

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. Friday, March 3rd, proved to be a very scary weather day. In California there were several inches of snow (and even more in the mountains). In Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, there were tornadoes. For people in Kentucky, heavy rain, high winds, hail and tornadoes occurred. School was called off for most districts. Five people lost their lives in KY alone. Many people had property damage. Diana Cole had huge trees come down. One fell into and damaged her swimming pool.

There was also damage to fences and buildings. Fortunately, SRF and clients didn't have any damage of consequence. We're thankful we made it through ok. We're praying for those who are without electricity and those who have lost so much. Hopefully, power will be restored soon.

March is usually the time we bring show horses back into the barn for training. On the first day of March, Charlie got Angel, Broker, WOF, and Sierra back up for training. Elizabeth Manning Riley also brought her mare, Willow, to be foaled out at SRF so her Jim baby can be KHBIF qualified. Diana Hastings brought a pretty mare, Berry, for Charlie to work. She has been certified but hasn't had much round pen training. It is always interesting to watch horses learn!

The RMHA Banquet was held at the Bluegrass Stockyards on February 25th. We enjoyed Julie, Bobby and Mary Kelley Tucker's company. Likewise, Julie and Gary Brown along with Leah Pamquist were able to come. Of course Charlie and Ruby were there but we were missing a few folks this year. Tables were set up in the entry isle under the lights. The Membership Meeting was set up in a separate room. It was a brief meeting. John Stivers did report, though, that the Racing Commission has not announced the allocation of funds that will

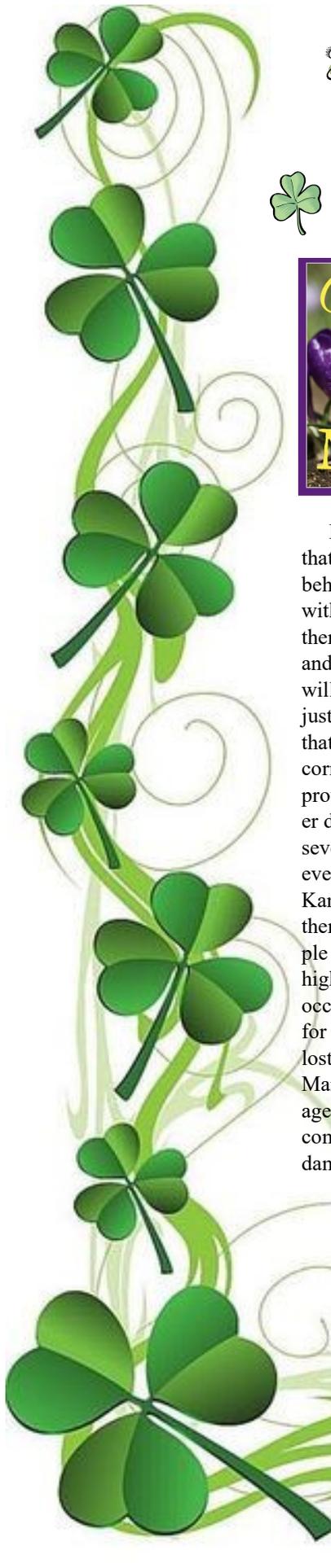
be given to the RMHA yet. When that happens, vouchers will be sent to those who participated in the programs last year. The awards themselves were given in the sales arena again. (See pictures and more about the awards on p. 3 & 4). We had a great time celebrating horses, owners, trainers, and exhibitors.

Now that February is behind us, we are looking forward to spring. 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!

Secretariat



Life-size and fabulous . . . the bronze statue of Secretariat for Secretariat Park Foundation, Inc. is a magnificent, one-of-a-kind creation! Jocelyn Russell is an amazing artist. This horse, cast in bronze, will be the center of attention in Secretariat Park in downtown Paris, KY. Nov. 11, 2023 "Big Red" comes to Main Street, Paris and it will never be the same. So excited!



My Little Farm (From a Facebook Post) Continued from 2/1/23

When you have a farm, you'll never live more fully. You'll remain present no matter what because you must. There is no other option. You'll ask for so many miracles and hold out hope until the very last. You will, at least once, face-plant in the manure pile. You'll find yourself saying things like, "We have maybe twenty minutes of daylight left to git 'er done" while gazing up at a non-specific place in the sky.

You'll become weirdly obsessive about the weather. You'll go out in public wearing filthy clothes and . . . People will look at you sideways and wrinkle their noses but you won't care. You can wash your coveralls. They won't look any cleaner, but they will smell much nicer.

Your entire day can derail within ten seconds of the rising sun. Farm work is difficult in its simplicity. You'll always notice just how beautiful sunrises and sunsets really are. Should you ever have the opportunity to work on a farm, take the chance! You will never do anything more satisfying in your entire life.



Important Dates

Mar. 30 (RMHA B Show) Charity Horse Shows of TX, Waco, TX

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April 1 (RMHA B Show) Charity Horse Shows of TX, Waco, TX

April 1 - 2 RMHA Judge's Clinic at the office

April 15 - 16 RMHA Examiner's Clinic at the office

April 22 (RMHA B Show) Carolina Classic, T. Ed Garrison Arena, Pendleton, SC

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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 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 29 (RMHA B Show) Lady Eagles Soccer Show,

Morgan County Equestrian Park, West Liberty, KY

Aug. 12 (RMHA B Show) Bill Corey Memorial, Lee County Saddle Club Show Grounds, Beattyville, KY

Sept. 6 - 9 RMHA International, KY Horse Park, Lexington, KY

Oct. 13 - 14 NMHA How Legends are Made/World Show, TN Miller Coliseum, Murfreesboro, TN

More dates will be added as they become available.



