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BreyerFest Rocks the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington

BreyerFest Denim & Diamonds Sparkled!

Breyer's 24th annual gathering of model horse fans and horse lovers was a resounding success with thousands of guests traveling from all over the world to enjoy fantastic equine performances, pony rides, dock-diving dogs, an exotic petting zoo, and to celebrate the world of model horses.

BreyerFest Denim & Diamonds, July 19-21 at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY, Celebration Horse was Smart and Shiney owned by musician Lyle Lovett and shown by his trainer, renowned reining champion Tim McQuay. The gorgeous palomino was hugely popular with guests who thronged around Tim at

every possible chance for an autograph. (See cover image lower right.)

Other top performers included Australian Dan James of Double Dan Horsemanship, winner of the 2012 Road to the Horse competition. Dan thrilled the audiences with his liberty and fire acts as well as his quick wit and horsemanship! Another top champion was Russell Dilday with Topsails Rein Maker, three-time World Champion working cow horse who demonstrated his cow skills with a human target, Diddy's nine-year-old son, Colt. Mary Miller Jordan, mustang advocate and horse trainer brought

her Lindsay's Faith (who has a Breyer portrait model) as well as Flying Colors, the mustang she will compete with in this year's Mustang Million. Her ring work was complemented by her theme song written and sung by country star Templeton Thompson. Trick horse trainer Sue DeLaurentis featured Lady C, a flat-shod Tennessee Walking Horse, formerly owned by Sheryl Crow, in fun performances that the crowd loved!

Rounding out the guest horses were Appaloosa champion Lil Ricky Rocker, champion Welsh Pony Stallion Brookside Pink Magnum and miniature donkey Tennessee Titan, all Breyer portrait models, along with Lady C.

With model horse shows, the hands-on-hobby booth, workshops, seminars, and more, there were lots of activities for both model horse

collectors and fans to participate in. BreyerFest hosted the Eastern Regional Splash Dogs Championships for dock-diving dogs to the great delight of spectators!

Two other endlessly popular areas were the Craft Activity Tent featuring Stablenates painting, face painting and jugglers as well as the Kids Jumping Area where kids competed against each other over a jumping course with time and faults to count. With a championship round held for prizes each day, kids raced round and round the course every day!

Next year, in 2014, Breyer will host its 25th anniversary BreyerFest at the Kentucky Horse Park from July 11-13, 2014. So mark your calendars for our

Photos: 1. Russell Dilday aboard Topsails Rien Maker shows off his skills using son Colt as his 'cow.' 2. Wee Ones Farm's Tennessee Titan was popular with everyone. 3. Splash Dogs Eastern Regional Championships were held at BreyerFest 4. 2012 Road to the Horse winner Dan James of Double Dan Horsemanship 5. Mustang advocate and horse trainer Mary Miller Jordan and country singer Templeton Thompson 6. Sue De Laurentis's trick horse Lady C



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FREESTYLE MEDALS GO TO UHLIR AND TETREAUAT AT 2013 ADEQUAN/FEI NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR & YOUNG RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED BY GOTHAM NORTH

By Jennifer Wood

Lexington, KY – On Saturday, June 20, dressage riders competed for their Freestyle Individual medals in the Rolex Stadium at the 2013 Adequan/FEI North American Junior & Young Rider Championships presented by Gotham North (NAJYRC). Ayden Uhlir (Region 6) and Sjapoer won their second Individual Gold medal of the week in the Young Rider division. Laurence Blais Tetreault and Lowelas also won another Gold medal in the Junior division. Endurance riders competed in their 75-mile race yesterday, and it was Cassandra Roberts (Team USA Southeast) who won the race for the Gold medal with Viktory Banner. The USA Southeast team took Gold in endurance.

The top 15 Individuals advanced to the Freestyle Championship today and were judged by Bernard Maurel (FRA) at E, Linda Zang (USA) at H, Jane Ayers (USA) at C, Martin Richenhagen (GER)

at M, and Annette Fransen-Iacobaeus (SWE) at B.

The highest score of the day went to Ayden Uhlir (18, Kirkland, WA) and Sjapoer, her 14-year-old KWPN gelding by Contango. They had judges' scores of 74.000% at E, 68.375% at H, 73.625% at C, 73.625% at M, and 71.250% at B for a total of 72.175% and the Gold medal.

