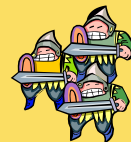






# 2009 Staff Gauntlet



Employees participated in the 2nd Staff Gauntlet competition. The events included Wii boxing, pie eating contest, egg throwing contest, mini-bicycle racing, and tug of war. The residents got to cheer for their favorite team. Five teams participated in the Gauntlet.



## Resident Discharge Questionnaire

According to the resident discharge questionnaire, many residents learn some remarkable things about themselves while in the Home On The Range program. Here are just a few of their comments:

“When I’m not using, I do good in school and do not have attitudes with people.”

“I am not a bad kid. I just sometimes made bad choices.”

“I can help others and help myself. I can give my trust to others until they take it away from me.”

“I need to be a little more open.”

“I need to forgive and forget.”

“I can do better.”

“I can be a leader and make a difference.”

“I can achieve if I believe.”

“I am a strong person and I don’t need to do bad things.”

“I can express myself and still be liked or loved.”

“I’m not as bad as I thought and I can sing.”

“I can do anything I set my mind to.”

## 2009 Shamrock Project

For 46 years, the North Dakota Knights of Columbus have participated in the Shamrock Project. Each year during the month of March, the Knights promote the green, chenille shamrock pins and ask for a free-will donation. Some Councils host breakfasts or other fundraisers to raise money for Home On The Range. This spring, the Knights raised nearly \$14,000 for the project. At the state convention in Fargo, John Hardy, on behalf of all the councils, presented the check to Jay Johnson. Our thanks and gratitude to all the Councils and members who supported the project.



# Adopt-A-Highway

In April 1991, Home On The Range adopted a portion of Interstate 94. For 19 years, Home On The Range has been responsible for cleaning the trash



in the highway ditches. Home On The Range cleans both sides of the highway from mile marker #1 – mile marker #15. Each spring, residents and staff put on their work clothes and protective clothing and pick up the waste. This not only helps our environment and looks nice, but it teaches our children to take care of the land and have a sense of pride in their accomplishments and hard work.



Home On The Range was honored to have many visitors from the Fraternal Order of Eagles Grand Aerie and Auxiliary at the annual spring banquet. They are (L to R): Terry Mason, Assistant to Grand Worthy President; Creighton Thurman, Dakota State President; Jim Roberts, Grand Worthy President; Pat Roberts, Mason DeLisle, President of Junior Order of Eagles; Bill Loffer, Membership Director; Gloria Mason, Grand Madam Conductor; Jolene Obrigewitch, Jay Johnson.

accomplishments and hard work.



L to R, Jolene Obrigewitch, Jim Roberts, Grand Worthy President of Fraternal Order of Eagles, Jay Johnson and Pat Roberts



# Home On The Range welcomes The Roping Show

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The Roping Show is designed to promote, educate & provide entertainment on the sport of Team Roping to the millions of team ropers, fans, and horse enthusiasts.

The Roping Show is a 30 minute program airing weekly on RFD-TV. The show will highlight action from various team roping events around the United States, including interviews with today’s top professional ropers, upcoming amateurs and various experts in the equine industry. Each episode will also include an instructional segment called “Tyler’s Tips with Tyler Magnus” from première horseman, instructor, and professional team roper Tyler Magnus.

Our main goal with The Roping Show is to provide an entertaining mix of both professional and amateur roping action, proven roping methods combined with horsemanship skills for roping enthusiasts at every level. The show’s concept is a natural fit for Tyler and Leah. Both have been involved with team roping and the equine industry their entire lives. Tyler has been roping for over 35 years, winning his first roping buckle at the age of 5! Tyler has since won at all levels of the sport while becoming one of the première horse clinicians and roping instructors.

The Roping Show is produced by Tyler and Leah Magnus. Tyler Magnus is a 9-time competitor at the National Finals Rodeo, and was the NFR winner in 1995. He has also won the PRCA Texas Circuit Championship and the George Strait Team Roping Classic. Tyler is one of a handful of cowboys who is equally competent as a header or heeler. Tyler’s horse training skills have brought him as much acclaim as his awards in the roping arena. His ability to communicate with all levels of riders and ropers has made him highly sought after as a horsemanship and team roping instructor.

