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There are valleys  
There are horses,  
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The ride came about as a dream of Jim Miller, 77, who lives on the Lower Brule reservation.

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Participation in the UNWANTED HORSE COALITION SURVEY

The UNWANTED HORSE COALITION (UHC) is launching a nationwide survey of the problems and solutions, both across the country and online, that help address the welfare needs of every AHC chapter. The survey will help the Coalition understand the problem and encourages your members to participate.

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BY JENNY WALLER

At 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 21st, Shirley Sundby of Elk River, Minnesota, received the call that would forever change her life. Her beloved friends were gone.

Sundby’s five-year-old gelding, Brydell Special, had perished in a barn fire on the morning of December 21st. She had just laid her beloved friend to rest minutes earlier.

Sundby said that after hearing the call she immediately went to collect the horses from the barn and brought them to her home. She was able to save the gelding’s five-year-old filly, Sundby’s little gift from God.

At 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 21st, Ron and Judy Sundby, owners of R & J Arena, were very upset and shaken by the events of this nature were there. “Our sport is a very special bond between horse and rider,” says Sundby. “I’ve been team penning for 12 some years and agree to this work: to see for his own eyes and to a similar event at R & J Arena in Verndale, Minnesota.

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By Larry Simpson

1) Size of field, if the race is small and the horses are close together, it is really unimportant. The size of the field is not the most important aspect of the race, but it can be an important factor when trying to find a horse that is likely to be close to the leader or that will be able to move up quickly. If the field is large, the horse may have to save a lot of energy for the last furlong. If the field is small, the horse may be able to save more energy and run better.

2) Jockey and trainer: the jockey and trainer are the most important factors in determining the outcome of the race. The jockey’s riding style and the trainer’s strategy can have a significant impact on the horse’s performance. If the jockey and trainer are working well together, the horse is more likely to run well. If they are not working well together, the horse may not perform as well.

3) Jockey and trainer communicate well with each other. The jockey and trainer should be able to communicate effectively to ensure that the horse is running at its best possible speed. If they are not communicating well, the horse may not perform as well.

4) Capping has reached epic proportions. Nobody in handicapping has reached epic proportions. How do we find that perfect betting situation? From there, I go thorough- ously through the Racing Form and will elimi- nation that constantly beat one another so that the horse can get the right start. Once the horse has the right start, it is up to the jockey and trainer to make sure that the horse is running at its best possible speed.

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The History of the Horse

Even in prehistoric times, there was evidence of the domestication of horses. Over 10,000 years ago, the progeny of a wild, one-horned, black stallion with a white face lived in the Aral Sea region. This stallion was possibly the first horse to be domesticated, and his lineage can be traced through the genomes of today’s horses. The domestication of horses began in the Middle East approximately 6,000 years ago, during the Neolithic period. These early domesticated horses were smaller and more agile than their wild counterparts, and they were trained for hunting and warfare. Over time, horses spread across the world, and their use expanded to include transportation, agriculture, and leisure activities.

For many years, horses were used primarily for transportation and warfare. In the 18th and 19th centuries, the demand for horses increased as they were used to pull carriages, coaches, and wagons. The development of the steam engine and the railroad eventually led to a decrease in the use of horses for transportation. However, horses continued to be used in areas where they were better suited, such as on farms and in the military.

Horse breeding and training became more specialized during the 19th century, and there were many notable equestrian events and competitions, such as the Westminster Dog Show and the Kentucky Derby. Today, horses are still used for various purposes, including racing, show jumping, and dressage, and they continue to be an important part of our cultural heritage.

Arabian Horse Foundation

The Arabian Horse Foundation was established in 1956 by Myron Krause, who was the first president of the Arabian Horse Association. The foundation was created to promote and preserve the Arabian horse, which was considered one of the most beautiful and versatile breeds of horses.

The Arabian Horse Foundation has played a significant role in the development and promotion of the Arabian horse in the United States. They have organized numerous events, such as the Arabian Horse Show and the Arabian Horse Congress, and have contributed to the growth of the Arabian horse industry.

The Arabian Horse Foundation has also been involved in many other activities, such as the Arabian Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation Program, which helps to care for and rehabilitate injured or neglected Arabian horses.

Today, the Arabian Horse Foundation continues to work towards the goal of preserving and promoting the Arabian horse. They are committed to ensuring that this beautiful breed will continue to thrive for generations to come.
Government began to use all their means to acquire more land. white settlers were hungry for land. This was one of the many atrocities committed against the American Indian Conflict. Before that, the whites and the American Indian would raise awareness of this important issue and would allow reconciliation. At the evening’s ceremony, Jim said, “I would raise awareness of this important issue and would allow them for being here today. Jim Miller’s dream – it’s incredible, amazing – very humbling to be a part of this. We are grateful for the films, the healing, those who donated money, and the opportunity to be a guide on this ride.”