Prayers Please

Please whisper a prayer for healing for Susan Heu-slein. She slipped on ice last week at her barn. She had a serious break of her femur and was admitted to the hospital. She has had surgery and is recuperating at home.

Thankfully, Randy In-man has been able to return to riding. His injury was also serious.

Again, keep these folks in your prayers. May the good Lord return them to health and strength. We are thankful for His many blessings and His healing hand.





2022 RMHA High Point Awards

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

Welcome to the
2022 Awards
Banquet Ceremony

Be sure to check out the silent auction!
Please note on the bidding sheet the time your auction ends. Winners will be announced between awards.

Don't forget to stop by The Barn Door Grill!
The bar will be open until 9PM.

CONGRATULATIONS to
RNB's Choco Dock's Marietta
Steve & Susan Heuslein
Second Place
Mares Trail Pleasure High Point Award

CONGRATULATIONS to
Leah Palmquist
First Place
Ladies Country Trail Pleasure High Point Award

CONGRATULATIONS to
DHS's Diamond Broker
Melisse Sharkey
Second Place
Show Pleasure Championship High Point Award

CONGRATULATIONS to
WOF's Wind Commander
Ann Day
Second Place
Geldings Trail Pleasure High Point Award

CONGRATULATIONS to
Ruby DeAtley
First Place
Youth 12-17 Country Trail Pleasure High Point Award

CONGRATULATIONS to
Melisse Sharkey
Second Place
Ladies Show Pleasure High Point Award

CONGRATULATIONS to
Chicago Blues
Steve & Susan Heuslein
First Place
3YO Trail Pleasure High Point Award

CONGRATULATIONS to
Ruby DeAtley
Third Place
Youth Country Trail Pleasure Championship High Point Award

CONGRATULATIONS to
Charlie DeAtley
First Place
Adult Trail Obstacle High Point Award

CONGRATULATIONS to
DHS's Diamond Broker
Melisse Sharkey
First Place
Geldings Show Pleasure High Point Award

CONGRATULATIONS to
Black Market Diamond
Steve & Susan Heuslein
Second Place
Stallions Trail Pleasure High Point Award

CONGRATULATIONS to
Julia Tucker & WR River on the Rocks
Bronze Medal Recipient- 120 Points

CONGRATULATIONS to
Julie Brown & Elite's Hallelujah
Bronze Medal Recipient- 127 Points

Ruby DeAtley
Youth Award of Excellence
White Recipient

CONGRATULATIONS to
Ann Day & WOF Wind Commander
Bronze Medal Recipient- 106 Points

Ruby DeAtley
Youth Award of Excellence
White Recipient



2022 RMHA High Point Awards, Continued

CONGRATULATIONS to
Mary Kelley Tucker
Third Place
Ladies Trail Pleasure High Point Award



RMHA
ROCKY MOUNTAIN
HORSE ASSOCIATION

2022 High Point Winner
Geldings Show Pleasure
DHS's Diamond Broker
Owned by Melisse Sharkey.

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2022 High Point Winner
3 yr Old Trail Pleasure
Chicago Blues
Owned by Steve & Susan Heuslein

CONGRATULATIONS to
Mary Kelley Tucker
Second Place
Ladies Country Trail Pleasure High Point Award



Congratulations!



Ruby DeAtley
Bourbon Co. High School





Julie Tucker and River

Sunday, February 26th, Julie and River headed out to Pennsylvania to the Horse World Expo. They followed Amy Stefanic and McKayla Hill (with little John Dale in



tow) then joined up with Konny Troupe. These ladies spent the first part of the week perfecting their routine in preparation their daily demos. They also had a booth and stall where they had the opportuni-



ty to provide hands on experiences and were able to share information about the horse. There was great attendance at the event. Thank you for all you do for the breed! Awesome job, Julie and River!



RMHA Host Hotel Announced for the International

Clarion Hotel
Conference Center North
1950 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY 40511
(859) 233 - 0512
www.clarionhotellex.com



If you are looking for accommodations for the RMHA International, September 6 - 9, 2023, the Clarion has been selected as the host hotel. The RMHA has secured a rate of \$85/night which includes the full hot breakfast buffet. Anyone wanting to make a reservation directly through the hotel can call the number above and ask for a room out of the block of rooms being held for the Rocky Mountain Horse Association or you can use the following link to reserve your room: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups.TX61PO>

Stall Repair at SRF

Over the last few months we noticed the bottom of the stalls in the barn had become uneven. Through the course of time and stalls' routine cleaning the floors become uneven. They develop dips and holes. Bob went ahead and ordered some class I sand in order to be ready to make repairs. Last weekend he rented a compactor and a dingo (narrow skid steer type machine) to help complete the job. He wondered who to get to help. Charlie's employee who cleans stalls, said he could work and he brought a friend. Donnie and Mary K. Eades also came to help.



It took all day Saturday and part of the day Sunday to get seven stalls at the back of the barn completed. It required moving the sand to the stall, scooping it into the stall, hand shoveling, raking and then compacting. It was quite a job. Thanks to all who helped! I doubt the horses appreciate everyone's hard work completing this challenge, though. LOL

Mark Your Calenders!



RMHA Youth Camp May 5-7th

Gates open at 5pm Friday

Obstacles, Guided trail Ride, Arena work with top gaited trainers and much, much more.



CAMP APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!



Location: KY Cowtown Arena, Williamstown KY

Vaccination Update

On March 3rd, Dr. McVey, came to the farm and completed the vaccinations and coggins tests for the horses. He will be sending invoices directly to clients. I have those form for you. Let us know if you have any questions.



Travels

Bob and I spent over a week in Florida in February. We were able to connect with some of his cousins and spend some time with our grand daughter, Rachel. We went with her to Disney Springs and to Animal Kingdom. It was great to get away but we always love to get back home. It was a fun trip.