

Stoner Ridge Farm News

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It's Showtime!!

Important Dates

May 4 RMHA A - Lee County
Saddle Club, Beattyville, KY

May 11 RMHA Youth Camp L & J Stables, Georgetown, KY

**Canceled May 18 RMHA B
Spring Kickoff Show B, West
Liberty, KY**

May 18 RMHA B, Summer Celebration, Yadkinville, NC

May 23 - 25 Charlie to do Sun-crest Clinic, Shelby, NC

May 31 & June 1 RMHA B
Carter County Shrine Show, Olive Hill, KY (counts as two B shows)

June 7 Ruby's 16th Birthday

June 15 RMHA A - Get Your Pink on Show, Owingsville, KY

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June 22 Bob & Lyngle's 50th
Wedding Reception at SRF from
2:00 - 5:00

June 23 Clark County Fair Fun Show, Winchester, KY (several SRF folks will be helping)

June 28 - 29 RMHA B, NMHA
Summer Premier, Harrodsburg,
KY

July 11 RMHA B, Owingsville
Lions Club Show, Owingsville,
KY

July 13 RMHA B - Harrison
County Fair Show, Cynthiana,
KY

July 26 RMHA B, Tollesboro
Lions Club, Tollesboro, KY

Aug. 3 RMHA B, Mountain Horse Celebration, Morgan Co.

Aug. 17 & 18 Two BMHA A

Aug. 17 & 18 TWO RMIH
shows, Southeast Summer
pionship, White Pine, TN,

Sept. 4 - 7 RMHA International Grand Championship Horse Show, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY



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Horses, Hard Work, and Appreciation

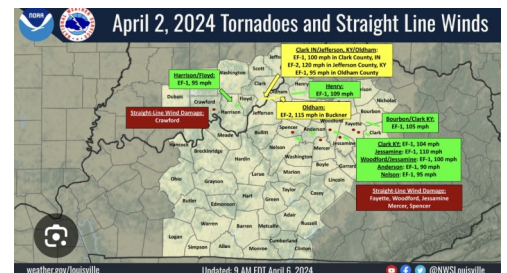


We are looking forward to May here on the farm. April was good and the weather, for the most part, was warm. There were some cold nights and damaging fronts that came through though. On the morning of

April 2nd, while we were in the barn office, we saw the weather was becoming very stormy. Suddenly, it was terrible. Rain began to blow in under the doors and the trees were thrashing around. We were unaware that there were several tornadoes in Bourbon and surrounding counties. The National Weather Service has determine an EF1 tornado touched down with winds of 95 miles per hour. From just south of Paris a tornado headed toward Clark County leaving a path of destruction. Hidden Rose Farm (five miles from SRF) was hit hard with barns, fence, and a riding arena destroyed. Co-owner, Chelsea Sherman, told reporters her farm was full of volunteers lending a helping hand soon after the storm passed. Five horses were injured one of which had to have surgery. She also has said she doesn't know if she would have had the will to go on without all the community support. A friend and neighbor started a GoFundMe account which helped raise over \$50,000 to get repairs started quickly. While there were many who



experienced damage near us, we were spared. The NWS stated the squall line was fairly long and that there was a trio of funnels that merged



into one tornado. Farms off Bethlehem Road had several structures with damage. Mingua Beef Jerky sustained severe damage as well. Bourbon, Clark, Jessamine, Woodford, Anderson and Nelson Counties all experienced tornadoes causing the governor to declare a State of Emergency. Through the effort of friends, contractors, and insurance companies life in the Bluegrass is returning to normal. As bad as it was, we are so thankful to the good Lord that it wasn't any worse.

Even without storm damage, there is always lots to do at SRF. Charlie continues to ride horses and manage the on-going needs of the farm. Ruby comes Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to ride after track practice. Olivia comes Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Mary Kelley is here most evenings after she leaves her vet-tech job at Claiborne Farm. She has had a busy spring with over 150 foals being born! Bryan is here six evenings a week after school and Carter helps a couple of evenings as well. They do a great job, work hard, and have positive attitude.

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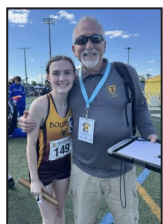
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We appreciate what they help us do. A couple of weeks ago, Bryan and Carter helped replace over 100 fence boards in the paddocks. Last Saturday, they used the weed eaters to cut the grass down by the road. Bob has also been busy around the place. He and I dug up the nearly dead shrubs in front of the arena and replaced them with Knock-Out Roses. Won't they be pretty this summer? Bob has also done a little shopping. He replaced his 22 year old truck



with an automatic, 2024 Dodge F2500 4WD. He has to get the towing hitch installed and he'll be ready to go trail riding! Bob has been riding Duncan and he added Clover, who belongs to Martha Gilly, to his riding schedule.

The girls have been busy



with their extra circular activities at school. For Ruby, Archery concluded at the end of March but track is in full swing. She has been to several track meets recently.

The first week of April, she and Erin went to Myrtle Beach for a huge track competition. She recently achieved a PR

(Personal Record) in the 800 and is working hard building speed for upcoming events. She has also been helping in the FFA green house and with other events. She recently purchased



another registered Hereford heifer. She isn't planning to show her but will add her to the breeding stock she has. Unfortunately, she won't be able to attend the Lee County Show due to a meet with Fredrick Douglas on Saturday. We sure wish the schedules weren't so tight. Ruby is also on the Small Power Team (engine repair) and they placed 3rd in the regional competition. It was the first Small Power Team ever in Bourbon County that had a girl. The four person team had three girls this year!!! Woo Hoo! Olivia

has also been a busy lady as well. She was recently voted in as President of her Clark County FFA Chapter! She will do a great job. Olivia also received several



awards at their recent Regional FFA banquet. FFA is such a great program. We're thankful for all the kids are learning and doing!



