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HOTR Rodeo Highlights



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HOTR welcomes new Assistant Chaplain

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding; In
all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall
direct your paths.” Proverbs 3: 5-6*



Dallas Carlson

This is the underlying inspiration for Home On The Range’s new Assistant Chaplain, Dallas Carlson.

Dallas was raised in Drayton, North Dakota. He graduated from Drayton High School, attended Valley City State College for a year, and then transferred to University of North Dakota. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Therapy. He was the Director of Physical Therapy at the Cavalier hospital for 34 years. He met his future wife, Ramona, married her, and had one son, Dallas Richard.

Ramona was a devout Catholic. Dallas attended Catholic Mass with his wife. One Midnight Mass, when the others went up to receive Eucharist, Dallas was questioned by his nephew, James, who asked, “Why aren’t you going for communion?” Dallas states he agonized over this, and soon thereafter began inquiry into classes to convert to Catholicism. Dallas also attended a Cursillo and was so inspired that he knew, without a doubt, he made the right decision, and God had a plan for him. Dallas just didn’t know at the time what it was. But he heard a voice, “Do you trust me?”

Dallas was active in the church and his faith grew stronger. In fact, friends and clergy encouraged Dallas to consider the Diaconate. Dallas said he was very humbled and honored, but didn’t feel worthy. With more encouragement and prayer, Dallas began the first two years of aspirancy to study and discern if God was calling him. He and his wife attended classes together. Dallas thought to himself again, “I know God has a plan for me. I just need to trust in Him.”

In May 2009, Ramona retired from teaching. With most of Ramona’s family in Dickinson, they sold their house and moved. The couple didn’t know what their future was. Dallas would pray for guidance and heard again, “Do you trust me?” He worked several Physical Therapy jobs, but wasn’t personally satisfied with any of them. There had to be another reason for leaving all that was familiar to come to another land.

Then he saw an ad for an Assistant Chaplain at Home On The Range. He contacted Father David Richter of Beach, to find out more about Home On The Range and the position. Several conversations took place, a visit to the ranch, and an interview later, Dallas was hired as the Assistant Chaplain.

The first couple of weeks at Home On The Range were very busy and overwhelming to him. There was a lot of rigorous training he had to attend, and learn the names of 45 residents and 75 staff. There was also the learning curve about treatment plans and the mission of Home On The Range.

Dallas takes his new position to heart. He candidly shared a personal story wherein a family member experienced so much tragedy in his young life, that the young man felt the only answer and way to end the pain and hurt, was to commit suicide. This haunts Dallas and motivates him to remind himself, and others, that we are all God’s children, and we can offer hope to those sheep that feel so lost!

Hope. It’s a simple word which offers so much. The children at Home On The Range have their own personal tragedies, but we need to pray and offer them hope. Hope for help, hope that they have staff to guide them, hope that they have a future, and hope that they realize they are God’s children and will be loved, no matter what.

Dallas recently received word from the Bismarck Diocese that he was accepted into Candidacy to study for the next three years for the Permanent Diaconate Program. He may not know where his journey will take him, and what God’s plan is, but he continues to pray, discern and believe that by “Trusting in the Lord.....He shall direct your paths.”



Albert Lea Eagles

At the 2009 Minnesota State Eagles Convention, FOE Aerie # 2258, Albert Lea, presented Home On The Range a check for more than \$11,000.

The money was raised by the club from various fund raisers held the past year, e.g. breakfasts, soup and dessert fundraiser, and a business

Christmas party. A portion of the funds was also from benefactors from Albert Lea known as "The Ranch Hands." The funds will be used for the new and upcoming canine intervention program.



Pictured above is Ron Sorenson, former HOTR Board Member; Jay Johnson, and Gary Cunningham, Minnesota State Chairperson for HOTR.

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Financial Support

HOTR does not receive direct financial support from the Bismarck Catholic Diocese. Care rates charged for services cover approximately 75% of the actual cost. The remainder must be raised through gifts, grants, our agricultural operation, fund-raising events, and investments.

Financial Statement Available

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International Eagles Convention

Jay and Robin Johnson, and Jolene Obrigewitch attended the International Eagles Convention in Reno, Nevada, July 13 – 17. At the convention, Home On The Range was invited to speak to approximately 1500 auxiliary members. It has been the ladies' tradition to "dress up" the director of HOTR. Since HOTR is an operating farm and ranch, the ladies felt it appropriate to dress up "Lil Jay" as a real cowboy. They also gave him trusty squirt guns, a rope, and taught him how to walk over "horse apples."



