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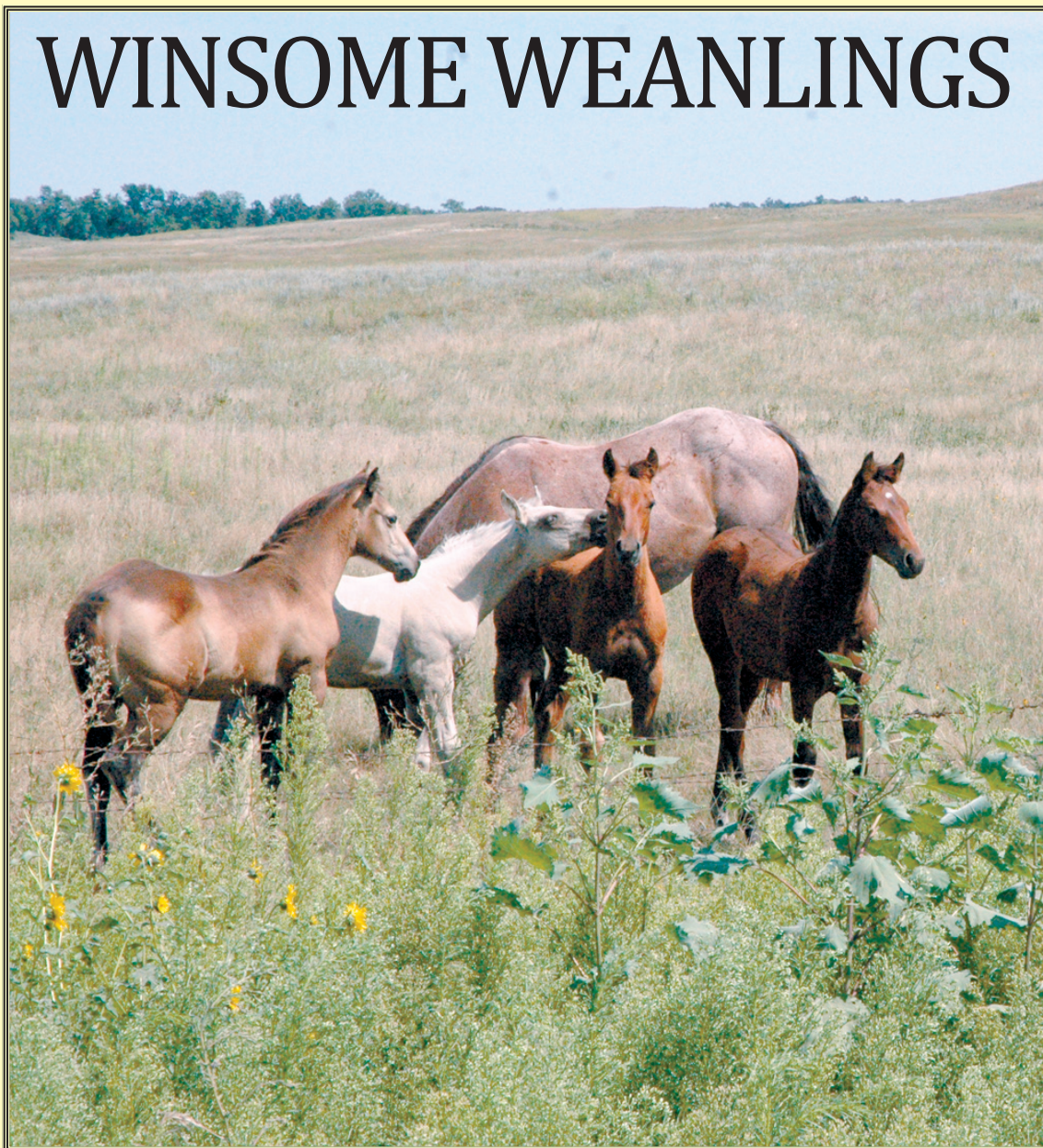
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While roaming the backroads of the Sand Hills near Sheldon, North Dakota after Cowboy Up riders began their charitable ride for cancer research, we happened upon these adorable weanlings playing with each other under the watchful eyes of their mothers. Cattle grazed busily in the background as the weanlings curiously gazed at my camera equipment. I don't know to whom these horses belong. If the owner would like to take credit for these healthy babes, please call a Valley Equestrian staff member so we may properly credit the owner.



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HRND Starting Gate

THEY'RE OFF! SUMMER RACING STARTS WITH A BANG!

By HRND Staff

Opening nights sometimes bring opening night jitters, but for the North Dakota Horse Park this summer, it just brought people, people and more people! A near record crowd of just over 4,000 racing fans filled the Horse Park to capacity on opening night, August 1, and they've been coming ever since. As of this writing, the North



HRND farrier, Skip Moody, is giving a shoeing demonstration at the horse park.

Dakota Horse Park attendance and revenues is up over 20 percent from 2007, an astounding number considering the tough nationwide economic factors facing tourism entities this summer.

Great racing has always been a big part of making any racetrack a success and the North Dakota Horse Park has seen just that this summer. Continuing our 2007 National Top 10 record for field size (the amount of horses in each race), we have seen great races with 8, 9, and 10 horses each and every day. Records of many kinds have been made this summer at the Horse Park: Perennial leading trainer Bob Johnson of Lemmon, South Dakota won his 4th consecutive Northern Plains Derby at the North Dakota Horse Park just weeks after reaching the 1000 career win milestone at Canterbury Park in Minne-

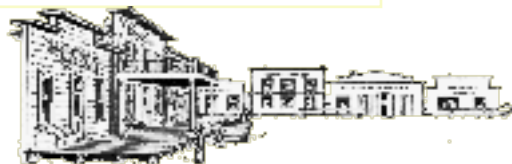
sota. Bob Johnson trainee, Suntana, also passed a career milestone this summer when he reached the \$100,000 mark in earnings. The eight-year-old Thoroughbred gelding has raced each and every year at the North Dakota Horse Park going back to 2003 when he started as favorite for the inaugural North Dakota Derby.

Another big part of the Horse Park's success in 2008 is due to the many new programs put in place for the 2008 racing season. The weekly Barracuda Buddies children's programs have brought 4-H'ers, Boy Scouts, day camps and the like to the Horse Park to watch morning workouts, meet the jockeys and tour the stable area. Stick pony races, the ever-popular Silver Scramble and Barracuda Boy coloring contests highlight each Sunday afternoon while Saturdays feature hands-on demonstrations of saddling, shoeing and feeding racehorses that have attracted children and parents alike. Sunday Champagne Brunch, Saturday night concerts, handicapping seminars and behind the scenes tours have also made the Horse Park a success in 2008.



Barracuda Boy is getting to know present and future horse park patrons.

The North Dakota Horse Park is already looking forward to 2009 with several new stakes races in the books (including a regional championship series) as well as extending their educational programs year-round to 4-H groups, FFA and others interested in learning more about the sport of live horse racing. Keep an eye out for new events on their website at www.hrnd.org.



Dreams are becoming a reality at ROAW's 7th Annual BBQ

Riding on Angels' Wings ("ROAW"), a therapeutic horseback riding program, held its seventh Annual Appreciation BBQ on Sunday, August 17, 2008. This annual event, recognized at the national level, provides a chance for the program and its staff to "show their stuff". This year the program hosted 58 riders.

ROAW has had a year filled with many great achievements and "miracles". The collaboration effort with NDSU's Equine program became a reality in March of this year. In April, seven employees from State Bank & Trust chose ROAW to Pay-It-Forward with funding



A beautiful afternoon for a riding demonstration and barbeque.

Photo by Joel Moline, I. M. Productions

dollars. In August, employees of the Fargo Office of Midland National Life requested that their Dallas-based parent company, Sammons Enterprises, Inc., consider donating funds to help ROAW get "under cover." After looking into its program, its needs, and the commitment of those involved, ROAW was chosen to receive \$30,000 to begin construction of its new indoor riding arena. Bette Shipley, Executive Director, states "It was a dream come true when I received the call. All I could do was cry! I was so touched that a company that far from us, could believe in our mission and what we are doing and then choose to help us set the stage for the indoor arena. Though we will need much more funding to accomplish our final goal, this is the beginning that we have been waiting for."

