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YOUTH AND SUMMER FUN SHOWS

Washington, DC – June 30, 2010. Douglas G. Corey, DVM has been elected Chair-The Weathervane: EQUINE LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY man of the Unwanted Horse Coalition Legislative Victories for Equine Business in Minnesota (UHC). The members of the Coalition

Horsemen in Minnesota may breathe a sigh of relief with the passage in May of omnibus tax and agriculture bills containing language protecting agricultural clas sification for horse boarding property and a new statute in the state agricultural code defining horses as livestock and raising them as an agricultural pursuit. The Minnesota Horse

Council sponsored legislation to clarify that horse boarding property qualifie for agricultural classification even if pasture used for grazing horses is the only "agricultural product" raised for sale, and that the availability of horse training and riding instruction services for hire do not jeopardize agricultural classification through splitclassification as a comme cial-industrial use

The Minnesota Horse Council (MHC) initiated the legislation in the 2009 session but a session law was passed instead that ordered the MN Department of Revenue to study statewide classification of property used for horse boarding and breeding to determine if there is a need for greater consistency and clarification of the statutory standard. MHC participated in the study work group, and the final report is-sued in January 2010 revealed inconsisten cy among assessors statewide. MHC and MDOR (MN Department of Revenue) cooperated to agree on language introduced in the 20210 session to amend the statute and also to develop statewide guidelines for assessors on the proper classification of equine property. The newly clarified statute was passed on May 27, 2010, and it is effective for 2010 assessments for taxes payable in 2011 and thereafter. Also passed in May was an omnibus

agricultural bill containing language to add a section to the State agricultural code defining horses as livestock and raising them as an agricultural pursuit. That bill had met resistance in 2009 over the perception that it might complicate or confuse classification of equine property under the property tax code. However, legislators were finally persuaded that the two provisions are complementary, with MHC's horse boarding bill amending the state property tax classification statute and the horses-as-livestock definition inapplicable to property classification but potentially helpful in interpreting zoning construction, and transportation regulations, as well as the inclusion of horses and equestrian activities in other areas of agricultural policy.

The 2009-10 legislative session was a successful one for Minnesota's diverse equine industry. Horses occupy a special place in the agricultural economy, and continued attention, education, and advocacy will be required to ensure that

confusion over government regulation and definitions of agriculture does not impede the success of equine business interests. Allison Fabyanske Eklund is a Twin Cities

attorney with a practice focusing on equine law and public policy. As government rela-tions counsel for the Minnesota Horse Council nd staff attorney for the Minnesota Horse Expo,

he strives to improve iness conditions for the

orse industru educating ı governm and the public bout the critical ole of horses 1 agriculture rough Eklund w, PC, she esents eau ness and property owners

as well as nonprofit equestrian organizations. Ms. Eklund recently volunteered to help create the Minnesota Stable Owners Association, a Minnesota nonprofit and 501(c) (6) business league that will help inify the voice of the horse industr y enabling grassroots participatic n the public policy arena. She is a regular speaker for the University of Minnesota Extension's Equine ind Forestry programs providing ousiness law and estate-planning information to families seeking to keep their farm or cabin property in the family over successive genera

UHC annual meeting on une 21, 2010. Dr. Corev has been an active member of the Coalition since its incep-tion, serving on the UHC Steering Committee. He is also a member of the American Horse Council's Animal Welfare Commit-

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Medical Center, a x-person mixed imal practice ocated in Walla Nalla, Washngton. In 2007, e served as the 53rd president of the American Association of Equine Practiioners (AAEP). He has taken

n many responsibilities within the AAÉP, including serving as chairman for the Research, Public Relations, Membership, Equine Velfare and 50th Anniversarv ommittees. Dr. Corev is a pas resident and board member o he Oregon Veterinary Medical Association and was honored as he 1997 Oregon Veterinarian of he Year

Within the equine industry, r. Corey has devoted much of his attention to the unwanted horse issue and other horse welare issues. Through the Profesonal Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA), he helped develop minimum care guidelines for **Marketing Specialist Wanted!**

rodeo livestock as well as other welfare rules and guidelines for

the PRCA. He has served on the Advisory Council to the PRCA on Animal Welfare for over 25 years and has chaired the organization's Veterinary Advisory Committee. Dr. Corev has also served as the chairman of the

> American Veterinary Medical Association's Animal Welfare Committee. He serves as the National Final Rodeo's On Call veterinar ian for media relations each vear. "Since the formation of

under the ruidance of Dr. Tom Lenz, the coalition has made great strides and accomplish ments in the education and awareness of the issue of unwanted horses. With a new strategic plan in place, we can continue our efforts and progress to make even

the UHC and

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more of a difference for these horses in the equine community," said Dr. Corev.

One comes, finally, to believe whatever one repeats to one's self, whether the statement is true or false.

--Napoleon Hill

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By Victor Wolf

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frontrangeequinere scue.org) on 40 acres of Colorado land With gratitude to all the donors. FRER opened new stall and a barn to horses in April 2010. But FRER is

much more than a rescue. Among their activities is the "Stop the Backyard Breeding" program, which offers partial reimburs for gelding stud colts and stallions. nent

First on the schedule was Jessee Province, who is a well-known Colorado horse behaviorist, trainer, clinician, and natural horsemanship instructor (www.freespirithorsemanship.com). Province has an uncommon ability to translate technical information into plain-English presenta-

tions. With such ability, Province assured that her audience gained valuable insight about the Parelli Horsenality materials, which she said is "the best source for this information

Supported by clear outlines, hand-printed on flip chart pages, taped to the indoor arena's top rail behind her, Province walked her attentive audience of some 40 people into the world of the horse's mind. In the arena, two horses – an introvert and an extrovert – gave additional life to the lessons.

Province has been involved with horses for over 25 years and has taught professionally for 7 years. Her unique success is also attributed to her gift for understanding. She blends together with her insights and discoveries the principles of all the respected natural horsewomen and men. She blends together with her insights Two of these are Dennis Reis and Pat Parelli, whom she has studied for 15 years If you don't know Ginger Kathrens by name, you should know her by her devotion to wild horses. Kathrens records the remarkable lives of the Pryor Mountain, Mont. mustangs (www.thecloudfounda tion.org). Most famous of them is Cloud, the white stallion who has appeared in documentaries broadcast on PBS. Anyone who is interested in learning the facts about wild horses would do well to visit the foundation's website. The roundup of Cloud's herd brought na-

famous herd in the West.

A memorable presentation by Lori downed fence.



Dr. Douglas Corey Elected Chairman of the UHC

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➔ hen Hillary Wood purchased her first horse, Dancer, from a run-down stable, she knew that if left there, Dancer's next stop would have been a sale barn or

Wood also knew a heart-felt connection had been made. One day she would oper ate a horse rescue. Her dream was realized in 1997, beginning with searches for foster homes to shelter the rescued horses. Now, Wood and her dedicated team operate Front Range Equine Rescue (www.

Maverick, a handsome Palomino, modeled the phone number written on his croup with a colored paint pen. The horse sported on both of his forelegs, above the coronet bands, colored self-sticking bands that encased the phone number or the word, "Micro-chipped." Maverick also wore a neck collar and, on

his halter, a dog tag, available at pet stores. At the last, Torinne discussed the challenges of the times, recommending the use of "under surveillance' signs, reminding that each time you look out the window. vour property is, in fact, under surveillance. And she talked about the necessity

challenged by major health issues such as cancer, arthritis, stress, post-stroke syndrome Lupus, MS, Parkinson's, high blood pressure and heart problems, Victor was certified by Five Ring's School of Martial Arts in 1996. He opened a wellness center and soon became a Master Instructor.

In 2003 Victor was part of a group of some 40 concerned people who wanted to organize an equine rescue in Pueblo County. The attempt failed, but during that time, a divine appointment with a grievously abused 4-year old Arab/QH mare changed the direction of

He devoted two years to learning how to ap-



ordained an evangelist by the Cowboy Church. Pueblo, Co. He also established the Institute's Equestrian Center in 2005 and now provides his services to horses and their people exclu-sively. Contact by email, amani_farm@ yahoo. com or 970.691.3946.

Iasmine: A Front Range Equine Rescue Jewel

By Victor Wolf

Most everyone has heard a similar story Life is sometimes hard, and some people are forced to make difficult decisions. Jas mine's guardian was one such person.

The woman adopted Jasmine from Front Range Equine Rescue because Jasmine is a good horse who had been rescued from a hard life. The mare is likable, friendly, and gentle. And the woman, for reasons l did not question, took Jasmine home and allowed her be a horse. Caring deeply, the woman did her best to heal Jasmine's pas hurts.

Then the world tilted and the woman was forced to join that nameless crowd we read about. On the way there, she had to give up some things: Jasmine was included. The woman returned her horse to Hillary Wood and Michelle Conner. Conner coordinated Jasmine's training

As always, the team worked diligently to treat the mare's particular needs. She has thin soles and the farrier developed a protocol that includes shoes and pads, and trimming every 12 weeks. The outlook for regular shoeing is very good. Jasmine, a nine-year-old, does not have

papers, but she is a QH-type now being trained to ride. Corrine Fierkins, who rides the horses for FRER, maintains detailed saddle-fitting records, and Jas mine has benefitted from such attention to detail. The mare's resulting comfort omises the rider smooth travel.

Conner said that although Jasmine may not be a trail horse because of her correctable hoof problems, the mare will carry a rider on a leisurely pleasure ride. Could that rider be you? For more information about Jasmine, visit www.frontrangeequi nerescue.org

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The organization also provides many op portunities for horsemen and horsewome to showcase their talents. The fifth annual FRER Education Day is one, held Saturday, June 5 at the Latigo Trails Heritage Center, Black Forest, CO.

tional aftention to the issue. It is the most

Torrine, who works in law enforcement as well as running a horse ranch (www. DeseosArabians.com), graphically showed how to protect horses from theft or loss due to natural disasters, trail riding accidents, or escape, such as through a

to lock a parked trailer. In addition, she advised keeping detailed records: photos of you with your horse, including pictures of the horse in summer and winter, front, back, and both sides.

So information-packed was Torrine's presentation, only a separate article can report all. This is also true about Debbie Bibb, who appeared in the indoor arena twice: first for a round pen demonstration; and later, for a demonstration on building softness in the bridle.

Two of FRER's staff, Michelle Conner and Corrine Fierkins, not only explained proper Western and English saddle fit, hey allowed their audience an opportuni ty to feel with their own hands the results of a good fit.

Conner is FRER's adoption and training coordinator. Fierkins is an independent contractor who rides the horses at Conner's facility, most of which belong to the FRER

Fierkin also demonstrated how the rescued horses were fitted for saddles, because many present challenges. A variety of saddle pads were passed about, some of them made with full pockets that the resourceful team fills with custom-cut carpet lining. Fierkin also answered a question that

never seems to be asked: What is the significance of saddle seat's measurement in inches? Corrine said that most people believe that number is related to the rider's sitting area, measured front to back. In fact, she said, the number relates to the length of the rider's legs from hip to knee. She recommended this writer choose a 17' saddle.

No doubt several additional articles could be written about this event. But for now, enough information is included here to help you begin improving the peace, comfort and well-being of both you and vour horse.

Victor has been a student of classical meta-hysics and the martial arts since high school. n 1974 he began studying T'ai Chi and the energetic healing practices of Chinese medicine to overcome the effects of a serious accident. In 1978 he began sharing his knowledge pri-

His background includes a four year guided independent study of Earth Science and Journalism at then-William Penn College, Oskaloosa, IA (1994) and a doctorate from the College of Divine Metaphysics, Glendora, CA (1996)

Also in 1996, after demonstrated expertise in applying the healing aspects of Chinese medicine's energetic healing therapies to people

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About the Cover

Members of the Twin Valley Riders Club came out for a Fun Show at the Twin Valley, Minn. Arena in north-west central Minnesota Sunday, July 18. Top photo: Jenna Tollefson, 7, rides her Arab/Welsh, Diamond; Bottom left: Justin Anderson, 15-year-old from Gary, Minn. finishes the pole bending event on Dakota. Bottom right: Hailie Anderson, 17, rides her quarter horse gelding, Pepper, taking three first place ribbons at the fun show. Hailie and Justin are siblings and the children of Sue Anderson, Twin Valley, Minn.