Not to be the only one dressed in costume, HOTR staff dressed the G.M.P. Pat Durham western style – as a HOTR Rodeo Queen that is. Her attire was complete with a cowboy hat and crown, champion belt buckle, and cowboy boots that matched her evening gown. G.M.P. Pat had to show the ladies her horsemanship skills (on her trusty stick horse) and answer some contest questions. She was unanimously voted Miss HOTR Rodeo Queen 2009.

At the convention, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, from its Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, presented a \$30,000 grant to Home On The Range. "The Fraternal Order of Eagles has a long-standing tradition of trying to make the world a better place, especially for our children," said Pat Durham. "The Eagles are honored to be a part of organizations like Home On The Range who work for our youth."

(Excerpt taken from press release July 23, 2009, in Golden Valley News, Beach, North Dakota.)

Thanks to the Eagles Memorial Foundation,

fifteen former HOTR students are now attending a college or trade school because of the Eagles scholarship. When residents successfully complete our program, they have an opportunity to apply for a scholarship for college or a trade school. Each child can receive up to \$30,000 to help with tuition, books and fees.



Home On The Range Champions Ride Match Rodeo



“We already agreed that last week’s rodeo was one of our most enjoyable. The cool weather, great horses, and some really good rides, all combined to make a perfect afternoon. Thanks for putting on such a great event year after year.”



“We were at the Ride last Sunday and it was awesome. I didn’t know about the event until a friend took me to last year’s. I was very pleasantly surprised at the quality of rides and hope to make it an annual trip.”

“Always a good show. Over the years seen lots of good cowboys.”

These are just a few of the comments received about the 53rd Champions Ride Saddle Bronc Match – which rodeo committee members and Home On The Range staff have deemed a huge success.

It was a blustery day, but it didn’t stop the enthusiasm of the fans. Nearly 1800 people brought their blankets and chairs and sat on the hillside to watch the rodeo. For some, this was their first visit or first time they have ever seen this type of event. For a few, this was their 53rd rodeo, having attended every year since the first one.

The number of participating cowboys was up this year too. Instead of the typical 20-25 cowboys being invited, there were 34 cowboys – all ready for the challenge and hopefully to earn the name “Champion.”

The prize money given out was \$25,000. Each saddle bronc rider got to ride one bronc. The top thirteen scores advanced to the Jim and Tom Tescher short-go round. The scores were combined and compiled, and James Irish of Lewistown, Montana, was named “Champion” with a total of 169 points on two broncs. James received a trophy bronc saddle made by Trent Taylor of Sidney, Montana, a trophy 30 - 30 rifle, and his name engraved on the Bud Pauley Trophy. Jake Hayworth was the cowboy with the high point ride of the day and of the short-go. Jake drew Tipped Off and received 87 points. He was given a set of hand-made spur straps, the Jim and Tom Tescher memorial jacket, and an engraved plaque.

There were also seven high school team ropers ready to throw their loop into the wind and catch a steer. The fastest team was awarded a \$1000 scholarship for each team member, and the second place team received a \$500 scholarship for each member.

Team Roping First Place

Brandon Thomas and Tate Schwegler

Team Roping Second Place

Lee Hale and Tucker Dale

Saddle Bronc High Scores

James Irish	169
Jake Hayworth	168
Shane Moran	165
Alex Wright	164
Louis Brunson	164
Andy Clarys	161
Zach West	149
J.J. Elshere	86



Pictured above 2009 Contestants





2009 Rodeo Committee



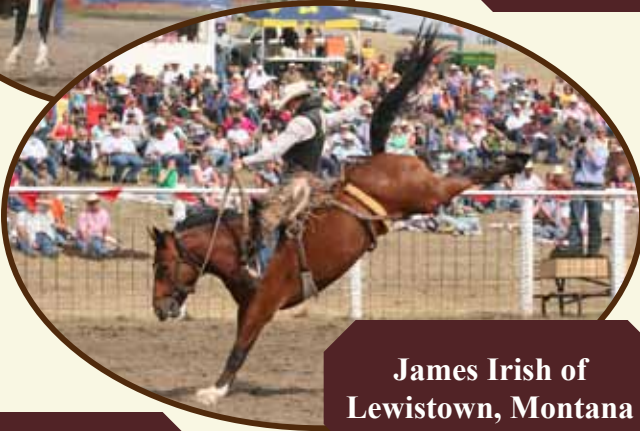
Tom Tescher Memorial



James Irish of Lewistown, Montana, was named "Champion"



J.J. Elshere of Quinn, S.D.