Leah Magnus, Tyler’s sister, is a top-rated roper in her own right. Learning the ropes along side of Tyler, Leah is a winner at both heading and heeling in USTRC and other major ropings. Leah’s experience also includes, broadcast television, event planning, marketing and management.

Home On The Range welcomes The Roping Show which will be making their third trip back to our facility to film the Champions Ride Match. It will then be aired on the RFD-TV network in the fall.



Airing weekly on  
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## 2009 Champions Ride Saddle Bronc Match

Calling all rodeo fans, cowboys, cowpokes, buckaroos, city-slickers and anyone else interested in seeing the best saddle-bronc match in North Dakota! Come on down and join the fun at the Champions Ride Saddle Bronc Match Rodeo at Home On The Range on August 2, 2009!

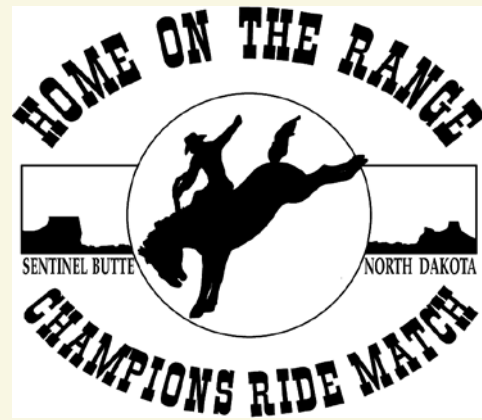
In 1957, the recently established Home On The Range relied on donations and the generosity of individuals, neighbors, and businesses to help make ends meet. Jim Tescher and Tom Tescher, local residents and cowboys, brought up the idea of a saddle bronc match to help bring visitors, and much needed income, to Home On The Range. Since then, proceeds of this North Dakota rodeo have been instrumental in supporting this non-profit child care facility.

For 53 years, the Champions Ride Match has been a premiere event with top-notch professional cowboys riding the best saddle broncs around. Cowboys from many states have raved about the high-kicking horses and the big prize money, and many of these cowboys and horses have been seen at the Wrangler National Finals in Las Vegas, NV.

North Dakota native, Alvin Nelson, is an excellent example of the type of caliber of cowboy that has competed at the Champions Ride Rodeo. Alvin was the very first Champion, and was later inducted into the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1998 and into the ProRodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2004. In fact, since the first rodeo, every world champion - except one - has competed at the Champions Ride Match.

The money and awareness raised by the Champions Ride Match Rodeo has been critical in helping Home On The Range reach its program goal of helping neglected, abused, and disadvantaged boys and girls reunite with their families and become a strong and healthy family unit again. Professional staff teaches the children socially acceptable skills, help them work through problems and issues of concern, and show them how to make choices that will positively impact their lives.

Mark your calendar, bring your blankets and lawn chairs, sit back and enjoy a premiere saddle-bronc match at the rodeo arena at Home On The Range (near Sentinel Butte, North Dakota). This year take advantage of a special weekend offer, combination tickets to the Champions Ride Match and Medora Musical. For more information, call 1-800-MEDORA1.



**Sunday**  
**Aug. 2, 2009**  
**1:00 - 3:30 P.M. MDT**

National Finals Rodeo professional cowboys are invited to ride world famous broncs and compete for title.



**Best saddle bronc match  
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# Spiritual Department

## Resident Testimonial Spring 2009

Our Mission Statement is: Strengthening children and families through Christ. Our philosophy is built on a foundation of Christian values established by Home On The Range founder, Father Cassedy, who had a desire to create a place where troubled young people could come to experience the goodness of God in a home setting. Today, the Spiritual Department works with the many other programs at Home On The Range to bring healing and strength to wounded families and children.

In a world that has changed dramatically since the foundation of Home On The Range, it has become even more important for our youth to have a moral and spiritual setting where they can learn a foundation for a happy, healthy life.