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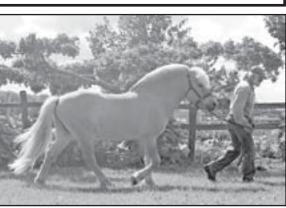
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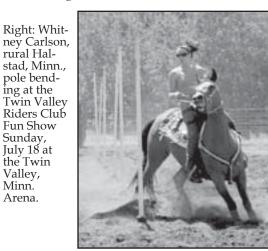
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Above: Introducing Phillip Odden who will be con-tributing a series of columns about training horses to drive. Odden trains and sells Norwegian Fjords as well as others breeds; he and his wife, Else Bigton, are from Wisconsin, and also own and operate NorskWoods Works, where they create original wood carvings and furniture for the home and office



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attachment. If the horse has a thick throat-latch and a short poll straight and that there is not a lot of wobbly motion in the hocks. By Phillip Odden Ven choosing a horse or pony to pull a cart or carriage there are some Watch the horse from the side it will be difficult for it to break at view at the walk and trot. At the the poll and hold its head on the walk the back hooves should at vertical as it travels. important aspects of conforma-The midsection of the horse least cover the print of the front tion and disposition that one hooves. I like to see a fairly large should have a nice strong top line should consider before you hitch overstep with the back hoof land with good muscling extending them up. Driving is through the coupling. Horses with very long backs will find it more difficult to turn in the different than riding in that when riding you have close contact shaves with your legs around So if you make the right the horse in addition choice in a driving horse it will be able to relax and move to your reins and voice When driving orward willingly. It will travel the horse is way out in with a nice rhythm and will front and your aids are actively use its hindquarters or good impulsion. The horse your lines, your voice and your whip. The horse needs to have will be able to take good contact with the bit and easily break at enough confidence he pole. If the horse has sound and trust to stav out conformation it will more likely in front and be driven stay sound and have a long from behind. If you vorking life. It makes no sense get in trouble with a ridden horse it is usuto put a lot of hard work and Front legs: Finding a horse with perfect legs is not all that easy since there are no perfect horses. The legs should be formed correctly and track correctly with training into a horse that has ally just the rider and conformational faults in the legs the horse that are in or body that will limit or end its good bone. connective tissue and muscle developdanger. When driving a horse, the cart or carriage can do a lot of horse and still have time to develope. It is important usefulness as a driving horse. Phillip Odden lives near Barronett, not to work the young horse too early and too long before the legs are fully developed. damage to the horse, Wisconsin where he and his wife Else make a living as furniture makpeople and property if things go

bad So first the horse needs to have a disposition that allows it to relax and use itself while pulling something For safety sake it will need to stand still while hitching and unhitch-

ing and it should be able to stand for extended periods of time anytime and anywhere you need it to stand. Horses that are easily excited and have difficulty focusing on the task you want them to do will be more difficult to train to drive than those that are naturally calm and willing.

should fit the function of pulling So the hind end, the midsection and the front end of the horse should be proportionally bal-anced and harmonious with good muscling. Without good legs and hooves you have no horse. When viewed from the front as the horse walks toward you, the legs and hooves should travel directly down the line of travel without winging to the side, paddling or crossing one in front of the other. Take a look as the horse travels away from you as well. All the motion should follow the direction of travel. Look closely



Form and Function in the Driving Horse



rs and wood carvers in the Norwegian tradition. They breed, raise, třain and comnete Norwe gian Fjord Horses in ombined Driving Events and Pleasur Driving shows. Their horses are used for light draft work around the arm and as hunting horses. Phil's goal with these articles is to help people enjoy their horses safely and give the orses a chance for a better life with their umans

IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS FOR 2010 NRHA DERBY SHOW Oklahoma City, OK – July 19, 2010 – The National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) proudly presented the 2010 NRHA Derby Show at Oklahoma State Fair Park at the end of June. Reiners from around the world converged in the show pen and testified to the strength of the Reining industry. At the show's end, Open and Non Pro Derby total entries leaped 27 percent from 880 in 2009 to 1,119 this year. The NRHA Derby Show, including ancillary, FEI and USEF classes, brought the total to 1,955 entries (1,544 in 2009). In all, the NRHA Derby Show has grown more than 107% since 2005.

Several major changes were made to the Nor Pro Derby including more added money lower entry fee and an exhibitor-friendly schedule. Non pro competitors gave their endorsement to those changes and grew their piece of the Derby more than 47% for a total of 596 entries and more than \$168,000 in total purse money. In addition, the Open Derby divisions increased substantially to 523 entries (10 percent in crease) and more than

Ancillary entries sky rocketed 31 percent to a total of 787 thanks to additional added money and Montana Silversmiths overall champion belt buckles. Ancillary exhibitors took home more than \$73,000 from the NRHA Derby Show

money.

in 2010 Incorporated in 1966, the National Reining Horse Associatior is the governing body of the sport of reining. NRHA, with their International Headquarters in Oklahoma City, is responsible for promoting the sport of rein-ing and working to ensure the

highest standards of competitior To learn more about the NRHA. its programs and family of corpo rate partners, visit nrha.com.





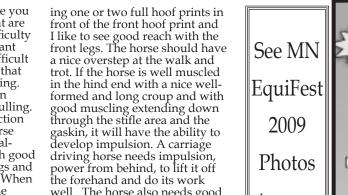
Phil leading Frode, a red dun Fjord, demontrating a long stride with the back leg coming well up and under the body.

The horse's conformation to see that the back hooves travel

well. The horse also needs good rhythm in its walk and trot. When looking at the front end

of the horse, I like to see the neck attached higher on the shoulders with good length of neck to bal-



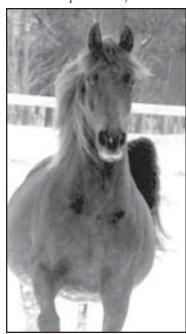


ance the power from behind. A nice refined head with large kind eyes is a big plus. Consider the length of poll and the neck head The Valley Equestians Local Wherever Distributed Got News Tips? Email us at: thevenews@gmail.com or

never thought Morgans would be in my life. Like most who have seen the movie Justin Morgan had a Horse " it didn't seem an aspiration I could ever achieve.

Then came college, adulthood, marriage, but if I wanted my degree, I had to add one credit of P.E. aka Physical Education to my course work. I railed and ranted and got nowhere with the administration. Sullenly, I looked over the almost endless choices of this one credit pain in

the rump. Horseback Riding? What? They had to be kidding. I can do that. (Being the same child who made her own stick horses and would have spent every dime she ever made on riding lessons had her mother permitted.)



I signed up and showed up at ungstar Farm in Oshkosh, WI. Guess what? It was a Mora hundred pure bred Morgans.

its, (I know – quell surprise) and a weanling Morgan colt sired by Applevale Storm King came into our lives. And thus began the downward (or upward spiral depending on your point of view) of the farm that "Dancer" built. First a truck, then a 40 acre farm, then a barn with an indoor, then our first mare, Hillside Cindy and then breeding her – you get

gan farm, with what seemed like One credit became four cred-



Senator Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas has been awarded the American Horse Council's 2010 Rolapp Award. Senator Lincoln is the Chair of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee.

"I am honored to receive this award and proud to serve as an advocate for our nation's horse industry. As an Arkansan, I recognize the importance of the horse industry and the role it plays not only in the agriculture community but also in sport, recreation and entertainment. As Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I can assure



the picture Along the way, I became obsessed with the reality of Morgans – there isn't hardly a saddle hat will stand still on their backs. Either they are riding forward or rolling around. Why is easy – this breed has the distinction of being perhaps the hardest to saddle, especially if they are of the classic Morgan type. And if they are not correctly saddled, they will never lift their withers and actually conspire to keep a saddle in place. And thus began my saddlefitting education which has led me to where I am today--a Society of Master Saddlers Dualified Saddle Fitter.

You see how round she is This mare came into our lives purchased at auction for a walloping \$875. By the time she was done growing and happil saddled, I went through \$8000 worth of saddles! So I have a huge appreciation of the distress and strain many Morgan riders go through getting their horses correctly saddled.

All of these horses demand a hoop tree--one with tree rails that will lay parallel to their backs. They also need a lower pommel and frequently a shallow rear panel configuration. Some of the addles that work well with these

you I will continue to work hard among others.

to provide solutions to issues impacting the horse industry," said Senator Lincoln in accepting the award.

Each year the American Horse Council presents the Rolapp Award to a Member of Congress who has been of great service to the horse industry. The award s presented in honor of Rich Roapp, the former president of the AHĆ, who passed away in 1993 Previous award winners include Senators Wendell Ford and Mitch McConnell, and Representatives Hal Rogers, Ben Chandler, Bart Gordon, and Karen Thurman

the Thornhill Klasse, the Laser 747, the L & R Concord and the Strada. In the Western saddles ve have had onsiderable success with the Meleta Brown Free lom saddle. very so ofter *w*e ɗo run cross horses hat need ven wider ıllets and atter bars, uit take heart ese Western addles do exist and not verv one of hem has to be stom built. So if you nave Morgans o saddle and hev are givng you fits, contact me at: http://saddle fitter.com or

horses are

call 651-462-5654 Cordia Pearson is one of fifteen Society of Master Saddlers Qualified Saddle Fitters in the United States. She brings the Society's highest standards to her work with both



English and Western saddles. She is a rider and has bred Morgan horses for more than thirty years. She trained and taught all breeds and many seats. "In a marketplace filled with way too many gimmicks and les than stellar products, it is vital that all riders have a working knowledge of saddle fitting. Every moment you spend with your horse is previous and none of it should be wasted struggling with painful or crippling tack." You can

find her on the web at www Saddlefitter.com

In presenting

president of the AHC, said

'Senator Lin-

coln is most

deserving of

this award.

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July 2010

Aurora, CO - The Arabian Horse Association (AHA) will celebrate ten years at Expo New Mexico in Álbuquerque, N.M. with the 2010 Arabian and Half-Arabian Youth National Championshir Horse Show (Youth Nationals), July 24-31. The championship orsw show mixes the country's best young equestrian talent with youth-spun fun and activities, pouring approximately \$10 million into the city's economy.

Nearly 1,000 Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses and their youth riders will compete in head-to-head competition that ranges a wide variety of disciplines including western, English, dressage and jumping. Classes begin at 8 a.m. each day and are divided into morning, afternoon and evening sessions Admission to all performances is free for the duration of the show. The entire week is laced with activities planned espe-cially for families to draw the Albuquerque community to the fairgrounds for free, wholesome summer fun.

On the evenings of July 30 and 31, the week's finalists compete for the national championship in special evening performances after the kids have competed to make their cuts throughout the week

This year's youth activities start even before the show begins and are scattered throughout the week. Albuquerque riding students should take advantage of a free clinic put on by the Arabian Professional and Ámateur Horseman's Association (APA-HA), July 22, featuring showmanship expert, Laurie Long and hunter pleasure trainer, Wendy Potts. Clinics start at 2 p.m. in the Horseman's Arena.

AHA corporate partner, Iron Horse Jeans will sponsor a fash-



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By Jessica Lynn, Earth Song Ranch

est Nile virus (WNV) detected in the United States in 1999. WNV was first identified as a cause of infection and fatal encephalomyelitis (inflammation of the spinal cord and brain) in horses and people in Egypt, Uganda, and France in the early

How It Spreads Only birds are known to infect, or transmit, WNV to mosquitoes, after they have already been infected or exposed by an infected mosquito. The mosqui toes then spread the disease, by a bite to horses, humans, and other mammals. Horses and humans are considered the "dead-end hosts" of the West Nile virus, and cannot transmit the virus or contribute to the "transmission cycle." The virus is not directly contagious from horse to horse horse to human, human to horse. human to human or any similar, or indirect transmission via mosquitoes from infected horses. The incubation period for

West Nile virus in horses appears to be between 3 to 15 days, following an infected mosquito bite. The statistics for mortality rate for horses exhibiting the clinical signs of West Nile virus infection is being stated at approximately 33 percent, or only 1 in 3 will die To state that in a more positive note, 2 of every three horses infected with WNV will live! But to take that even one step further, the horses that do die are usually horses that were in poor health and condition to begin with, under nourished, were very old or very young and their immune systems were compromised prior to exposure to WNV.

What seems to be happening and is being reported is the data is not accurate, as many owner's of horses exhibiting signs of the disease voluntarily euthanized their animals, even without confirming tests, because many allopathic vets have no current allopathic medicine to treat or cure the disease, nor do they give the owner's hope for a good outcome.

One needs to ask are horses really dying of this disease or are they being voluntarily euthanized due to people not having the time to be available to treat their animals, as well as the costs of allopathic care? And are the statistics accurate and being reported accurately, meaning, are the deaths being reported as actual death from WNV or

GRAY, CHOATE AND HARPER CLAIM 2010 USEF NATIONAL Y OUTH REINING CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

Oklahoma City, OK - It was a busy day in the Adequan Championship Arena at the 2010 NRHA Derby as United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) National Youth Reining champions were crowned in very competitive fashion. Chloe Gray was happy just to

be able to compete after her horse injured a suspensory ligament the day before the competition. Luckily her trainer, Shannon Rafacz stepped in with a horse for her to ride and Repeat Fine Footwork delivered big time. Gray, a 21-year-old senior at the University of South Carolina rode confidently despite having

sat on Repeat Fine Footwork for the first time the previous eve-

vill vary from year to year with

changes in distribution of insects

who carry the virus. Some of

these changes in distribution of

the disease seem to be due to various weather pattern changes

and or wetter than normal win-

ters and springs in some areas. Because of the unpredictable

nature of those factors and the

effects of the disease, it has been

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Clinical Signs of West Nile

Virus in Horses

The clinical signs associated

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from horse to horse, and may

include: rabies, EPM (equine

protozoal myeloencephalitis),

equine herpesvirus-1, botulism;

encephalomyelitis (EEE, WEE,

rial meningitis, Wobbler Syn-

Some of the symptoms may

Fever, but not in all cases

Stumbling or in-coordination

• Tremors and difficulty rising

Blindness or blindness like

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VEE); heat stress, trauma; bacte-

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West Nile Virus, Natural Pro-Active Prevention, Nosodes and Homeopathic Treatments

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 - Intermittent lameness

And up to and including death for horses who are already immune compromised, as in very old horses or very young sickly foals, or horses who have been over vaccinated or over chemically wormed

Healthy horses may become infected without showing any clinical signs. Fever is not a common sign but may be present. Drooling from the mouth or

runny nose has also been seen. The key is to keep a watchful eve on your horses and note any unusual behavior. The course of this infection, if treated with homeopathic remedies, is usually 3-4 days, and requires giving the homeopathic remedies numerous times until there is a lessening of the symptoms.

