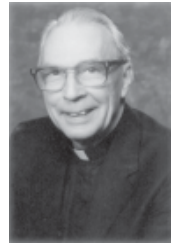




Fr. Elwood Cassidy  
Founder

# The Home On The Range RANCH HAND



Fr. William Fahnländer  
Supt. Emeritus

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*"To empower at-risk youth and families to experience healing in a Christ-like setting."*

## Home On The Range Named National Charity

Thanks to the efforts of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Bill Loffer, the Grand Worthy President (GWP), Home On The Range (HOTR) has been named a national charity. This is the first time in Eagle history that a small charity such as HOTR has been chosen for this honor.

Last June, Bill Loffer made the announcement at the international convention in Orlando, Florida. On August 6 during the Champions Ride Match Rodeo, Bill presented HOTR with a check for \$25,000 to kick off his charitable campaign.

As Grand Worthy President, throughout the year Bill Loffer

travels to clubs across the country. During his visits, he shares stories about HOTR and asks for support of his project. Bill's goal is to raise awareness about HOTR's program and success stories, as well as seek financial support that will perpetuate their programs and services for years to come.

To help raise money for HOTR, Bill created the GWP Dog Tag Club. These unique dog tags proudly display the national Eagles' emblem on the front. On the backside is a special message written by Bill that reads: "Believe in yourself, Believe in good things, Believe in your heart, And you will accomplish

your dreams." All proceeds from the sales of these dog tags will be directed to HOTR.



Bill Loffer

For 56 years, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and HOTR have shared the same philosophy of serving boys and girls in a way to help them become healthy and productive adults. Bill Loffer learned about HOTR because of his Eagle membership and articles printed in their newsletter. During an Eagle convention in Minot, Bill was introduced to Father William Fahnländer, Director of HOTR at the time. Father Fahnländer was very proud of his home and more than willing to share his story with his new friend Bill.

"Father Fahnländer was so engaging in his effort to please, all the while very proud of his home town and the efforts of HOTR. It was clear to me that his true calling was exactly the life which he was living."

Bill's first visit to HOTR was in the spring of 2004. He and the national board of directors were

**(Bill Loffer / page 3)**

*"It is truly a moving experience to see our dollars in action."*

**—Bill Loffer**



Mike Lagervall, Grand Trustee, & GWP Bill Loffer present Jay Johnson, HOTR Executive Director, a check for \$25,000.



Jay Johnson, HOTR Executive Director, presents an HOTR jacket to GWP Bill Loffer.

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# Welcome... Don Wilkey

Home On The Range (HOTR) is proud to announce a new addition to our social work team. Don Wilkey joined us on August 1 as our new clinical director and brings more than 22 years of experience of working with at-risk children.

Don first became interested in HOTR when he saw there was a job opening, and that we are located in the badlands of North Dakota in a very rural setting. Don is an outdoor enthusiast and animal lover, and it seemed like a great opportunity for him. The fact that HOTR is a working ranch with cattle and horses was an even greater attraction.

Don was invited for an interview, a tour of the facility, and

introduced to many of our staff. Don said he was first impressed with the



*Don spends time building rapport with one of the boys.*

longevity of the program—helping children and their families after all these years is a huge accomplishment. Another big draw was the strong spiritual component and the fact that the organization remains faith-based.

What is the future of the HOTR therapeutic program? Don is proud

of the strong social work team and the current program. He said he's not going to make any changes, just "beef it up a bit." One goal is to expand on the EGALA program (see page 8). Animals, in general, work well in therapy, especially with children, but a horse is more unique. The horse has a keen intellect and can sense people's fears or emotions without judging the person or holding it against him/her. HOTR has a high population of Native Americans. Another one of Don's goals is to incorporate more Native American traditions and cultural diversity programs to all the children.

Of all the goals Don has, it is obvious that his priority is the kids. You will often find Don in the dorms with the boys and girls, or just visiting with them outside. He feels these kids deserve something better, and it is his job to help them find it.

We welcome Don and his wife, Leah, to our HOTR family.



## Spiritual Department Highlights

*by Peggy Helvik, Youth Minister*

This summer has brought about change for our Spiritual Department. One of our Youth Ministers, Linda Marman, has resigned. She has been with Home On The Range (HOTR) for five years and will really be missed.

