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Dodge County Horsemen's Association



DCHA held the annual banquet on January 31st. We had over 70 people join us for dinner. First, we celebrated being around for over 50 years by honoring all the past presidents. All the ones that could attend were recognized and received a gift. DCHA gave awards at the banquet to those in the Buckle Chase, Saddle Up, and special member awards. It was a good time to see some of our horse friends in the middle of winter.

Looking forward to summer, DCHA currently has plans for a "Dust It Off" Clinic on April 26th, Open Speed Fun shows on June 20th and Sept. 19th, Pleasure show on July 26th. Details for these events and more can be found on Dodge County Horsemen's Facebook page.



DCHA is a long-time member of the Wisconsin Horse Council. Last year we were grateful to have received a sponsorship to help improve and upgrade our horse shows. We got a new display type timer for speed shows and a new computer to use some new horse show software to manage shows. DCHA also uses the WHC Bonus Bucks program to help support the Buckle Chase program.

DCHA welcomes everyone to come out to any of our meetings or events. We are open to looking at new ideas and input. Feel free to come join us and get involved. We all need to work together for a better equine community.



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WHC Mission Statement

To represent, protect and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin through leadership, education, service and communication.

WHC Vision Statement

To take a pro-active role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.

ATTENTION!

**Tear out pages 25 & 26 to fold as a handy brochure to keep or to share!
This month's featured brochure is
WHC's "Make a Difference by Joining
Wisconsin Horse Council".**

Membership in the Wisconsin Horse Council is open to individuals, associations, businesses, societies, or other entities whose interests are in line with the WHC's purpose and Mission Statement. Our membership year follows the calendar year. Members will receive a free e-newsletter and the option to purchase a printed newsletter where FREE classified ads can be placed and business card, 1/4, 1/2 and full page ads can be purchased as well. The newsletter reaches 500+ horse enthusiasts. The WHC currently sends out six issues per year.

The WHC employs a professional lobbyist who works with us on pending legislation as needed for the equine industry. We continue to work on adding new benefits for our members. Please feel free to contact us with your comments or suggestions. Thank you!

Every day the AHC works to ensure the equine voice is heard in Washington, DC

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Welcome to the Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation

The bond between an equestrian and their equine is an experience worth cherishing; we are dedicated to strengthening this bond and enriching the equestrian experience in Wisconsin through education, research, charity, and scholarship.



Visit our website www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org – Go to the WSHCEF tab at the top of the page

What is the mission statement of the WSHC Equine Foundation?

The Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation was created to better serve Wisconsin's growing equestrian community and to help that community realize its fullest potential. The Foundation is a tax exempt, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization, and as such allows individuals to make tax-deductible contributions to support Wisconsin equine projects.

The mission of the Equine Foundation is to support Wisconsin's expanding equestrian community by funding:

- * Educational Initiatives
- * Equine Research
- * Trail Development
- * Youth Scholarship and Participation

What is our relationship with the Wisconsin Horse Council?

The Wisconsin Horse Council is our parent organization and the sole member of the WSHC Equine Foundation. WHC Board of Directors are elected to serve on the WSHC Equine Foundation Board of Directors, along with non-WHC individuals. The WHC was incorporated in 1972 as an advocate for the equine owners and industry in the State of Wisconsin. It has grown to become the focus of the equine industry in Wisconsin.

The Mission Statement of the Wisconsin Horse Council is: To represent, protect and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin through leadership, education, service and communication.

The WSHC Equine Foundation is a federally approved 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to the advancement of equine activities and the equine industry in general.

The Foundation's main objectives are to promote education, research and development, charity, and scholarship opportunities for equestrians in Wisconsin.

WSHCEF Officers, Board Members & Volunteer Committee Members

Officers

President: Katie Bachhuber
Vice President: Linda Ernsberger
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Save the Date

APRIL 17, 18, & 19, 2026

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Plan Your Trip & Download the Schedule!

MidwestHorseFair.com is your one stop shop for planning your weekend

- ✓ Hotel information, directions to the grounds and parking information
- ✓ Schedule, grounds maps, participant listings and locations

Get ready to make some new MEMORIES and map out your plans today!



Join Our Team!

Whatever your area of interest or expertise, we need you!

We're always looking for volunteers to help us deliver a wonderful 2026 Midwest Horse Fair.

As a volunteer, you meet friends, have fun and earn free Fair admission. Plus, on the first day of the Fair all volunteers are entered in a random drawing to win prizes.

Find the Midwest Horse Fair Volunteer Application at www.MidwestHorseFair.com under "Partnerships"



Visit Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram for the most up-to-date information.



Save the Date

APRIL 17, 18, & 19, 2026

THE ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER | MADISON, WISCONSIN

Cirque Ma'Ceo Returns!

Get ready for an extraordinary three-day weekend as Cirque Ma'Ceo returns to the Midwest Horse Fair! This 90-minute live production, created by 9th-generation equestrian artist Olissio Zoppe, is a captivating convergence of dressage, liberty, trick riding, bareback riding, aerialists, and acrobats, all performed under a 650-seat Big Top! The show features a stunning international cast of humans and equine performers, including Andalusians, Friesians, a miniature stallion with a huge attitude, two rare Akhal-Teke horses, a Nokota, and more.

As the only touring equestrian show of its kind in North America, Cirque Ma'Ceo is an original production from Cavallo Equestrian Art, headquartered in Florida.

Prepare to be captivated as these majestic animals display grace, strength, and precision, creating a visual symphony of movement that will leave you breathless. Experience five spellbinding performances under the Big Top at the Midwest Horse Fair.

