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TAYLOR SHERIDAN'S THE RUN FOR A MILLION HIRES NEW MANAGEMENT AHEAD OF 2025 EDITION



The Reining Horse Foundation (RHF) is announcing its Merit scholarship winners and has doubled the award amounts from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per winner. The 2025 Merit scholarship winners include Lydia Bell, Logan Carroll, Katelyn Cofell, Ava Egbert, and Raegan Rapier.

Established in 2024, the RHF Merit Scholarships reward NRHA members who have not previously won an RHF scholarship and are actively pursuing a college or trade school education.

"The Reining Horse Foundation is pleased

to help these students in their educational pursuits," said Terri Mainey, chair of the RHF Scholarship Committee. "In 2025, the RHF will offer nearly \$90,000 in scholarships across several programs to benefit reiners. This is a record amount made possible through the generosity of donors around the world."

Bell of Maysville, Oklahoma, attends Oklahoma State University and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science and agricultural communications. Bell intends to pursue a career in communications in the horse industry and looks to start her own business. She is a student athlete on the Oklahoma State



Equestrian team and has received the team's community service award twice for her work in Stillwater. Bell has received the Oklahoma State Athletic Outstanding Academic Achievement award three times while being a member of the Dean's Honor Roll.

Carroll of Sandusky, Ohio, is a student at University of Findlay where he is studying equestrian studies, specializing in western riding and training with the intention of becoming a reining horse trainer. He competes on the University of Findlay Ranch Horse Team, is a student worker at the university and works for March Performance Horses. Prior to attending college, Carroll was active in his county 4-H club as a member and served as president for two years.

Cofell of Magnolia, Texas, is currently pursuing



a Bachelor of Science in accounting with a minor in marketing at Sam Houston State University. She plans to become a CPA with a focus on small businesses in agriculture. As an NRHyA member, Cofell participated in several youth fundraisers and activities and is still actively showing her horses while attending college.

Egbert of Botkins, Ohio, attends The Ohio State University, where she studies animal science and intends to go into the field of animal biotechnology. She is a member of multiple clubs and campus organizations, including Buckeye Catholic, Saddle and Sirloin, Kellogg-Moser Living Learning Community, and OSU Animal Interactions and Welfare Club. Egbert is active in her community, often participating in fundraisers and volunteering her time to multiple nonprofit organizations.

Rapier of Chesapeake, Virginia, is a student at Old Dominion University where she studies biomedical sciences. Her goal is to go into pharmaceutical sales for animals. She appeared on the Dean's List in fall 2024 and volunteers with Saving Grace Rescue. Rapier is active in the Southeastern Reining Horse Association, serving as the 2023-24 NRHyA Affiliate Youth Liaison.

For nearly 25 years, members of the equine community have been doing good things through the Reining Horse Foundation, the charitable arm of the National Reining Horse Association. With its mission of caring for and honoring the reining community, the RHF has supporters from around the world. Core programs include the Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Fund, providing financial relief to reiners enduring major hardships; youth scholarships and leadership development through the National Reining Horse Youth Association; and perpetuation of the sport's history through the NRHA Hall of Fame. For more information or to give, visit reiningfoundation.com.





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TAYLOR SHERIDAN'S THE RUN FOR A MILLION HIRES NEW MANAGEMENT, BOOKING AGENT AHEAD OF 2025 EDITION



The Run For A Million (TRFAM), Taylor Sheridan's highly anticipated annual reining, cow horse and cutting horse event, has onboarded new management and booking personnel as they gear up for this year's edition.

Cheryl Cody's Pro Management will lead the

planning and execution of the main event, including managing entry processes, multiple databases, operational procedures, event schedules, staff, and budgets. As part of this role, Pro Management will also oversee all associated qualifying events. The hire comes on the heels of nearly three decades of Pro

Management and Cody's prominence in the Western performance horse industry, with experience at events & organizations including the National Reining Horse Association Futurity and Derby, the National Reining Breeders Classic, the World Equestrian Games and the National Reined Cow Horse Association.

Kim Cox, Cutting Horse Show Secretary at Sheridan's Bosque Ranch, will serve as TRFAM's Cattle Event Coordinator.

Firestarter Music's Andrea von Foerster has also joined the TRFAM team as booking agent, overseeing the event's musical performance component following last year's sets from Stephen Wilson Jr., Jackson Dean and Lainey Wilson.

Megan Soliah, Executive Vice President of Marketing at Bosque Ranch, will continue to spearhead the strategy and execution of TRFAM's brand marketing and digital platforms, while overseeing all sponsorships.