Protecting Your Animals Nutritionally

It is important to take preven tive actions early, prior to the time of the year when mosquitoes are likely to bite and infect horses in your area. Make sure your horse is receiving adequate nutrition to keep him healthy. Boosting your horse's immune system with the appropriate supplements including Vitamin and Colostrum is also very helpful and appropriate. Also using a high potency equine friendly probiotic supplement is recommended as 85 percent of the horses immune system is found in his intestinal tract. Most horse owners are not aware that if a healthy horse should become infected, it does not mean certain death, that horse can successfully be treated, for WNV, with homeopathic remedies given orally over a course of 3 to 4 days, at a cost of around \$100. Of healthy horses infected $2 \text{ out of every } \vec{3}$, who were not vaccinated, and who received no treatment do live, and with no residual effects!

Adding Garlic as well as onequarter cup apple cider vinegar (preferably organic) to their feed will assist in naturally repelling mosquitoes (and flies), as will using a natural citronella/lanolin based insect repellant such as Pyranaha in the evenings, or Larry's Natural Fly Spray with a cap full of Avon's Skin So Soft, which we use here in So. California.

Be Proactive / Be an

Informed Consumer Be an informed consumer, don't just vaccinate because the media is playing up the threat of West Nile, and the vet pharmaceuticals are heavily advertising their vaccines playing on the public's fear factor! Consider us ing Nosodes (homeopathic remedy prepared from a pathological specimen) instead. Find out from vour vet if there has been an active outbreak in your area.

Don't believe the statistics uestion them, call your local health departments or veterinary colleges or veterinary hospitals, because voluntary euthanasia does not mean the horse died of the disease, the euthanasia

occurred because the vets are telling people there is no cure, therefore giving horse owner's little hope and un-informed consumers are needlessly putting down animals that could overcome the virus with a little extra care, homeopathic remedies, and a better immune system from better nutritional practices.

Be realistic, and weigh the evi-dence as well as the area in which you live to determine the risk factors. A horse with a healthy immune system and proper nu-trition can naturally fight off a virus such as West Nile and would not have any noticeable symptoms for the most part when he recovered. Talk to your vet and if the risk is too high then vaccinate but also re-evaluate your feeding practices and supplement program to make sure your horse is healthier and has a good immune system. Homeopathic Nosodes are also available if you want to take a natural approach to "immunize" your horse as opposed to vaccination.

If you choose to vaccinate, for your horses to be protected by vaccination, they should receive the second of two initial doses of the currently licensed vaccine at least 2 weeks before mosquitoes are likely to start biting and infect them.

What is a Nosode

Nosodes are really homeopathic "immunizations" as op-posed to "vaccinations." They are made the very same way as a homeopathic remedy, by dilution, and succession, except they are made from the "discharges" when an organism (animal or human) gets sick. For example, a distem per Nosode is made from the nasal discharge from an infected dog, a Parvo Nosode is made from the diarrhea of an infected animal, and the EPM Nosode is made from the spinal cord of an EPM positive horse.

ing a homeopathic West Nile Nosode in place of vaccines has been shown effective in areas of high mosquito populations as it "immunizes" your horses safely as opposed to chemically "vaccinating" them. If your horse should become infected there are alternative treatments available including homeopathic protocols and other natural alternatives such as the use of essential oils

I do not know of any allopathic treatment available for WNV once a horse becomes infected however, there are homeopathic remedies that do treat WNV effectively with no side affects and are available from www. holisticvetclinic.net

Prevention is key Preventive managemen practices may also help to nimize the risk of the spread and transmission of West Nile virus from infected mosquitoes. Reduction of mosquito numbers and exposure can be achieved by reducing or eliminating any stagnant or standing water in your area, removing old tires, keeping horses in the barns from dusk to dawn (prime mosquito feeding times), using electrical mosquito zappers, setting out mosquito traps, keeping air moving with fans, and removing organic debris (muck) promptly Chemical controls may include the use of topical anti-mosquito repellent or fly sprays in heavily infested areas

Reduce Mosquito Breeding Sites

You can decrease the chance of your animals being exposed to the West Nile virus by limiting their exposure to mosquitoes. The best way to do this is to reduce mosquito-breeding sites Mosquitoes can breed in any puddle that lasts more than 4 days. The best way to reduce your risk is to remove any poter tial sources of standing water in which breeding can take place.

Dispose of water-holding containers such as old tires. Drill holes in the bottom of containers that are left outside. Thoroughly clean watering troughs bird baths, etc., every few days Clean clogged roof gutters every year. Turn over wading pools of wheelbarrows when not in use, and do not let water stagnate in bird baths. Aerate ornamental pools, keep water moving. Clear and chlorinate swimming pools that are not in use and do not let water collect on pool covers. Use landscaping to eliminate low spots where standing water can collect.

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ning. She won the 19-21 year old division on a convincing score of 144.5 over Lydsey Jordan on Sailin CD and Breanne Bertrand on Stoned Chik, who tied for the reserve spot on 142.5.

"Today went very, very well," said Grav, whose hometown is Citra, FL. "Shannon was kind enough to lend him to me and it worked out phenomenally. It couldn't have gone better. I had a blast.

Grav has seen the horse compete before and Rafacz always had a great time showing him, so her nerves went away when she went in the ring.

In the middle age group, Layla Choate was named USEF National Youth Reining Champion in the 14-18 year old age group after a great performance on Plus One Chex. Choate won by a narrow margin over Devin Spencer. Choate's score of 144.5 was a half point better for the win in her first USEF National Championship.

"It was awesome," said Choate (Murray, KY). "It's my first time in the USEF division but it was a major goal for me this year."

Choate's commitment to getting qualified and getting to the USEF National Championship paid off and Plus One Chex put in a stellar ride. Choate was really pleased that Plus One Chex seemed to thrive on the big stage

"Her stops are always amazing," said Choate. "She's always loved to do them been good at them but it means more to get it done at a big show."

Kyndall Harper is in her last year of the 13 and under division and made the most of it, winning stylishly and convincingly aboard Please Me Whiz. From St Augustine, FL - Harper finally picked up the Championship title after two years of being reserve champion.

"It's really exciting," said Harper. "The third time is the charm because I was reserve the last two times. It's my last year but my horse was really good. He likes the spins the best - he really locks in and goes fast."

Harper's score of 141 put her well clear of the 2010 Reserve

Champion for this Championship. That title went to Stephen Timberlake, who, on a score of 136.5, was second on Whiz Bang Boom.

In the CRI-Y which ran concurrently, eight riders had their eyes on the 2010 Smart Pak North Ámerican Young Rider Reining Championships at the Adequan FEI North American Junior/ Young Rider Championships presented by Gotham North

Breanne Bertrand and Stone Chik led the way: their score of 142.5 gave them top honors in the FEI division over Will Letner and A Genuine Diamond and Caroline Blackshear and Kidsgotitall. This group of riders will represent the United States.

July 2010 **RABIES IN COLORADO** HORSES AS OUR TEACHERS Big Things Come in Small Brown Wrappers

LAKEWOOD, Colo. - The Colorado Department of Agriculture is encouraging livestock and pet owners to discuss animal health concerns, including the rabies vaccine, with their local veterinarian after a horse in eastern Arapahoe County tested positive for rabies.

"The department would like to stress two very important points," said State Veterinarian, Dr. Keith Roehr.

"One – animal owners need to be aware that rabies is transferring from one species to another and they should monitor their animals for symptoms; and twolocal veterinarians are a valuable resource to help producers decide the best course of action to protect their livestock and pets from rabies.

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, in 2009, there were a total of 103 rabies cases in 20 Colorado counties: one of those cases included a horse. In September 2009, a horse in El Paso County was euthanized and subsequent tests determined the horse was infected with rabies; public health experts believe the horse was exposed in July 2009 to a skunk on its home property in the Black Forest area.

As of April 12, a total of 28 animals have tested positive for rabies in Colorado in 2010: 25 skunks (13 from Elbert County), 1 domestic cat from Prowers County, 1 muskrat from Morgan County, and the 1 horse from eastern Arapahoe County. Rabies is a viral disease infecting the brain and central nervous system. The clinical appearance of rabies typically falls into two types: "aggressive" and "dumb." Ag-gressive rabies symptoms include combat-iveness and violent behavior and sensitivity to touch and other kinds of stimulation. There is also a "dumb" form of the disease in which the animal is lethargic, weak in one or more limbs, and unable to raise its head or make sounds because its throat and neck muscles are paralyzed.

Rabies can be passed from animals to humans. Elisabeth Lawaczeck, state public health veterinarian at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment added, "The best way to protect your family from rabies is to keep your pets currently vaccinated for rabies through your local veterinarian, humane society, or animal shelter. Rabies vaccination performed by owners will not be recognized by local public health or animal control agencies for licensing or in the event of an exposure to a rabid animal."

Rabies is spread primarily through the bite of rabid animals, resulting in

the spread of the disease through their infected saliva. Rabies also can be spread when saliva from an infected animal gets into open wounds, cuts or enters through membranes of the eyes, nose or mouth. No cure exists for rabies once symptoms appear although there is a vaccine to prevent the infection. Livestock and pet owners are urged to discuss the vaccine with their local veterinarian.

"Animal owners need to primarily look for any dramatic behavioral changes. That is typically one of the hallmark signs that the animal may be suffering from rabies," said Roehr.

Examples of unusual behavior include: wild mammals that show no fear of people and pets; nocturnal animals that are active in daylight; and bats found on the ground, in swimming pools or that have been caught by a pet. Rabid carnivores, such as skunks, foxes, bobcats, coyotes, dogs and cats, may become aggressive and may at-tempt to bite people, pets and livestock. In addition to ensuring that pets and livestock are vaccinated properly against rabies, residents are encouraged to follow hese prevention steps:

Don't feed wild animals or allow your pets around them. Be sure to teach chilen to stay away from wild mammals. Contact your veterinarian if your dog or cat is bitten or scratched by a wild animal such as a skunk, bat, fox or raccoon. If you suspect you've been exposed to rabies, contact your physician without delay. Discuss rabies vaccination of your livestock with your veterinarian. Vaccination should be considered for horses and other equines, breeding livestock, dairy cattle or other high-value livestock, especially in areas of the state where skunks have been diagnosed with rabies. If you observe a wild mammal acting strangely, especially a skunk, or if you find a dead skunk that isn't on your property, stay away from it. Strange behavior for a skunk would include being out and about during daytime hours. If you must remove a dead skunk on your property, wear rubber gloves or lift the carcass with a shovel or other tool, and double-bag it for the trash. Do not allow pet dogs or cats to roam freely, as this increases the chance they may be exposed without your knowledge. Keep dogs in a fenced in yard. Take precaution when camping, hunting or fishing. Avoid sleeping on the open ground without the protection of a closed tent or camper. Keep pets on a leash and do not allow them to wander

NDWS Opens Outdoor Arena

The North Dakota Winter Show announces the opening of its new Outdoor Riding Arena. The National Versatility Ranch Horse Association will kick off the use of the arena with its Clinic and Competition this weekend (June 19 & 20). Thanks to promoter Wyatt Žaun of Valley City, North Dakota the event promises to provide something new to the area. It is an added addition to Valley City's annua Rally in the Valley event being held in Vallev Čitv this weekend.

Located on the West side of the North Dakota Winter Show Event Center in Valley City, ND the new riding arena will be a showcase for many outdoor horse events bringing patrons of all ages to the area. The North Dakota Winter Show hosts many horse related events throughout the vear and this will only make the facility more user friendly.

Many hours of planning and work have gone into the development of the new North Dakota Winter Show Riding Arena. The Sheyenne Valley Riding Club has been a great supporter with equipment and financial support. The City of Valley City helped to make this all possible with various

project contributions. John Deere Seed-ing Company has also been instrumental with the support Keith Hovland and his staff have provided. As the project began, the NDWS was fortunate enough to have the National Disaster Relief Organization stop by to help us out. The new students at Valley City State University last fall pitched in to help empty sand bags so that he arena would be completed.