Some of our girls and boys are still talking about our visit to the Badlands Bible Camp. On August 7 we took a group of boys to the camp, and on August 8 we took a group of girls. Not only did the Badlands Bible Camp provide hours of fun and challenging activities, but it also provided a meal on both days to our residents. Our boys and girls are invited back to camp every summer, and it is always a special treat for them.

Earlier this summer we had the privilege of having the Teen Challenge Men's Choir come to HOTR and share with us in music and testimony. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all.

We have also had several special speakers visit HOTR and share their ministry with us this summer. Pastor Jeremy Stradley from the Christian Fundamental Church in Wibaux, Montana, came to HOTR and shared

his life story during one of our Chapel times. We really enjoyed and benefited from what Pastor Stradley had



*Linda was given a special cake, depicting Fr. Cassidy Hill, at her farewell party.*

to say. We have been blessed many times by those who have been willing to come and share with the children here at the ranch. Thanks to the many benefactors who support HOTR and to those who are willing to give their time and talents to us—we continue to be able to provide a strong spiritual influence in the lives of our residents.



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ride for the Range

by Scott Harris, Ride for the Range Founder/Coordinator

June 24, 2006, what a beautiful morning. The ground is wet after a much needed rain. The sun is shining; the residents at Home On The Range (HOTR) are busy getting ready for the day. What could be better? Then it happens! Thunder. Everyone looks to the sky but there are no clouds. There it is again. More thunder. But it's coming from the road. It is time for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Ride for the Range and here they come from all areas. Bikers and more



*Ride for the Range is for people of all ages. Aaron (Boo) Durr, age 3, enjoys the day.*



*Bikers line up their motorcycles as they gather at HOTR for the annual event.*

bikers, are all coming for a day of fun, camaraderie, riding, and to help support the residents of HOTR.

This year, approximately 73 bikers from as far away as California attended. Gathering at HOTR gave the residents an opportunity to see the beautiful bikes and the different array of people who believe in them and support them. I, for one, and the rest of the staff and residents would like to say thank you for your support. We couldn't

**(Bill Loffer / from cover)**

invited to the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Fahnländer Hall girls' dorm. The board had approved a generous donation of \$150,000 toward the dorm. The trustees were present to witness the ceremony and present the check at the spring banquet. During this same banquet, Mr. Loffer was the keynote speaker of the event. He gave an inspirational and motivating presentation to the guests and children. After his speech, there was a brief moment of silence, and a personal inspiration came over Bill. He then sang a song depicting Cassidy Hill that overlooks HOTR.

Bill's enthusiasm and love of HOTR spread throughout Eagle clubs and its members. In a short time, he convinced his fellow board members that they should visit HOTR and see for themselves the miracles that occur. In the spring of 2005, the Board held its quarterly

meeting in nearby Medora, North Dakota. That weekend the Eagle trustees toured the facility and attended the grand opening celebration of Fahnländer Hall. Bill was proud to give his Eagle friends a personal tour of HOTR, share stories about the children he had met, and how HOTR helped them.

"It is one thing to hear about HOTR, it is yet another thing to see the facility and feel the love and compassion that the staff and volunteers have for these kids. It truly is a moving experience to see our dollars in action."

Bill Loffer has rejuvenated the interest and support among all Eagles. Since the announcement in June, the organization has received many calls and donations from various Eagle Clubs and its members. With GWP Bill leading the way, HOTR will continue to help hundreds of adolescent boys and girls.

do it without you. A special thanks to Debi Kirsch, the "silent angel" for Ride for the Range. She drove across the state delivering posters and gathered door prizes. It wouldn't have been such a success without her. Also, a special thanks to all the businesses across the state who donate door prizes, the staff at HOTR, and especially thanks to you, the Bikers, who support the youth at HOTR by coming to this grand event.

It's time to get started for next year. We're looking forward to seeing all of you again for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Ride for the Range coming June 2007. Thank you and may God ride with you.

