

# Stoner Ridge Farm News

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It's Showtime!!

## Important Dates

**May 2-3** RMHA classes included - Peruvian Horse Sunshine Show and All Gaited Breeds Show, World Equestrian Center, Ocala, FL

**May 9** RMHA "B" Youth Show (kids show free), Morehead, KY

**May 22** Bourbon County High School Graduation 7:00 p.m. for Ruby and Shelby (seating limited and tickets are required)

**June 6** RMHA "A" Get Your Pink on Show (kids show free), Owingsville, KY

**June 7** Ruby's 18th Birthday

**June 27** Graduation & Birthday Party for Ruby at the DeAtley home

**July 11** RMHA "A" Show, Byrd Stables Benefit, London KY

**July 17** RMHA "B" Show, Tollesboro Lions Club, Tollesboro, KY

**July 18** RMHA "B" Show, Harrison County Fair, Cynthiaiana, KY

**Aug. 1** RMHA "B" Show, Mountain Horse Celebration, West Liberty, KY

**Aug. 15** RMHA "A" Show in White Pine, TN

**Aug. 16** RMHA "B" Show in White Pine, TN

**Sept. 3 - 6** RMHA International Grand Championship Horse Show, Covered Arena, Kentucky Horse Park

**Note: See [rmhorse.com](http://rmhorse.com) for shows in AL and TX**



**Remembering our Veterans May 25th and always**

## Horses, Hard Work, and Life Lately

We are looking forward to May on the farm. April was unusually warm and dry. We are actually 6 inches below our normal amount of rain for the year. Tuesday and Wednesday were more typical. We did get some rain and storms.

It has been busy time here on the farm. Several horses have gone to new owners including Sierra Sundown and Hello Darlin' with another one in the works. Charlie and Bob have bought a couple of three year olds by Squirrel's Blackfoot that they will be starting later in the summer or maybe in the fall (Yes, I know. Bob said he was "done starting horses" but are we ever really

done? LOL). Several folks have also brought horses this month. Leah brought Ally for boarding. She is going to ride her but is limiting her time in the show ring because she has been accepted to the UK Doctor of Nursing Program! We are so happy for her!



Vivian Hill brought her filly, Smitten Kitten (who is for sale) and has left her new mare, Hello Darlin'. She's also been coming to ride and taking lessons with Bob. Tiffany Oszmanski from Iowa brought Raven for training. Jeff Lainhart brought his young gelding for training. Rita Seaberg brought her gelding from Michigan. Tina Reindl brought Journey last month. Charlie has begun working Jim again. Marietta is due to foal (baby by Jim) in the next three weeks or so. It's pretty much a full house around here. Charlie, Olivia, Ruby, and Shelby are all staying busy.

Late on the evening of April 7, Bob went out to check on Sydney who was due to foal and

there he was! Another silver black SRF's Silver Sundown colt



to love. He is precious. As we watched, it became apparent the foal had not been able to detach himself from the placenta so Bob had to tie off the umbilical cord. Charlie checked with Dr. McVey and got everything situated. Little "Junior" did have to have a couple of bags of plasma to insure he had received enough antibodies. He is gaining weight and running around like crazy now. He is Charlie's baby, and he's working on a name. What a cutie!

Of course, you've seen Julie and Gary Brown's posts on Facebook. They finally got their furniture on the 22nd. Everything is looking good. They've been able to take Ava to the park near their house. The pups have settled in and Julie has returned to work. We will sure miss them here in KY!!

Week before last, Leah and her family drove to Florida for a friend's wedding. The weather was great and they had a wonderful time. Leah was even able to visit with Ann and Fred while she was there. They went to a farmers market and had an enjoyable meal together. We were happy to have Ann and

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Fred come here and visit for a few days this

past weekend. They had planned on staying at the new Thoroughbred Hotel, but it was booked. If you need a place to stay, it looks fantastic! Fortunately, there was room at the Best Western. They got to visit with Ginger and give her some attention. She sure doesn't look 30+ years old! Charlie rode Diamond Mine aka "Gus" for them. He sure is something. He's got great conformation and moves like a dream. It is easy to tell he is a

youngster, but he's learning fast. Ann got to ride WOF a couple of times and they did



well. He will be joining Dilly and Ember who are going to the Florida Sunshine Show this weekend. On April 30th, Julie, Mary Kelley, Olivia, and Leah will head out to Ocala. They are really excited about the trip. It is the first show that Olivia will be showing in as a professional. We wish them safe travels and hope they have a great time.

