Medora and tubed on the Little Missouri River. We tubed first day to our camping site, camped, then tubed the second day to an end point. The boys learned how to maintain safety, work through obstacles along the river, and take items needed to travel with only tubes. Throughout group, we hiked, made camp fires, and learned how to cook over a fire.

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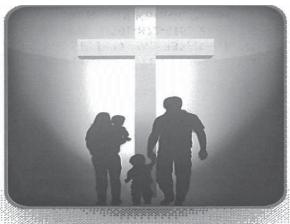
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Many of the children that come to Home On The Range (HOTR) have been in other placements. Because they have been transferred from placement to placement, the children may not have been attending school on a regular basis, or their



academic credits didn't transfer, putting them behind in credits. With the cooperation of the Beach Public School District and the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, HOTR has a program that provides academic assistance as well as youth enrichment, traditional education and vocational education. The courses run concurrent with the school year. We have one class for boys and one class for girls. They each have class twice a week. The Facility Ranch and Plant Director created a syllabus and curriculum with specific topics and goals to be covered every quarter. The work-based learning courses include cattle management, woodworking, welding and vehicle maintenance. In these courses, the children have hands-on practicums, watch educational and safety videos, and may be given homework assignments to complete on weekends. They then take a test or submit a written or oral report, which is graded and turned in to the school district to keep track of hours of participation and credit(s) earned.

The cattle management courses teaches children about basic care, feeding, nutrition,

reproduction and breeding, calving, record-keeping, cattle marketing, vaccines and disease prevention. There are many on-ranch experiences and practicums, e.g. bottle feeding bum calves, feeding buckets of grain to the cattle or checking the cows during the calving season. The children are taken on field trips to witness other real-life experiences such as selling cattle in the public livestock auction stockyards or watching the veterinarian ultra-sound cattle to

determine the birth date of a calf.



In the woodworking course, the children learn about hard and soft woods, and build projects such as foot stools or wooden art mosaics. With adult supervision and various electrical tools, they learn how to cut out patterned pieces and sand the wood. They assemble the parts for the final project. After the recent death of a loved ranch dog, the girls worked with the staff to build a casket for the dog.

The welding course teaches the students the different types of welds on metal or pipe, types of rods to use, how to use a cutting torch, and the correct mix of oxygen and acetylene. The vehicle

maintenance course teaches the children how to check basic fluids of the car, change oil and filters, record keeping and how to change a tire.

The children practice and put to use an array of academic classes including economics and free markets, chemistry, math,

science, reading and computer skills. Throughout each of the courses, the children learn various skill sets which will help them throughout their young adult life, and lead them into adulthood. The children practice teamwork, leadership, accountability, responsibility, communication, independence and public speaking. They gain a sense of higher self-esteem, self-worth, and self-confidence. The courses are a true win-win for the students. They are earning academic credits to complete the school term, learning life skills to help them be successful, and establishing a foundation for future jobs, careers or college education in the fields of agriculture, engineering, mechanics, construction or contracting.





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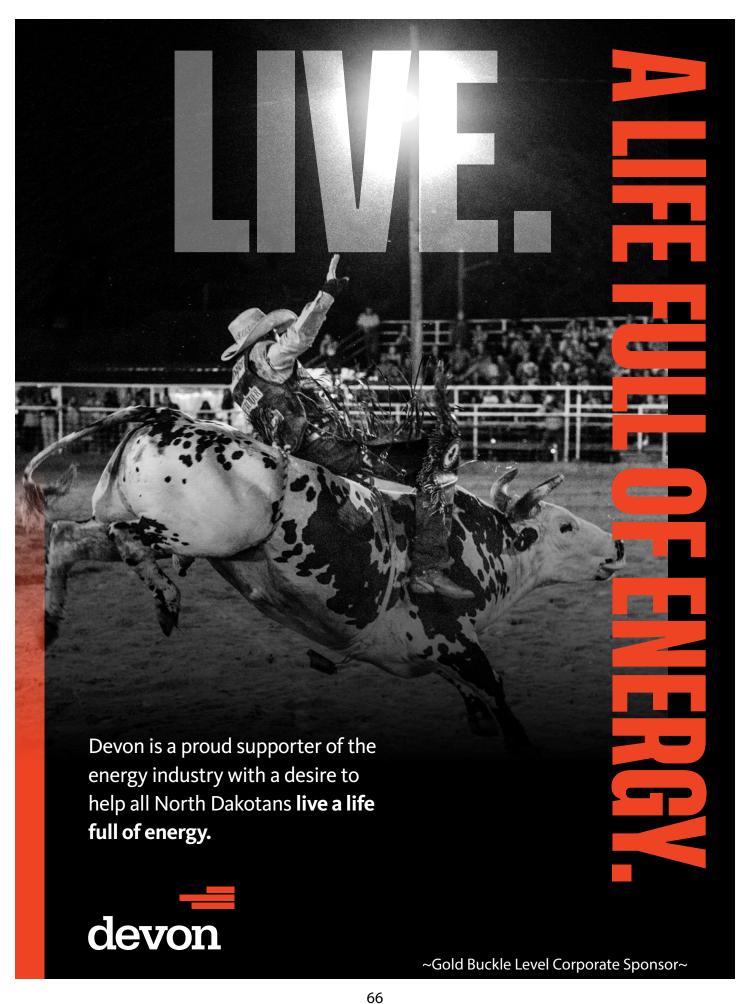
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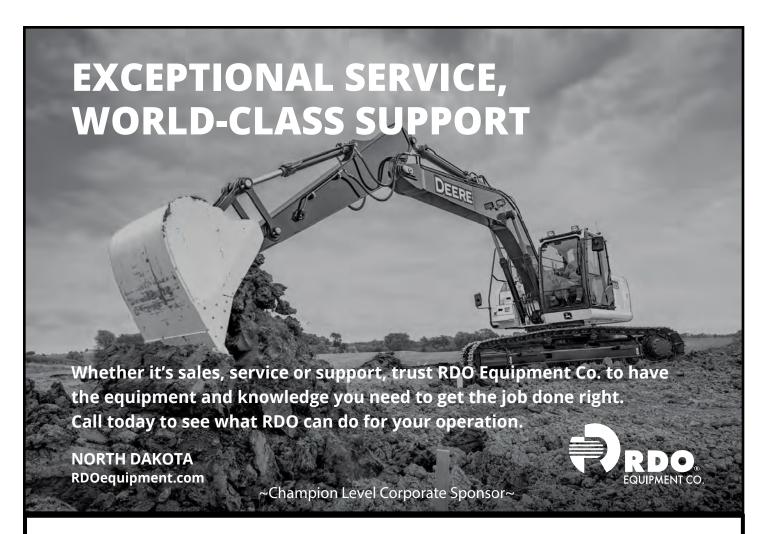
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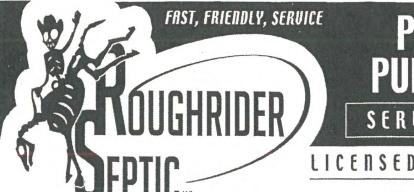


