

# Stoner Ridge Farm News

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It's Showtime!!

## Important Dates

**May 7** RMHA B Spring Kick-off, Morgan County Equestrian Park, West Liberty, KY

**May 14\*** Sharon Copher Memorial RMHA A Show, Lions Club Park, Owingsville, KY

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

**June 10 (Friday)** RMHA B Show for Carter County Shrine Club, Olive Hill, KY

**June 11** Lee County Saddle Club Summer Celebration RMHA B Show, Beattyville

**\* 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 (Friday)** Tollesboro Lions Club RMHA B Show, Tollesboro, KY

**July 30** Gaited Horse Gala/Lady Eagles Soccer Team Horse Show, Morgan County Equestrian Park, West Liberty,

**Aug. 5 (Friday)** RMHA B Show Carter County Shrine Club, Olive Hill, KY

**Aug. 6** Mountain Horse Celebration RMHA B Show, Morgan County Fairgrounds, 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** No points will be given toward High Point Awards - RMHA International, Kentucky Horse Park



Thank you for defending our freedoms!

## Horses, Hard Work, and a Whole Lot of Fun!!!

April was a month of ups and downs weather wise here in Kentucky. We had a little bit of everything all at once. Fortunately, we have had weather in the 70's recently which makes horsing around all that much more fun!

The first weekend of April, Mary K., Julie and Mary Kelley Tucker, and I headed north to the Equine Affaire in Columbus, OH. It is always great to listen to the clinicians, see the performances, and shop. We were able to watch Wendy Montgomery and Rocky participate in the Versatile Horse and Rider competition. Boy was it a tough course! Wendy was doing great until a Chicago screw backed out of her bridle with two more obstacles to go. Even so, she was able to complete the course. It was amazing that she got 7th out of 25 horses considering she had finish bridleless. She was awesome!

Last Friday, Julie Brown and Barbara Hopper loaded up their Rockies (Ally and Mindy) and headed out to Asbury University Equine Center to compete in the 3rd round of the Fuzzy Horse Obstacle Tournament. It was Julie's first time to compete in obstacles. Barbara had participated in the previous two Fuzzy Horse obstacle competitions though. Bob and Lyngle headed over on Saturday to cheer these ladies on. What a great job they did! The horses were well prepared and fearless. Boy, was the wobble board on the course challenging! It was a small board mounted on a wooden ball. When the horses stepped on it, it wobbled all around, but that's not all. It

was really slick on the top. Mindy and Ally took it in stride and were able to stand with their front feet on the wobble board the required 3 seconds. Not many of the horses were able to get stationary on it. They were awesome. Not only did they

place in both green horse in-hand and riding classes, 1st place in novice in-hand, and 3rd place in novice riding. Barbara and Mindy not only did well, but they were able to win the overall high point championship in the Intermediate Division and got reserve champion in the Adult Division! They won a beautiful leather championship halter. I'm happy for these ladies and their wins, but I am especially happy for how their horsemanship grows with each and every ride. Charlie has coached Julie, and Robert has given Barbara lessons since it warmed up. These ladies have simply done a wonderful job learning new skills and developing a better connection with their mares. Hats off to these two great teams!

Something else fun going on at the farm right now is that we have Vickie and Bob here from North Carolina. They are traveling over





"From sire to sire, it's born in the blood - the fire of a mare and the strength of a stud . . . "

"It's breeding, it's training, it's something unknown, that drives you and carries you home . . . "

## Horses Con't

the next month going to several horse camp grounds. Vickie came to Charlie because she wanted to work with her horse's gait and improve her riding skills. Charlie is doing a lesson in the morning and Erin is doing one in the afternoon. Vickie's husband, Bob, saddles up his horse so he can join Vickie after her lessons, and they go off riding together around the farm. Charlie and Erin are doing a great job working with this nice couple. It is impressive how much Vickie has learned in just a few days.

The months, weeks, and days have been full of horses! They are strong and steady, Charlie has worked hard to get everyone prepared. Not only have they ridden in the arena but horses have been out all over the farm. They have worked diligently on obstacles in the arena and on the obstacle course outside. The first show of the season is this Saturday in West Liberty. It is always exciting to see the youngsters in the ring. Chicago Blues will make her debut on Saturday. She is so much like her momma, Blueberry Wine. She is a mature 3 year old and handles new experiences well. Red River Diamond, Julie Tucker's 4 year old colt will also make the trip to West Liberty for his first show. He is looking great. He has

some lift and is pretty unflappable. WOF, Broker, Angel, Ember, Jim, Marietta, Ally, and Sierra will all be going Saturday rounding out a load of 10 horses. Ruby is going to wait until later in the season to take Shadow. Kemo Sabe and Simon will be joining in the fun later as well.



Charlie has been out visiting potential constituents after he finishes at the barn in the evenings and some Saturday afternoons. The election will be May 17th. He would be an excellent

Magistrate for the county. Fortunately, he will be able to continue working horses as usual.

When Charlie looked over the show schedule, it looks like we'll be going to the Spring Kickoff this Saturday, the Sharon Copher Memorial on the 14th, and the Bluegrass Showcase on the 28th. With all the Rocky Mountain shows that are scheduled, he isn't planning to go to the NMHA Shows. I'm sure you all will be communicating the specifics of horses and classes as needed.

Keep your fingers crossed for great weather on Saturday because it is supposed to rain. Not only is it the first show, but it is Derby Day. It is such an exciting time to live in KY.

