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Chaley Harney
MT Beef Council

Chaley Harney has served as the Montana Beef Council Executive Director since 2012. She is a native of Red Lodge, Montana, and is a graduate of Montana State University, Bozeman. Chaley also studied at Colorado State University and Oklahoma State University, obtaining a well-rounded land grant university education focusing on agriculture business, extension, education, and communication. Chaley is also a proud graduate of REAL Montana Class II. She owns and operates a cake decorating and instructing business called Sugar by Chaley. Chaley and her husband Deeth have two children, Ira and Reece.



Mike Honeycutt
MT Dept. of Livestock

Mike Honeycutt is the Executive Officer of the Montana Department of Livestock. Prior to joining MDOL in February of 2016, Mike served as an agricultural educator and FFA advisor in his native state of North Carolina from 1998 to 2003. He then accepted a position with the National FFA Organization in Indianapolis and between 2003 and 2011 led the development and implementation of programs in leadership and technical agriculture for high school youth. Between 2011 and 2014, Mike served with Cargill AgHorizons in Central Indiana working with farmers on price risk management strategies and securing grains for the Cargill supply chain. Between 2014 and 2016, Mike served as the Managing Director of the National Council for Agricultural Education, a group focused on influencing agricultural education programs for youth, college students and adult farmers and ranchers across the nation. Mike currently resides in Helena with his wife Raylee and their twin daughters, Isla and McKenna.



Bryan Lorengo
KLM Contracting

Bryan co-owner and logger at KLM Contracting . He is a graduate of Class II of REAL Montana. Bryan received his Elementary Education degree from the University of Montana - Western in 2000 but found his true passion being in the wood products industry. Bryan previously worked for his family business, Lorengo Logging, for the Montana DNRC as a wildland firefighter, and as a Wildland Fire Instructor for the MT Logging Association . In 2012, he joined the MLA full-time, and in 2016, he was awarded the Communicator of the Year Award by the Montana Wood Products Association. Bryan serves on the board for the Intermountain Logging Conference and is a trustee for the Anaconda School District's school board which he currently chairs. He lives in Anaconda with his wife, Kim, and their three children: Logan, Carter and Kendyl.



Bridger Mahlum

A member of REAL Montana Class III, Bridger Mahlum is a government affairs professional based in Helena, Montana. Bridger has nearly a decade of experience advocating on behalf of trade associations and corporations, six of those years having represented Montana's business climate as government relations director for the Montana Chamber of Commerce. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Wake Forest University. Bridger grew up in Bigfork, Montana and has lived in Helena since 2016. He enjoys riding bicycles, listening to vinyl, and watching passerby react to a full-scale replica of a Sinclair green dinosaur that is prominently displayed on his front yard.



Farrah McGregor
AgWest Farm Credit

Farrah McGregor is the Vice President of Customer Solutions – Montana at AgWest Farm Credit. Ag West Farm Credit is a financial cooperative providing financing and related services to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, commercial fishermen, timber producers, rural homeowners and crop insurance customers in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Farrah was a member of REAL Montana Class II and has also held positions on the Montana Grain Growers Board of Directors and the Montana Council of Cooperatives Board of Directors. She was raised in the small grains and cow calf industries in north central Montana. She and her husband Iain have a commercial cow/calf operation that they run with the help of their two sons Hal and Rial.



Justin Miller
Sandy Rock Farms

Justin Miller was born and raised in the golden triangle and is currently president of Sandy Rock Farms. The farm primarily produces cereal, pulse and oil seed crops. Justin also collaborates with his brother and father to run Miller Simmentals, one of the oldest Simmental seed stock businesses in the state. Justin earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business from Montana State University in 1999 and is a graduate of REAL Montana Class IV. He and his wife Becki feel blessed to get to raise their two children, Rye and Piper, in this great state.



Nick Miller

Missouri River Contractors

Nick is a 5th generation Montanan who was raised in Dillon and earned a Civil Engineering degree from Montana State University. Nick is part owner and Vice President of Missouri River Contractors which is an environmental and heavy civil contractor established in 2016 based out of Helena. Prior to that Nick worked 16 years for a multi-national aggregate producer and contractor where he served in a variety of roles. Nick is a longtime active member of the Montana Contractors Association and has served as MCA Chairman of the Highway Technical Committee. He is also a graduate of REAL Montana Class II where he served as class President. Nick and his wife Brenda live in Helena and have four children Hailey, Cy, Brendan, and Ali.



Tracy Mosley

MSU Extension

Tracy Mosley has served as the Central Region Department Head for Montana State University Extension since November 2019. In this role, she supervises county Extension faculty in 19 counties and on two reservations in the central third of Montana who work daily to improve the lives of Montanans. Prior to this role, Tracy served as an Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent in Park County from 2008 to 2019 and conducted research for MSU's Animal and Range Sciences Department between 1999 and 2008. Tracy received her B.S. in Range Science and M.S. in Animal and Range Sciences from MSU and her Ph.D. in Natural Resources from the University of Idaho. Tracy is a graduate of REAL Montana Class II and lives in Wilsall with her husband Jeff and daughter Kendall.



Nicole Rolf

Montana Farm Bureau
Federation

Nicole Rolf is the National Affairs Director and Eastern Montana Regional Manager for the Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF). She works in public policy and agriculture advocacy on the state and national level, representing farmers and ranchers in the state Legislature and Congress, in addition to helping MFBF's grassroots membership to achieve their organizational goals. Nicole earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business from Montana State University in 2007 and is a graduate of REAL Montana Class II. She and her husband Ryan live on their ranch east of Miles City with their children Quade and Rachel.



Nancy Schlepp
Sandfire Resources

Nancy Schlepp is the VP Communications & Government Relations and a Corporate Officer of Sandfire Resources America. Nancy has 25 plus years of worldwide business experience in corporate affairs, government relations, international trade, communications, public policy, and human resources. Previous positions include the Executive Director of the Montana Taxpayers Association and National Affairs Director for the Montana Farm Bureau Federation.

Currently, Nancy is the Board Chair of the Montana Chamber of Commerce, sits on the executive committee of the Montana Taxpayers Association, and serves on the boards of the Montana Mining Association, REAL Montana Board, the Montana Non-Profit Board, and the Meagher County Community Foundation. Nancy has also served as a Meagher County Commissioner.

Nancy grew up in Ringling, Montana where her and her husband own and operate her family's cattle ranch which has been in the family for 128 years. They have 3 children, Sarah, Ethan, and Dawson.



Molly Schwend
NorthWestern Energy

Molly is a Key Accounts and Economic Specialist at NorthWestern Energy in Billings. She has a degree in Mining Engineering from Montana Tech and has spent over 15 years working in the Coal Industry in various roles including Engineering, Permitting, Budgeting, Government and Public Relations, and served as the Executive Director of the Montana Coal Council.

Molly is also a graduate of REAL Montana Class II and currently serves as Chair of the REAL Montana Advisory Board. In addition, she is a board member of the Laurel Chamber of Commerce and the Billings Depot. Molly resides in Laurel with her husband Robb and their three children, Tanner, Blaine, and Anna.



Tayla Snapp
TC Energy

Tayla Snapp is a Montana native who grew up on a farm and ranch in Central Montana. She attended college at MSU-Northern, where she received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and associate degrees in Agriculture, Marketing and Small Business Management. In 2018, Tayla joined TC Energy as a community relations specialist. She now covers 6 different states working with local governments advocating for TC Energy and the industry as a whole. Tayla is a recent Class IV graduate of REAL Montana and own a small business.