This now means that Riding on Angels' Wings will be offering a 6-week fall session beginning the end of September. Part of the ROAW's long term goals has been to offer more consistent, year round therapy. This brings the goal much closer to becoming a reality with a 6-week session running in spring, a 12-week session in the summer and a 6-week session in the fall.

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Attend "Living on the Land ... An Expo for Rural Property Owners"

ST. PAUL, Minn. — "Living on the Land... An Expo for Rural Property Owners" will be held on Sat., Sept. 6 at the Scott County Fairgrounds in Jordan, Minn. The Expo will include exciting seminars on issues related to living on small acreages including livestock, crop production, crop season extension and zoning rules. This event is a must-see for rural property owners who want to learn more about managing their acreage and for those looking to utilize their land and resources.

Vendors will showcase products, programs and equipment designed for acreage owners. A special feature will be the "Aisle of Breeds" featuring livestock suited for small farms and acreages. The Expo is organized by University of Minnesota Extension. It will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with seminars starting at 9:30 a.m. and concluding at 4:00 p.m. Vendors will be available throughout the day. Concessions will be provided all day by local 4-H clubs.

Some of the educational workshops include:

Water Quality, Soils 101, Pastures, Lawn and Tree Care, Hay Testing, Weights and Measures Without a Scale, Cheesemaking, Purchasing Used Farm Equipment, Starting a Veggie Garden, Beekeeping, Transplanting Trees, Starting a Poultry Flock, Parade of Species and Breeds, Milk Goats, Chicken Coop Design and Construction, Constructing a Compost Bin, Stock Dog Demos, Farming with Horses, and much more.

Admission for the Expo is \$10 per person or \$20 per family; children 12 and under get free admission. Check out the University of Minnesota Extension Small Farm website for information on attending as well as becoming a sponsor or vendor at www.extension.umn.edu/smallfarms. Questions on the Expo as well as vendor or sponsor interest can be directed to Tana Haugen-Brown at the Sherburne County Extension Office at (763) 241-2720 or thbrown@umn.edu.

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August 28-31: NDQHA Show, Valley City ND, contact Jean Fredrich at 701-725-4420

August 29-30 - Killdeer Mtn. Memorial Rodeo - Killdeer, ND

August 31 - Buffalo Gap Cowboy Days - Buffalo Gap, ND

September 5-7: Red River Horse Breeders Shows, Sundby Arena, Verndale, Minnesota, Contact: Mary Glass, 701-281-1051

September 5-7: Pinto Horse Association of America Celebration and Futurity at Red Horse Ranch Arena ;show manager Kameron Duncanson 763-682-5324

September 5 - 7: Colorado Fall Charity Show - Denver, CO Contact: Anne Burton (303) 665-3307

September 6: Charity Cup endurance ride at Pillager State Forest; Dale or Lise Lunde at 218-828-4011

September 6: Hay, Tack and Horse Sale, Polk County Fairgrounds, Randy Isham, randyisham@yahoo.com

September 6-7: Colorado Fall Charity Show - Denver, CO Contact: Anne Burton (303) 665-3307

SEPTEMBER 6: WJ Ranch Presents RED STEAGALL & The Boys In The Bunkhouse. Concert location 7 miles south of Yankton, SD. (402) 357-2102 or www.schiferlswjranch.com for info.

September 6: Bull Riding at the Edgeley Arena sponsored by the Triple R Coteau Horse Club

September 6-7: Barrel racing, Houck Horse Company; 651-277-1095, houck-horsecompany@yahoo.com;www.HouckHorseCompany.com.

Sept. 6-7: UMECRA: Charity Cup Ride. (Pillager, MN) Sat. 50 End., 25 LD, 50/25 Comp., Sun. 25 LD, 25 Comp. Lise Lunde, 15313 Basswood Dr., Brainerd, MN, 56401. 218-828-401. rl96ta@aol.com.

September 6 & 7: Gallatin County Fairgrounds, Bozeman MT; Judge TBD; Manager Jerry VanLandingham; Secretary Cheri Clark-(406) 388-3364 showringcc@aol.com

September 6-7: Harvest Classic ACS Open Show - Bozeman, MT. Contact: Cheri Clark (406) 388-3364; showringcc@aol.com

September 6-7: Harvest Classic ACS Open Show - Bozeman, MT; Contact: Cheri Clark (406) 388-3364 E-mail: showringcc@aol.com

September 6-7: Paint Horse Show; ND Winter Show Building, Valley City, ND; Contact: Mary Glass, 701-361-7732

September 8: Western Heritage Finals, Broken Bit Arena, www.brokenbit tack.com; 320-396-2272.

September 11-14: Jack Lieser 2-D.A.R.E. Wilderness Challenge II, Camp Ilontoe, 979-203-9000

September 13-14: Fall Celebration & Futurity at the MN Equestrian Center in Winona, MN sponsored by the MN Paint Horse Assoc. Contact Monica Anderson, show manager, at 507-753-3173 for more information.

September 13 - 14: Pioneer Cabin Endurance Ride (25, 50 & 75 miles) - Helena, MT; Contact: Juli Muscutt (406) 449-8639; rangeknights@outdrs.net; http://www.triarabian.org

September 13-14: MN Mounted Shooting Association event at the Clearwater Rodeo Grounds in Clearwater, MN.

September 13-14: AEER Dressage Clinic with Ann Cizaldo

September 14: Judged Trail Rides on a 4-6 mile marked trail, ride at your own pace, with Mary Eaton at 7E Riding Instruction in Towner, ND. Call 701.537.5928 for more information.

September 15: Don Hart Memorial Ride in Medora, ND, contact Gary Peterson at (701) 371-3733

September

15-16: Camping/Driving at Cutfoot Sioux Horsecamp in Grand Rapids, MN; contact Bobbie Kleffman at (218) 244-0538 or bobbiekleffman@msn.com

September 19 - 21: ND Morgan Horse Assoc.: at Strawberry Lake NE Ride, Bottineau, ND; for information call (701)263-4492

September 19-21 - Sioux Falls, SD - Spirit of the West Festival; www.spiritofthewestfestival.com; 605-334-9202
September 19-21: SD Rodeo Assoc. Finals in Sioux Falls, SD; contact Don Pirrung at 605-366-2652

September 19-21: Petrol Barrel Bash at Red Horse Ranch Arena

September 20: BRCA Horseshow signup at 10 a.m., start at noon at Montpelier, ND; contact Brian/Holly Bertsch (701) 489-3668

Sept. 20-21: ND Appaloosa Club Trail Ride at Fort Ransom, ND State Park; contact Ivan Gandrud (701) 221-9173

September 20-21: ND Appaloosa Club Trail Ride, Fort Ransom State Park, Fort Ransom, North Dakota; Contact Ivan Gandrud, 701-221-9173

September 21: Sheyenne Valley Team Penning at the Lisbon, ND Fairgrounds with registration at 10:30 and penning at 11 a.m. Contact Mel at 701.281.2508 for more information.

Sept. 20-21: UMECRA: Run for the Ridge. (Fairfax, MN) Sat., 100/60 End., 25 LD, 25 Comp., Sun. 35 LD, 35 Comp., 15 Novice. Sara Maass, 60693 State Hwy 4, Fairfax, MN 55332. 507-426-8385. sarahmaas@hotmail.com.

September 22-23: Bonanzaville Pioneer Days in West Fargo, ND; public rides; contact Polly Thorsness at (701) 361-9726

September 27: AEER Fall Show; Hunters, Jumpers, Dressage; at Fargo, ND

September 26-28 - Roughrider Rodeo Finals - Devils Lake, ND
September 26 - 28: ND Morgan Horse Assoc. Trail Ride at Maplewood State Park; for information call (218)847-8592

Sept. 28: AQHA Teamp Penning and Sorting at R&J Sundby Arena in Verndale, MN

October 3-5: Minnesota State Rodeo Association State Finals

October 5: Judged Trail Rides on a 4-6 mile marked trail, ride at your own pace, with Mary Eaton at 7E Riding Instruction in Towner, ND. Call 701.537.5928 for more information.