## Ruby



## Ruby - Growing Up

Isn't it amazing how quickly kids grow? It seems like the last 6 months or so, Ruby has grown by leaps and bounds. During spring break, she came and saddled up horses for Charlie. She's getting her own horses ready and she is also their exclusive rider now. Dad nor Grandpa aren't getting them ready for her. She's so independent! Back in the fall, she was the one who taught Shadow to canter.

In addition to having skill

with horses, Ruby has also had great success this spring with Track. She isn't afraid to try new things - shot put, discus, and javelin in addition to running. She continues to meet or exceed her personal best. She has also participates in orchestra and jazz band. On Friday, Ruby will be attending the 8th grade formal. Next year, she will be in high school! So excited for what her future holds!



## Congratulations, Ella!



It is hard to believe, but Ella, Don and Nancy's grand daughter, is graduating from high school. She was just a baby when Nancy started coming here to ride. After graduation, Ella will be attending Northern Kentucky University to pursue a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre. The future is bright for this young lady.



## Celebrating Mom

On Sunday, we'll be celebrating our moms. Whether your mom is living on this earth or whether she is in heaven, we hope there will be celebration in your heart for all the wonderful times you had together. We pray it will be a wonderful day of thankfulness for you.

## A Prayer For May:

**May** you be happy.  
**May** you stay healthy.  
**May** you feel safe.  
**May** you find comfort.  
**May** you sense peace.  
**May** you give love.  
**May** you possess courage.  
**May** you have faith.  
**May** you spread joy.  
**May** you be kind.

Messages For The Soul



## Happy in Idaho



We have been getting pictures of Merry Go Blue from the Hurley's who purchased him back in March. Can you imagine a more beautiful place? They are really enjoying him. Ann hopes to do some trail riding soon. She has even had her young kids up sitting on his back. We are so glad he has a great home in which to enjoy his "winter" years.

## Prayers, Please

As we see all that is happening in Ukraine, let pray for the soldiers, the families, and the leaders. May this war soon come to an end with Ukraine able to celebrate, once again their freedom. May we, as Americans, bow our heads and be thankful, each and every day, that we are free to worship and celebrate our freedom.



Please pray for Bob and Lyngle's 23 year old great nephew, Trenton. He has been diagnosed with cancer and will begin chemo on Monday.

There are many young people who are graduating. They are just at the beginning of their young lives. Let us pray for wisdom and good choices as they begin this new chapter.

Martiza and Robin McVicker lost their son, Joshua, recently. They had a Celebration of Life last week.

Most of you read on Facebook about Choco Dock's passing. He will be greatly missed by his owners, Bert & Paula Morgan, his Trainer Derick Tipton, and all those who loved him.



*The*  
**ABC's**  
*Of*  
*Genuine*  
*Happiness*

Accept your reality  
Be present. Be bold.  
Create something exciting.  
Drink plenty of water. Dance.  
Exercise daily. Eat fresh foods.  
Feel your emotions. Face fear.  
Go outside and observe nature. Give.  
Hug often. Help others.  
Ignite your passions.  
Jump through your comfort zone.  
Keep moving forward.  
Laugh. Love. Learn to let go.  
Meditate daily. Make goals.  
Never give up on what you want.  
Own a pet. Observe beauty.  
Pray. Paint. Play an instrument.  
Quit a bad habit. Quiet your mind.  
Read. Relax. Reinvent yourself.  
Smile. Sleep. Simplify.  
Take power naps. Talk wisely.  
Unleash your strengths.  
Vent. Visualize your dreams.  
Walk. Write. Watch the sun set.  
Xerox your smiling face.  
Yield to your strengths.  
Zap negativity.

## Spring Kickoff

May 7, 2022

B Show

5:00 PM @ West Liberty Show Grounds

- 1) Lead Line
- 2) Open Novice Country Trail Pleasure
- 3) RMHA Youth 17 and Under Trail Pleasure
- 4) RMHA Ladies Show Pleasure
- 5) Open 3&4yr old Country Trail Pleasure
- 6) RMHA Amateur Trail Pleasure
- 7) RMHA Stallions Show Pleasure
- 8) RMHA 17 and Under Country Trail Pleasure
- 9) RMHA Mares and Geldings Trail Pleasure
- 10) RMHA Amateur Show Pleasure
- 11) Open Mens Country Trail Pleasure
- 12) Open 3&4yr old Trail Pleasure
- 13) RMHA Mares and Geldings Show Pleasure
- 14) RMHA Amateur Country Trail Pleasure
- 15) RMHA Stallions Trail Pleasure
- 16) Open Mens Show Pleasure
- 17) RMHA Mares and Geldings Country Trail Pleasure
- 18) Open Ladies Trail Pleasure
- 19) RMHA Novice Show Pleasure
- 20) RMHA Ladies Country Trail Pleasure
- 21) RMHA Mens Trail Pleasure
- 22) RMHA 17 and Under Show Pleasure
- 23) RMHA Novice Trail Pleasure
- 24) Open 3&4yr old Show Pleasure

\*\*\*\*\*Break\*\*\*\*\*

- 25) Open Youth Country Trail Pleasure Championship
- 26) RMHA Open Trail Pleasure Championship
- 27) Open Youth Show Pleasure Championship
- 28) RMHA Open Country Trail Pleasure Championship
- 29) Open Youth Trail Pleasure Championship
- 30) RMHA Open Show Pleasure Championship

Entry Fee: \$15 Classes 2-24    Championships \$30

Paybacks Classes 2-24    \$20, \$15, \$10    Championships \$40, \$30, \$20

4 Entries Required or paybacks start at 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Show Manager—Whitney McArthur

\*All RMHA Show Rules Apply

\*Must show in a regular RMHA class to qualify for Championships