

MONTANA **QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**



Versatility Ranch **Horse Show &** Ranching Heritage Challenge

> October 11-14, 2025 Miller's Horse Palace

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DEDICATED TO PROMOTING THE AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE



Versatility Ranch Horse Show & Ranching Heritage Challenge

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

FRIDAY, October 10, 2025

1 pm to 8 pm Exhibitor Check-in - Indoor arena open during this time.

33. RHC Cowboy 4-yr old & up Steer Stopping

- 34. RHC Amateur 4-yr old & up Steer Stopping
- 35. RHC Youth 4-yr old & up Steer Stopping

SATURDAY, October 11, 2025 10 AM

- 1. RHC Open 4 yr old & Up Ranch Cutting
- 2. RHC Amateur 4 yr old & Up Ranch Cutting
- 3. RHC Youth 4 yr old & Up Ranch Cutting
- 4. VRH All Breed Open Ranch Cutting
- 5. VRH Open Senior Horse Ranch Cutting
- 6. VRH Open Junior Horse Ranch Cutting
- 7. VRH Cowboy Ranch Cutting
- B. VRH All Breed Non Pro Ranch Cutting
- 9. VRH Amateur Ranch Cutting
- 10. VRH All Breed Youth Ranch Cutting
- 11. VRH Youth Ranch Cutting
- 12. VRH All Breed Limited Non Pro Ranch Cutting
- 13. VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Cutting
- 14. VRH All Breed Limited Youth Ranch Cutting
- 15. VRH Limited Youth Ranch Cutting
- 16. VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Cutting
- 17. VRH All Breed Rookie Youth Ranch Cutting
- 18. VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Cutting

Clear Cutting Pen & Work Arena

- 19. RHC Youth 4 yr Old & Up Barrel Racing
- 20. RHC Amateur 4 yr Old & Up Barrel Racing
- 21. RHC Open 4 yr Old & Up Barrel Racing

Work Arena

- 22, RHC Open 4-yr old & Up Team Roping HEADING
- 23. RHC Amateur 4-yr old & Up Team Roping HEADING
- 24. RHC Youth 4-yr old & up Team Roping HEADING
- 25. RHC Open 4-yr old & up Team Roping HEELING
- 26. RHC Amateur 4-yr old & Up Team Roping HEELING
- 27. RHC Youth 4-yr old & up Team Roping HEELING
- 28. RHC Open 4-yr old & up Breakaway Roping
- 29. RHC Cowboy 4-yr old & up Breakaway Roping
- 30. RHC Amateur 4-yr old & up Breakaway Roping
- 31. RHC Youth 4-yr old & up Breakaway Roping
- 32. RHC Open 4-yr old & up Steer Stopping

SUNDAY, October 12, 2025 8 AM

- 36, RHC Open 7-yr old & up Working Ranch Horse
- 37. RHC Open 5 & 6 yr old Working Ranch Horse
- 38. RHC Limited Open 5 & 6 yr old Working Ranch Horse*
- 39. RHC Open 4 yr old Working Ranch Horse
- 40. RHC Limited Open 4 yr old Working Ranch Horse*
- 41. RHC Cowboy 4 yr old & up Working Ranch Horse
- 42. RHC Amateur 4 yr old & up Working Ranch Horse
- 43. RHC L1 Amateur 4 yr old & up Working Ranch Horse*
- 44. RHC Youth 4 yr old & up Working Ranch Horse
- 45. RHC L1 Youth 4 yr old & up Working Ranch Horse*
- 46. RHC Limited Amateur 4 yr old & up Working Ranch Horse
- 47. RHC L1 Amateur 4 yr old & up Limited Working Ranch Horse*
- 48. RHC Limited Youth 4 yr old & up Working Ranch Horse
- 49. RHC L1 Youth 4 yr old & up Limited Working Ranch Horse*
- 50. RHC Amateur Rookie 4 yr old & up Working Ranch Horse Boxing
- 51. RHC Youth Rookie 4 yr old & Up Working Ranch Horse Boxing
- 52. VRH All Breed Open Ranch Cow Work
- 53. VRH All Breed Open Ranch Reining**
- 54. VRH Open Senior Horse Ranch Cow Work
- 55. VRH Open Senior Horse Ranch Reining**
- 56. VRH Open Junior Horse Ranch Cow Work
- 57. VRH Open Junior Horse Ranch Reining**
- 58. VRH Cowboy Ranch Cow Work
- 59. VRH Cowboy Ranch Reining**
- 60. VRH All Breed Non Pro Ranch Cow Work
- 61. VRH All Breed Non Pro Ranch Reining**
- 62. VRH Amateur Ranch Cow Work
- 63. VRH Amateur Ranch Reining**
- 64. VRH All Breed Youth Ranch Cow Work
- 65. VRH All Breed Youth Ranch Reining**
- 66. VRH Youth Ranch Cow Work
- 67. VRH Youth Ranch Reining**
- 68. VRH All Breed Limited Non Pro Ranch Cow Work
- 69. VRH All Breed Limited Non Pro Ranch Reining**

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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES CONTINUED

70. VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Cow Work

71. VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Reining**

72. VRH All Breed Limited Youth Ranch Cow Work

73. VRH All Breed Limited Youth Ranch Reining**

74. VRH Limited Youth Ranch Cow Work

75. VRH Limited Youth Ranch Reining**

76. VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Cow Work

77. VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Reining**

78. VRH All Breed Youth Rookie Ranch Cow Work

79. VRH All Breed Rookie Youth Ranch Reining**

80. VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Cow Work

\$1. VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Reining**

Work Arena

82. RHC Open 3 yr old & up Ranch Riding

83. RHC Amateur 3 yr old & up Ranch Riding

84. RHC Youth 3 yr old & up Ranch Riding

Set up Ranch Trail

Monday, October 13, 2025 8 AM

85. AQHA Open Senior (Non VRH) Ranch Trail

86. AQHA Open Junior (Non VRH) Ranch Trail

87. AQHA Amateur (Non VRH) Ranch Trail

88. AQHA Youth (Non VRH) Ranch Trail

89. VRH all Breed Open Ranch Trail

90.VRH Open Senior Horse Ranch Trail

91. VRH Open Junior Horse Ranch Trail

92. VRH Cowboy Ranch Trail

93. VRH All Breed Non Pro Ranch Trail

94. VRH Amateur Ranch Trail

95. VRH All Breed Youth Ranch Trail

96. VRH Youth Ranch Trail

97. VRH All Breed Limited Non Pro Ranch Trail

98. VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Trail

99. VRH All Breed Limited Youth Ranch Trail

100, VRH Limited Youth Ranch Trail

101. VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Trail

102 VRH All Breed Rookie Youth Trail

103. VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Trail

Clear and Work Arena

104, AQHA Open Senior Horse Ranch Riding

105. AQHA Open Junior Horse Ranch Riding

106. AQHA Amateur Ranch Riding

107, AQHA Youth Ranch Riding

TUESDAY, October 14, 2025 8 AM

108, VRH All Breed Open Ranch Riding

109. VRH Open Senior Horse Ranch Riding

110. VRH Open Junior Horse Ranch Riding

111 VRH Cowboy Ranch Riding

112. VRH All Breed Non Pro Ranch Riding

113. VRH Amateur Ranch Riding

114. VRH All Breed Youth Ranch Riding

115. VRH Youth Ranch Riding

116. VRH All Breed Limited Non Pro Ranch Riding

117. VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Riding

118. VRH All Breed Limited Youth Ranch Riding

119 VRH Limited Youth Ranch Riding

120. VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Riding

121. VRH All Breed Rookie Youth Ranch Riding

122. VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Riding

Work Arena

123. VRH All Breed Open Ranch Conformation

124. VRH Open Senior Horse Ranch Conformation

125. VRH Open Junior Horse Ranch Conformation

126. VRH Cowboy Ranch Conformation

127. VRH All Breed Non Pro Ranch Conformation

128. VRH Amateur Ranch Conformation.

129. VRH All Breed Youth Ranch Conformation

130. VRH Youth Ranch Conformation

131. VRH All Breed Limited Non Pro Ranch Conformation

132. VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Conformation

133, VRH All Breed Limited Youth Ranch Conformation

134, VRH Limited Youth Ranch Conformation

135. VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Conformation

136. VRH All Breed Rookie Youth Ranch Conformation

137. VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Conformation.

Presentation of Awards

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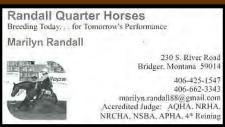




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Suzanne Sherick

Stan & Nancy Weaver

Mindi Wilson







Competition doesn't scare me — it sharpens me.

I'm not here to blend in. I'm here to stand out.

To move with purpose.

To play bold, not safe.

When I show up, I show up to win — with focus, fire, and confidence.

Because when you believe in yourself, there's no such thing as too much competition.

Stay humble. Stay hungry. But never play small.

Bold moves make big impact. 💥





AND WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT THE VRH/RHC SHOW, COME VISIT OUR BOOTH AT THE METRA



We will be selling raffle tickets for a Tri Star 12 gauge over and under shotgun custom made for MQHA. Tickets are \$25. Only 300 tickets will be sold.



2026 MQHA CONVENTION

Great Northern Hotel—Helena, MT

December 5-7, 2025

Watch your mailbox for Convention Information!

Laura will be needing your dinner RSVP & ballots around mid-November. This is also an good time to renew your MQHA membership for 2026.



MQHA Board of Director's Meeting Friday Night Social with MQHA Trivia & a Scooter Raffle









★ ☆ SATURDAY ☆

SATURDAY MORNING

Meetings such as Show, Amateur & Youth you can attend for information & open discussion.

SATURDAY

Afternoon

MQHA Meeting—Officer elections, reports from **Committee Chairs & National Directors**

SATURDAY



Cocktail Hour Silent Auction Dinner LIVE MUSIC **Live Auction Awards Ceremony**



MEMBERS:

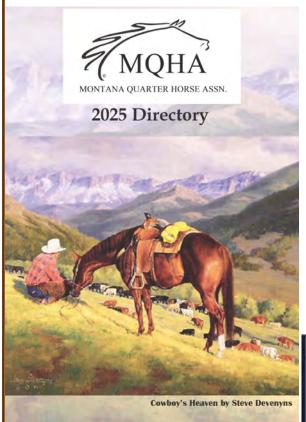
Join one (or more) of our many committees & share your talents & ideas for MQHA in 2026! (MQHA Committees are listed at the end of the newsletter)







2026 MQHA DIRECTORY ADS DUE DECEMBER 31, 2025



It's that time of year again! We are looking forward to meeting your advertising needs in our 2026 annual directory, and we are pleased to announce that there will be *no rate increase* in 2026. Below is the 2026 MQHA Directory Fees Schedule.

Contact us as soon as possible to reserve your ad space in the 2026 publication.

All ads must be submitted photo ready by December 31, 2025. If you need assistance with your ad design, please contact Brynn Molloy at bkmolloy@gmail.com. Please allow 10 to 14 days for ad completion.

The Directory will be distributed in early 2026 to all MQHA members, advertisers, supporters, and businesses throughout Montana and the surrounding area.

We thank you for your continued support of the **Montana Quarter Horse Association.** Please let us know if you have any questions.