The North Dakota Winter Show is looking forward to a great deal of activity in the new outdoor riding arena. We plan to have a formal grand opening of the facility later this year with the name of the arena released. Watch for details and dates for the event.

For more information, please contact: North Dakota Winter Show Office @ 800-437-0218 (701) 845-1401 or (701) 840-2854. Check us out at www.northdakotawintershow.com



By Katherine Thompson

he month of June means new foals are hitting the ground, and always reminds me of one birth I still marvel over. To call it a miracle was an understatement.

The twenty-three year-old mare was pathetically thin and emaciated. She was supposed to be in foal, but you couldn't really tell she was for sure or not. Closer scrutiny disclosed a serious infestation of lice. The mare was owned by a large horoughbred breeder, but was one of those that had obviously fallen through the cracks, so to speak. She was well bred and had produced some amazing runners, but to look at her now, you'd have wondered how. Small and plain, the bay was almost completely blind, and afflicted with some sort of strange respiratory condition the likes of which I'd never seen. Her breathing was labored, as she continuously expelled copious amounts of mucus from her nostrils and tear ducts; there was apparently no cure for this unsightly conditio

She'd been sent to foal on the ranch at which I was assisting, and I couldn't help but wonder if the reason was because her presence at the bigger outfit was an em-barrassment. It took several baths to kill and wash the lice from her dull, rusty coat. It was hard to imagine how this emaciated creature could possibly support a healthy pregnancy.

One morning, to our shock, we found her literally staggering around in her pen under the weight of her pregnancy, one side of her face lax with paralysis, and her tongue hanging from the side of her mouth like a lifeless flag. If the reality of her condition had not been so serious, she would have made you laugh at the absurdity of her goofy countenance. But there was nothing funny about her drunken act at all! Moving her from one pen to another was outright dangerous, as she would weave and stumble precari-ously, threatening to topple over onto her handler or crash to the ground. It was doubtful she could live much longer. In a lifetime of experience with horses in every imaginable condition, I have seen some pretty sad cases, but this one was the most pitiful vet!

The local veterinarian concluded that she most likely had a tumor on the brain that was causing the paralysis. He gave her some antibiotics, not so much for her, but for the foal she carried, which to his amazement appeared to be alive! And in truth I had my doubts about it surviving its birth, even if the mare completed her term. Nothing else could be done for her at this point; odds on her survival were the kind no bookie in his right mind would place a bet. I offered to do a healing on the mare to

the woman who ran the ranch. Having had some experience of the benefits, she gave me permission, grateful for any help that I could lend. We knew there would

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be no credit for, or convincing anyone that I had made a difference, but I knew I

Let me explain that most of my healing work is not physical hands-on in nature. use my mind to visualize moving energy, and 15 years of applying it in this way has produced some pretty amazing results. As is often the case, while I was in a light trance facilitating this healing, the mare exhibited signs of release by licking, chewing, and yawning almost continuously. It was clear something was happening. Following the healing, her paralysis seemed to have lessened. Every time she saw me she would nicker in recognition. We had formed a bond on another level, a connection of which few are aware. Not surprisingly, as I have witnessed many times, within a day or two her eye bright-ened, and her overall demeanor began to change in an obvious way, though she was far from being out of the woods and whole again. There seemed to be more purpose in her attitude and a will to survive. Was it possible she could give birth one more time to carry on the bloodlines that would put more black type in future pedigrees?

Early one Sunday morning, I awoke to horses nickering and whinnying in excited communication. I dressed to go out and see what was causing all the commotion, and what I saw was almost beyond belief. There beside the old bay stood a strong brown filly, in every way as healthy as she could possibly be! Small but absolutely perfect, she was feisty and assertive, as I suspect her dam had been when she was voung! And I might add, this is the mark of a truly outstanding broodmare! The old one lovingly nuzzled her baby when she could get her to stand still for a mo-ment, but that didn't happen very often. When she wasn't napping in her mother's vigilant shadow, or nursing demandingly with little respect for her mother's infirmi ties, she was terrorizing her by racing around her in circles, just out of her line of impaired vision, like a bratty child that knows she can get away with it. She was a pistol: no doubt about it.

I hadn't seen that big a heart or that strong of a will to live since those days I'd watched certain horses display the same kind of courage in races from which they were barely able to walk away after win ning! I don't know what happened to the pair after the filly's birth and their return to the farm from which they had come, though I'm certain the dam's time left on this plane was relatively short. What I do know is that, while my part was small and seemingly insignificant in this little drama, it made a difference. It was the beginning of something that otherwise might not have ever happened. And as long as there are horses that suffer from ignorance of just how big, how emotional, and how intelligent they really are, I will continue to do what I can, with healing that will come, not from me, but through me, from Source energy.

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horse's hooves.

Today the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center (MCHF&WHC) announced its third class of Legacy Award inductions. This year, the awards honor historical figures that had an impact on Montana's Western Heritage in the years 1860-1940. The Class of 2010 includes two inductees from each of 12 districts across the state. The inductees were chosen from can didates nominated by the public and Trustees of the MCHF&WHC. The MCHF&WHC sought nominees that made a notable contribution to the history and culture of Montana before 1940, no matter the year of death or closure. Winners were selected by the MCHF&WHC Trustees. The winners of the 2010 Legacy Award

 District 1 (Daniels, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan, & Valley Counties): Truman "Jack" Stanton Golberg; and Henry Headdress, Sr. • District 2 (Dawson, Garfield, McCone,

Prairie, Richland, & Wibaux Counties): John W. & Ellen Kennedy O'Brien & the O'Brien Stagecoach Stop; and Arthur & Mabel Parsons • District 3 (Carter, Custer, Fallon, Powder River, Rosebud, & Treasure Coun-ties): Sid Vollin; and Corrydon W. (C.W.)

Wilson Ed McGivern

District 7 (Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, & Yellowstone Counties): Leo John Cremer; and Alice Greenough



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You are out on the trail and your horse bends or looses his horseshoe, what can you do to keep your horse safe and keep hoof damage to a minimum? First of all someone in your riding group should carry a hoof puller (Fleet Farm) and a rasp (ask your farrier if they have an old one) these two items are the very minimum that you will need to safely remove a bent shoe. Secondly all riders should carry a pair of riding boots that have been fit to their

Bent or loose shoe: If the clinches are loose, just pull the shoe off from the bottom. If the clinches are tight, pull the foot forward and file them off with the rasp, then pull the shoe from the bottom. When you pull the shoe off, start at the heel of the shoe and push the force of the puller forward to the toe and work your way to the toe on both sides; do not push or pull the shoe from side to side. If this is unclear, ask your farrier to show you how.

When the shoe is off, use the rasp and file the hoof smooth on the bottom edges and the surface of the hoof wall. Apply your hoof boot and continue your ride. Call your farrier when you get home and have the shoe replaced.

Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame announces 2010 Legacy Award inductions

• District 4 (Blaine, Choteau, Hill, & District 4 (blande, Choteau, Filli, & Liberty Counties): Stephen (Steve) Charles Boyce; and Joseph Cobell
District 5 (Cascade, Glacier, Pondera, Teton, & Toole Counties): Kenneth H.

Galbreath; and Alvin Fredrick Sauke • District 6 (Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, & Wheatland Counties): Claire R. Boyce; and

• District 8 (Broadwater, Jefferson, & Lewis and Clark Counties): Montana Stockgrowers Association; and Ming's Opera House
District 9 (Gallatin, Meagher, & Park

Counties): James Norris "Dick" Randall; and Yellowstone Expedition (Jim Bridger, Charles Cook & David Folsom) District 10 (Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, &

Sanders Counties): Glacier National Park; and Mokaturo M. Hori District 11 (Mineral, Missoula, & Ravalli Counties): Monroe D. Fulkerson; and Edgar S. Paxson District 12 (Deer Lodge, Beaverhead, Silver Bow, Granite, Madison, & Powell Counties): Bannack; and The Vigilantes of Montana – The Vigilance Committee

The first round of Legacy Awards, voted on by the MCHF&WHC Trustees in 2008, honored cowboys, cowgirls, establishments, organizations, outlaws and a horse through 1920. The 51 induct-ees served as the Foundational Members of the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame. Their full biographies are available on the MCHF&WHC's website, http://www. montanacowboyfame.com. The second round of Legacy Awards, in 2009, honored fourteen recipients from across the state. Past inductees have included Sitting Bull, Evelyn Cameron, the N Bar N Ranch, Charles M. Russell, Plenty Coups, Granville Stuart, Nelson Story, the Grant-Kohrs Ranch, Fannie Sperry Steele and Frank

Bird Linderman. For more information about the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center, or for more details on the Legacy Award inductees, please contact Christy Stensland at the MCHF&WHC by calling (406) 653-3800, emailing cowboys@ nemont.net, or logging on at http://www.

montanacowboyfame.com

The Dressage Foundation Receives a \$1-Million Donation

"It's a very large and generous contribu-tion," said John Boomer, retiring President and CEO of The Dressage Foundation, as he announced a \$1-million gift made by Gordon Cadwgan, father of Olympian Carol Lavell. Cadwgan, who has been a longtime generous supporter of The Dressage Foundation and its work, has instructed that his \$1-million gift is "to be used where needed most, and as the Foundation best sees fit to carry out its mission." he Dressage Foundation's mission is "To cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of dressage.

The Dressage Foundation plans to use this major donation to embellish, enhance and enlarge a number of its present funds Carol Lavell, her family, friends and donors have established "The \$25,000 Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize" at The Dressage Foundation, awarded annually to provide financial assistance for coaching and training to a talented, committed qualified rider whose plan is to reach and excel at the elite, international standards of high-performance dressage. "Now The Dressage Foundation will be able to award two \$25,000 prizes each year, if we have the qualified applicants," said Lavell.

Also with Lavell's "Gifted Fund" at The Dressage Foundation, nine scholarships are available annually to help adult amateurs set aside quality time in concentrated training with a horse they own, away from the daily pressures of job and family. "Now, thanks to Dad's gift, we can increase the dollar amounts of these annual scholarships," said Lavell.

Lavell's generosity, and that of her family, has regularly helped other funds at the Foundation, such as Michael Poulin's 'Olympic Dream Program,' through which four top young American dressage riders, accompanied by two adult chaperones, are taken to Europe each year for a 10-day introduction to international dressage, trainers, riders, facilities and events. "The staff and Board of Directors of The Dressage Foundation have spent several years developing our 'Target of Opportunities' file," said Melissa Filipi, Development Director of The Dressage Foundation, "and now we are grateful and thrilled that we can go to work to bring these dreams to reality for our sport."

Boomer said, "Carol Lavell is the Mother of Giving-Back. She cares so much about our sport, and cares for it. She has created machinery that will keep giving far into the future – her father's gift adds a wellspring - a continuous funding stream that will keep on helping for many years to come.

Major General Jonathan Burton, Chairman of The Dressage Foundation's Board of Directors, in expressing the Board's gratitude to Gordon Cadwgan for his \$1-million donation, said, "We deeply thank Gordon Cadwgan for his gift which firmly fortifies the Foundation's financial future.

For more information about The Dressage Foundation, please contact Melissa Filipi at (402) 434-8585 or visit www.dressageoundátion.org

RIDING ON ANGELS' WINGS RIDES THE RED!

Riding on Angels' Wings, a nonprofit riding therapy program in Felton, Minn. held its first "Ride the Red" fundraiser on June 19 when 44 participants and 40 horses, including 2 wagons, took an enjoyable ride through the bik paths of Fargo, N.D. and Moornead, Minn. It was a "perfect day for the ride and the scenery was peautiful. A BIG THANK YOU to Fargo and Moorhead Parks for allowing us to ride the paths through town and also to those who participated in the ride.



PORTLAND, ND EQUINE PARK OFFERS MUCH

The MayPort Arena Association is a newly organized non-profit equestrian club focusing on horsemanship and community. The group draws from a variety of horse lovers with all money received from the our events used to continue to help build the facility and benefit local

The MayPort Arena Association's 200' x 260' outdoor all-steel arena is nestled in he middle of the 13 acre Portland Equine Park which is located at the northwest corner of Portland, ND near Highway 200, bout 60 miles northwest of Fargo and 40 miles southwest of Grand Forks. There are eight new RV hookups with electricity and water.

The Portland Equine Park offers a very arge outdoor arena with eight 24' x 24' olding pens. picnic tables, play ground equipment, rest rooms and a shelter available to the public. To use the arena, one must be a current paid member of he MayPort Arena Association. Annual nemberships are only \$25 per family or 515 for an individual.

The MayPort Arena Association has monthly fun play days scheduled for July 25, August 22 and Sept 26, 2010. The MPAA Club Playdays start at 1 p.m. and fun classes are planned for the entire fam ly. Once you become a member of the

through sixth place

The Sheyenne Valley Team Penning Association is coming back to the Portland Equine Park on Sunday, August 29th. Sheyenne Valley Team Penning Association offers classes for the novice and beginning riders to the most experienced riders. Experienced riders are always available to help others. A concession stand will be available on grounds for this event

The MayPort Arena Association is looking for new members and all types of horse disciplines. We want to invite ropers to join the club and use the arena for practice and for jackpot roping. There are currently in discussions with "Ranch Rodeo" in anticipation of securing this event at the Portland Equine Park. This new club is open to others coming in with their special events.