The Spiritual Department strives daily to provide opportunities for our youth to experience the goodness of God, including regular church attendance for those who wish to participate. Recently, several church-going residents chose to be baptized. Pastor Paul from the Lutheran Church, Father David from the Catholic Church and Pastor Dave from the Evangelical Church were

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*I am 16 years old and I've been living at Home On The Range for almost twelve months. I was placed due to my attitude, behavior and drug and alcohol problems. I've been in and out of foster care since I was young because of my mother's instability, the neglect, and her drug and alcohol problems.*

*My family was very dysfunctional and I never got the chance to be a kid, a real kid without worrying about how many days I would have to go without food, and how I was going to get to school. I was scared to leave my mom's side because I was scared she wouldn't wake up, and other times I was afraid to be near my mom never sure what she'd do next. When things were over my head I left my house and stayed with a friend only to return home when my mother would call me and tell me to come home right away. I would sneak out and go back to my friend's house once my mom was asleep. I was tired of taking care of my brothers and sisters and letting my mom take her hurt and pain out on me and the rest of my siblings.*

*My brother went to social services and told them about the way we were living. I was taken out of my mom's house with her crying and mumbling, "I'm sorry" and trying to tell me that she loved me. In 2006, because she hadn't changed much, her parental rights were terminated through the courts and my life was drastically changed. I couldn't find the feeling of belonging which eventually got me kicked out of several foster homes. I eventually ended up in placement. I want to finish high school and eventually get enough money to go to college.*

*My options for a career are nursing, vet assistant, or I would like to study in the fields of forensic pathology. All I know is that even if it's hard, I still have to make something of myself. I've had my share of struggles just like anyone else. I've learned how to grow up alone and deal with my problems alone. I've learned how to deal with the absence of my mom even though physically she was always around. The biggest struggle I've dealt with is letting people care about me and love me and my tendency to push people away because I get scared or doubtful even though I so badly want to let them in.*

*Another struggle is waiting for someone to adopt me and make me part of their family no matter what my history consists of. I also struggle with dealing with the death of two of my big sisters. We all have our problems and our struggles. My relationship with God is stronger than ever at this point. I've been to pretty much every church and it all means the same to me no matter what denomination it is. God is the only one I'm sure will never leave me or turn his back on me because of the mistakes I've made or any of the wrongs that I've done.*

*I think it's cool how God hears me when no one else wants or cares to. My faith has been on and off because of the way things have happened in my life and the things I've seen, heard, and the things that have been done to me. I would like to ask all of you to remember my name and please pray for me that I'll find a family that will love me 100% and take me in with open hearts and not judge me. I also pray that my faith in God will grow stronger.*



# HOTR Spring Awards Banquet

On May 15th, Home On The Range hosted its annual spring awards banquet. This is a wonderful time to give awards to the residents that achieve in areas such as education, sports, spiritual development and work. Some of the awards given were:

- Food Service Worker
- Raymond Schnell Ranch Hand Worker
- GED Recognition and Academic Excellence
- Frances Dietz Nurse Award
- Paul Blanchette Sports Award
- Resident Living Award
- Social Work Award
- Eugene & Margie Muth Scholarship
- Dolly Pithey Scholarship
- Darrell Wolff Award
- Two residents received scholarships for a college or trade school.

The Keynote Speaker for the evening was Junior Order of Eagles President, Mason DeLisle. He is a 15 year old freshman from Vincennes, Indiana. He



**Junior Order of Eagles President, Mason DeLisle**

spoke at the past two International Conventions of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in both the Aerie and Auxiliary sessions. He also has competed in the God, Flag, and Country contest for the past two years, winning the State championship and placed in the top three internationally each and every year.



Home On The Range was honored to have Mary Berger, Dakota State Madam President, as their guest at the spring banquet. During her Presidency, Mary has named Home On The Range as her charity. This past year, she visited Auxiliaries across North and South Dakota and helped promote Home On The Range. At the state convention in June, a quilt will be auctioned off with the proceeds coming to Home On The Range. Each Auxiliary was asked to make a quilt square for the quilt.



## Attention Quilters, Quilting Guilds and Quilt Lovers!

Home On The Range is hosting a quilt auction on September 19, 2009, at the Seven Seas Inn of Mandan, North Dakota. A variety of quilts is being accepted and will be available for bids that evening.

If you would like to submit a quilt for the auction, need an application, or would like more information, please call Home On The Range at 701-872-3745.



## Summer School

The regular school season is over, but some of our students have a chance to earn extra credits by attending summer school. The three classes offered this summer are math, science and physical education. This is a great opportunity for the residents that are in between classes to make up the credits so they can advance to the next grade. Home On The Range and the Beach School District work very close together to make sure our residents receive a quality education.