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### Financial Statement Available

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# HOTR

## Named Dakota State President's Project

In June 2006, Louie Rubbelke was installed as the 2006-07 Fraternal Order of Eagles Dakota State President (DSP). At the state convention, he announced Home On The Range (HOTR) as his charity for the year. Throughout the year, DSP Louie sells commemorative Dakota State Eagle pins and the

proceeds come back to HOTR. Before the Champions Ride Match rodeo, DSP Louie presented a check for \$800 from pin sales in just a few short months. Louie will be touring North and South Dakota promoting HOTR. Our thanks and gratitude to DSP Louie and all the Eagles for their continued support.



Jay Johnson presents DSP Louie Rubbelke an HOTR jacket in appreciation of his hard work and dedication.



DSP Louie presents Jay Johnson a check from the sales of the Dakota State Eagle pins.

## HOTR Receives Grant for Furniture

At the 2006 Dakota State Eagles Convention, Home On The Range was awarded a \$5000 grant from the Jimmy Durante Fund. The money was used to purchase new furniture for the boys' dorm. The boys helped

move the furniture into the TV and recreation rooms. The boys can now comfortably watch movies and sit and enjoy playing video and card games. Our thanks to the Eagles and their generous donation.



Ralph Hilgemann, DSP 2005-06, presents the Jimmy Durante grant to Jay Johnson, HOTR Executive Director.



# HOTR Girl Speaks at Eagles Convention

Jay Johnson, Executive Director, and Jolene Obrigewitch attended both the Dakota State and Minnesota State Eagle

*"I find myself more and more every day, and I thank those who have helped me on the way."  
—Jenna Pierce*

conventions. Traditionally, Home On The Range personnel and a former resident have been invited to speak before the delegates. This year was no different. At the Dakota State convention, a 21-year old girl shared her life story. She spoke of intimate details of her addictions, skipping school, and poor relationships from the past. Jenna had to learn how to cope with her own personal struggles, and the tragedy of cancer striking herself, her mother and her father. Jenna said she took these challenges on as a life-learning experience.

Jenna has been drug free for two years and has changed her life around. She has a beautiful smile and positive attitude that is contagious to those around her. She is currently working full-time and enrolled at the Moorhead Technical School in Minnesota. With a scholarship from the Eagles Memorial Foundation, she plans to pursue a degree in business.

Jenna states, "I am healthy, my mother is healthy, my father is getting stronger every day, and I am learning more and more with so many different things. I find myself more and more every day, and I thank those who have helped me on the way."

We wish Jenna and all the children who are on their own, the best of luck and God's grace.



Jenna Pierce & her family (l to r): Jenna Pierce, Freda Hill, Steven Pierce & Colleen Baker

## Fraternal Order of Eagles...

*People helping HOTR kids*

Jay Johnson presents an HOTR jacket to DSP Ralph Hilgemann, Jamestown, ND. Ralph was the Dakota State President 2005-06 and named HOTR as his presidential project.



Our special thanks to FOE Aerie #2258, Albert Lea, Minnesota, for their fundraising efforts for HOTR. In 2006, the men and women raised \$15,000 for the boys and girls. Pictured above (l to r): Ron Sorenson, HOTR Board member and MN State Treasurer; Gary Cunningham, Past Albert Lea President; Jay Johnson; and Hector Olvera, Aerie President.

# CODY WRIGHT WINS TOP HONORS AT CHAMPIONS RIDE

by Vicki Pennington, Champions Ride Coordinator

It was the right kind of day at Home On The Range (HOTR) for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Champions Ride Saddle Bronc Match - beautiful weather, many rodeo legends on hand to reminisce and celebrate, and a talented group of cowboys to ride great bucking horses. It was a day fitting a celebration fifty years in the making.

It was the "right" kind of a day in more ways than one, as Cody Wright of Milford, Utah, spurred his way to the winner's circle. The talented young saddle bronc rider is currently sitting 6<sup>th</sup> place in the PRCA standings and headed off on a plane to Dodge City to compete in the finals there following his last horse at Champions Ride. Wright was also the \$100,000 winner at this year's Calgary Stampede held in July.

Dickinson's Dusty Hausauer scored the high point ride in the first go with a score of 79.5 points. Rod Hay, currently ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the PRCA standings, won the second go round. Hay, from Alberta, Canada, is a three-time Champion of the Match.

The Jim and Tom Tescher Championship Round was won by Cody Horwedel, Parkfield,



Gary Tescher and Cody Horwedel, the Jim and Tom Tescher Championship Round & High Point Ride winner, display the High Point Ride winner's honorary plaque.

