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## Midwest Horse Fair 2026 Celebrity Breakfast with Chris Cox

**By Anne Murphy, WHC President**

Chris Cox was the speaker at the Celebrity Breakfast on Saturday, April 18, 2026. It was interesting to note that, although earlier in his life he wanted to be a world famous bull rider and then a world famous horseman, he really wants to be known as a rancher and a teacher. I've learned to appreciate those people who excel at reaching their goals and make sharing their knowledge and skills with others as the ultimate goal.

There were aspiring horse trainers and an aspiring rancher sitting at the WHC Youth table. With his hat and shirt matching Chris Cox, the guess was easily made regarding who the aspiring rancher was! I hope the message to never give up will stay with them for years to come!



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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 "Horses Have Road Rights".**

*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!*

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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](http://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

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# Midwest Horse Fair®

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April 16, 17 & 18

- 2027 -



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## Midwest Horse Fair 2026



Wow, another Midwest Horse Fair has come and gone. Each and every MHF is unique in it's own way, frequently delineated by the weather. Although 2026 is the Year of the Horse according to the Chinese Zodiac, MHF this year may be remembered as the Year of the Storms. Nature certainly blew some challenges our way and the great staff, board members, volunteers and Alliant Staff rose to the challenges! Thank you all!

Since this year's theme was Making Memories, we had a request for attendees to share their favorite memories at the Wisconsin Horse Council booth in the Coliseum.

Samples of some of the memories shared:

\*Although there were many mentions of the rodeos being memorable this one resonated with me, "when my Mom surprised me with rodeo tickets".

\*" Talking with people who started riding as adults and now own their own horse. They showed and proved that anything is possible, even if you don't grow up riding".

\* "Meeting the famous award winning Diane Sackett"( Recipient of the 2026 Lifetime Achievement Award.)

\* "A bunch of us all bought new cowboy hats"

\* "The Friesian Horses in the dark with lights on their bodies"

\* "Coming here for 40 years with my sister."

\*"The driving Percherons"

\* The clinics, learning opportunities, and of course the horses

\* Riding border patrol in pouring rain

\*"Wearing my horse's Slinky as a dress and telling my friend that it was my new dress."

\*"I remember all the years I started adventuring this fair as a new horse gal in my early 20's. Days filled with so much love for the horse. I found nothing but support and friends at this event. I spent 3 days alone walking the event with a backpack of PB&J sandwiches and an open heart. That was 30 years ago, and I've never missed a year since then.

We'll share more memories in the next newsletter!

## Broken Wheel Riding Club

**By Jeanne Sprister, President**

As I write this, the devastating flooding in various Wisconsin counties is at the forefront of my mind. My heart aches for all those affected, and the clean-up process will be long, grueling, and expensive. Thank goodness for the great people in this state who are helping in any way possible. Devastating events many times bring out the best in people, and it is evidenced everywhere you look right now with all the volunteering and donating.



This past fall our club had a trail ride at Crocker Hills, which is near Antigo. It is a wonderful campground with a nice pavilion, high lines to tie horses, water for horses, clean pit toilets and manure bunkers. If you've never been there, I urge you to check this place out. The trails are well marked, the scenery is amazing, and the campground is spacious and fairly flat. We had a potluck dinner in their pavilion, and we enjoyed campfires both nights.

Our banquet was held in November at Jackson Point in Seymour. Every year we donate some of our club money to worthwhile groups, and this year we voted on Valley Mounted Volunteers, Seymour High School WIHA Equestrian Team, and also the Outagamie County 4H Horse Club. It's important as a club to give back to the community, and this is just one small way in which we can.

In November some club members went down to Waukesha and rode our horses through the Holiday Hooves Ride Through Country Christmas, put on by The Run O The Mill Pony Club at the Ingleside Hotel, and let me tell you it was absolutely magical! We rode on a beautiful path through some really pretty Christmas displays that seemed to go on forever. It was a chilly night, but we made sure we dressed for the weather.

In December we rang bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign at Don's Quality Market in Seymour. We brought our horses to participate in the bell-ringing event. In addition to all of us dressing up, we dressed our horses up in holiday attire too and brought carrots and peppermint candies for children and adults to



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### **Broken Wheel Riding Club**



**Kari Graves and Zeph - Winners of our 60-Mile Challenge last year.**

feed them. The response was overwhelming, and the Red Kettle was jam-packed when we left that day. Wherever we go and whatever we do, we sure have fun with our horses and the people we ride with!

