3rd Annual "Adult Prom" Raises \$27,322 Net For Improved Local Healthcare! By Ted Uecker, WRHS Foundation

The Foundation at West River Health Services sponsored their 3rd Annual "Shoot For The Stars – Adult Prom" this past Saturday evening at the Fun Bar in Hettinger. The decorative talents of Amanda Reimer, Kim Schalesky and Sheri Uecker were on display the minute you walked in the door! It's so nice of the Hettinger High School's junior class to donate their prom decorations to the Foundation these past three years. And what a beautifully decorated venue the Fun Bar became!

Over 150 people attended this year's Adult Prom, by far the largest of the past three. With tasty appetizers from Kennedy's Fresh Foods to get things started, the bidding began on the 44 Silent Auction items lining the back room tables (all gifted by various local businesses and WRHS departments). Simultaneously, the Promsters feasted their eyes on the 35 amazing Live Auction items as well.

At 7:00pm the Grand March was led by West River CEO Matt Shahan and his wife Katie. They certainly started a tall tunnel for all of the 35 or so couples to walk under. Eventually everyone was announced by Nolan Dix, escorted through the tunnel and the dancing to Hot Trax began (local cd spinners Nolan Dix and Terry Spratta). Shortly thereafter at about 8pm, the Live Auction began, with youthful auctioneer Rowdy Benson making the call. In less than 50 minutes, Rowdy sold 35 items for \$20,760 gross! Thank you Rowdy! Here's a recap of the successful Live Auction items, sponsors and buyers:

| Live Auction Item | Sponsor(s) | Buyer(s) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Chicago Cubs Bar Table | WRHS Foundation | Lanae/Dr. Mark Kristy |
| McGraw/Hill Concert | WRHS Radiology Dept. | Anna Sherlock |
| King-Sized Quilt | Dr. Tom & Joanne Jacobson | Lanae/Dr. Mark Kristy |
| 1/2 Hog Butchered/Processed | Anthony/Jodi Larson | Jodi Uecker |
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| UND Hockey Trip/Hotel | Dr. Cathy Houle/Todd Shirek | Eve Safratovich, Dr. Wellman |
| Escort Radar Detector | Uecker Yards Inc. | Jodi Uecker |
| NightHawks Bar Table | United Clinics Physicians | Ted/Sheri Uecker |
| Mizuno Golf Driver | Jeremy Galbreth | Matt/Katie Shahan |
| ½ Lamb Butch/Proc | Schauer Sheep Co. | Roy Goddard |
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| Monster Moto Minibike | Runnings, WRHS Foundation | Cole/Terri Ehlers |
| Liberty 24 Gun Safe | West Plains Inc. | Caleb/Mindy Dalley |
| Four MN Twins Tix/Gift Cert | Ranum Family | Brett/Aime Henderson |
| MN Vikings Bar Table | WRHS Foundation | Scott/Kris Kleinjan |
| 10 Cubic Foot Freezer | Lodgepole Store | Seth/Sarah Skogen |
| Medora Musical Package | Chuck/Kerry Christman | Mike/Lisa Clayton |
| Mirror Lake Photography | Reflections Studio | Anna Sherlock |

Guided Walleye Fishing Trip Dr. B. Willoughby, Alex Thompson Chris/Ronda Schauer 15 pounds Snow Crab **Hettinger Country Club** Dr. Josh/Dr. Carrie Ranum 15 pounds Snow Crab **Hettinger Country Club** Rich/Jennifer Jahner Cub Cadet Brush Cutter AgPro Equipment, WRHS FoundationChris/Tricia Parnow Wrestling Champions Table C & S Welding Tony Mugerud 2 Tix NDSU Home FB Game Gary/Debbie Dewhirst Anthony Larson NDSU Quilt & Tailgate Cooler WRHS Patient Fin. Services Dept. Stephanie/Kyle Kennedy Beef Bundle/Cooler Dr. Cathy Houle/Todd Shirek Uecker Yards Inc. Propane Fireplace Pkg. WRHS Administration Brian/Neva Scoular Cub Cadet Riding Mower AgPro Equipment, WRHS FoundationAnthony/Jodi Larson 6 months Dozen Roses Prairie Rose Floral Eric/Dana Andress 6 months Dozen Roses Prairie Rose Floral Ted/Sheri Uecker 4 NightHawks Bar Stools **United Clinics Physicians** Eric/Dana Andress **Four MN Twins Tickets** Ranum Family McKenzie/Austin Fedderson **UND Hockey Trip** Dr. Cathy Houle/Todd Shirek Matt/Katie Shahan Presidential Coin Collection WHCC Board of Directors Dr. Josh/Dr. Carrie Ranum

Following the Live Auction, CEO Matt Shahan gave a short talk about the gratitude that West River Health Services has for the support we receive from the surrounding area. He also mentioned that we are all one FAMILY – which resonated throughout the evening (as evidenced by the Laboratory Department employees all coming out together as a team for the Grand March). Not to mention the groups of people dancing together in a circle or line dancing! In addition, Ted Uecker let everyone know that his father-in-law, Dennis Bentsen, was available to give anyone and everyone a safe ride home (if they needed it). He was parked and ready just