# Spotlight on the Dedicated Staff of HOTR



HOTR Nursing staff, L to R, Pam Popiel, Nancy Wirrenga and Chele Cole

Nurses Appreciation Week was May 6 – 12 and it seemed like the perfect time to salute our wonderful nursing staff at HOTR.

As taken from Wikipedia: Nursing is a healthcare profession focused on the detail-oriented care of individuals, families, and communities in attaining, maintaining, and recovering optimal health and functioning. A nurse assesses, plans, implements and evaluates care independently of medical staff (doctors), and typically provides anything from basic triage care to assistance in serious trauma care and surgery.

Modern definitions of nursing describe it as a science and an art that focuses on promoting quality of life as defined by populations, communities, families, and individuals, throughout their life experiences from birth through the end of life. Nursing also focuses

on health promotion; prevention of illness.

## *The HOTR Nursing Department is involved in the following:*

- Public relations in the community and has established rapport with various agencies and medical facilities (i.e.: BMC, Pharmacy, Archway Mental Health, BHSC)
- Meets residents' medical needs (immunizations, dental, vision)
- Maintains medical files
- Completes reports for quarterly and discharge summaries
- Communicates with parents and referring workers
- Works to improve the physical and psychological health of residents

## *The nursing department staff best exemplifies HOTR's mission by:*

- Improving the wellness of residents and education of their personal responsibilities in health management
- By using the holistic approach with residents to obtain optimal health



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delighted to baptize nine girls and boys who shared a desire to become official members of their respective churches.

Events planned for the summer include a three-day retreat for our residents presented by a Christian youth band from Colorado. Also, some young Christian people from New Zealand will be coming to Home On The Range to minister to our youth, providing not only a spiritual experience, but a cultural one as well.

Special speakers willing to share their stories often help reach residents hesitant to participate in regular Spiritual Program activities. For example, on May 11th, four ladies from Break Forth Bible Church in Dickinson came to minister to our girls. Sixteen residents chose to attend this special event, many who do not normally attend spiritual activities. One of the visiting ladies shared her personal story of sexual abuse as a child and her struggles with an eating disorder. She shared how Christ gradually healed her of her past pain and today she can look in the mirror and truly say that she loves herself because God loves her. This particular evening resulted in many of our girls responding to Christ and opening up their hearts and minds to other aspects of their program here at HOTR as well.

Home On The Range accepts children of all races, creeds, or national origin. Although participation in religious and spiritual services, speakers and retreats is always voluntary, it is the desire of the Spiritual Department to help residents discover that every challenge in life is an opportunity to allow God to reveal His love in a new way.



# MEET THE OFFICE STAFF



If you have called or visited HOTR there is a good chance you have talked with Cindy, Bev, or Wanda. Our business department has the highest average length of service of all the departments at HOTR, with an average length of employment of 19 years and counting!

Every service, be it retail sales, health care, school, farming, charity, etc., has a “business” component. There are usually bills to pay, money to collect, reports to type and file, and all the other things done to ensure the main purpose of the “operation” runs smoothly. At Home On The Range there is great diversity in the jobs that are done by our office staff, and our office runs very smoothly.

Working at Home On The Range is working for a place that serves a greater purpose, something big, God’s work. With that in mind, our office staff not only fulfill their job responsibilities but also help out with watching the kids when needed, transporting kids to medical appointments or from summer school, working with the kids and their families on money issues and reimbursement, working with county and DJS workers on restitution, payments, or just to greet and visit them when they come out to Home On The Range. The office staff also help out with events like the Halloween Dance, Basket Bash, Ride for the Range, Rodeo, and Banquets. For example at the recent Teachers’ Appreciation Banquet, every member of the office staff were present to help serve and participate in the event.

A big thank you to the business department, Wanda Olson, Bev Bouldin, and Cindy Meek. We appreciate all they do for the kids, staff, families and agencies.



Bev Bouldin, Cindy Meek  
and Wanda Olson

## *Committed Overnight Staff*

We believe it takes special people to work at Home On The Range. In all areas, people have their personal strengths and strengths as a group, to help our kids. But what about the staff who work from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.? This issue we celebrate the accomplishments and contributions the overnight staff bring to our facility.