Forward to 2026 and planning out this year's events, we have several trail rides and perhaps a parade or two on the calendar. Our club has many items on the agenda for our May business meeting to finalize these details. They include trail

rides, clinics, obstacle challenges, horse shows, etc.

Two of our club members, Cliff and Julie Easton, are offering a horsemanship clinic with Michael Gascon on August 8 and 9. This is open to anyone and there are a few more openings left, so if you are interested in this event, please reach out to Julie at [juliee773@gmail.com](mailto:juliee773@gmail.com). She can give you all the details.

Until next time, happy trails to you!



**Grant Riehl and Watson - Grant is a student at Seymour High School and competes on the WIHA Equestrian Team.**



4th ANNUAL  
**BASICS & BEYOND**  
**EQUINE DRIVING CLINIC**

**May 30 & 31, 2026** Heartland Equestrian Center  
 Custer, WI

**5 Clinicians  
 & Missy Patchen  
 LESSONS  
 ALL DAY BOTH DAYS**

## Basics & Beyond Featured Clinicians

80 private lesson slots will be available over this 2-day period – our panel of 5 very experienced clinicians are ready to share their horsemanship and advanced driving skills – they'll be working concurrently in 5 separate areas!

You won't find a more impressive array of talent available to you at one time in one location!

### Julie Dahlberg

has been in love with horses her life and has been riding and/or her own horses for 40 years. Julie helping kids and 'kids at heart' their horsemanship skills. The Dahlberg family has been showing their large ponies in combined driving events and pleasure shows. Julie and her family are all active members of the Northwoods Harness Club in Wisconsin.



### Wes Licht

has been riding and driving ponies and horses since he was six years old (a lot of years!). He has participated successfully in combined driving events, carriage classics and competitive (driving events throughout the Midwest. He has often been a presenter and an instructor at horse driving clinics where he enjoys sharing his knowledge. He has demonstrated regularly at the Midwest Horse Fair. Wes is a founding member and has served as president of the Dairyland Driving Club, Inc. Wes specializes in teaching horses to drive and people to drive them.



### Mary Ruth Marks

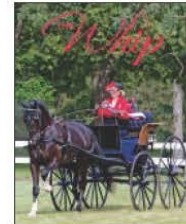
is the founder and 1st president of DDC - a position she held for 20 years! She created the Teach Your Horse to Drive video, was long-listed 3 times for the US team - with 2 of her own single horses in 2010 and with her own 4-in-hand



in 2018 coming in 6th in the nation. She is an ADS "R" in combined driving, an experienced clinician and instructor, a winner of championships in all divisions in combined driving and pleasure shows. *And, she loves teaching and helping people enjoy driving horses in a safe manner.*

### Debi Moll Sauer

is a long-time member of DDC. She has been an advocate for the Club and presented at various clinics on an instructional basis, participated in and helped organize and has driven at DDC pleasure drives with many of her horses. She's ridden and shown Arabian horses around the US/Canada, including Ride 'n Drive classes, Walnut Hill and most Midwest shows. She's been driving and winning classes and divisions at Villa Louis for 25+ years!



### Joe Yoder

A carriage-driving professional with a history of excellence in competitive driving, Joe was raised on an Amish farm in Iowa, where he cultivated a lifelong passion for horses, beginning his show career in 2004. In 2011, he won the National Pair Championship at Live Oak International in Ocala, FL. Following that, he represented the US Team in Germany, earning an International Bronze Medal. Joe was the carriage driving manager and trainer for Kohler Stables in Kohler, WI, from 2015-20. Joe can be found at his training farm in Hancock, WI, driving horses, training horses, and giving driving lessons. Joe is also the MWHF driving clinician for 2025 and 2026!



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## Basics & Beyond 2026

An Equine Driving Clinic to fit your individual needs!

Our clinicians are all champion drivers – proficient in basic training and beyond – skilled in all forms of competitive driving and will be able to help you whether you drive around your farm, drive with friends, participate in organized pleasure trail drives, or compete in pleasure shows, cones driving, dressage and obstacle driving in CDEs.

You let us know what you and/or your equine partner are seeking from this opportunity when you

register and your clinician will structure your session(s) accordingly.

We can also check the fit of your harness and the suitability of your vehicle for you, your equine and your driving goals.

This is an opportunity to get hands-on instruction for what you feel you need help with. Or, maybe you just want to work out some kinks or brush up on your skills and fine-tune your turnout.