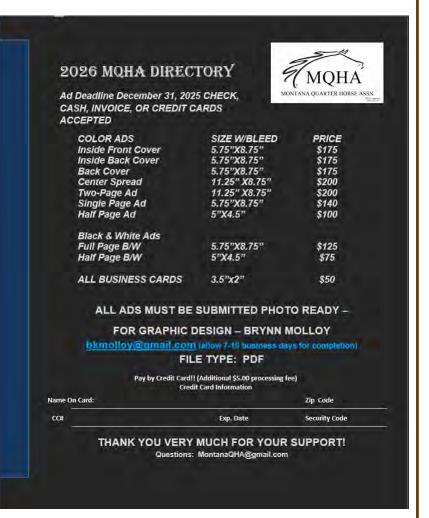
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DOING BUSINESS WITHOUT ADVERTISING IS LIKE WINKING AT A GIRL IN THE DARK.

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, BUT NOBODY FLSE DOES

- Stuart H. Britt





Explaining different riding disciplines to non-horse people

Jumpers: Gotta go fast and jump ridiculously high

Hunters: Gotta go fast but not jump as high

Equitation: The skinniest rider wins

Dressage: Horses must do pilates and ballet

Eventing: A triathlon for the insane

Barrel racing: Which horse tilts the most without

falling down

Reining: The art of spinning really fast

Trail riding: A test to see how bombproof a horse

really is

Western pleasure: Mostly glitter

Liberty: Every girl on Instagram who has a "bond"

with her horse

I saw this on Facebook in July. The poster asked what other discipline descriptions could be added.

Many commented that Hunters don't go fast...

Micki Junck

hunters are slowwwww and gotta spook at everything

Susan Verhoef

Hunters go fast? If they went any slower it would be Western Pleasure with jumps.

Here are some others that made me chuckle:

Cory Harrison

Arena "ranch show" horse—the horse that looks like they can do everything, but pretty and in slow motion.

Real ranch horse- a horse that can do everything at whatever speed the cattle choose, all in whatever tack isn't broken that day, most likely with a half grown out bridle path, a few scars, and a rider that lives on coffee and steak.

Sara Incatasciato

Gymkhana: feral children on equally feral ponies in a relay race to the death, sometimes involving eggs on spoons.

Margy Sublette Haimbaugh

Rodeo drill team: almost controlled chaos with a dozen riders with all running towards one another and barely missing each other set to country music. Frequently observed in the Spring during a downpour.

Katie Corder

Cowhorse: playing a really intense game of chicken with a cow while running full speed down the length of the arena

Sharon Lantry

Halter horses - the trophy wife of the equine world. Their job is to workout and eat to look beautiful.... Equine bodybuilding barbie dolls.

Kristy Goosman Hughes

Reining:

Go like hell and stop fast so your mane and tail flow like you are in a slow motion shampoo commercial.

Jeannie Carol

Trailer parking: who can back into the smallest space without scraping the guy beside you..... basically driving blind.

Cristiana Moyer

Polo: Hitting things with a stick isn't childish when you're on horseback

Amanda Chambers Ostergard Cutting and boxing: A very intimidating game of "I'm not touching you" with a cow.

Izzy Walker

Endurance: Riders who hate running but like the idea of marathons. Really fast trail ride

Trail: Hiking for people that dont like the hiking part

Nicole Hoium

Mounted shooting: Takes the inherent danger of horseback riding and adds firearms and balloon popping to the mix

Carol Lyn Bunk

Bombproof -- we haven't discovered what makes him freak out yet, but when we do, it will be spectacular.

Mandy Carr

Sorting....kindergarten teachers

What would you add?

THOUGH NO ONE CAN GO BACK & MAKE A BRAND-NEW START, ANYONE CAN FROM FROM AND MAKE A BRAND-NEW ENDING. - CARL BARD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*REMINDER: MQHA'S show year for year-end awards has changed.
The show year for 2025 year-end awards is September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025.

You are now earning points for 2026!







- ♦ September 29—October 26, 2025 Quarter Horse Congress, Columbus, OH
- October 12-15, 2025 NILE AQHA & VRH Show, Miller's Horse Palace, Laurel, MT**
- October 30-November 22 2025 AQHA World Show, Oklahoma City, OK
- ♦ December 5-7, 2025 MQHA Convention, General Membership Meeting & Year End Awards, Great Northern Hotel, Helena, MT
- ♦ May 23, 2026 WMQHA Buckle Series Open Show, Corvallis, MT
- ♦ May 24-25, 2026 WMQHA AQHA Show, Corvallis, MT**
- June 11-14, 2026 (Tentative) MQHA Big Sky Classic, Silesia, MT**
- June 26-28, 2026 (Tentative) MQHA Amateurs Spark Some Fun, Billings, MT**
- ♦ August 14, 2026 WMQHA Buckle Series Open Show, Corvallis, MT
- August 15-16, 2026 WMQHA AQHA Show, Corvallis, MT**
- ♦ September 9-13, 2026 AQHA Region 2 Championship Show, Rapid City, SD

**Indicates MQHA Approved Shows

DON'T MISS THESE DEADLINES

- OCTOBER 31: AQHA Horseback Riding Program July-September hours due.
- ◆ **DECEMBER 31**: AQHA Horseback Riding Program October-December hours due.
- DECEMBER 31: 2026 MQHA Directory ads due.
- ♦ JANUARY 15: AQHF Scholarship Application due for 2025-2026 academic year.

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION



JUDY SOWERWINE

October 18, 1946—August 18, 2025

Judy Ann (Miller) Sowerwine, 78, a long-time resident of Belgrade died Monday, August 18, 2025 at Spring Creek Inn of Bozeman. She battled dementia for a few years. Judy loved dogs and will have all of hers greeting her in heaven. The passing of Judy has left a huge hole in many lives.

She was born on October 18, 1946, to Donald E. and Elaine (Johnson) Miller of Clyde Park in Livingston, Montana. She grew up on the family ranch northwest of Clyde Park, tending to the family's animals. Judy graduated from Wilsall High School in 1964 with the honor of being the class Valedictorian. She attended

business school in Billings, worked at Darigold in Bozeman, worked for Norman Kenck, DDS in Bozeman and was a student at MSU prior to her marriage.

