

# TACK ROOM

A snapshot view of the MCHF & WHC for those of you on the go.

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## FINANCE (Summary YTD)

Special Events: Annual Dinner

\$12,869.73 Net Income

Legacy Campaign \$10,900

License Plate Sales: \$9,100

Memberships: \$9,175

Memorials: \$935

Gift Shop: \$2,169

Custer Ranch Rodeo: \$1,952

## COMING EVENTS

July 29

RFP Invitation Response Deadline

August 6

Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting - Great Falls

August 12

MCHF Presentation at Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Lewistown

September 29

RFP Response Deadline

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## Custer Ranch Rodeo Benefiting the MCHF

The Fifth Annual Custer Ranch Rodeo was held on June 11 in Custer. The event hosted by area MCHF & WHC Trustees, has grown to become recognized by ranch rodeo contestants as the premier ranch rodeo to attend. Winners of this event also compete at the State Ranch Rodeo Finals held during the NILE in October.

The MCHF & WHC would like to thank the many volunteers that make up the Custer Ranch Rodeo crew and the many sponsors that come together each year to honor and celebrate our cowboy way of life. To learn more about the Custer Ranch Rodeo go to our website, [www.montanacowboyfame.com](http://www.montanacowboyfame.com). There you will find information about all of the events sponsors, volunteers and a link to a feature article in Montana Living Magazine about the event! A special thanks to Tami & Beau Blake for their many contributions to bring to us, yet another successful event!

## Passing It Forward!

Submitted by Kim Boyce

Every year the 5th graders in Lewistown at Lewis & Clark do a Wax Museum project. The idea is that they pick a famous figure in history that they research and create a wax museum display where they are the wax figure. This year Brady asked his teacher if he could do his on his great-grampa Claire Boyce. He read the book Claire wrote "It's Hard to Kill a Cowboy" and he did a write up on him being inducted into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame. He used one of Claire's saddles and his favorite bull whip in the display and put pictures of him from different times in his life on the background. He received many compliments on the display and he got an "A" on his project, so it turned out pretty fun.



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TACK ROOM REPORT

2011 Membership Roster

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# Presidents Message

A word from DuWayne Wilson

With the introduction of our new newsletter we thought we would use this opportunity to kick-off our “Cowboy Clatter: “Get To Know You” feature. Each newsletter edition we will feature a Board Member or Trustee by asking them a few questions. We will feature a couple of individuals in each newsletter edition to help you get to know the crew just a little bit better. Enjoy!

- 1. Family: (Immediate Family +):** Wife-Carrie, Sons-Tyrel, Tell and Chance
- 2. Occupation:** (Rancher, Retired, Etc.)Rancher, Owner of Wilson’s True Value, Retired Agriculture Education Teacher-25 years.
- 3. MSU Bobcats, UM Grizzlies, Other?** How ‘Bout those Cat’s. Also-Montana Tech Oredigger’s (Tyrel played there) and the Army Black Knights (Tell graduated from West Point)
- 4. Last book you read?** I am currently reading George Bush’s book Decision Points. Hate him or love him, it is interesting.
- 5. Hobbies/Interests** I don’t do much but work. I like to work with my horses and would like to make more time for that. I am not nearly as good at it as I would like to be.
- 6. Something about you that most people don’t know.** Someday, I am going to write a book, just don’t know what about yet.
- 7. Someone that you would like to meet but haven’t?** I would like to meet General Patraeus. I believe the leadership he exemplifies should inspire us all.
- 8. A place in Montana you have not been but would like to visit?** I would like to ride the Bob Marshall with my family.
- 9. One value that every Montanan should exemplify.** In a word, Honesty. Including to themselves! Maybe especially to themselves.
- 10. Who is your hero /role model/mentor?** My Dad. He has worked hard his whole life. He was and is willing to do whatever it took to get the job done.

## GET TO KNOW YOU



### Mark Larson Board Member

- 1. Family: (Immediate Family):**  
Wife: SanDee, Daughters: Rebecca, Rachel, Renea
- 2. Occupation:**  
Building contractor, Deputy State Brand Inspector
- 3. MSU Bobcats, UM Grizzlies, Other?**  
Rocky Mtn. College Bears & MSU Bobcats
- 4. Last book you read?**  
ANGLE OF REPOSE by Wallace Stegner, IN GOD WE TRUST ALL OTHERS PAY CASH by Jean Shepherd
- 5. Hobbies/Interests**  
Buy, sell, raise horses in partnership with daughter Renea
- 6. Something about you that most people don’t know.**  
I had some short stories published.
- 7. Someone that you would like to meet but haven’t?**  
Sarah Palin
- 8. A place in Montana you have not been but would like to visit?**  
Dillon, Montana

**9. One value that every Montanan should exemplify.**  
Honesty, do the right thing.

**10. Who is your hero /role model/mentor?**  
Native Americans and homesteaders who endured the harsh elements of Montana



### Rikki's Whistle

Submitted by Steve Held,  
District Three Trustee

Recently daughter Rikki’s 6 m.o. pup “Whistle”, disappeared while dad was feeding. The dog always went with him, then near the end of the day, would usually go home or get distracted at the barns. Rikki chose Whistle, or rather Whistle chose Rikki, using an old dog trainer technique, “pick the one that loves you most”. Rikki raised her as a 4-H project to go on and show next year. She ran the pup in the Redneck Rodeo Dog Race as a 3 month old, just for laughs. Dad and daughter went for a weekend seminar with world leading dog trainer, Pete Carmichael. The first time on stock, Whistle impressed everyone with her natural border collie ability.

That Friday after feeding, dad couldn’t find Whistle. Mom and dad spent the next three days looking. The first thing you fear is that you’ve run over the pup with the tractor. She wasn’t in the feed path from that day. The folks worried she’d gotten hung up by her collar in some fence line, was attacked by the numerous eagles, fell through a hole in the ice, lots of fears rise up when your little girl is hurting. On the following Monday while feeding Dad happened to run out further into the old feed ground and saw the black and white frozen lump. She looked like she was trotting toward home and just tipped over. Smile on her face, tail stopped in mid-wag, just like her every happy day. There was no mark on her, except a slight swelling on the side of her neck. We can only imagine a cow kick killed her quickly. Dad took her to the house and when Rikki got off the school bus that evening, gave her the bad news. Her young heart broke. After awhile she asked to see Whistle. Dad carried the beautiful pup into the mud room and held her on his lap. Rikki stared for awhile, then stepped over to touch the still pup. Stroking the hair on her head, she then began to pet the pups body and clean off the old hay and dirt. Dad asked if she wanted to get Whistle’s brush and clean her off. She did. So he laid the young dog out on some papers and Rikki said her “goodbyes”, brushing and preparing her for burial. When Rikki was finished and covered the pup, there had been closure. This little girl had instinctively participated in an age old ritual. It was remarkable to experience and another benefit, though sometimes painful, of our life in the country.