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## In Memoriam - Karen Kroll, WHC Director & Past President

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of one of our long-time directors and past president, Karen Kroll.

Karen had been a WHC member and director for many decades. She served as the WHC Board of Director's Secretary, as our President and then as our Past President on our Executive Board for many of those years. Karen also served on almost all of the WHC Committees at some point. Karen most recently received the WHC Director of the Year Award in 2017. Her dedication to the WHC was undeniable and much appreciated and she will be greatly missed.



*"Karen K. Kroll, age 74, passed away into eternal peace on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 after a brief challenge with cancer. She was born in Ada, Oklahoma on Feb. 5, 1948. Karen was united in marriage to Michael Kroll on Apr. 30, 1973. She was employed in various positions and most recently retired from the National Parks Service office in Madison. From a young age she would ride her bike to clean horse stalls; this led to her lifelong love of horses. She and Mike enjoyed their own horses at their ranch in the Arena Township for 29 years. Karen appreciated the time and relationships she developed as the Past President of the Wisconsin Horse Council. Besides horses, Karen loved her dogs and cats and was very athletic and participated in many sports. Karen and Mike also volunteered with Big Brothers and were the first couple to be matched with Big Sisters in the Madison area. Karen is survived by her "Bug", Michael Kroll; Karen's sister, Gay Flynn (John Kelly); her brother, Michael (Debbie) Hammer; Karen's daughter, Jane Lauengco and grandson, Ryan Lauengco; she is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends."*

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### WHC Mission Statement

- \* To represent and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin.
- \* To promote the horse through leadership, education, service and communication.
- \* To take a proactive role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.

## **ATTENTION!**

**Tear out page 25/26 to fold as a handy brochure to keep or to share!**  
**This month's featured brochure is:**  
**"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!*

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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 State Horse Council?**

The Wisconsin State 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 and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin. To promote the horse through leadership, education, service and communications, and to take a proactive role in the future growth and development of the equine industry in the State of Wisconsin.

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**

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## Villa Louis Historic Site hosts 41st Carriage Classic

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A unicorn hitch of Shire mares entered by Ayrshire Farm's traveled from Virginia to compete at this year's Villa Louis Carriage Classic. The Carriage Classic, held at the historic estate in Prairie du Chien since 1981, has become the largest carriage and cart show in the country.

The 41st Villa Louis Carriage Classic continued the tradition of showcasing carriage and cart horses and their drivers the weekend after Labor Day. The largest carriage event in the country is held annually at the Villa Louis Historic Site in Prairie du Chien.

The estate, originally owned by the Dousman family, was once home to the Artesian Stock Farm, a premier Standard-bred-training facility.

The event has been held every year since 1981, with the exception of 2020 due to the pandemic. It attracts top-level

competitors from around the country. Visitors are treated to the pageantry of quality horses and drivers turned out in costume that harkens back to the days before the invention of automobiles.

According to show chairman, Mike Rider, 127 entries signed up for this year's competition which has been the average number of entries over the past ten years or so.

"Our entries have grown over the past 20 years and have sort of plateaued a bit in the last five to six years," said Rider.

In addition to Wisconsin and regional competitors, teams and drivers came from distant states.

"We had a competitor from Virginia, from Texas, one from Florida, and one from North Carolina and one from Pennsylvania," said Rider. "Also, one lady flew in from the UK to show her family's horse here."

Along with a couple mustangs, a mule joined a number of Welsh and other ponies, draft horses, Morgans, Hackneys and other breeds to show in the arena and obstacle course competitions.

Aside from the organist and the judges, a crew of approximately 150-200 volunteers turns out to make the show a success for competitors and visitors.

## AQHA Hall of Fame Induction & Reunion Celebration 2022



The 2022 Hall of Fame Induction and Reunion Celebration took place in Amarillo Texas in September. There were six horses and seven individuals inducted in the class of 2022. Among the horses inducted was Easter King, a 1951 sorrel stallion owned by John Bowling.

Pat Stevenson nominated Easter King for induction into the Hall of Fame and was asked by Cindy Bowling to give the speech at the banquet in his honor. According to Pat, it was way

above anything he would have ever expected. The honor has special meaning for him as well. His mare 5 P Hancock, who is in the Wisconsin Quarter Horse Hall of Fame, was sired by Easter King and was Easter's all time Hi Point Halter Point earner. Induction into The AQHA Hall of Fame is the highest honor that a Quarter Horse can receive. Congratulations to all!