She married Fred Sowerwine on Feb. 14, 1976. They operated the 4 Dot Ranch (3.5 miles west of Belgrade) together raising horses, cattle, and running the horse boarding stables where they also hosted AQHA approved horse shows until they subdivided, creating 4 Dot Meadows in 1998. They moved to 8400 Theisen Road in October of 2000. Judy was very good with the cattle and was a great gardener. Her yard, garden and flower beds were always well kept. Over the years, Judy also hosted many gatherings of family and friends in her home, filled with laughter and games around a table of delicious dishes. Judy was the champion Mexican Train dominoes player as she was the winner most of the time.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Randy; sister, Linda (Miller) Clark who passed on exactly 32 years prior; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as Fred's parents, Elbert O. Sowerwine, Jr. and Helen A. Sowerwine Jones.

Judy is survived by her husband of more than 49 years, J Frederick (Fred) Sowerwine; step-daughter, Jenifer Lyn Orbe; sister, Gloria (Rob) Gilbert, all of Belgrade; brother-in-law, Mike Clark of Clyde Park; niece, Darcee Gilbert (John) Taylor and family of Fair Oaks Ranch, TX; nephew, Craig (Jeannette) Gilbert and family of Bozeman; nephew, Brandon Clark of Clyde Park; niece, Erika (Greg) Braaksma and family of Amsterdam; sisters-in-law, Sue-Ann Jacobson and family of Belgrade and Sandra Aleman and family of Wapiti, WY; brothers-in-law, Elbert (Pam) Sowerwine and family of Cody, WY, and William (Tami) Jones and family of Glendive; and numerous nieces and nephews on Fred's side.

A Celebration of Life was held at 1:30 P.M. on September 21 in Livingston at John's Pavilion in Sacajawea Park. Guests were asked to bring a jacket and a chair.

Judy's ashes will be scattered in the same area that the ashes of Don and Elaine were scattered at the home ranch. A marker will be placed at the family site in the Wilsall Cemetery.

Anyone wishing to make a memorial in Judy's name, please send a donation to: Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter, PO Box 11390, Bozeman, MT 59719.

A special thank you to Spring Creek Inn for the excellent care they gave to Judy.

CONGR

Kimberly Nuccio and HALLELUJAH IM DUN

ABRA WORLD CHAMPION

Walk/Trot Ranch Trail

ABRA RESERVE WORLD CHAMPION:

Walk/Trot Ranch Riding

ABRA RESERVE WORLD CHAMPION:

Senior Ranch Conformation (Tyrell)



With **B+ Performance Horses**Tyrell Burkland, Trainer/Coach

NSBA CHAMPION:

NSBA W/T Ranch Showmanship

NSBA W/T Ranch Pleasure

NSBA W/T Ranch Trail

NSBA W/T Ranch Riding

NSBA W/T Ranch Horsemanship

3rd: Am Select Performance Geldings

3rd: W/T City Trail

4th: W/T Ranch Showmanship

5th: Sr. Hunter Under Saddle (Tyrell)

5th: W/T Hunter Under Saddle

5th: W/T Ranch Horsemanship

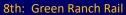
6th: W/T Ranch Rail

6th: Green Ranch Trail (Tyrell)

7th: Am Ranch Conformation

7th: Open Performance Geldings (Tyrell)

7th: W/T Hunt Seat Equitation





WMQHAAUGUST SHOW RESULTS

Western Montana Quarter Horse Association held its 63rd Annual WMQHA Show August 16-17 at the 5C Arena & Event Center in Corvallis, MT.



High Point Winners



DIVISION

AQHA Open Horse
AQHA Select Amateur

AQHA Amateur

AQHA L1 Amateur

AQHA L1 Amateur Walk Trot

AQHA Rookie Amateur

AQHA Youth

AQHA L1 Youth

AQHA Rookie Youth

AQHA Youth 10 & Under

HORSE

REVOLUTIONHOLLYWOOD

ONLY IN MY DREAMZ

HARD WOODS

BMQ DREAMS COME TRUE

SO HOT

LITTLE WHIZ IT

ZIPPY MERCEDES CHEX

XLENT POTENTIAL

KISSIN LAZY

SLINGIN DYCE

RIDER

Marty Oak Simper

Suzanne Sherick

Carolyn Mack

Eve Pollari

Clara Colburn

Megan Francisco

Sidney McCasland

Hailey Reed

Mae Francisco

Morgan Johnson









Shelley Winter
August 18 at 8:27 PM · 😝

Thank you Jan Larsen for the Showmanship and Trail clinics this past weekend! Always awesome to learn tips from such an accomplished clinician!