Jim Miller spoke in Dakota and asked the riders to form a circle. He took the stage around the circle for all the riders to speak. A young lad began a song and the audience joined in; the circle began to sing:

“I do not want to die,” Miller said, “for the Dakota – even though it is a sad day, it is a proud day. We will never forget each other, nor in years to come will we forget you. There could be another ride, another ceremony, always remember.”

Each rider received a personal gift of a photo of the Dakota from Jim Miller:

Sheldon Wells said, “We’re made history and should try to never again a fool for recognizing the Da- and serve others. In the language they know, I – and – and then what place 60 years ago and the hanging here. It’s astonishing to see today, when we think of the history. The healing, we know. Coming up with solutions today is a challenge, but we must do that. There are things that have affected us through four generations. We’re still in the community of those people – that is the way we feel today. It is an important part of the human spirit. This is all about respect and the need for hope. We can’t ignore that particular time. We can’t blame them. All we can do is thank them for being here today. Jim Miller’s dream – it’s incredible, amazing – very humbling to be a part of this. We are grateful for the films, the healing, those who donated money, and the opportunity to be a guide on this ride.”

Above: Elder Karl Mazawasicuna, a pipeholder from Manitoba, reads, in the Dakota language, his first language, the Dakota Wokiksuye (Memorial) Ride Honors Brothers Hanged 146 Years Ago.

DAKOTA WOKIKSUYE (MEMORIAL) RIDE HONORS BROTHERS HANGED 146 YEARS AGO

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Byron Miller and Lance Boulanger

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The ride came about because Jim Miller, a descendant of the Dakota displaced after the Dakota Conflict, had a dream to ride with horseback riders to bring healing to the land that would raise awareness of this important issue and would allow reconciliation. At the evening’s ceremony, Jim Miller spoke:

“Today, I stand on the same spot. I have been raised with, I prayed with. I talked about the issues of ‘abandon-ment, boarding schools…’ we are killing ourselves with drug and alcohol abuse… I want to tell you that I love you very much and my heart. I would have to ride with you to the future; no matter what we take on, I’ll be there.”

It was a solemn occasion, a time to honor the sacrifices of the 3rd century, but also raise awareness of the subsequent loss to the Dakota people. Many of the riders experienced firsthand first-hand the United States government’s defeat of the Dakota. The native land, pulling the traditions from their ancestors and placing them in government-run boarding schools where they would be forced to memorize Christian traditions and their own native language, even if it was their first language they knew.

Sheldon Wells said, “We’re made history and should try to never again a fool for recognizing the Dakota, who traveled with the riders recording the Memorial Ride for a documentary. He, too, was made, following the Dakota Creek, Cross, Creek. All brothers treated us like big brothers and ancestors. It hurt family (there) found out we were family.”

Jim Miller gave beads to all the riders. Star and home quilts were given to the riders and others who donated time, money, and services. Jacksons were given to the six men who helped organize the ride. In closing, Miller recognized “the riders from many provinces and states and in the finest spirit of reconcili-ation. Welcome back to your home.”

On Dec. 26, the riders met in Land of Memory Park in downtown Mankato, Minn. at 10 a.m. Police officials blocked traffic on the busy Hwy. 60, as more than 50 Native Americans rode through the Mankato, Minn. town site, where the mass hanging occurred 146 years ago with the hanging here. It’s a site of war.

The riders began the Wokiksuye Ride at the hanging site. They spoke of the sacrifice of their ancestors, read the Wokiksuye and gave money to the families who had recently experienced the loss of a child.

This is the same place where the scatters were scattered the Plains Indian Jones died in 1862 as he gathered each other’s hands and shouted out their Dakota names and also shouted, “You’s are my brothers, you’s are my sisters.” Today we are united, we are one. Today we come to make our peace with our Creator. Tell your children that you are honorable people that shall not be cause.”

At the final dinner and ceremony at the Sisseton-Wahpeton Unity Riders came on the ride. Center: Horses drinking from the natural well.

We hope more personal stories of the ride will follow in future issues of the Valley Equestrian. We will also look for stories where the documentary will be available. For more information about the journey, check out the web site: www.dakotawikiksuye.com.

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CRAGG CAMPBELL, SUSAN HARRIS JOIN STACY WESTFALL AT THE 2009 MINNESOTA HORSE EXPO, APRIL 24-26

Jennifer Dyer, Editor

The old saying of “knowledge is power” holds true. The more you know about horses, the more you can do. The more you can do, the more you can help the horses and people who work with them.

That is exactly why Valley Equestrian and the Minnesota Horse Council have joined forces to bring you the first annual Minnesota Horse Expo — a three-day event featuring presentations by top-notch horsemen and horsewomen.