### Welcome Missy Patchen

Missy Patchen & Optimum Equine Performance specializes in the wellness of driving horses of all shapes and sizes. Services include trigger point Equine Sports Massage Therapy, MagnaWave PEMF, Red Light Therapy, Cold Laser, Myofascial Release, Stretching, Cupping. Appointments will take approximately 60-90 minutes per horse and will include Massage, MagnaWave, and Red Light. Blading and cold laser services based on the assessment of your equine and their needs at no additional charge. These total care package sessions are \$120 per equine and you contract with Missy on site.

She will be available for bodywork on your equine partners for the duration of the Basics & Beyond Equine Driving Clinic - Saturday & Sunday.

[optimumequineperformance@gmail.com](mailto:optimumequineperformance@gmail.com) 715 645 0802



## Basics & Beyond 2025 Venue

HEARTLAND EQUESTRIAN CENTER - [heartlandec.com](http://heartlandec.com)

Heartland Equestrian Center is located about in the middle of the state and slightly to the east - 5 miles east of I-39 (Stevens Point) off Hwy 10 East in Custer, WI. The facility is perfectly suited to driving events: Indoor Arena - 80FT x 200FT with Seating Area; a smaller Indoor Arena, large Outside Arena with seating; a fenced Grass Arena; a PA System, Rest Rooms & Café, Port-A-Potty, parking, etc.

Stabling as well as overnight camping is available.



Driving pictures not available



## WHC Trail Grants Awarded in 2026

Friends of Wildcat Mountain	\$ 2,680.00
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Caledonia Conservancy	\$ 3,000.00
Friends of Governor Dodge	\$ 4,000.00
La Riviere Riders	\$ 3,000.00

## WHC Sponsorships Awarded in Spring 2026

Wisconsin Ponies of America	\$1,000.00
Heavens Gait Ranch	\$3,000.00
Friends of Governor Dodge State Park	\$ 500.00
HorseSense for Special Riders	\$2,250.00
Marshfield Saddle Club	\$3,000.00
Wisconsin Junior and High School Rodeo	\$4,500.00
Waukau Flying Mane	\$3,000.00
The Lucky Foundation	\$1,000.00
Dodge County Boots and Saddles Club	\$3,000.00
Menomonee Falls Saddle Club	\$3,000.00
Integrity Horsemanship LLC	\$1,500.00
Dairyland Driving Club	\$2,000.00
Palomino Pines	\$1,500.00
Il Bit Ranch	\$ 550.00
Western Dressage Association of Wisconsin	\$3,000.00
Wisconsin Interscholastic Horsemanship Assoc.	\$4,500.00
Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom	\$4,000.00





## Heaven's Gait Ranch Therapeutic Riding Center

April 13, 2026

Wisconsin Horse Council, Inc.  
121 S. Ludington St.  
Columbus, WI 53925

Dear members of the Wisconsin Horse Council,

On behalf of everyone at Heaven's Gait Ranch, I would like to personally thank you for your generous support of our mission. Your selfless contribution is what makes our program so special, as it helps create a community that encourages others to grow. Because of your donation, individuals with special needs and veterans with disabilities will be empowered to maximize their potential through meaningful relationships and challenging opportunities.

By offering equine-assisted activities and therapeutic horseback riding to individuals in need, our team at Heaven's Gait Ranch is determined to create an extended family who cares for the well-being of its fellow man: stranger or neighbor. This family understands the need to care for that whole person — mind, body, and soul.

Therefore we are sincerely grateful for your blessing in supporting our efforts. As a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization, we mean it when we say your gift makes all the difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Troy Moldenhauer".

Troy Moldenhauer  
Development and Marketing Coordinator

*Thank you so much!*

***Heaven's Gait Ranch, Inc., a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, gratefully acknowledges receipt of your generous grant of \$3,000.00 made by check #10262 dated April 1, 2026. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. Please keep this notification for your records. EIN: 81-1274623***

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Therapeutic Riding Center

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# Wisconsin Horse Council's Certified Judge Seminar 2026

By Anne, Murphy, WHC President



**Shelley Tooley - WHC Certified Judge Committee Member**

The WHC's Certified Judge Seminar for 2026, is in the books! Judges, judge Candidates, Auditors, and Youth gathered in Stevens Point on April 11, 2026, for a day of learning. The topics this year were Ranch Trail and Ranch Riding. The

clinician was Gene Stewart from Kentucky. He kept everyone's attention during the morning sessions with no problem. No one even turned their heads as I walked around in the back of the room taking photos!



