



# Turtle Tracks



Official Newsletter of the Maah Daah Hey Trail Association

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## President's Message

### Hello to Trail users:

Spring is here and so is the move on to **National Trails Day** which is June 2, 2018, this year. We have the location picked out on Forest Service (FS) ground just south of the area we surfaced last year. The location is south of Highway 10 west of Medora west of the West River road. So the logistics are being worked out and like last year, MDHTA will supply lunch and door prizes, and the FS will supply the gravel and T-shirts for all volunteers. More to come on Trail Day later in this issue of Turtle Tracks.

Our MDHTA **Annual Meeting** was a big success with 41 people attending and many great updates by our cooperators on the past 2017 season and what is coming up in 2018. Thanks to the Eagles Club for the meeting room as well as the great meal. The "Birds in the Badlands" presentation by Jesse Kolar was really enjoyable. Also we elected three Directors, with **Roger Ashley** and **Curt Glasoe** being reelected, and a newcomer **Bev Brierley** of Dickinson, the new two-year member representing the biking community. Welcome to the MDHTA Board of Directors, Bev. Thanks to **Roger and Pat Ashley, Nick Ybarra, Carol Glasoe, and Bruce Bishop** for their time and help with making the meeting flow smoothly.

The new Board officers are Curt Glasoe - President; Roger Ashley - Vice President, Bev Brierley, Second Vice President; Bruce Bishop- Secretary, and Rod Mitzel – Treasurer. If you have any questions about the MDHTA, please contact anyone of these officers.

Activities planned by the MDHTA for this summer season include installing the benches provided by the **Diane Stoltz Family** and **REC Roundup** funds. **Bruce Bishop** has been the driving force here and when the ground thaws and dries sufficiently we will be placing them along the Trail. We will be placing location marker posts where the MDH Trail crosses major roads along the route, and planning a kiosk at Sully Creek Campground to recognize life members.

The **MDH Challenge** is on board to start this year. The challenge is to walk, ride or bike miles on the MDH trail, and record them on the challenge sheet and mail or email to **Bruce Bishop** for issuing the patches. We have special patches available for traversing **25, 50, 100, and 150 miles** of MDH trail, look at our website (**MDHTA.com**) and **Facebook** page for details.

We are still working on scheduling our semi-annual meeting with the Forest Service especially to plan where we fit into their trail program this summer.

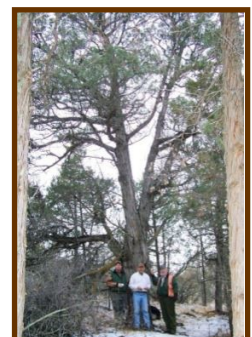
The website is up and the MDH Trail merchandize is really going out the door with the MDH trail and LMNG maps the big items. The maps are now \$14/ map as of January 1, 2018. Get out and enjoy the MDH trail system and also watch for the ticks because they are out here in full force now.

Happy Trails,

Curtis W. Glasoe – President - MDHTA

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Russ Walsh, Curt Glasoe and Dave Piper