Our first show for the whole SRF crew will be the Youth Spring Fling "A" Show in Morehead, KY on May 9th. The address is 25 MSU Farm Dr., Morehead, KY 40351. There is an indoor arena as well as a covered warm-up area so we won't have to worry about the weather. We are looking forward to seeing the horses in the ring again. Our following show will be the Pink Show. Jennifer

**RMHA Youth Spring Fling Horse Show**  
**May 9th 3PM**  
 at the Morehead State University Farm  
**The Honorable BRIAN JORDAN**  
 will be officiating!  
**SNEAK PEEK!** 1st PLACE PRIZES for the 5 Adult Championships!  
**READY TO WIN**  
 We're excited to show you a sneak peek of our 1st place Adult Championship class at the  
**FREE STALL VOUCHER!**  
 Exhibit at the May 9th RMHA Youth Spring Fling-- AND RECEIVE A  
**2026 RMHA International Grand Championships**  
**WHO QUALIFIES!**  
 All RMHA Youth Participating Members who show in at least ONE class!  
 Most notify the show office ON ANY STR. Memberships must be CURRENT. Bring your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.

May 9th | 3PM | Morehead, KY | Richardson Arena  
 MSU Derrickson Agricultural Complex

just completed the on-line auction. She so appreciates everyone's sponsorships and all you all do to support her charity of cancer research. We hope Steve and Susan will be able to make it to this show.

In addition to shows, there are several opportunities to complete

**2026 VTRC SCHEDULE**

	OPEN	VIDEOS DUE
VTRC#53	JAN 1	FEB 2
VTRC#54	FEB 5	MAR 9
VTRC#55	MAR 12	APRIL 13
VTRC#56	APRIL 16	MAY 18
VTRC#57	MAY 21	JUNE 22
VTRC#58	JUNE 25	JULY 27
VTRC#59	JULY 30	SEPT 7
VTRC#60	SEPT 10	OCT 12
VTRC#61+ WORLD SHOW	OCT 15	NOV 16
HOLIDAY	NOV 19	DEC 31

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 The only virtual horse show intentionally designed to help you improve your horsemanship and have fun using trail obstacles!  
 Enter at anytime before the video due date.  
 LOTS OF AWARDS: Individual placings, Team Awards, Course Decor, Breed Recognition, Year End/World Show  
**SIGN UP & HAVE FUN WITH US!**

virtual trail obstacle challenges with Kelli Paulson - the same group we have participated with in the past. We will have until November 30th to complete any challenges for the Trail Obstacle portion of the KHBIF rewards program. Remember, the points count for each horse (regardless of rider) and a minimum of three challenges or competitions are required. Trail Obstacle classes,

like the one at the International, also count. More competitions can be completed, but only the top highest three competitions will count. The KHBIF program is great for Rocky Mountain owners. The funds come from the taxes collected from thoroughbred breeding fees.

Our Rockies are in addition to horses that race. There are 9 non-racing breeds that receive funds to encourage horse activities in the state. Horses must be bred and born in KY to be eligible. There are two ways to participate: Trail Obstacle competitions and in RMHA sanction shows. More information is available on the RMHA website. Nominations will be due July 31st. Over \$98,000 was allocated to the RMHA affiliate to distribute to Rocky Mountain Horse owners. The KHBIF Award Letters are in the process of being

emailed to owners. Be sure to check your spam folder if it hasn't shown up in the next week or so. Contact Wendy Montgomery if you have questions. I emailed her to get client totals. The RMHA office will post these results soon. Again, congratulations to all. This is a wonderful program, and it is great that so many folks are able to participate.

## SRF Client Awards

The following horses were trained, stabled, shown and/or worked in trail obstacle here. The totals are rounded to the nearest dollar. They include trail obstacle, and show programs as well the nominated sires and dams.

Triple R's Rae of Sunshine \$4,208

- HBF Fearless Revenge \$1,251
- B & T's Slamma Jamma \$2,931
- She's Unlawful \$1,224
- Sydney's Little Honey \$1,362
- Black Market Diamond \$3,729
- Pacific Sundown \$1,261
- Pepper's Just Plain Pretty \$1,289
- WOF's Wind Commander \$5,128
- DMH's Bella Angel \$1,232
- WOF Glamour & Style \$2,638
- HCR's After Midnight \$2,307
- Elite's Hallelujah \$2,270
- After Hours \$1,766

Last week, we had visitors from the upper peninsula of Michigan. Rita brought her horse "Goose" and her friend, Kirin. They stayed in Rita's LQ trailer and visited the area. There was still snow in MI so they sure enjoyed the warm weather here. They made a couple of trips to Old Friends and explored our little town. It was great to get to visit with them.