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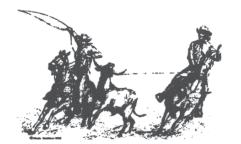
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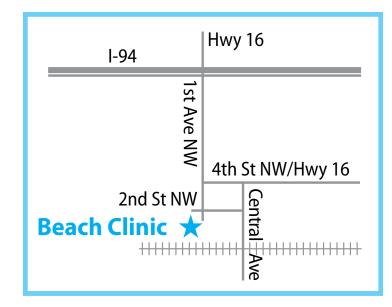




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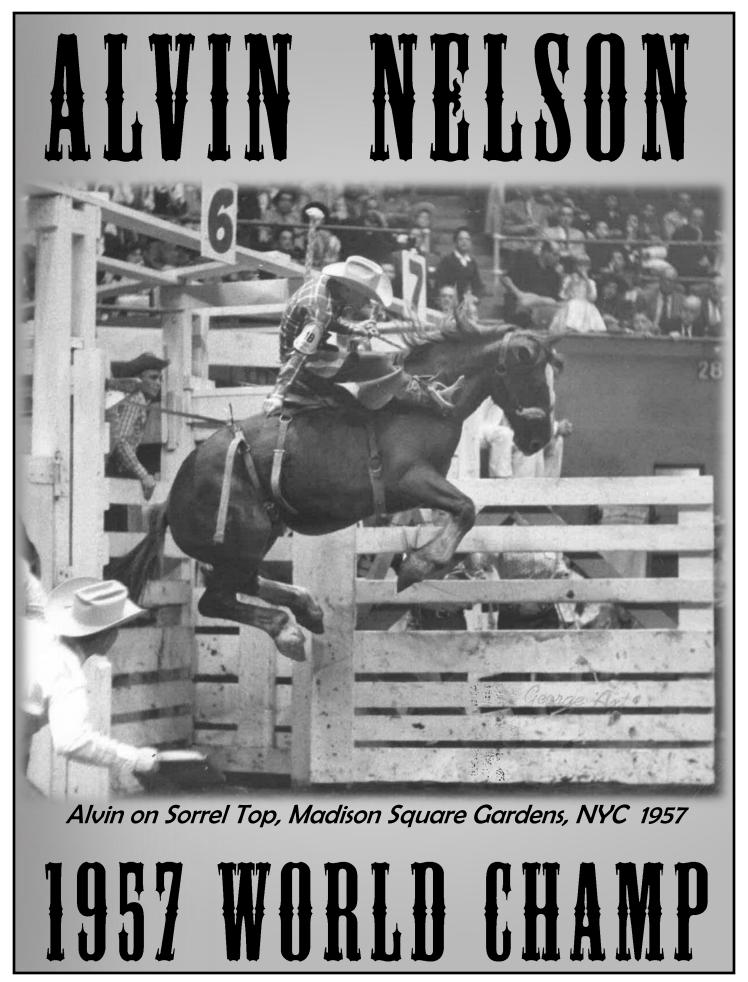
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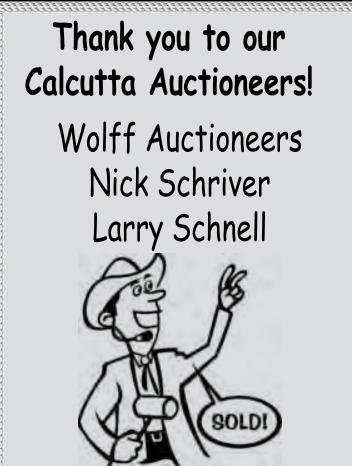
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Resident Testimonials

We are so proud of our boys and girls when they speak in front of groups and share their stories. It takes a lot of courage and confidence. Here are a few speeches the kids gave at various functions and speaking engagements.

*Text is taken directly from their written testimonials. Grammar and spelling hasn't been corrected or changed. Due to confidentiality reasons, their names have been changed.

"Hi my name is Charlie. I'm 14 I lived in Jacksonville, FL for 9 years, then I moved to Williston, ND. I have 10 siblings. I started smoking weed when I was 9. I started vaping when I was 7. I've been vaping and smoking ever since. When I was growing up I didn't have my parents around a lot. My dad was a alcoholic for a while. My mom was gone most of the time doing stuff. My dad was always working to make money for us, so me and my siblings kind of had free rain for a while so we really did what we wanted to. Then during the beginning of the summer of 2021 my mom left us and left my dad. They were married for 20+ years so it was hard for my dad and all of us older siblings new what was going on so we told the younger kids lies to protect them, but I was so busy focusing on everybody else I didn't take time for me, so I started to blame my dad for my mom leaving us then I started to smoke, drink and vape more. I started to sneak out with my friends and my ex. I started car hopping. I started stealing food from stores to help my family survive. I stole guns to sell for money. I went around doing stuff I shouldn't have. I started skipping school. When I did go, I would vape and smoke weed in the bathroom. I would get in fights at school too and my siblings saw the things I was doing, so they started to follow in my foot steps. They all look up to me and I didn't realize that. My dad kept telling me that all summer and I didn't listen. I went to the YAC and I kept running away from there so I got sent to YCC for a few days. They did that to scare me so I went back to the YAC. Then on November 14 I came to Home On The Range. Since I've been here I've learned how to read a clock on the wall. I learned how to change oil and I've learned some coping skills. I've learned how to calm my stress down by thinking about the people I love and getting in fights won't help me get out of here, so that has helped me through a lot. Home On The Range has also taught me that I'll have to work with people I might not like or get along with, so they have prepaired me for a job outside of here. So these are the things they have taught me. So far I am happy to be at Home On The Range."