We are hoping to get the Mounted Cowboy Shooters to come and we would also like to get included in a barrel racing

The MayPort Arena Association directors are Alan Eichhorn and Bryan Domier, both of Portland, N.D. Merrill Meyer of Portland is the president and his wife Janet, is the treasurer. Tina Tamke Boury of Northwood, N.D. is the secretary. For more information, questions and ideas, please contact us at 701-786-3254.

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vervone wants to see \dashv the horse that can do "everything", which is understandable. We all have day jobs, there are bills to pay, people to see, and things to do. When it comes to the horse, wouldn't it be nice to just jump on and go? Well, because of this attitude (and it's a fair

one), we often times over-look th horse with limited or no trainir We do have th "eye' to see a

dia mond in the rough, or we've got too much going on. The goal of the Trainers Challenge is to the turn the horse that nobody wants into the horse that everyone wants

The Challenge On the weekend of August 14th, the 2010 Trainer's Challenge of the Unwanted Horse will be held at the Louise Leatherdale Center at the University of Minnesota. It is there, before a panel of judges, that 13 trainers will demonstrate how they've taken a horse that no one wants - a horse that came to them untrained and inexperienced and with the right amount of time and investment in

training, turned it into a horse who is now a willing companion. Train ers have committee to spending 100 (or so) days training a

The Trainers Before Trainers committed to the Challenge, the MHARF ran down the expectations of this Challenge so everyone could start on the same

Horses were assigned to trainers by way of lottery during the middle part of May and it was up to the trainer to transport their equine student to their training facility.

The horses are of different training levels, which will be taken into account at the tim of judging, at the Challenge show. It is a sort of a "before and after' evaluation. The basic skills a horse should lear include: standing quietly for a farrie and veterinarian load and unload quietly into a trailer, stand pa tiently for tack an

Minnesota Hooved Animal Foundation 2010 Challenge of the Unwanted Horse untacking, and being able to be ridden on the rail and on the trail. Going above and beyond these skills is encouraged, as they would be looked upon favorably by the judges. Judges for the Chal-

lenge will not have ties to the Rescue, and it is the MHARF's hope to have no ess than

ree judge n total All horses

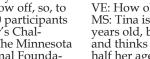
vill be ubiect to a rug test on ne day of he Chal-All horse are still nsidered o be in the care of the Rescue and

mation.

will be checked at least once a month by a MHARF representative to ensure the health and safety of the animal

Upon completion of the Challenge, any horses not adopted out will be returned to the Rescue, unless other arrangements are made It wouldn't be much of a

Challenge if the MHARF didn't have any horses or trainers to show off, so, to meet the 2010 participants of the Trainer's Challenge, go to The Minnesota Hooved Animal Foundations web site: http:// www.mnhoovedanimalres-



VE: How did you get in volved in MNHARF as they are quite a distance

in each description, you will be taken to a running 'blog" of the horses and ` their trainers progress along with photographs of the pairs. If you are unable to connect with this web site, but are interested in meeting/adopting one of these fine horses, please contact the Rescue at (763) 856-3119, and you will be

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assisted with contact infor Tina? Mary Salata of rural Fisher, MN is one of the 13 Trainers chosen for the that evening. Challenge. Last May (on Mother's Day) Mary traveled to Zimmerman. Mn. (home of the Hooved Animal Rescue) to bring home

her Challenge Horse, Tina. Tina is a beautiful bay, purebred Arabian mare She's gentle, friendly, and kind. The Valley Equestrian asked Mary a few ques-

tions about her training experience for the MHÅRF Challenge: VE: How old are you? MS: I'm sixteen. I've been riding since I was seven years old, when I went to

a three-day horse camp. In those three days I fell abso lutely and irrevocably in love VE: How old is Tina? MS: Tina is twenty vears old, but she look

and thinks like she's half her age!

cue.org/ By following the links

from you? MS: A horse show friend adopted a horse from the MNHARF not long ago, and sent me to their website. When I saw the challenge, I was really inspired by how they are helping these horses to find homes and decided to give it a try.

VE: When did you pick up MS: We picked up Tina over Mother's Day, May 9th, and brought her back

VE:Was there any trouble loading her? MS: Tina was a horror to load initially. Drew, who runs the rescue, loaded her for us. I just watched. Poor Tina was absolutely terrified of the trailer, and would start shaking when she even got close to it. If they tried to pull on her lead rope to ask her to get in, she would pull back. We even had to have the windows on the trailer closed, for fear she would try and crawl out once she did get in. Eventually they sedated her lightly and

I'm happy to say that Tina has gotten a lot better - and more comfortable - wit the trailer. Though she vill still pull back against me when I initially ask her to load, she isn't scared, no more shak ing, and she jumps in after about 5 minutes of contemplating her options. Her window gets left oper when we are stopped now too, and she really likes poking her head out and saying hi to everyone. Continued of Page 18

used a butt rope to push her in, but it still took a good 45





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By Victor Wolf

Not long ago, as time is measured by a monthly publication, veterinarians Dr. Richard Leone and Dr. Erin Eppley of Peak View Animal Hospital, Fowler, CO, sponsored a special day for equestrians The free event was held at the Rocky Ford Fairgrounds Indoor Arena.

The six-hour gathering included several fine professional trainers. Jim Daurio demonstrated the finer points of training an all-around performance horse. Kelly Yates shared numerous details that make her a competitive barrel racer. Tim Unzicker showed how a reined cowhorse is brought to peak performance.

Anyone with an interest in these disciplines came away from each presentation with abundant helpful material. These three riders, in the time allotted, contributed all they possibly could to assure any attending rider would increase their skills. Dr. Leone and Dr. Epperly reflect the

joy of those who have found their calling. Each radiates the image you would want to see reflected by your own family doctor.

The people who attended the event prompted this observation. Many of them voiced satisfaction that Peak View Animal Hospital is the place to call on whenever a horse is in need of medical attention. And that confidence is well-placed. The doctors treasure the confidence placed in them. They are diligent in keeping up-to-date on veterinary medical advances. To that end, Dr. Epperly presented in

clear, easily understood terms the technical aspects of equine preventive care and equine dentistry. She gave special atten-tion to older horses and brood mares, exlaining the need for routine maintenance. Dr. Epperly also addressed the importance of an examination of a horse before beginning training.

Dr. Leone displayed two of the newest veterinary medical innovations: shock wave therapy, applied with a hand-held device that loosely resembles an oversized flashlight attached to its base by a thick cord, and digital radiography. Dr. Leone described the "shock" as a

kinetic or moving wave of energy, in effect something like the energy of a hot wire, but not as intense. The "energy" is pulsa-tions of sound moving through tissue, producing lasting healing with no side effects. When used, depending on the area treated, the horse is mildly sedated.

The doctor explained that bone is living tissue, dynamic, changing all the time. The sound wave does not fracture the oone, but causes the bone to re-model, to change its architecture, stimulating the cells to change.

Thus, injuries such as sore backs, stress fractures, navicular syndrome, and bowed tendons respond well to shockwave therapy

Shock wave therapy affects soft tissue, the tendons and ligaments. The response is similar to stem cell therapy in that healing is accelerated by 20 times in an affected area. Usually, 70 percent of the horses receive only one treatment.

So precise is the treatment that pulses are priced individually, currently twenty-three cents. The average therapy is \$250.00

Dr. Leone described the case of a 20 year-old QH mare suffering a 3-5 scale cof fin joint arthritis clinical lameness for two years. The mare was treated with shock wave therapy three times in three months and achieved total recovery.

And achieved total recovery. He also described a 12 year-old Trakeh-ner upper level jumper. The horse was diagnosed at the Littleton, CO, Large Animal Clinic with navicular disease bilat erally, a 2-5 scale limb lameness for three years. Shock wave therapy was applied one time, bilaterally. The horse has been without lameness for two years.

The two doctors are pleased also with the digital radiography device they re-cently acquired. The only other unit in the state is at Colorado State University.

An x-ray standard unit is 20,000, pro ducing a shadow picture, often cloudy shades of pale and dark gray. A digital radiograph standard unit is 100,000 and is as clear as a black and white photograph, revealing details far beyond the capacity of an x-ray.

takes some time. A digital radiograph apa CD or sent by e-mail around the country

tasting barbecue beef and beans, biscuits, coffee, and cold drinks. The lunch was the perfect opportunity for friends and neighbors, some traveling more than 30 miles, to visit without hurry and make new acquaintances.

An x-ray must be developed, which pears on a lap-top computer screen within four minutes. The image can be stored on should consultation be required.

Peak View's staff served a well-remem bered, delicious, ranch-style lunch of great

TRIGGER AND OTHER ROY ROGERS ITEMS AUCTIONED

The family of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans auctioned through Christie's the items from the Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Museum, which is now closed in Branson, MO. Items for auction include costumes, memorabilia, Roy Rogers dead horse, "Trigger" which is stuffed and mounted rearing.Trigger brought \$266,500 at auc-tion. RFD-TV of Omaha, Neb. purchased Roger's faithful steed and hope to start its own Western museum.

Rogers stuffed and mounted dog "Bullet" fetched \$35,000; movie posters, a large collection of boots, jewelry, furniture,

two Bohlin saddles, the Life magazine cover with Rov atop a reare Trigger were also auctioned. Rogers' 1964 Bonney

ille sold for an amazing \$264,500



to a private bidder. This car was fitted with silver plated pistols for all handles and the gear shift; more than 300 silver dollars were embedded in the car; the convertible top was autographed by Gov. Jim Davis, Elvis Presley, Roy Rogers, and Dale Evans. Roy Rogers used to hunt with this car and Dusty Rogers remembers seeing his dad return home after hunting with a bobcat on the hood. The sale netted \$2.9 million with 348 lots sold

BLM Temporarily Suspends Tuscarora Wild Horse Gather

Reno, Nev.--The Bureau of Land Manage-ment announced that it is temporarily suspending the Tuscarora wild horse gather perations in Elko County, Nev., after BLM staff determined that gathered horses were dehydrated after seven gathered wild horses died from dehydration-related complications because of insufficient water in the area. The BLM also announced that the Tuscarora gather operations, aimed at removing horses from overpopulated herds, will remain on hold until an assess ment has been completed to determine how to best proceed in light of the current condition of these horses.

"Our agency is committed to the humane treatment of wild horses and burros, both on and off the range," BLM Director Bob Abbey said. "Toward that end, I am suspending further Tuscarora gather operations until the situation concerning the initial stage of the Tuscarora gather is analyzed and thoroughly understood, and the options for minimizing mortality of horses weakened by dehydration can be assessed." The Tuscarora wild horse gather en-

compasses the Owyhee, Rock Creek, and Little Humboldt Herd Management Areas (HMAs) located in northern Elko County. The BLM initiated gather operations in the northern portion of the Owyhee HMA at 6:30 a.m., Saturday, July 10. By 9 a.m., the BLM contractor had gathered 228 wild horses, consisting of one group of approxi mately 32 horses located within a mile of the on-site temporary holding corrals,

and a second group of approximately 196 horses located about eight miles from the corrals

On arrival it was noted the horses were "drawn up," or lacking fill from water. They were, however, generally in good body condition with most scoring to 5 on what is known as the Henneke body condition scale. The horses were provided with hay and water through the afternoon and evening. One horse was euthanized shortly after being gathered due to a fractured leg that occurred in the temporary holding corrals. The morning of July 11, four horses were found dead in the pens and several horses were exhibiting signs of colic and brain swelling which was subsequently attributed to water starvation/dehvdra tion and subsequent water intoxication. Gather operations were stopped at that point, and BLM staff, specialists, the gather contractor and the on-site U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarian began treating the horses. So far, seven horses have died from complications related to water starvation/dehydration or subsequent water intoxication. It was determined this was a direct result of a lack of water in the immediate areas occupied by the horses. The BLM brought in extra water, tank trucks and troughs to the temporary holding site to ensure that all gathered animals have ample water available. Electrolytes were provided in each pen and affected animals were examined and treated as indicated by the

veterinarian on site.

The private contractor conducted an aerial flyover of the immediate area

Sunday morning, July 11, and located two large bands of wild horses. One band, approximately 100 to 150 horses, is staying approximately 100 to 150 horses, is staying close to a nearly dried-up water hole. The second band, approximately 150 to 200 horses, is located approximately eight to 10 miles from the nearest water source. Both of these bands are presently at risk of mortality from dehydration if they do not reach other water sources. The BLM is unable to bring water into this area because the area where these bands are located is not readily accessible by road. The BLM will carefully monitor the two bands of horses during the next few days to determine whether they are independently moving to other water sources or can be encouraged to reach such waters on their own. The BLM will also continue to provide food, water and veterinary care for the animals in the on-site temporary holding corrals.

