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Also, let's welcome KBUF 1030am radio in Garden City, Kansas, now airing every Sunday morning at 10:00 am to the Better Horses Radio Family. KBUF is the AG Leader in Western Kansas!

My life had a major change in my plans this past April 8th. I have been sharing my story with some of the Churches and youth Rodeo groups. By doing this it really comforts me with my own situation. Whether you are dealing with cancer, PTSD, experiencing the death of a friend or loved one, alcoholism or drugs, or any type of health situation, we all have our own crosses to bear and hopefully my story I am sharing can be of a comfort to you.

I have never been more excited of where Better Horses is and where it is going. We are so lucky to have Ed & Tara Adams as our partners with Better Horses. They are really helping take Better Horses to a higher level.

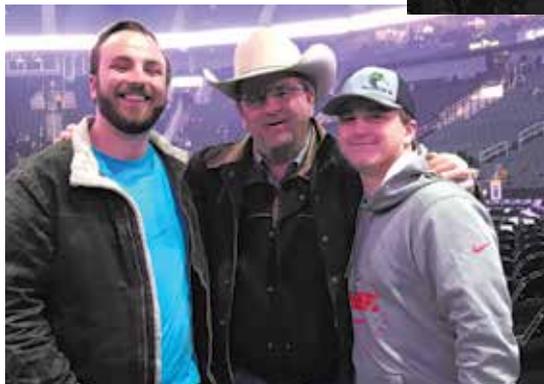
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Ernie Rodina



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Saddle Up for the Virtual Ride!

By Terri DeLouche

I think it is safe to say that horse people are very adaptable! If faced with a roadblock they find a way around it. I certainly know this to be true of a particular trio of officers from the Kaysinger Horse Show Circuit. Tiffany Sherry, club president, Barb Myers, point recorder, and Deb Hensley, secretary, navigated through the corona chaos and found a way to keep horse showing alive and well for folks from their circuit along with horse people from all over the United States and even a few from Canada. These girls, affectionately known by some as the “Three Amigos”, after having to cancel their first two live shows put their heads together and decided to give the Virtual Ride a try!

Their decision to try a virtual show came at the perfect time with so many horse shows and activities canceling due to the virus. Barb Myers, put it this way, “Just seemed like we needed to do something to get everyone through this COVID-19 stuff.” She was exactly right! The Three Amigos”, “saddled up” so to speak and took off at a dead run to create fun, competition, and comradery for all of us horse crazy people that were up for the challenge of some great horse show fun, without ever having to hook up our trailers! To get their feet wet they started out their virtual ride with a fun show. It was a great success, so they decided to do a buckle series consisting of four shows.

After seeing the invitation on Facebook to enter their Virtual Show Series, I decided to investigate to see if it might be something my horse and I might want to try. They had posted a show bill, rules for

the shows, a jot form entry, and instructions on how to video your classes and post them in their folders. At first, I thought at my age, this may be too high tech for me! That was not the case, they had it so easy to navigate, that even I had no problem at all posting my videos in their respective class folders. Well, except that one time, when I accidentally posted my pattern in the wrong class! Each class had their own folder, you would go to that folder to get the pattern and instructions for each individual class. Pretty simple! They had 15 different divisions for high point horse/rider combo. If you wanted to ride for division placings and prizes, you could join the circuit for \$10.00 for a single membership or \$20.00 for a family. Enter fees were \$5.00 a class. These classes paid back to fourth place. If you wanted to receive the judge’s critiques and scores it was \$25.00 per show, no matter how many classes you entered. I thought this was a great deal and found it to be helpful. If you just wanted to ride in the shows you only paid the \$5.00 per class. The show bill had a list of 59 different classes! They offered everything from lead line, walk-whoa, walk trot classes for all age divisions, Western, English, Horsemanship, Saddle type, Stock type, Ranch, Showmanship and Halter classes. There were three fun classes that did not count for points offered at each show and they were different each time. My favorites were the adult lead line and the costume class. They were quite hilarious and creative. They had 2,791 total class entries for the four-show



Kaysinger Horse Show Circuit, from left to right, Tiffany Sherry, Deb Hensley, Barb Myers



Emma Sherry, her daughter, riding Docs Noble Charisma.

series! Thanks to the generous sponsorship, Kaysinger was able to give prizes to the top ten participants in all 15 divisions. The prizes were great! You would have to say that the series was a big hit!

One of the things that really impressed me about this virtual show series was how smooth it ran.



Tiffany Sherry, President of the Kaysinger Horse Show circuit, leading her horse Shadow.

Their kind treatment of participants and enthusiastic approach is what I believe made their show series so successful. When I asked Tiffany Sherry how they delegated the jobs and responsibilities to make it run so smoothly she answered, “Great communication.” She went on to



Trophy buckles given for division champions

explain that they each had their own individual jobs, but that they all crossed over to help each other. That is teamwork! Also, two young people, Tiffany's daughter, Emma, and Deb's daughter, Autumn, were part of the team that put in endless hours to make the circuit a huge win.

This show series was so much more than just a virtual horse show. It brought folks together with a

common interest and gave us light in a world that was and is going through an exceedingly difficult and unusual time. If my count is correct, there were people from 12 different states and even someone from Canada that competed. The series lasted from April 27 through June 21, 2020. In talking with Tiffany, she expressed how she felt like we grew to know each other even though

some of us had never met and or may never meet. I loved the way she described what this virtual show experience had meant to her, "It was a beautiful thing.....I can't really put into words how it grew and how it touched me on multiple levels."

The Kaysinger Horse Show Circuit has been around since 1968. If you are looking for a family friendly horse show circuit, with great people, you should give Kaysinger a try, whether you ride the Virtual Shows or the Live Shows! Please check out the Kaysinger Horse Show Circuit Facebook page or go to their website, kaysingerhorshow.org to see all the wonderful sponsors that helped make their virtual and live shows possible. While you are there, check out and plan to ride in the two remaining live shows, Saturday, August 29, and Saturday, October 10, at the beautiful Lone Heart Ranch, 204 E Casey Rd. in Lone Jack, Missouri, 64070. Also, are you wondering if they will be hosting any more of these great virtual rides? The answer is,



Trevor Hensley riding R Prude and Passion

YES!! Be on the lookout for their Fall/Winter Virtual Show Series on the Kaysinger website and their Facebook page as well! "The Three Amigos" will ride again and they are inviting you to join them! So, get ready, SADDLE UP, and take the VIRTUAL RIDE with the Kaysinger Horse Show Circuit in their Fall/Winter Series!! Hope to see you there!!



Colton Patterson with his mother Erin Patterson



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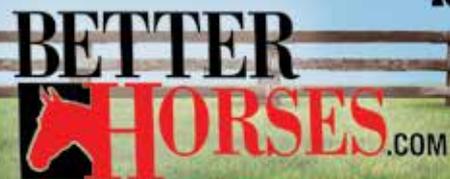
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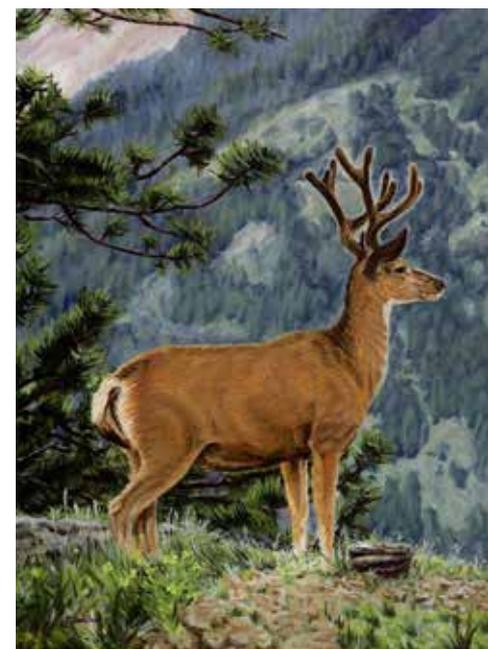
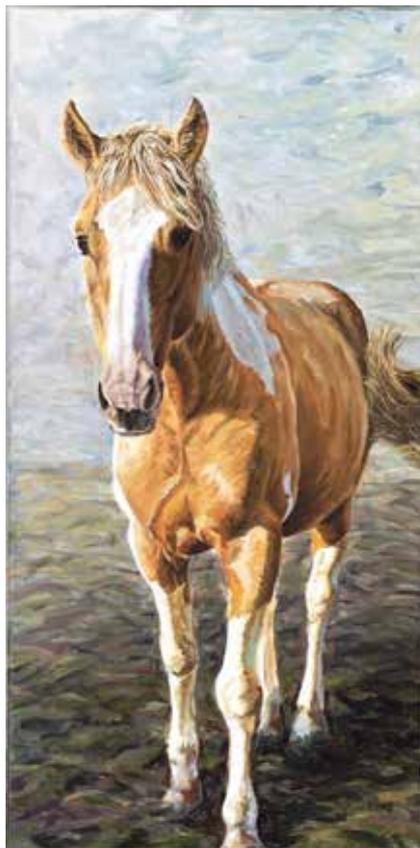
Kansas City based artist, Justin Lombard, has been honing his creative skill across multiple disciplines for the last 20 years. From drawing mediums such as graphite, colored pencil, and pastels to photography, sculpture, woodcarving, and industrial design Justin has found, in oil painting, the ultimate expression of his artistic vision.