## WWHA Annual Fall Trail Ride a Success!

By Cricket Jewett



WOW! What a great weekend the Wisconsin Walking Horse Association Trail Ride had! The weather, although not ideal, did work with us and allowed for some great rides to enjoy the Southern Kettle Moraine! A Scavenger Hunt was put out in the woods, and provided some fun while out on the trails. Twelve gourds were hidden on the trails. Each with one word printed on it. Participants had to find them and then unscramble it into a quote. Peggy, Terre, Jessica and Shannon were the winners finding all of the words and successfully putting the sentence

together! (truly, ones, horses, will, change, life, your, great, define, it, your, special)

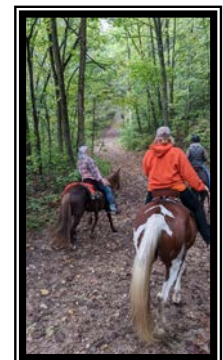
Friday night was BBQ night back at camp, and we had a near record breaking crowd join us for dinner and a campfire. It was wonderful to see so many friends coming together to chat horses, catch up, and eat. Boy can this group cook! BBQ ribs and chicken, homemade mac & cheese, corn, beans, homegrown tomato salad, pickles, and desserts!



Chef Wally really outdid himself for Saturday's breakfast! Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hashbrowns, and Amish cinnamon rolls! After a hearty meal, we headed out to ride. When we made it back to camp, many of us went and joined in the festivities put on by the SKMHTA annual fundraiser. Seeing our parks and trails supported by so many was great to see.

Mexican night was Saturday's theme, and again our members can put together a mean dish! The fire was cut a little short with a few showers sending us into trailers early. We finished up the weekend with breakfast and another great ride on Sunday morning.

Plans are underway for the 2023 ride, so please be sure to mark your calendar for October 27, 28, 29 and plan to attend! Plans need to firm up a bit, but we have talked about redoing the scavenger hunt. (I have plans to step it up another notch!) And for one of the nights a chili/soup cookoff! Holding a dessert bake off was also suggested. If we get this all planned, it will definitely be one you do not want to miss!



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## La Crosse County 4-H Drill Team

### State Fair Champions

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La Crosse 4-H Horse Drill Team riders and their horses are (left to right) Travis Graffunder on Cloud, Jessica Graffunder on Princess, Emma Lubinsky on JP, Samantha Helgerson (co-captain) on Ronde, Brielle Huffman on Jasper, Alexis Marinelli on Goldie, Hannah Storandt-Ruedy on Aries, Claire Morgan (team captain) on Bob and Zach Morgan on Rudy.

The La Crosse County 4-H horse drill team retained its Wisconsin State Fair championship title for the second year in a row. The state fair first began holding the equestrian drill team contest last year.

This year, the La Crosse team competed against three other teams at the state fair held August 4-14 at the Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Allis.

Drill team captain Claire Morgan sees the drill team competition is a way to bring a lot of people together to give audiences the chance to see how riders and their horses learn to work together.

“To me, being on drill team shows how to work as a team with many other people and opens up many opportunities that aren’t always given,” said Morgan. “It feels awesome to be invited back after last year and then coming this year winning first again.”

To prepare for the state-level competition, the team practices every Monday from mid-March to mid-August at the La Crosse Interstate Fairgrounds.

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### **La Crosse County 4-H Drill Team State Fair Champions**

“The first five to six weeks are on foot and the rest of the time is on horseback,” said Stephanie Lubinsky, drill team administrator. “We perform five times during our fair which is in July.”

La Crosse County drill team has also competed at Evansville and the Door County Fair.

During practices, riders learn how to maintain and improve their horsemanship skills by riding in a fast paced environment with consideration for their horses, their teammates and the pattern.

“Riders are expected to prioritize equitation as well as the care and consideration of their horses,” said team head coach Macy Carty. “The horses benefit from working together as they build skills not required for many other disciplines. Drill team horses learn how to ride in close proximity, navigate tight maneuvers and respond to the speed of their teammates.”

La Crosse County 4-H Horse Project has had a drill team since the early 1990s when Linda Syverson-Kerr started the program, coaching it until 2006. One of the team’s senior riders, Jessica Nyhus Ahnen took over the reins coaching the team until 2020.