**Gene Stewart - Clinician**



**WHC Certified Judge Seminar attendees during the morning classroom session.**

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### WHC Certified Judge Seminar 2026

The afternoon live judging sessions were held at Heartland Equestrian Center in Custer, WI. We had gorgeous horses to watch, and the riders did a great job of riding the patterns.

Our gratitude to the riders who gave up a Saturday to help us out: Richelle Beene, Brian Ferron, Hailey Ferron, and Evelyn Lorge.



Many thanks to everyone who worked hard to put this event together! The WHC Certified Judge Committee members (Chairperson Dan Grunewald, Pat Stevenson, Megan Sacia, Tia Koehler, Liz Rice, Shelley Tooley and Nancy Edwards), this year's clinician, Gene Stewart, Mark Long and the staff at Heartland Equestrian Center, Darla Schack WHC's Administrative Assistant who keeps everyone organized, and Shelley Tooley who has been the logistics expert for this event for many years.



**Back Row Left to Right: Tia Koehler, Mark Long, Dan Grunewald, Gene Stewart, Pat Stevenson, and Nancy Edwards. Front Row Left to Right: Anne Murphy, Shelley Tooley, and Liz Rice**



# WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*\*Free Youth Memberships run concurrent with the school year\**

*Office Use Only:*

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Processed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

### **LEVEL I FREE YOUTH MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION – for Ages 8 – High School Graduation**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade for Current Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ WHC District #: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Horses: \_\_\_\_\_

Equine Organization(s) that you belong to that are WHC Level II or III Members: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact information to the organization(s) you are joining under: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature Required:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that WHC can publicly share name/photos of the Youth member listed above on their media platforms.

Parent/Guardian Contact Info:

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*All information requested above is required and must be complete and accurate.**

### **LEVEL I YOUTH MEMBERSHIP OPTION**

Individual Youth Membership (no insurance) ..... \$ **FREE**

Free E-newsletter sent to the e-mail listed above..... \$ **FREE**

**Note:**

- If a Free Youth Program Member would like to participate in a WHC program that requires a WHC Level I Membership, they will be required to hold a paid Level I Membership as well. Remember that our regular Level I Youth Membership (17 & under) are always free with a paid Level I Adult Membership. So that means if the parent or guardian are already a Level I Member, the Level I Youth Member would already be covered and able to join the WHC Program of choice.

Wisconsin Horse Council does not sell or distribute our membership list. Information is kept private for use only by our organization for WHC business.

**Return application to:**

**Wisconsin Horse Council  
P.O. Box 72  
Columbus, WI 53925  
Phone: 920-623-0393  
www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org**



## The Wisconsin Horse Council Proudly Presents

# “Free Youth Membership Program”

The Wisconsin Horse Council is implementing a new “Free Youth Membership Program”!

Here are the requirements:

- \*Youth between 8 years of age and graduation from high school who are members in good standing of an equine youth organization, or an organization with a strong youth membership.
- \* The equine organization is a member in good standing with the Wisconsin Horse Council.
- \*Applicants under the age of 18 must have a parental signature included with the Wisconsin Horse Council Youth Membership Application.
- \* This annual membership will run concurrent with the student’s school year and will remain viable as long as the applicant is in good standing with the equine organization.
- \* Youth members will be non-voting members of the WHC District they reside in, and they will be eligible for e-newsletters.

We are planning on three or more educational training courses per year via Zoom, and attendees will be eligible for prize drawings.

As we move towards in-person clinics and training throughout the state, the Wisconsin Horse Council is asking for suggestions of what kind of clinics and presentations youth members would be interested in. Please check with your group leader and send suggestions or presentations to [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org).

As this program develops, our vision is to provide opportunities to explore the world of horses and horse related professions and businesses.

Please scan the QR Code below and go to the “Membership” tab for more information and the application. We look forward to hearing from you!



## Compete in Wisconsin's Middle Jewel

### Wade House Carriage Driving Days - ADS Pleasure Show and CDCT

Wisconsin's second of 2026's three scheduled ADS recognized pleasure shows

**July 10-12, 2026** - Wade House Historic Site- W7965 Hwy. 23 - Greenbush, WI

**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](http://wadehouse.org)
- Compete in Wade House's State of the Art Horse Arena & on our New Cones Courses
- Pleasure Drive Pace Courses on Beautiful Historic Site Setting
- Complimentary Access to Wade House Historic Site including access to Wesley W. Jung Carriage Museum

Event Volunteer Opportunities available.