This year's The Run For A Million will take place from August 11–16, 2025 at Las Vegas's South Point Arena and Equestrian Center; the event and the extensive training leading up to it will also once again be chronicled in a forthcoming season of the hit TV series *THE LAST COWBOY*. General Admission and Reserved Seat tickets for the Cutting Horse Challenge (August 14) and the Cow Horse Challenge (August 15) are on sale now via Ticketmaster; tickets for the flagship Million Dollar Competition are sold out. Premier experience packages for the event are available on the event's website, along with additional information.

ABOUT THE RUN FOR A MILLION:

The Run For A Million is the richest event in the history of reining and the most exciting and thrilling event in cow horse and cutting.

TRFAM Event and qualifier inquiries can be directed to info@pro-management-inc.com or by calling 580-759-2572.

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Jason Vanlandingham is one of the most respected riders in the reining industry. While his resume for the show pen is impressive, he's also known for his faith and regularly fills in to share the Word of God during events.

Jason is a regular contributor to WorldWide Slide, and has been sharing a unique devotional each issue for more than two years.

Find prior episodes at WorldWideSlide.com

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VHH TRAINING TIP

by Stevie White

MATHIEU BUTON - PREVENT RUNOFF IN A RUNDOWN

A French native, Mathieu Buton now resides in Valley View, Texas. From the beginning of his reining career in France, Buton has always believed that to be the best, he had to learn from the best beginning with Gregory Legron in Paris.

Since his arrival in the United States seventeen years ago, he has worked for and learned from NRHA Professionals Mike McEntire, Craig Schmearsal, Bob Loomis, and Nathan Piper.

Now on his own, Buton has had much success. His lifetime earnings are nearly \$443,000, from such titles as reserve in the Level 3 SWRHA Futurity and third in the Level 4, a NRHA Novice Horse Derby Championship in 2019, a 2017 OKRHA Ride & Slide Derby Championship, and a Level 2 win at the 2015 NRHA Futurity and reserve in the Level 3 and top ten in the Level 4.

Buton has a unique ability to teach correctness softly, and to teach his Non Pros the “whys” along with the “hows.” Get a feel for his training style with this video, provided by our partner Virtual Horse Help, explaining how to prevent your horse from wanting to runoff in the rundown.



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USDA DELAYS HORSE PROTECTION ACT EXPANSION

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has officially postponed the implementation of new Horse Protection Act (HPA) rules, which could have subjected reining competitions and other equestrian events to additional inspections intended to eliminate intentional soring. The revised effective date for these amendments is now February 1, 2026.

This decision by the USDA allows NRHA to continue its longstanding commitment to ensuring the highest standards of welfare for reining horses across its global events.

The HPA, originally enacted more than 50 years ago, was designed to protect Tennessee Walking Horses and other racking breeds from soring. However, recent proposed expansions have sparked debate within the equine community. The USDA is currently seeking public input on whether this delay should be extended further and is requesting additional information to help determine an appropriate timeline.

The National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) has actively engaged with its board of directors, staff, committee chairs, affiliates, and show managers to address this legislation.

“This is a short-term victory for the Western horse competition community, maintaining the

Horse Protection Act as originally intended—for now,” said NRHA Commissioner Billy Smith. “NRHA remains committed to working with its partners to turn this temporary success into lasting policy.”

NRHA has collaborated with the American Horse Council and a coalition of over a dozen equine organizations and event venue stakeholders to prevent the HPA from exceeding its original scope. This coalition will be engaged in providing testimony to the USDA as they consider the future of the HPA.

Concerns About the HPA Expansion

The HPA was established to prevent intentional soring, a practice widely condemned within the equine industry. However, the Western horse community, within which NRHA is a leader, already invests substantial resources into ensuring animal welfare and preventing soring, making the proposed expansion unnecessary and misaligned with existing standards of care.

NRHA remains committed to protecting horse welfare without the unnecessary misapplication of existing animal welfare law. We will continue a dialogue with the USDA through our coalition partners, provide updates, and encourage our members to stay informed and engaged.

Stay tuned for further developments.

EXPERIENCE RANCH REINING AT THE 6666 NRHA DERBY PRESENTED BY MARKEL!

Non Pro & Youth Pilot Classes Debut Saturday, June 14

Everyone is invited to Oklahoma City for something new this year - Ranch Reining pilot classes for Non Pro and Youth riders, held during the 6666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel! The Ranch Reining pilot class showcases fundamental reining maneuvers using rules similar to those of other ranch-style events.

The Ranch Reining will be held Saturday afternoon, June 14, right after the Intermediate Open, Limited Open, and Rookie Professional classes, and be part of this exciting addition to the Derby schedule.

What's in it for you?

- \$50 added money in each class
- A \$25 Equine Oasis gift certificate for every participant, thanks to Tim Bauer
- Top 5 placings receive extra awards
- A personal video link of your run, plus the option to order professional photos from Waltenberry

These pilot classes are open to NRHA members and newcomers alike—so whether you're seasoned or new to the sport, we'd love to see you in the pen!

Entries are due June 1

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