October 6: Gary Griffeth drive/potluck - Frazee MN; ph: (701) 237-4555



Sept. 11-14: AQHA Show; Valley City ND Winter Show Building; Contact: Jean Fredrich, 701-725-4420

September 11-14: Minnesota AQHA benefit ride, outback Ranch; Holly Wieser at 507-896-5550 or www.outbackranch.net

September 13" Mounted Shooters, Broken Bit Arena; www.brokenbit tack.com; 320-396-2272

September 13: Wright Saddle Club game show at the club grounds; 763-878-1263

September 12-13 - NDRA Rodeo Finals - Watford City, ND

FEEDING FOALS

By
Erika
Berg,
Ph.D.

Proper nutrition is an essential part of raising a healthy, vibrant foal. Ideally a foal will have had access to a high quality creep feed for at least a month prior to weaning. This gives the foal adequate time to get accustomed to consuming concentrate feed and will minimize the stress of weaning. Commercially available feeds formulated specifically for young equine are the best choice because the rations are balanced to meet the needs of growing animals. The forage source must also be considered and access to quality pasture or hay free of noxious weeds, mold, and dust is essential for gut health and optimal growth. There are a few general rules of thumb to remember when feeding foals and many of these can be applied to feeding horses of any age.

1. Be sure foals have access to fresh, clean water at all times. Water is an essential nutrient necessary for proper digestion and maintenance of body temperature.
2. Be sure your foal is properly de-wormed and vaccinated. Generally foals should be de-wormed according to their body weight once a month for the first year. Alternating active ingredients of de-wormers (pyrantel pamoate, fenbendazole, and ivermectin) can help to prevent parasite resistance. Making certain the dam is properly de-wormed every two to three months is important as well because foals will often engage in coprophagy, or eating of feces. This is a normal behavior and one theory is that it helps the foal to populate its gut with the proper microbes to effectively digest forages. Your foal can most effectively utilize what you are feeding him with a healthy gastrointestinal tract and immune system so be sure to visit with your veterinarian regarding a de-worming and vaccination protocol specific for your horses and area that you live.
3. Feed your foal based on its body weight (BW). Foals not having access to free choice pasture or hay should be fed a minimum of 1 percent of their BW daily in forage (500 pound foal x 0.01 of BW = a minimum of 5 pounds of forage daily). In general, concentrate rations should not exceed more than 1 percent of the foal's BW daily. Ideally foals should be weighed weekly to ensure they are gaining weight steadily, and not too rapidly or erratically. Using a scale to weigh your foal is obviously the most accurate method but since most horse owners don't have access to a scale, estimating your foal's weight is a good substitute. There are two relatively simple methods to estimate weight in horses - one uses a weight tape available at most feed stores and the other uses a tape measure and the following equation (Milner and Hewitt, 1969).

$$\frac{(\text{heartgirth} \times \text{heartgirth} \times \text{body length})}{330} = \text{weight in pounds}$$

The heartgirth is measured (in inches) around the foals girth area at the highest point of the withers and body length should be measured from the point of the shoulder straight back to the point of the hip (in inches). The best type of measuring tape to use is a plastic one as a metal one may spook the foal. This brief weekly weighing also helps get foals used to be handled a bit which is especially beneficial should they become injured and need veterinary attention.

4. Split up feedings. Foals should receive no more than 0.75 percent of their body weight in concentrate at one time. For example, a foal weighing 500 pounds should be fed no more than 3.75 pounds of concentrate at one feeding (500 pounds x 0.0075 = 3.75 pounds).
5. Feed your foal based on its body condition. A widely used system for body condition scoring horses was developed by Henneke et al. (1983). This 1 - 9 scale is a subjective measure of the amount of fat cover over the neck, withers, shoulder, ribs, back, and tailhead. A score of 1 is emaciated, 5 is moderate, and 9 is extremely fat. A body condition score of 4.5 to 5.5 is ideal for most foals. Body conditioning scoring your foal can be done once each month. Detailed

(Feeding Foals concludes on Page 21)

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ALYSSUM IN HORSE PASTURES

By Krishona Martinson and Roger Becker, University of Minnesota Extension

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Due to last year's drought and recent dry conditions in parts of the state, a number of people are struggling to control hoary alyssum. Hoary alyssum is a perennial weed common throughout Minnesota, the surrounding states and Canada. It is particularly adapted to dry conditions and sandy or gravelly soils. Hoary alyssum tends to increase in pastures and hay fields following drought or winterkill, regardless of the soil type.

Hoary Alyssum is toxic to horses when the fresh plant is grazed in a pasture, and when the dried plant is eaten in hay. Most hoary alyssum toxicity occurs when horses accidentally ingest it in hay. Hay containing greater 20 percent or more hoary alyssum should not be fed to horses.

Horses ingesting hoary alyssum usually show clinical signs of edematous, swelling of the lower legs commonly called "stocking up." Stocking up is usually observed 12 to 24 hours after the horse ingests hoary alyssum. More severe clinical signs have been observed in horses ingesting hay with more than 20 percent hoary alyssum, including laminitis. Horses with laminitis may rarely have rotation of the coffin bone through the hoof, especially if transported during the acute phase of toxicosis. Transporting horses during this phase is not recommended. Clinical signs normally subside with supportive treatment two to four days following removal of the weed source; however, horses may not return to full performance fitness for a few months after onset of clinical signs.

If herbicides must be used in a grass pasture, the most effective and economical approach would be to apply 2,4-D in the spring and/or fall to suppress hoary alyssum. Retreatment will likely be necessary in following years. In a pure alfalfa hay field, herbicides applied to dormant stands or following first cutting can suppress hoary alyssum, but are expensive and can injure alfalfa. No herbicide options exist after first cutting. There are no herbicide options for controlling hoary alyssum in a grass/legume (alfalfa or clover) mixed pasture or hay field that do not have significant injury potential to the legume as well. When using herbicides, always read and follow the label carefully. Most herbicides have grazing and harvest restrictions that must be followed.

To minimize hoary alyssum and other weeds in pastures:

- Do not overstock or overgraze
- Have, and use if necessary, a sacrifice paddock
- Rotationally graze
- Remember that each pasture paddock needs two to six weeks of rest depending on the season (spring vs. summer vs. fall)
- Soil test every three years and fertilize accordingly
- Mow and drag after each rotation
- Control weeds (chemically, culturally and mechanically)

For more information on hoary alyssum and other toxic weeds, visit www.extension.umn.edu/horse/components/poisonousplants.htm.

Krishona Martinson and Roger Becker are crops educators with University of Minnesota Extension.

Taylor Horse Fest

By Amber Voigt

July 26th, 2008 marked the 15th Annual Taylor Horse Fest in Taylor North Dakota. This three day event was founded to honor the animal that played a major part in the heritage of the town and the west. Once a year the town of Taylor, No. Dak. turns back the clock and closes its streets to all motorized transportation. All vehicles are required to park out of town and while you wander through vendors and tables of crafts. The only way to get around is by horse or your own two feet.

To start off the weekend there was a CMT horse sale on Friday, followed by all the big events on Saturday such as food and craft vendors, a parade, exhibits and demonstrations of horse drawn machinery, a petting zoo, children's activities, and a musical. This all comes to a close on Sunday with a pancake breakfast. It is quite a trip back in time for any avid horse lover — and educational too. The demonstrators love to talk to curious people about their equipment and the horses they use. I would recommend the trip to Taylor to experience all the wonderful aspects of horse history. This event is held every year on the last Saturday of July. To see photos of the Taylor Horse Fest and for more information check them out on the web at: www.taylorhorsefest.com.

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Little Falls, Minn. -- The 2nd Annual Lakes Region Horse Fest in Little Falls, Minnesota welcomes contestants and trade show exhibitors to its weekend of ProRodeo and Rural Lifestyle. Dodge PRCA performances to be held at 2pm each day. Pop Wagner & the Twin City Playboys and Diane Tribitt, cowboy poet, will entertain the crowd from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The Lakes Region Horse Fest invites contestants, exhibitors and clinicians to a special hospitality night at the Little Falls VFW on Friday night - preview Pop Wagner & the Twin Cities Playboys, get drinks & appetizers for free! See Chris at the Fairgrounds on Friday for your ticket.