Over the years, the team has had as many as 15 riders, which allowed the formation of two teams split into novice and intermediate teams. The ages of the riders have ranged from grades 3 to 13, and at times, two to three riders from the same family have been part of the drill team.

“Drill team is a great opportunity for 4-H riders to participate in a different kind of equine sport,” said Lubinsky. “It teaches life lessons and has major benefits to the health and wellness of both horse and rider.”





## WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

*To represent & foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin  
To promote the horse through leadership, education, service, & communication  
To take a proactive role in the future growth & development of the equine industry*

### **Description**

The Sponsorship Committee of Wisconsin Horse Council (WHC) looks for ways to promote the use and enjoyment of horses and ideas to educate horse people and the public at large - particularly youth. We welcome ideas for activities that allow people to interact with equines of all kinds. Maximum amount that could be approved for any one project or event is \$5,000. For requests more than \$5,000, the application has to go to our Board of Directors through the WHC President.

### **Requirements**

1. Organizations applying for a WHC Sponsorship **MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF WHC.**
2. Be sure to include an estimated budget for your project or event.
3. Include as much pertinent information with your application as possible.
4. It is also required that you submit a completion report due within a year of receiving your funds  
Which includes:
  - A financial statement of how sponsorship funding was spent (copies of receipts where applicable)
  - A copy, picture or link that shows WHC recognition for help with funding.
  - Pictures of completed projects (where applicable)
 See page 3 for an example of required information
5. If your sponsorship is approved, it is required the WHC be recognized as a contributor to your event or project.
  - For example –social media/web site recognition, hang a banner at your function, a sponsorship plaque, an article in the WHC newsletter, and if applicable have WHC mentioned during the announcements or in promotional materials.

A representative(s) from your organization may be asked to attend a WHC meeting to give a short presentation regarding the project or event that received funding.

If it is not possible to complete the project within the sponsorship year, you should prepare an interim report describing the components of the project completed to date and the expected completion date. A final report is required at the completion of the project.

**\*Those with previous incomplete sponsorships (including completion reports) will not be eligible for more funding until the obligation is met.**

### **Application Deadline**

Sponsorship applications **MUST BE POSTMARKED BY February 28 or September 30.**  
**An organization may receive only one sponsorship per calendar year.**

Applications are available online at [www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](http://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org).

Click on Programs and then select Sponsorships

Applications also may be requested by phone or in person from the WHC office in Columbus.

Mail completed applications to  
Wisconsin Horse Council  
Sponsorship Program  
PO Box 72  
Columbus, WI 53925

or email to [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)

Questions may be directed to: 920-623-0393 or e-mail [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)

**Thank You to the Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation for Their Support!**



*2022 Draft Horse Youth & Novice Congress*

**SHEPARD FEST 2022 A SUCCESS!**



**Barnside Chat**

Pete Lewke sits down for a barnside chat with the Farm Babe Michelle Miller and Dodge County's Dairy Ambassador Brenda Conley during Shepard Fest 2022.

**The Cajun Strangers**

The Cajun Strangers played their authentic and very danceable Cajun music for Shepard Fest 2022 attendees.





# Midwest Horse Fair®

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Two nights of PRCA Rodeo returns to the Midwest Horse Fair: Friday, April 14, sponsored by Nutrena and Saturday, April 15, sponsored by Blain's Farm & Fleet. Round up your closest friends and family and head on over to [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) starting January 4, 2023 to get your tickets.

Don't wait too long to reserve your tickets for an evening of non-stop action and entertainment; tickets are limited and go quickly.



## Buy Early and SAVE!

Midwest Horse Fair is your ticket to a weekend immersed in all things equine! Pick up your general admission ticket, starting November 1, 2022 at any Blain's Farm & Fleet location throughout Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa or Michigan! One-day admission is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gate. Three-day admission is \$35 in advance or \$45 at the gate. Additional ticket retail locations and online sales will be available after January 1, 2023. Parking is included in the admission price and general admission for children age 7 and younger is free.

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Request your posters on our website under Partnerships and "Request Posters".



## Calling All Volunteers!

Volunteer applications are open! Whatever your area of interest or expertise, we need you. We're looking for the following volunteer positions or coverage for the 2023 Midwest Horse Fair: Coliseum Gate Attendant, Information Booth Attendant, Kids Korral Assistant, MHF Mounted Horse Patrol, Grand March Assistant, Nutrena Arena Gate Attendant, Horse Judging, VIP Reception Attendant, Hutchison Arena Gate Attendant, Welcome Center, and HW Brand Arena Gate Attendant.