Uhlir showed no loss of concentration when her music went out as she did tempis down the diagonal. She continued with her test without a hiccup and when the music came back on again, she was in time and finished as her music ended. "I'm pretty happy with it even though my music went out," she smiled. "Two years ago I probably would have had a conniption, but I think it shows progress that I kept my cool."

She explained, "I was on time with my music when it went out. I just stayed on my exact pace. I knew that when the music would come back on, I'd be where I was supposed to be. I didn't let the music affect me in any way. I knew my pattern, I just rode it, and it

all worked out in the end."

Uhlir revamped her Freestyle music for Sjapoer since last year and this was the first time they performed it in competition. "This year I wanted to do something that was maybe a little bit classier. I really think it fits Sjapoer really well," she said. "He just has that special quality about him that makes him so fancy. We needed to find the music that fits his personality and not the music that I just wanted to get. I'm really happy with my Freestyle." Although she won Gold Friday, Uhlir "didn't have any expectations at all" for today. "I had to forget about yesterday and I was riding a completely new day. It worked well because I didn't feel as much pressure and was focusing on what we had to do at that moment," she related. "I was very

happy and it was a good end to our last Young Riders year."

Jamie Pestana (20, Livermore, CA) and Winzalot had another Silver medal performance with a score of 70.975%. Their scores were E: 66.625%, H: 70.250%, C: 70.750%, M: 74.750%, and B: 72.500%.

She said of her test, "I was pretty happy with my test. There were a few things that could have gone better, but overall I was really happy with his attitude. He really likes his extended trots, so those were fun. Some of his tempis were good today. He felt really rideable."

Her pop rock music included tracks from Nickelback, Pink, and the Slumdog Millionairesound-track. "It really clicked with Winzalot; he kind of picked the music for me," she said.

After this success, they are "taking it slow and seeing" what future plans will be. "Usually when I try to make plans with my horse, they go awry," she said wryly. "We'll see how the year of training goes."

The Bronze medal went to Tanya Strasser Shostak (18, St. Adele, QB, CAN) on Action Tyme, a 13-year-old Oldenburg stallion by Aktuell with a score of 70.500%. Their judges' scores were E: 68.500%, H: 72.875%, C: 70.250%, M: 73.000%, B: 67.875%.

Action Tyme has been competing at the Grand Prix level for years with Tanya's mother, Evi Strasser, and it took time and convincing for Tanya to get the ride

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Left: Hannah Von Heidegger Reg. 10



Jamie Pestana (USA) riding Winzalot

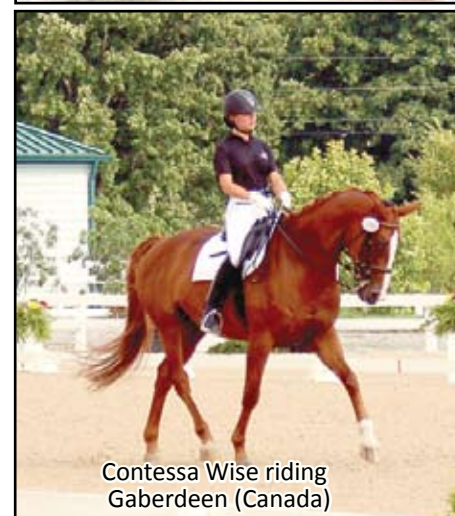


Talia Hershaft, Reg. 5, riding Westfalia at the Class 4 Young Rider Individual Championships of the NAJYR in Lexington Kentucky.

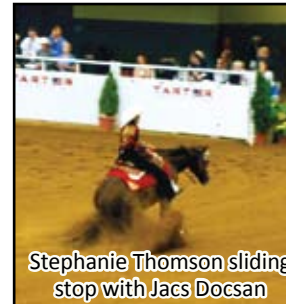


Guila Cohen, Reg. 8, riding Lasserre

Photos by Ley Bouchard



Contessa Wise riding Gaberdeen (Canada)



Stephanie Thomson sliding stop with Jacs Docsan



Riders frolic in the heat with water pistols after the jumping competition Saturday afternoon, July 20 at the NAJYR Championships.