For more information, email [bridgitt.zielke@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:bridgitt.zielke@wisconsinhistory.org) or call 920-254-7137

**More information:** Visit [Wadecarriagedays.com](http://Wadecarriagedays.com)

**Follow us @ Wade House Carriage Driving Days-WHCDD**



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## Equest ePress

*News about Wisconsin and border region's equine industry  
- its animals, people, events, businesses, and organizations*

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HAPPY  
*Father's*  
DAY

MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED





**WISCONSIN  
HORSE COUNCIL**



# WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL TRAILS

## ALL THINGS TRAIL RELATED!

Our committee meets via zoom to ensure trails are celebrated in all aspects!



### TRAIL GRANTS

Offering financial support to friends' groups for trail improvements totaling almost \$1 Million in benefits



### TRAIL MASTER CERTIFICATION SCHOOL

Training land managers and volunteers to design, and build sustainable trails



### RIDE/ DRIVE WISCONSIN

Celebrating your accomplishments on the trails! Log your hours in the saddle to earn great prizes!



### ADVOCACY & MORE

Partnering with trailmeister.com to keep Wisconsin Horse trail maps current. Working with the DNR to advocate for horse trails around the state.

#### Phone Number

920-623-0393

#### Web Site

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# FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS 4D BARREL RACE

**SPRING HAS SPRUNG SERIES  
MAY 15 - JUNE 19 - JULY 24**

**FALL FINALE SERIES  
SEPT 11 & OCT 3 (SATURDAY @ NOON)**

**4PM TO 5 PM - OPEN ARENA**

**5PM TO 6 PM - EXPO RUNS**

**6PM TO 6:30PM - ARENA PREP**

**6:30PM - START OF OPEN 4D**

**75% PAYBACK TO TOP 3**

**IN EACH DIVISION**

**DRAG EVERY 5 RUNS**

**CARRY-OVERS ALLOWED**

**OFFICE/TRACTOR FEE - \$10 PER HORSE**

**EXPO RUN - \$5**

**OPEN 4D BARRELS - \$25**

**0.5, 0.5, 1 SEC. SPLIT**

**YOUTH 3D BARRELS - \$15**

**1 SEC. SPLIT (AGES 3-17)**

**ADULT 3D BARRELS - \$15**

**1 SEC. SPLIT (AGES 18+)**

**OPEN 2D POLES - \$15**

**1 SEC. SPLIT  
KNOCKED POLE 5 SEC. PENALTY**

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# Wisconsin Horse Council

**ATTENTION !**

**FREE....Upcoming Events section on Website.**

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.

*Questions-call 920-623-0393/email [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)*

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

[www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](http://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)

920-623-0393

121 S. Ludington St. Columbus, WI 53925



## WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



### 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 8-10 WPtHA Spring Into Color Show, Pinto/Mini/Pony/All Breed Show, 3 Judges, Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh, WI, Contact Tina Langness 715-760-2496, [wisconsinpinto@gmail.com](mailto:wisconsinpinto@gmail.com), [wisconsinpinto.org](http://wisconsinpinto.org) or check our Facebook page
- May 9 Wausau Boot & Saddle Club "Come As You Are" Open Horse Show Series, 5302 W. Wausau Ave., Wausau, WI 54401, 9 a.m., Check our Facebook page or website, [wausaubootandsaddle@gmail.com](mailto:wausaubootandsaddle@gmail.com) or Contact Michelle Lampe at 715-443-3266
- 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.beavercreekwis.com) or Facebook
- June 6-7 WDAWI Dressage Show. For more information visit <https://www.wdawi.org/upcoming-events>. Location Eau Claire Bit & Spur Saddle Club, 10409 W Cameron St Eau Claire, WI 54703
- 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](mailto:friendsofgovdodge@gmail.com) for more info or to donate or sponsor
- June 7 Wausau Boot & Saddle Come As You Are Ranch Show, 5302 W. Wausau Ave., Wausau, WI, 54401, 9 a.m., Contact Danielle Lampe 715-551-5897
- June 12 Eau Claire Bit and Spur Friday Night Fun show. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireBitAndSpur>. Location Eau Claire Bit & Spur Saddle Club, 10409 W Cameron St Eau Claire, WI 54703
- June 13 WSCA Game Show and Obstacle Course Challenge. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireBitAndSpur>. Location Eau Claire Bit & Spur Saddle Club, 10409 W Cameron St Eau Claire, WI 54703
- June 13-14 DRAW's Kettles N Bits Ride at Northern Kettle Moraine Horserider's Campground W404 County Rd SS New Prospect WI. Contact Andrea Salzman 414-610-0451 or Jen Wise 224-656-1471 email: [jenwise28@gmail.com](mailto:jenwise28@gmail.com) Event link on our website: <https://www.drawwisconsin.com/>
- 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](http://www.beavercreekwis.com) or Facebook
- June 19 Eau Claire Bit and Spur Friday Night Fun show. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireBitAndSpur>. Location Eau Claire Bit & Spur Saddle Club, 10409 W Cameron St Eau Claire, WI 54703