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



**Visit our website at: [www.midwesthorsefair.com](http://www.midwesthorsefair.com)**



## 2023 WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

*These Awards are sponsored by the Wisconsin Horse Council, Inc. in cooperation with the Midwest Horse Fair®. Nominations may be submitted by clubs, associations, or individuals.*

**Horseperson of The Year Award** is based on contributions to Wisconsin's equine industry as a whole, or in any specific area such as: youth activities, education, research, industry promotion, related legislation and regulation, trails, other equine events, or activities.

- ✦ Any person 18 years old or older can be nominated.
- ✦ Nominees must be a Wisconsin resident.
- ✦ Nominees need not be a member of the WHC.
- ✦ Include a paragraph explaining why your nominee should receive this award. Nominations received without an appropriate write up will not be accepted.

**Special Achievement Award** is based on a major accomplishment in the equine industry.

- ✦ Any person 18 years old or older can be nominated.
- ✦ Nominees must be a Wisconsin resident.
- ✦ Nominees need not be a member of the WHC.
- ✦ Include a paragraph explaining why your nominee should receive this award. Nominations received without an appropriate write up will not be accepted.

**Lifetime Achievement Award** is based on a lifetime of service to the equine industry.

- ✦ Preference given to any person who has devoted at least 25 years to the equine industry.
- ✦ Nominees must be a Wisconsin resident.
- ✦ Nominees need not be a member of the WHC.
- ✦ Include a paragraph explaining why your nominee should receive this award. Nominations received without an appropriate write up will not be accepted.

**Show Judge of the Year** is based on the integrity, diversity of knowledge, sportsmanship, willingness to accept and continually strive for greater knowledge of various breeds and disciplines at open shows.

**Equine of the Year** is to recognize the horses, ponies, donkeys, mules or any equine who have enriched the life of one or more humans or been cast into the spotlight because of outstanding acts, creating a positive image for equines and is awarded to the owner of the horse and is based on merit and voted on by the WHC Board of Directors which will decide the state Equine of the Year.

- ✦ Nominated equine must be a living resident of Wisconsin.
- ✦ Owner must be a resident of Wisconsin
- ✦ A completed WHC Equine of the Year Award Nomination Form, one (1) clear, color photo of the nominated equine (5x7 or 8x10), and an essay containing 250 words or less describing how the nominated equine has enriched the life of one or more people through outstanding training, contributions or accomplishments or been cast into the spotlight because of outstanding acts, creating a positive image for equines must be received on or before December 1, 2022.

**Awards will be presented to the winners at the Wisconsin Horse Council Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 16, 2023 during the Midwest Horse Fair®.**

Nomination forms can be accessed at [www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](http://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org) under "Programs" & then "Annual Awards" or by contacting the WHC Office at [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org).

**All Nominations are due by January 10, 2023 with the exception of Equine of the Year which is due by December 1, 2022.**



## Wisconsin Horse Council Scholarships for 2023

P.O. Box 72, Columbus, WI 53925  
Phone: 920-623-0393  
info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org

### SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

#### Description:

Scholarships are available in increments of \$500 up to \$5000.

#### Eligibility:

- A. Applicants planning to or currently majoring in any equine profession--college or other training equivalent to at least:
  - (1) four years in length or
  - (2) one or two school years in length

*\*Be specific as non-equine majors will be eliminated.*
- B. Applicants may also include:
  - (1) All high school seniors or
  - (2) high school graduates currently enrolled in a post high program including associate degree, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, MS, Ph.D.
- C. Applicants must have been a full time Wisconsin resident for the **past five years** (must be able to provide documents to show residency)
- D. Applicants must be a current member of the WHC as a:
  - (1) individual member, or
  - (2) member of a WHC club member, or
  - (3) member of a WHC association member.
- E. Qualified applicants may receive a WHC Scholarship in two different years. Applicants become ineligible for further WHC Scholarships after receiving a second scholarship.

#### Additional Requirements:

- A. Three letters of recommendation: (no more than 3 will be accepted)
  - (1) One from a horseperson with comments on the applicant's equine abilities and experiences, and
  - (2) One from a teacher or advisor indicating the quality of work in school, and
  - (3) One from any source (i.e. employer, clergyman, etc.)
- B. Picture--Submit with application.
- C. Transcripts from previous schools attended.

