

Stoner Ridge Farm News

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It's Showtime!!

Important Dates

May 13 (RMHA B Show) Spring Kickoff, Morgan County Equestrian Park, West Liberty, KY
May 19 - 20 (RMHA B Show) NMHA Memorial Premier, Prestonsburg, KY
May 20 Summer Celebration (RMHA B Show) Lone Hickory Arena, Yadkinville, NC
June 3 (RMHA A Show) Carter County, Olive Hill, KY
June 24 (RMHA B Show) Get Your Pink On, Jeffersonville, KY (No stalls available at this location)
July 14-15 (RMHA B Show) NMHA United We Stand, Prestonsburg Equine Center, Prestonsburg, KY
July 22 (RMHA B Show) Harrison County Fair, Cynthiaiana, KY
July 29 (RMHA B Show) Lady Eagles Soccer Show, Morgan County Equestrian Park, West Liberty, KY
Aug. 4-5 Carter County (RMHA B Show) Olive Hill, KY
Aug. 5 (RMHA B Show) Mountain Horse Celebration, West Liberty, KY
Aug. 12 (RMHA B Show) Bill Corey Memorial, Lee County Saddle Club Show Grounds, Beatyville, KY
Aug. 19 (RMHA A Show) Southeast Summer Championship Open Gaited Horse Show, White Pine, TN
Aug. 20 (RMHA A Show) Southeast Summer Championship Open Gaited Horse Show, White Pine, TN
Sept. 6 - 9 RMHA International, KY Horse Park, Lexington, KY
Oct. 7-8 (RMHA B Show) Autumn Edition, CA
Oct. 13 - 14 NMHA How Legends are Made/World Show, TN Miller Coliseum, Murfreesboro, TN



Horses, Hard Work, and Thankfulness

April was a month of ups and downs weather wise here in Kentucky. We had a little bit of everything all at once. Recently, our weather has been windy and quite a bit cooler. We can't wait for warmer days which makes horsing around all that much more fun!

The month started out with lots to do. Charlie is working daily with his horses. He was able to put Marietta back in training. She is doing well now after being laid up for awhile. Bob has even got back into the act of riding again. Martha Gilly brought him her four sweet spotted horses plus a new one, Zoie, that she bought recently at auction. She can be ridden, but there are gaps in her knowledge. Bob is working with her to get her handling easier and riding more confidently. They are also doing some liberty work together.

The RMHA Judges' Clinic held at the office on April 1st. This year, footage from the previous International Show was used instead of live horses. Wayne Hipsley was the instructor.

On April 3rd, we had to say good-bye to sweetheart, Blueberry Wine. She had a condition known in the horse community as heaves—most of us are familiar with COPD. It was basically the same condition. Charlie has written a tribute to this wonderful mare on page 2 of the newsletter. We will all miss her so.

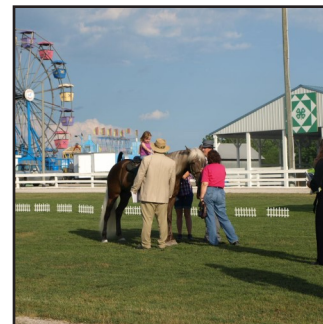
As the month continued, the RMHA held a two-day Examiner's Clinic mid-month to get more individuals ready to certi-

fy horses. It would be great if more could be done with technology to reach people farther away. Hopefully, that will come in time. The 14th of April, Mary K., Julie T., Mary Kelley, 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 not able to watch Wendy Montgomery and Rocky participate in the Versatile Horse and Rider competition this year. Boy was it a tough course! Wendy and Rocky have moved up in the standings every year it has been held. They received a 3rd place tie out of 25 horses. Hats off to this amazing team!

On the 15th I was able to attend Page McCarty's baby shower. It was great. She had lots of friends and family there. She and Nick are expecting a little girl, Zelly Page, on June 7th (Ruby's birthday). Also, on the 15th, Julie Brown and Barbara Hopper loaded up their Rockies (Ally and Mindy) and headed out to Asbury to participate in their first obstacle competition of the year. We are so proud of these two independent gals and their horses. After the in-hand portion of the competition, there was an unfortunate accident. Mindy was getting a little quick stepping as she was heading back to the barn. Barbara pulled her to the side and stopped her. When she stepped down, her right ankle twisted and she experienced a compound fracture! The ambulance was called and later that evening Barbara had surgery. She is home recuperating but will have to stay off her ankle for four or five more weeks. Since Barbara's family was with her, Julie was able to finish the competition. Julie placed 6th



Photo of Julie and Barbara from 2022



Horses Con't

in Novice In-Hand, 5th in Adult In-Hand, 2nd Novice Under Saddle, and 1st in Adult Under Saddle. Congratulations to Julie and hats off to her for helping Barbara at the competition. It was good that Julie had driven Barbara's truck and brought the horses. She was able to bring them back to SRF after the competition. Our continued prayers go out to Barbara for healing and strength.

Toward the end of the month, Diana Hastings brought her pretty filly, Cinnabar, for Charlie to start. She is coming along well. It is fulfilling to watch these young ones learn and grow.

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. The first show of the season for us is May 13 in West Liberty. It is always exciting to be showing horses again.