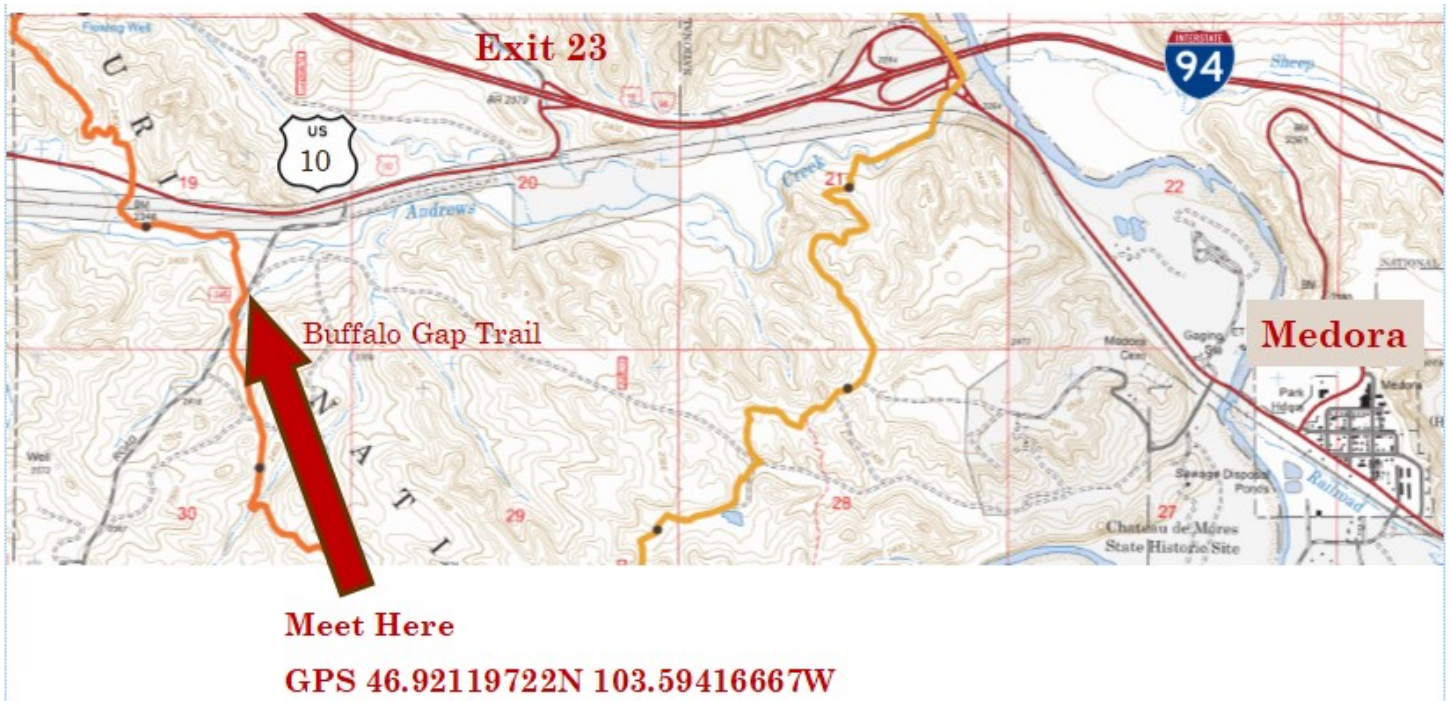
### Special point of interest:

- *The largest Rocky Mountain Juniper in North Dakota is along the Summit Trail. The tree is 34' high and it's circumference at chest height is 8' 1".*

## National Trails Day on the MDHT – June 2, 2018

This is the 19<sup>th</sup> year that the Maah Daah Hey Trail Association (MDHTA) and the USDA Forest Service will be hosting a celebration of National Trails Day on the Maah Daah Hey Trail System. This year's project will be the continuation of surfacing on the Buffalo Gap Trail located west of Medora. The Buffalo Gap Trail provides a by-pass of Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit. Participants will help with surfacing approximately 1,100 feet. Participants will load power wheel barrows by hand and then will help level and pack gravel into place on the trail. Surfacing is important for reducing erosion and providing a useable surface during and shortly after rain events. It is a time for all of our members, friends, volunteers, outdoor enthusiasts, trail lovers, and those new to the outdoors to give back to trails and pay it forward by introducing someone new to the outdoors. Individuals and groups interested in participating in this year's program should contact Curt Glasoe, President

MDHTA at 701-260-9459 or email him at [curtglasoe@ndsupernet.com](mailto:curtglasoe@ndsupernet.com). This will help us to plan for enough food, drinks, tools and trail prizes for all who attend. Attendees interested in participating should plan on meeting west of Medora at the intersection of West River Road and the Buffalo Gap Trail. Directions from Medora are: West of Medora on I-94 to Exit 23 (West River Road). South and then west on Highway 10 about 1 mile to West River Road, then south about 0.5 mile to the intersection of West River Road and Buffalo Gap Trail. Park on the east side of West River Road. Travel time from Medora, about 15 minutes. The event begins at 9 am and concludes by 3pm. Check our website for any changes in any details at [www.mdhta.com](http://www.mdhta.com) or follow us on FaceBook. Participants will receive a free lunch, a T-shirt and an opportunity to win trail merchandise provided by the US Forest Service and MDHTA.