Get your tickets today while they last! This is a separate ticketed event. Tickets are on sale now and are to be purchased directly through [Cirque Ma'Ceo](#).

Proudly sponsored by Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison.

Midwest Horse Fair admission is also required to attend Cirque Ma'Ceo performances.

Cirque Ma'Ceo

April 17, 18 & 19 - 2026

5 Performances at the Midwest Horse Fair!

The only touring equestrian show of its kind in North America. Presented by Cavallo Equestrian Art!

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Visit Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram for the most up-to-date information.

WHC Annual Award Winners for 2026

Lifetime Achievement Award - Dr. Anne Berner Clary

For over 30 years, Dr. Anne Clary has demonstrated unwavering dedication to the equine industry in Wisconsin and beyond. Dr. Clary has devoted her professional life to equine veterinary medicine, serving the equine community with integrity, expertise, and compassion. She is widely respected for her depth of knowledge, ethical standards and her unwavering commitment to both horses and the people who care for them.

Dr. Clary has loved working with and breeding her Percherons on Pegasus Farms, training them up to World Congress title holders. Within the draft horse and agricultural horse industry, she has played a vital role in supporting, preserving, and advancing Percherons and other draft breeds. Dr. Clary's dedication to youth development has fostered learning, mentorship, and hands-on experience for young people new to the equine world. She has served in numerous leadership roles and has contributed her time, expertise, and vision to non-profits such as Furrows to Fences, a program dedicated to advocacy and education for the Percheron breed.

Dr. Clary has created a legacy in decades of service, in which she has positively influenced countless horses, owners, professionals and young people. The standards of excellence, stewardship, and dedication that she embodies continue to shape the equine industry today and will do so well into the future.



Lifetime Achievement Award - Diane Sackett



Diane Sackett has played an integral part of the equine community in Wisconsin, through volunteerism with the Wisconsin Horse Council, and Dodge County Horseman's Association. She has been involved in clinics, 'fun days', speed and pleasure shows, horse promotions, and planning and executing activities in her horse community.

Diane is a leader that is gifted at bringing enthusiasm, strength, and focus into the organizations she works with. She volunteers at shows helping younger riders understand and thrive in their classes. Diane works hard to get youth involved and is constantly searching for ways to keep the excitement of the horse world alive in the future generations.

Diane is a calm and positive role model for all those that know her and has spent her life ensuring that others can enjoy and explore the equine world that she loves so much.

WHC Annual Award Winners for 2026

Special Achievement Award - Barn Besties

Megan McIsaac and Stephanie Severn are the partners behind Barn Besties – a video production company dedicated to promoting Wisconsin’s equine industry. These horsewomen have created an online educational platform for equestrians with the objective of developing the connection and community for horse farm owners and emerging equine professionals.

The impetus to create the business grew from an awareness that attendance at shows, clinics, fairs, and horse clubs was on the decline. Barn Besties is trying to find a way for the equine community to work together to bring about change and growth to the industry.

They endeavor to do that through learning about people’s stories, taking barn tours, networking, and exchanging ideas. They have commented, “We love hearing their stories, how they discovered horses, who mentored them, how they built their businesses...the good the bad, and the ugly... We’ve learned that horse people are far more alike than different, and that our sport is at a critical moment.”

Through their Barn Besties YouTube channel, and other social media platforms, the horsewomen hope to support equine professionals, and ultimately help improve the lives of horses and the humans who care for them, with a goal to support the next generation.



Special Achievement Award - Katie Brucks & The Lucky Foundation



In 2023 Katie Brucks created “The Lucky Foundation”, a nonprofit, organization to build a resilient and interconnected community within the special needs sector through her equine program. By harnessing the therapeutic power of horses, Katie aimed to create space where individuals could not only find support but also experience a profound sense of accomplishment. Katie, who is a certified Human-Equine Alliances for Learning (HEAL) instructor, and her staff of 15 lesson horses, 11 apprentices, and 5 lease option horses, make horse riding dreams come true for persons young or old, able bodied or wheelchair bound, cognitive delays or emotional disorders – because all are welcome at Lucky Stables!

Thanks to the generosity of the Lucky Foundation supporters, over \$25,000 was raised in 3 short months to facilitate a caravan of 17 people taking 5 Equestrians with Disabilities to show at the National Snaffle Bit Association ‘Show Your Colors World Championship’ in August 2025.

It’s the Lucky Foundation’s mission to cultivate a community where every participant, regardless of ability and financial status, can achieve personal milestones and stride towards a future where each member discovers their unique strengths and contributes to a thriving and empowered community.

WHC Annual Award Winners for 2026

WHC Director of the Year Award - Mark Long

Mark Long, Current President of Wisconsin State Horse Council District 5, has made a significant impact in carrying out the WHC mission of representing, protecting, and fostering a united equine industry in Wisconsin. Mark has worked tirelessly to make his facility, Heartland Equestrian Center, a place of promotion for the WHC, and bring in new members every year with the help of his facilities large following in the State.

Heartland Equestrian Center has proudly hosted the state judge's seminar for the past four years, providing it free of charge in 2025. For the past two years Mark has partnered with the WHC through their

generous sponsorships to host Heartland Horse Festival – a beginner friendly introduction to horses coordinated with local equine experts to deliver educational seminars and demonstrations.

Mark is a strong supporter of local horse clubs in which he is a member. He believes that a united front in the equine industry, working cross-clubs and supporting all events--will build a stronger more sustainable equine industry in the State. It is that thought process and leadership that has united the central Wisconsin equine community into a thriving atmosphere. Mark's focus to work alongside others, to be better together, proves him to be an amazing asset and ambassador to the Wisconsin horse industry – and a role model WHC leader.