"Hi my name is George. I'm from Minnesapolis, MN. I lived there till I was 12 years old. My mom moved my siblings and I to Jamestown, ND. When we got there I started getting into trouble. When I turned 13 I got sent to the youth correctional center in Mandan. I was there for 2 months and after that I got sent to DBGR in Bismarck. When I left I was 15 and went into foster care. I didn't get along with my foster family and was there for about three months because I started getting into trouble with selling weed and I had a problem with alcohol. I got caught and got sent to YCC again. I was at YCC for a year and 11 months. I left when I turned 17 and went to another foster family. They were in Devils Lake. When I got there I got off to a bad start. I started skipping classes and I had a nicotine addiction and I started smoking weed again and I started drinking again. I got told that I will end up getting sent away again if I keep failing to follow my community placement agreement so I got a job at Dairy Queen and tried to stay in classes but it wasn't enough and I got sent to Home On The Range. While I've been here though I've learned how to change oil on cars. I help with feeding the cows. I'm doing my GED. Once I'm finished with my GED I'm going to start working full time on the work crew and my IL worker has helped me with a lot of stuff like teaching me how to pay taxes. I've signed up for the selective services and he helped me get an apartment set up for me in Devils Lake for when I get out. Home On The Range has helped me more in the 2 months that I've been here than YCC helped me in the year and 11 months. It's taught me how to be more mature and responsible and how to succeed in life."

ALVIN NELSON Changed Saddle Bronc Riding FOREVER!!!



Just who is this Alvin Nelson? The inimitable George Williams – 2008 Rodeo Hall of Fame honoree in Oklahoma City's National Cowboy Hall of Fame – is unequivocally the richest source of deeply educated (as in "rode, walked and competed more miles in deep arena dirt") and trustworthy information on everything having to do with rodeo. Listen to these written/published commentaries of George's from 1957, referring to Alvin Nelson as "Ole": "Starting in '57, January, at Odessa, TX, where the horses really bucked, when the draw went on the wall, and 'Ole' had Pretty Boy, I told them of Alvin Nelson, 'Boys, be sure and don't miss this one. It's likely to be the greatest bronc ride you ever saw.' He marked 208, a record I believe 'til yet. 'That summer at Casper, WY, he rode a new horse called Goodbye Now that brought 'em from the kitchen. Doyle Cobbler, who flanked him, turned to me and asked, 'What would you have marked his ride?' My jaw hanging slack, I said, 'I was so busy watching that horse buck, I

couldn't tell you if he spurred him once.' It was the rankest horse I ever saw anyone

make the whistle on. A big stout, fast, ducking, bad headed horse that spun a couple

of rounds and kicked right square out to the side. I didn't see how the saddle stayed on. Jo Weeks of Abilene, TX exclaimed, "That was the best bronc ride I ever saw!"

"Ole' gave them all a hardware bath and you couldn't buck him off. He rode Jake, considered just about unrideable at that time, three times! In Dickinson, ND, Alvin rode a terribly dirty horse that caused Bill Linderman to exclaim, "I'm glad I saw that. That's the most I ever saw anybody spur a horse that was that hard to ride." (*George Williams*) Not long after hanging the 1957 World Champion Bronc Rider buckle on his belt, Alvin was drafted to the Army. In 1960, barely home from military service, he nearly won the title again! The National Finals Rodeo (NFR) had been born while Alvin was across the pond, wearing Army green. He found it much to his liking – competing there five times, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, and 1966 –winning his event average in both 1961 and 1962; plus the Dallas NFR All Around Title in 1961. Yes, you read that right - while Alvin's forte was decidedly bronc riding, he rode barebacks and bulls with a similar flair. His style and control awarded him plenty of winning scores in both.

Alvin's win at New York's legendary Madison Square Garden the fall of 1957 set an all-time record for the most money won at a single bronc riding event... a record that held for an unbelievable 23 years! The North Dakota ranch cowboy's brilliant discovery and pioneer development of "quarter binds" for stirrups on his saddle was a game-changing miracle, revolutionizing bronc riding forever. In retrospect Alvin pondered, "I shouldn't have told my friends - the other saddle bronc riders - about it!" He need not have worried. The bronc riding wizardry Alvin Nelson accomplished in that saddle has yet to be equaled! A couple years ago Kaye and some video experts in North Dakota created a compilation of still photos Alvin had bought from rodeo photographers across his years of competition. Set to music, that video is the epitome of bronc riding perfection...an ethereal dance that should stream on a wall twelve feet tall as moving backdrop to every stage where the Russion Royal Ballet performs - *to enchance their dance!*

When Alvin got tapped off it was excellence, perfection! This slight-built North Dakota ranch cowboy magically transposed the bone-jarring athletic gyrations of bred-to-buck broncs into the flawless supernatural dance of a *centaur!* During his unbelievably lengthy, amazing sports career, Alvin rode saddle broncs professionally from 1957 through 1973...plus making some very memorable, winning bull and bareback conquests. Across that 17-year span he won and placed at all of America's biggest rodeos! Far from ready to leave the arena, Alvin continued team roping into the 1990s, a legacy now perpetuated by his son Louis. A song sung by Bette Midler on a 1990 film soundtrack garnered high musical honors. The world loves, and will never stop singing "Wind Beneath My Wings." To me it epitomizes the story of a blonde, beautiful ranch girl wearing a 1957 Miss Rodeo North Dakota crown on her stylish hat at the Cow Palace rodeo in California when Casey Tibbs casually asked her if she'd met Alvin Nelson. Kaye answered, "No, but I would like to." Casey gathered up the shy ranch cowboy and made the introduction that began one of the West's great, decadeslong love stories...and that was the moment the wonderful warm wind that never left him first caressed Alvin Nelson's bronc riding wings!

