

2026 Agenda

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - Fairmont Hot Springs

FRIDAY February 6th

1:00PM - 3:00PM Interactive Hands-on workshop (Choose 1)

• Jewelry Making- Anna Jones Hawk **GRIZZLY RM**

• Photo Archives- The Missing Piece in Succession Planning
Tammy Copenhaver **MEADOWLARK RM**

3:00PM - 4:00M Networking Event Networking **BINGO GRIZZLY RM**

4:00PM - 5:30PM Registration/ Check in

5:00PM - 6:00PM Cocktail Hour **CUTTHROAT RM**

6:00PM - 7:30PM DINNER - Keynote Melinda Anakalea
Harlow Ranch Bison Company **CUTTHROAT RM**

7:30pm Enjoy the Hot Springs

SATURDAY February 7th

7:30AM - 8:30AM BREAKFAST **CUTTHROAT RM**

8:30AM - 9:15AM Networking

9:15AM - 10:30AM Financing MT Women-led Businesses

Dr. Jennifer Isern, CFA, Montana Women's Finance
Cooperative **MEADOWLARK RM**

10:30AM - 11:00AM BREAK

11:00AM – 12:00PM MT Road Show **GRIZZLY RM**

with Rylee Sommers -Flanagan

12:00PM - 1:00PM LUNCH **CUTTHROAT RM**

1:00PM - 2:00PM You are worthy, purpose and standards for physical
and mental wellbeing - Danielle Dieder **MEADOWLARK RM**

2:00PM – 2:30PM BREAK Group Photo

3:15PM - 4:00PM - Hands-on Workshop (Choose 1)

• FENCES: Families Engaging Nicely Communicating Expectations for
Success - Jane Wolery with Sterling Solutions MT **GRIZZLY RM**

• Hacking the Homestead - Tammy Copenhaver with 406 Digital
Imaging Services LLC

4:00PM- 5:00PM Bridging the Gap Between Big Ag and Big Love:
A recipe for healing land and soul - Nicole Jarvis- Bee Haven Gardens
GRIZZLY RM

5:00PM - 6:00PM Netowrking & Cocktail Hour - CASH BAR **CUTTHROAT RM**

6:00PM DINNER **CUTTHROAT RM**

6:30PM - 7:30PM Keynote Address - Carly Griffith Hotvedt,
Ms. Agriculture USA

7:30PM: ENJOY THE HOT SPRINGS

8:00PM - 10:00PM - Line Dancing Workshop *Optional*
MEADOWLARK RM

SUNDAY February 8th
Breakfast **CUTTHROAT RM**



Our Speakers

Anna Hawks is an elevator accountant from Chester, Montana, working for Columbia Grain International where wheat is both her career and passion. She previously owned Cowpoke Metal, a metal-stamped and silversmith jewelry business that shipped worldwide, was featured at the NFR in 2022, and reached over 12 million views across platforms. Anna loves every aspect of the wheat industry, from grading to markets and writing farmers their checks. Outside of work, she's rarely without her corgi, who joins her at the office, or her border collie, a full-time farm dog.

Jennifer Isern brings over 30 years of experience in financial sector development across more than 70 countries, working with organizations including the World Bank, International Finance Corporation, and CARE International. Returning home to Montana, she co-led statewide studies on small business access to finance from 2022–2024, which led to the launch of the Montana Women's Finance Cooperative in 2025. She holds a doctorate in international finance, is a CFA charterholder, and serves on multiple investment and community finance boards. Jennifer comes from a farming and ranching family near Lewistown and enjoys exploring Montana and beyond.

Rylee Sommers-Flanagan is a fifth-generation Montanan who grew up in Missoula and spent summers working on her family's ranch in Absarokee. She founded Upper Seven Law in 2021, where she has led successful legal challenges to unconstitutional legislation and worked to improve conditions for Montana's incarcerated population. A graduate of Stanford Law School, she also holds degrees from Emory University and the University of St. Andrews. Her work blends deep legal expertise with a lifelong connection to Montana's land and people.

Danielle Diede is a faith-led health and wellness entrepreneur living in rural Montana, where she has owned and operated her company for over 12 years. She is a certified trainer and functional nutritionist dedicated to helping others live with intention and return to wholeness. Family is her foundation, music feeds her soul, and she finds joy in beautiful food, art, and classic cars. Danielle also loves creating funny and inspiring reels that connect wellness with real life.

Tammy Copenhaver is the founder of 406 Digital Imaging Services LLC and a first-generation rancher based in rural Montana. A Certified Professional Photo Manager, Legacy Preservationist, and Privacy Advocate Specialist, she helps families and small businesses protect personal privacy, secure digital assets, and preserve irreplaceable photo and video collections. Her work combines professional expertise with real-world ranch and small-business experience to deliver practical, first-line strategies that can be implemented immediately. Tammy is a woman-owned business owner and a long-time participant and former committee member of the Montana Farmers Union Women's Conference.

Jane Wolery provides coaching, education, and support for people from rural communities across Montana. With more than 30 years of experience as an educator, school counselor, and life coach, she offers practical tools that build confidence, emotional well-being, and meaningful personal growth. Jane finds joy in dirt-road walks, meaningful conversations, and lifelong learning. She expresses creativity through writing and photography while cherishing time with the people she loves.

Nicole Jarvis is the founder, lead educator, and executive director of Bee Haven Gardens in Dillon, Montana. She holds a Master of Science degree and is a PhD candidate in Regenerative Organic Agriculture, while also serving as an adjunct professor. Active in Montana agriculture since 1999, Nicole has worked across organic, conventional, and regenerative systems and with organizations including the USDA and Montana Organic Association. She finds her greatest joy in mothering her two teenagers, hiking, and growing food in relationship with the land.

Carly Griffith Hotvedt, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, is a legal professional admitted to practice in Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation, and Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Her work focuses on government law, agriculture, tribal policy, and public administration, including her role as Director of Tribal Enterprise with the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative. Carly has clerked for the Oklahoma Supreme Court and completed municipal legal internships while maintaining a perfect summary judgment record. She is deeply committed to advancing food security and tribal enterprise development.

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