When Charlie looked over the show schedule, it looks like we'll be going to the Carter County Show on June 3rd and

to the Pink Show on June 24th. Please be reminded that the Pink Show will be in Jeffersonville, KY this year. The Owingsville show grounds owners have been remodeling the stalls and could not accommodate the show this year. There are a few more shows in the planning stages that are not on the RMHA schedule. I know the Owingsville Lions Club is planning an RMHA B show one day the first week of July but I don't have the exact date yet. Please check

rmhorse.com often to check. You can double click on the bold, burgundy name of the show to see the show bill. With all the Rocky Mountain shows that are scheduled, clients haven't expressed much interest in going to the NMHA Shows. Please be in communication with Charlie about specific classes or anything you need to make decisions about going forward. Thanks for all you do. It's going to be a great show season! We can't wait.

Blueberry Wine

Blueberry Wine Tribute

After 20 plus years in the business, I have had the opportunity to ride all kinds of horses. Some were just ok, some I'd rather not talk about and some will always hold a special place in my memories. Blueberry Wine was one of the latter - she was very special. Unfortunately, on April 3rd, we had to say goodbye to her. Blueberry had lived several years with a condition known as heaves. Unfortunately, it is not reversible and only the symptoms can be treated. She was able to live comfortably outside in the open air for years and produce beautiful foals again and again. As winter passed this year, it was evident that her condi-

tion was worsening and could no longer be treated. I have ridden horses with more action than her, but she still had plenty. Blueberry really was the total package. She had the sweetest personality, plenty of heart, drive and willingness to work. Even as a show pleasure horse, I trusted her enough to let Ruby (as a baby), ride with me - and Ruby liked going fast. Blueberry was a strong contender in the open classes, amateur classes with her owner in the irons and even in the juvenile classes with Thomas Howard. My first vivid memory of her was her performance in the RMHA

Show Pleasure Grand Championship as a three year old with Derick Tipton aboard. Nancy Copland bought her later and then Steve Heuslein bought her from Nancy. Blueberry will be missed but not forgotten. She was the dam to Tank Commander and Whole Lot of Blue. She also leaves behind three very nice fillies: One by Call Me Chicago, (Chicago Blues) one by Merry Go Blue (Blue Mountain Girl) and one by Above The Law (She's Unlawful). Her legacy will live on. A lot of people don't like mares, but that's because they haven't had one like Blueberry Wine. She was a good 'un!!!

~ Charlie DeAtley

Congratulations Leah Palmquist!



Congratulations Leah! She will be moving to Lexington this summer in order to fulfill a nursing position at UK. We are so excited that she will be closer than Bowling Green. Leah will be showing Ally some for Julie Brown. No longer a novice, she will be in amateur CTP as well as Ladies CTP. We wish her the very best!



Celebrating Mom

Next 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.



Resignations

Most of you may have already learned that the RMHA President, Gina Purdue, resigned last week. Her husband Keith, has been elected by the KMSHA Board to take over that program. In order to avoid conflict of interest, she will be assisting him. In addition, Mark Gordon has resigned from the RMHA Board and withdrawn his name from the election. Unfortunately, the ballots were already sent before his name could be removed. You should have received your ballot in the mail or via email this week. The new RMHA President is Janet Peters. I have worked with her on the Strategic Planning Committee and I believe she will be a strong leader. Applications have been solicited so that Janet will be able to make an informed decision about who best to choose for her Vice President (to also be approved by the Board). It is unfortunate when these turn-overs occur but we wish everyone the best as the move forward to grow the RMHA.

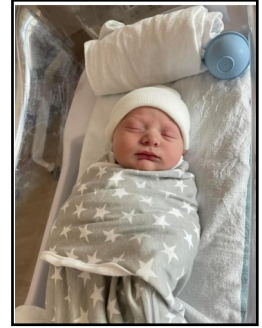
Renovations at the KHP

Barns 8-12 at the Kentucky Horse Park are being replaced. There will be two stable pavilions, each with 100 stalls measuring 10' x 12'. There will be 16' center aisles, restrooms, wash racks, muck pits, stall mats, overhead fans and much more.



Congratulations, Sarah and Joel

On April 20th, Sarah gave birth to her little boy. Wyatt Russell Richardson at 9:07 p.m. They are so excited to welcome him into the world! We congratulate them and know that they will be great parents!



Prayers, Please

We have many folks in need of prayer at this time. Please remember Barbara Hopper (as mentioned on p. 1) who is healing from a broken ankle.



Susan Heuslein is also healing from a broken leg when she fell on the ice back in the winter. She is up to 50% at this time. We celebrate her healing so far and pray she will be better soon.

McKayla Wallace is having gall bladder surgery on Friday. It seems that having a baby can cause the gall bladder to not function well. We hope recovery will be quick and she will be back to herself in no time.

Please keep Page McCarty in your prayers as well. Her little girl is due on June 7th. She has been having early contractions and is on bed rest. We are all praying little Zelle will hold off just a little longer.

Bob's client, Martha Gilly, lost her sweet mare, Daisy Crocket last month. Everything was done at Hagyard, Davis, and McGee that was humanly possible. Unfortunately, Daisy didn't make it. Martha raised Daisy and she was one of her favorite trail horses. She was often used by her friend, Sue Harkins, when they went riding out together. We know they will miss her terribly.

While there are many things we don't understand, we know the Lord will strengthen us in our time of need.