(Written by Rhonda Sterns)

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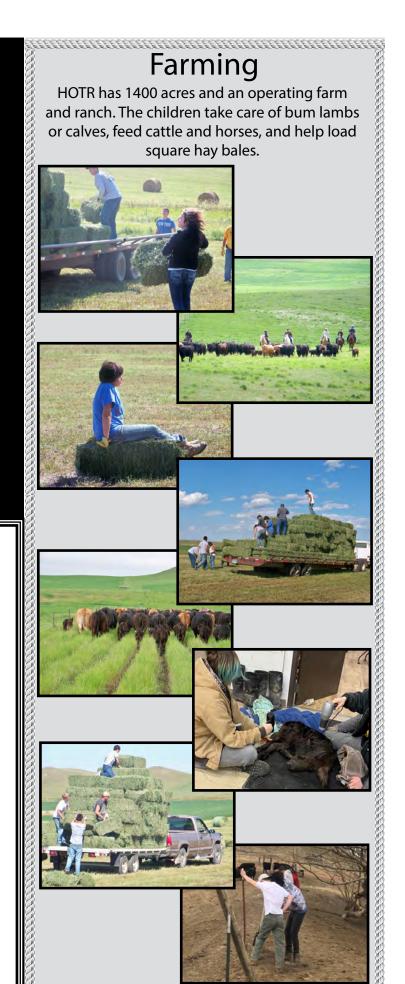
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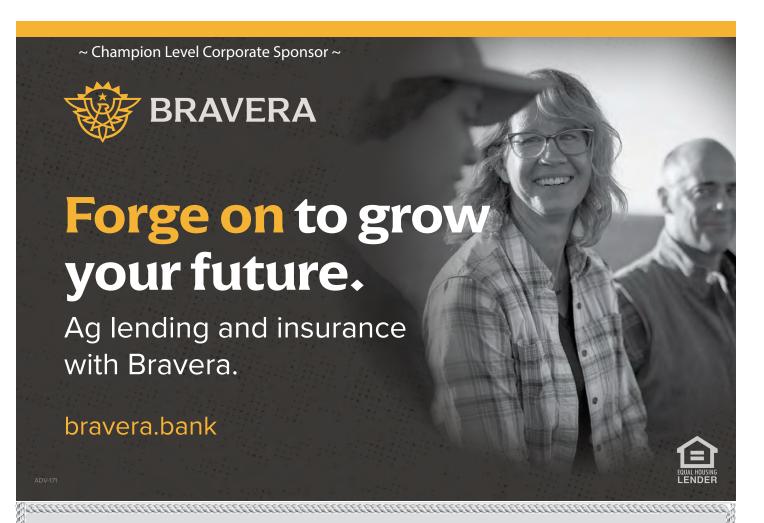
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Children are referred to Home On The Range for many different reasons. They may have been victims of abuse, have drug or alcohol addictions, not be attending school on a regular basis, or have inappropriate behavior. Home On The Range has adopted our version of Trauma Informed Care (TIC) - "Relational Habilitation Model." This is an approach to engage people with histories of trauma that recognizes the presence of trauma symptoms and acknowledges the role that trauma has played in their lives. TIC is remembering nothing that the kid does is as important as what happened to him/her. TIC focuses on where the kid is in his/her development, not where we think someone that age should be.

Other important components of our program include work programs and recreation. Every boy and girl is assigned to a work crew and given a task. It could be mowing, fencing, cleaning, kitchen work, or working with the forest service or a business in town. When they complete the job, they are given an allowance to spend or put in their savings account. Recreation is vital to

happiness and good health. The kids participate in many activities, including fishing, basketball, horseshoes, swimming, camping, horseback riding, movies, softball, hiking, golf, and crafts.

Our program wouldn't be complete without education – both scholastically and spiritually, which are equally important. A healthy mind makes a healthy body. The residents go to school in nearby Beach. When they need extra help with their schoolwork or assignments, they can attend an evening study hall and receive help from the teaching staff. Our spiritual program is a strong part of our program. In fact, our mission statement says it all — "Under the guidance of the Catholic Church, provide a safe home for all youth who have experienced physical or emotional trauma, where every act is done with love to help them discover the dignity of the human person and learn the skills to manage life's challenges." By giving the children spiritual guidance and development, they accept God into their lives and learn to forgive and go on with their lives in a more positive direction.

"...where seldom is heard, a discouraging word, and the skies are not cloudy all day." There is no such thing as a bad child, just bad behavior. At Home On The Range, we encourage the children to change their behavior and find the good within themselves.

HOME ON THE RANGE DRUG & ALCOHOL PROGRAM

Our drug and alcohol program is a combination of abstinence based, non-abstinence based, support group, and education. The platform is a 12-week program with youth who are working on making changes and being able to continue in the support group for as long as they want.

Components of the drug and alcohol program are:

~ Stages of Change

~ Harm Reduction vs. Abstinence

~Goals

~Pharmacology

~Cues, Triggers, Coping Skills

~Sex Education

~ Family History

~ Legal Issues/Responsibility

~ Co-occuring Disorders

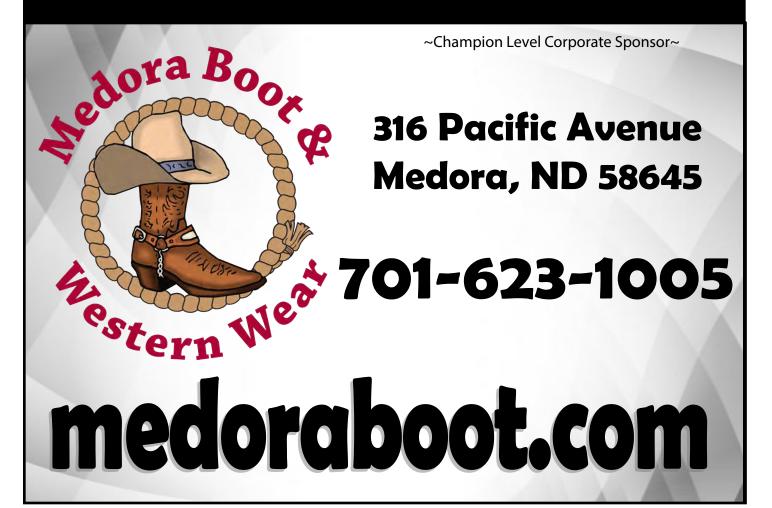
~ Strength /Family Support/Connection

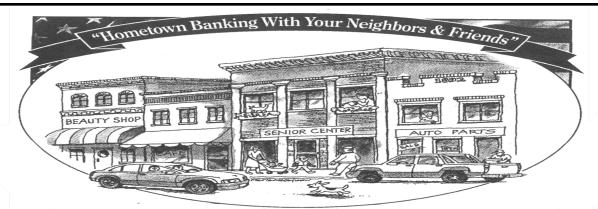
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Place	Name	Score of Long Go
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2	Ben Andersen	85.5
3/4/5	Sage Newman	84.5
3/4/5	Kolby Wanchuk	84.5
3/4/5	Shorty Garrett	84.5
6/7/8/8	Damian Brennar	n 83
6/7/8/8	Layton Green	83
6/7/8/8	Zeke Thurston	83
6/7/8/8	Leon Fountain	83
6/7/8/8	Jake Finlay	83
Place	Name	Score of Short Go
Place	Name Zeke Thurston	Score of Short Go 91
1	Zeke Thurston	91
1 2	Zeke Thurston Brody Wells	91 87
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Home On The Range Canine Therapy Program