A lover of the outdoors and a supporter of wildlife conservation as well as the Kansas Horse Foundation, Justin enjoys portraying wildlife in and out of their natural surroundings. His art brings the detailed, natural beauty of these majestic creatures out of the wild and into the viewer's consciousness. In a world that can forget just how fragile nature is, Justin's art reminds us of its presence and vulnerability.

Justin also uses his talent to commemorate those we love as a commissioned portrait artist. From children, to loved ones lost, to treasured pets and horses, his portraits capture the spirit of our loved ones on canvas for years to come.

Justin currently resides in Overland Park, Kansas, with his wife Jill, and daughters Madelyn and Vivienne.

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LOUISBURG MARKET STREET & GALLERY III

by Don Dane

What comes to mind when you think of Louisburg, Kansas? For me, I think of the Louisburg Cider Mill and some wonderful Wineries in that area. My name is Don Dane and I am a full-time artist. About a year ago I was contacted by another artist friend asking if I would be interested in teaching a watercolor workshop in Louisburg. This naturally got my full attention! This request came from a longtime friend and fellow artist, Terry Lombard. Terry, being a resident of Louisburg, went on to tell me the location for the workshop. This place was Louisburg Market Street.

Now I had never heard of this place and had no idea what it was, so this gave way to more questions from me. Terry went on to explain it is like an antique store, only better. I was not completely sure what that meant, but he told me he rented

booth space there and sold his art, as well as musical instruments and other items. Of course, now Terry had my curiosity, hook, line, and sinker! I told him I would stop by there and personally check it out as soon as I could.

It was about a week later my wife and I drove out to Louisburg to pay a visit to the Market Street store. Upon our arrival I noticed how large the store was offering plenty of convenient parking. There was this cool old 1950s flatbed truck as well as other antique items that all caught my eye. I thought to myself, if this is what is on the outside, I could not wait to see what was inside. The building itself must have been a grocery store at one time since it had large automatic doors that open for you the minute you step in front of them. As we walked inside

this was unlike any antique store I had ever been in before. It is big, spacious, and well lit! Each individual booth space is creatively decorated with a combination of everything imaginable. Both new, crafty items and old antique items. Every aisle in the store is very wide and has a street name painted in large letters right on the floor. Even with the wide aisles we still had to walk slowly as not to miss seeing the abundance of items. The attendants working there were all extremely kind and helpful.

As we cruised through the entire store, careful not to miss anything, my mind automatically started thinking in terms of marketing my own paintings. I have always been one to take the unconventional path when it comes to selling artwork. Now this place started giving me some creative ideas of having my own booth space here for selling my canvas and paper art prints. So, to make an even longer story short, this is exactly what I did! Upon sharing my idea with my friend and fellow artists, Terry Lombard and his son Justin, we jointly decided to build our very own gallery space in the Louisburg Market Street. Since this space contains the artwork of three artists, we call it "GALLERY III". I am honored to share this space with two very talented artists.

Needless to say the workshop idea that was initially proposed to me is on hold mostly due to the COVID19 issues. The Louisburg Market Street and Gallery III are now back open. So, if you are looking for a reason to get out, be sure to include this unique gem in your next adventure. Also keep in mind all the individual shop owners/vendors that



depend on our financial support. As I am now one of those independent vendors, I thank you in advance and would love for you to come explore our little gallery.

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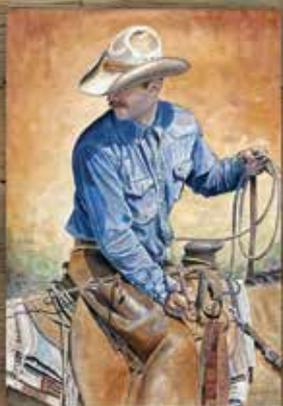
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GALLERY III

The gallery boasts an impressive display of artwork. Items range from individual note-cards to matted prints, canvas reproductions, and original paintings.

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1. Be Weather Aware!

Watch weather reports for the day and know the estimated temperature highs and pay attention to the humidity as well. Some follow the 150 Rule, which is estimating your horse's cooling off potential by

adding together the air temperature and humidity. If that calculated number is greater than 150 then your horse's cooling efficiency is greatly reduced, increasing their chances of heat stress/heat stroke. If the day is going to exceed the 150 rule and you are planning to attend an outdoor show or event, know your horse's fitness level and be prepared. Overweight or poorly conditioned horses will already be suffering from exercise intolerance and will not be able to circulate oxygen or recover quickly as their respiratory system will be less efficient and compromised. After exercise in hot weather, properly cool down your horse by cold hosing its legs, head, and neck. These areas have large vessels that will carry blood to the rest of the body. Access to shade, good air circulation, and cool clean water is imperative for your horse's post ride recovery. Adjusting ride times in the summer months (to early morning or late evening) can be helpful in avoiding heat and humidity as well.

2. Water and Supplements

ALWAYS provide access to fresh and clean water sources. A horse may require upwards of 20 gallons a day in the hottest weather to compensate for loss due to sweating. Keep this in mind when preparing buckets and tanks for stalls or turnout. If your horse gets water from a tank or a trough it should always be clean. Water that sits stagnant for long can harbor algae, mosquito larva, or just have a bad taste. Besides causing inefficient cooling, prolonged dehydration is a direct contributor to colic. Electrolytes or electrolyte infused water can be added if your horse is sweating excessively or needs additional compensation. When adding electrolytes or electrolyte water be sure to offer plenty of fresh water as well.

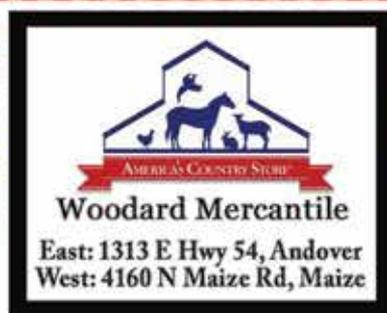
3. Appropriate Housing

A well ventilated shelter or a shaded area in turnout is also helpful to avoid the harsh summer sun and

maintain proper body temperature. Be sure if your horse is stabled during the heat of the day that the stall has good ventilation and/or fans. A fan is a great tool to cool your horse if used safely. Be sure they are hung in a secure location, the cord is not exposed to your horse, and it is kept clean. Barn fires happen each year from faulty and dirty fans. Check them frequently and be sure they are in proper working order. Many barns adjust turn out schedules to avoid the hottest parts of day when possible.

4. Know the Signs of Heat Stroke

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Abilene Muleskinner Best Known As Old Town Stagecoach Driver

By Frank J. Buchman

“There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.”

The often repeated quote is generally true.

“Yet, riding in a horse drawn vehicle is one of the most relaxing pacifying forms of recreation.”

Paige Westfall insists, “Nothing compares to that heart satisfying feeling of freedom with the fresh natural fragrance of real horsepower.”

Well that might actually be miniature donkeys, big mules or stout draft horses, each part of the Equus family.

“I have them all and despite differences they’re really fun to drive,” Westfall claims. “Wherever we are people just go and on how much they enjoy riding in the vehicles towed by our animals.”

Adrenaline flowed with excitement as Paige Westfall talked about Wild Heart Carriages business developed from her love for driving donkeys.

“I was a cowgirl, did team penning, sorting, ranch rodeos and worked at the sale barn,” she said. “My husband, Lowell, and I had P&L Quarter Horses. We still have Quarter Horses, like to work horseback, and I give riding lessons.”