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The 2nd Annual Lakes Region Horse Fest offers advance tickets at a 33% savings! Lakes Region Horse Fest sponsors help keep this rural lifestyle weekend event affordable for families, rodeo fans and rural lifestyle enthusiasts.

Advance ticket locations are in convenient locations in Central Minnesota and Morrison County. You can purchase advance tickets for adults and children - adults at \$10, children at \$8 and children under 5 get in FREE. The 2008 Lakes Region Horse Fest is set for September 20 and 21 and opens at 10 a.m. each day with

the Dodge PRCA Rodeo at 2 p.m. each day. Gate prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth.

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In addition to the popular DODGE PRCA Rodeo, a rural lifestyle trade show, an indoor flea market, clinics, a parade of horses and a dressage demonstration will take place during the Lakes Region Horse Fest. You can check out the schedule of activities on www.lakesregionhorsefest.com. Hours of operation will be: Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 10am until 8pm; and Sunday, September 21, 2008 from 10am until 6pm.

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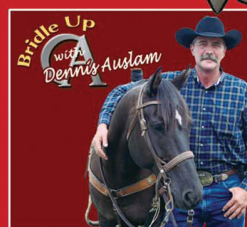
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TALKING HORSES

By Kathleen Grimes

As an animal communicator, I enjoy many wonderful and fun little conversations with precious creatures of all sizes. One of the life lessons they are teaching me is: when you go with the flow of life, you will experience the feelings of happiness, joy, and freedom. Animals instinctively live in the moment. Yes, they have memories of the past but unlike humans, they tend not to dwell on them nor do they become attached to memories as often as humans do. Like humans, their body language often reveals fearfulness, happiness, or illness.

Recently, I visited a horse farm that boards about 20 horses. As I was about to leave, a woman came up to me and asked if I had time to see her 22-year-old mare who was not feeling good. I said that I had time and we began walking over to her. When I saw her, I wondered why she was still alive. I introduced myself. She did not say a word. I told her my intent was to help her feel a little better. Her energy measurement was very low and her pain level was a 9 out of 10. I began with offering her some general energy. She began to respond to the energy work that I was doing on her. She asked me who I was. I told her and reminded her that I was there to help lower her pain. Her answer was simply, "Oh."

After some time of energy work, I asked her where she would like me to work on next. She told me that her hip really hurt and so I worked on that area. Her human had gotten tired of watching me work and walked away.

The energy work that I had done was giving her some relief but she would need a lot of work done to get her to be able to move around. I told her that I knew she was in a lot of pain. I asked her if she was getting ready to cross over and if so would she want some help. Her response was "Oh, my human won't help me cross over. I am the only one she has."

As she began eating, I asked her if there was something she wanted me to tell her human. Her response surprised me. She simply said "No."

I did some more energy work with the intent that she will be strong enough to do what she has to do. I said good-bye.

I went to see if I could find the woman. I did find her having a cup of coffee and reading. We discussed what I found and the type of energy procedures that I administered. I told her of my concern about the level of pain that her horse was in and that I wondered what options she had considered. I said that I thought that it might be time for her horse to cross over. "No way will I do," that she responded. "I will have no part in helping her crossing over. She is too important to me to ask her to cross over. She will get well."

In my mind, this human has no idea of what it means to go with the flow of life. I saw no happiness or joy in either her or her horse. What I did see in her was the fear of loss,

denial of how her horse was really feeling.

As I drove away from the farm, I was reminded of a sign I had seen earlier that day. It said, "Fearful people do stupid things." I know for me sometimes my fear keeps me from the flow of life. I also know that when I am in the flow of life my animal family is happier.

I am grateful to the many animals that help me know the importance of going with the flow of life even when there are hard decisions to make. I wish that all humans would be able to enjoy the moment and move with the flow of life. But until that day, our animal friends will continue to be there to show us the way.

Kathleen Grimes has been doing both animal communication and energy work since 1990. She studied animal communication with Carol Gurney and Morning Star. As an energy worker, she uses various techniques; among them are Quantum Touch and Healing Touch for Animals. Learn more about her work on her web site: www.brotherwolfandfriends.com. Direction questions to Kathy Grimes, anonymously if you wish, to (952) 270-4306 or email her to have your questions answered in the Valley Equestrian at: kgrimes@brotherwolfandfriends.com

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RIDERS' ADVOCATE:

By Lisa Houle

Hunt Seat and Dressage are known for impulsion and fluidity. As a rider in both of these disciplines, one of the biggest problems I see is horses that do not have a solid foundation. So many times horses are pushed for impulsion when they mentally do not have a foundation of being calm, willing, and agile.

In order to maintain correct forward motion that is straight and supple, the horse must be calm and willing for its rider. I own a blind horse that can perform dressage tests better than most horses because of his confidence! Too many times, however, riders believe that repetition of exercises over and over can solve their problem. Practicing repetitive forward motion exercises with a horse that is impulsive (note that impulsive and impulsion and two completely different things) usually does not solve the problem.

Since horses are prey animals, they see the world differently than humans. While different trainers will use a variety of methods, no amount of training can force a horse to be calm and willing. Horses that are impulsive do need repetition but this has to come from its rider's communication. We have a responsibility to be the leader in a partnership with our horse. Sometimes, this means putting our goals and emotions aside and taking the time your horse needs to develop confidence.

Confidence starts on the ground and this is where we need to start as

riders. I prefer to start with exercises that the horse is familiar and comfortable with then move into more controlled exercises. A horse can sometimes feel claustrophobic if forced into collection. What we want is a horse that is willing to submit to pressure in a calm and willing manner.

I enjoy starting an impulsive horse with exercises on the ground that do not involve anything that could potentially influence constriction in the horse's movement, such as draw reins or side reins. Sometimes I will take an impulsive horse to such basic means as walking them over obstacles such as tarps, ground poles, and around plastic bags. Since I am not on their back, I have a lot more control to direct their behavior. By taking the time the horse needs will not only increase their confidence in me as a leader but will reprogram their impulsiveness.

If the horse spooks from an object, such as a plastic bag, I never allow them to turn from the object. If the horse turns away from the object, whether I am on the ground or on their back, their next instinct is to run. As long as the horse is straight toward the object, they can back up as much as they want but they cannot turn away from the object. Once the horse stops and stands for ten seconds, I will turn and walk away from the object. NEVER force a horse over or on an object, such as a tarp. Sometimes, it can

Fusing the connection between horse and rider

be very hard for us as riders to slow down to the horse's learning time but it is something we must do if we are to have a partnership in our riding that is calm, willing, and supple.

Once my horse is confident walking over a variety of objects, I will then start them on side reins. If you are unfamiliar with side reins, be sure to find a horseman who can help you with this process. We have to re-teach the horse to give to pressure and with the solid confidence building ground work with objects I just explained, the side reins are the next confidence building step. Be sure the side reins are equal length on both sides and very giving to start with, even if you have a horse that has some time under saddle. Remember, we are getting back to basics and we do not want to push the horse back into impulsiveness. Some side reins will have thirteen holes, thirteen being the tightest. Depending on the horse's size, I

usually keep the side reins on a giving tension, setting them to three on both sides. This keeps the horse straight and does not cause a claustrophobic feeling of restraint.

In my next article, I will explain some exercises that can be started while riding. Remember to keep it safe; nobody knows your horse better than you do. If you get a fearful feeling, know that it takes a smarter person to stop and ask an experienced horseman for help, than one who allows their pride to get in the way

Lisa Houle is an avid rider in Western, Hunt Seat, Trail, and Dressage disciplines. She has an expansive showing background and works with riders that range from casual trail riding to competitive showing. Along with expanding her knowledge with world-class trainers, she also dedicates her education to a variety of natural horsemanship disciplines and works with a multitude of horse breeds..

Hong Kong Hand-Over Ceremony for the American Shetland Ponies a Great Success

Morton, IL- The Hong Kong Equestrian Federation (HKEF) in conjunction with the Hong Kong Jockey Club and ING Corporation, hosted an extraordinary "Hand-Over" ceremony on July 10th in Hong Kong to receive two ponies the American Shetland Pony Club (ASPC) donated to salute Hong Kong's efforts in hosting the 2008 Equestrian Olympics.