WHC Show Judge of the Year Award - Elizabeth Rice



The Wisconsin Horse Council would like to congratulate Elizabeth Rice as the 2026 Show Judge of the Year recipient. Liz has been judging for 20 years and is highly regarded as a Judge. Her horse related experience goes beyond that. She is passionate about equine education and has dedicated a great amount of time to various clubs and associations. Liz also donates her time to give lessons and clinics to various organizations.

Congratulations Elizabeth Rice, on your 2026 Show Judge of the Year award!

WHC Annual Award Winners for 2026

WHC Horseperson of the Year Award - Katie Brucks

Owner and head instructor of Lucky Stables LLC, Katie Brucks has created a lesson program where everyone is welcome. She and her team offer instruction in English, Western, Dressage, Jumping, and Driving. Over the years her students have been actively involved in 4-H and have competed in all levels of horse showing, fostering competitive spirit and horsemanship skills across Wisconsin and beyond.

Lucky Stables is an approved vendor through Wisconsin's IRIS program and CLTS for residents with disabilities, allowing her to provide therapeutic riding opportunities to special needs riders. Katie established the "Lucky Foundation", a charitable organization focused on supporting equestrians with disabilities. In August 2025, Katie and the Lucky Foundation took five special needs riders, along with horses from Lucky Stables, to the NSBA World show in Tulsa, Oklahoma to compete in EWD classes. This work ensures that the joy and benefits of horsemanship reaches those who might otherwise face barriers.

Katie's commitment to education shines through in the clinics she hosts and participates in, as well as the countless educational videos and posts she creates and shares through her social media accounts.

Katie is more than an instructor – she is a mentor, a leader, and a consummate professional who has touched countless lives in our equine community. Her tireless contributions to youth development, education, industry promotion, and inclusive community activities make her an outstanding representative of Wisconsin's equine.



WHC Equine of the Year Award - Leanin' On Grace aka "Lewey" - Owned by Lee & Diane Sackett



In every task asked of him, 'Leanin' on Grace', aka "Lewey", doesn't just do what is expected, he redefines excellence. Lewey reveals a deeper intellect than most, showcasing his potential to team with equestrians of all levels and backgrounds, unlocking the potential in each rider that has the opportunity to get in his saddle.

Lewey's calm demeanor and saint-like patience gives riders the confidence and courage needed to excel and step out of their comfort zone. He offers opportunities for personal growth and development in halter, speed, obstacles, and roping – just to name a few.

More than 'just a lesson horse', Lewey is the true unicorn people look for in a beginner safe mount. He is a true representative of a great equine that has helped many riders grow their horsemanship skills.



WHC CERTIFIED JUDGES SEMINAR 2026 SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION FORM

SATURDAY, April 11, 2026

- 8:00-8:30 Registration - Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54482
- 8:30-10:30 Classroom: Holiday Inn Stevens Point, Clinician
- 10:30-10:45 Morning Break
- 10:45-11:30 Classroom Session Continues
- 11:30-1:00 Lunch Break at Holiday Inn**
- 1:00-3:30 Heartland Equestrian Center, 7510 Deer Road, Custer, WI 54423
Clinician, Gene Stewart, will work with Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail.
Live demos - **PLEASE dress for the weather at this facility!**
- 3:30-4:00 Live Judging
- 4:00 Written tests handed out

THIS IS A ONE DAY SEMINAR!

Take home written test will be available after the live judging has been completed. No tests will be mailed; only Judge/Candidate attendees who are present for the entire seminar will receive the test.

Test must be completed and returned to WHC office postmarked no later than **April 22, 2026**. We recommend that you return the test by certified mail.

Seminar Facilities

Classroom Sessions

Holiday Inn Stevens Point
1001 Amber Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54482
(715) 344-0200

Live Demos & Judging

Heartland Equestrian Center
7510 Deer Road
Custer, WI 54423
(715) 323-3666

Accommodations

Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center Rate: \$129.99 Standard Rate (plus tax). Guests can make a reservation over the phone, please call 715-344.0200 and press #1. When making the reservation reference the WI Horse Council or Group Block code: EQU. Group rate will be available until 3/11/26 or until block is full.

Holiday Inn Stevens Point - (715) 344-0200
Fairfield Inn & Suites - (715) 342-9300
Econo Lodge Inn & Suites - (715) 341-5110

Holiday Inn Express Suites - (715) 344-0000
La Quinta Inn & Suites - (715) 344-1900
Cobblestone Hotel & Suites - (715) 343-0522

2026 SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

(Registration Deadline: March 14, 2026)

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone () _____
 Email _____

Please check type and number of registrants below: **Please Circle Judge or Candidate**

- ___ **Judges or Candidates** needing WHC certification (*includes \$20 WHC membership, if you are a current 2025 WHC member, send in \$70*) includes seminar packet and exam..... \$90
- ___ **Adult Auditor** - includes seminar packet..... \$50
- ___ **Youth Auditors - All Youth 18 & Under that aren't WHC Free Youth Program members.....\$15**
- ___ **WHC Free Youth Program Members are FREE but still need to register.....\$ 0**
- ___ **Total Participants.....Amount Enclosed \$ _____**

* Please include names of ALL participants registering for name tag purposes.

Visit www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org for more information on the WHC Certified Judges Program

* Make checks payable to WHC and mail to WHC, P.O. Box 72, Columbus, WI 53925.

* Walk-ins will be accepted, however, limited availability of seminar materials may exist.