**Failure to submit these documents will result in applicant not being eligible for consideration for a scholarship.**

#### Application Deadlines:

- A. All Scholarship applications **MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEB. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. Scholarship applications received postmarked after that date ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.
- B. Scholarships applications and all supporting documentation as listed above must be mailed to **Wisconsin Horse Council, Attn: Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 72, Columbus, WI 53925**.

#### Other Information:

- A. Scholarship recipients will be notified before the Midwest Horse Fair and are requested to appear at the Midwest Horse Fair for recognition.
- B. Scholarships will be paid in the name of the school, or the school and the recipient, upon enrollment for the following fall semester. **Recipients must provide proof of enrollment and the financial aid office mailing address of their school to Wisconsin Horse Council by November 1, 2023. Scholarships will be forfeited to any recipient who fails to submit the proof of enrollment and mailing address by November 1, 2023.**
- C. Questions should be directed to the Wisconsin Horse Council office either by phone, 920-623-0393, or by email to [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org).

Please visit <https://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/programs/scholarship.php> to access the application form.

## Drill Team Honors Emergency Response Professionals

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Team members are (left to right) Maddy Nooyen, Ava Zielinski, Maddy Hartjes, Jocelyn Seeger, Grace Cove, Emma Meidam, Hailey Hartjes and Willow Schultz .

A newly formed drill team rides to honor emergency personnel who serve their home towns. The young riders perform a seven-minute routine while carrying a flag decorated by a thin red and blue line that represent the firefighters and police – the people they honor through their routines.

“As our team grows we hope to give back to our community by raising money through sponsorships to support our very own Home Town Heroes,” said team organizer Tori Boyea.

Boyea is related to a firefighter and the team’s coach Cierra Verbeten’s boyfriend is a firefighter. Drill team members Emma Meidam’s grandfather, Chris Tech, is a retired firefighter from

Manawa; Nick Knuth’s uncle is a firefighter for Hortonville; Maddy and Hailey Hartjes’ late grandfather, Robert Tate, and late uncle, Douglas Tate, were both firefighters for Winneconne and their uncle, Ralph Mocine, is currently a firefighter for Stephenville.

Through dedication and hard work, the eight-member equestrian drill team now travels with the adult team, Rodeo City Riders, performing at rodeos in Wisconsin and Michigan. The team’s rodeo performances scheduled this summer include the Great Lakes Rodeo, June 18-19, Gwinn, Mich.; the Upper Peninsula Championship Rodeo, July 8-9, Iron River, Mich.; and the Barron County Pro Rodeo, September 9-10, Rice Lake.

Riders on the youth team are between 10 and 17 years old. They meet weekly for practice at the Manawa rodeo grounds where both the youth and adult teams practice together. Boyea says the time the riders spend together has helped create a family atmosphere among the drill team riders. them to ride on the Rodeo City Riders. Without them, our team wouldn’t have strong riders with the skills needed for this level of riding.”

“This drill team was formed to involve and encourage youth riders with the opportunities drill team offers - horsemanship, teamwork, leadership, responsibility, to name a few,” said Boyea. “Our hopes for them are to further prepare them to ride on the Rodeo City Riders. Without them, our team wouldn’t have strong riders with the skills needed for this level of riding.”

According to Boyea, there are two types of drill teams - those who take the rodeo route and those who take the competition route.

“You’ll mainly come across the competition ones, which makes us even more unique,” said Boyea. “Drill team takes a lot of practice and time, our team of horses have to ride closely, be

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### **Drill Team Honors Emergency Response Professionals**

able to slow down and speed up for spacing, be desensitized to loud crowds and perform under the lights.”

While Boyea has had horses throughout her childhood, she says she stumbled across her first drill team about five years ago.

“After seeing them perform, I was hooked and the rest is history,” said Boyea. “Prepping and choosing horses to perform at rodeos calls for many, many hours in the saddle and with your horse; we refer to them as our athletes.”

Boyea’s riding career includes serving as Mid-Western Rodeo queen for Manawa for two years.

“Seeing Manawa was where my story began it seemed quite fitting,” said Boyea. “There are many dimensions of the horse world, and I can say that I have met the most genuine people on the rodeo trail.