Once the Live Auction was completed, everyone had 30 more minutes to get their Silent Auction bids in. As we collected the Silent Auction bidding sheets, there were still bidders lingering around the items they wanted (in fact, Dr. Bruning and Jezelle Salazar kept bidding back and forth right to the last second!) The Silent Auction raised \$3,924! The following is a recap of the Silent Auction items, sponsors and buyers:

outside the Fun Bar front door from 7pm-1am. Thanks Bents!

| Silent Auction Item | Sponsor(s) | Buyer(s) |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Artwork by Tanner Fitch | Prairie Rose Floral | Robert/Ronda Knutson |
| Handmade Patchwork Quilt | Lutheran Church Quilters | Kim/Theron Schalesky |
| Mancana Ash Bowl | Duey/Char Marthaller | Cody/Tara Jorgensen |
| Madrone Wood Ornament | Duey/Char Marthaller | Jodi Uecker |
| Two Massages & Wine Pkg | Amanda Reimer, LMT | Barb/Terry West |
| Mirror Lake Photography | Orby Reyes, WRHS Lab Dept. | Mary Krein |
| Yellowstone Photography | Orby Reyes, WRHS Lab Dept. | Lanae/Dr. Mark Kristy |
| Jackson Lake Photography | Orby Reyes, WRHS Lab Dept. | Mary Krein |
| Phillipines Photography | Orby Reyes, WRHS Lab Dept. | Mary Krein |
| Liquor Lamps | Ardella Dschaak | McKenzie/Austin Fedderson |
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Liquor Lamps with Shades McKenzie/Austin Fedderson Lunch In Kathleen's Garden **KB Jewelers** Magnus/Grace Meier Carpet Cleaning Gift Cert. **H & H Carpet Cleaners** Barb/Terry West Pitcher With Four Glasses SetPheasants Forever Junelle Suico **Four MN Twins Tickets** KNDC Cindy/Ken Vik Floating Party Barge Shadehill Camping Assoc. Chris/Tricia Parnow Dakota Gold Necklace Wheeler's Manufacturing Anna Sherlock Marinela Zialcita Swarovski Necklace/Earings Wheeler's Manufacturing **Dewalt Cordless Drill Set** Runnings, WRHS Foundation Eric/Dana Andress Pastime Bar & Steakhouse Mother's Day Wine Basket Marinela Zialcita Jezelle/Paul Salazar Two Stockpots & Saute Pan Dave Burke 11 Quart Pressure Cooker Nesco Dr. Jeffrey Bruning Variety Gift Cert. Basket Southwest Healthcare Services Robert/Ronda Knutson Wine/Tea/Coffee Basket M. & G. Prischmann, J. & A. Stippich Terra/Mike Fried **Eight Ribeye Steaks** Kennedy's Fresh Foods Magnus/Grace Meier Doormat & Garden Flags White Drug Pharmacy Terri/Cole Ehlers Movie Date Night Basket **WRHS Visiting Nurses** Diane/Wayne Henderson Nixon Collectible Poster Loren Luckow Lanae/Dr. Mark Kristy Cookie Baking Basket WRHS Food & Nutrition Lori/Adam Hill Clothing/Jewelry Jewels of the West Anna Sherlock Dry Cleaning Gift Cert. Carmel's Cleaners Ted/Sheri Uecker One Year Subscription Adams County Record Ted/Sheri Uecker Jewelry Box **KB** Jewelers Mary Krein Erin & Alan Timm Seth/Sarah Skogen Kid's Activities Basket Lighthouse Photography Brian & Yunjae Cooper Barb/Terry West Matt & Katie Shahan Rombauer Wine Pkg Lanae/Dr. Mark Kristy Minnie Mouse Quilt **Doris Christman** Cindy/Ken Vik Ocean Beach Artwork Manette Obrigewitch Patty/Troy Ness Cherry Blossom Artwork Manette Obrigewitch Mary Krein One Hour Massage Sharon Silkman Sue/Tim Layden One Year Subscription Adams County Record Ashleigh/Steven Nash Two bottles Gorgeous Vodka The Fun Bar Eden Alcoy Beef Bundle Zimmerman Ranch Junelle Suico

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The Promsters continued dancing throughout the evening until 12:30am! It was an amazing night. Special thanks to Erin Timm for her development of the program and silent/live auction sheets; to Christina Maier and Sheri Uecker for helping with guest registration; to Cindy Ham for her poster/ticket development, Facebook postings and photography; to Rowdy Benson for his sensational auctioneering; to Kennedy's Fresh Foods for the terrific appetizers and sandwiches; to Hot Trax for providing the fun music; to the Fun Bar for their outstanding hustle behind the bar and their exquisite/intimate locale; to the numerous businesses, organizations, families and individuals who purchased tickets, gave and purchased auction items. Raising

Ted/Sheri Uecker

Zimmerman Ranch

Beef Bundle

\$27,322 net to improve our healthcare "close to home" makes it all worthwhile. Thank you everyone! Onward!