California. The crowd came alive when the bronc blew out of the chute and Horwedel rode him with great



Cody Wright - 2006 Champions Ride winner. (Doll Rodeo Photo)

style. The crowd liked it. Horwedel liked it. The judges liked it, and scored it 87 points - enough to earn Horwedel the High Point Ride Award and Mullen Hill, the Burch Rodeo Company bronc he rode, won the Best Bronc honors of the Match.

The father/son tie-down roping event was fun to watch as the Tierney family competed against the



Paul David Tierney's roping skills helped earn him and his father, Paul, the Father/Son Tie-down Roping Match. (Doll Rodeo Photo)

Pruitts. The last time Paul Tierney had roped calves in the HOTR arena was in a match against Joe Beaver over twenty years ago! Spectators enjoyed having the tie-down event back at Champions Ride as it had

been in the early years of the Match. Riley Pruitt, a junior-high-aged competitor, and Paul David Tierney, a high school rodeo contestant, certainly showed rodeo fans that they have the stuff champions are made of! The win went to the Tierneys, but it was fun watching for all.

All the activity of the day wasn't focused in the arena, however. The morning started with a Cowboy Reunion Brunch where past World Champions and contestants of the Match, as well as other rodeo enthusiasts, gathered in

air-conditioned comfort to reminisce of Champions Ride events of years gone by. The guest book reads like a who's who of rodeo notables from



A group of former champions take a ride in a covered wagon driven by Stevenson-Mischel-Olson funeral homes. Many past champions were busy saddling their broncs, judging, and working to help make Champions Ride a success.

the early years including first Champions Ride winner Alvin Nelson; Bob Robinson, Champion Bullrider; Tom Tescher, one of those credited with founding the Match and thrilling the crowds many years with his awesome style; to some of the more current legends like Brad Gjermundson, four time PRCA World Champion Bronc Rider and



Merrill Piepkorn of Prairie Public Radio interviews Alvin Nelson, Grassy Butte, North Dakota. Alvin was Champions Ride first winner in 1957.



Ashley Andrews, Miss Rodeo North Dakota, and Carly Ann Backhaus, North Dakota High School Rodeo Queen, proudly display the American and Canadian flags.



Genia Kelly of KBMR Radio presents Jay Johnson a check for \$1,130 raised at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Burger Fest, which took place at Cash Wise Foods, Bismarck, N.D.

winner of Champions Ride in 1988 and 1993; Rod Hay, three time winner of Champions Ride; and Jesse Bail, the 2004 Champions Ride winner. World Champion Tie-down Ropers Paul Tierney and Troy Pruitt were also on hand that morning to visit and sign autographs. Throughout the afternoon, a silent auction of commemorative, hand-made items, signed photos and rodeo collectibles were sold to the highest bidders.

Towner artist Andrew Knudson was also on hand to autograph the commemorative prints that were done in honor of Champions Ride's golden anniversary. "Little Britches, Big Dreams," the title of the painting, was a big hit. The signed and numbered prints are still available. Don't miss the chance to own one of these limited edition collector's prints!

It is now in the record books. The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Champions Ride Saddle Bronc Match is history. And in looking back to the early years and remembering two bronc riding brothers presenting the idea of a saddle bronc riding match to their parish priest in hope of bringing fans from all over to watch and raise money to support HOTR, who could have imagined that 50 years later, the idea is still going strong - bringing people to the Ranch and hope to the children who call it home? That is what has made Champions Ride so important - supporting the ranch home that has spent 56 years making a difference in the lives of the children. It truly was the right cause

in which to invest fifty years of rodeo heroes and the building of a western legacy.

Thank you to everyone who attended, supported, and labored at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Champions Ride

Saddle Bronc Match. We appreciate your efforts in making this day a memorable one for all involved - and especially for helping us to support our mission of healing for youth and families.