April. She was invited by Patricia from Louisville Fiber Supply to do a trunk show the weekend during Derby Season. Pictured here is the special self-striping yarn she created with the Kentucky Derby in mind: Blue Skies, Derby Hats, Mint Julep, I'll Bet on the Bay, and Run for the Roses. It makes me wish I was a

knitter!

April brought a solar eclipse that most of North America got to view. Here in Paris, it was not quite a total eclipse but it was pretty cool all the same. For the most part, though, it was business as usual here.

Jennifer Allen held the Pink Show auction. Thanks to all who donated and to all who purchased items. She has been such a great supporter of breast cancer awareness and making contributions to a cure since her mom, Wanda Adams, (Charlie's aunt) passed away due to the disease. We are so thankful for folks who continually make a difference!

It has been turkey hunting season. Charlie went a couple of early mornings.

He also took his nephew, Caleb, one morning and they had a successful hunt! He is an awesome Uncle Charlie.



Julie T., Mary K. and I headed out on April 12th to attend the Equine Affaire. We always love the shopping! We got to see Wendy Montgomery and her horse, Rocky, compete in the Versatile Horse and Rider Completion. It was such a difficult course! Wendy and Rocky placed 5th! They did such a good job!

Week before last, Julie B. and Barbara went to Cowtown for a trail obstacle competition and they absolutely smoked it! Julie placed 1st and Barbara placed 2nd. They did in-hand and under saddle. Congrats!



Then on the 20th, Julie B., Leah, and Olivia went to a fun show in Jeffersonville. They did a great job with several first and second place ties. We're so glad to see these ladies have such a great time!

Looking to what's coming up, SRF's first show of the season will be in Lee County on Saturday.

Charlie and Ruby will leave for the Shelby, NC clinic on May 2nd.



A Note from Charlie

"It's that time of year again. Time to show horses! We will start off this weekend in Lee County with a full load (or two). Looking into May, I will be conducting a clinic in Shelby, NC on May 23rd - 25th. Ruby and I will be leaving Wednesday, May 22nd. Bryan and Mary Kelley will be at the barn still cleaning, feeding and maintaining for me. I don't normally leave during show season, but this was a good opportunity. I was asked to return to do this clinic for a second time. I originally planned for the clinic to be after the first two horse shows. Unfortunately, the show on May 18th has been canceled. I will be reaching out to everyone about which shows to do next. During my absence, the arena will be shut down for some much needed maintenance. Bob, Bryan and Carter will be adding sand, leveling and watering it all down. Horses will have some turn-out time and time on the hot walker while I am gone. I should be back and ready to ride on Monday, May 27th." ~ Charlie

Congratulations Bryan and Carter

Bryan Craft and Carter Marshall will graduate from Bourbon County High School on May 22nd. They have been co-op students who have come in the afternoon to work. They will continue here through the summer. We wish them the very best and good luck with their future plans!



Save the Date

You're Invited to
Bob & Lyngle's
50th Anniversary
Reception at SRF
June 22, 2024
From 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
(no gifts please)



Celebrating Mom



May 12th, 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.



KHBIF

The KHBIF Award Letters are in the process of being emailed out. Be sure to check your spam folder if it hasn't shown up. The state has a great program to reward Kentucky born and bred horses. Of the approximate \$75,000 that the RMHA received, horse owners here at SRF received about \$23,000! Remember to nominate your horses for this program this summer (June 30th is the usual date but please double check). Sires and dams are usually due to be nominated in October.

Election

RMHA ballots are either in your in-box or should be in your mail box by now. Your votes are important. There is no one listed on the ballot for Hearing Panel. Some folks are on Facebook requesting to be write-in candidates.

Steve Heuslein has been on the Board for many years. He will not run for re-election this time. We sure appreciate all the time he has contributed to serving the association through both the Board and the Finance Committee.

Magazine

The RMHA magazine should be coming to your mailbox soon. As a member of the Publications Committee, I've reviewed the final copy. There are several great articles; ads look great.

As you know, Luka Bowman is the new magazine publisher. In her contract, it stipulated that ad design costs are included when an ad is purchased. That will be a huge savings. We are sorry about the delay in magazines being sent. Luka had a serious health situation and had to have brain surgery. She is going to physical therapy as she continues to recover. We are so thankful she's ok and pray she will be 100% soon.



Congratulations, Page and Nick

On April 24th Page McCarty had her little girl, Ida Pearl. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. Ida and her sister, Zelly, are just 11 months apart. How cool to have a sister so close in age!

Ida was on oxygen for awhile after birth but was able to go home in a short time. Sadly, She started having some breathing problems and had to be admitted to the hospital. After being in there over a week, Ida gets to go home today (Friday). We are so thankful and will be praying for Ida and her family!

Prayers, Please

We have many folks in need of prayer at this time. Please remember Page and Nick's little girl, Ida, as she recovers at home.



Donnie Eades is under the care of a Wound Specialist for his lower leg. He has been dealing with this problem for over a year. Let's pray the techniques that are being used will be effective and he will be well soon.

There was a terrible accident involving two vehicles on 57 last night. One of which was from Hagyard, Davis, & McGee. We could see the smoke from the barn. A helicopter was employed to take two folks to the hospital. We haven't heard any more news. Hopefully, they will be ok.

It is that time of year when so many young people are making serious decisions about their future. They are planning to work or go on to school. Let's pray for wisdom for these young adults. They are our future. May the Lord bless them and may they have the discernment to know the best path for them to take.

May we also pray for the unrest in Israel, Gaza, the Middle East, and Ukraine. War is horrific. I can't imagine the death and devastation they are having to endure.

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