Canadian Jumping Team



USA Jumping team from left: Kate Morrison, Lillie Keenan, Charlotte Jacobs.



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Lower right: Musician Lyle Lovett's Smart and Shiny was the BreyerFest Celebration Horse whose Breyer model was received by every three-day ticket purchaser. Smart and Shiny was presented at BreyerFest by reining legend Tim McQuay.

Lower left: Welsh Pony stallion Brookside Pink Magnum shows his mild side with a young lady. More BreyerFest info on page 2.



Above: Lil Ricky Rocker with fans holding his Breyer portrait model. More BreyerFest on page 2.

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Dear Readers,

We are excited to be the first to announce Ginger Kathrens, founder and director of the Cloud Foundation, will be involved in helping find homes for the approximately 100 wild horses from the North Dakota Badlands Horses that have lived in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park near Medora, N.D., that will be auctioned September 28, 2013 at the Wishek, N.D. Livestock Auction. According to Marylue Weber, volunteer for the NDBH, they are working with Kathrens and other groups to ensure the horses from this sale will all find good forever homes. Eight of the horses from the last sale of approximately 78 horses (October 2009) from these Badlands herds were purchased by a kill buyer. These groups want to be sure this does not reoccur.

The other groups involved are Lisa Friday and Jamie Dodson of Legacy Mustang Preservation, Brogan Horton of Animal Rescue Unit and Jill Starr of Lifesavers Wild Horse Rescue. Please read the full article on page 6 of this issue and stay tuned next month for a follow-up article to learn how the groups are working together. Read more on page 10.

It was great to be in Lexington, Kentucky at the fantastic Kentucky Horse Park. It is an amazing team of volunteers and workers who change out the obstacles/jump/dressage/freestyle and cross-country course and maintain the grounds. Young men in tractors race around the arena after the water truck to be sure all the tracks are removed and the ground reworked. They hold smiles on their faces as though they were little boys with new toys. And the arena is ready once again.

The days were sunny, bright and quite hot but a mild breeze made it tolerable in the shade of the gazebos for journalists and photographers with media credentials. Many media personnel remain at their computers in the media area and follow the winners that come in after their wins for the interviews and winning photographs. It felt good to be back in Kentucky, seeing the rolling green hills and horses dotting the landscape.

Waiting for dinner in a restaurant/sports bar in Lexington, KY after covering the Adequan/FEI North American Junior/Young Rider Championships, we observed all the television sets were set to golf and I wondered, what will it take for one of those television stations to run the world-class championships I photographed today?

How come watching people hit a little ball across a field of obstacles occupies

more air time than watching young people maneuver a horse 10-15 times their weight through a field of obstacles or careen a pattern in a dressage ring or through a cross-country field? See coverage of this event on page 3.

While eating dinner we met a mother and daughter from Toronto, Canada, with two horses. Well, Breyer Horses, anyway. They had been at BreyerFest. The girl was bubbly and so excited to show us her horse: Smart and Shiny along with a blanket, halter and lead rope they had purchased at the event.

The next day, we met another mother/daughter team who had driven from Idaho for the BreyerFest. When speaking with Kathleen Fallon, director of communications for Breyer Horses, I learned that this event was their 24th annual and people come from as far as Hawaii every year! See more coverage on page 2.

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Charles Wilhelm: Ultimate Foundation Training from Start to Finish Working With a Blind Horse

Over the last 15 years I have worked with many blind horses, probably three or four dozen. Most have been blind in one eye, and some totally blind. Through practical experience I've found that when a situation like this happens, the horse wakes up one morning and can't see and life goes on. Unlike the human reaction where we, with our mental processes and rational minds, understandably fall apart until we come to terms with it. We must become familiar with what we have and with our space. We must learn to accept and cope with life. With a horse, blindness comes much easier. They don't have the trauma of the loss of something and they don't have the emotional stress. I think with horses that are blind in both eyes, they learn to rely on other senses just like humans, hearing and smell and a level of acuity. Like humans, they utilize their other senses to adapt to the best of their ability. Obviously, it is easier for a horse that is blind in only one eye but I have worked with horses that

were blind in both eyes. I could take them out on the trail, do arena work and do probably 99% of the normal activities. The only difficulty would be with cutting because a horse has to be able to see to cut. Once you put a horse on a cow, the horse must start tracking that cow. That would be the only activity limited by blindness.