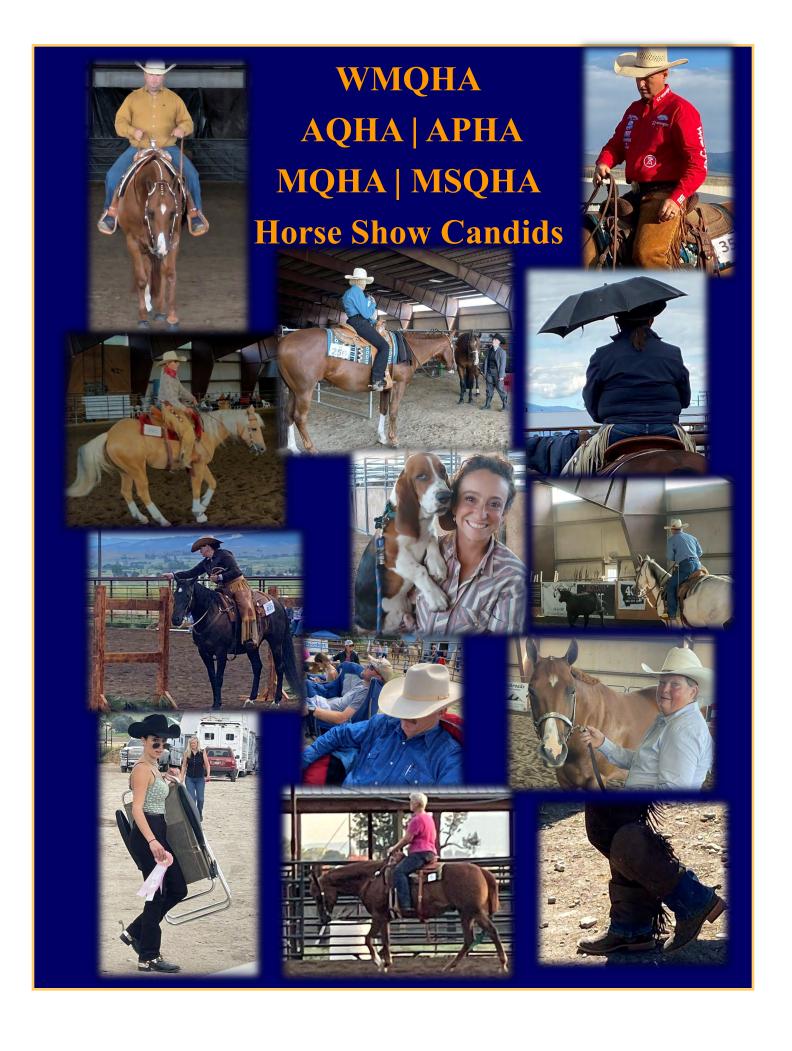
Those in **BOLD** are current **MQHA** or **MQHYA** members.





Clinic with Jan Larsen









Western States

American Breed Congress

The Inland Empire Buckskin Horse Association held their annual

AQHA/ABRA Western State American Breed Congress August 21—24 in Moses Lake, WA.

This was an MQHA approved show.

Taking home \$987 in **1st place** is **TRASHTALK N BIGSTAR** ridden by MQHA member **Sarah Jayne Murray** and owned by Turner Performance Horses, LLC. First place also took home 10 bales of Alfalfa donated by Klompen Farms, a Ninja Cooler and jacket donated by Western Community.

Taking home \$671 in **2nd place** is **SMART CHIC MOBSTER** shown by **Paje Turner** and owned by
Turner Performance Horses of Helena, MT.
Second place also took home a show blanket
donated by Backroad Trading Company and Paje
was the highest scoring non pro winning a
certificate for custom chinks from C & S Saddlery.



Taking home \$244 in

6th place is SLINGIN

DICE shown and
owned by MQHA
member Peggy Lucas.









PLEASURE VERSATILITY CHALLENGE

Winning \$720, a saddle blanket voucher to River Run Show Pads for **2nd place** is **BETTIN ONA BLUE** owned by MQHA member **Kelly Chvatal** and shown by MQHA member **Todd Hovrud.** All placing horses received products from Horse Guard, Cowboy Magic, Mane & Tail!

More from Western States All Breed Congress...







We are off to a good start at the Moses Lake Quarter Horse show! Lots of AQHA points and Reserve Grand Champion Halter Gelding. More to come!















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FOR IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING. ACTS 17:28





The Horse Show Husband "Auto Mechanics"



Since Summer's over and it's officially Fall, I have been reflecting on all the moving parts involved with showing a horse or even just

owning a horse (most likely because we just picked up 350 bales of

hay to stack in the barn.)



Whether you have purchased a turnkey performance horse by taking out a second mortgage on the house or spent money on a slightly less expensive, unproven steed; there is the basic care of the cayuse first and foremost.



Next, consider all the people involved in showing a horse. I think all of us realize the immense amount of time that is required to develop a horse into a success not to mention the many folks involved in collecting their piece of your bank account along the way. One might hire a **professional trainer**, then there is the **farrier**. Of course we can't forget the **veterinarian**, the **equine dentist**,

the **equine chiropractor**, the **PEMF provider** (it has something to do with magnetic waves I'm told), the **psychologist**, the **psychiatrist**, and maybe a **nutritionist**. So those are the Usual Suspects, okay maybe not the psychologist and psychiatrist, but there is another who is often overlooked like Verbal Kint and sometimes turns out to be the real Keyser Soze. I am talking about the **AUTO MECHANIC**.

Let's face it folks, without the mechanic that fancy filly might not be getting hauled anywhere if the Chevy, Ford, or Dodge isn't working properly. We have to accept the fact, that other than your pony being lame, having a breakdown on I-25 is just about as bad as it gets for a show gal. (It's even worse for a Horse Show Husband because it falls on him to figure it out somehow!)





Come to think of it there are quite a few similarities between your mechanic and your doctor.

Since your health plan pays for one annual physical, you feel compelled to make the appointment otherwise it's a waste of money. It's the same way you feel about using the dealership for oil changes because when you gave up your left kidney to purchase the truck, it came with lifetime oil changes. A routine service on the Cummins can feel like your annual wellness visit.

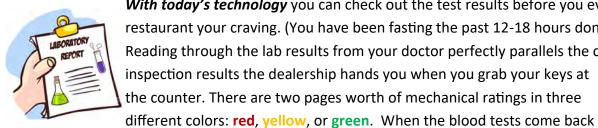
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Art & Rays Lock & Safe

On the designated day of the physical (oil change), you show up 15min early then sit in the waiting area. In the clinic you fill out any paperwork so the nurse knows your medical history or concerns. At the auto shop you hand over the keys to the castle (I mean pickup) to the service manager.



You finally get into see the actual doctor 45 min later in the same fashion they finally get your truck on the rack. Your MD orders some routine blood tests after he listens to your heart and checks your blood pressure. Your mechanic changes the oil and replaces the filter. Each visit is really just a "courtesy inspection" only the undercarriages are slightly different!