# #NATIONALTRAILSDAY®

# Membership Recognition—Thank You!

## Life Members:

Roger & Pat Ashley  
Glenn & Jolene Baranko  
Chad & Emily Mitzel Brackelsberg  
Tom & Sherri Dickson  
Ken Eberts  
Curt & Carol Glasoe  
Jesse Hanson & Lisa Kudelka  
Dale & Jennifer Heglund  
Christa Kron  
Mark Liebig  
Ron & Aileen Luethe  
Don & Susan Mayer  
Medora Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Rodney & Carolyn Mitzel  
John R. Olson  
Mike Parke  
Charles & Sandra Peterson  
Brian Selland  
Doug Stoltz  
Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation  
Dwight & Loa Tober  
Glennys Ulschak  
Nick & Lindsey Ybarra

## Trail Boss:

Tim & Tammy Bohn  
Heidi Heitkamp & Dwain Lange  
McKenzie County Tourism  
Chuck Picard  
Stephen & Janet Wieser

## Founding:

Curtis Alkire  
Bruce & Roberta Bishop  
Kim Callahan  
Paul Conrad  
Dickinson Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Matthew Hays  
Andrew Howick  
Bryan Lange  
Steve Maul  
Patrick McBride  
The Printers, Inc., John Nelson  
Hiram Rogers  
Eric Selle  
Robert Stein  
Freida Tebelius  
Mark Zimmerman

## 2018 Annual Meeting Highlights

by Bruce Bishop

.Forty-one people attended the MDHTA Annual Meeting held at the Dickinson Eagles Club on April 21.

New Life Members are: Doug Stoltz and family, Emily Mitzel/Chad Brackelsberg, Mike Parke, and Christa Kron (of the Maasjo Family). William/Ellen Hoeg Minneapolis- donated to MDHTA. The Stoltz family also donated three benches that will be installed along the trail soon.

The MDHT has been featured in Outside Mag page 31, Top Great Plains trip to make Aug 2017, DBQ magazine #5 best trails to hike, Most Romantic Place in ND Valentine's day, front page spread Spokane Review newspaper Oct, photo on

back cover of AHS Trails day brochure – Thanks to Pat Ashley, MDH mentioned on 23 pages of the 136 ND 2018 travel guide.

President Curt Glasoe highlighted the work along the trail that the Association accomplished this past year.

- 42 people from MDHTA, Save the MDH, Back Country Horseman, and Home on the Range participated in Trails Day at Buffalo gap south of Highway 10 surfaced 1400'. – Don Mayer and Rod Mitzel- Food prep and supplies;

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- Burning Coal Vein puncheon installation-Rod Mitzel, Curt Glasoe, Roger and Pat Ashley, Phil Helfrich, Bruce Bishop, Nick Ybarra, Mark Zimmerman, Greg Morel, and Will Horneman;
- Clearing by Bruce, Pat and Roger;
- Curt Glasoe processed 183 web store placed orders – mostly maps
- In addition to the three benches donated by the Stoltz family four benches were purchased through a grant



provided by the Roughrider Electric Cooperative Operation Roundup.

Presentations were given by:

Dickinson Convention Bureau - Terry Thiel; ND Back Country horsemen – Jenna Corsiatto; Watford City tourism –Doug Bolken covered by Nick Ybarra; Save the MDH and MDH100 - Nick Ybarra; USFS Dakota Prairie Grasslands – Rob Schilling; National Park Service – Wendy Ross; North Dakota Park and Recreation – Jesse Hanson; ND Tourism – Mike Jensen.

Nick Ybarra was recognized as the "Trailblazer" of the year by ND Tourism group.

Program for the evening: Jesse Kohlar, North Dakota Game and Fish, Birds of the Badlands.

The Silent Auction brought in \$488 for the trail.