HOTR extends its thanks and gratitude to Vicki and the rodeo committee for their hard work and for making Champions Ride a success.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Champions Ride Rodeo Results - August 6, 2006

### SADDLE BRONC RIDING - First Go

- |    |                         |                       |      |
|----|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|
| 1. | Dusty Hausauer .....    | Dickinson, ND .....   | 79.5 |
| 2. | Sam Spreadborough ..... | Snyder, TX .....      | 78.5 |
| 3. | Jake Costello .....     | Newell, SD .....      | 78   |
| 4. | Jake Hayworth .....     | St. Anthony, ID ..... | 76.5 |
| 5. | Cody Wright .....       | Milford, UT .....     | 75   |
| 6. | Cody Horwedel .....     | Parkfield, CA .....   | 74.5 |

### SADDLE BRONC RIDING - Second Go

- |      |                     |                               |    |
|------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|
| 1.   | Rod Hay .....       | Wildwood, AB, Canada .....    | 84 |
| 2.   | Cody Wright .....   | Milford, UT .....             | 81 |
| 3.   | Josh Reynolds ..... | Corvallis, MT .....           | 76 |
| 4.   | James Willert ..... | Kadoka, SD .....              | 75 |
| 5/6. | Jeremy Meeks .....  | Batesland, SD .....           | 73 |
| 5/6. | Denny Hay .....     | Mayerthorpe, AB, Canada ..... | 73 |

### Jim and Tom Tescher Championship Round

- |    |                         |                       |    |
|----|-------------------------|-----------------------|----|
| 1. | Cody Horwedel .....     | Parkfield, CA .....   | 87 |
| 2. | Cody Wright .....       | Milford, UT .....     | 79 |
| 3. | Jake Hayworth .....     | St. Anthony, ID ..... | 78 |
| 4. | Sam Spreadborough ..... | Snyder, TX .....      | 77 |

50<sup>th</sup> Annual Champions Ride Winner  
Cody Wright.....Milford, Utah

Best Bronc Award  
"Mullen Hill" #803 of the Burch Rodeo Company

Father/Son Tie-down Roping Match  
Paul and Paul David Tierney



# Horses Lend a Hoof in Therapy

It's a bit ironic how it is usually the most oppositional child in the group who picks the mule to work with during equine (horse) assisted therapy group. And it is absolutely amazing to see how each child slowly learns how to get the horse, or mule, to follow along with the various activities. Processing what each individual and the



group has learned while working with the horses is the key to equine assisted therapy. Although Home On The Range has always incorporated horses in its programming, we are very pleased that this spring we had

two staff, Bettye Knight and Darrin Nielsen, certified in Equine Assisted Therapy by the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association. A master's level licensed



therapist, either Jay Johnson or Laura Feldmann, also assists the certified staff in processing the activities of the group. Bettye Knight and Paula Whitney, residential specialists, are responsible for the Horsemanship classes.

Equine Assisted Therapy has a powerful impact on individuals, families and groups.



Participants learn about themselves and others by participating in activities with the horses. Horses are large and powerful. They create a natural opportunity for the child to overcome fear and develop confidence. Horses are also social animals—they have roles in the herd, moods, personalities and attitudes—just like our kids! Horses provide significant opportunities for metaphorical learning. It's also evident that the horses, and the mule, are enjoying the attention they receive from the children.

## EGALA Program

**Laura Feldmann** has been with HOTR since December of 2005. Laura is a Beach, ND, native but was residing in Bismarck, ND, and working at the Division of Juvenile Services as a Juvenile Corrections Specialist. Laura has a master's of social work degree from the University of Denver. She is married to Loren and they have two children, Tessa, age 3, and Tyra, age 1. Laura commented, "The utilization of horses in therapy, in my opinion, is one of the most underutilized and most valuable modes of therapy. It is very exciting for me to be a part of something this powerful and to have this available to our kids at HOTR."

**Bettye Knight** has been with HOTR for over six years. She is a Residential Specialist and has worked mainly with the boys since



**Laura Feldmann**



**Bettye Knight**



**Darrin Nielsen**

she started in January of 2000. Bettye was trained in EGALA and is responsible for the Horsemanship classes for all the boys.

**Darrin Nielsen** has been with HOTR since January of 2001. Working with the EGALA program is very fitting for Darrin due to knowledge of horses and experience with kids. Darrin is a Licensed Social Worker with a bachelor of science degree from Moorhead State University. Darrin states,

"The use of horses as a therapeutic tool is beneficial in that it allows the resident to develop non-threatening relationships." For example, the hook-up exercise is an exercise in which the residents work with a horse to build trust and establish a relationship, which results in the horse following the child around the arena. Darrin is married to Kristie and they have four children, Bobbi Jo, age 13; Logan, age 11; Talon, age 9; and Baili, age 8.

