

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Stoner Ridge Farm News



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I must admit, if I'm honest, that I am glad to put February behind me. It is a month filled with erratic weather - snow then rain, then mud, then ice, and every once in awhile, there will be a sunny day thrown in just to tease us into believing that spring is just around the corner. It is not quite late enough in the year to make any significant plans so it is a somewhat restless time. There's only so much cleaning and organizing you can do before you gotta get out and about.

This year was particularly difficult due to so many folks becoming sick. Thankfully, we got over our colds and covid with no lasting affects. The horses have stayed well through it all and are working to build muscle since everyone has been put back in training. We brought Marietta up from the pasture this week. We also welcomed WOF's Wind Commander (Ann Day) and DHS's Diamond Broker (Melisse Sharkey) back last Saturday. Melisse, James, and their friend Debra brought the boys as they came to the RMHA Banquet. It was great to have them attend with us this year.

Over 130 people gathered at the Bluegrass Stockyards for a catered meal from Red State BBQ. The office was open so folks could take a quick tour. The tack store next to the office also stayed open for us so we could browse their wares. The awards themselves were given in the sales arena which was nicely decorated and draped



with the red, black and gold colors of the RMHA. (See more about the awards on p. 4 & 5). Even though there was some heated discussion at the beginning of the membership meeting, folks settled down and we all had a great time. I'm glad there were so many people who joined us this year. Something new was the stallion breeding auction. There were four stallions selected. The bidding was strong but Tana Wells won Silver's. He bid was the highest of the night! Woo Hoo.

It seems like part of what we do when we have some time to kill, is to grab our phones and look to see what's new on Facebook. While it isn't always productive, we do find things from time to time that prove beneficial. I happened to run across the up-coming Southern Equine Expo in Murfreesboro, TN. It is



similar to the Equine Affaire. They have a colt starting competition, vendors and clinicians as well as the Smoky Mountain Trail Challenge. As Bob read more about it, he became intrigued. After doing some checking he decided that he wanted to compete with Duncan. Well we told Barbara and she also decided to take Mindy and then Mary K. and Donnie decided go to TN to celebrate their anniversary. We are excited. It will help to put the winter blues behind us.

The RMHA Judging Clinic will be held on March 12th. Originally, the entire event was scheduled to be at the Bluegrass Stockyards but since they don't have an arena, the under saddle part will be held at SRF. Wayne Hipsley has agreed to conduct the clinic once again. He will also be heading up the entire RMH judging program for 2022. He will attend shows and provide continual education and feedback for the judges.

Now that February is behind us, we are looking forward to spring! Blueberry will foal soon, events are being scheduled, and show season will soon be here. There is much to celebrate! Can't wait until we are out going to events together!





Invoice Design to Change

Each year, after our visit to the CPA, we look for ways to economize and streamline how we take care of business here on the farm. Charlie and I have been talking about moving away from our QuickBooks accounting program. It is expensive and it has many more options than we need. We believe we can provide better service to clients by going a different route. Clients will continue to receive an emailed invoice toward the beginning of each month but the format will look a little different. The design will be built in March and be used April 1st. Payment using checks or Venmo work well for Charlie. Please continue sending send payment to him at 323 Youngs Mill Rd., Paris, KY 40361. If you have any questions, please give us a call and we'll help all we can.

The invoices normally sent on the 1st were a little delayed this month due to working with the CPA and getting taxes for the farm finalized. Are you all as happy as I am to get that out of the way? We are now officially ready for spring!



Important Dates

March 12 RMHA Judge's Clinic, Bluegrass Stockyards, Lexington, KY/SRF, Paris, KY live judging in the afternoon March 17-20 Southern Equine Expo, Murfreesboro, TN March 24-27 Road to the Horse, Alltech Arena, KY Horse Park, Lexington, KY April 2-3 Highlander Ranch RMHA B Open Gaited Show, Waco, TX **April 7-10** Equine Affaire, Columbus, OH May 6 NWHA Gaited Rumble RMHA B Show, Belton, TX May 7 RMHA B Spring Kickoff, Morgan County Equestrian Park, West Liberty, KY May 7 NWHA Gaited Rumble RMHA B Show, Belton, TX May 14 Sharon Copher Memorial RMHA A Show, Lions Club Park, Owingsville, KY May 14 RMHA B Summer Celebration Open Gaited Horse Show, Lone Hickory Arena, Yadkinville, NC May 15 RMHA B Summer

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May 21 NMHA Memorial Premier RMHA B Show, Brodhead, KY

May 28 RMHA B Bluegrass Showcase, Morgan County Equestrian Park, West Liberty, KY

June 3-4 NMHA RMHA B Summer Classic, Liberty, KY June 11 Lee County Saddle Club Summer Celebration RMHA B Show, Beattyville, KY