With a horse that is blind in one eye or both eyes, it is really important to establish a foundation. With a foundation you establish consistent cues and they start trusting those cues. We have two horses here now that are blind in one eye. One used to be a cutter. Now we use him as a reining cow horse and take him down the fence. We have to show him when to cut into the fence but that is the only help that he needs. Both horses are fine on the trail and doing arena work. One is actually more calm and relaxed on the trail on his blind side. With his sighted eye he starts seeing things that he wants to react to.

I treat both sighted and blind horses the same. I sack them both out with objects and train them both to do round pen work with inside and outside turns. The thing to remember is that when you approach a horse that is blind in one eye or both eyes, it is important to let the horse know that you are approaching. Eventually, they gain a perceptual sense of where you are at. For example, we use a golf cart to pony our horses from one end of the ranch to the other. The blind horses that we have here now had to learn to gage their distance from the cart on their blind sides. We helped them learn this by teaching them to move off pressure with ground work first. When, at first, they got too close to the cart, I just reached out with my arm and bumped them away. I also used a dressage stick which gave me more length to tap them on the shoulder to move them away and show them where they needed to be. We no longer need to do this. They have learned to gage the distance from objects through sound and feel.

When working with a blind horse, most people want to placate and protect it. In other words, they want to help the horse by limiting him. We are not helping the horse by making him feel handicapped. I don't treat a blind horse differently than a sighted horse. I treat them just like a sighted horse when I am doing ground work. I start teaching concentrated circles and teaching them to back up on both sides. The only difference is that when I step over there, I cluck and let the horse know. With the horses I have now, I no longer need to cluck because they have learned to feel and sense my presence.

A horse that is blinded can still be very functional. We are teaching one of our horses to do ranch versatility since he has only one eye. A horse that is blind in both eyes can certainly do arena work and go on the trail. A totally blind horse can be turned out to pasture and can certainly be turned out alone in a corral. You have to let the horse know where the boundaries are. The horse can also be turned out with other horses and can benefit from a buddy but you have to make sure the other horse is

not aggressive. You need to watch them closely at first to make sure they get along as a blind horse is easily bullied and can get hurt easier than a sighted horse.

The only things that may hinder the learning of a blind horse or determine how quickly he learns, are the horse's personality, his emotional level and your consistency. If you have a willing horse, a horse that likes to learn and moves off pressure easily, he's going to learn quicker. If you have a horse with a high emotional level, it will take a little longer for him to understand the lesson. How quickly the horse learns and how successful you are will depend on your consistency. Consistency means doing things in the same way each time. Treat the horse like a sighted horse but just be aware that he can't see.

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Ginger Kathrens Lends Help and Support to the North Dakota Wild Horses To Be Auctioned Sept. 28

By Ley Bouchard

Ginger Kathrens, founder and executive director of the Cloud Foundation, Lisa Friday and Jamie Dodson of Legacy Mustang Preservation, Brogan Horton of Animal Rescue Unit and Jill Starr of Lifesavers Wild Horse Rescue will be working alongside North Dakota Badlands Horse (NDBH) to see that all the Theodore Roosevelt National Park wild horses find good homes.

It was recently announced that approximately 100 horses will be culled from the North Dakota Badlands and made available for sale September 28, 2013 at the Wishek Livestock Sale barn in Wishek, N.D.

Marylou Weber said the North Dakota Badlands Horse is comprised of a team of enthusiastic people from around the US who are working together to make this happen. They refer to themselves as TEAM NDBH. Having connected with haulers who will be able to haul horses to various parts of the country for a fair fee, they have contact information on their Facebook page: North Dakota Badlands Horse. Once the sale is over, new owners can register their horses with our organization and receive a 5 generation pedigree, but more importantly, we provide a network of support for owners where they can come for encouragement, training tips, and even place a horse with someone who will take it

if things don't go well with the original buyer. Weber has been a volunteer with the Badlands horses since 1999. She and her husband started working with Tom Tescher who watched them for 40 years. Weber created a database of color, sex, sire, dam, and other data going back to 1999. "A horse bought and registered will get a 5-generation pedigree," says Weber; "with wild horses it is a guessimate. We have also worked with Colorado State University (CSU) doing the research since 2009 on the birth control study. During the study the horses are observed for injection site reaction, behavior, mare condition, pregnancy status, and condition of the foal. Those horses are watched during the breed-

ing season in March-April through September. We do a fecal sampling where we collect fecal samples in November and determine which mares are pregnant. These horses are watched more closely than ever in the past. So we know who is out there, who is in which band, and who has which foal. The park does not track this data." Weber said there are now 20 bands, but not all have mature mares, and there are some bachelor bands attached to the harem bands. There are 19 bands that have mature, reproducing males and females.