# Eagle Hall Gets a Face-lift

This summer, the bathrooms in the boys' dorm, Eagle Hall, took on a new look.

Staff taught the boys how to replace old tile with new grout and tile. The boys

did a professional-looking job and took pride in the newly finished project.



Adding new grout.



Replacing old tile.



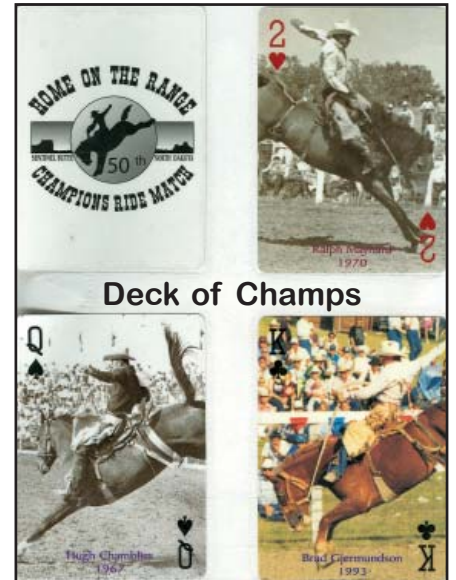
Finished shower stalls.



## “Deck of Champs” for Sale

For \$5 you can have our own Home On The Range “Deck of Champs.” Each card features the winner of the Champions Ride Match for each year from 1956-2005. The card has the cowboy’s name and year he won the title. Some of the past champions include Alvin Nelson, Jim Tescher, Brad Gjermundson, Dan Mortenson, Rod Hay and Jesse Bail—just to name a few. There is a limited supply printed, so get your deck of cards before they run out!

Other rodeo memorabilia for sale include 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Champions Ride glass-etched and/or wooden ornaments, and a limited edition commemorative print by Andy Knudson.



Deck of Champs



### 2006 Rodeo Memorabilia



	(per ornament)		Number		
	Amount	+ Postage/handling	Ordered	=	Total
Commemorative Color Print .....	\$25.00	\$10.00	_____	_____	_____
2006 Wooden Ornament .....	8.00	1.75	_____	_____	_____
2006 Glass Etched Ornament .....	15.00	2.25	_____	_____	_____
“Deck of Champs” Playing Cards...	5.00	1.75	_____	_____	_____

*Please complete order form and return to:*

**Home On The Range  
16351 I94  
Sentinel Butte, ND 58654**

*(Coupon must be enclosed with gift to receive rodeo memorabilia)*

Please send me the above merchandise. I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# HOTR Haying

We had a good spring with enough moisture to produce a very nice alfalfa hay crop. We also planted 250 acres of oats and peas for feed for the cattle. Farm crews made 700 round bales and 5000 square bales. Crews of both boys and girls helped load the bales on the trailer and then unload them into stacks or the barn.



Square bales aplenty on a field at HOTR.



Hauling bales is hard work. Sometimes a person needs to take a break. It's also a great time for self-reflection.

During the haying season, one of our employees' husband injured himself, and was unable to load his hay. Home On The Range sent a work crew out to his farm, and they helped with the baling and loaded the square bales. The kids had fun, and learned the importance of friendship and caring for your neighbors.

Our thanks to the many friends and neighbors who lent a hand this

last haying season. Some donated a swather or trailer for us to use. Some friends donated their time to help out, and others donated extra straw or hay. All these things help with the farm and ranch operation and are greatly appreciated.



With the aid of West Plains and their generous donation of 250 hours on a New Holland tractor and a monetary donation toward a 565 New Holland square baler, HOTR was able to successfully finish its baling. Pictured (l to r) are Harry Zachmann and Terry Egan.

## HOTR Continues Memorial Ornaments

For the fourth year in a row, Home On The Range will be offering a special ornament in honor of a loved one. Years past, we have received a tremendous response and have heard many comments about our memorial ornaments. Many families have made it a tradition to have a personalized ornament decorating their tree.

