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RLND Medora Seminar

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Understanding the Resource Spectrum by Ashley Ueckert and Jen Ondracek

The first seminar for year two started out in Dickinson with a tour of Steffes Manufacturing. Rodger Pearson, Director of Operations, took us through the plant and explained the different processes and procedures the plant uses to bring a product from concept to completion. After lunch we traveled to Medora.

After arriving in Medora, we met at the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame and were welcomed by Doug Ellison, Medora's Mayor. After a brief introduction from Kathy Miller, NDCHF Manager, participants toured the ND Cowboy Hall of Fame Museum.



Weinreis Feedlot

Kathy Tweeten, Center for Community Vitality Director, led a discussion on the seven community capitals and what they mean for communities as well as our RLND projects.

That evening, RLND participants along with our guests, attended the play, "Murder and Mayhem", at the Billings County Courthouse Museum. After the play everyone enjoyed a meal at the Roughrider's Hotel in the Theodore Dining room. We welcomed five RLND alumni, four area legislators

and several spouses to our RLND Leadership Dinner at the Roughrider Hotel.

Day two started with a bus ride to Beach. Kim Nunberg, RLND Alumni Class II and Beach City Auditor, gave us a tour of her RLND projects. After visiting the different recreation areas and a fishing pond, Kim treated the class to coffee at Hill O'Beans. Marty Campbell, RLND Alumni Class I, gave us a tour of Prairie Fire Pottery. She explained the different elements of the products. She also shared her feelings on being part of RLND.

Next, we traveled to the Weinreis feedlot. Jim and Shawn Weinreis gave a tour of the feedlot and explained the different feeds for the cattle as well as the different areas in which the cattle are housed. Once back in Beach, we went to La Playa Restaurant for lunch. Natalie Murato, owner of the restaurant, shared her story. She explained why she chose North Dakota to start her business and raise her family.

Once back in Medora, we took a trip to Burning Hills Amphitheater where we met with theater manager Kinley Sauter. He related the history behind the Medora



Chet Hill, Teresa Huff, Kinley Sauter on Medora musical set

Musical and gave us a tour behind the musical set. The Chateau De Mores tour was next. Ed Salstrom of the State Historical Society gave us a tour of the house.

The last stop of the Beach/Medora tour was at Cedar Canyon Spa in Medora. Pam Reinarts recently renovated a former retail building in Medora and opened a Day Spa. Pam graciously showed us around her business and talked about the challenges involved with starting up a small business. We ended the day with a hay ride around Medora, followed by a rib supper at the Knotty Pine Peanut Bar.

We met on Saturday morning to discuss how the community capitals relate to our projects and communities. Discussion was also held on issues facing the group and on the future of year two of RLND.



RLND Class IV