Interests curved when Paige got a miniature donkey in 1996. “Bernadette started out as yard art, but then I decided to learn about driving her,” Paige said. “Before long, I had more miniature donkeys, used them for driving and competed in shows.”

“Through the years it grew into Wild Heart Carriages also with mules, draft horses and various vehicles,” Page continued. “We offer diverse opportunities for carriage



Bonnie and Clyde mule team of Wild Heart Carriages pull the Old Abilene Town Stagecoach in the annual Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Parade.

rides at many special occasions.

“Still, we’re probably most widely recognized for being in charge of the stagecoach rides at Old Abilene Town,” she said.

Paige and her husband, Lowell, and their son, Brodie, live on acreage near Abilene in Dickinson County.

“We also have land in Lyon and Osage counties, but rent most everything out except we do put up hay,” she noted. “Lowell works for Kansas Gas Service while I’m generally in charge of the carriage business. Everybody pitches in when there’s a job to do.”

Acquiring her first miniature donkey from Miller Meadows at Mulvane, Paige has sold the trained Bernadette into Maryland. “I’ve had a handful of miniatures through the years and still have three now with another one on the way.”

Educating herself through You Tube Videos, Paige acquired harness and vehicles to personally train her miniatures to drive.

“I’ve trained riding horses for a long time, so it wasn’t all that different with the donkeys. It just

takes time and patience, but they’re pretty cooperative,” she said. “I drive miniatures single, as a team, unicorn one in front of the other two, and I’ve driven three across.”

Awards for her miniature donkeys have been collected at shows throughout the Midwest. “I show them at halter, in-hand trail, jumping events, plus the various driving classes including obstacle and barrel racing. They can do it all.”

Weighing 200 to 300 pounds, miniature donkeys stand 30 to 38 inches tall with 36-inches a typical



Lowell and Brodie Westfall are a big help for Paige Westfall in operations of Wild Heart Carriages at Abilene.

driving donkey.

“Their temperament is so good, stand for farrier work, whatever needs done, and they’ll live on almost anything,” Paige said. “Just a flake of dry stem hay in a dry lot is all a miniature donkey needs or wants not even grain. Miniature donkeys are scavengers too they’ll eat brush and weeds sometimes kind of like a goat or camel.”

Over feeding can develop “fat pads” on the miniature donkeys becoming a permanent disfigurement problem.

Just right size-wise for a five-foot-six, 140-pound outdoors woman except miniatures don’t have all that much get up and go.

“I love my donkeys, but they just can’t go the distance when giving rides to the public,” she said. “I needed something with a bit more size and power to pull larger vehicles to carry more passengers.”

Bonnie and Clyde, 16-year-old, 17-hands, 1,600-pound mare and gelding mule team was purchased from Smith Mule Company.

“They’re dark brown, Percheron-donkey cross, dead broke, came from the Amish, seen and done it all. Completely safe for every use around all kinds of people and situation, a perfect mule team for me,” Paige said.

After her experiences with riding horses and donkeys, Paige quickly



Championship quality is apparent as Paige Westfall of Abilene shows one of her miniature donkeys to halter show awards.

found mules uniquely appealingly different.

“Mules are thinkers. They are so smart. Once they’ve learned what is expected of them, they want to please you,” muleteer Paige acknowledged. “It took several months for my mules and me to understand each other. They know my voice and always try their hardest. Oh there are quirks sometimes, but they are ‘asses’ you know.

“My husband always tries to jive me that’s why my mules and I get along so well,” the mule-driver smiled.

Still love for horses remained with Paige’s desire to drive. “I thought about training my Quarter Horses to drive, but decided to get a draft team,” she said. An 18-hand team of 2,000-pound Shires was purchased and used for a time.

“They were pretty but just more than I needed, so I got a smaller team Slim and Shorty,” Paige continued. “From a six-horse hitch, they’re black, Percheron-Morgan cross geldings, 16-hands, about 1,300-pounds.

“Oh the draft horses are a bit frisky on a cool morning. I take ‘em out a mile at a trot and they calm right down,” she credited.

Two sets of harnesses are required, because of the difference in size between the mules and the horses.

“I have Biothane harnesses because they’re lighter weight, just as strong or stronger, and easy to handle and care for. Much better for me than a heavy expensive leather harness,” Paige said.

“We have some carts, two four-wheel wagons for a dozen passengers each, and a vis-à-vis carriage for special occasions,” Paige said. “Of course, what we drive most is the stagecoach owned by Old Abilene Town.

“It was acquired in 1959, a replica of those stagecoaches used in the

late 1800s. The stagecoach is stored at the carriage house in Old Abilene Town when not being used,” the team driver said. “I’m in charge of taking care of the stagecoach. There have been a few repairs needed sometimes.”

Both the mule teams and horse teams are used for pulling Wild Heart Carriages. “We participate in a variety of events throughout the year, weddings, anniversaries, celebrations,” Paige counted. “It’s always busy around Christmas as we offer rides with both wagons pulled by the teams.”

Forward motion is essential in an equine powered vehicle but standing is as important.

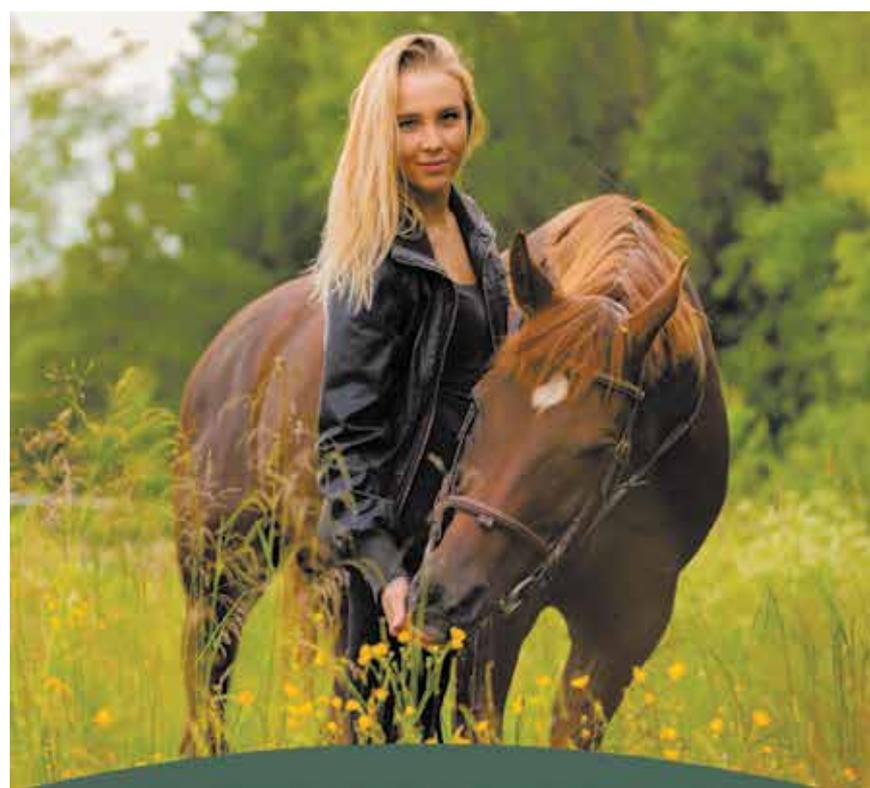
“My teams know how to stand and wait so passengers are always safe getting on and off,” driver Paige assured. “My husband and son help along with Randy and Katy Purdue as headers and drivers too. The gunfighters at Old Abilene Town assist with the stagecoach rides there. I’m fortunate to always have good assistance.

“I also want to express my appreciation to Cecil and Robert Carter of 3C Carriages. They have been the best mentor and good friends who’ve helped me so much,” she added.

No letdown in driving enthusiasm at Wild Heart Carriages as Paige looks to the future possibly only having mule teams.

“Mules have their own personalities. People really like them, the big ears, and hearing that mules are crossbreds. Sterile offspring of a horse mare mated to a jack donkey.

“Nothing compares to driving a horse expect it’s even better driving a team of mules,” muleskinner Paige Westfall declared.



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After 50 years as a professional trainer, I am very proud of all the men and women that have worked for me and have gone on to successful careers in the horse business. I love what I do and have been able to pass my passion along to help others, as they have helped me be a success also. Having a great team is essential in my business. Most of my assistants have come to me with experience working for other trainers initially. Others have been interns or have attended my clinics. To be an assistant or intern you must have quality experience, be loyal, of good character, and have a great work ethic. I asked Marilyn, my head assistant, to give you insight on what it takes to excel, step up, and learn our trade.

