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## Happy Thanksgiving

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### Important Dates

(All show dates listed count for 2025)

**Nov. 9-10, 2024** RMHA B show, Waco, TX  
**Nov. 30** Award of Excellence (youth), KHBIF Competitive Trail scores, and RMHA Versatility events due to RMHA  
**Nov. 11** - Veteran's Day  
**Nov. 28** - Thanksgiving Day  
**Dec. 25** - Christmas Day  
**March 28-29, 2025** RMHA/ OGB 2-Day B Show in Baker, Florida  
**May 10-11, 2025** RMHA, Peruvian Horse Show, World Equestrian Center, Ocala, FL

## October Updates

Kentucky has had a beautiful fall! The trees were vibrant, and there was plenty of warm weather to get out and enjoy this beautiful season. Several of the horses had the opportunity to get out on the trails. Sept. 14th found Julie



B., Leah, Mary Kelley and Julie T. on their way to Cave Run Lake. The horses did great - AJ took it all in like a champ. Of course, River (Julie Tucker's gelding), Reo, and

Axel were awesome! Another trip taken was to Big South Fork in Oneida, TN. Julie T., Mary Kelley, Olivia, Leah, Melisse, Bob and Lyngle made the trip south where show horses were just the bomb! Everyone brought food so we didn't even leave Cricket Lane once we got there.

Lyngle enjoyed cooking and hanging out while everyone else rode. River,



Reo, Ember, Axel, Diamond Broker and Duncan had some wonderful time in the woods. The next trip was to Logan Hubble Park where Julie Brown joined the group as well as Bob and Amanda Gooch. The

riding was wonderful according to all who went. It was just the right mix on the trails, and again, the trees were so beautiful. Then last weekend,

Mary Kelley, Julie B., and Leah joined

Charity, Chastity and Rebecca Maggard at Carter Caves. There was deeper water for the horses to cross and they went through without a hitch. In the pictures, it looked amazing! What great fun this group had!

Another great event this month was Charlie's Gait Clinic here at SRF. On the 25th and 26th, he worked with participants on many aspects of how to improve horses' gait and consistency. He reminded everyone that it takes an engaged rider to get the best out of their horse. He also reminded folks

how their legs and hands can work independently to help get their horses go in the desired direction - an excellent move for turning on the haunches. They talked about how a bump, bump, bump is usually better than steady pressure. There was also a bit of trail obstacle instruction. They reviewed the three cue spots and many more aspects to help increase participants' knowledge. Each day we broke for a soup/sandwich lunch. Thanks to Mary K. for the brownies and delicious peanut butter cookies. Of course, there was a time for sharing some horse stories from the past. It was a great clinic!

Also, Charlie received his buckle for Jim's International Country Trail Grand Championship last week. Thank you to Grand W Farm for sponsoring those.

With the end of the show season, many  
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## Prayers Please

Please whisper a prayer for Don Copland who has had eye surgery. He is doing well, and we pray healing will soon be complete.

Our neighbor who lived back behind the farm, Patricia Freeny, passed away October 25. Our condolences go out to all who knew and loved her.

We are very thankful that Olivia's ankle has healed well. She is back in the saddle and doing great.

## October Updates Con't

horses are being turned out for the next few months so they can just enjoy being a horse. There are always changes this time of year. Julie Tucker's colt, Reo, is now a gelding. He's going to be an awesome one for sure. Sam's Moon Shadow will be going home in a couple of weeks. Charlie has started Steve and Susan's filly, She's Unlawful (aka Bonnie); Julie T.'s colt, Maverick; Diana Hasting's colt, Aladdin and Karen and Jeff Royer's filly, Sunshine. Brenda and Larry will be bringing a filly for Charlie to start soon. It has been a busy time.

One other activity that SRF was involved in was Virtual Trail Obstacle competition #42. It was a challenging course!

### Gaited Results:

Charlie - Pepper's Just Plain Pretty - 1st

Charlie - Angel - 2nd

Charlie - Pacific Sundown (Shadow) - 3rd

### Youth:

Ruby - Pepper - 1st

Ruby - Shadow - 2nd

Bob's score with Duncan was lumped into the 60+ category but it also included amateurs. They are going to change his category to "Gaited" if you see info on Facebook . . . He scored 90 points.

Bob has begun doing a few lessons. We sure miss having Stormy here at the farm. He was always so great with the little ones. Bob got Shadow up to see how he would do. So far, he's doing great!

While Charlie stays pretty busy at the farm, he has taken a little time on the weekends to deer hunt. Here he is in one of Erin's handmade hats. The orange is great in the woods. Erin has been busy working and going to festivals. She went to Preston, KY during the Mt. Sterling Court Days for the first time this year.



Ruby has been busy with all kinds of things this month. She has come to the farm to ride some. She (and Olivia) went to Indianapolis to the National FFA Convention with the executive team. Kids learn so much from this program. There was the Home Coming Dance . . . She sure looked beautiful - and, of course, there was Cross Country. She has done an outstanding job this year of working on fitness and strength. She ran 62 miles the week before the International! The last three races she has run a PR (Personal Best) and has really helped the team. At Regionals last week, Bourbon County placed second in tough competition. They are now ranked 2nd in the state for both the girls and boys teams! That is just fantastic. This coming Saturday will be the State Competition at the Kentucky Horse Park. It will be her final 5K race of the year. We will be there cheering her on! Good Luck Ruby!!!! We're all rooting for you.



## Tee Shirts

If you didn't pick up your Tee shirts at the RMHA International, there is a L and a XXL that we have at the farm. If you'd like one (and it isn't claimed) let us know. We'll get it to you.

## A Helping Hand

The destruction that Hurricane Helene brought last month, is unbelievable. The challenges continue even now. Charlie and



Cole had the opportunity to haul donated hay to North Carolina last month. A convoy of 16 trucks and trailers took both baled and rolled hay to NC to help folks feed their animals. We sure appreciate what they did and what so many people have done to help. A good friend and past client, Hillary Tucker, has been making trips to NC. She is searching out those who are in the most need. Please contact her in messenger if you'd like to donate. Thank you!

## Schedule Changes

Charlie has a special request for November 11-15. . . There's a lot going on for him that week. He will be here riding, but may arrive a little later or leave a little earlier than usual. So if visits to the farm could be scheduled before or after those dates, it would be best. Thanks!

## Blessed & Thankful

*In this season of Thanksgiving, we pause to say, "Thank you" to everyone for all you do for Stoner Ridge Farm. Life just wouldn't be the same without you and your friendship. You all are supportive and patient, kind and dedicated. You enrich our lives as do your horses. We are so very blessed!*

## Gratitude

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