The Home On The Range Canine Program partners currently with Fargo rescue shelters along with neighboring foster homes to assist both dogs and children. The canine program is an 8-week experiential program, teaming residents with dogs to assist residents in building coping skills, self-control, patience, responsibility, and relationship skills. Each week focuses on a different treatment skill such as compassion, communication or team work. Members of the canine program assess each dog, identify problem behaviors where each dog needs help and then develops a treatment plan for each dog. Residents in the canine program learn to identify the needs of their canine partners. They also learn responsibility by taking care of the dogs daily, ensuring that the dogs are fed, watered, exercised, learning the needed skills and living in a safe and clean kennel area. Through their treatment plans, the dogs learn loose leash walking, and they learn basic commands such as sit, down, and stay. They also learn how to focus on their handler, along with place and crate training. The dogs learn to overcome fear while residents work with them through agility obstacle courses. Additionally, the dogs learn to trust and bond with their handler. Over the course of the last couple of years, residents in the canine program have helped roughly 17 dogs find forever homes. We currently are working with rescue dogs and local shelters and were also able to work with K9Crew leader, Joe Fluge's retired explosive detection dog, Shia. Residents worked on active searches with Shia around campus which was built on helping residents continue to develop their skills mentioned above and also gave them an opportunity to not only work on training dogs to prepare them for adoption, but experience working with a highly trained working detection dog.

Graduates from the canine program state that they learn trust while working with the dogs, they love dogs, and learn that dogs want relationships with them. Graduates of the canine program state that the dogs helped them learn patience. One resident states that he gets stressed easily and that working with the dogs helps him work on controlling his anger. Another resident stated that a session that focused on communication skills was useful for him because "I need to learn how to communicate nice sometimes." A second resident observed that the session on communication helped him to do better in school. Additionally, a resident stated that this group taught her that others can love her because the dogs can love her and that "there will always be a bump in the road and that there is fun and happiness in the world." Finally, a recent youth stated that working with the dogs "keeps me sane."

If you have any questions, please contact Brittany Williams at 701-872-3745, ext. 7120. THANK YOU for all of your support for our loving canines and the youth we serve at HOTR!

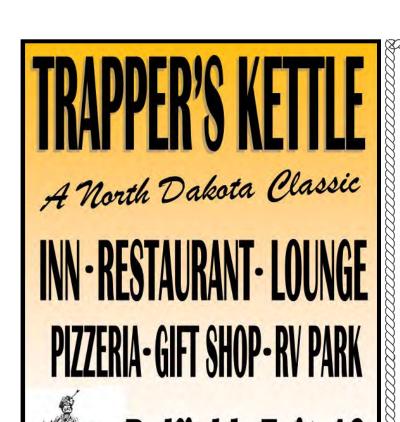








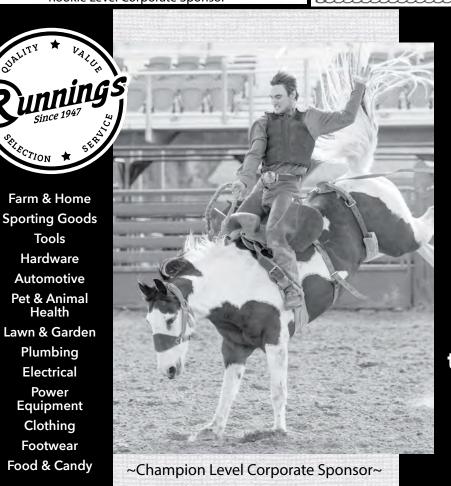






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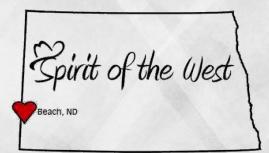


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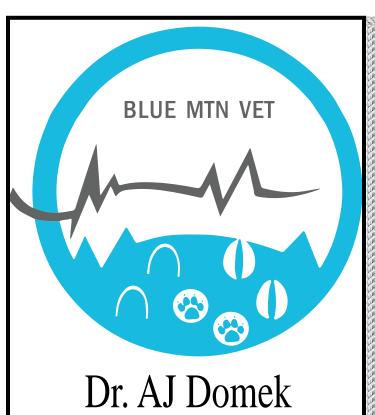
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During the Christmas season, the kids do seasonal activities. Most of the children were able to go home to their families

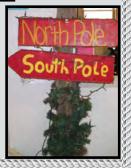
for Christmas. For the few that were here over the holidays, Santa came on Christmas morning and handed out Christmas gifts. The children and staff enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner of turkey and the trimmings.

Once all the kids return from break, we have a New Year's Day party. The kids play lots of different games and win prizes such as liters of pop, games, movies, toys, blankets, footballs, etc. Our children really enjoy this and have a great time!









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Some of HOTR's Horse Herd

"The horse Spook made me nervous at first, but then I started getting comfortable with him. Horses aren't my biggest fan and I've never really rode a horse until this year. He gave me a vibe or feeling that he trusted me, so of course I chose him. As I began to ride him, we grew a little connection, and got comfortable with each other. Let's just say this horse makes me happy and feel a lot better when I'm with him. On bad days, it's like he knows because he tries not to make it worse. I can't really explain it, but my experience with horses in general are so far so good, getting better with Spook." ~HOTR Resident~



Copper



"Copper is just like me - we are the same! Whenever we're alone, we just want to go crazy and fast. Copper is like my first horse I had a relationship with. He really helps me with my problems. I vent to him about everything. Copper is like my best friend. He can be a pain in the butt, but I really care about him and love him." ~HOTR Resident~