ASPC Marketing Director Johnny Robb was on hand to make a speech at the ceremony and to answer questions for the media. ASPC Director of Operations Zona Schneider was also honored at the ceremony. "We thought it would be wonderful if the American Shetland Pony Club could pay tribute to Hong Kong with a gift of two of our American Shetland Ponies," said Robb at the hand-over ceremony. "I know these two Ameri-

can Shetland ponies will be good ambassadors of the breed here in Hong Kong and I am confident that they will bring many young riders a great deal of joy for years to come."

The ponies arrived safely in Hong Kong on June 6. After being in quarantine for two weeks they were stabled in the beautiful facility where the Olympic Eventing competitions will be held. The "Tiny Ambassadors" won the hearts of Hong Kong upon arrival.

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MHC Offers Scholarships, Grants, Funding & Awards

The Minnesota Horse Council announces several funding programs available this year. These are made possible by the success of the Minnesota Horse Expo.

Scholarships: the twenty-second annual MHC/Tony Gasser Memorial Scholarships are offered for both high school seniors & undergrads, and for grad students (considered separately), to be used toward education that would further the applicant's career in and contributions to the horse industry in Minnesota. Applications are due by November 1st. At least ten \$2000 scholarships will be presented at the MHC annual meeting next January. For more info, contact Trina Joyce at 612-729-7798 for questions.

Grants: of a maximum of \$7,000 are given to Minnesota charitable/non-profit equine-related organizations as "seed money" to inspire new projects or capital improvements, or for expansions of existing projects or services. Applications are due by October 1st. Grants are presented at the MHC annual meeting next January. Funds will be paid out as your project progresses. Contact Tim Bonham at 612-721-1007 or T-Bonham@scc.net for info.

Direct Funding: The Minnesota Horse Council offers direct funding assistance (up to \$500) to any non-profit horse related organization that develops or organizes any public clinic, program activity, or publication that advances the goals of the Minnesota Horse Council. Applications accepted at any time

during the year, responses generally within 30 days. Contact: Christie Ward, malaz002@umn.edu, 651-603-8702.

Other Awards Available (different time schedules):

Horseperson Award: Each year, MHC honors someone as the "Minnesota Horse Person of the Year", and places his or her photo in the Horseman's Hall of Fame at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. The Council is seeking nominations of people for this award. This person should be an outstanding person in the horse industry -- someone who stands above the rest for long-term contributions to many areas of equine activity. Nominations are accepted all year, but must be received by November 1st to be considered this year. The person selected will be announced at the MHC annual meeting next January. Contact: Dawn Moore, dmoore834@comcast.net, 952-949-6659 with any questions.

Pioneer Award: This award is given to a deceased person who was a Minnesota horse pioneer -- someone who led others to horses. Nominations are due by March 1st each year. Contact: Dawn Moore, dmoore834@comcast.net, 952-949-6659.

Further info about any of these programs, including application info, is available from:
- the Minnesota Horse Council web page at www.MnHorseCouncil.org/.
- by writing to Mn Horse Council, 13055 Riverdale Dr #202, Coon Rapids, MN 55448-8403.

Do you use a mule to guard your flock?



While delivering newspapers in North Dakota I came upon a flock of sheep with a mule at their center. At first the mule seemed calm, then it put its ears back and started stomping.

The incident gave me pause. In Colorado they use shepherds who live in little gypsy wagons to watch their sheep. What are the differences in shepherding from state to state?

If you have personal experience with shepherding or how it is done, please contact me.

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Here are some things we're thinking about for upcoming issues -- what do you think?

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Editor's Notebook



Did you see the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics? Simply amazing. And the commercials for it were like those seen watching the Superbowl. How awesome that we can watch the games taking place across the world.

Please don't get the impression that I'm complaining, because sincerely, I am not. I just wish there was a company or network that was covering the Olympic sports that I want to see. I know swimming is popular. Heck, swimming is my second favorite sport, but equestrian events are my favorite and, sadly, I have not seen any in the Olympics. Oh yeah, I hear about them from the online updates, YouTube video and blogs I read, but I would love to see network coverage. I can't help but wonder what it would take to get that? So I checked out NickerNetwork and other online sites and I can read a little about the Hunt Seat and Jumping events.

But sincerely, don't you wonder why there is not more coverage of equestrian events not only in the Olympics but in general? What other sport involves the teamwork and cooperation of two different species of mammals? What other sport requires years of training, dedication, relationship building, trust and mutual respect? Oh sure, football and other ball related sports involve teamwork and cooperation, but please, with another human or a piece of leather, not a living breathing organism with a mind, body, intuition, feelings, fears, and attitude of its own that does not understand the English language!

I would venture to say there is no sport requiring more time spent training self and beast to work together to excel as one.

Why is there so little media attention to the equestrian lifestyle? I don't understand it, but the Valley Equestrian is hoping to change that. Please call or send in your equestrian news. We want to hear about who is doing what with their horses in your location.

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Horses in History: NAPOLEON'S MARENGO

By Amber Voigt

Since history was first recorded, horses have been a part of it. Most of the animals that help make history happen are overlooked; one of these horses is a grey Arabian stallion named Marengo.

Marengo was foaled in Egypt and brought to France when he was six years old by his new master, Napoleon Bonaparte. Napoleon owned hundreds of horses of many different breeds, but he greatly favored the grey Arabs.

Marengo earned his name in 1800 when he carried Napoleon through the Battle of Marengo. Napoleon was so impressed with the little horse's courage he named the horse after his victory.

Marengo carried Napoleon on all of his campaigns up until Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo. Throughout Napoleon's campaigns, Marengo was wounded on eight occasions. However, when Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo, Marengo was captured by the British and taken to England where he lived out his days at stud. Marengo died at the age of 38 and his bones are on display at the National Army Museum in London.



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SHOW RESULTS

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2. Carla Smith & Kacy Smith from Kathryn, Denise Rogers from Davenport
3. Abby Olson & Kyle Olson from Ada, MN & Olivia Anderson from Edgely
4. Jessica Stelter & Scot Stelter from Detroit Lakes, MN & Olivia Anderson from Edgely

YOUTH - 9 TEAMS

1. Kacy Smith from Kathryn, Jessica Stelter from Detroit Lakes, MN & Westen Ellingson from Edgely
2. Olivia Anderson & Hallie Anderson from Edgely & Olivia Nelleremoe from West Fargo
3. Olivia Anderson & Hallie Anderson from Edgely & Abby Olson from Ada, MN
4. Westen Ellingson from Edgely, Kacy Smith from Kathryn & Olivia Nelleremoe from West Fargo
5. Olivia Nelleremoe from West Fargo, Abby Olson from Ada, MN & Kacy Smith from Kathryn



Riders from left to right are: Kelly Walaski from Park River, N.D., Brad Anderson from Edgely, N.D. and Phyllis Loftsgard from Park River. Sandy Knudsen from Marion is holding the flag

DRAW - 24 TEAMS

1. Kyle Olson from Ada, MN; Diane Anderson from Jamestown & Kathleen Skala from Red Lake Falls, MN
2. Dennis Knudsen from Marion, Hallie Anderson from Edgely & Kyle Olson from Ada, MN
3. Wyatt Ellingson from Edgely, Gayln Olson from Ada, MN & Gaylon Brandt from Oakes
4. Wyatt Ellingson from Edgely, Phyllis Loftsgard from Park River & Stacy Olson from Ada, MN
5. Kelly Waslaski from Park River, Al Nims from Lisbon & Stacy Olson from Ada, MN

OPEN/PICK JACKPOT - 33 TEAMS

1. Phyllis Loftsgard & Kelly Waslaski from Park River & Brad Anderson from Edgely
2. Scot Stelter from Detroit Lakes, MN, Brad Anderson from Edgely & Stacy Olson from Ada, MN
3. Kelly Waslaski & Phyllis Loftsgard from Park River & Kyle Olson from Ada, MN
4. Hallie Anderson from Edgely, Phyllis Loftsgard from Park River & Jessica Stelter from Detroit Lakes
5. Gaylon Brandt from Oakes, Dennis Knudsen from Marion & Stacy Olson from Ada, MN

JR BARRELS - 5 RIDERS (13 & under)

1. Hallie Anderson from Edgely
2. Abby Olson from Ada, MN
3. Kacy Smith from Kathryn
4. Olivia Anderson from Edgely
5. Olivia Nelleremoe from West Fargo

OPEN BARRELS - 10 RIDERS

1. Kyle Olson from Ada, MN
2. Hallie Anderson from Edgely
3. Phyllis Glass from Fargo
4. Jessica Stelter from Detroit Lakes, MN
5. Kacy Smith from Kathryn

Thank-you, Mel Fosse, for the show results

2 more SVTPA shows are coming up.: the fair in Lisbon on August 24th, with buckles for the first place team. September 20 we host an AQHA team penning and ranch sorting in Lisbon. September 21: year end finals, also in Lisbon.