Celebrating the Year of the Horse **at Governor Dodge State Park**

The Friends of Governor Dodge Equestrians have some great plans to make 2026, the “Year of the Horse,” a special year at Governor Dodge State Park. Topping the list is continuing to move ahead on a multi-use “Connector trail,” linking the (beautiful but very long) southern loop of the Driftless horse trail to the inner trail network. Such a link has long been sought by horse riders and will offer not only new ride options but also enhanced user safety.

To design the connector trail, Mike Riter of Trail Design Specialists, familiar to many from his years of teaching the WHC’s annual Trail School, was hired by the Friends in 2025. He has mapped his recommended route and created a detailed design plan for a sustainable trail. The proposed route traverses a small section of wetland below the Cox Hollow dam and includes a ford for horses to cross the spillway creek via a “splash crossing.” Yay!!!

With wetland and a creek crossing, various permits are required which the park management and Friends are working together to obtain. Construction funding will be the Friends responsibility, and as they did 10 years ago with the equestrian campground, the Friends equestrians are “proceeding as if success is inevitable.” Grant applications are in the works, but direct support from the horse community will be crucial to raise the estimated \$70,000 in project funds needed to get the trail built. Donations earmarked for equestrian projects are always welcome, with \$1,000 donors eligible for a personalized brick at the campground gathering area.

The Friends are hosting a fundraiser treasure hunt ride/hike entitled Trails for Tomorrow on June 7th, the State Parks free admission weekend. Register for the event today to secure your custom- designed tee shirt! Registration included for sponsors. See the registration form in this issue or www.FriendsofGovernorDodge.org to register online. In addition, an online auction hosted by Badger Auction Services will be held May 20-29. The Friends are currently seeking donations of experiences (think vacation or campground rentals, spa services), gift cards, high-value items like jewelry or art pieces, or gift baskets. Please email friendsofgovdodge@gmail.com to discuss details if you have a potential donation. In May, visit the auction site often and bid generously!

Make 2026 a memorable “Year of the Horse” by including a visit to Governor Dodge in your plans. Explore the 25 miles of horse-friendly trails, or hike, kayak, fish and swim in the lakes. You’ll have a great time in the great outdoors with horse and human friends!





Trails for Tomorrow
Governor Dodge State Park

Treasure Hunt

“Trails for Tomorrow”

Ride or Hike

Sunday, June 7

Rain or Shine

\$30 per person

Fun! Prizes!

**Governor Dodge State Park
4175 State Hwy 23
Dodgeville, Wi 53533**

Proceeds will fund trail improvements and development at Governor Dodge State Park

Register online at
www.FriendsofGovernorDodge.org
or mail form to address below



For more information contact FriendsofGovDodge@gmail.com

Note: Park vehicle sticker and trail pass fees are WAIVED this weekend. Current Negative Coggins Required.

Register before May 1 for free T-shirt!

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

Ride Hike

Check payable to: Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrians
Mail to: Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrians
PO Box 154 Whitewater, WI 53190

Registration received by 5/1/26
Unisex T -Shirt Size
S M L XL XXL
V neck Crew neck

Sponsored by the Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrian Committee 501(c)3

Friends of Governor Dodge State Park
Equestrian Committee
www.FriendsofGovDodge.org



Trails for Tomorrow
Governor Dodge State Park

*** Become a Sponsor***

Donations are 501 (c)3 tax deductible to the extent of the law

.....
\$1,000 Platinum Sponsor

- Personalized brick at park gathering area
- Large, bold listing on event T-shirt
- Listing on Website and Facebook page
- Special recognition at event
- Includes Event Registrations for 2 with T-shirts

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\$500 Gold Sponsor

- Bold listing on event T-shirt
- Listing on Website and Facebook page
- Special recognition at event
- Includes Event Registrations for 2 with T-shirts

.....
\$100 Silver Sponsor

- Listing on event T-shirt
- Listing on Website and Facebook page
- Recognition at event
- Includes Event Registration for 1 with T-shirt

No T-shirt needed
 T shirt (Unisex) v-neck crew Size: S M L XL XXL

Treasure Hunt

Horse Ride / Hike

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Rain or Shine

Great Fun for a Great Cause!

Proceeds will fund trail
maintenance and
development.

COUNT ME IN AS A SPONSOR!

Checks payable to FOGD-Equestrians
Mail to: FOGD-Equestrians P.O. Box 154
Whitewater, WI 53190
Or online
www.Friendsofgovernordodge.org

Must be received by May 1, 2026

Contact Name _____

Business Name to be Used on Promotions

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

BROKEN WHEEL RIDING CLUB

By Jeanne Sprister, President



Our club celebrated its 60th anniversary this past year and, as such, we did some fun things to celebrate our club's longstanding existence. For one, we purchased special 60th Anniversary T-shirts. We wanted some new attire for riding in parades, as the old parade shirts were long-sleeved and warm. We

received a lot of complements on them. We hadn't ridden in a parade for several years, and it felt great to be doing this once again. We are still in the planning stages on which parades we will be riding in this year. Last year we rode in the Mid-Western Rodeo parade in Manawa in July and in the Seymour Hamburger Days parade in August. Of course, the weather was warm on both days, but the sun was shining and we, nonetheless, had a blast and represented our club well.



Later last summer, some of our members enjoyed some truly special trail riding. We took a trip the first part of August to Headquarters Lake Equestrian Campground, which is north of Newberry, in the UP. The campground is very beautiful and clean and right on beautiful Headquarters Lake. This is my

second time up there to this campground. We rode from camp to Lake Superior! We enjoyed romping on the beach, picking up some cool stones, and taking lots of pictures and videos. The trails are nice and well marked, and at this time of year the wild blueberries were in abundance everywhere, and we stopped at various points to pick and eat them.