Our boys and girls are busy working on this year's special ornament. The handmade ornament will proudly bear the name and year on its ribbon. You may order one, or more, for family members, friends, or grandchildren. The possibilities are endless. Please send \$10 for each ornament, and the honoree's name. Home On The Range will mail the

memorial ornaments back to you, or forward an honoree's ornament to them, to remind them of your love and thoughtfulness.

Please return the coupon below by December 1 to make sure the ornaments are received by Christmas. All proceeds will go to buy Christmas presents for the children at Home On The Range.



### Memorial Ornament 2006

Enclosed is my ornament gift of (\$10 for each ornament): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please make an ornament in tribute to:

Memorial: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Honorarium: Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please return by Dec. 1 to:

**Home On The Range**  
**16351 I94**  
**Sentinel Butte, ND 58654**

Coupon must be enclosed with gift to receive ornament. For multiple names, please make copies of coupon or attach another sheet.



# Remember Home On The Range in Year-End Giving

As December 31 is drawing near, and you are planning your year-end giving, we ask you to remember at least four things about Home On The Range (HOTR):

**1**

**We count you as part of our family.**

Whether you are a recent friend or a longtime supporter, we value your interest and involvement. We consider you a partner with us in improving children's lives. You are a part of our family. And together we share a common commitment, a common mission.

**2**

**We remain true to our mission.**

As you know, our mission is to "empower children and families to experience healing in a Christ-like setting." We want you to know that

we have not veered from this, nor do we intend to. We lay our plans, build our budget and monitor our results to better achieve this mission. You can have confidence that we are "staying the course."

**3**

**We depend on your faithful giving.**

Whether a small annual gift or a larger estate gift, we rely on your financial support to help us accomplish our important mission. The more you give, the more we can do. It's that simple. On the other hand, without you and our other supporters, we could not exist.

**4**

**We pledge financial fidelity.**

We want to affirm to you that financial integrity is extremely important to us. We maintain strict

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## Bernie Keller Receives High Honor

Home On The Range is proud to reprint an article that appeared in the Pierce County Tribune. Bernie Keller was at Home On The Range from August 1950 through May 1953 with three other boys. He was the first HOTR student to graduate from Beach High School. In 1994, Bernie was awarded the first Father Cassidy Alumni Award. The inscription really sums up Bernie's life and contributions. It reads, "Home On The Range presents the Fr. Cassidy Alumni Award to Bernard Keller, Resident August 1950-May 1953, in recognition of personal and professional accomplishments through faith in God, commitment to family and service to Country and Community, June 3, 1994."

During the period July 17-20, 2006, Bernard L. Keller was recognized as an Educator from Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado Springs, Colorado, by the Department of Defense Worldwide Education Symposium in Orlando, Florida. He is credited for Remembering Those Who Have Made a Difference in the United States Military Voluntary Education Program. Although Mr. Keller was not present at the Symposium, he was

cited for his 20-year contribution to members of the Armed Forces.

Mr. Keller served as Coordinator for the Student Work Experience Evaluation Program (SWEEP) for Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC) in Colorado Springs. Throughout Keller's career at PPCC, he was responsible for the management of three external degree programs: Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Maintenance Management, Fire Science and the Associate of General Studies. While he was the SWEEP Administrator, PPCC developed eighty-five Independent Study or seminar courses offered at its home campus and its extended off-campus locations.

Keller received the Medal of Merit from the State of New Mexico Army National Guard for the period May 1985 to March 1993. He was the first civilian residing outside

the state of New Mexico to receive this award.

At the time of his retirement from PPCC on July 1, 1994, over 18,000 students had matriculated through PPCC. The vast majority of these were Army soldiers. Because of SWEEP, PPCC was invited to offer its programs at Fort Sill, OK, and with the Army National Guard, Santa Fe, NM.

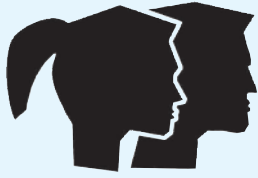


**Bernie Keller**

Since 1974, Bernie was one of 229 educators featured for making contributions to Military Education. He retired from the Air Force May 1, 1974, as a CMSgt (E-9) with 20 years, 2 months service and from Pikes Peak Community College, July 1, 1994, with 20 years service. Bernie and his wife of 48 years, Rosellie, call home Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Our congratulations to Bernie for his extraordinary accomplishments and successes.

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