As more information becomes available it will be posted at the website: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ elko_field_office/blm_programs/wild horse_and_burro/owyhee_rock_creek. html. For further comments and questions, the public may call 1-866-468-7826.





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The 200 Trustees of the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame (NDCHF) have selected two ranchers, a ranch, a great saddle bronc horse, a rodeo producer, a teacher who was a specialty act performer, another retired teacher who can rope the moon while reciting Shakespeare and three great bronc riders for induction in 2010

NDCHF Executive Director Darrell Dorgan says, "The inductees, in nine categories, were selected by the Hall of Fame's 200 Trustees, and they will be inducted into the NDCHF's Medora Hall of Honorees on June 26.

In the Modern-era Rodeo Division, four were nominated, two were selected:

LEE SELLAND Lee Selland of Bismarck was born in 1935 and raised near Steele. From 1963 to 2005, he competed in more than 650 rodeos, participating in calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping and cow cutting. He belongs to the RCA, PRCA, NPRA, NARC, USTRC and NCHA.

In 1970, he claimed an unprecedented achievement, winning four saddles at the NDRA championships: calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping and all-around cowboy. Through the years, he won 22 various championships around the coun-try. Selland has produced and managed rodeos from Towner to Wishek and taught countless rodeo schools. In 1974, he was featured in the state's "Roughrider" travel Selland has two sons who also went the

cowboy way and did well in the arena. He taught school when he wasn't sharing his expertise and teaching horse sense. Selland, a retired school teacher, owns and operates a horse stable near Bismarck. He still competes in several rodeos a year.

JOHN "BUZZ" FREDERICKS, JR. Buzz Fredericks of Twin Buttes lived his entire life on the Fort Berthold Reservation, except for the years he spent in Texas and New Mexico where he earned a post-secondary education and degree. He also served on the National College Rodeo Board of Directors while participating in college rodeo.

Fredericks was born north of Halliday in 1933 and later operated his own ranch west of Twin Buttes. He entered bareback, saddle bronc and steer wrestling events from 1947-1964. During the 1950s, he took up bull riding, steer riding and wild horse racing. He closed out his circuit days in the team roping contests.

From Sanish to Killdeer to Red Lodge and points in between. Fredericks was a member in good standing in the RCA, NIRA, NDRA, and the All-Indian Rodeo Association. He appeared at Madison Square Garden in 1959, as well as at the Calgary Stampede and the Denver Stock Show. Invariably, the word "champion" precedes his name in compilations of rodeo statistics and records.

HOWARD WANNA Howard Wanna was born on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Reservation in South Dakota in 1906. Sent off to Indian boarding school in Wahpeton, he met and became fast friends with Martin Old Dog from Fort Berthold. He found his way to Elbowoods and spent many years with the Old Dog family and at other ranches in the vicinity, doing ranch work in exchange for room and board. This entailed breaking of horses and ponies, a natural progression

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His achievements go beyond the rodeo accolades amassed by Fredericks and his illustrious family members Pete and Buddine Fredericks and Ioe and Emanuel Chase. He was an educator, a Community Action Program Director and a business consultant who emphasized Indian education, agriculture and economic development. He raised a family of eight children. In the Pre-1940 Rodeo Division, two were nominated, one was selected.

into the sport of rodeo.

Wanna (sometimes misspelled as Warner) was a familiar figure at local rodeo events in Elbowoods, Sanish, Yucca, Minot and Killdeer. His skills were captured on photographs by Frank Fiske and Leo Har-ris. In fact, the photo of him on Sky High at the Beulah Cowboys Reunion in 1928 was used on the advertising billboard.

Wanna personifies and symbolizes American Indian history of the early 20th Century. He was born during the bleakest period, and his life reflects the astonishing changes and challenges faced by his people on the plains as they settled on their allotments and began cattle ranching the buffalo-horse culture left behind. He was among the first generation of Indian cowboys and that was his contribution to the world of rodeo and ranching.

Wanna served in the military in the Pacific Theater from 1942 to 1945. He contracted cholera, which left him very weak and, after an honorable discharge, he returned to South Dakota to recuperate He died with two other relatives in a tragic house fire in 1949.

In the Rodeo Arena Division, two were nominated, one was selected

BOB ABER

Bob Aber has been intimately involved with the sport of rodeo throughout his life. Aber was born in 1934 in Beach and was raised and still resides in the Sentine Butte area. He began competing in bare-back riding and joined the PRCA in 1953. A fractured neck in 1959 contributed to his tirement from competition. He took up stock contracting and rodeo

producing in 1963 and has produced the ND Winter Show rodeo ever since. Aber has hauled plenty of bucking stock to the National Finals over the years.

Among them were Old Shep (1975 Saddle Bronc of the Year), Double Jeopardy (1977 Bareback Horse of the Year) and ٢ Top Hand (1977 NFR #1 Bull of the Year) The consummate care he has provided his animals has been instrumental in producing great rodeos all over North Dakota, Minnesota and Montana.

In the Rodeo Livestock Division, two were nominated, one was selected.

DOUBLE JEOPARDY

Double Jeopardy was born in May 1970. Bob Aber paid \$500 for him in 1975. The rancher complained that the horse was no good for his purposes. He always had to walk home because Double Jeopardy would buck him off.

The steed's rodeo career got off to a fine start in Forsyth, Montana, and he appeared throughout the tri-state area, in Theyenne and at the Valley City Winter Show

For seven years, Double Jeopardy was trailered to the National Finals in Okla-homa City. Double Jeopardy is the most decorated critter of the Aber bucking stock: he was the first-place top bareback horse in 1977 and came in third place in 1978 and 1979.

Joe Alexander, seven-time world bareback champion said that this horse was the rankest horse he ever rode. Monte Carson, out of Grassy Butte, hightailed 800 miles from another rodeo just to ride Double leopardy in Ellendale. He did not go home

disappointed. Double Jeopardy broke a leg at the Winter Show in 1983. He was transported for veterinary care to Fort Collins but, sadly, the injury could not be repaired and Double Jeopardy had to be euthanized. In the Modern-era Ranching Division, two were nominated, one was selected.

RUSS SILHA

Francis Russel Silha (pronounced Sheelha) was born on a ranch in Grainbelt

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COWBOY POETRY with orvalveshere THE SALAMANDER PATROL

JACK'S SON WAS 4-LEGGED

Four legged animals that inhabit the ranch have 'species' names. Some are easy to catch, easy to tame. Like goats and mules, some play games Mules are smart. They avoid being caught. They know that d mean they had to work. Mules are born stubborn. They balk and make raspy sounds, more than they're worth. Horses can be your best friend. They're willing to transport and haul. Equines and cattle can walk, trot, gallop and frolic, as we recall. Some dwellers with four legs and tail only crawl, and we may slander; And vilify those creepy crawlers, known as a salamander

MYŚTERIOUS ŚŃEAKY SLIPSLIDING PELICAN FOOD Where do those spotted, wet and ugly slithering hobos come from? We know the ancestry of our livestock, but are stumped by that misfit bum. Dull and green and beady eyed, they awkwardly slink to where they're not wanted. Many humans despise those vagrants and feel annoyed and haunted. Our neighbor refused to touch, carry or toss out those hateful slinky snakes She'd order her sons to dispose of them, whatever it takes! Duty bound, they would 'carry' out her orders. We'll use candor; And banter to describe her angst and fear of a tiny salamander!

BAD 'NEWTS' BOYS vs LOUNGE LIZZARDS If you knew that lady, you'd comprehend. She was the neighbor's spouse. They lived a half mile off the county road in a little house.

Some of the rooms were small, including the kitchen with a trap door; That opened straight up to a mini-root-cellar, with a dirt floor. On a recurring basis, extermination thoughts would compel her; Fo command her sons (and neighbor's sons) to hurl the 'cellar-dweller'! There was nothing, we assure you ... nothing that would raise her dander; Like a wet, dull-green, creepy crawler, root-cellar, dwelling salamander! WALL-TO-WALL EXTERMINATORS AND GHOSTBUSTERS

If I recall, we had been too noisy that day, playing roughhouse Their two cousins, plus us, made seven ... becoming quiet as a mouse Seven had been dutifully sent several feet underground. We searched by flashlight for shiny eyes. One mini-lizard had been found. We scrambled out, one-by-one through the cellar door, a 2 X 4. Adult neighbors laughed, saying that cellar just wouldn't hold anymore. We shut the cellar door and scrambled outdoors, not to countermand her We carried out her wishes by carrying out her salamander. LEAPIN' LIZARDS/SLICK DERELICTS

Facetiously we kept score, Neighbors: ONE: Salamander: ZERO She calmed down and with heart aflutter, asked, "Which of you is my hero?" Her husband laughed hilariously at those antics and would tell her, You've trained those lads well. On cue, they removed that cellar-dweller. Slinky, slimy mud puppies or polliwogs are truly an eyesore. Pelicans are the only living things that like them anymore. Amphibians that like dark, wet spaces, they move slowly and meander. She declared war, a war of slander of that vagrant salamander!

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WOMEN'S HORSE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION **CELEBRATES ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY!**

The Women's Horse Industry Association celebrated its one year anniversary in Iune. The association which announced its formation in June 2009 has grown in less than a year, to more than 650 members in the U.S., Canada, Germany, Australia, and the U.K.

Designed to help women in the horse industry connect to gather information and do more business, the WHIA membership includes women from all disciplines and all areas of the horse industry Woman owned companies that offer products and services to the horse industry are also members and "if you can't find what you need from our membership, it doesn't exist", states WHIA Vice President, Debby

Lening. "We know that many of the women working in the horse industry need help in marketing and promoting their products and services and that's where we come in. We provide our members with a variety of things that help them spread the word to the equine industry, "adds Catherine

Masters, executive director

In addition to the on going networking among members, the WHIA hosts an annual conference in Louisville. This year's event will be held September 22-23 and will include a variety of panels and speak ers as well as exhibitors offering many new and exciting equine products. "Last year was our first conference and it was a huge success. A lot of business was done and we are expecting this year's event to be even better," Masters adds.

nformation on the following topics will be presented: Marketing Your Horse Industry Business; Making the Most of Social Networking; Making Money in the Horse Industry, Part 1; Open Network-ing-Do Business Right Now; New Tech-niques/Products That Keep Your Horse Healthy; For additional information on the

Women's Horse Industry Association, please visit our website at Women's Horse Industryor call (615) 730-7833. The WHIA has over 650 members in all areas of the horse industry.



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July 23-24: Wild Rice Peacemakers Mounted Shooters will provide entertainment and demonstrations at the PBR Bullride in Thief River Falls, Minn

July 24: Ranch Rodeo at the Don Jensen Arena at 10 a.m. near Flom, Minn

July 24: FM Posse Open Horse Show at 9 a.m. at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds in West Fargo, N.D. Go to www.fmmountedposse.com for more information

July 24: National Day of the Cowboy! See ww.nationaldayofthecowboy.com

July 29: North Star Riders barrel racing at 6 p.m. at the Beltrami County Fairgrounds in Bemidji, Minn. Contact (218) 766-6768

July 24 - 25: - Hartford, So.Dak.; Fossum's Horse Haven Arena; HE PAID YOUR FEES - \$1750 CASH CHUCK WAGN cook off event! Cassandra Swanson 605-743-5270 or swanson_farms@yahoo.com

July 24-25: Sjoerd Meekma Keuring & Friesian-Breed Clinic at 9 a.m. at the Castle Douglas in Rockwall, TX: contact Anneke at (903) 573-2021 or AnnekesFriesians@ vaĥoo.com

July 25: Whips and Wheels Driving Show at the Spooner, Wisc. Fairgrounds. Driv-ers meet at 9:30 a.m. Call Bob Housel at (715)635-7375 for more information.

July 25: The MayPort Arena Association Fun Playday at the Portland Equine Park in Portland, ND. starting at 1:00 p.m. New members welcome. Annual Family \$25, Annual Single \$15. For info call 701-786-3254

July 28: Lunch and Learn Webinar from noon to 1 p.m. with Dr. Stephanie Valberg discussing Shivers and Other Muscular Diseases at the University of MN Equine Center; call (612) 625-6776 or visit: www. extension.umn,.edu/horse

July 29 - Aug. 2: Nokota Horse Observation and Application Clinic with Jack Lieser in Linton, No. Dak. To register contact Sarah Lieser at (979)203-9000 or visit www.jacklieser.com

July 30: Game show at 7:30 p.m. at the Rocking D Acres in Clarissa, Minn. Contact (218) 756-2576

uly 30: Game show WSCA/UBRA Cash Back Series at 6 p.m. at the Oasis Equestrian Center in Lindstrom, Minn. contact (651) 428-0255

July 30 & Aug. 1: Wild Rice Peacemakers Mounted Shooting MN Get Together all day at the Twin Valley, Minn. Arena

July 30, 31 and August 1: Susan Norman's "Riding in Lightness" clinic at Linda Carl-son's Barn in Stillwater, Minn. Call Trudy at (612) 210-4489 for more information

July 31: Barrel Racing at 10:30 a.m. at the Rocking D Acres in Clarissa, Minn. contact (218) 756-2576

July 31: Osakis Trailblazer Saddle Club

game show at 9 a.m. at the Osakis Minn. Arena: contact (320)254-1509

Polk Count Fair game show at 9 a.m. at the Polk Count Fairground n Sť. Croix Falls, Wis contact 651 361-0464

July 31: , MŃ Val-

ley Riders game show at 8 a.m. at the Scott County Fairgrounds in Jordan, Minn. – contact (952) 758-4128

July 31: Silver Spruce Saddle Club at 8 a.m. at the broken Bit Arena in Mora, Minn. contact (763) 753-3454

July 31: Iron Range Saddle Club horse show at 8 a.m. at Iron World at the St. Louis County Fairgrounds in Chisholm,

> July 31-Augist 1: The Minnesota Getat the Twin Minn.