In September some members participated in the Willy Wonka obstacle challenge at Geitner Homestead Equine Campground in Door County. Club member Mary Beyer took first place, and club member Andrea Roberts took second place. We represented our club well!



As part of celebrating our 60th anniversary, our club had the great idea of organizing a 60-Mile Challenge. We had 18 participants. All participants who logged at least 60 miles of riding or walking between May 1 and October 31 received a Challenge T-shirt. Kari Graves was our winner with a grand total of 380 miles logged. Congratulations to Kari. It was a fun competition among club members.



I will hold off sharing with you some of the other activities that we participated in last year until the May or June article because I've got some exciting stuff that our club is offering to our members and non-members. Cliff and Julie Easton are offering a horsemanship clinic with Michael Gascon on August



8 and 9. This will be held at Cliff and Julie Easton's arena just north of Appleton. There are some openings still left so if anyone is interested in more info on this great opportunity to be able to work with Michael, please email Julie at juliee773@gmail.com.

Judges Talk about Western Dressage

Judges Madeline Erce (Western Dressage 'r') and Joann Williams (Western Dressage 'R' and 2025 Western Dressage World Show judge) wanted to figure out a way to spread the joy of western dressage. Together, they organized a speaking event around a subject they are both passionate about - judging. The event was free to attend, and both judges donated their time to speak about this quickly growing discipline. This event covered many western dressage topics including a general overview of the discipline, rules, show ring tips, tack and attire and an open question and answer session with attendees. This event was held at the Region 10 Arabian Sport Horse and Dressage



Championships in Oshkosh, WI. "Since we have a lot of exhibitors that participate in other disciplines during the show including in hand classes, under saddle classes, traditional dressage and even hunter hack, we wanted to encourage current competitors to try something new," said Madeline Erce.

The event was open to anyone at the show and the general public. There were about 40 people in attendance, and it was a very active audience asking many questions about western dressage. Nyssa Sheridan, Vice President of the Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association, applied for and was awarded a grant from the Wisconsin Horse Council for this event. This grant was used to purchase western dressage books which all event attendees were able to take home. WDAA (Western Dressage Association of America) supplied this event with materials which outlined more information on western dressage and how to become a member. Thank you to the Wisconsin Horse Council and WDAA for their support! To learn more about western dressage, click here: <https://wdaa.memberclicks.net/>

Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag Day at the Capitol



This year's Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag Day at the Capitol was attended by more than 300 people, despite the inclement weather. The event began, as in prior years, at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. After the opening remarks, by President Brad Olson and other notable leaders, the keynote speaker took the stage. A fascinating and inspirational sharing of the journey of an individual who grew up in Milwaukee and attended UW Madison where he played basketball. Marcus Landry went on to a career in the NBA and played overseas as well. After being sidelined with an injury, and then the pandemic that shut down life as we knew it, Marcus Landry followed his dreams. He and his family founded Buelah Family Homestead. Follow this organization on Facebook to see how they are reaching out to youth to give them new perspectives and opportunities!

Wisconsin Horse Council

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Midwest Horse Fair®



WISCONSIN SPOTLIGHT

Stop by the WHC booth to meet and greet some of Wisconsin's special equine celebrities; Miss Rodeo Wisconsin - Shannon Sachs, WPOAC Royalty and others. Watch for schedule to be posted.



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- Legislation Watchdog
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- Trail Building School
- WSHC Equine Foundation 501(c)3
- Equine Of The Year
- Horseperson Of The Year
- Judge Of The Year
- Lifetime Achievement Award

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Entries for Carriage Driving Days must be postmarked by June 29, 2026

Fri., July 10 - Combined Driving Combined Test

Sat. & Sun., July 11 & July 12 - Pleasure Show

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Early Bird Opportunity – Tuesday, July 7; Wednesday, July 8 and Thursday, July 9 - Lessons, Auditing & Lunch & Learns with Clinician Joe Yoder. Sign up at wadehouse.org
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For more information, email bridgitt.zielke@wisconsinhistory.org or call 920-254-7137

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Barbara Lind

Barbara Lind, from Baldwin, Wisconsin, will be attending the University of Wisconsin–River Falls as a freshman studying equine-assisted therapy.



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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Jenna Hume

Jenna Hume, from Orfordville, Wisconsin, will be attending Dickinson State University in Dickinson, North Dakota, as a graduate student majoring in Agribusiness with an equine emphasis.



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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Abby Elizabeth Bey

Abby Elizabeth Bey, from Bancroft, will be attending Ellsworth Community College, affiliated with the Ellsworth Equestrian Center in Ames, Iowa, as a freshman studying Equine Business Management.



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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Allison McDonald

Allison McDonald, from Wausau, Wisconsin, will be attending the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse as a sophomore majoring in biomedical sciences.



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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Paige Wilfert

Paige Wilfert, from Trevor, Wisconsin, will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a sophomore in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program with an equine focus.



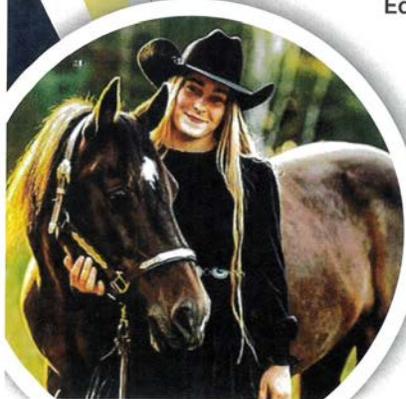
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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Maggie Tutor

Maggie Tutor, from Ashland, Wisconsin, will be attending Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee, as a freshman studying the Equine Veterinary Education Program.