Tim, Marcia Spencer came out to bring Charlie and Bob's new horses. They, as well as Chastity Adkins, have helped to get 6 horses certified. We appreciate these folks!

It has been a busy, fun time!

## KY Derby

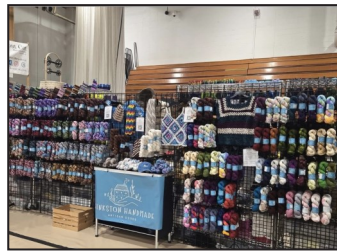
May 2nd will be the running of the 152nd Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, KY. For the first time in many years, we are not going to be at a horse show. While I love the shows, I'm looking forward to seeing the TV coverage of the race. Be sure to listen to Dan Fogleberg's song "Run for the Roses" to set the tone. Grab you a Derby hat, some refreshments and enjoy!





## Hinkston Handmade

Erin has been working hard in the shop! She does such a great job making her yarn colorful and unique. She traveled last week to St. Louis to the Midwest Fiber Festival where there was a great turn out with lots of interest and sales. Then she packed up and headed out to a new location about two hours south for a “crank-in” using her new sock knitting machine. She is the absolutely the most creative person I know!



**Happy Birthday  
May 1st to  
Charlie DeAtley!!!**



## RMHA Election

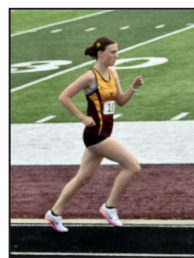


We are excited that Mary Kelley is running for the RMHA Board as Member at Large. Here is her FB statement after her introduction: “My family and I

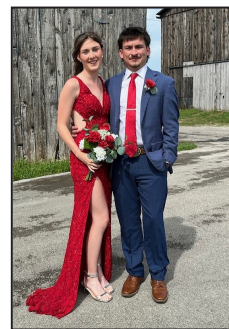
have been members of the RMHA for over 20 years now. From the state we have been committed to helping sustain and promote the Rocky Mountain Horse on the trails and in the show ring. I began showing in the youth division while my parents participated in Novice, Amateur, and AOT. As a member of the RMHA Drill Team, I had the opportunity and privilege to showcase the Rocky Mountain Horse at the 2010 World Equestrian Games. As time passed, I found myself at Stoner Ridge where I still work today. For some reason there seems to be an unnecessary gap between our members that support our association by means of showing and those that mainly trail ride. If elected, I will work to bridge this gap. I will be willing to listen to fellow members, address concerns and look for solutions. I believe the Rocky Mountain Horse has something to offer everyone, and together we can make sure this breed continues to grow, evolve and excel.” Mary Kelley has my vote. She will do a great job!



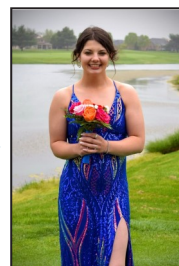
April 30th is the FFA banquet - more to come on that in the next newsletter. Track continues . . . The KHSAA State meet is the same



day as graduation - May 22. I’m not sure how the scheduling will work, but I know Ruby will give it her all. At her last race, she ran the mile in 5:25 and the two mile in 12:44. You wouldn’t believe how fast they all are. In the fall, Ruby will run for Lindsey Wilson. Another young lady we are celebrating is Shelby Davis who works here at SRF. She is top notch! She’s positive and a hard worker. During her high school career at Bourbon County, she has been a member of FFA and played softball. She will also graduate on May 22nd. Shelby plans to attend Morehead University majoring in pre-vet. We are so proud of these young ladies and wish the all the success in the world!



Here is the Archery Team signing off.



## Prayers, Please

We learned a couple of months ago that Barry Wells has been diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer. The family has asked that we refrain from reaching out as they are trying to cope with the diagnosis and treatment. I know you all will be praying .



We just learned a few days ago that Joyce Stamper had a heart attack a few weeks ago. Reportedly she has had some stents put in and seems to be doing well.

Please be in prayer for the Derickson family who lost Jamie on March 31st. He was the husband of Sandra, son of Wilda & H.T. brother to Vera, Vanessa, and Herbert Derickson. He was a member of the Stanton First Church of God. Throughout his life he has worked Walking Horses as well as the Rockies. Jamie was 58.

As graduation approaches, be in prayer for our young adults. It is a time of decision making and an important time to move on to the next chapter. Pray that they will be safe and that they will make good choices as they consider their future.

Bob has really been under the weather. Hopefully, he’ll be feeling better soon.

Please whisper a prayer for our girls and horses traveling to the Sunshine Show in Florida

We pray for comfort, safety, and for wisdom as we thank God for his many blessings.