Gayln Olson from Ada, MN; Brad Anderson from Edgely and Stacy Olson from Ada, MN.



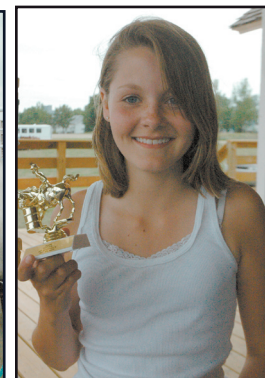
Kelly Waslaski from Park River, ND



Back to front is Brad Anderson from Edgely, ND and Jessica Stelter from Detroit Lakes, Minn.



From L - R: Weston Ellingson, 9, from Edgely, riding Frisco his 14-year-old Welsh; Jessica Stelter, 14, from Detroit Lakes, Minn.; and Casey Smith, 11, earned the first place in Youth Team Penning at the Edgely Arena August 10



Hallie Anderson, 13, of Edgely with her first place trophy for barrels riding DJ.

The Valley Equestrian wants to highlight youth, families and individuals learning and living the equestrian lifestyle. If you know an interesting youth or a story, please contact Ley Bouchard: leybou@gmail.com or call 701.361.8648

STALLION SHOPPING: PART 1 - BREEDING CONTRACTS

By Dan Drewlow, North Star Stables

It is getting to be that time of year again when we start thinking and looking for that stallion that we are going to use next. This can be a confusing, tiresome, and exciting time while we search for that stallion to which we want to breed our mare. When we are looking for that stallion we need to remember some other important items to think about besides the stallion himself.

In this issue and in the following issues of The Valley Equestrian I am going to go over Breeding Contracts: do I haul the mare to the breeding farm; what happens if the mare doesn't settle and it is too late to re-breed; and can I trust the breeding farm to care for my mare like I would? All of these are important details to think about along with the stallion himself.

A breeding contract can range from a simple page to a multi-page agreement. The contract should cover a wide range of important details. I personally have seen a breeding contract with six pages. The length of the contract is of little importance. What is important is that as the mare owner you know what the contract means and that you are going to get the service that you want. Every breeding agreement should contain the following basic information:

1). The agreement should contain the stallion owner's name, address, phone numbers and any other information regarding how to contact them. The agreement also should contain your information as the mare owner's name, address, phone numbers, and other information on how they can reach you.

2). The stallion's name, registration number, registry name, and the stallion's breed should be listed to identify the stallion for the mare owner. The mare's name,

registration number, registry name, and the mare's breed should be listed to identify the mare for the stallion owner. If either the stallion or the mare is an unregistered horse the physical description of the horse should be used to identify the horse. I recommend including a copy of the registration papers with the contract.

3). The agreement should contain a list of fees and description of them. Following is an example of the most common fees associated with breeding contracts:

- a. Stud Fee/Breeding Fee - Is due at the time of breeding most of the time. The contract should include what the terms are for the payment of the Stud Fee/Breeding Fee.
- b. Booking Fee/Breeding Deposit - Is due when the contract is signed, and most of the time it is a portion of the Stud/Breeding Fee and is non-refundable.
- c. Chute Fee/Handling Fee - Is due at the time of breeding and is for the actual act of breeding the stallion to the mare via natural service In-Hand or Pasture Breeding.
- d. Collection Fee - Is due at the time of collection and is for the collection of semen from
- e. The stallion and lab work to ready it for shipping or for on-farm artificial insemination use.
- f. Shipping Container Fee - Is due at the time of collection and it is used to purchase the disposable shipper or to rent the use of the non-disposable shipping container when using cooled transported semen.
- g. Mare Care/Boarding Fee - For the daily boarding care of the mare or mare and foal at the breeding farm.

These are just the most common fees seen on breeding contracts. Make sure that all the fees are included in the contract and when they are due. If you do not understand a fee, talk to the stallion owner about that fee and they should be willing to explain any fee.

The breeding agreement should also contain some more detailed information like the following:

- The breeding season should be clearly defined so that you know the earliest date and the latest date that the stallion will be available for breeding.
- If there are certain breeding/collection days they need to be listed. For example: the stallion only collects Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- If using transported semen, the deadline for ordering that semen should be listed. For example: all collection orders needed to be received before 10:00 a.m. the day of the collection.

The shipping information to where the semen is to be shipped and any special handling information regarding the shipment should be included in the agreement. If there is a Live Foal Guarantee or a Live Color Foal Guarantee that guarantee should be stated in detail at the time of the agreement. If there are any other terms or conditions they should be included in the contract.

The breeding contract should be a tool to ensure that both the stallion owner and the mare owner know what is expected of them. It should protect the interests of both parties. The stallion owner gets what they want for the service of the stallion and the mare owner gets what they want from the service of the stallion.

In the next issue I will discuss the age old question: Do I haul the mare to the breeding farm and can I trust the breeding farm to care for my mare as I would?

Cowboy UP Raises Large Numbers

Beautiful weather brought out the crowds and riders in an effort to raise money for the fight against cancer. According to organizer Karen Haugen of Moorhead, more than \$46,000 was raised: 446 registered riders raised over \$16,000; more than 600 people gathered for dinner at the VFW in McLeod, No. Dak. on August 16 during the 4th Annual Cowboy Up Ride Against Cancer.

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Congratulations! Harvey Hegvick

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Watch for more mystery people in upcoming issues of the Valley Equestrian.

COWBOY POETRY

By Orv Alveshere



The Outhouse: Life on the Farm with Emily Barn in a Bag

FIRST GRADE ANTICIPATION AND EXPECTATIONS

GREAT DEPRESSION AND DUSTY '30'S HEATS UP

On a very dry August day the scorching harvest sun bore down through cloudless skies

The prairie family shocked grain bundles, sweat streaming down their eyes.

The large family was unaware they may be threshing their last crop.

The youngest, a five-year old, was dragging bundles to her mother nonstop.

"I'm helping Momma, I'm helping," she sighed, but her mother did not reply.

Pint-sized Pearl thought she saw a tear fall from her widowed mother's eye.

They propped wheat and oats bundles in pyramid shapes to repel rain, so it dries.

But she could not forget the despair and downcast look in her mother's eyes.

WELLS COUNTY ND WAS DRY, SCORCHED AND DUSTY

The horses were harnessed and hitched to bring the girls to country school.

Little Pearl sat dejected alone in the sunshine in the vestibule.

She would sorely miss her sister, her playmate, and she did agonize.

Six-year old Fern would begin school that day. Tears fell from Pearl's forlorn eyes.

Hawks soared, eyes searched for food. Pearl's mother called. The team whinnied and neighed.

In her handmade dress Pearl climbed into the wagon and checked her braids.

At school with half-gallon Karo syrup pails, her sisters said goodbyes.

The young teacher stood and looked into the departing five-year olds eyes.

CRESTFALLEN EYES/THE AYES HAVE IT

Those eyes, those sad eyes, those longing eyes, those lonesome eyes,

Made a lasting impression on the teacher. She counted her class size;

The eight grades had nine students, some grades had none, two in first grade.

She looked into Pearl's sad, disappointed eyes. She wore a dress her mother made.

Those expressive eyes, eyes so full of envy, as next year Pearl could start school.

The country school teacher pondered. She knew she must respect the rule.

In an act of kindness or leniency, she saw in Pearl's hopeful eyes,

A spark as she invited five-year old Pearl to join, as a surprise.

SPELLDOWN AT WHITBY ONE-ROOM COUNTRY SCHOOL

A gift of human kindness and perhaps illegal to break the rule

By allowing a five-year old to join her sister in first grade in school.