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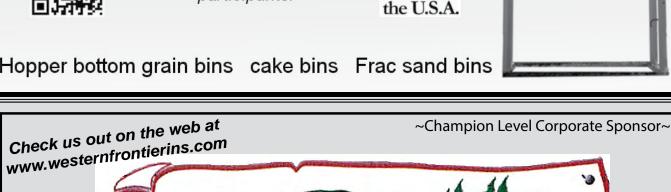
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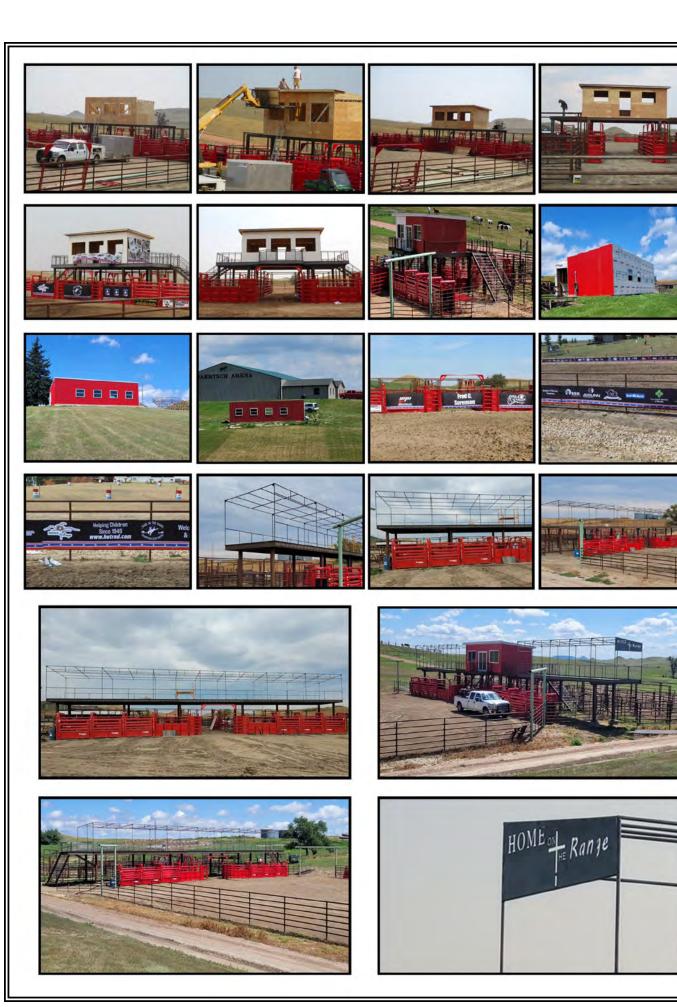
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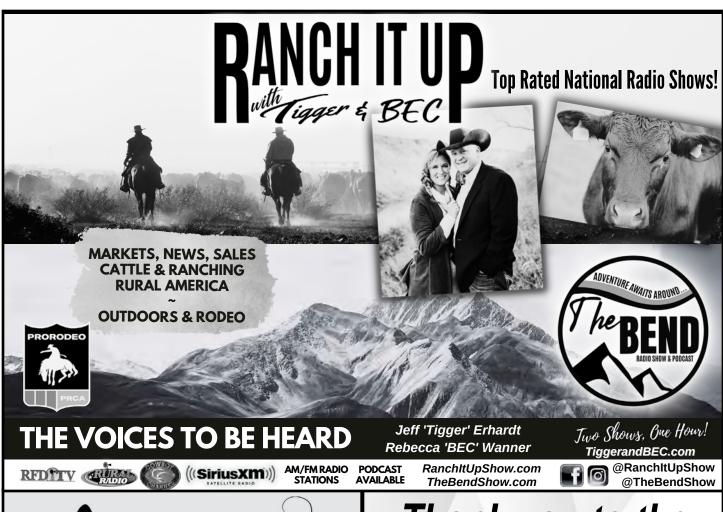


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Programming for youth who have experienced sexual exploitation or trafficking

Home On The Range is licensed to care for 36 children, boys and girls ages 12-19 years old. We offer many therapeutic and evidence-based programs to help the children. One of our niche programming is providing specialty programming for the commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC). According to the Home On The Range admission records from October 1, 2018 through October 1, 2022, 83% of the females admitted were assessed as CSEC.

HOTR collaborates with other nonprofit agencies and service providers to help the CSEC population. We partner with Youthworks, the ND Human Trafficking Navigator, and Rachel Thomas, founder of Ending The Game, to mentor and guide our youth through the treatment and post-treatment process. We have gained statewide attention for this programming. We provide several groups that are evidenced based, or promising practices in working with these youth including groups like Girls Circle, My Life My Choice, and Ending The Game. We also work with the youth doing experiential work with horses and dogs to work out their relationship issues that they may have experienced. We address their trauma affected brains by doing bottom up programming. This refers to programming that aims to improve youths' abilities to regulate and develop more control over internal operations including heart rate, breathing, and speech rate. By doing this, the youth is better able to regulate their flight, fight and/or flee responses.

For example, we conduct a Rhythmic Riding group that involves the youth riding bareback in a circle to music. Between songs, a brief meditation, relaxation exercise or guided meditation is conducted. The music begins again, and the youth walk their horses in a circle in the opposite direction. The youth are told they have only one job - to make the rhythm of the music, match the rhythm of their body, match the rhythm of their horses. As youth progress in this program, they typically display improvements of stress tolerance, internal regulation and ability to relax, that are evident to the naked eye. The key then, becomes transitioning this skill to staff and adults, peers and other settings outside of the arena.

Some of the other groups include:

- Ending the Game with an equine component
- Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse
- Social Emotional Learning
- Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS) by our trained nurse
- Self Defense
- Trauma Informed Yoga





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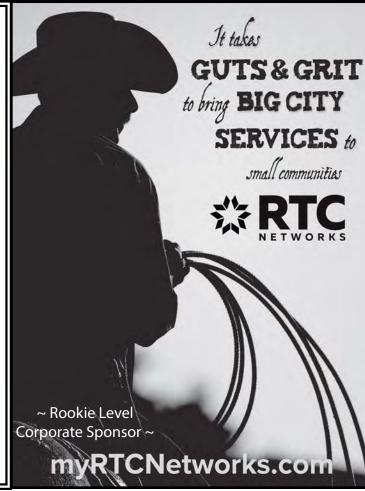