Posse Open Horse Show at 9 a.m. at the Red River Vallev Fairgrounds in West Fargo, N.D. Go to www.fmnountedposse com for more nformation.

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See www.sweetwarerevents.com for more information

Aug. 7: Rochester Regional Eques-trian Center Benefit Show at 8:30 a.m. at Westwind Acres in Rochester, Minn. visit. www.rrec.info or contact Barb at (507)535-

August 7: Fort Sisseton, So. Dak. - Chuck Wagon Cooking Demo/Birthday Party; Cassandra Swanson 605-743-5270 or swanson_farms@yahoo.com

August 14 & 15: ND Appaloosa Horse Club, Contact: Jean Fredrich, 701-725-4420

Aug. 20-22: Minnesota Mule Days with a clinic and trail ride; call Betty or Dallas Smith at (507) 831-5438 or email: willowcreekfarm mac.com



Aug. 13-14: Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association Show; contact Michelle at (608) 582-3190

Aug. 15: Twin Valley Riders Club Fun Days at the Twin Valley Arena in Twin Valley, Minn. Contact Jodi at (701) 212-8728

August 21: SOUTH DAKOTA STATE WILD GAME COOK OFF! NEW! We are bringing it back! We will be hosting this Saturday, August 21 at 4 p.m. in the Cabela's parking lot! You may cook in your Dutch oven, bring something from home or cook/grill it in the parking lot! Lots of prizes! Lots of categories...FUR-FIN & FEATHERS! Call for more information! 605-743-5270 or email swanson_farms@ vahoo.com

August 22: The MayPort Arena Association Fun Playday at the Portland Equine Park in Portland, N.D. starting at 1 pm. New members welcome. Annual Family \$25, Annual Single \$15. For info call 701-786-3254

Aug. 21-24: Continental Divide Horse Show

Aug. 24: Equine Forage Nutrition and Facilities Management Field Day from 5 yo 8:30 p.m. at the Equine Center & Plot Area in St. Paul, Minn. Call (612) 625-6776 for registration information.

August 25: Herbsmith Webinar: Calming Alternatives for Your Horse at 10 a.m. with an opportunity to speak with Chris Bessent, DVM; for more information go to: www2.gotomeeting.com/register/436658699

August 29: Sheyenne Valley Team Pen-ning Association at the MayPort Arena located at the Portland Equine Park, Portland, North Dakota. Starting at 10 A.M. Info call 701-786-3254

September 9-12: NDQHA, Contact: Jean Fredrich, 701-725-4420

Sept. 10-11: Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association Show; contact Michelle at (608) 582-3190

Sept. 17 - 19: Sioux Falls, So. Dak. - Spirit of the West Festival Cook Off; Colleen Sloan of Sandy, Utah will host dutch oven clinics on Friday and Saturday, and the American Chuck Wagon Association will host a chuck wagon/dutch oven cooking for competitions clinic on Friday. Chuck Wagon Cook Off on Saturday; Cassandra Swanson 605-743-5270 or swanson_farms@ yahoo.com; spiritofthewestfestival.com;

Sept. 19: Twin Valley Riders Club Fun Days (Make up) at the Twin Valley Arena in Twin Valley, Minn. Contact Jodi at (701) 212-8728

September 24-26: 29th Annual AIHR/ HOA National Horse Show, Marshall TX Civic Arena; Open to all AIHR/HOA registered horses. Registration available at event. Free to the public; For show packet: AIHRnatshowreg@hughes.net; For AIHR nformation: www.indianhorse.com: For HOA information: www.horseoftheameri-

Sept. 25-26: Northern Prairie Shootout I and II in the arena in Twin Valley, Minn. at the arena.

Oct. 2: Fall Regional Horse Owner Programs from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in St. Paul, Minn. Call (612) 625-6776 for registration

Oct. 5-10: The 2010 Minnesota Harvest Horse Show at the State Fair Coliseum of the St. Paul, Minn. Farigrounds; go to www.wecanride.org for more information

October 9 & 10: Great Midwest Horse Show - Contact: Jean Fredrich, 701-725-4420

Nov. 6: Fall Regional Horse Owner Programs from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in St. Paul, Minn. Call (612) 625-6776 for registration information

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man, and they raised a family of five on and horse ranch toward the southeast. the Lazy JS. In 1927, the livery stable was partially Russ got the rodeo bug in the late 1940s dismantled and moved to the ranch by and took part in as many local events as teams of horses. That barn is still in use he could. His specialty was calf-roping. Through the years, he was an active mem-Taylor pastures and on unfenced and ber in the Polled Hereford Association, the unclaimed surrounding land. Horned Hereford Association, the AOHA The Taylors were raising registered the American Corriedale Association and although a series of tragedies took the the ND Stockmen's Association.

Russ was named the very first ND Master Purebred Sheep Producer in 1979. In 1968, he and Fran were awarded a well-deserved Soil Conservation Award. Their ranch was on the ND Hereford tour several times, as well. In January 1971, the American Polled Hereford Association gave him a Recognition Award and in 1994, he was nominated for the AQHA Best Remuda Award.

Russ raised and trained border collies for himself and others to assist in ranch duties. He served on the Bowman County Fair Board in the 1950s, the Grainbelt Township Board for four decades, and was an enthusiastic charter member of the ND Cowboy Hall of Fame. Both his parents were born in Wis-

when he died in 1997 at age 73.

In the Pre-1940 Ranching Division, two were nominated, one was selected.

MATT CROWLEY

homa ranching operation.

After only four years of formal education. Crowley worked with his dad until 1910, when he established his own ranch near Elm Creek in Mercer County on railroad land. Crowley later increased his holdings by purchasing acreage from homesteaders who were leaving the area. He allowed those homesteads to revert to grasslands to provide pasture for cattle and horses.

sian water wells in the area.

He married Pauline Shoemaker in 1914 and built a wood frame house for his bride. The house had running water and a Delco plant to provide electricity. Together, they raised three cowgirls on their spread north of Hebron. In 1933, Crowley donated 2.35 acres

of land to the State Historical Society of North Dakota, which is now known as the Crowlev Flint Ouarry State Park. He supplied horses for the Beulah rodeo for many years and did plenty of horse trading, mainly with "Badlands Bill" McCarty of Medora. Crowley's brands were the Lazy J and the Jumping J. Active within the Western North Dakota Stockmen's Association, North Dakota Farm Bureau and American National Cattlemen. Crowley was honored by North Dakota Agricultural College's

Saddle & Sirloin Club in 1937. Crowley served as a County Commissioner during the 1930s and was a representative to the North Dakota State Legislature during the 1931 session. He died at home in 1955.

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Township northeast of Bowman in 1924. He lived there all of his life, operating the Lazy JS Ranch on his own from 1963 until his death in 1997. His son took over the operation and continues the family tradition of raising Corriedale sheep, Polled Hereford cattle and American Quarter

Russ was exempted from the military in World War II because two of his brothers were already serving in the military. In 1947, he married Frances Susag in Bow-

consin and later moved to North Dakota. Ironically, Russ was back in Wisconsin

Matt Crowley, born in southern Minnesota in 1875, was the third North Dakotan to be inducted into the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Okla-

His Irish-born parents boarded an immigrant train and moved their family to Dakota Territory to stake a claim in 1887. They brought purebred registered Herefords from Iowa along to start their

His original ranch house was only a sod shack, and he boarded cattle on shares to get a start. Crowley drilled the first arteIn the Ranches Category, two were nominated, one was selected TAYLOR RANCH

The Taylor Ranch is situated in the sand hills of McHenry County, the third most populous cattle county in the state. The four Taylor brothers arrived in Towner in 1900 from Montgomery County, Indiana. They operated a livery stable in town, a brick plant east of Towner and the cattle

today. Cattle and horses were grazed on

to reclaim the family's cattle and horse-

World War II, came back home and began ranching again. The Taylor family helped

Ryan Taylor is the fourth generation outfit that's still managed from the back of a horse.

It's a 107-year-old family homestead that was started from scratch - no railroad acres, open range or land purchases made

Division, two were nominated, one was selected.

REX COOK

Born on his parents homestead north of Sentinel Butte in 1928, Rex Cook has come to personify the auintessential "renaissance man". He broke his first horse at the age of 12 and bought a little bit of ranch land when he was just 14, while working for his neighbor. After graduating high school, he started teaching with an emergency teaching certificate at the Goldsberry country school, situated 45 miles north of Medora.

He entered in the calf-roping and wild horse race contests in his first rodeo that same year - and also announced the rodeo! The course was set: he'd divide his time between rodeo arenas and corrals and schoolhouses. To pay his way through college, he mastered the art of saddle-mak ing. To date, he's created over 100 saddles and was honored to demonstrate his craft on the state capitol grounds during the 1989 centennial celebration.

After a stint in the Marine Corps Reserve and a hitch with the U.S. Army in Japan, Cook returned to Dickinson and began a career within the Dickinson Public Schools. He also spent a stint as manager of the Dik-ota Clay Products Company

interest in horsemanship and rodeos. He

promoted team roping as a rodeo event. Along with Tex Appledoorn, he produced the1958-59 ND Team Roping Championship in Belfield. Merle Aus and Jim lefferies were two of his team-roping partners.

His knowledge and expertise were conveved to scores of Dickinson State College students during the 20 years he taught horsemanship classes. Ćook also traveled to the Iowa State Fair to co-teach horse training clinics. He judged countless horse shows throughout the tri-state area and as far away as North Carolina.

Cook is a member of the North Dakota and National Cutting Horse associations, and is a past member of the NDRA, AQHA, U.S. Team Roping Association and Wrangler Roping Association. During the 2007 Dickinson's Roughrider Days Rodeo, Cook was presented with the Rodeo-Rancher of the Year Award.

At present, he serves on the boards of the North Dakota Council on the Arts and the Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association. He and his wife, Ann, also an educator, raised two children and continue to reside in Dickinson.

In the Arts and Entertainment Division. two were nominated, one was selected.

ROBERT "COWBOY BOB" RINDT

Robert Rindt was well known in North Dakota for his more than 40 years of teaching; performing trick shooting, rope, whip and tumbling acts; and producing rodeos and other entertainment shows. His wife, Doris, was his partner in many of those acts, and they were once featured in Life magazine, with photos taken during a Minot State University performance. He was so good with a whip that he

could cut a small piece of paper out of Doris' mouth at 15 feet. His riding tricks included hanging from the side of a horse by only one stirrup. Not limited to trick acts, he also rode saddle broncs and Brahma bulls and bulldogged steers. Living near Drake, in McHenry County,

Cowboy Bob was 17 vears old when he began participating n rodeos in 1927. He rode his horse 40 miles to Towner to enter that rodeo and rode back home afterward with the \$15 he won in the saddle bronc riding event. For the next 50 years, he worked in between 10 and 15 rodeos each year. He and Doris once performed a specialty act for President Truman at a Missouri rodeo. Rindt's "straight"

b was as an educafor Both he and Doris taught school in a number of locales from 1945-1966 Although his class room was 6th grade, he and Doris also taught band and music. Doris was hired

the pupils affectionately called him "Uncle Bob". He was 66 years old and still roping riding and cracking the whip. Duane Howard recalled meeting Rindt at an Indian Fall Fair in Fort Totten in the late 1940s. Howard says that Rindt had a trailer load of the best tack he had ever seen. He hosted play days and "mount money rodeos" where Howard, among

and Bob taught leather craft before and

after school. While teaching at Fort Totten

others, learned the basics of bronc riding and steer wrestling. His influence and magnanimity were lifelong gifts to countless kids

After his formal retirement from teach ing, Rindt spent most of his time raising horses and Brahma cattle on his B.R. Ranch two miles west of Sawyer. He pro-duced his own "Wild West Shows" there for several years and enjoyed sharing his expertise with 4-H club members and Boy Scout troops. He loved to entertain and never stopped teaching.

Rindt was a teacher, a rodeo cowboy and somewhat of a throwback to the wild and wooly days when "cowboys were cowboys". He is fondly remembered by many folks for all his contributions to the sport of rodeo showmanship in North Dakota. "Cowboy Bob" died in 1997 and is buried in Minot.