Pearl's mother would drive the team and wagon home and return as needs arise,

With a noon lunch for Pearl. She not saw sunshine in her daughter's eyes.

Later, a spelldown used spelling words consistent for each of the grades,

One by one they faltered and sat down, except the little girl in braids.

With pride Aunt Pearl told of winning the spelldown with successful tries.

We revisited her early school days, as seen through a five-year-old's eyes.

BIDING HIS TIME IN SMALL TOWN MN WITH WISTFUL EYES

Decades later, we heard of a six-year old boy waiting for the first grade.

Anticipation, yearning for learning, in that account portrayed.

Up before dawn, breakfast inhaled, expectations seemed to energize

As the lad clutched his Roy Rogers and Trigger lunch pail. With anxious eyes,

He boarded the yellow bus, said goodbye, smiling wide. On his return,

He tearfully explained his disappointment, as he had gone to learn.

On that rural farm, to his understanding mother, he did vocalize,

"They didn't teach me to read," he sobbed with tears falling from his eyes.

A friend of mine is in the planning stages to build a new horse

barn. After several "can I see it's" of the different layouts, my friend has taken her plans along with my suggested changes and run. So, when her barn is unorganized and only fits five of her six horses comfortably, I will not be offering an extra stall in my neat and tidy barn, no Sir!

Dreaming of building the "perfect horse barn" my entire life, I started with tinker toys, gradually tapered into an erector set and in the sixth grade received the blue ribbon in art class -- not for etched flowers, but a dazzling drawing of a red barn and a three rail white fence as far as the eye could see.

When it looked like my dream would finally materialize, a thick drafting tablet was purchased and no one in the house ate or had clean clothes for a month until the perfect horse barn plan was completed.

Using a few spray paint cans on the yard, I sprayed out the actual size foot by foot on the grass complete with doors and hay storage areas. Not realizing the particular brand of paint I was using was waterproof and soil proof, to this day there's a corner of a feed room faintly etched by the corner of the garden.

Bringing my budget and plans to the builder, it didn't take long for me to sink very low in the chair. The automatic water spickets would have to be erased along with each horse's personal turnout area. The builder shredded my page of connecting hay storage and penciled over the private sky lights above each stall. Asking the fellow if flowers planted in front of the barn were allowed in my budget, I sarcastically drew a square box on the back of the tablet and handed over my check.

With just a few days to go until the engineers arrived to erect the worlds most perfect horse barn the site had to be cleared and leveled. As a "non horse person" Ed and I argued long into the night about taking out an oak tree that I was sure could stay and he was sure had to be chopped down as it would interfere with the front sliding door. Saying goodbye to brushing my horse in the shade, all that was left of the tree the next morning was a three inch stump. Now, if the tree would interfere with the sliding door, wouldn't the stump be just a tish problematic?

Seeing the huge truck coming down the road loaded with barn materials I

grabbed the camera to record in history forever and ever Emily's barn raising. Introducing themselves as Tom and Joe while asking where to place the building, I asked right back where the heck the rest of my barn was! On a flat bed truck totaling a foot high was the entire barn package that resembled a bed in a bag from Target. Producing the receipt, I showed boss Tom the total on the bottom while pointing to the total load on the truck and asked him if he could add.

The stare down that followed was a little uncomfortable, but both architects backed down to take a little break sitting on what was left of my oak tree.

Assured by the builder on the phone that all paid for materials were delivered and my barn would soon be raised, I hesitantly gave boss Tom the go ahead to start.

Watching from the back window of the house, I could see right away that worker Joe was not in his element as the first post sagged to the right and then toppled over atop the oak stump that should have been a tree. Looking for Tom to crack him one, I sprained my neck ducking as Tom walked right by my secret viewing window and tinkled! How dare he!

Taking shape by the next afternoon the posts were in and from what I could measure with the level at midnight, they were straight. Using binoculars the next morning, I counted the times Joe missed a nail denting the roof raising my blood pressure to new limits. Breaking my peeping window with the spy glasses when Ed stood in the doorway behind me asking what I was doing about put me in the emergency room with a heart attack.

Four days later Tom pounded on the wall outside the back window and asked for a final inspection before they left. Crawling on my hands and knees to the front door I sheepishly looked out while pretending to dry my hands with a dish towel.

Viewing the barn up close in daylight, Joe shook his head and kicked the stump that should have been a tree as I hugged the closest corner.

With the delightful engineers out of the way it was time to open and close the front door to show Ed how wrong he was to chop down the mighty oak. Catching the stump corner by just a tenth of an inch the door worked fine as far as I was concerned and we argued until the cows came home over the tree removal.

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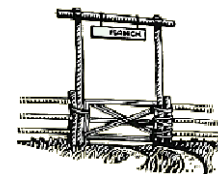
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Thanks
Randy Isham
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The Outhouse: Life on the Farm with Emily

Barn in a Bag ..

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At midnight with a flashlight and an ax, Ed would see the next morning that removing a tree against Emily's wishes required removing the stump and all.

It was a really, really tough phone call asking Tom to please come and replace the front barn door. Emilysouthouse@aol.com

DON'T BE A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK; STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD!

By Beth Lee of Doodlebug Design & Graphics

Nike, Macintosh, Starbucks. What do they have in common? Effective branding.

So already you may be thinking, "What does this have to do with me?" Perhaps a whole lot more than you think, and that is what I'm here to tell you.

Logos and Creating an Image

Many businesses, no matter how big, how small, or what product or service they provide, has - or should have - a logo. A logo is that little graphic or image that you see on everything they produce. This little image can make a big difference in your success in targeting potential customers.

Many logos are designed on the cheap, and may have little to no thought put into them. But big companies, like those I mentioned, can spend millions of dollars developing and promoting their logo. What do they get for spending all this money? Symbols that are recognized instantly, around the world, where you don't even need to see a name - the symbol is enough.

Now it goes without saying, that even in the horse industry, whether you train, breed, show, provide veterinary care, equine massage, sell tack or other products, or are an organization or club, you want people to recognize you. You want to stand out from the crowd. And you want them to know that you are committed to what you do. A good, clean, stylish logo will help you create a unique and recognizable image and get those extra customers.

So, perhaps your old logo drawn by hand years ago needs a face-lift. Maybe you've never had a professional logo made. Either way, take this as an opportunity to step back and ask yourself a few questions that help make an effective image

- Does this image reflect my business' goals and attitude?
- Is this logo professional and consistent with the identity I want to portray?
- Does my target market respond well to this logo?
- What kind of first impression do I want my logo to provide? Is it doing this?

Although it may seem simple, a logo is very hard to design. When you create a logo, you must take an entire company and everything it stands for and refine it down to a

simple, graphic representation. It's the ultimate design challenge. For this reason, taking the time and effort to use a professional to help with the process can be a priceless investment for the long term.

So what do I do with it?

It's all about your business reflection. Your logo is a great marketing tool to help your key customers distinguish your small business or products. And since your logo is universal - meaning it will be used in all communication channels like websites, business cards, letterheads, receipts, invoices, vehicle decals, sales fliers, advertisements, and so on - it will quickly provide a consistent and professional image of your business in the industry. A high quality, professionally designed logo shows you are sincere about your business and provides confidence for customers to turn to you for what they need, and using that logo in all advertisements creates consistency and brand recognition.

So let's take a look at advertising, the next step in distinguishing yourself amongst your competitors. Your ad becomes an extended image of your business. And an effective ad should consist of the following:

- Attention-getting and causes a reaction in the reader
- Informative and provides complete and easy to understand information
- Use visuals, especially if you're providing something specific
- Simple and easy to look at. Don't forget that sometimes less is more! Creating a balance of design vs. information is something that professional designers are trained to do!
- Consistency: Find a great design and overall look, and stick with it. Just as a logo is repeated on all marketing materials, a consistent design in advertising will let readers know it's you before they even see your name at the bottom. Repetition is important in advertising!