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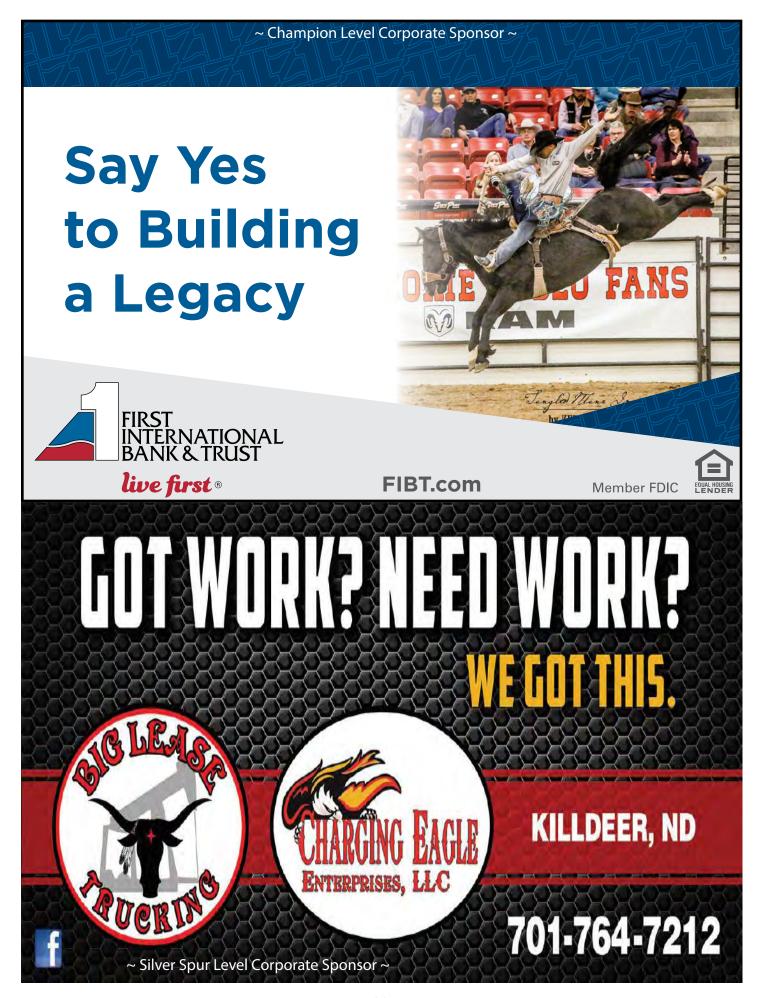


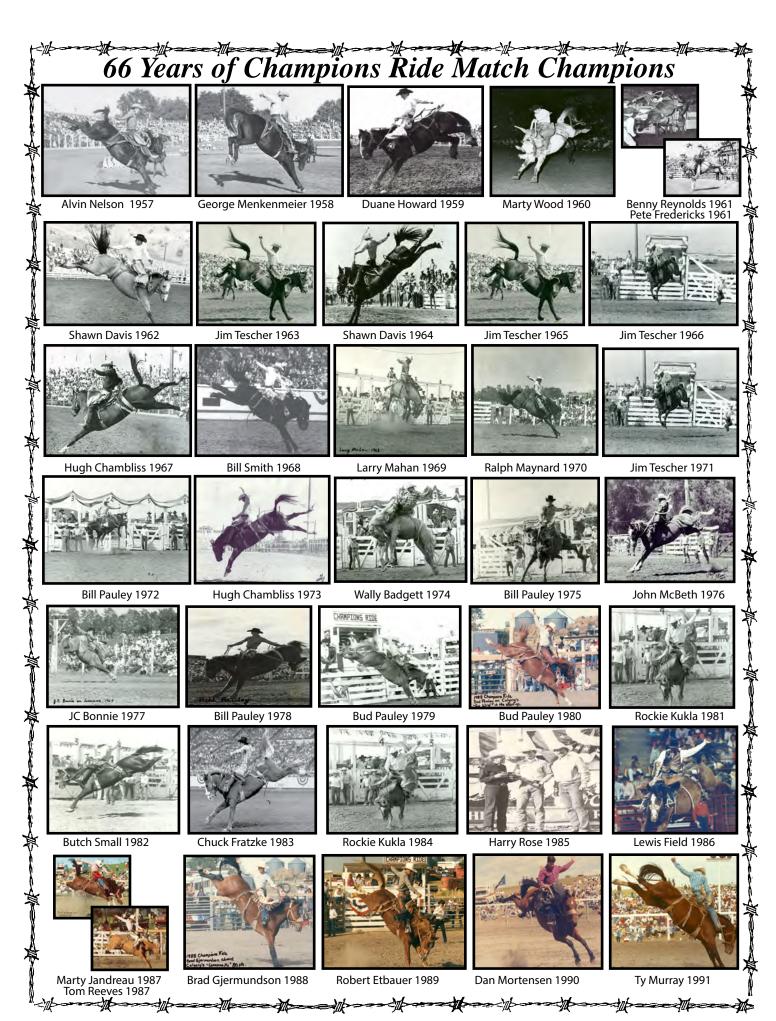


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Home On The Range Aftercare Services

Home On The Range provides aftercare services to youth and families in the state of North Dakota and surrounding areas for up to six months post-discharge. Currently, there are three aftercare specialists who work closely with residents and their families to provide ongoing support and aftercare services when a resident leaves placement and returns to their home and community.

Each discharge plan is unique to the resident, based on their needs. Home On The Range aftercare specialists meet with residents once a month in person to check in on them and their progress, and to help with any needs that may arise in the home. "I have been an aftercare specialist at Home On The Range for almost three years and have seen the need to this program firsthand. Youth and families need this ongoing support and those who engage with an aftercare specialist show more successful transition into the community. I view aftercare services as an extension of the therapeutic services that residents receive while at Home On The Range. Once of the difficult things about the aftercare program is the lack of resources in the community. It can be a sturggle to connect a youth to a resource that doesn't exist. My hope is that through this program, communities will be able to see the need and will take the steps in providing more mental health services, support groups, financial support, spiritual guidance, parental support, crisis management services and more."

Services that Home On The Range provides:

~ Make referrals for mental health services

~ Assist resident in obtaining gym memberships, photo IDs, bus passes, library cards, etc.

~ Connect residents and their families with community resources such as food banks, housing assistance,

churches, health care services, homeless shelters, clothing and more.

- ~ Assist families in problem solving and crisis management
- ~ Work with the school to provide support for the resident
 - ~ Teach independent living and life skills

How can you support this program?