Al Dunning (aldunning.com)

Climbing the Ladder to Success

By Marilyn Brandt

A question that gets asked frequently in the horse industry is how do I become an assistant trainer, find a trainer to work for, or find an internship? As head assistant trainer for Al Dunning, I would like to share my knowledge and experiences with the next generation of equine professionals.

Growing Up

My first paying job in high school was cleaning twenty or so stalls every other day for a boarding and training barn in rural Illinois where I grew up. I also did chores around the barn where I had my own horse boarded to help offset the cost of keeping my horse there. It was then I started to develop neat and clean tendencies and would rake a zigzag pattern in the dirt floor. I didn't come from a family of horse people so I would hang out at the barn for hours after my schoolwork was done. I ate, slept, and breathed horses, from manual labor such as unloading hay to learning about horses at my local 4-H club. I was obsessed.

My first real work experience was during my freshman year of college. I did an internship with a cutting horse trainer in Texas. I knew nothing about cutting but I was excited to learn. My first weekend I loaded up with a client and the head trainer and headed several hours to a weekend show. There

I got my first taste of "loping" at a show. Over the three months of my internship I got to work a lot. We woke up early, saddled and washed horses, loped a ton of circles and got to work a cutting horse for the first time. I was sleep deprived, underpaid, and developed a coffee addiction. Every work experience I have had has been an opportunity to add skills to my resume and any chance you have to ride new and different horses makes you a better horseman. You can learn so much from the horses in each program as well as the people you work for.

Stay Humble

Working in the horse industry is a lot of very real, sweaty work. Working for a trainer is not always glamorous. As an assistant, I have cleaned stalls, cleaned sheaths, washed laundry, cleaned tack, cleaned the barn, washed the truck and trailer, dug the arena rails by hand, doctored cattle, babysat grandkids, and many other duties as assigned. Being an assistant requires a level of humility that will allow you to give a lesson to a client in one arena then have stern criticism a short time later in the cutting pen. If you listen to those around you, you can learn something from most anyone.

Getting Physical

Training and riding horses is a physically demanding job, in particular, starting two-year old's

and loping at shows. I am a bit older than most assistants in the industry as I spent several years getting a good education and because of this I try to take care of myself. Working horses is not really a work out for you so its important to stay strong and take care of your joints. I wake up extra early even during the Arizona summer heat so I can stretch. I have a little bit of scoliosis in my lower back from a horse accident that I manage through chiropractic and lots of stretching. I also swear by Bio freeze Gel and extra strength moisturizer. This career requires a certain level of strength and coordination to be effective when training.

Investing in Your Future

Riding horses is not just a hobby. It's a lifestyle and hopefully a

passion. Finding the right person to work for is a major factor in your future success. It is important to find someone who will invest in your career and take the time to teach you the trade. Some trainers see interns and assistants as cheap sources of labor. Others mean well but don't have the time to teach you because they have too many horses in training and not enough help. Others can't afford to pay you what it costs to eat and live but are willing to teach you as much as you can learn. There are many scenarios out there. Be aware of your worth as a person and as an employee. You will work many long hours learning from your boss, so it is important to find someone who you respect and admire.

Hopefully the trainer you find to



work for has a wealth of knowledge. They will be your mentor and teacher as well as your boss. They are going to invest their time and energy into helping you develop your skills as a trainer. Be coachable. Don't talk back. Take what you do seriously because I bet they do. Work hard. Be on time. Ask questions. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of asking as many questions as you think of them.

Educate Yourself

I worked for several trainers while I was in college. I have a bit more education than the average trainer I would guess: two associate degrees, a bachelors degree and a masters degree. I was teaching at a community college when Al offered me a job as his assistant. Al and I found each other through one of my biggest mentors and coaches in college. Dr. John Pipkin was one of Al's assistants many years ago and he was my horse judging coach and masters advisor at West Texas A&M University. I never would have had the opportunity I have now if I hadn't gone to college and met Dr. Pipkin. The education I received at Black Hawk College and WTAMU have been essential and I use what I learned in class every day. I also learned time management, leadership, and how to be a part of a team.

Educating yourself doesn't necessarily mean a college degree. Ride or audit as many clinics as you can. Read books and articles about horse care and management. Pay to take lessons from trainers you respect. Attend lectures from your local extension office. There is no wasted time or money when it is invested in your future and career. The connections you make during lessons, clinics, and shows are priceless.

A Typical Day at Home

As Al's assistant I get to the barn around two hours early to get everything ready. I generally have an intern or employee that helps me grain all the horses first thing in the morning. As they are eating their grain, we rake the hot walker, roll wraps and horse boots and get the tack room unlocked. I usually mark the board with all the horses to be ridden, turned out and put on the walker. After saddling, we put them on the walker or tie them to patience poles. Sometimes I lope a horse that needs exercise, ride a two year old, and load cattle behind the cutting pen. When Al arrives at the barn, an intern or I will have a horse ready and loped for him. They are booted up and all he needs to do is select the bridles to be used. Al will work horses on reining skills, work the flag, and while he works cattle I usually turnback for him. Once he is finished with all the horses he needs to work that day he goes to the office. I finish exercising and grooming all the other horses. Usually at the end of the day I may ride any additional colts in the desert. During the day I have someone unsaddling, washing and icing horses as we work through them. When the riding is finished, we clean up around the barn. We sweep out the saddling area, wash out the wash rack, wash boots and wraps and make sure all the bridles and saddles are put away correctly. All these details are important to Al and I make them a priority as well. Working in a clean, well-organized environment makes everything run more smoothly. At the very end of the day I medicate horses and grain them again.

On the Road

When it's time to head to a show I make sure the truck is clean and the oil is changed. I keep the trailers clean and up to date on maintenance. The day before we leave, I hook the trailer up and load hay, grain, buckets, blankets and sheets, bridles, saddles, show and work boots and many other things. Next it's off to the show with all the horses. We usually meet Al at the show as he mainly flies in. We set up the stalls and tack room. Next, we head to the show office and get Al and all the clients entered. On show morning we get there early to feed and clean stalls. It's imperative that I know the classes all the horses are in and how many sets are before them. This allows me time to get the horses warmed up, worked on the flag or cows and have them loped down and ready to show. At the end of the day we make sure the turnback horse is washed and put away and all the horses are fed again. During the day we are saddling, unsaddling, icing, washing horses and boots and loping lots of circles. Then at the end of the show it's time to pack up and drive home. In the cutting world our shows last anywhere from three days to three weeks in length.

Buy into The Program

When you find your dream job working for a great trainer, as I have, buy into their program. Learn all they have to teach you. Soak up all the knowledge they care to impart on you. Put their saddles away the way they want you to. Hang up the bridles correctly. Commit to learning their system. Don't tell them how your dad's uncle's brother's cowboy friend used to start colts. You are there to learn and be an asset to their operation. Ask yourself this question, what value can I add to a program so that I can learn and become a better trainer and horseman?

I hope this has been insightful and educational for you and that you continue to pursue your dream of becoming an accomplished horseman or horsewomen. It is a fulfilling goal and the horse world is filled with many diverse and driven professionals who enjoy sharing their knowledge. Horse training can only be learned one day at a time and by many hours in the saddle. Saddle up and start today!!! MB



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Bone Fragments in the Hock of Young Horses

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Fragments occasionally occur in young horses. Sometimes, swellings of the hock as weanlings or yearlings is associated with these fragments as the result of excessive fluid in the upper hock joint (figure 1). This is most commonly seen in Thoroughbreds, Quarter horses and Warmbloods. The scientific term for this fluid is joint effusion, and horsemen call it “bog spavin”. The decision whether to remove hock fragments arthroscopically is based on the presence of clinical signs, and the size and location of the fragments. We will discuss these fragments by location.

Despite its seemingly simple external appearance, the hock is actually a complex group of joints, similar to the human ankle. The four clinically significant joints are the upper joint (tarso-crural), the proximal and distal intertarsal joints, and the tarso-metatarsal joint.