Many marketing studies have shown that people need to see an ad multiple times before they process the message. Many show that it takes up to six times before a reader will retain all the information. Keep this in mind when

you are advertising that stud available for breeding, your tack store's versatile selection, or the benefits of joining your saddle club. Once isn't enough! To achieve frequency within a limited budget, you can "gang up" your ad placement schedule by running lots of ads within a relatively short period, then take a break. Or you can vary the size of the ad. Consider running larger ads during peak seasons or special promotions, and smaller ones during other periods.

The winning package

How do you put it all together? You have to know what you sell, to whom, what is important to them, and how you say it in their terminology. Convey your powerful and persuasive message about your professional services to your target audience through effective ad design, consistent and repetitive imaging, and use your professional logo everywhere.

As you can see, there are many things to consider when creating an image and effectively advertising yourself, and this is just the tip of the iceberg. When working hard on standing out from the crowd, take the time to build a strong image and foundation for long-term recognition in your target market, and do not be afraid to call the professionals for help!

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Owner/Breeder: Marvin & Becky Gustafson, St. John, ND

Bottom: 2007 High Selling Weanling
Breeder: Kelly & Ruby Stuart, Eriksdale, MB Canada

EQUINE LAW Q & A

BY MATT BERNER, ESQ.

Q: At many barns, I have seen signs warning of the "inherent risks of equine activities" which state that the barn is not responsible for any injuries caused by such risks. Does merely posting such a sign relieve the barn of liability for riding injuries?

A: During the past several years, a majority of states have enacted "equine activity statutes" whose purpose is to limit liability for injuries arising from "equine activities," and most of these laws require signage warning of the "inherent risks" of being on or around horses. While these statutes share a common purpose of limiting liability for horse-related injuries and death, each state's laws can vary greatly relative to who is afforded protection, what activities are covered, and what is required to receive protection under the statute.

For example, Minnesota's equine activity statute - codified at Minn. Stat. § 604A.12 - only protects nonprofit corporations, associations, organizations, or persons and entities donating services and equipment relative to "livestock activities," from liability "for the death of or an injury to a participant resulting from the inherent risks of livestock activities." Under this statute, the "inherent risks of livestock activities" include the following:

- (1) the propensity of livestock to behave in ways that may result in death or injury to persons on or around them, such as kicking, biting, or bucking;
- (2) the unpredictability of livestock's reaction to things like sound, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
- (3) natural hazards such as surface or subsurface conditions; or
- (4) collisions with other livestock or objects.

Similarly, "livestock activities" means "an activity involving the maintenance or use of livestock, regardless of whether the activity is open to the public, provided the activity is not performed for profit" including:

- (1) livestock production;

- (2) loading, unloading, or transporting livestock;

- (3) livestock shows, fairs, competitions, performances, races, rodeos, or parades;

- (4) livestock training or teaching activities;

- (5) boarding, shoeing, or grooming livestock; or

- (6) riding or inspecting livestock or livestock equipment.

Like a number of other state's equine activity statutes, Minnesota law provides the following exceptions to the limitation of liability afforded by this statute:

- (1) the person provided livestock for the participant and failed to make reasonable efforts to determine the ability of the participant to safely engage in the livestock activity or to determine the ability of the participant to safely manage the particular livestock based on the participant's representations of the participant's ability;

- (2) the person provided equipment or tack for the livestock and knew or should have known that it was faulty to the extent that it caused the injury or death;

- (3) the person owns or leases the land upon which a participant was injured or died because of a human-made dangerous latent condition and failed to use reasonable care to protect the participant;

- (4) the person is a livestock activity sponsor and fails to comply with the notice requirement of subdivision 4; or

- (5) the act or omission of the person was willful or negligent.

Minnesota law requires "livestock activity sponsors" - meaning persons who sponsor, organize, or provide the facilities for livestock activities that are open to the general public - to post "plainly visible signs at one or more prominent locations in the premises where the livestock activity takes place that include a warning of the inherent risks of livestock activities and the limitation of liability

under this section."

In short, whether posting a sign warning of the inherent risks of equine activities and stating that the barn is not liable for injuries arising from such activities effectively limits the barn's liability is dependent upon the applicable state law and the circumstances giving rise to an injury. While these "equine activity statutes" in various states may afford protection to barn owners and others who organize horse-related activities, many of them are limited in scope and incorporate exceptions to limited liability like Minnesota's statute. Anyone who provides equine related services such as boarding, riding, training, and lessons, or who sponsors or organizes horse shows and competitions, is well-advised to consult with an attorney regarding their particular state law and situation.

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Minnetonka, Minn. Native Named the 2008 National High School Rodeo Queen

By Jodi Oftedahl

Kya Laulainen, age 17 of Minnetonka MN was recently named 1st Attendant in the 2008 National High School Rodeo Queen Contest in Farmington, New Mexico. In addition to earning the title of 1st Attendant, she received the Executive Director's Exemplary Leadership Award, as well as the Highest Test Score Award. The NHSRA Queen Contest consists of 8 categories including speech, personal interview, written test, modeling, impromptu speech, appearance, personality, and horsemanship. This is the first time since 1971 that a Minnesota queen has placed so high in the national Queen Contest.

Kya is a senior at Hopkins High School in Minnetonka, and is the reigning Minnesota High School Rodeo Queen for the 2008-2009 rodeo season. Kya serves on the state board that governs the organization and represents the organization at other equine events across the state.

Minnesota joined the National High School Rodeo Association in 1956. Today, it has 150 High School and Junior High members who hail from all around Minnesota. They compete in events ranging from the Queen Contest to Bull Riding and Break-away Roping through out the year at High School Rodeos around the state. The top four High School competitors in each event represent Minnesota at the National High School Finals Rodeo each year. The top four Junior High Wrangler Division competitors represent Minnesota at the National Junior High Finals Rodeo.

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Feeding Foals (from Page 7)

information on how to body condition score your horse can be found on-line by searching for "Henneke body condition scoring system."

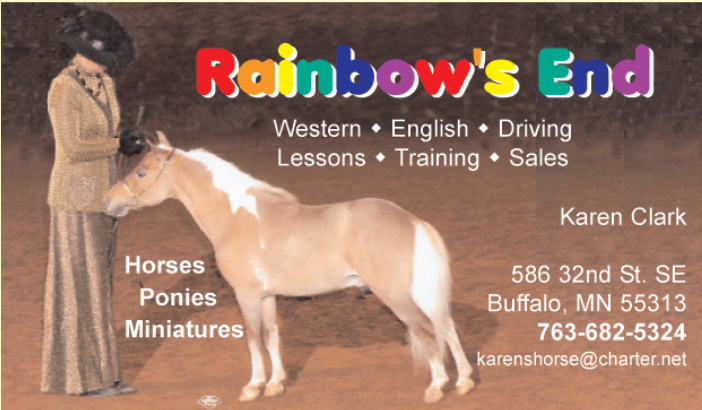
6. Feed by weight, not volume. Invest in a kitchen scale and weigh out concentrate periodically so you know how much you are feeding. Over-feeding foals or feeding them erratically can make them prone to developmental orthopedic diseases (DOD). This improper maturation of cartilage into bone can lead to soundness issues so it is important to know how much you are feeding your foal. If you group feed your foals it is a good idea to at least have separate feed tubs spaced about 20 feet apart to be sure that one isn't consuming the majority of the ration.

7. Make any changes to your foal's diet gradually over a period of 7 to 10 days. Abrupt changes in diet can result in disturbances to the gastrointestinal tract of the horse. If your foal is too thin or too fat, gradually add or reduce the amount of forage and/or concentrate in the diet slowly. In addition, if you are changing what type of hay you are feeding or the pasture source, you can minimize gut upsets by slowly increasing or decreasing the appropriate feedstuffs.

8. Feed at the same time each day. Again, this will help to minimize disturbances to the gastrointestinal tract. Horses are creatures of habit and they quickly learn to predict when they will be fed and as a result, their body responds by releasing hormones and digestive substances in anticipation of a meal.

9. Increase forage intake in cold weather. As the temperature drops below freezing, foals require increased digestible energy for growth and to maintain their body condition. Providing good quality hay free-choice enables them to eat to meet their energy demands; however some foals will need extra energy in the form of increased concentrate as well. For this reason it is especially important to body condition score your horses during the winter months by feeling and not just looking at them. A thick winter coat does a very good job of hiding the ribs on a thin foal.

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