

ROUGH RIDERS:

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to be there for that.' I was like, 'Well, of course, I'll be there for that,'" Bock said. Bock then called Wolf, and the two were ready to ride alongside other experienced horsemen.

The one requirement was having a steady horse who could handle the uphill lope on pavement.

"We were all trusted to bring a pretty well-broke horse to make sure the job got done with no disasters," Wolf said.

"We knew President Trump was scheduled to attend, but with an event of that size, you never really know how things are going to go until it happens. We were excited just to be part of the presidential library's grand opening. Getting the chance to ride alongside Secret Service on horseback, escort the president and shake his hand was something I never expected to do. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience," Wolf said.

Beforehand, the riders were asked for their boot and hat sizes, along with their Social Security numbers for a federal background check.

"We had one day of practice and we really only ran through it one time and it went pretty smooth and that's all we needed to do," Wolf said. "We made quick work of it."

"Rehearsal was very short and sweet, because we can't keep loping our horses up and down this hill on asphalt. That's hard on them, so we had one chance to get it right the day before and then we're expected to do the same thing the day

of and everything went really smoothly and it was a lot of fun," Wolf said.

The men were able to keep the clothing from the event, including boots, boot covers, hats, pants, shirt, handkerchief and suspenders.

The Rough Riders was a nickname given to the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry, one of three such regiments raised in 1898 for the Spanish-American War and the only one to see action. Eventually led by Roosevelt, the Rough Riders became known for the Battle of San Juan Heights July 1, 1898.

The 2026 ride into history

The Rough Riders of 2026 also rode into history.

The riders arrived early in the morning July 1 in Medora, where they were screened, then maneuvered through the crowd before marshaling.

On horseback, the riders anticipated Trump's exit from the train, as Bock shot a short video of the moment.

"There was a ton of anticipation, and he finally stepped out the door and everybody started cheering. The vibes were super high and then we started our ride. The ride went perfect. I couldn't really imagine it to be any better," Bock said.

Once Trump and other dignitaries arrived at the library, the Rough Riders ran their horses back to the trailers, then gathered at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre, where holding rooms



submitted photo

GRADY BOCK, LEFT, on his horse Cinch, and **Jake Wolf** on Tuff, right, prepare for the ride of a lifetime in Medora.

were labeled, including one for "POTUS."

The men then stood behind Trump during his hourlong speech.

"It was so awesome. I was right directly behind him and it was just a really cool experience listening to him talk," Bock said.

"It was pretty warm. But he said a lot of good things and we were just

proud to represent. It was pretty cool that Grady and I, a couple of New England kids, were there," Wolf said.

After his speech, Trump shook the hands of all the riders in the front row, which is when Wolf was able to shake the president's hand.

"It was pretty neat," Wolf said.

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TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-02-13 relating to definitions, application and eligibility, and administration at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol. The proposed changes are effective June 29, 2026, as interim final rules under North Dakota Century Code § 28-32-03(2)(c) to avoid a delay in implementing an appropriations measure (section 2 of 2025 Senate Bill No. 2305); the rules are required for the Department of Health and Human Services to comply with the opinion and order of the Supreme Court for the State of North Dakota in *Ferderer v. North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services*, 2026 ND 81, 34 N.W.3d 168 (N.D. 2026).

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zone offices and at the state-operated behavioral health clinics. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

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2. The Board will consider up to a 1-YEAR QUOTE on all bus routes. All Quotes must include the year, make and capacity of the bus to be used on the route.
3. SEPARATE sealed written quotes on the Reeder, and Argonne Bus Routes must be submitted to Jeremy Fordahl, Business Manager by 12:00 PM on Monday, July 27, 2026. Interested parties may submit a quote for the routes under consideration. Indicate on the outside of the sealed envelope, "Quote on Reeder Bus Route" or "Quote on Argonne Bus Route."
4. The Board will act upon the Quotes at a Special Meeting to be held in the Board Room. As provided in Section 15.1-30-11 the Board will be allowed to enter into DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS with the current Contract Holder as to the terms of the new contract.
5. The BOARD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Quotes.
6. For additional information on the routes and the specifications for submitting quotes, please contact Jeremy Fordahl, Business Manager or Darin Seamands, Superintendent.

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