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

**June 2026**

- 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.
- June 20-21 WSCA Pleasure Show. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireBitAndSpur>. Location Eau Claire Bit & Spur Saddle Club, 10409 W Cameron St Eau Claire, WI 54703
- June 20-21 WPOAC Makin' A Splash: All Breed Open Show, Jackson County Fair Grounds, 388 Melrose St, Black River Falls, WI, Contact: Lisa Hirschman 303-859-5725, [lisahirschman@gmail.com](mailto:lisahirschman@gmail.com), Event link on our website: <https://wpoac.org/event/makin-a-splash-all-breed-open-show/>
- June 22-28 Plum Lake Equestrian Center Summer Youth Horse Camps, 8177 Plum Lake Station Rd., Sayner, WI 54560, Students will gain basic knowledge of horse care through hands-on experience, mounted lessons begin when basics are mastered. \$250 per session with 10% discount given to families registering multiple children or for more than one camp, Contact Penny 715-892-2216, 414-312-1630, [plumlakeequinetr@gmail.com](mailto:plumlakeequinetr@gmail.com), [www.plumlakeequestriancenter.com](http://www.plumlakeequestriancenter.com) for more info
- June 24 WHC Monthly BOD Monthly Meeting, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925, 7 p.m.
- June 27 Waukau Flying Mane Riding Club Ranch Show, Double Judged, 3133 State Rd 116, Omro, WI 54963, 8:30 a.m., Contact Teri Meyer at 920-789-8800
- June 28 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

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Thanks to Wisconsin Horse Council for awarding B&B a grant! We are now able to offer **FREE LESSONS TO JUNIOR DRIVERS at the 2026 4th Annual Basics & Beyond Driving Clinic!**

Those that have already paid will be refunded at the event.

Email [nanelson@frontier.com](mailto:nanelson@frontier.com) or call 608 494 0220 to request a registration packet or with questions.

May 30 & 31  
2026



Heartland Equestrian Center  
Custer, WI

**REGISTER TODAY!** There is still time to pick your favored clinician ready to share his/her horsemanship and advanced driving skills. *You won't find a more impressive array of talent available to you in one location - 4 very experienced, top level clinicians working concurrently in different arenas - Julie Dahlberg, Wes Licht, Deb Sauer & Joe Yoder!*

**MISSY PATCHEN** will be on site at the B&B Clinic - specializing in the wellness of driving horses using trigger point Equine Sports Massage Therapy, MagnaWave PEMF, Red Light Therapy, Cold Laser, Myofascial Release, Stretching, and Cupping. *Fees are arranged on site with Missy at Optimum Equine Performance.*

**FOR SALE OR TRADE** - we'd like to offer an opportunity to bring your used tack/show driving clothes/hats and even driving vehicles to the event to sell or trade - you can always buy if you don't have anything to sell - make flyers or posters if you'd like and we'll display them. Mark or tag any items you bring with your desired resale price and include your name/cell phone number so folks can contact you directly while at the event.

**SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL** - we're hoping you can join us after the day's lessons for a **PIZZA PARTY** on the grounds. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided - feel free to bring your own beverages as well.



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## **SHARE THE TRAILS**

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# WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*\*All Memberships run from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>\**

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Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

### **LEVEL I MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

**Individual** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth** Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Family** Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ District #: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Horses: \_\_\_\_\_

### **LEVEL I MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS (Please check type of Membership & choice of newsletter.)**

- Individual Membership (no insurance) ..... \$ 20
- Individual Membership PLUS (includes \$1 Million personal liability insurance) ..... \$ 45
- Family Membership (no insurance) ..... \$ 30
- Family Membership PLUS (includes \$1 Million personal liability insurance) ..... \$ 80
- Youth (age 17 & under = free with **paid** Level I adult membership) ..... \$ 0
- Individual Lifetime Membership (**one-time fee which includes the 1<sup>st</sup> year of liability insurance**) \$250
- Annual fee on Lifetime Membership for \$1 Million personal liability insurance..... \$ 25
- Printed Newsletter mailed to the address above..... \$ 30
- Free E-newsletter sent to the e-mail listed above..... \$ 0

### **Description:**

Level I membership class is available to any individual/family whose interests are similar to those of the Council and is for individuals/families only. Level I and Level II members elect Directors to the WHC Board to represent their District. Family membership is for a family of 2 or more living at the same residence and has 1 vote in the elections and business of their District. Membership must be current to vote at District meetings.