With today's technology you can check out the test results before you even get to the restaurant your craving. (You have been fasting the past 12-18 hours don't ya know!) Reading through the lab results from your doctor perfectly parallels the courtesy inspection results the dealership hands you when you grab your keys at the counter. There are two pages worth of mechanical ratings in three

you review the numbers against the "normal range" column. In either case, you quietly recite a quick prayer asking the Man Upstairs for good news. On the courtesy inspection you pray for everything to be green. With blood test results you pray for numbers to fall into the normal range. When all is green or your numbers are smack in the middle of the normal range you walk out of the clinic (shop) like the Heavyweight Champion of the World! You now know you can afford to get new tires on the rig and you are definitely having the chicken fried steak with gravy for lunch!



If there is something red or way outside of the normal range your heart dam near stops: there goes the trip to Vegas because it's gonna be over \$4500 to fix the Duramax and now you are being sent to a specialist about that glucose level. At least in that situation you really don't have a decision to make. What can really cause stress is when the mechanic

marks something yellow or your glucose number falls just outside of the normal range.

Thus you have forever to chew on it and they leave it up to you after giving some options.

Your Doctor might say "Let's just monitor things for right now unless you want to spend A LOT more money on more tests two months from now" while the mechanic could be saying "at



some point it's gonna need to be addressed but who knows: you might get another 30,000 miles out of it. ...on the other hand, it might blow up on your way home".

Well it's time for me to head on down the long dusty trail.

So until next time may you be Green and Normal!

Hang in there horse lovers!



RECREATIONAL RIDING

AOHA Trot-to-250

Our 2025 Trot-to-250 Challenge kicks off on July 1st, 2025, and will end on December 31st, 2025. Sign up for the challenge at <u>AQHA.com/Trot-to-250</u> and ensure you have enrolled in the Horseback Riding Program with an active AQHA membership.

The first 100 to reach 250 hours will receive a complimentary HBR Vest & Challenger Patch. All others who submit at least 25 hours or more will receive a complimentary support patch. If you have questions about the program, please get in touch with us at HBRProgram@aqha.org or call (806) 378-5083 from M-F 8-5 CST.

List Updated: October 4, 2025

MQHA Members & Other Montana Riders on the Leader Board

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	AS OF DATE	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	AS OF DATE
Cathy Dekker	*250*	8/20/25	Olivia Davis	181	10/04/25
Marilyn Wegweiser	*250*	9/01/25	Ellen Hollifield	166	10/04/25
Grayson Florkey	*250*	9/02/25	Karen DeVenyns	123.5	10/04/25
Shanna Gray	*250*	10/01/25	Britt Kissock-Robinson	107.5	10/04/25
Colleen Indreland	245	10/04/25	Amie Wisdom	49.5	10/04/25
Jackie Strain	221	10/04/25	Naccona Birnel	23	10/04/25

Those in **Bold Gold** are Current MQHA members.





POKER RIDE

The 14th annual poker ride at the Jack Saloon in Lolo, MT—and Montana Quarter Horse Association was there with President Tyrell Burkland and Director Julie Schumacher promoting AQHA Recreation Riding to all the participants. 165 horses participated.







COWBOY STATE CLASSIC AQHA/NRCHA VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE SHOW

The Cowboy State Stock Horse Association held its AQHA/NRCHA & VRH show August 21-24 in Big Piney, WY.

This is an MQHA approved show.

Doreen Lee & TooManyAmps



OPEN VRH ALL AROUND (\$500 Added Money)

MONEY	PLACE	BACK#	HORSE	EXHIBITOR	CREDITS	<u>OWNER</u>
\$ 268.75	1	259	STYLED BY BOON	Justin Warneke	293	Ronald & Karen Rolfe
\$ 161.25	2	1353	BLUEGENABABYQUEEN	Miriam Altman	293	Dana Stephenson
\$ 107.50	3	130	SS CLASSYCHICATABAR	Justin Warneke	288	Suzanne M Billingsley
	4	1348	BAD DESIRES RISING	Miriam Altman	189	Owl Canyon Performance
	5	1191	NIC CHIC BOON	Stephen Cline	145	Jessica & Stephen Cline

COWBOY VRH ALL AROUND (\$100 Added Money)

MONEY P	LACE	BACK #	HORSE	EXHIBITOR	CREDITS	S OWNER
\$ 107.50	1	199	CANT KICK THIS LASS	Lisa Robinett	300	Lisa Robinett

AMATEUR VRH ALL AROUND (\$400 Added Money)

MONEY P	LACE	BACK #	# HORSE	EXHIBITOR	CREDITS	S OWNER
\$ 258.00	1	1192	NIC IT N STARLIGHT	Stephen Cline	294	Jessica & Stephen Cline
\$ 172.00	2	1184	METALLIC DUAL	Alison Brantley	293	Alison Brantley
	3	18	OSR GUN DOWN PEPTO	O Cindy A Coe	290	Cindy A Coe
	4	69	COWGIRLS PLAYMATE	Lisa Robinett	287	Lisa Robinett

LIMITED AMATEUR VRH ALL AROUND (\$750 Added Money)

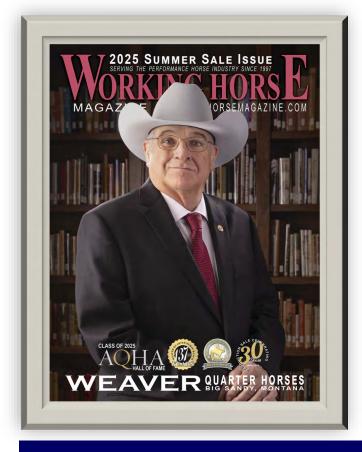
МО	NEY P	LACE	BACK #	HORSE	EXHIBITOR	CREDITS	<u>OWNER</u>
\$ 324	4.00	1	1186	METALLIC MAVERICK	Kimberlee Gabel	297	Kimberlee Gabel
\$ 243	3.00	2	1152	HIGH BROW FALUTIN'	Conrad T Swanson	286	Conrad T Swanson
\$ 162	2.00	3	1127	SS ONE EYED DESIRE	Karen Arp	284	Karen Arp
\$ 82	1.00	4	1142	METALLIC SHOCK WAVE	Rose M Johnston	280	Rose M Johnston
		5	1156	SCR CATTY PEPTOES	Karen Noble	277	Richard E & Karen A Noble
		6	79	TOOMANYAMPS	Doreen B Lee	235	Doreen B Lee
		7	242	ADC SMART DUAL STAR	Sarah Trotter	222	Sarah Trotter
		8	1154	MISS TOP WHIZ DUNIT	Cheryl A. Swanson	135	Cheryl A. Swanson