June 18 Get Your Pink On

RMHA A Show, Lions Club Park, Owingsville, KY June 25 RMHA B Bill Corey Memorial Horse Show, Beattyville, KY **July 15** Tollesboro Lions Club RMHA B Show, Tolles-July 15-17 MHA United We Stand RMHA B Show, Bowling Green, KY July 30 Gaited Horse Gala/ Lady Eagles Soccer Team Horse Sow, Morgan County Equestrian Park, West Liberty, KY Aug. 20 Southeast Summer Championship Open Gaited Horse Show, Great Smoky Mountain Horse Expo, White Pine, TN Aug. 21 Southeast Summer Championship Open Gaited Horse Show, Great Smoky Mountain Horse Expo, White Pine, TN Sept. 7 - 10 RMHA International, Kentucky Horse Park,

Prayers Please

Lexington, KY

Last month, Steve Heuselin lost his sweet mother, Betty. We have been lifting them up in prayer knowing God will hold those who knew and loved Betty close to Him during this time of loss. Also, please remember all those who are fighting in Ukraine. Our

hearts go out to all the families and soldiers.

We're praying for peace and sovereignty for this nation.





Updates

Vaccinations and Coggins will be done by Dr. Travis McVey on Friday, March 18th. That will give the horses a weekend to get over any stiffness or soreness. We recommend a 6 way and strangles intranasal vaccines. Please let Charlie know if you would like to have the vet do any additional vaccinations. Charlie will connect with the owners of horses that are new to SRF to check on their previous vaccination/Coggins schedule. Deworming will also be done in March a week or two after the vaccinations. Dr. McVey recommends we use Quest Plus Gel. We will buy in bulk and extend the best price we can on to you all on you April invoice.

Congratulations

We want to extend our congratulations to Nick and Page McCarty. They recently learned they are going to

have a baby! We are so excited for them!



Charlie DeAtley for Magistrate



An Irish Prayer:

May God give you, For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends, A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.

Front Page News

Look what's on the front page of The Bourbon County Citizen newspaper - "Charlie DeAtley Announces his Candidacy for Magistrate"! We are excited for this new opportunity for Charlie to become more involved in his district. It includes portions of Paris and Millersburg. Even though the article is small pictured here, the text is similar to what was in the last newsletter. He will be attending meetings a couple of evenings a month but other than that, not much time is required. He will continue managing SRF as always. He is introducing himself to members of the community and discussing issues with them. We will see what the voters decide in November. We all wish him the best!











RMHA High Point Awards

2021 COUNTRY TRAIL PLEASURE HIGH POINT CHAMPIONS

PLEASURE HIGH
POINT CHAMPIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to
Julie Tucker
First Place
Amateur Country Trail Pleasure High Point Award







CONGRATULATIONS to Silver's Jazz Master / Steve & Susan Heuslein Second Place Geldings Country Trail Pleasure High Point Award



CONGRATULATIONS to Sundown Sierra / Steve & Susan Heuslein Third Place 3 Year Old Country Trail Pleasure High Point Award



CONGRATULATIONS to
DMH's Bella Angel / Julie Tucker
Second Place
Country Trail Pleasure
Championship High Point Award



In addition to the banquet, the RMHA had a virtual presentation for the 2021 year end High Point Awards. Thanks to Julie Tucker for developing the Power Point. Hats off to all who belped tabulate Versatility, Trail and Show high points.

2021 TRAIL PLEASURE HIGH POINT CHAMPIONS







2021 SHOW PLEASURE HIGH POINT CHAMPIONS









CONGRATULATIONS to Justin Sharkey Fifth Place Youth Show Pleasure Championship High Point Award





2021 RMHA High Point Awards, Continued

Country Trail Pleasure















Trail Pleasure



CONGRATULATIONS Steve Heuslein Third Place (Tie) Amateur Trail Pleasure Championship High Point Award



CONGRATULATIONS to Charlie DeAtley Second Place Men's Trail Pleasure High Point Award



CONGRATULATIONS to Rocky Creek's Little Lady / Joann & Leo Greene Third Place (Tie) 3 YO Trail Pleasure High Point Award



CONGRATULATIONS to RNB's Choco Dock's Marietta / Steve & Susan Heuslein Third Place Trail Pleasure Championship High Point Award



Youth Award of **Excellence**



CONGRATULATIONS to 12-17 RMHA White Achievement Winner!!

Ruby DeAtley

Show Pleasure



CONGRATULATIONS to PBF's Simon Barjonah , Steve & Susan Heusleii Second Place Stallions Show Pleasure High Point Award



CONGRATULATIONS to Melisse Sharkey First Place Novice Show Pleasure High Point Award



CONGRATULATIONS to Justin Sharkey Fourth Place Youth 12-17 Show Pleasure **High Point Award**

Trail Obstacle



CONGRATULATIONS Mary Kelley Tucker Second Place (Tie) **Adult Trail Obstacle**



CONGRATULATIONS to Charlie DeAtley Third Place (Tie) Adult Trail Obstacle







Western Pleasure (Tie)



CONGRATULATIONS to WOF Wind Commander/ Ann Day Second Place (Tie) Western Pleasure High Point Award





CONGRATULATIONS to
Black Market Diamond /
Steve & Susan Heuslein
Second Place (Tie)
Western Pleasure High Point
Award