James Irish of Lewistown, Montana

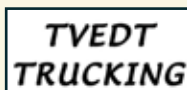
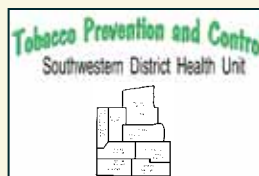


Team Roping first place winners Brandon Thomas and Tate Schwegler

Photos courtesy of Joanne Tescher and Doll Rodeo Photos



2009 Rodeo Sponsors:



Improvements made on HOTR Ad Building



This fall, the administration building received a new roof. The original clay tiles were removed and replaced with asphalt shingles. Rafters were added on parts of the building that had a level roof to help with water runoff.

For the past 60 years, this building has had several changes on the inside. Walls of rooms have been moved, added, or even removed, to accommodate the staff changes and needs over time. The administration building now contains staff offices, a conference room, copy room and storage. The original fireplace still remains

in the conference room.



Pictured above Main Building in 1950. Article reprinted from various newspaper articles on file with unknown dates and publishers.

The new main building 34 by 78 feet is a two-story brick structure. Costing approximately \$120,000, the building includes an ample number of bedrooms, a combination chapel-classroom, a dining-recreation room, a kitchen, laundry, running water, toilets, showers, walk-in cooler, offices and reception rooms. The Ranch is on an REA line. Light fixtures are fluorescent, the floor is inlaid linoleum, most interior walls of this modern building are ceramic tile. The spacious porch is in keeping with the ranch-type

architecture. In the living room, the books are dog-eared and the springs are a bit more prominent in the sofa cushions than perhaps they should be. And when Father Cassidy and his many young ranchers get hungry, they pull mismatched chairs around an oval table. There's a touch of home that can be felt, however, from the red-checked table cloth and Dutch-girl plastic curtains at the window to the relaxed, carefree chatter of hungry boys.

2009 Annual Ride for the Range



HOTR Residents Participated in 4-H

Our 4-H club had a wonderful turnout for its first year. We had 8 kids that participated; 4 of them participated in horsemanship, 5 in photography and one participated in public speaking. In the horsemanship class they were awarded one reserve champion ribbon, 9 blue ribbons and 2 red ribbons. In photography they were awarded 5 blue ribbons and 1 red ribbon. In public speaking our participant was awarded a reserve champion ribbon. We look forward to another outstanding year in 4-H.



Centennial Breakfast



The last weekend of July, Beach, N. Dak., held its centennial and all-class reunion celebration. There were a lot of people that returned to the small city. With so many people and few restaurants that served breakfast, the Centennial Committee asked Home On The Range if they could host a breakfast. In a few short hours, the HOTR staff and volunteers served approximately 500 people. They enjoyed French toast and sausage. The guests were very generous and HOTR received more than \$1500 in free-will offerings.



HOTR Receives Donation of Farm Equipment

Two local businesses made donations to Home On The Range to help them with their farming operation. West Plains donated 250 hours of usage on a New Holland tractor and Dakota Farm Equipment donated the use of a John Deere baler to make 1000 round bales.

These contributions allowed Greg LaBelle, the farm manager, to reseed 120 acres of alfalfa and 100 acres of haybet barley earlier this spring. Ranch staff cut alfalfa and grass for hay. Greg LaBelle predicts Home On The Range should have about 1050 round bales and 5,000 square bales when they are finished. The hay is used to feed the cattle and horses.

Greg LaBelle said, "The kids have always told us that the ranch activities are the most fun and their favorite while they are here. They enjoy hauling hay bales and feeding the cows and horses. This would not be possible without the help of West Plains and Dakota Farm Equipment."



A very special thank you to all of our wonderful overnight staff! Pictured at the left is: Roy Klym, Jeremy Pacheco, Betty Potter, Ward Remillong, Sheryl Jones, Mike Helsper, Betty Klym and Tara Losinski. Not pictured: Chris Lundin and Melodie Heiny.



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