ROOKIE AMATEUR VRH ALL AROUND (\$100 Added Money)

MONEY	PLACE	BACK # HORSE	EXHIBITOR	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>S OWNER</u>
\$ 115.00	1	298 CAN YOU FISH	Jeff Lee	200	Doreen B Lee
	2	1185 DOUGLAS	Alicia Werner	196	Miles & Alicia Werner

Those in BOLD are current MQHA members.

MQHA BREEDERS



Weaver Quarter Horses

Inside...



Weaver Quarter had their 30th Annual Production Sale, Saturday, September 20, 2025, at the Great Falls Expo Park. 85 weanlings, yearlings and mares sold at their sale.



ON THE COVER
STAN WEAVER
2025 AQHA HALL OF FAME
pictured above with his wife
NANCY WEAVER
WeaverHorses.com

Bond Ranch

"This is the moment dreams are made of...

"Today at the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Dean Barent showed One Little Kiss, owned by Karyn Billmayer and proudly bred here at Bond Ranch.



"This special gelding is by Uno Pepto and out of our great mare Little Kisses — a mare who has given so much to our program already.

"Seeing one of Little Kisses' progeny step into the SBF pen is more than just another show day — it's a dream realized for us as breeders, for Karyn as an owner, and for Dean as his trainer and showman.

"After all this year has brought, getting to witness and be a part of this dream with such dear friends makes it even more meaningful.

"Go Dean and Dos!"

The 20th Annual AQHA Region 2 Championship Show

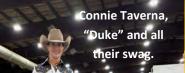
was held September 10-14, 2025, at the Central States
Fairgrounds in Rapid City, SD. Montana competitors
reunited with their friends from several other regional states &
provinces to compete in 208 classes over 5 days and brought



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Tracy Brown & Rita Church
Montana's R2 Representatives









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AQHA REGION AQHA































2025 AQHA UNOFFICIAL SHOW LEADERS

MQHA Members Listed in the Top 50

Rachel Adam

NIC IT WHIZ BUD

16th Am Versatility Ranch Horse 31st L1 Am Reining

LITTLE KING PEPTO

2nd Rookie Am Halter Geldings 10th Rookie Am Reining

Barb Bouma

ROGER THATT

1st Am Select L2 Horsemanship 27th Am Select L2 Showmanship

Greg Brensdal

ESPECIALYIRESISTABLE

14TH Rookie Am Showmanship

Colleen Carnine

CARLS LAST CALL

3rd Am Sel L1 Perf Halter Geldings 1st Am Select Rookie Halter Geldings 16th Am Select Rookie Ranch Trail 20th Am Select Rookie Ranch Riding

Cindy Coe

OSR GUN DOWN PEPTO

28th Am VRH

Clara Colburn

SO HOT

14TH Rookie Am Showmanship

Cathy Dekker

DUN IT SHIFTING GEARS

2nd L2 Am Reining
9th L1 Am Perf Halter Mares
28th L1 Am Ranch Trail
31st L1 Am Reining
1st Rookie Am Halter Mares
3rd Rookie Am Reining
11th Rookie Am Ranch Trail

12th Rookie Ranch Riding



Lesli Glen

HAIDAS WILD CAT

33rd Am VRH Ltd All Around

Charlene Greene

ONA BLUE IMPULSE

6th Am Select Rookie Halter Geldings

Marija Hansen

MOVES LIKE NICJAGGER

16th Rookie Am Ranch Riding

Max Hawkins

NATURALEE BLONDE

<u>1st</u> Youth L1 Halter Mares 1st Youth Rookie Halter Mares

LIKELY A MIGHTY ACE

35th Youth Rookie Western Pleasure

Kathy Lee

ZIPPIN A SMOOTH RIDE

39th Am Select Rookie Showmanship

Sidney McCasland

ZIPPY MERCEDES CHEX

1st Justin L2 Youth—Montana

Karla McDonald

STELLA BELLA

11th Am Sel L1 Reining 32nd Am Sel L1 Ranch Trail

Brynn Molloy

DIESEL MECHANIX ONLY

11th Rookie Am Hunter Under Saddle

Theresa Mueller

HONEY I ISA DIAMOND

1st Am VRH Ltd All Around

Kimberly Nuccio

HALLELUAH IM DUN

6th Am Select L1 Halter Geldings 16th Am Select Rookie Showmanship

Morgan O'Brien Nazer

HUNTIN FOR N INVITE

11th L2 Am Hunter Under Saddle

Eve Pollari

BMQ DREAMS COME TRUE

48th Rookie Am Hunt Seat Equitation 48th Rookie Am Showmanship

Hailey Reed

XLENT POTENTIAL

2nd Justin L2 Youth—Montana

Kenzie Rustad

INVEST IN A COWGIRL

10th Youth Rookie Trail 35th Youth Rookie Western Pleasure 38th Youth Rookie Hunter Under Saddle

Jullie Schumacher

CHEX OUT ROYAL

9th Am Select Rookie Halter Geldings 43rd Am Select Rookie Showmanship

Laurie Slovarp

COOL STEADY PADDY

16th Am Select Rookie Showmanship29th Am Select Rookie Western Pleasure

Jackie Strain

GROOVY SMOKIN WHIZ

26th Am Limited VRH All-Around

Tracy Tiner

VS LOPE THE LINE

26th Am Select Rookie Showmanship

Disclaimer: If I missed someone, I apologize. I was getting error messages pulling the information from AQHA. If you would like to check your standings, go to: https://www.aqha.com/show-leaders.