The tarso-crural joint

This joint is responsible for the motion in the hock joint. The tibia and the talus are the major bones of this joint. Fragments that occur in the tarso-crural joint are most commonly found on the margins of these bones, although occasionally, small floating fragments also settle to the bottom of the joint. The most common location for fragments to occur is centrally on the end of the tibia. This area is called the distal intermediate ridge of the tibia, or DIRT. These fragments are variable in size from a small pea to almost an inch (figure 2). Lameness in affected horses varies from none to moderate, but these



Figure 1



Figure 2

fragments often cause bog spavin. Both hocks are often affected, but only one may be enlarged. These fragments are considered a form of osteochondrosis, or OCD. OCD occurs when growing bone fails to form properly due to a compromise to the local blood supply. The second most common location for fragments to occur in the tarso-crural joint is on the trochlear ridges, usually on the end of a ridge. On the lateral (outside) ridge, this kind of OCD can manifest as an irregular end (sometimes called a “dewdrop”), but

can also form fragments of varying size. On the medial (inside) ridge these fragments are often outside the joint and not significant. The third most common location for OCD fragments is on the medial malleolus, a structure on the inside of the tibia. These fragments and the bed where they originate on the tibia can be difficult to see unless the radiograph is positioned correctly.

Fractures of the tarso-crural joint are much less common than OCD in the tarso-crural joint. These generally occur on the outside end of the tibia, or the end of the talus. Horses with these fractures have bog spavin, and are lame.

The proximal intertarsal joint

This joint space has little motion in it, and it communicates with the tarso-crural joint. Small free fragments are found in the pocket it forms with the upper joint, and can be associated with bog spavin. Other medial fragments can occasionally be seen that are deeply embedded in the soft tissues and are not associated with effusion or lameness.

The distal intertarsal joint and tarsometatarsal joint

These two joints will be considered together as they are affected with similar radiographic findings. These joints also are responsible for only small amounts of motion in the hock. Radiographically the most common abnormality is arthritis which can have small fragments associated with it. Usually there is no clinical sign affecting young horses with arthritis in these joints, although

lameness can be seen if the joint damage is severe. Larger fractures of these bones can occur (slab fractures), but are very uncommon in young horses. Older horses frequently develop arthritis in these joint with use.

Surgical Treatment

Horses can compete successfully with fragments and effusion; however, the inflammation can limit the length and quality of their career. The purpose of surgery is to remove fragments and damaged cartilage to eliminate or reduce joint effusion and maximize the length and quality of a racing career. Occasionally, horses will have effusion or lameness without radiographic fragments, and a diagnostic arthroscopy can be performed to find and treat cartilage lesions not apparent on radiographs. Available evidence supporting or refuting the benefits of surgery for hock fragments is a bit contradictory, so I will provide my opinion based on my experience as a surgeon and as an evaluator of young race horses.

- DIRT lesions: small, asymptomatic (no lameness or effusion) fragments can be left in place. However, if an opposite boggy hock is being operated, small fragments should be removed. Fragments associated with effusion and large fragments should be removed in racing stock.
- Small fragments at the bottom of the joint can remain
- Medial malleolus fragments: I lean strongly towards removal of these fragments as I have seen them cause inflammation (effusion) disproportionate to their radiographic appearance. Joint inflammation means soft, easily

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damaged cartilage, and a risk to a racehorse career.

- Trochlear ridge fragments: small fragments at the end of the ridges can be safely left in place. Surgery should be performed diagnostically if effusion is present, but most of these small fragments are not a problem. Larger fragments (8-10 mm), usually of the lateral ridge should be removed.
- Fractures: all medium to large sized fracture fragments in the joint should be removed
- Proximal intertarsal joint fragments: if there is no effusion, it is not necessary to remove these fragments. They can be removed during a diagnostic arthroscopy if effusion is present.
- Distal intertarsal and tarsometatarsal joint fragments are not surgically accessible

Healing without surgery

Serial radiography of young stock has shown that some OCD lesions heal. Most evidence suggests that the capability to heal is greatly diminished by the time a horse reaches 10 months of age, so surgery for mildly affected horses should wait until that time. Young horses with severe clinical signs, however, may benefit from earlier surgery to get an early control of joint inflammation.



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COWGIRLS AND COWDOGS!!!

By Laura Stimatze

I have to share my latest adventure in the Wild West!! July was the most amazing time for me as I traveled with three of my dogs and a good friend to do a clinic in Big Timber Montana and then on to Idaho to the first ever Idaho Women's Cowdog Clinic and Retreat!

The Big Timber Clinic was a fundraiser for The Art of the Cowgirl fellowship program! This funds inspiring artists to go learn cowgirl craftsman's skills such as saddle making, bit making, rawhide braiding and many other things. Their teachers are some of the best in the world! This is an amazing event held in January in Arizona!

The dogs in Montana came in a variety of breeds. I got introduced to the Idaho shag. Something totally new to me. We made great progress with all the dogs there and made some great new friends! Looking forward to Art of the Cowgirl horseback Cowdog trial and Cowdog sale in January along with all the great Horse events! Tammy Pate has put together one of the greatest women's ranch events of all time!

I had one day for travel and arrived in Indian Valley Idaho for lessons on Tuesday, then the

most amazing Women's Only Cowdog Retreat! Robin Brown hosted this event and also was the main instructor. With help from Keri Palmer and myself, we each worked 20 dogs a piece for two days. On Friday we all took a jet boat trip down Hells canyon. This is a must do! God's creation at it's finest! The final day was spent doing a fun Cowdog-sheepdog trial for clinic participants, with Buckles, sponsored by Brocken Circle Stockdogs.

July was amazing to say the least. So now I'm headed back to Owasso, Oklahoma. I have a pretty busy fall schedule there at CPH Arena. We have a Women's Only Cowdog Clinic set for September 25-27. Robin Brown will be coming to help teach this year. A CCA cattle dog trial will be Oct 3-4 and we will have sorting Oct 10.

I have started an apprenticeship program of sorts. Here are the details: Cowdog Training Program costs \$1,250 and includes five days of working dogs of all levels. This will be hands on training of six plus hours a day. You can bring two dogs of your own if you like. But you will be working many others dogs of all levels, being mostly



Keri Palmer, Robin Brown and Laura Stimatze — instructors for Women's clinic Idaho

Border Collies. I have sheep and cattle available. We have an indoor arena or many different outside places to work so weather is not an issue. August training will be done very early in the mornings. So if you book then, be prepared. The cost of \$1,250 includes room and board at my house. You will have a private room and bathroom to yourself. I will be getting my daily work done and my dogs worked, so don't expect to be catered to. If you'd like to bring a horse to mess with or work from part time, it will be an extra \$100 for grass hay, and a pen of your choosing (we have all types) included. You furnish your

grain. All dogs and horses must be vaccinated, out of state horse coggins required.

I will be booking 2-3 positions per month starting in August. If you have questions or are interested in booking your spot, please contact me at 620-546-3737. A \$250 deposit is required to hold your reserved spot.

Dogs and horses are inspiring creatures. God has blessed me with both. If you are interested in any of these events please let me know. We also have plans for a few horse clinics this fall. Details coming soon.



Art of the Cowgirl Clinic Big Timber Montana



Women's Cowdog Clinic and retreat Indian Valley Idaho

Stallion Owner Futurity Makes Big Changes

By Laura McCracken

Northwest Missouri Stallion Owner's Futurity is making changes to a very established Futurity. The growing interest in ranch horses, affordability for horse owners, breeders and exhibitors, has encouraged the Futurity to look towards the Future of the Futurity. Previously, the Futurity mainly focused their Futurity program towards the Weanlings through 2 Year Old horses. This year comes with big changes adding three and four year olds to the Futurity. The board felt that there needs to be a place in the Futurity for those horses to further their show careers from babies through their four year old year. The 2020 Show Bill has classes for Futurity Offspring and Open Classes. The board is aware that there will be growing pains in opening up the Futurity; however they are all willing to put in the work to make the Futurity bigger and better each year. The 2020 NWMSOF will be held at the Missouri State Fair Grounds on October 4, 2020. We encourage everyone to come and compete, consider putting your Stallion(s) in the Futurity and giving horse people the opportunity to come and see what our Futurity Stallions offspring have to offer. You may find a stallion that suits your mare, a colt to purchase; but most definitely find horse people trying to bring a very special show to the Midwest. Check out our Website at northwestmissouristallionownersfuturity.com. Email us at nwmsof@yahoo.com and we would be happy to reply back via email or phone call with any questions you have!!

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What is Cushing's Disease in Horses?