At Home On The Range, we have nine overnight staff. They have a lot of important things to do during their shift. They constantly check and monitor the residents during the sleeping hours. When not caring for the children, they help put the point card information onto the computer, update the log books of activities, or package medications for home visits or the next shift. The overnight staff is responsible for waking up the residents to make sure they are showered, dressed and ready for the day - whether it is work crews, school, or medical appointments.

The overnight staff is always there to help cover morning shifts if a co-worker is ill, stay with sick children to offer them comfort and attend to their medical needs, and offer assistance to help the children wherever needed in the morning.

Most of the overnight staff have been at Home On The Range for more than ten years. That’s dedication and commitment which should be commended.

They work as a team, communicate with other staff and each other, and provide structure in the morning. Thank you overnight staff for your hard work!



Overnight staff pictured above L to R: Ward Remillong, Mike Helsper and Roy Klym.

*A very special thank you to all of our wonderful overnight staff,  
Jeremy Pacheco,  
Chris Lundin, Betty Potter,  
Betty Klym, Melodie Heiny  
and Sheryl Jones*



# Embryo Transfer

For the second spring in a row, Home On The Range's cattle will be recipient cows for embryo transfers. The children are involved in the program by helping bring the cattle up the chutes, implanting the cows with a CIDR (a progesterone impregnated device), later removing the CIDR, and helping keep the records. Ranch staff gives the cattle the shots and vaccines, and then an embryologist transfers the frozen embryos into the cows' uterus. The entire procedure is very scientific and has a detailed schedule. It's a hands-on opportunity for the children to learn how to handle cattle and how the reproductive system works. It may inspire some future veterinarians or vet assistants.



## *Summer at HOTR Includes Many Recreational Activities*

Throughout this summer we have many activities planned for the residents. In July the residents will be heading to the Black Hills for some excitement at Mount Rushmore and Custer State Park. Other activities include swimming, fishing, bowling, parades, mountain biking, horseback riding, hiking in Medora and Makoshika State Park, Raging Rivers in Mandan and many others.

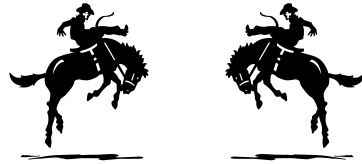
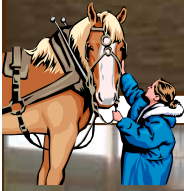
Some of the residents will also choose to participate in the 4-H program, which offers many different opportunities for our residents. They have certain areas that they can pick from and pursue a project. Most of our residents have chosen to work with steers and horses. They will work with them throughout the summer and show them in the Golden Valley fair in August.

Another resident favorite is Horsemanship. The horsemanship class gives our residents the chance to learn about horses. They learn about the nature of horses, safety, and how to get a horse and themselves ready for the first ride. This entails learning how to groom, saddle, unsaddle and bridle a horse. After they have passed the class, staff are able to take them riding as an outdoor activity.



To round things out, the residents will also have an opportunity to challenge themselves through the Ropes Course. The ropes course is a challenging outdoor personal development and team building activity, which consists of high and low elements. Low elements take place on the ground. High elements are constructed in trees or made of utility poles and require a belay for safety. The challenge course is a great way for our residents to socialize, have group interactions and learn to trust one another.





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## Home On The Range Has Been Reaccredited by the Council on Accreditation

*(Actual letter from Council on Accreditation to Home On The Range)*

The Council on Accreditation (COA) is delighted to inform you that Home On The Range has been reaccredited. COA's commitment to maintaining the highest level of standards and quality improvement is designed to identify providers that have set high performance standards for themselves and have made a commitment to their constituents to deliver the highest quality services. COA is proud to recognize Home On The Range as one of these outstanding providers.

COA reaccreditation is an objective and reliable verification that provides confidence and support to an organization's service recipients, board members, staff and community partners. The COA reaccreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of both an organization's administrative operations and its service delivery practices. All are "measured" against national standards of best practice. These standards emphasize services that are accessible, appropriate, culturally responsive, evidence based, and outcomes-oriented. In addition, they confirm that the services are provided by a skilled and supported workforce and that all individuals are treated with dignity and respect.

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COA congratulates Home On The Range for their hard work and wonderful achievement and is proud to have it as part of COA's Community of Excellence.



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