Cathy Dekker, MQHA
Amateur Chair
Janel Favero, MQHA
Amateur Vice Chair
Tracy Knudson-Brown, MQHA
Amateur Secretary/Treasurer

American Quarter Horse owners who do not join the professional ranks may enjoy a full spectrum of competition in the amateur division.

Within the amateur division are levels: Rookie, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.

The Select amateur classes are for amateur exhibitors 50 and over.

AMATEUR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



"Being an Amateur Ambassador is a great opportunity to go out and welcome people into the AQHA family. From welcoming people to their first AQHA show, to answering questions, to encouraging others to give AQHA a try at open shows, Amateur Ambassadors will be a great way to grow AQHA."

- Coy Herbert, AQHA pilot program ambassador

Ruth McDonald-Gates

Thank you Rita Church, Ruth McDonald-Gates and Tracy Brown for being our Montana Amateur Ambassadors!

CONVENTION

Please plan on attending the Amateur

Meeting at the year-end convention the first weekened in December in Helena, MT (see page 8 for more information). This is the rare time when we can get together to chat and when we will make most decisions for the 2026 year. Please bring ANY ideas you have for 2026 & let's do a little brainstorming. Topics for the Amateur meeting may include but are not limited to the following:

Fundraising Ideas

Team Wrangler Clinic
Silent Auction at Shows

Amateur Incentive Fund

Spark Some Fun Gas Cards

Amateur Year-end Awards

MQHA General Fund

Big Sky Classic Sponsorship

Region 2 Sponsorship

Your input is important!

We hope to see you there!

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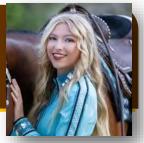
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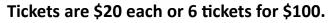
Max Hawkins
MQHYA 1st
Vice President



Sydnee Wilson MQHYA 2nd Vice President

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: CUSTOM MADE CHAPS!

The Montana Quarter Horse Youth Association is holding a raffle for custom made chaps by Iverson Custom Saddlery. Maximum value of the winnings is \$550; and upgrades over that value will be covered by the raffle winner. The drawing will be held at the MQHA Convention in Helena December 6, 2025. You need not be present to win.



Please reach out to any Youth member to purchase a

ticket and support our MQHYA group.







CONGRATULATIONS, CORBY!

Corby Adam received her first AQHA trophy for her Youth VRH Rookie All-Around she won at the Big Sky Classic. Corby was riding RICOCHETS SMART SUE.







MONTANIA QUARTER HORSE

AQHFAWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Quarter Horse Foundation is awarding 53 students more than \$468,000 for the 2025-26 academic year. Since its inception in 1976, the Foundation scholarship program has awarded over \$10.3 million in financial assistance to more than 1,650 young horse enthusiasts and industry members.

MONTANA WINNERS ARE:

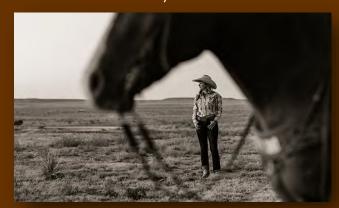
Frank & Lin Berris Scholarship (\$4,500)

Emily Bird, Montana

Charles B. Wang Excellence in Equine &
Agricultural Involvement Scholarship (\$26,000)
Josie Meyring, Montana

Charles B. Wang Farm & Ranch Heritage Scholarship (\$13,000)

Paige Shaw, Montana

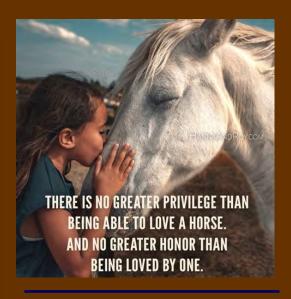


To learn more about these scholarships, go to https://www.aqha.com/scholarships. This site includes a Scholarship Application 101 Webinar, AQHF Scholarship Guidelines, and AQHF Scholarship Criteria.

10 THINGS THAT REQUIRE REPORT SERO TALENT

🔥 (BUT MAKE YOU LOOK TALENTED) 🤚

- 1. Trotting In With Intent- You don't need talent to show up like you mean it. Own the ring.
- 2. **Listening Like It Matters** Great riders hear what's said the first time. Then apply it.
- 3. Staying Present Under Pressure Zoning out or spiraling helps no one. Be where your horse is.
- Soft in the Face, Firm in the Core Feel starts with your body language.
- Fixing It Now, Not Later-Don't wait for perfect timing or a fresh start. Try to fix something.
- Using Your Turns Like a Pro— A thinking rider uses the whole arena to their advantage.
- 7. Practicing the Easy Stuff Like It's Hard-Because it is when the pressure's on.
- Staying Open, Not Defensive You're not being corrected because you're bad. You're being coached because you're capable.
- Loving the Work More Than the Applause– Ribbons don't make riders. Rides do.
- Making the Horse Feel Like a Genius That's not talent. That's leadership.







MQHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/WRANGLER & EXHIBITOR NUMBER APPLICATION

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It takes a village to run MQHA— Here is YOUR village:

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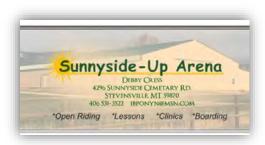


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MQHA COMMITTEES

MQHA Committees are chaired by an MQHA Director and filled by MQHA members.

The chairs would LOVE your fresh ideas—join a committee TODAY!

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We want to spotlight more of our members in our newsletters.

Please share any of your horse activity photos—shows, clinics, trail riding, etc.— and let us know what you're doing!

You can e-mail your photos to montanaqha@gmail.com.



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The season that teaches us that change can be beautiful.