Verbeten has been a drill team rider for eight years. “The Rodeo City Riders has been such a dream of mine to join since I got to know about the drill team world,” said Verbeten “Now, I am on the Rodeo City Riders and have been performing with them for five years.”

She started out with the Pink Ribbon Rebels, but when the team got a new coach, the team went in different direction. Verbeten didn’t want the youth drill team to die. So, she and her mother, Tabatha Luepke, agreed they weren’t going to let that happen. So with other members of the family on board, it was decided the new youth drill team should ride for the firefighters and the police.

“We eventually brought it to the Rodeo City Riders drill team and we decided on the name Home Town Heroes and the team would ride for the firefighters and police department,” said Verbeten. “I’m so glad to be a part of the Rodeo City Riders, but to also start another youth drill team and be a coach for the wonderful young ladies that are on this youth drill team and to watch them grow together, learn together, have fun together and to also watch them perform all their hard work at the their rodeos every year. I’m so proud of each and everyone one of them and can’t wait to watch them grow in their future.”

For more information about the Home Town Heroes team, contact Boyea via email at [serendipitgraphicdesign@gmail.com](mailto:serendipitgraphicdesign@gmail.com) or Verbeten at [cierraverbeten@gmail.com](mailto:cierraverbeten@gmail.com).



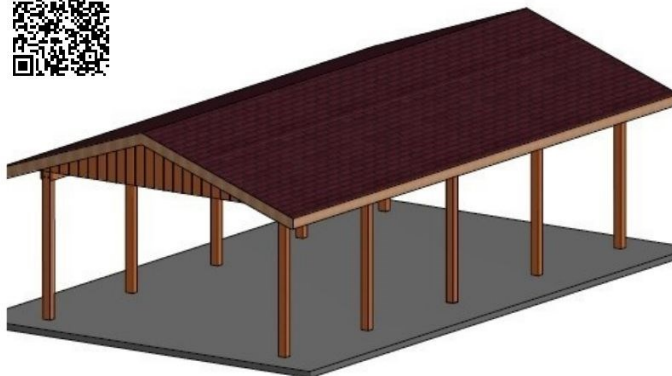
The newly formed Home Town Heroes drill team began performing this summer at several rodeos in northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan. Their performances honor police officers and firefighters. Several of the riders and their coaches have relatives who serve their communities as emergency response personnel.



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## What's Next at Governor Dodge State Park



The excitement and hustle of preparing for the Grand Opening of the long-awaited equestrian campground on May 1, have now transformed into the quiet satisfaction of wrapping up a successful camping season on November 15. It didn't take long for the word to spread throughout Wisconsin and neighboring states that the new equestrian campground at Governor Dodge State Park is something very special. Campers appreciate the spacious sites and scenic beauty of the 14-acre facility. They value the safe and roomy pens and the sturdy highlines for their horses. The convenience of electric hookups encourages campers to stay longer, exploring the park's miles of excellent horse trails and many other recreational opportunities. Campers can now enjoy quality camping experiences with family and friends, old and new. The Friends of Governor Dodge are very proud of the campground and are grateful to the many, many generous donors who helped make the dream come true.

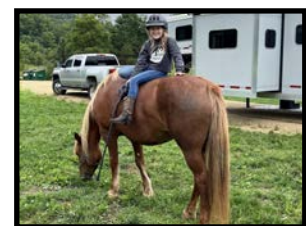
As the campground begins its seasonal hibernation, the Friends are looking ahead to the coming year. A vault toilet should be installed in early 2023. More shade trees will be planted. Plans for the 20 x 36-foot shelter identified in the original campground design are advancing. Why is an open-air shelter needed? The shelter:

- will provide shade and relief from the hot sun
- will provide a spot for campers to congregate in rainy weather
- will provide lights and electric service to enhance the group campfire area
- will provide a gathering space for groups to enjoy meals, games, and entertainment
- will serve as an outdoor classroom
- will be an area to host clinics and fundraisers



No one is more tired of fundraising than we are, but we truly believe in the value of this addition to the campground. Grant applications are in progress, but most require matching funds. Materials and labor costs have risen. After months of exploring designs and building options, our best estimate is that an engineer-approved open-air shelter (concrete pad, steel roof, electric service, etc.) could cost between \$50,000 and \$80,000, installed. Your help is needed to get this done. If you like the equestrian campground so far, please step up to help complete the vision.