Aimee Robinson
Valley Vet Supply

A first-hand account details the most common hormonal disorder affecting horses and ponies

After 17 years of marriage, she heard her husband say he was ready for a horse of his own. Casey Olson, an equestrian since age five who has ridden in everything from dressage to barrel racing, was thrilled. Trying her best to contain her excitement, she asked Chris what his dream horse would be. Finding a "tall, broad, safe horse with 'cool coloring like a Paint'" would be a tall order to fill. But within just two weeks, Casey found a horse that more than checked all the boxes – an 18-year-old Paint horse named Dodger. "He instantly fell in love with him. He's a perfect fit," Casey said.

"When he came to us, he was extremely overweight with a crested neck. His mane moved like a separate entity. It was like he was bubble-wrapped. We put him on a slow weight-loss diet, but during the winter, we noticed he wasn't holding his weight well. His coat has gotten long and curly, his mane was wavy and he was losing all of his top line. When spring came, the other horses were shedding, but Dodger didn't shed at all."

Perplexed, Casey put in a call to her veterinarian, who also cared for Dodger when he was with his previous owner. During his examination, she knew right away there was something different about him. His coat condition and weight had never been an issue before, and he was receiving excellent care. The likelihood he had developed Cushing's Disease was high, but

thankfully they had caught it early.

"We finally had our answer," Casey's husband, Chris, said. "It was not great news, but we knew what we needed to do now."

Cushing's Disease in Horses

Cushing's disease, also known as PPID (Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction), is the most common hormonal disorder affecting horses and ponies. Equine Cushings impacts up to 30 percent of horses and ponies more than 15 years old. While the disease occurs most frequently in senior horses, horses as young as five have been diagnosed with the disease. The disease causes the horse's pituitary gland at the base of the brain, which controls body functions through hormone levels, to work double-time, which results in a variety of lifelong problems for affected horses. Often, signs of Cushings in horses go unnoticed.

Symptoms of Cushings in Horses

- Decreased athletic performance
- Loss of muscle mass
- Change in attitude or energy
- Delayed shedding or no shedding at all
- Excess fat on tail head or neck
- Infertility
- Abnormal sweating
- Laminitis
- Blindness

Experts recommend that horse owners perform frequent health checks to identify early signs. An early diagnosis can have a profound impact on how the horse responds to treatment before other signs appear.

Treatment for Cushings in Horses

Prascend is FDA-approved to manage Cushings in horses. Treatment with Prascend can improve an affected horse's well-being and overall quality of life, reducing common signs of Cushings in horses, as well as risks for other illnesses associated with the disease.

"Right now, Dodger is on one pill of Prascend a day," said Casey, who ordered the prescription medication from veterinarian-founded and veterinarian-owned, Valley Vet Supply. "My vet said, 'Valley Vet is great; if you put the order in, they'll send me the prescription request.' It was easy."

Dodger is no longer suffering from abnormal sweating, weight loss and a poor coat. With the treatment he has received, he now sports a healthy weight and shiny coat. His regular energy has returned, so Chris can enjoy trail rides with him again.

In addition to Prascend, Command IR Ultra is an effective supplement used to support horses with PPID, aiding in reducing fat pockets, restoring body condition and addressing the metabolic condition. Horse owners also can help safely and naturally combat a horse's elevated insulin levels using Command Noble, which provides natural support to horses with a tendency for founder, sore feet, laminitis, insulin resistance and other metabolic issues.

In conjunction with treatment, implement best management practices to help keep a PPID horse healthy and comfortable.

- Provide a balanced diet.
 - Casey, who developed an impressive chart comparing



feeds to ensure the best diet for their horse Dodger, advises others managing the condition to "Watch the starch and sugar content of everything that goes in your horse's mouth." Low-sugar, low-starch diets are often the best approach for horses with PPID.

- Deworm as needed.
 - Horses with PPID have shown to have higher fecal egg counts, suggesting greater risk for a higher parasite burden.
- Vaccinate against disease threats.
 - Ensure horses are vaccinated against core equine diseases and any risk-based diseases that could threaten his well-being. Horses with advanced PPID may need to be vaccinated twice yearly against West Nile virus to help ensure a sufficient immune response. Look to this comparison chart to help choose the best West Nile vaccine for your horse.
- Clip coats and blanket when necessary.
 - Horses with PPID often have varying consistency of coat shedding, some shedding too frequently while others barely shed at all. Keep them comfortable by clipping their coat in the summertime and blanketing them in the wintertime.

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- Maintain a regular dental and hoof care schedule.
- Implement a yearly or as-needed dental care schedule, and ensure hooves are trimmed on average every six to eight weeks.

Casey shared how difficult it was for her to see her husband Chris going through all of this with his first horse. "It was a crash-and-burn lesson into horses. We want to do what's best for Dodger, and we will."

"I would do it all again," said Chris. "Dodger has such a personality, and he is a great trail horse that I can trust."

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Fort Riley Color Guard Soldiers Receive Horseshoeing Certification Through Training With Alta Vista Farrier

By Frank J. Buchman

Soundness of horses ridden by U.S. Cavalry soldiers has been of utmost importance since formation about 244 years ago.

Proper shoeing of Cavalry mounts helps insure efficient action whatever the maneuver for horses and soldiers.

Today is no different than the beginning when the first horse mounted Army force was established in 1776 during the Revolutionary War.

Horses had to be shod and that was not always part of military training. Typically, Cavalry riders were dependent on those skilled in horse hoof care to make sure their mounts were battle ready.

Congressionally designated, the

United States Cavalry became the official mounted force of the United States Army in 1861.

The U.S. Cavalry branch was absorbed into the Armor branch as part of the Army Reorganization Act of 1950.

Today, Cavalry designations and traditions continue with regiments of both armor and aviation units that perform the Cavalry mission.

Fort Riley's 1st Cavalry is the only active division in the United States Army with a Cavalry designation.

"Established in 1992, the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard provides a link to Fort Riley's historic past," explained First Sergeant Dale Siebert.

A member of the unit nearly two years, Siebert guides the 26-member mounted soldier team with emphasis on morale building. "Troopers and horses are outfitted in the uniforms, accoutrements and equipment of the Civil War period," Siebert said. "From privates to officers, these men and women recreate the colorful spectacle of the American Horse Soldier."

Hoof care of horses became even further from these soldiers' military training than it was in earlier centuries.

"Our Cavalry riders were in near constant effort coordinating farriers for shoeing their horses," Siebert verified.

The best solution was to do it themselves. "About five years ago, Fort Riley leadership decided Mounted Color Guard soldiers must shoe their own horses," Siebert said.

It's easier to make that military order than accomplishing what is truly a professional skill. "Since then there has been instruction to teach soldiers with farrier interests the

basics of horseshoeing," Siebert explained.

Captain Jennifer Houle wanted to take it further to offer a farrier school for interested Mounted Color Guard soldiers. "This was to include complete training in horseshoeing," according to Siebert.

Added incentive for the special schooling was giving participants a skill that would carry on after they left the Army.

Finding a qualified instructor was an initial dilemma for moving forward in the farrier training.

"We are so fortunate that Carey Macy, a professional farrier at Alta Vista, offered his services," Siebert appreciated. "Mr. Macy spends 12 hours every week working and training two soldiers the skills to be farriers."

A graduate of Girard Horseshoeing School, Macy has served a large clientele of Midwest horse owners with farrier services for many years.

Captain Liann Patrick Neki wanted soldiers to become certified farriers through testing programs offered by the American Farrier's Association (AFA).

Brandon Stubbs completed one of Macy's earlier Fort Riley programs and furthered his education to become a certified journeyman farrier.

Matt Merrill, farrier at Allen, coordinated another AFA Certification session recently at Manhattan.

Specialist Justin Mark and Corporal Wrangler Weishaar became AFA Classified Farriers during the thorough certification testing. "It included forging shoe modifications, shoeing a horse within a time limit and passing a

written exam," Macy said.

"We are pleased to have these soldiers trained to take responsibility for the Mounted Color Guard horses' hoof care," Siebert appreciated. "They also can look forward to working with horses as a satisfying obliging career after military retirement."

The certified Color Guard farriers are also responsible for handling hoof care for teams of Percheron mares and draft mules.

It was noted that Color Guard mounts are typically bay geldings including several wild mustangs.

"Horses ridden by the U.S. Cavalry were bay, sorrel, piebald and buckskin," Siebert said. "That way the commanders could tell which units were in maneuvers by



Specialist Justin Mark has received certification from the American Farrier's Association to serve as one of the soldiers in charge of the farrier work for the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard at Fort Riley.