## Meet Your New Board Member

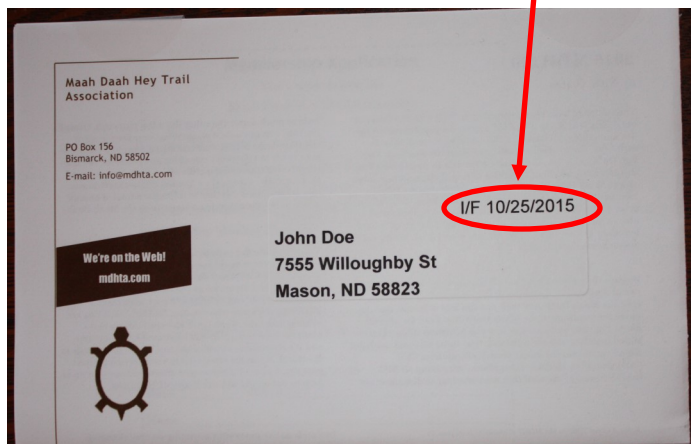
Hi, my name is Bev Brierley. I live in Dickinson with my husband and two kids. I am so excited to contribute to the MDHTA! I have served on several trail committees. Currently I am on the committee for the Phase II Crooked Crane Trail in Dickinson. We are in the process of creating a more sustainable and user-friendly, natural trail in the Patterson Lake area. I love being involved in the planning process as well as getting my hands dirty to provide unique experiences for everyone to enjoy. I also served on the Sidewalk and Trails Connectivity Committee for the City of Dickinson to create more usable and connected trails in the surround areas. My family has also participated in National Trails Day, and we often volunteer our time throughout the summer with Save the MDH. We also facilitate group rides for both mountain bikers and road bikers alike in the Dickinson area on behalf of the Badlanders' Bicycle Club. If you are interested in joining us, find us on FaceBook, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/168216940273995/> I was first introduced to the Maah Daah Hey in 2016, when my husband found a 100 mile mountain bike race that boasted an adventure through the Badlands you will surely never forget. At the time, I was living in Utah while my husband, Kyle, traveled back and forth for work. We have enjoyed visiting Medora during the summer months years previously, but never knew of the MDHT. How is that possible?? So, we set out on an adventure of a lifetime on

that race day. I drove mile after mile in my car, meeting Kyle from point to point until we reached Medora. I was forever changed that day. I felt closer to God. The solitude and peace the Badlands offers, is the only place in the world you can feel that. It has made me who I am today. I believe in preserving the Maah Daah Hey Trail. I am prepared to help in any way I can. I am truly honored to be a part of the MDHTA and can't wait to see what the next two years bring!!



# Membership Renewal – It May be Time!

“When do I renew my membership?” All memberships are one year in length except the three year Individual/Family Memberships and Life Memberships. To determine when your membership is up for renewal check the upper right corner of the mailing label on your newsletter.



Your current membership level (I/F = Individual or Family; F = Founding; T = Trail Boss; M = Mile Marker; and Life) as well as your membership expiration date is given. If your membership has expired please complete the membership application form found in this newsletter or go to [mdhta.com/membership](http://mdhta.com/membership) to complete the requested information. Include a check made out to MDHTA or if you wish to use a credit card go to [mdhta.com/membership](http://mdhta.com/membership).

## Moving? Changing your Email address?

Don't forget to contact us with your new postal address or email address. Stay connected.

## Thanks to all those that have renewed to date!

### Membership Application

Yes! I want to join the Maah Daah Hey Trail Association

- |   |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual/Family Member - turtle pin   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Post Marker Member - wood sign on post or for home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$70 Individual/Family Member for 3 years - turtle pin   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Life Member - turtle sign & name on kiosk         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Founding Member <input type="checkbox"/> Cap or <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirt S M L XL |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Trail Boss Member - Denim shirt S M L XL   |   |

*Make checks payable to: MDHTA, P. O., Box 156, Bismarck, ND 58502*

PLEASE PRINT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email newsletter: Yes  No

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The Maah Daah Hey Trail Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing and maintaining a linear, non-motorized, sustainable, recreational trail system in southwest North Dakota, through voluntary and public involvement, and in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service.

Dates to Remember

June 2, 2018	National Trails Day
July 28, 2018	MDH Trail Run ( <a href="http://experienceland.org">experienceland.org</a> )
August 4, 2018	MDH 100 MTB Race ( <a href="http://experienceland.org">experienceland.org</a> )
August 7-8, 2018	North Dakota Trails Conference, Lindenwood Park and Rheault Farm, Fargo ( <a href="https://ndrpa.com/event/2018-north-dakota-trails-conference/">https://ndrpa.com/event/2018-north-dakota-trails-conference/</a> )
August 11, 2018	5th Annual Badlands Trail Run ( <a href="http://www.eagle-endurance.com/">http://www.eagle-endurance.com/</a> )
September 22, 2018	MDH 150 ( <a href="http://experienceland.org">experienceland.org</a> )

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