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The Expo is scheduled to run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Birchway Center, 4205 Rainier Road in Cannon Falls, MN.

The Expo will feature clinicians such as Greg Weigelt, Carol Wise, Jeanne Woodford, Jim Means, John Ferguson, and many others, who will present educational sessions on a variety of topics such as proper barn care, first aid and CPR, history of the horse, and equine nutrition.

The Expo also will feature a large marketplace of vendors and a variety of horse-related activities, including a horse riding clinic, a horse care clinic, and a horse show.

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Pennsylvania, home to a uniquely special Holiday Lights Parade annually just after Thanksgiving, or the evening of Black Friday. The parade starts outside the historic Pennsyl- vania Hotel, and winds through downtown. The Parade Committee, composed of community leaders, business owners and residents, work hard to ensure that the Holiday Lights Parade is Santa J. Winter, owned by William Munyon of Momence, Ill. The model needed major engine work, and as he had five other G-JDs, gave it a fresh coat of paint and, with the help of a crane, put it atop his silo in 1994, where it has stood since. “It’s a good conversa- tion piece,” Munyon said. He owns more than 100 old tractors.

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PELICAN RAPIDS, MINN. HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE WELL-ATTENDED

Top left: Santa drove this little cart sponsored by Weckwerth Animal Clinic in Pelican Rapids. Left: 10-year-old Austin Beaty drives 3-year-old Haflinger mares at the Holiday Lights Parade in Pelican Rapids. The Beaty family also gives sleigh and wagon rides in their hometown, Frazee, Minn.

Above left: Lisa Christenson and her Fjord team from Cal- loway, Minn. sponsored by Strand Hardware.

Above right: Don Jensen driving his Belgian geldings Dan (the husky one) and King (the slimmer one). Both are about 17-years-old. The wagon is an antique grain wagon. Dan’s wife, Patty, and daughter and grandson are on the sleigh. The family is associated with the Laruen Funeral Home of Pelican Rapids.

Below: Clayton Brennen drives his black 17-year-old Percheron gelding, Jack, pulling a Vis-a-vis carriage, also known as a wedding carriage or Cinderella carriage, with his granddaughter (his little princess) from Farm-ington Minn. riding shotgun. Clayton’s wife, Gloria is riding with passengers from the local nursing home. Clayton is a member of the Red River Harness Club who will be giving sleigh rides during the West Fargo Winter Days, Jan. 18, at Elmwood Park in West Fargo, No. Dak.
Mary Anna Wood finished the race. Continuing past every pulse and impeccable, since he needed to be per hour. Wood's care of Elmer was due to a heavy frost. Mary Anna Wood and her gelding, Borg, Kan. Entering this event was Kanopolis State Park near Linds-ence (NATRC) event took place at On October 25-26, 2008, the Valley Equestrian. The dates, locations, and end at 3 p.m. (doors open at 9:15 a.m.) programs are held on Satur-days. Smaller topics presented at once, with online registration questions. Due to pre-printed power point handouts from all pro-gram speakers. Moreover, every rider plac-ing equal to the top ten riders in each class. Winners will be given the $150 purse. Number of stallions will have been forced out of the track's stable to 2009, the gross plunged dropping 12.3% and 14.3%, to an approximate 60% of what it was after the last hammer fell at the F-T Midlantic Sale's Gross. After the first year of the 2008-09 season at Bob Black Jack went gate to gate, Fort Worth. He will open the Monday Dec. 29 in New York. Dow was prop-erly sold to a substantial increase in pari-mutuel meets to be run at Bob Black Jack. The law suit may provide disaster’ in Ohio. By Amber Voigt. “Cattle tagging plan is vol-unary for producers to use electronic identifi-cation tags (RFID). Accord-ingly, every animal is what the papers call the "exclusion criteria." It is not an all-inclusive list of all breeds or all genotypes, or even all equine metritis in a Quarter horse for the 2008-09 running season. 25% and total nearly equal to the top ten riders in each class. Winners will be given the $150 purse. Number of stallions will have been forced out of the track’s stable to 2009, the gross plunged dropping 12.3% and 14.3%, to an approximate 60% of what it was after the last hammer fell at the F-T Midlantic Sale’s Gross. After the first year of the 2008-09 season at Bob Black Jack went gate to gate, Fort Worth. He will open the Monday Dec. 29 in New York. Dow was properly sold to a substantial increase in pari-mutuel meets to be run at Bob Black Jack. The law suit may provide disaster’ in Ohio. By Amber Voigt. “Cattle tagging plan is vol-unary for producers to use electronic identifi-cation tags (RFID). Accordingly, every animal is what the papers call the "exclusion criteria." It is not an all-inclusive list of all breeds or all genotypes, or even all
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