

Slice of life taking on M*A*S*H theme

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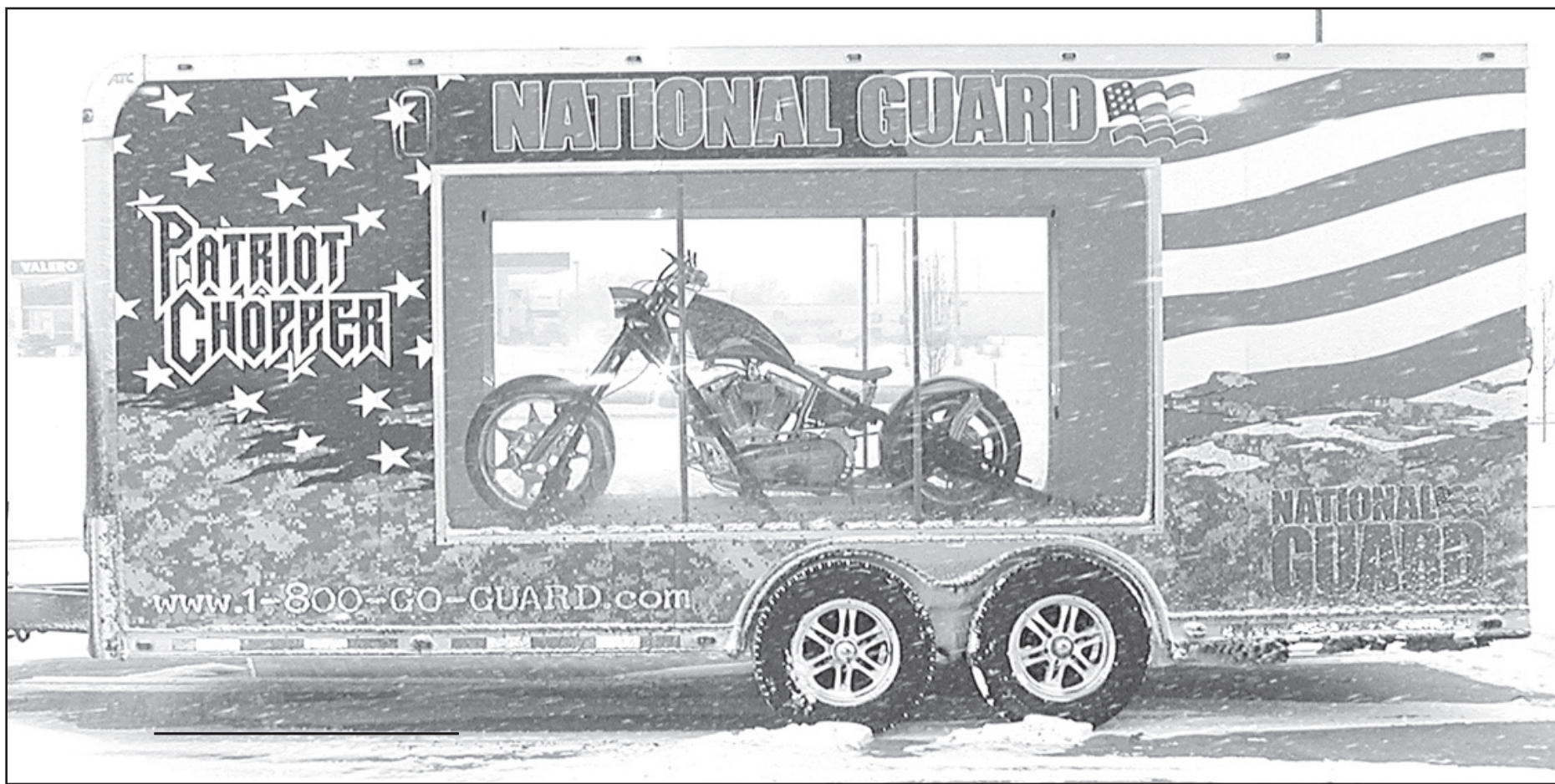
tournament, and the silent auction will continue during play. The awards reception will be at 4 p.m., and the golf club will provide evening entertainment.

The Friday night social will use the M*A*S*H theme, Schields said, with tents and jeeps and fatigues worn by those involved. Sugar Hills will provide the food and beverages, he said, and organizers are working with the National Guard on the theme.

"We are proud to honor our military service men and women during the 2008 Slice of Life weekend," he said.

Schields said the special stars night event last year was a great success, raised more than \$95,000. He said the money would be used for equipment and scholarships for the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Snow stops Guard's Patriot Chopper overnight



The National Guard's Patriot Chopper motorcycle was spotted at the Holiday Inn Express in Goodland in the snow storm on Tuesday. The trailer was on its way to a special bike show in Wichita on Wednesday. The Patriot Chopper is the first of three motorcycles built for the Guard by Orange County Choppers. The bike is

red, white and blue and also features the Army Combat Uniform pattern. There is a list of every U.S. war and conflict involving the Guard. The Patriot Chopper and the other two Guard bikes will be used for recruiting and to promote motorcycle safety.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

City donates to bull riding event

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be looking for points and that might make it bigger than the amount of money.