- 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.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP is an individual Level I membership with a one-time fee, giving the individual a paid-up membership for his/her lifetime. If LIFETIME MEMBERS wish to retain the \$1 Million personal liability insurance after their first year, they must purchase it on an annual basis.

Wisconsin Horse Council does not sell or distribute our membership list. Information is kept private for use only by our organization for WHC business.

**Membership dues, payments and gifts to Wisconsin Horse Council are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Such payments may be deductible under the Internal Revenue Code as ordinary and necessary business expenses.**

Return application and payment to:

**Wisconsin Horse Council  
P.O. Box 72  
Columbus, WI 53925  
Phone: 920-623-0393  
www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org**

### Horses Have Road Rights

Wisconsin State Statutes 346.01, 346.02, 346.11, 346.21

#### 346.01 WORDS AND PHRASES

**DEFINED.** "Words and phrases defined in s.340.01 are used in the same sense in this chapter unless a different definition is specifically provided."

#### 346.02 APPLICABILITY OF

##### CHAPTER.

"...Every person riding an animal or driving any animal-drawn vehicle...upon a roadway is granted all the rights and is subject to all the duties which this chapter grants or applies to the operator or a vehicle, except

those provisions of this chapter which by their very nature would have no application...."



### Horses Have Road Rights

#### 346.11 PASSING OR MEETING

##### FRIGHTENED ANIMAL.

"Whenever a person riding, driving or leading an animal which is frightened gives a signal of distress to the operator of a motor vehicle by a raising of the hand or otherwise, the operator of the motor vehicle shall promptly stop his vehicle unless a movement forward is necessary to avoid an accident or injury and shall, upon request, stop all motive power until such animal is under control."

#### 346.21 RIGHT OF WAY OF

##### LIVESTOCK.

"The operator of a motor vehicle shall yield the right of way to livestock being driven over or along any highway but any person in charge of such livestock shall use reasonable care and diligence to open the roadway for vehicular traffic."

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**Wisconsin Horse Council** 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.

- We own and produce one of the largest and most successful horse expos in the U.S. – the Midwest Horse Fair.
- We conduct a Show Judge program, improving the level of open show judging through educational seminars and certification.
- Annually, we award scholarships, sponsorships, and trail grants at levels that provide significant financial help to students, equine charity events, clubs who are building and improving trails for recreational riding, etc.
- We encourage and sponsor recognition of the people who have invested their 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.
- We conduct educational seminars and clinics for horse owners.
- We conduct an annual 4-day school on designing and building recreational trails for horse people.
- We take an active role in legislative matters affecting both the state and the national equine industry.
- We encourage a strong connection with our Ag/livestock partners by participating in Ag Day at the Capitol and the annual Farm Tech Days.

