

COWBOY CLATTER

Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Join us in honoring the 2015 Class of Hall of Fame Inductees.

Where:

Great Falls, MT - Heritage Inn

When: February 5-6, 2016.

Register Online at:

www.montanacowboyfame.org

or by calling Christy Stensland at (406) 653-3800.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Annual Membership meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 6th, 2016 at the Heritage Inn, Great Falls, MT. In accordance with our bylaws this announcement is to invite all paid members in good standing to exercise your rights in the election of the annual slate of nominated Board Directors. All are welcome!

2016 HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS DUE

All Hall of Fame nominations for 2016 induction cycle are due March 31, 2016. Anyone may nominate a candidate to the hall of fame for consideration.



Construction Update Fall 15

2015 has been a busy year for the MCHF & WHC. Construction of major roadways, parking, water, power and the outdoor event facilities began in June and will pause for winter in November. The initial construction focus is to install key infrastructure such as earthwork, power and water. We also have strategically prioritized the construction of the outdoor arena and amphitheater to allow programming to begin on-site in the spring of 2016.

Major earthwork for grading and installation of roadways and event spaces was completed by Bainter Construction. Crazy Mountain Fabrication then began the custom fabrication of the outdoor arena. Other local trades made possible the installation of early flatwork, power and water. In spring 2016 we will be able to begin hosting limited programming at the site. We intend to have the permanent grandstands constructed by mid-summer provided fundraising for them is completed by mid-February.

Honorariums & Memorials

- In Memory of Norma Baker by Linda Nybakken
- In Memory of Russell Robinson by Wendell Lovely.
- In Memory of Jason Fjare by Jane Rue & Rues's TV & Appliance
- In Memory of Jason Fjare by S. Gail Fjare
- In Memory of Wendell Lovely by Scott & Sally Richardson
- In Memory of Wendell Lovely by Frank & Susan Rigler
- In Memory of Wendell Lovely by Duane & Dianne Tronrud
- In Memory of Wendell Lovely by Four Corners Farm
- In Memory of Wendell Lovely by Rebecca Christensen
- In Memory of Wendell Lovely by Cynde Swandal
- In Memory of Wendell Lovely by David & Renee Eisenbeis
- In Memory of Wendell Lovely by Joyce Keyes
- In Memory of Wendell Lovely by Glantz Land, LLC
- In Memory of Wendell Lovely by Louise & Mary Jane Ammerman
- In Memory of Norma Baker by Mike & Amy Neutgens.
- In Memory of C.M. Coffee by Alice Gordon & Paul Grmoljez
- In Memory of C.M. Coffee by Cliff Wolfe and Family
- In Memory of C.M. Coffee by McKenna Financial Services

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The outdoor arena in particular helps us accomplish several strategic goals, chiefly, generating awareness through programming and demonstrating tangible construction progress in realizing our important vision. Additionally, early eventing will allow us to soft-test the flow and function of the facilities and provide key feedback as we move through the construction process. The more awareness and economic benefits to the region we create here in the beginning - the more fruitful our fundraising efforts for the overall vision will be.

An Immediate Community Impact

From June - September 2015 our building site efforts have created a direct investment of over \$231,000 in local trades and services. The big ticket items were roadways and site infrastructure such as power service and water.

These services were all hired immediately within the community.

- Roadways/earthwork/power/water - \$91,000
- Arena construction - \$26,000
- Building construction - \$15,000

Additionally, engineering, architectural services and construction supplies not available locally totaled an additional \$98,478.80. This reflects an environmental wetland delineation study, construction permitting, engineering (mechanical, electrical & acoustic) and architectural design. All supplies and services were hired from within the state of Montana and prioritized based on proximity to the building site.



Looking Ahead

Beginning in April 2016 the arena will be available for limited booking. The facility will be open for roping events, sorting/penning, barrel races and other non-rough stock events. We plan to have the rough-stock chutes and handling pens installed by mid-June. There are numerous sponsorship and naming rights opportunities available to help fully realize the vision. Call Aaron Lyles at (406) 600-8231 for booking or sponsorship information.