With the Wednesday date Weeter said there is not another bull riding event on the same date, and that it would be between one in Guthrie, Okla. and the next one in Weatherford, Texas.

"We should get a number of the cowboys who you see on television," he said. "We are here to see if there is any way the city of Goodland could help with the event."

"We think this will be the largest draw next to the Flatlanders Festival."

Bill Stoick, owner of Super 8 Motel, said he thinks this would be a wonderful thing for the city and a great boost to fill the motels. He said it would be great economic impact to be an annual event. Stoick said there are about 450 motel rooms plus campsites in the city.

Weeter said the goal is to make it an annual event, and that the PBR would send people to watch how the event goes this year and if it goes well they would apply to make it a two-day annual event.

"If we can make it work this year we are on our way to success," Weeter said.

City Manager Wayne Hill asked Weeter about the stock contractors. Weeter said the event will be working with five different stock contractors, and that there will be 50 bulls and they have to have the top PBR bulls.

"We are lucky," Weeter said, "but it is going to cost about \$9,000 for the bulls. It will be a total cost of about \$35,000 to do the whole event."

"If we can get it built up we won't have to ask for as much money in the future, but this year we are going to have to raise a lot of money."

City Commissioner John Garcia asked who will decide to make it a two-day event.

Weeter said it will be decided by the PBR people after we have the one this year.

He said there are 62 Enterprise events this year, and that after a successful night they can submit for the Challenger, which is the second level.

Mayor Rick Billinger asked Weeter how many people the grandstand at the fairgrounds holds.

Weeter said it is about 2,500 and

they have brought in stands on the sides of the arena, but in the past that has only been about 400. He said they will have to step out and rent larger stands to get to the 3,500 level.

Billinger said the city has some bleachers that might be available.

"We have used them in the past," Weeter said, "but we need more than that. We don't know what the stands will cost. We will have to raise the money to do that. We need all the help we can get."

Garcia asked how big the budget is for the event.

"I would like to raise \$37,000 to give us a cushion," Weeter said. "We know something is going to happen we have not thought of. We will have two rounds with a long go round and a short go round. The cowboys pay \$65 for their rides that we have to send to the PBR, then we have to pay for the short go round at \$65 each."

"We had to get a \$1 million spectator insurance policy. The fair board has picked that up. We have to have special PBR judges and they cost about \$500."

"It takes a lot to get through all the things in the PBR book. Some cowboys have already committed. They know my son Tracy Weeter, who is a PBR clown."

"I have no problem supporting this," Garcia said. "With the big names and publicity is going to get I think you are going to get a lot of support."

Weeter said the fair dates are different this year from Colby and Burlington.

"They both want this event," Weeter said. "If we can make it a success they cannot have one. We would have the site and date tied up."

Commissioner Josh Dechant said he had visited with Doug Sederstrom about the event last year.

"I think it is a great event," he said, "and we need something extra and exciting."

Dechant asked Weeter how much the tickets are going to be.

Weeter said this year the fair board will get the gate receipts because they are giving the committee \$12,000. He said the plans are to charge \$15 for grandstand seats, and the seats around the arena will be \$20.

"I agree we have supported the other events," Billinger said. "This may be as important as the Flatlander. It is certainly economic

development."

Weeter said there are other things involved like selling PBR merchandise at the event, and the committee has a number of special sponsorship levels including tickets and special promotional advertising for those who can help.

"We need all the sponsors we can get," Weeter said.

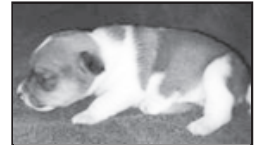
Commissioner Dave Daniels said he felt it was a good event to sponsor. He said made a motion to donate \$1,000 and it passed unanimously.

Weeter said anyone interested in the PBR events can go to pbrnow.com and click on the Enterprise tour button.

He said other members of the committee include co-chair Randy Whitmore, Doug and Greg Sederstrom, Duane Hanke, John Anderson, Michael Dorn, Tracy Weeter, Beau Larson, Mike Yarger, Darren Kannady and Cory Franz.

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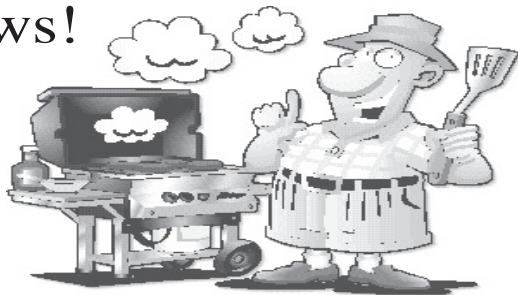
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