## Rules for the Roads



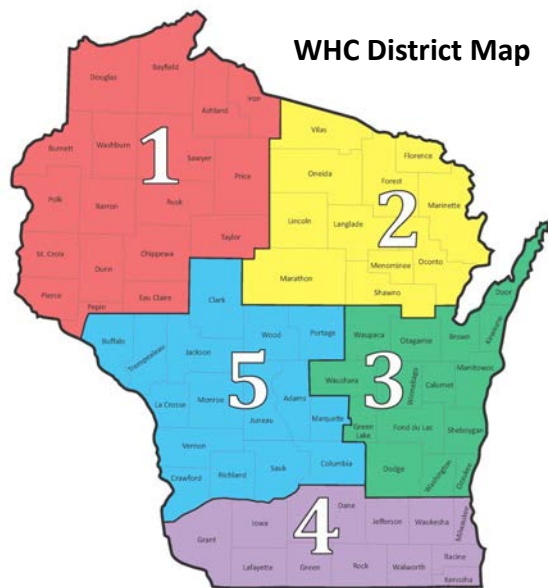
1. The horse and rider are riding along the right hand side of the road; the rider does not appear to be anxious and on your approach you have seen no evidence of the horse being scared (ie the horse has not jumped out to the side, twisted its head to try and see traffic, stopped suddenly, or kicked out with any legs). Providing there is sufficient room and time to pass safely and quietly, do so. Remember that something scary in the bushes is just as likely to scare the horse into the path of oncoming traffic, as your car is to scare the horse onto the verge – keep your distance and in the event of the horse moving out into the road, you will be able to keep well out of the way.
2. On approaching the horse and rider, you have noticed the horse appears anxious and is a little jumpy, whenever a vehicle passes. Approach slowly and carefully and while waiting for oncoming traffic give the horse plenty of space behind – preferably at least 2 cars' length – nothing winds a nervous horse up more than a vehicle sitting on his tail.
3. The horse is behaving dangerously – spooking badly and moving all over the road. Trying to squeeze past will not do the horse, rider, or your car any good, so please be patient! Give the combination some time – the majority of riders will do their utmost to get out of your way; if the rider does not appear to be trying to move into a suitable spot for you to pass, wind you window down and politely request that they let you pass.
4. A rider / group of riders are seemingly unaware of your approach, and have not left room for you to pass. One of the most common things I see is the driver blasting the horn – not helpful for the riders, and even less helpful for you. Please wind your window down and call out "Excuse me" or ask "Am I OK to come past?" to the riders – much less scary for the horses!
5. You see a horse and rider riding along a pavement. This is not the correct place for riding. However, the fact is a lot of drivers believe that the horse is out of the way and so drive in the same place on the road and same speed as if the horse wasn't there. If you should see a rider on the pavement, please still slow down and allow the same amount of room as if they were on the road.
6. A group of riders can often provide more of an obstacle for a vehicle user to pass. The safety of all of the horses and riders needs to be considered: the group should be riding in pairs (on a major road) or single file (on a minor road) approaching (bends) and should all keep close together. If a rider on a slower horse is separated, or the group is generally very spread out, please don't be tempted to 'bumby-hop' between riders; simply wait for a bigger gap in oncoming traffic and overtake the group as whole.

## Rules for the Roads

7. If a horse and rider appear to be doing something incorrectly, anger and abuse are not the way to resolve a situation – the horse or rider may be young and/or inexperienced and not all riders are lucky enough to be able to 'train' off-road. You may see tabards such as 'young horse' or 'Caution' so please take extra care when passing.
8. If a rider waves you on around a blind bend, please DO NOT take their word that it is safe – unless you can see for yourself that it is. Unfortunately some uneducated riders (especially those that do not drive cars themselves) will do this, especially if you sit on their tail and cause the horse to become unhappy – keep your distance and wait until it is clear to overtake.
9. If a rider asks you to slow down (arm held out and moved up and down slowly), or stop (arm out towards you, palm facing) please obey them - there will be good reason for them to do so. Horse-riders have a higher line of visibility than car drivers so will have seen a hazard up ahead that may cause a problem if you attempt to pass
10. If you have passed a horse in a considerate manner and not seen any thanks from the rider, please do not assume that they are rude or ignorant – it may not be safe for them to take a hand off the reins to wave, and a smile/nod is easy to miss when you are concentrating on the road ahead.



Join the Wisconsin Horse Council's Legislative Committee. We discuss issues over the internet using a Google group: <http://groups.google.com/group/whc-legis> which connects each of the members by email. This site keeps all of our discussions threaded and new members can very quickly bring themselves up to speed on issues. We have 21 members with representatives from each of the 5 WHC districts. We have room for you in our committee, please consider joining. E-mail the committee: [whc-legis@google.com](mailto:whc-legis@google.com)



**WHC District Map**

District 1 includes the counties of: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Iron, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor and Washburn

District 2 includes the counties of: Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, and Vilas

District 3 includes the counties of: Brown, Calumet, Dodge, Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Washington, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago

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District 5 includes the counties of: Adams, Buffalo, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marquette, Monroe, Portage, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau, Vernon, and Wood

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**CouncilLetter Deadline**

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

**July / August Issue:  
June 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. Ads and articles are best sent in electronic format (prefer MS Word or Adobe Acrobat) to:*

**[info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)**

**Office hours: Monday-Friday - 8am-4pm**



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## Important Dates to Remember



**May 10**      **Mother's Day**  
**May 13-16**   **WHC Trail Design School**  
**May 25**      **Memorial Day**  
**May 27**      **WHC BOD Monthly Meeting**

**June 14**      **Flag Day**  
**June 19-21**   **Midwest Carriage Festival**  
**June 21**      **Father's Day**  
**June 24**      **WHC BOD Monthly Meeting**



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