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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Hayden "Jax" Macdonald

Hayden "Jax" Macdonald, from Neenah, WI will be attending University of Findlay, Findlay, OH, as a freshman studying Equine Business Management and Western Riding/Instruction Emphasis



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WSHC Equine Foundation Winter Fun Day 2026

By Nancy Young, WSHC Equine Foundation Treasurer



If you weren't there, you were square! February 14, 2026, Springbrook Events in Burnett, WI was the location for our annual fundraiser. For the 16th year, the WSHC Equine Foundation Winter Fun Day turned out to be an unforgettable family event. We brought the surrounding communities together through engaging activities and a Model Horse Show.

We owe a huge Thank You to the event sponsors and the volunteers! We sincerely appreciate the donations from local businesses. The volunteers' countless hours of work that goes on before and after the Winter Fun Day is what makes it happen.

This year's Winter Fun Day featured new events for spectator participation. The Compeer Farmer Showdown Games tested the skills of the contestants in adult and youth divisions. Hay nets and firewood were tossed and so was some manure!

We brought back The Pie Contest! 14 pies were entered in 3 categories. The judges were local radio station celebrities who told us they really enjoyed the job! The overall high scoring pie won the Best In Show award which was a beautiful custom-made cutting board. Then came the pie auction. The bidding was heated just like the chicken pot pie. Everybody enjoyed a good old-fashioned auction.

The Alaskan Malamute Club brought their mushers for a sled dog demonstration. The dogs and handlers soaked up attention from the crowds.

A special attraction on site was the Chuck Wagon Cowboys cooking with traditional cast iron. They served hot coffee, cider, cookies, and samples of fresh baked bread from the wagon. Trick roping entertained the spectators near the authentic chuck wagon too.

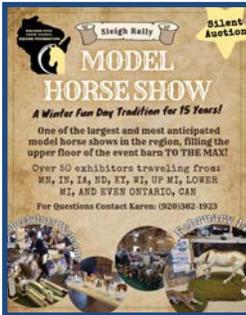
The Spin the Wheel game, bucket prize drawings, 50/50 raffle, live music, Sleigh Bell Café, local crafts vendors, Kid's coloring contest and face painting, silent auction warmed up inside the event center. Winter Snow decided to disappear so we pivoted to wagons from bobsleds with two teams of horses giving tours of the beautiful grounds at Springbrook Events.

The Winter Fun Day Sleigh Rally Model Horse Show is the #1 recommended show in our region. It drew exhibitors from Canada, Minnesota, Michigan, the UP, Illinois, Indiana and North Dakota to Burnett. The top floor of Springbrook Event was showing and glowing!

2026 WSHC Equine Foundation Scholarship recipients were spotlighted at the Winter Fun Day event. Information about each of the students was available for the public to learn about the scholarship program we offer.

Even though this year's event is wrapped up we find ourselves already talking about what to do next year for an even better Winter Fun Day!

WSHC Equine Foundation Winter Fun Day 2026



Sleigh Rally Model Horse Show at Winter Fun Day 2026

The Sleigh Rally Model Horse show has been an important part of the WSHCEF Winter Fun Day for the past 15 years and is the largest model show in Wisconsin. This year's show sold out with 50+ exhibitors attending from WI, IL, IN, MN, ND, IA and Ontario, Canada. The show had 7 different divisions each with its own judge. The divisions included Original Finish Plastic models that are factory produced and have not been altered in any way. Custom models are plastic models that have been repainted. Artist resin models that are sculpted and painted by artists. The Performance division judges how well the models, and their props depict realistic activities and scenes. The show had a total



of 315 classes with 33 classes specifically for youth 18 years old and younger. The models are judged on how well they represent the assigned breed they are being shown as, and condition of the model. Class size ranged from 5-6 up to 40+ models in a class. Models range in price from a few dollars for basic plastic figures to over \$1000 for rare or custom-made pieces. Anyone with an interest in horses can participate in model horse showing, which offers an opportunity to learn about different breeds and equine activities.



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Wisconsin Pony of the Americas Club



The Wisconsin Pony of the Americas Club (WPOAC) has been bringing POA owners, exhibitors, and breeders together since 1960. Our club is centered around family, fun, and a shared love of ponies. With over 70 members across the state, WPOAC promotes the POA breed through youth programs, quality horse shows, and strong sportsmanship. We believe youth are the future of our club and take pride in helping young riders build equine knowledge, leadership skills, and confidence while

forming lifelong friendships.



We are excited to kick off summer with two All-Breed Open Shows in 2026. Our May Madness show will be held May 23-24, 2026, in West Salem, Wisconsin. Makin' A Splash will take place June 20-21, 2026, in Black River Falls. Both shows welcome all breeds, solids, and over-height ponies. No POA registration is required to enter, making these shows a great opportunity for riders of all experience levels to join the fun. Each show will offer 13 High Point divisions with Grand and Reserve awards, along with a friendly and supportive show environment.



You can also find WPOAC at the Midwest Horse Fair. Stop by Pavilion 2 to meet our members and their amazing ponies. Visitors can learn about our events, meet our Youth Royalty, and discover

the opportunities our club offers. Our Youth Royalty program recognizes young riders who demonstrate leadership, kindness, and dedication while serving as ambassadors for the POA breed and our organization.



Wisconsin Pony of the Americas
2026 SHOW SCHEDULE
All dates are tentative and pending National POAC office approval.

MAY | **MAY MADNESS**
23-24
4 Judges | Inter-Breed Competition (IBC)
La Crosse County Fair Grounds | N4985 Co Rd M, West Salem, WI 54669
All classes are open to everyone! All breeds welcome. POA registration not required to enter.