More than 120 ranchers, bronc riders, events, distinguished events and rodeo animals have been inducted over the past 12 vears.

NDCHF President Phil Baird notes, Those not selected for induction into the Hall of Fame this year are eligible for renomination in future years

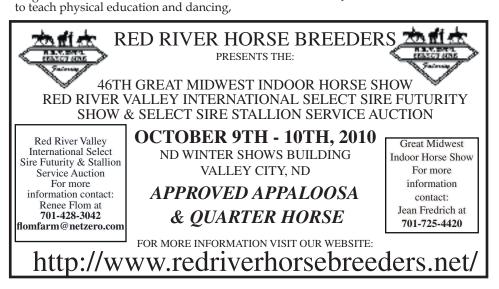
The NDCHF's Center of Western Heritage and Cultures opened in Medora in 2005 and was North Dakota's 2007 Tourist Attraction of the Year. The facility is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. May to October and by appointment during the winter months. Galleries and exhibits de-tail the history of the Plains horse culture. The facility is also used for meet-



ings, reunions weddings and other events. An attached patio provides room or more than 00 people for ratered events Catered food and verage service s available

A statewide undraising ampaign is underway to pay off the Hall of ame's mortgage n 2010. Contriutions for the oroiect mav be sent to the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, 120 North 3rd Street. Sismarck, ND 58501-3860

Above: Cowboy Bob Rindt



Purebred Herefords as early as 1915 and, lives of the three men on the ranch within two years, their widows regrouped, put the cattle out on shares and moved into town with the children. Pearl, the matriarch, had bought those Herefords with her school teaching pay and in her own name – about the time women were finally allowed to vote! When Bud, Pearl's youngest son turned 18. he moved back out

raising legacy. Bud served in the South Pacific in build the rodeo arena in Towner for the first RCA Rodeo in 1951. And it was the Taylor Ranch that introduced one of the area's first registered Quarter horse studs in 1956.

to own and run cattle on the same place, and there's already a fifth generation in the wings learning the ropes and leads. As Rvan notes: "the ranch isn't the biggest in the state, comprising 3,200 mostly contiguous acres of sandy rangeland and native hav meadows, but it's never been a passive investment for distant sharehold ers or a holding that came without great hardship and sacrifice. It's not a farming outfit – 90 per cent of the ranch has never been broken by the plow. It's a cowboy

with outside money. Strong, resilient ranch women persevered and kept the ranch intact after their husbands died.

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All the while, he maintained a steady

rode, trained and sold cutting horses and

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"THE HORSE THAT CHOOSES YOU": THE MORGAN

he Morgan horse is known for many things: his extreme beauty and heart, his athleticism and versatility, his willingness and intellect. However, the one trait that distinguishes him from other breeds is his people-loving attitude; he is the "Horse that Chooses You."

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of its inception in 2009, the American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA) exists to preserve, promote, and perpetuate the Mor-gan breed. It seeks to advance the breed and provides services to the entire Morgan horse world. The Registry exists to maintain and

ensure the records of the Morgan Horse Register. It works in tandem with breeders to uphold the sound ness of all Morgan horse breed-

ing records. In 1927, the first registration certificates were issued and to date, more than 170,000 Morgan horses can be found in the world.

The breed journal, The Morgan Horse was introduced to the public in 1941 as a newsletter. Now as a four-color publication, the magazine continues nearly 70 years later to be a source that is instrumental in reflecting and introducing the Morgan to a worldwide audience.

Youth are encouraged and rewarded for working with the Morgan horse in AMHA youth (AMHAY) programs in ways that develop a sense of sportsman ship and fair play, master citizenship and leadership skills, and develop discipline and a sense of responsibility for them-selves and their horses. AMHA has one of the first, and historically, one of the largest youth programs of any breed organization.

Youth of the Year contests are designed to recognize top achievers. These contests consist of four parts: a written exam, an oral presentation, a judging contest, and a horsemanship pattern. Many contests offer divisions for leadline, walk-trot, and junior aged exhibitors. The contests are offered at shows across the country and qualify the youth to compete at the naional contest, held in Oklahoma City each October. The winner of this prestigious contest receives a unique awards package stomized by the winner and valuing \$2.500.

The AMHAY Horse Judging Program teaches young people how to evaluate Morgan conformation and movement in a logical, step-by-step method. Participating in local, regional, and national competitions, youth learn the vocabulary and presentation skills necessary to explain their reasons for placing one horse over

The AMHAY Horsemastership Program is designed to help youth become a competent horse person. The five successive levels of testing allows participants to

develop their knowledge of the Morgan breed and general horsemastership while receiving recognition for hard work. Through badge levels, young people will learn the basics of horse anatomy, basic riding control and presentation, detailed Morgan history, and the completion of



riding or driving activities, among other topics. This program is challenging, but the rewards and benefits are well worth the effort.



AMHA's Open Competition Program ighlights the Morgan breed's best ambas sadors and as a promotional tool, it can't be beat. Surveys show that most new Morgan owners discover the breed through friends and seeing Morgans compete at open events. The program recognizes Morgans competing in 34 different facets of equine competition for year-end awards based on seven core activities: open shows, competitive trail riding and driving, endurance trail riding, Dressage, car-

riage driving and combined driving events working vestern, and venting. The athwavs Program was eveloped to eward AMHA nembers' ommitment to



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Tave you ever looked deeply into the eyes of a horse? Have you then wondered whether what you felt was a mystical experience, a promise of something more? Or did you push the feeling aside, claiming an over-active imagination?

I have believed in the promise of something more since I was four years old. In 2003, overcome by a powerful desire to help a grievously abused horse, I finally began a serious inquiry in expectation of answering the question for myself. While I am personally satisfied with what I discovered, I am encouraged to share publicly here, for the first time, the results of my search for understanding. The question too often has been submitted to me. Yet as I answer the question, I must say that the question applies to all companion animals.

A few months ago, continuing my relentless search for knowledge, I came self-medication.

The word describes a 20 year-old study of the self-medicative behavior of animals Researchers include animal behaviorists. ecologists, parasitologists, anthropologists, geochemists, and ecologists. These scientists believe that by studying animals our distant ancestors learned how to heal their own diseases.

The goal of these scientists, by their own admission, is to identify and isolate the patentable chemical compounds for use in pharmaceutical medicines. Scientists are reluctant to grant too much to animals, however. Their literature contains such language as "animals may have 'stumbled' upon" and "do animals really know how to cure their own ailments?" And this: "Just because an animal eats a particular plant doesn't mean he knows it medicinal." Thus think the scientists. I, too, am a scientist as well as a tradi-

undergraduate studies.

Dr. Carver (1865? - 1943) reached across the years and relieved my restlessness about learning with one statement: "Inspiration is never at variance with information: in fact, the more information one has, the greater will be the inspiration. Paul, the great scholar, says in Second Timothy, Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to





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"It is a fundamental truth...medicine and spirituality are inseparable. Choose your medicine wisely. This is a matter of who you believe and who you trust as the basic authority in your life. The Creator gave life to man and placed him in a garden - and gave food for nourishment, for medicine, for maintaining health." Sandy Bradley, VMD

across a new word: Zoopharmacognosy, (zoh-oh-farm-a-cog-na-see), which means

tional metaphysician, specializing in the study and application of the spiritual laws to human affairs. However, I follow in the tradition most graphically explained by the eminent agricultural scientist, Dr. George W. Carver. I discovered this remarkable man as I searched the library stacks for more and greater knowledge during my four year guided, independent

be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth

Bu Victor Wolt

In 2003 I took Dr. Carver's statement to heart and I added another of his: "God is going to reveal to us things He never revealed before if we put our hands in His. No books ever go into my laboratory. The thing I am to do and the way of doing it are revealed to me. I never have to grope for methods. The method is revealed to me the moment I am inspired to create something new. Without God to draw aside the curtain I would be helpless. Carver sought Divine guidance for

rightly using his acquired knowledge to understand the peanut. Eventually, he dis-covered within its shell over 300 products. Peanut butter is only one.

I followed his proven example. After learning the fundamentals of equine behavior, with much thanks to Pat Parelli, Julie Goodnight, Gerrie Barnes, Maya Fisher, Joyce Leake, and numerous books I



turned my attention to the Sacred Scrip-

tures. Job tells us, "But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee... or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee... Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? [in] whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind."

The Hebrew word for soul in this passage is nephesh (NEH-fesh), from the primitive root naphash (naw-fash). meaning to breathe; to be breathed upon Nephesh means a breathing creature, animal, vitality, any beast, creature, man, soul.

But there is more. The Book of the Revelation to John describes "every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. .

The ninth chapter of Genesis describes another remarkable scene. The Creator declares that every living thing shall be held accountable for shedding any humar blood - every beast and every man. And the Creator established a covenant with Noah and his sons and their seed... and with every living creature with Noah. the fowl... the cattle... to every beast of the earth

Scripture records that this is an ev-

erlasting covenant between the Creator and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth, and the rainbow is its sign. But long before this establishment of this covenant, the Creator gave man an important and fundamental responsibility and assignment: "Replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion... over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Replenish means to accomplish, confirm, consecrate; to become fully; overflow, satisfy. Subdue, in its positive intent, means to bring into bondage, to conquer. Dominion means to tread down, prevail against, reign, to rule over, to take Consecrate is an interesting word when used in context with subdue. Consecrate means to make holy, to render sacred; to set apart or devote to the service or worship of God. (8) In Hebrew, gadash (kaw-DASH) consecrate, as used in the Mosaic Law means all of this as well as meaning to make, pronounce or observe as clean, dedicate; to be, keep holy; prepare, proclaim, purify. Scientific research has proven beyond

doubt that the earth we inhabit is alive. For example, rivers and streams are its "blood vessels," the Rain Forests its "lungs," exhaling oxygen, in opposition to the lungs of living creatures, which inhale the oxygen produced.

Taken all together, relying on Divine inspiration for guidance through this forest of acquired knowledge, I ultimately came to a reasonable yet personal understanding that animals, particularly companion animals, do indeed have souls. However, that realization led me to three new questions and further prayerful study: What are the significance, quality and purpose of an animal's soul? What is the relationship between the soul of an animal and the soul of a human? And what is the significance of the covenant between the Creator and the animals?

It was a study that has irreversibly changed the course of my life and my

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2010 AHC National **Issues Forum** Focused on the Impact of Equine Diseases

This year's American Horse Council's National Issues Forum focused on infectious equine diseases and the impact those diseases have on our horses' welfare and our industry's health. The annual meeting was held from June 20 to 23 and also included a Trails Forum, the annual Congressional Ride-In, AHC committee meetings, and a Congressional Reception

The highlight of this year's forum was a workshop co-hosted by the U.S. Depart-ment of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) and the AHC which provided an oppor-tunity for the horse industry, key federal and state authorities, and others to discuss how each sector can protect the health of our horses and the commercial viability of our industry in the face of emerging and re-emerging diseases.

"This year's meeting provided a framework for the equine industry, USDA, and state health officials to discuss the impact equine infectious diseases have on our horses and our industry," said AHC President Jay Hickey. "We appreciate USDA-APHIS taking the initiative on this

workshop." During his opening remarks, Dr. Jere Dick, Associate Deputy Administrator and Chief of Field Operations for USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services said, "this workshop is a unique opportunity to bring together diverse segments of the equine industry to discuss how to address eparedness for, and response to, equine ectious diseases in this country...and to identify priorities related to equine infectious diseases, to explore the critical support functions that could be performed by each segment of the industry, and to discuss funding issues."

Recent outbreaks involving Contagious Equine Metritis, Equine Piroplasmosis, Vesicular Stomatitis, Equine Herpesvirus (EHM), and others continue to affect every aspect of the horse industry. These outbreaks have caused USDA-APHIS and state authorities to spend a great deal of money and resources to identify the diseases, trace the horses potentially affected, and contain the outbreak. The cost of these diseases is difficult, if not impossible to quantify, in terms of fatality rates, veterinary care, the effect on sales, breeding, racing, competitions, recreation, and the nterstate and international movement of horses

These outbreaks have affected and continue to affect the interstate and international movement of horses, which is critical to the horse industry. When rriers to movement are raised by states and foreign countries concerned about the spread of infectious diseases, this affects sales, breeding, racing, competitions, and recreation. "Restrictions on horse movement results in restrictions on our entire industry," said Hickey.

On June 22, there was an open session that included presentations by USDA-APHIS personnel on specific infectious diseases, epidemiological updates, and a summary of the issues identified during the previous day's workshop.

"This year's National Issues Forum provided a platform for national organiza-tions and representatives of federal and state authorities to identify priority issues and discuss a coordinated approach on how best to respond and limit the impact these diseases have on our horses and our industry. Major equine diseases continue to have dramatic consequences for our horses' welfare and affect every aspect of our industry," said Hickey. "This year's forum does not conclude our focus on how to deal with these diseases. Rather, it is only the beginning."

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