- ~ You can pray for HOTR residents and their families
- ~ Financially support HOTR and the Aftercare Program

Make Independent Living donations such as: Toiletry items for male & female residents, towels, phone cards (Straight Talk),, Walmart gift cards & more!

<u>Testimonials from discharged HOTR residents:</u>

"I like receiving aftercare services from HOTR because I had a connection with them when I was in placement. I get to stay in communication and connect with them through monthly visits, zooms, meals, and coffee. I like that they follow up with me to see how I am doing and so they can see my success." *Brooke - 18*

"Home On The Range is my family. I have spent a lot of time with them and I feel like they support me in my life." *Zach - 17*

"I'm proud of myself and the changes I have made. I never thought that I would get so much support and help with things after I left HOTR. I am very happy that I went to HOTR." *Cloe - 16*

"I like talking to my aftercare specialist. I think of him as a good friend in my life. He helps me control my emotions, he makes me laugh, and I like spending time with him. I also like that he takes me to get food." *Tayshaun* - 18

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Shampoo

Body Wash

Toothpaste Toothbrushes

Feminine products

Electric razors

Brushes/combs

Backpacks
Duffle bags

School notebooks
Pens/Pencils

Home On The Range Spiritual Department

On July 1, Home On The Range welcomed Father Nicholas Vetter as the new Secretary/Treasurer for the Home On The Range Board of Directors and the Home On The Range Chaplain. Father Vetter will oversee the spiritual department and some of the groups.

The boys and girls can voluntarily participate in spiritual groups such as prayer groups, music is awesome, spiritual development, Native Development or history through film. The children can also sign up to watch Christian videos, Bible study or a sing and praise night.



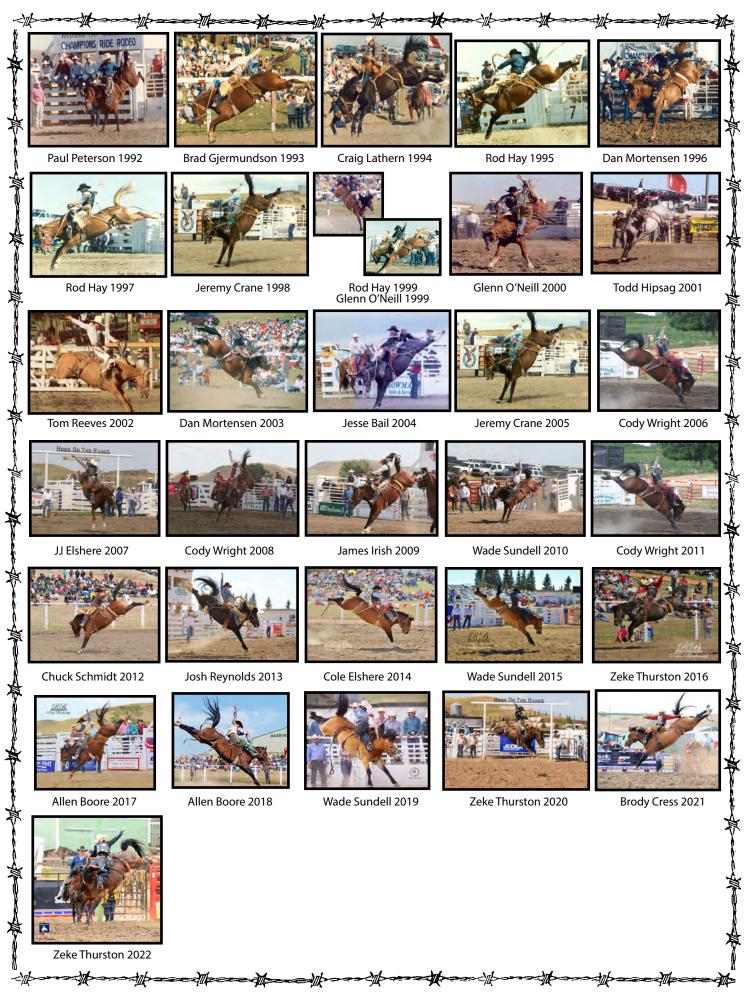
Here are some of the prayers our girls wrote in prayer groups.

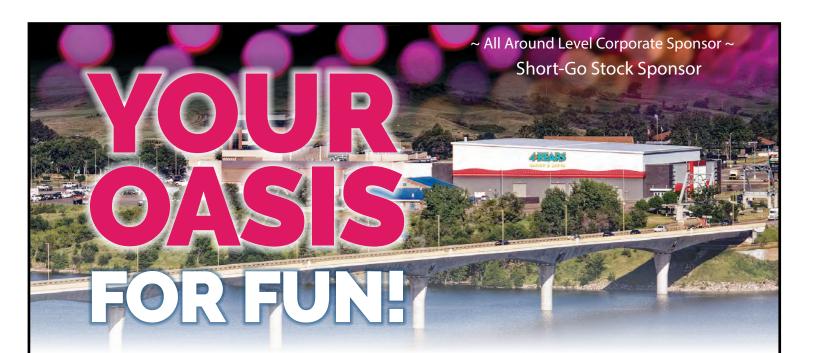
"Dear God.

I'm struggling w/life right now. It feels like I'm starting over again back to when I was 3 years old. Struggles w/my family taking care of me, worrying about tryna find a home. My aunt n her daughter didn't treat me they way they were suppose to. My cousin dissing on my deceased parents, disrespecting my family belongs. And I feel like i'm lost n lonely. But now I need to look forward in life. I'm looking forward to a new home, a family, and a new start. I wanna leave that in the past n I know I won't forget about that but I ask for forgiveness for the things I wish would happen to my great aunt and cousin. But I'm moving forward and starting a new track. I look forward to a great life. So Jesus I pray that you'll help lead me to the right path. Amen."

"Dear Lord,

I've been struggling lord. Little things have triggering my anger, frustration and anxiety. I don't know what to do with all of this anymore. I have been really stressed with school, groups and people. My cup is full and about to tip and I don't want to flood everyone with anger, frustration or anxiety. So I need you help to calm my emotions. Lord I want to pray for my discharge to Job Corps and to give me courage and strength to be able to make it through that program. I also want to pray for my grandma who has covid. She is doing alot better so watch over her. My grandpa isn't doing the best either, so watch over him too. Lastly I'm going to pray for Paul, he discharged today and I hope he does amazing. Help him to stay on the right path. I love you Lord. Amen."





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