Certified by the American Farrier's Association, Corporal Wrangler Weishaar is a member of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard at Fort Riley. He is one of the soldiers responsible for the farrier work on the Color Guard horses.

their horse color.”

The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard performs mounted drill and weapons demonstrations as well as military ceremonies at Fort Riley.

“The mounted horsemanship demonstration is an exhibition of skill and precision required of a Cavalry horse soldier,” Siebert said. “This includes various drills using the 1861 Cavalry Light Saber, .45-caliber revolver and 1873

Remington .45-caliber lever action repeater rifle.

“We participate in parades, rodeos, community events, and school programs throughout the United States,” Siebert said. “The Mounted Color Guard welcomes opportunities to make public presentations with advance reservations required.”



The American Farrier's Association hosted a farrier's certification testing recently in Manhattan.



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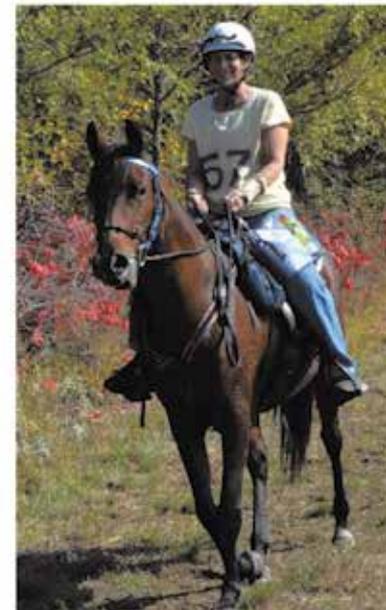


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Keeping Your Leather Gear “Up to Snuff”!

By Mike Hazelbaker

Whether you rope, barrel race, trail ride, compete in dressage or cow events, most of us have a lot of money invested in our leather riding gear from your head gear to your saddle. Keeping your tack in good condition and repair is essential to make your riding experience safe and enjoyable and something every horseman should do throughout the year.

There are two simple steps to maintaining your equipment. The first step, and most importantly, is to keep your saddle and tack clean. For tooled and smooth leather, apply liquid saddle soap to your saddle brushing it over the surface and into the tooling using a medium bristled brush and warm water. Once you have gone over all the leather, simply

wipe off the soap with a clean soft rag. This allows the saddle soap's leather conditioners soak in to your leather.

The next step, after your saddle has had ample time to dry, is to oil it up. First, check for leather darkening by testing the oil on your leather in an inconspicuous area. Lexol, pure Neatsfoot oil or other leather conditioners work well for this. Apply the oil or leather conditioner to all areas of your saddle excluding the roughout areas. Then simply let the oil or conditioner soak in before using to prevent dust and dirt from sticking to your tack. It can take two to four hours to completely absorb.

What if you have roughout leather? If you do, I would suggest cleaning it with the saddle soap and brush as

other leathers using your brush to lift the knap as it dries. When you oil roughout, you would oil it on the smooth side.

While you are cleaning your leather, take this time to carefully look over your equipment for anything that might need repaired. Double check your latigo, cinch, off-billets, back cinch, back-cinch keeper, stirrup leathers, etc. The most often worn areas where equipment tends to fail is chin straps, loose Chicago screws, tie-strings on your reins, and the keeper between front and back cinch.

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Saddle 1 After



Saddle 2 Before



Saddle 2 After



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2 Tablespoons bacon bits
salt, pepper, and garlic powder to flavor

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place the diced tomatoes in a colander, sprinkle with salt, pepper, and garlic powder. Add onions, and basil, toss to coat. Allow to drain, stirring occasionally.

Fill each phyllo cup with a heaping teaspoon of tomato mixture. Stir together the mozzarella and mayonnaise. Frost the top of

each shell with 1 teaspoon of the mayonnaise mixture. Sprinkle each shell with 1/4 teaspoon of bacon pieces. Bake the filled shells for 10-12 minutes. Serve hot. This may be prepared ahead of time and refrigerated until serving time.

Horses And Other Livestock Now Have Their Own Contagious Virus To Contend

By Frank J. Buchman

Like much of the world health and political issues, VSV in horses is a seemingly hourly changing dilemma.

Vesicular stomatitis virus already recognized by horse owners and much of the population as VSV is spreading throughout the Midwest.

Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) Division of Animal Health officials at Manhattan said VSV was confirmed in Butler County June 16.

“This outbreak is still very active with testing continuing in several Kansas counties,” explained Dr. Justin Smith, animal health commissioner.

Serious concerns about VSV have caused cancelation of a number of horse activities throughout the state.

“Several livestock event officials are requiring VSV testing before participating in shows,” Smith said. “We encourage all owners of horses and other livestock to continue to be vigilant.

“Monitor your animals for VSV symptoms and communicate with your veterinarian if you see anything of concern,” Smith emphasized. “The most effective way to slow the virus spread is limiting exposure to insects that are the primary source of infection.”

By definition, VSV is a viral disease which primarily affects horses. “But it can also infect cattle, sheep, goats, swine, llamas and other animals,” Smith clarified. “All confirmed cases of VSV in Kansas now are horses.

“However, some cattle have shown clinical signs while confirmatory laboratory results are pending,” Smith pointed out.

All premises with confirmed cases of VSV in horses have been quarantined. “In addition, any

premises with animals showing clinical signs consistent with VSV are placed on quarantine,” Smith verified.

Quarantine for VSV lasts for at least 14 days from the onset of symptoms on the last animal on the premises. “Quarantines are not lifted until a veterinarian has examined all susceptible animals at that location,” Smith said.

In horses, VSV is typically characterized by crusting scabs on the muzzle, lips, ears, coronary bands, or ventral abdomen.

Other disease signs include fever and blister-like lesions in the mouth, tongue, lips, nostrils, ears, hooves and teats.

“Infected animals will be painful and may refuse to eat and drink, which can lead to weight loss,” Smith explained.

Most animals recover with supportive care by a veterinarian. Lesions usually heal in two or three weeks.

“Although it is rare, humans can also become infected when handling affected animals, and can develop flu-like symptoms,” Smith warned.

“The primary way the virus is transmitted is from biting insects like black flies, sand flies and midges,” Smith explained. “It can also be spread by nose-to-nose contact between animals.”

He encouraged horse owners to institute measures to reduce flies and other insects where animals are housed.

The virus itself usually runs its course in five to seven days. “However, it can take up to an additional seven days for the infected animal to recover from the symptoms,” Smith said.

“There are no approved vaccines for VSV,” the veterinarian informed.

KDA has developed guidelines to assist organizations which are hosting shows and fairs across the state. “We have worked with many show officials to consider how they can protect the health and safety of animals,” Smith advised.

Kansas was the fourth state in the United States to have confirmed cases of VSV this year. VSV has also been substantiated in Arizona, Nebraska, New Mexico and Texas.

Because of the confirmed cases in Kansas, other states and Canada are likely to increase restrictions on livestock imports.

Officials encourage livestock owners and veterinarians to call authorities at the destination for import requirements prior to travel.

Veterinarians in the Journal of Equine Veterinary Science recommended four areas to reduce VSV risk.

Neighborhood: Rotate pastures to avoid grazing during periods of water’s base flow just following peak runoff. Move horses to higher-elevation pastures during high-vector seasons. Place propane-fueled insect traps that emit insect-attracting carbon dioxide, between insects’ breeding habitat and horses’ location.

Premises: Provide a run-in shed that horses can use to escape insects. Remove manure regularly to reduce insect habitat. Develop good drainage around water sources to minimize habitat for water- and mud-loving insects. Keep vegetation short to minimize insects’ favored breeding and living areas. Manage irrigation to minimize pooled water and mud in fields.

Shelter: Keep animals indoors during insects’ active feeding periods. Install mesh nets on barn doors and windows. Mount downward-blowing fans to keep insects off horses. Minimize bright insect-attracting lights at night.

Animal: Apply topical repellents and insecticides with the understanding that they aren’t equally effective on all insect species. Use protective horse wear such as fly sheets, leg wraps, fly masks, and ear nets. Reduce exposure to the parts of the horse’s body that biting insects favor most: belly, legs, flanks, hindquarters, and ears.

Information about VSV is available at www.agriculture.ks.gov/VSV, or by calling 785-564-6601.



Vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) can cause blisters and sores in the mouth, muzzle, teats or hooves of horses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, llamas and other animals.





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Hey folks, as always it is so good to be together again. So grab a cup of coffee, get in your favorite place, and let's visit for a moment.