How can you help? Make a personal donation if you are able - any amount is appreciated. Personalized bricks will be added to the gathering area with donations of \$1,000 or more. Those who have made smaller gifts over the years should check with us about their cumulative total. Donate to honor a special person or animal in your life or a special occasion...birthday, Christmas, anniversary, etc. Work with clubs and organizations to secure donations. Check with your employer about matching donations. Consider making a directed distribution from your IRA if your situation warrants. And remember, a gift to the park is a gift to the future!



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## Wisconsin High School Rodeo Contestant is Champion Roper

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Becoming a national high school rodeo champion is a challenge, but if your horse is 24-years-old and blind in one eye, and you use a rope that can be hard for the judges to see, achieving the goal just might seem totally out of reach. But Jenna Hume of Orfordville proved such challenges couldn't keep her from becoming this year's breakaway calf roping champion.

One of four Wisconsin High School Rodeo Association competitors qualifying to compete at the National High School Rodeo Association Rodeo held July 17 - 23 in Gillette, Wyoming, Hume rode her gelding, Mr. Numero

Uno aka Junior, to become a national winner after scoring the fastest time in the roping event.

"I still don't believe it," said Hume about her championship title, "but it's great to know I'll be up on the trailer with the other champions."

The NHSRA has a semi-trailer that travels around the country displaying the photos of the winning riders.

A 2022 graduate of Parkview High School, Hume is the daughter of Jess and Amy Hume. She's now enrolled at Iowa Central University in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and plans to major in animal science or agricultural business.

Hume's grandfather, Tom and generally known as Papa, passed on the legacy of rodeoing to his granddaughter. Although her grandfather passed away last year, Hume believes he's still involved in her success.

"If it hadn't been for my grandfather, I wouldn't have been into rodeo," said Hume. "

She started going to rodeos when she was in fifth grade. In sixth grade, she started practicing roping around the house and by seventh grade was participating in local competitions. She's fortunate to be able to practice at home where there are 10 to 15 head of cattle available along with an arena.

"I can rope every day," said Hume. "I don't have to haul some place; I get plenty of practice."

The rope she uses belonged to her grandfather. When Hume and her father were going through her grandfather's roping tack following his death, she found a black calf rope. She liked the feel of it and decided to use it.

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### **Wisconsin High School Rodeo Contestant is Champion Roper**

After Hume did well with the rope in a jackpot roping event, it became her go-to rope despite her father's caution her that the rope's color makes it difficult for judges to see.

"If I keep roping well with it, I'll keep using it," said Hume.

Hume's grandfather was also instrumental in obtaining the horse his granddaughter rides. Hume's grandfather picked out the light grey, and Hume's father and uncle rode the gelding before he was passed on to her.

Hume thinks Junior might have been born with the compromised eye and the handicap was something he seemed to have had to deal with throughout his life.

"His eye was glassed over," said Hume. "He grew up with it and that's what he knows."

At Nationals, Hume started her run by placing in the top 10 in first go-round. She moved to third place in short round before taking first in the final run with a time of just .01 of a second quicker than the second-place competitor.

"I think Papa helped out with that," said Hume.

The NHSRA finals draws high school students, 9th through 12th grade, from 43 U.S. states, five Canadian provinces, as well as Australia, Mexico and New Zealand.

In breakaway calf roping, a calf is loaded into a chute equipped with a spring-loaded gate. The horse and rider wait in a box next to the chute that has a spring-loaded rope, known as the barrier, stretched in front. A light rope is fastened from the chute to the calf's neck. When the calf is released from the chute, it gets a head start on the horse and rider. When the barrier is released, the horse runs out of the box while the roper attempts to throw a loop around the neck of the calf. When the rope tightens around the calf, it is pulled from the rider's saddle. The calf isn't thrown or tied in breakaway roping.

Although Hume is starting younger horses for competition, she still rides Junior.

"Junior's not quite done yet," said Hume. "He's an awesome horse to have. He has a good attitude and the easiest horse to have. He also does goat tying and team roping."

Hume plans to continue rodeoing competing doing so at the college level. She also her permit for competing in pro-rodeo.



## WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



### November 2022

- November 5 Lazycreek Farm 2022 Pleasure & Speed Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI 53039, Pleasure starts at 10 am and Speed starts at 2 pm, Contact 920-296-7036 or 920-386-8058
- November 5 Gaited Horse Clinic presented by Ann-Christin Kloth of Gait Ways LLC at 9480 Oakwood Ave. Neenah, WI 54956. Explore balance, relaxation and your horse's natural gaits to develop them for pleasure, trail and distance riding. All gaited breeds welcome! Go to [www.foxvalleydet.com/events](http://www.foxvalleydet.com/events) for more info and to register.
- November 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- November 8 Election Day**
- November 11 Veterans Day**
- November 13 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club Tack Sale, Hartford Town Hall, 3360 Cty. Rd. K, 9 am - 2 pm, Forms available on Facebook, Contact Gail Hayek 262-677-9610
- November 24 Thanksgiving**

### December 2022

- December 21 First Day of Winter**
- December 24 Christmas Eve**
- December 25 Christmas**
- December 31 New Year's Eve**

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## Jefferson County Draft Horse Association

By Jackie Schuster, JCDHA Secretary



There have been many questions regarding what type of jobs are out there that are horse related. There are farriers, vet techs, chiropractors, veterinarians and trainers.

There was an exhibitor-helper to one of the fair exhibitors for eight years. Her name is Keara Duffy.

She started off by learning how to tie tails and roll manes. She also learned how to show the gentle giants in halter and harness them and show them in driving classes. She won the Jerry Hitchcock Award in 2017 at the Jefferson County Fair where she had to place in the top three in the halter, cart and team classes.

Now that she is a college graduate (2022) she wanted to try something new and horse related.

At a whim she goggled horse related careers and also the site for Anheuser- Busch. She found they were looking for people to take an internship with them on the west and east coast. She asked questions of a gentleman that drove for them eight years and other Clydesdale owners. She then applied for the internship and was accepted. She traveled with the West Coast group which is based out of Fort Collins, Colorado this past summer. Her responsibilities were the same as the fulltime handlers with the exception of driving the trucks. She had to help feed, groom, clean harness and other maintenance responsibilities. She got to travel through out the west coast and other states from Colorado west. This gave her a great experience in traveling and working with an awesome group of handlers and of course the Clydesdales.

If you would like to follow her on her internship you can TikTok Keara Duffy and follow her and learn what she did for her internship.

Now on to the next journey!



**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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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.

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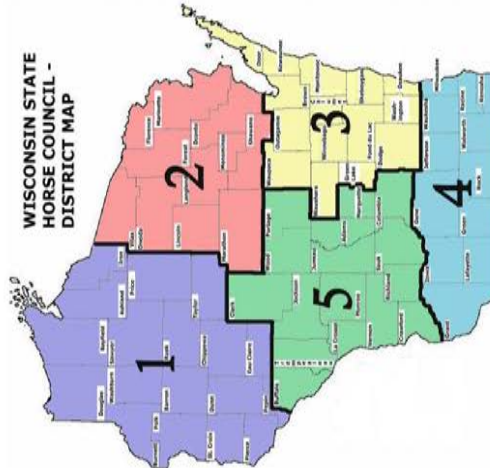
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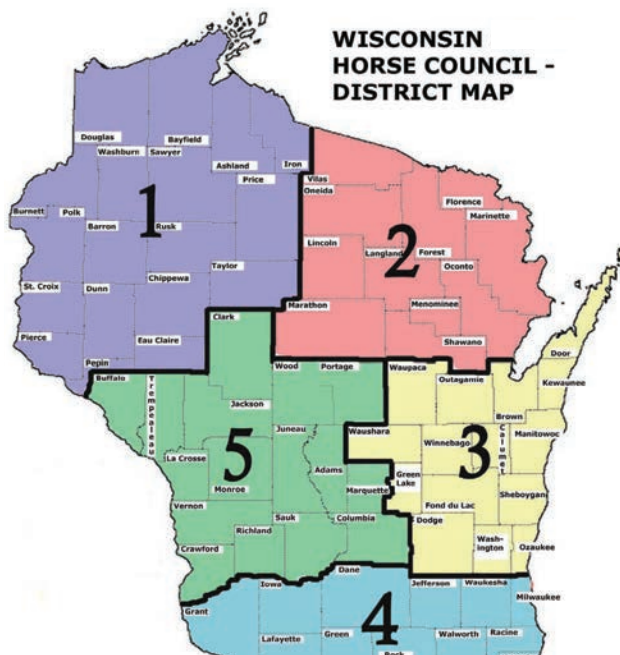
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