Montana Red Angus

2026 Spring Newsletter

From the President's Desk:

Greetings fellow Montana Red Angus members! I hope that everyone's winter has been going smoothly and that calving has been going well without any big problems.

Bull Sale season is here and I am sure everyone is quite busy with that. Hopefully everyone has a successful production sale, with the cattle market as strong as it is at the moment it looks very promising.

Looking forward to working with the board and all you members as your president, I have some big shoes to fill taking over for Luke. I would like to thank him once again for the tremendous amount of work he put into the organization, it does not go unnoticed.

Looking into the year we are excited to bring forth some great opportunities for members of the MTRAA to better promote the breed, their own herds, and knowledge in the great Red Angus breed that we all hold dear. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Meeting April 1, 2026 at 2:00pm.

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MTRAA 2026 Spring Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

2:00p.m. MST

Palladium Draughthaus

702 E Pike Ave, Columbus, MT 59019

1. Call meeting to order
2. Roll call
3. Reading of minutes from last meeting
4. Treasurer's report
5. Introduction of guests
6. Committee Reports
    a. Advertising/Promotions-Lacey
        i. Rachael
    b. Membership-Kara
    c. Commercial Marketing-Tom
    d. Juniors-Kay
    e. Nile Committees
        i. Show/Barn Superintendent- Dana Weatherford
        ii. Sale-Tim
        iii. Futurity-Madri
        iv. Banquet- Kara Herbst
7. National Report- Craig Deboer and Elizabeth Caskey
8. Old business
9. New business
    a.Tour-Central MT
    b.Semen Auction at NILE
10. Announcements
11. Adjournment

MTRAA Committees

ADVERTISING
Lacey Sutherlin – Chair
Rachael Green
Trisha Gruszie
Ali Jo Merritt

COMMERCIAL MARKETING
Tom Morton – Chair
Jake Feddes
Tim Geib
Trish Gruszie
Bruce Ketchum

JUNIOR COMMITTEE
Kay Klompien – Chair
Shelley Brown
Cordon Feddes-*MTJRA President*
Lacey Sutherlin
Dana Weatherford

MEMBERSHIP
Kara Herbst – Chair
Madri Blom
Rachael Green

NILE BANQUET
Kara Herbst – Chair
Ester Geib
Jaclyn Ketchum
Katie Morton

NILE FUTURITY
Madri Blom – Chair
Ron Fischer
Tim Geib
Marvin Laubach

NILE SALE
Tim Geib-- Chair
Luke Larson—Co Chair
Craig DeBoer
Paul Herbst
Kyle Shobe

NILE SHOW
Dana Weatherford –Chair
Madri Blom
Jenny Moke
Ali Jo Merritt

NILE Sale Incentive
Kara Herbst – Chair
Cele Menees
Katie Morton
Annette Steffan
Lacey Sutherlin

By-Laws
Luke Larson – Chair
Tim Geib
Bruce Ketchum
Tom Morton
Andy Roberts

Nominations
Luke Larson – Chair
Esther Fischer
Laurie Sutherlin

NILE Incentives Program

MTRAA Heifer Grant Program:

This program was created to help youth cultivate or expand their Red Angus herd. The Heifer Grant Program offers two $1,000 grants to assist with the purchase of females at the 2026 Prestigious NILE Red Angus Sale.

NILE Red Angus Futurity Class:

MTJRAA members who purchased a heifer in the 2025 Prestigious NILE Red Angus Sale can be eligible to return and show that purchased female in the 2026 NILE Red Angus Futurity Class. They will have the opportunity to earn sale credit towards the 2026 sale. Along with receiving a sale credit, the winner of the Futurity will be awarded $1,000, while the second-place individual will earn $500. Each junior that participates in brining a heifer back will be given $250.

Applications will be sent out in the mail and email. For more information regarding the Incentives Program reach out to Kara Herbst.

Last Year's Recap:

In 2024 16 Juniors purchased heifers that had the option to bring those same heifers back to show at the 2025 NILE. Of those 16, 7 brought heifers back to compete in the futurity for winnings.

2026 Buckle Sponsorship

The MTRAA board is asking for sponsorships to help with funding our Buckle Program. Every year the MTRAA awards buckles to Montana youth who excel with their Red Angus influenced livestock at their county fairs. To receive a buckle, individuals must win Grand or Reserve Grand overall in Breeding, Market or Carcass. The winning animals must be at least 50% Red Angus. Through the years we have seen a growth in this program, which has exceeded our expectations. The youth are the future of our breed and the Ag industry. All sponsorships are tax deductible. You may print a form from the mtraaredangus.org website or email mtraasecretary@gmail.com and I will get a form to you. We would like to have the sponsorships by August 1st.

2026 NILE HAPPENINGS

Oct. 14 Arrival
Oct. 15 Check-in
Annual Meeting
Futurity
Oct. 16 Prestigious Sale
Banquet
Oct. 17 Show

Mark it on your Calendar!!!

2026 NILE Headquarters

Hampton Inn Billings
5110 Southgate Drive
Billings, MT 59101
(406) 248-4949

Tell them you are with MTRAA

Montana Red Angus Calendar

If you would like to get your sale dates in for the 2026 Montana Red Angus calendar – Contact Kara or Madri.

It is $75 to reserve your date.

Deadline is August 1st

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **May 1, 2026: Scholarships Due**
- **August 1, 2026: Calendar Ads need to be submitted to MTRAA secretary**
- **August 10,2026: Photo contest closes**
- **September 15-18, 2026: 73rd National Red Angus Convention in Hersey, PA**
- **September 15, 2026: NILE Female Futurity Entry form due**
- **October 14-17, 2026: NILE Billings, MT**

MTRAA Photo Contest

It's time for the 2026 MTRAA Photo Contest! The winning photo will receive a check for $250 and be used for the month of October in the calendar.

Photos need to be high resolution-to be used for advertising purposes.

Check your emails for the link to submit your photos!

JRA Round-up in Oklahoma

July 13-17, 2026

Registration Opens: April 2, 2026

Registration Deadline: May 29, 2026

MTRAA Scholarships

MTRAA Junior Scholarship:

MTRAA offers a $500 educational scholarship for any MTJRAA junior member graduating high school and seeking higher education in the fall. You can apply online at montanaredangus.org located underneath the junior tab. **Deadline is May 1, 2026**.

Carson Christensen Memorial Scholarship:

Vince and Veronica Christensen provide a scholarship to a deserving MTJRAA junior member. To apply please fill out the online form at montanaredangus.org underneath the Junior tab. **Deadline is May 1, 2026.**

Montana Red Angus Roundup Scholarship:

Two $400 scholarships will be offered to any MTJRAA member interested in attending JRA's Round up. This year's Round Up will be in Oklahoma. To apply please email mtraasecretary@gmail.com with a few paragraphs of why you would like to attend Round Up. **Deadline is May 1, 2026**

Montana Red Angus RAYE Scholarship:

The Red Angus Youth Expo hosted by the Red Angus Association of America and the Junior Red Angus Association, provide opportunities for youth and their families to engage in education, competitions, all while competing in the National Junior Red Angus shows. The MTRAA offers one $1,000 scholarship for a MTJRAA member to attend RAYE. To apply please email mtraasecretary@gmail.com with a few paragraphs of why you would like to attend. **Deadline is May 1, 2026.**

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