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this paper you are reading, it's the Bible! Listen to what the Bible says about fear; Psalm 127:1-3 NLT "The Lord is my light & my salvation - so why should I be afraid? The Lord protects me from danger - so why should I tremble? Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will know no fear!"

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the God of the Angel Armies says; 2 Chronicles 20:15 "Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's."

There you go, straight from the heart of the Lord, have no fear, be encouraged, face tomorrow with joy, for the battles of the day are His, not ours. It's a matter of faith, of trust, of believing God's heart & His Word.

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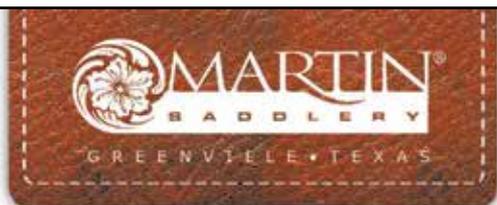
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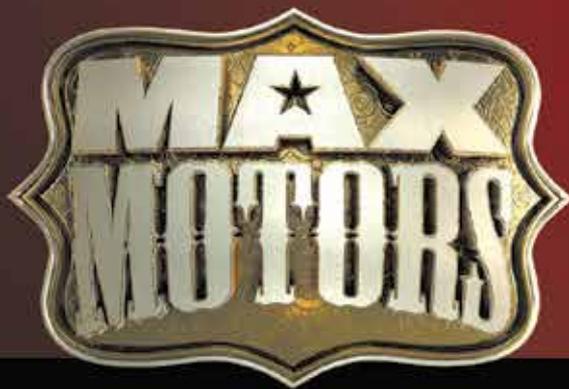
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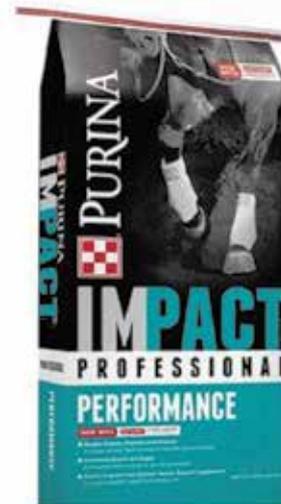
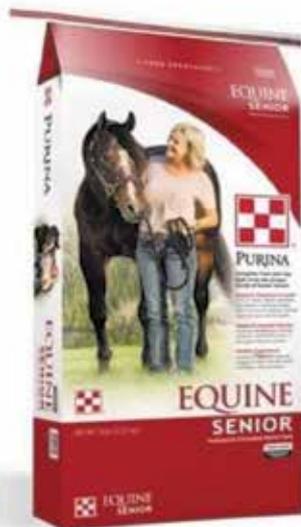
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Horse Show Exhibitors Continue Participation Online Despite Health Shutdown

By Frank J. Buchman

“Virtual horse shows are becoming as perfect a substitute as possible to continue competing in the show ring this spring.”

The coronavirus health concerns and stay-at-home government mandates have heavily impacted horse shows.

Although there have been updated rulings permitting specific horse events to continue after postponement, many have been canceled.

Most public meetings and business sessions are being conducted through computer-generated or virtual gatherings.

Virtual horse shows, sometimes referred to as online horse shows, permit equestrians to compete against one another from home.

Actually the concept is not new, but awareness and participation interests have expanded sharply in recent weeks.

“Exhibitors in virtual horse shows are video recorded riding their horses in a set pattern,” according to Justine Staten.

“The video is sent to the sponsoring organization and evaluated by a qualified judge,” the Kansas Horse Council executive said.

“These videos cannot be edited in any way,” Staten emphasized.

Videos of horses and horse performance as well as other livestock have been used as judging training tools for decades.

Events in virtual horse shows often are the same as at a live show. They might include horsemanship, equitation, showmanship, pleasure riding, trail, ranch riding, cow horse events, sometimes even jumping and more.

Halter competitions are also a part of certain virtual shows especially those evaluated by various judges for

circuit recognition.

Even speed events can be included in virtual horse shows with riders evaluated for horsemanship rather than given a time.

Such competitions have been sponsored by a number of horse groups over the years. However, since the health stay-at-home orders major national horse associations are also conducting virtual horse shows.

Among those are Buckskin, Paint Horse, Appaloosa affiliates, stock horse, ranch horse, dressage and numerous local horse clubs.

“Depending on the organization, entries often compete against other riders for prizes,” Staten said. “Several associations are also tabulating points for each entry from a rider with yearend awards.”

Some groups are having jackpots with prize and stipend incentives while certain organizations are hosting online events as charitable

fundraisers.

However, other horseback riders using the e-shows as virtual events are also sometimes called for learning opportunities. “They are not yet interested in competing, but want to become better riders,” Staten said.

“The BlackJack Saddle Club hosted a Virtual Horse Show Clinic,” noted Staten, a longtime BlackJack officer too. “This group has always been family oriented stressing horse handling, learning and safety as a key part of circuit shows.

“Following that objective, the video entries will not be for competition,” Staten emphasized. “Qualified judges will critique the riders online and provide a written evaluation that should help the entries improve their performance.

“Nobody except the official judge will be allowed to view the virtual show clinic videos. Especially important to some riders, likewise nobody except the exhibitor will have any access to the printed evaluation,” Staten clarified.

Entry fees will be accessed and

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Virtual horse show patterns can be set up anywhere and recorded by a video camera.



With worldwide health stay-at-home orders, horse show enthusiasts can now have their performances evaluated through online computer clinics.

release forms must be signed by participants and parents or guardians of youth entries.

"This eliminates liability for the BlackJack Saddle Club from anything destructive which might occur while recording the video," Staten noted.

Three patterns with marker measurement information for showmanship, Western horsemanship and English equitation are available now at www.blackjacksaddleclub.com.

"You may register for one, two or all three patterns," Staten said. "There are also instructions about where the camera operator is to be situated to record the video."

Pattern can be set up on any flat open ground or arena area. Any type of marker such as a bottle or can may be used to set up the course.

"Just make sure you measure the correct distance between markers,"

Staten insisted. Show clothes are optional for all riders.

The virtual speed clinic will include barrel racing only with the evaluation sheet to provide technique tips.

While this particular event has already concluded, many similar type virtual horse events are available for participation around the country and around the world.

While horse show exhibitors anticipate getting back into live competitions with other horsemen, virtual shows are here to stay.

"Online evaluation of horse show participants can provide year around competitions but most importantly lifetime horsemanship improvement learning experience," Staten concluded.



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Dear Maggie

Interest rates are really low and we are finally ready to find our own dream horse property. We have lots of ideas but what are some of the key things that we should have on our wish list?

Can't Wait to Have my Horses Home!

Dear Can't Wait to Have my Horses Home –

Congratulations!! It is exciting to start horse property shopping and you are smart to start with a good list of what you want. Once you have your list, prioritize the items into MUST have and LIKE to have. No property will be perfect so bring your list to each showing and make notes based upon your prioritized list.

Here are some items to consider:

- Quality Land – reshaping land to make it horse friendly is expensive and requires lots of maintenance.

Try to start a high ratio of usable land and the more the better.

- Water Management on many rural properties may be on a well. You want an inspection of the well for not only quality, but quantity. A good well can be a positive but a bad well can be a nightmare.

-If the property is on a public water source, make sure to get monthly water costs for at least the previous 12 months.

- Plumbing – make sure the plumbing system is of quality and has been maintained. Burst pipes in the winter are no fun.

- Drainage – how well does the property drain? Check for erosion and signs of poor drainage.

These will only get worse and will require attention and maintenance.

Strong, Safe Fencing – Fencing is expensive. If the fencing is not well maintained and safe, you will have an immediate expense in making it so. Or, you will have vet bills. Look for fencing that has posts no more than 10' apart and constructed with safe materials. Wide, solid gates are also important so that you can get equipment through them.

Stable – A well situated barn should be structurally solid with a grain room, tack room, solid stalls at least 12x12, safe electricity and easy access to water. The barn should be well ventilated but not drafty. Examine all the electricity and boxes well. Has it been professionally installed and maintained. Any loose wire, overloaded outlets, DIY work, use of many extension cords are all red flags. Presentation – Take note of your first impressions of the property. Is the property neat, clean, mowed? Is the barn clean, swept, stalls clean, rodent free? Is the house clean and well maintained? You are touring a property on a good day when it should be well presented. If it is not, then you need to question how well it is maintained on a regular day.

Good Luck!!!

Maggie





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