JUNE | **MAKIN' A SPLASH**
20-21
4 Judges | Inter-Breed Competition (IBC)
Jackson County Fair Grounds | 388 Melrose St, Black River Falls, WI 54615
All classes are open to everyone! All breeds welcome. POA registration not required to enter.

AUG | **STARS OF TOMORROW**
8-9
3 Judges | Promotional and Double B&P
Sunnyview Expo Center | 500 E County Rd Y, Oshkosh, WI 54901
Only non-riding classes will be offered. Including senior classes open to all breeds. The regular showbill is exclusive to POA registered entries, with no open classes offered.

Stay tuned on our website and Facebook page for updates!
Show bills will be available in early 2026.

WPOAC | **WPOAC.ORG** | Facebook icon | Instagram icon

Looking ahead, WPOAC is proud to host the 2027 Midwest POA Regional Show at the Alliant Energy Center from August 5-8, 2027. Whether you are new to POAs, returning to the show ring, or simply looking for a welcoming equine community, we invite you to join us. You can learn more about our events at wpoac.org or by following the Wisconsin Pony of the Americas Club on Facebook.



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Wisconsin Horse Council

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We have created a section on our website for your upcoming events...FREE..... You can send (email) us any EQUINE related event (shows, tack sale, clinic, meetings, events etc.) and we will put it on our website free of charge. All you need to do is send us a copy of your event with a contact phone number and we will list it for all to see.

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I would like this event posted on the Wisconsin Horse Council website.

Date: _____

Event: _____

Location: _____

Phone: _____

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WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



March 2026

- March 8 WHC District 3 Monthly Meeting, Pizza Ranch, 900 W. Main St, Waupun, WI, 1 p.m.
 March 22 Washington Co. 4-H Horse & Pony Projects Club Tack Sale, Sterling Chalet, Richfield, WI, 1271 WI 175, Hubertus, WI 53033, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Contact Jody Schulz 414-534-4809, washingtoncountyhpp@gmail.com
- March 25 **WHC BOD ANNUAL MEETING, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925, 6:30 p.m.**
 March 28 Plum Lake Equestrian Center 5th Annual Winter Family Funfest Fundraiser, Plum Lake Equestrian Center, 8177 Plum Lake Station Rd., Sayner, WI, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Pony rides, petting zoo, games, prizes, contests, bounce house, zipline, and more. For more info visit the Plum Lake Equestrian Center's Facebook page or www.plumlakeequestriancenter.com.

April 2026

- April 11 **WHC Certified Judge Seminar, Stevens Point & Custer, WI**
 April 17-19 **Midwest Horse Fair, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI**
 April 26 Dodge County Horseman's Assoc. Dust It Off Clinic, Sackett Ranch, N9320 Fir Rd., Burnett, WI, Am Speed Focus 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., PM Trail Focus, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Follow DCHA on Facebook for updates and flyer

May 2026

- May 2 Waukau Flying Mane Riding Club Open Fuzzy Pleasure Show, 3133 State Rd 116, Omro, WI 54963, 8:30 a.m., Contact Teri Meyer at 920-789-8800
 May 3 Waukau Flying Mane Riding Club Open Speed Show, 3133 State Rd 116, Omro, WI 54963, 8:30 a.m., Contact Teri Meyer at 920-789-8800
- May 13-16 **WHC Trail Design School, Southern Kettle Moraine, Dousman, Wisconsin**
 May 23-24 WPOAC May Madness: All Breed Open Show, La Crosse Interstate Fair Grounds, N4985 Co Rd M, West Salem, WI, Contact: Jackie Guthrie, 641-919-3961, jguthrie0234@gmail.com, Event link on our website: <https://wpoac.org/event/may-madness-all-breed-open-show/>
- May 24 Beaver Creek 53rd Annual Memorial Day Weekend Open All Speed Show, W3194 Cty. Rd. A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 8 a.m., contacts for more info Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com or Facebook
 May 25 Beaver Creek 53rd Annual Memorial Day Weekend Open Pleasure Show, W3194 Cty. Rd. A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 8 a.m., contacts for more info Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com or Facebook
 May 27 **WHC Monthly BOD Monthly Meeting, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925, 7 p.m.**

June 2026

- June 5 Beaver Creek School's Out Open Speed and Fun Show, W3194 Cty. Rd. A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 6 p.m., contacts for more info Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com or Facebook
 June 7 Friends of Governor Dodge State Park Equestrian Committee, Treasure Hunt Horse Ride / Hike, rain or shine, proceeds will fund trail maintenance and development, contact friendsofgovdodge@gmail.com for more info or to donate or sponsor
 June 16 Beaver Creek 2026 Summer Twilight Classic Pleasure Shows, W3194 Cty. Rd. A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 6 p.m., contacts for more info Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com or Facebook
 June 19-21 **Midwest Carriage Classic, Walworth Co. Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI**
 June 20 Dodge County Horseman's Assoc. Speed and Fun Show, Boots and Saddles Arena, W8827 Hemlock Rd., Beaver Dam, WI 53916, Follow DCHA on Facebook for updates and showbill.

*** Also check WI Pleasure Horse Shows on Facebook! ***



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- Programs such as the Certified Judges and Ride Wisconsin require a Level I membership - even if you are a Director or a contact person for a Level II or III organization, you will need to be a Level I member yourself to participate in programs.
- Youth (17 & under) are free with a paid Level I adult membership.

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Return application and payment to:

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What is Wisconsin Horse Council?

