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Horsewoman Stacy Westfall to appear in Billings this July

BILLINGS, MT – Horse trainer Stacy Westfall, who has captured the hearts of millions with her amazing bareback and bridleless riding, will be appearing in Billings, Montana this July 29 at the MetraPark Superbarn. Sponsored by New York Life Insurance Company, Westfall will be featured in a four-hour clinic presented by the NILE that is free for all 4-H and FFA members. Adult admission will be \$10 per person and includes a BBQ following the clinic, at which time Westfall will be available to answer questions and sign autographs.

New York Life's Managing Partner Josh Gardner has invited Westfall to explain her training techniques as well as coach riders during the clinic on July 29th. "I appreciate Mr. Gardner's desire to help 4-H and FFA kids." Westfall said, "The event will be my first time in Montana and I am looking forward to meeting everyone and sharing my experience with them." "My goal is to inspire and teach people how to build a better relationship with their horse."

In addition, Westfall will offer a unique opportunity for five youth by having them ride with her during her clinic. All youth interested in this opportunity should contact the NILE office for more details at (406) 256-2495.

This remarkable horsewoman first gained fame in the sport of reining in 2003 when she competed and won, without a bridle, performing exacting maneuvers such as spins, rollbacks, flying lead changes and sliding stops.

Then, in 2006, her talent at training horses became known to the larger horse world when she won the prestigious Road to the Horse colt starting competition - an event in which the contestants start a previously untouched colt, and after only three hours of training, ride through an obstacle course.

But it was in 2007 that millions world-wide became aware of Westfall when a video of one of her championship rides, without a bridle OR saddle, went viral on the internet. She had dedicated that ride to her father who had passed away just weeks earlier. Her performance touched the heart of Ellen DeGeneres, and led to an appearance on the Ellen Show, along with her horse, Roxy.

Among other venues, Westfall has appeared at the All American Quarter Horse Congress; Equine Affair in Ohio, California and Massachusetts; the American Paint Horse Association World Show and the National Reining Horse Association Futurity. She is a frequent contributor in *America's Horse* magazine and is a member of Team *Horse & Rider*. For more information on Stacy Westfall, including training DVDs, training tools and training tips visit www.westfallhorsemanship.com.

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The NILE is a non-profit organization established in 1967 that is dedicated to the promotion of livestock, agriculture education, and respect of the western tradition. For more information on the NILE Stock Show and ProRodeo contact the NILE office at 406-256-2495 or visit www.thenile.org.