WHC is a non-profit organization representing horsemen and women and the equine industry in Wisconsin. In representing the equine industry, we promote the horse through leadership, education, and service, and take a proactive role in the growth of our industry.

Who is Wisconsin Horse Council?

You and me - we are the Horse Council through our membership, participation in our districts, and involvement in WHC committees and programs. We are the Force of the Horse in Wisconsin.

Why belong to Wis Horse Council?

This is the only state organization that exists for "the horse" and the people who own them or simply love them. We are not a breed organization, a saddle club, or a riding discipline. We are here for the welfare of the horse and the betterment of our equine industry as a whole. Membership in WHC connects you with other horse people who share your concerns and brings a broader view of the equine industry to you. The strength of our voice is in direct proportion to the size of our membership. Often, people belong to organizations in relation to their profession, you should belong to WHC in relation to your passion. The important part of representing an industry is YOU. We can't do our work effectively without you. We need your membership and participation to do a good job—promoting the value of our industry, protecting the welfare of our horses, and preserving our chosen way of life. Become part of taking care of our horse community by joining WHC today!

Question: Who do you want representing your interests as an equestrian—an organization that knows and understands our industry or some other organization with a different agenda?

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- ◆ Conduct and sponsor an annual Trail School to educate volunteers, public land managers, and trail planners in designing and building sustainable recreational trails for equestrian riders and drivers
- ◆ Improve the level of open show judging through the educational seminars and certification of our Show Judge program
- ◆ Provide funding for sponsorships and grants at levels that offer significant financial help to equine charity events and programs, and volunteers building and improving recreational trails
- ◆ Sponsor recognition of people who have invested time and money in growing and developing our industry through mentoring young horse people, initiating new programs, providing leadership in various equine/equestrian areas, and promoting responsible use of horses
- ◆ Sponsor educational seminars and clinics for horse owners
- ◆ Pursue an active role in legislative matters affecting both our state and national equine industry
- ◆ Pursue and encourage a strong connection with the ag community as a whole with our participation in Ag Day at the Capitol, Farm Technology Days, and other ag events

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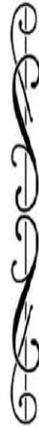
Members-Only Programs

Certified Judges Program: WHC has run the annual WHC Certified Judges seminar since 1979. The seminar is a key element in the Wisconsin Judge's Certification System.

Trail Riding/Driving Program: You can obtain recognition and awards for your hours spent enjoying horse trails through our Trail Riding/Driving Program.

Trail Grants & Sponsorships: WHC provides funding to develop and improve public horse trails in Wisconsin; volunteers and land managers provide the labor.

Funding is provided also for equine programs and events in Wisconsin along with improvements benefiting our equine industry.



Additional Member Benefits

Members receive the CouncilLetter - the newsletter that keeps you connected with the Wisconsin equine industry. It includes a members-only classified section. Also, members receive a discount on advertising in the CouncilLetter.

WHC employs a professional lobbyist to assist us in evaluating and acting on legislation affecting the equine community. In addition, WHC is a participating member of American Horse Council, which is our lobby force in Washington DC working on national issues affecting the horse industry.

Members have access to the special discount programs of the American Horse Council.

A \$1 million excess personal liability insurance option is now offered with an individual or family membership.

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Upcoming Events

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Information to include:

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Location:

Contact phone: (very important)

Questions? 920-623-0393

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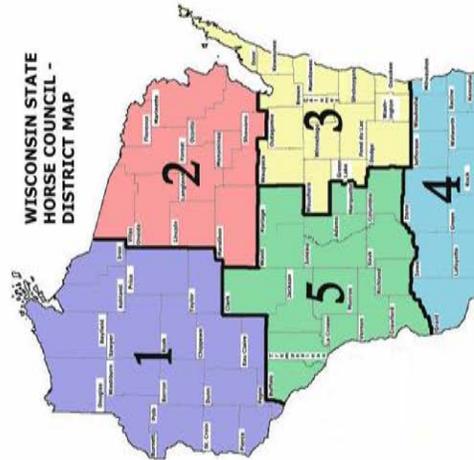
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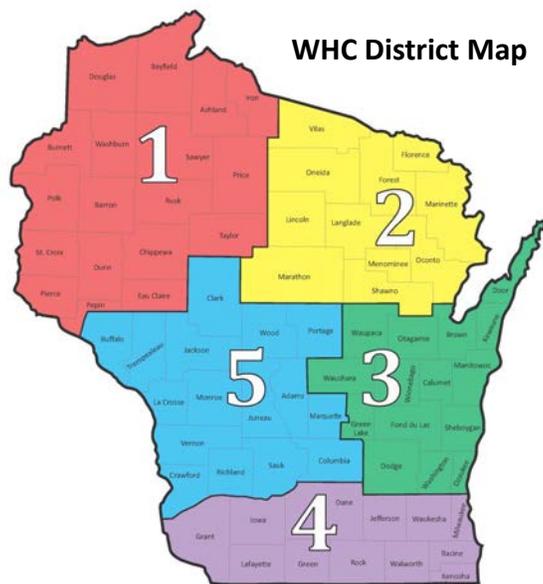
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CouncilLetter Deadline

The deadline for articles, upcoming events and advertisements for the WHC CouncilLetter is:

**May / June Issue:
April 15th at noon**

Articles must be equine related, may not be for commercial benefit and must be sent to us in a timely fashion. The Editor reserves the right to revise or refuse articles.

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March 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 17 St. Patrick's Day
March 25 WHC's Annual Meeting

April 5 Easter Sunday
April 11 WHC Certified Judge Seminar
April 17-19 Midwest Horse Fair



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