Weber has ridden in the park for 30 years, and loved horses from the time she was 4. She has kept track of the people who have

bought the horses at the past sale and try to keep a registry or a network to support buyers and help them with training tips and emotional support as they go through this process of gentling the horses. "We trade ideas and support one another," Weber said. "We know of people who have trained the horses and had wonderful results. We have a Reunion Ride Sept. 7-8 in Medora and are inviting anyone that has a horse that has come out of the park."

"The other thing that this organization does is to help people that are struggling with the wild horse they purchased. We take them back and help find other homes for the horses so they don't end up in a slaughter situation. Buyers

must have space facilities with high fences, must have the time and patience to gentle the horses, and must have experience themselves or someone who is experienced with gentling wild horses," says Weber. "The biggest issue with these horses is trust. If the horse does not trust you, you can't do anything with them. What our group is working toward is trying to educate people to not buy our horses if you don't have the space, facility, time and patience to work with the horses." "Legacy Mustang Horses wants to outbid the kill buyers so nothing goes to slaughter. Eight from the last sale went directly to slaughter. I happened

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Ginger Kathrens Lends Help and Support to the North Dakota Wild Horses To Be Auctioned Sept. 28

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to be at the sale ring that night by myself, my husband had not gotten there yet, and the truck came in to haul away the slaughter horses," Weber said. "Those horses screamed to one another, they were calling to one another, it wasn't just a whinny, it was a scream. That still haunts me. These were young, trainable horses. We don't want that to happen. There was nothing wrong with them. They could have been gentled and trained. We did not have connections at that time and most of us did not have a facility to bring home the horses. We did the best we could out of 77 horses. In the past, two-thirds of the horses have gone to slaughter. This year, we don't want to see any horse go to slaughter. There will be a plan put in place to outbid him. He can't bid over the per pound price the slaughterhouse will pay."
The Legacy Mustang Preservation is setting up a PayPal account to raise money for the purchase of horses that would otherwise go to slaughter.
Plan now to attend the sale Sept. 28 at 11 a.m. in Wishek, N.D. Read more about the North Dakota Badlands Horses in the September issue of the Valley Equestrian Newspaper. Previous articles about the wild

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DIY Fly/Dust Nose Bag -By Dale Simanton

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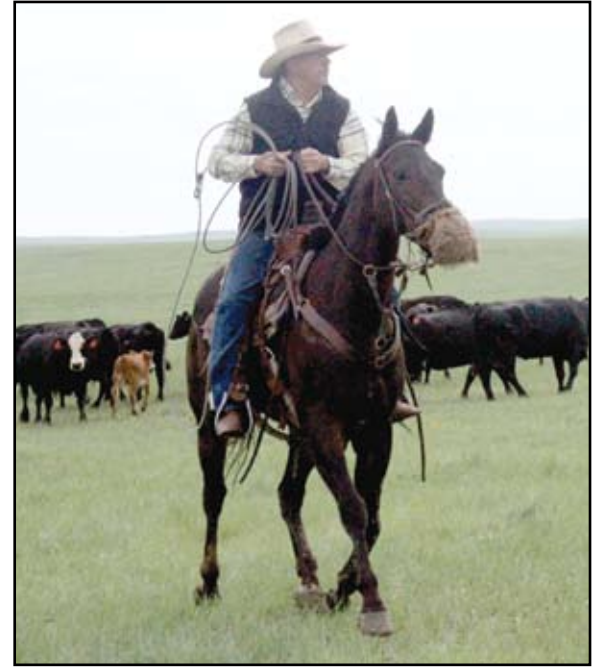
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-Dale Simanton is the head trainer and partner in the Gate to Great Program at Horse Creek Thoroughbreds near Newell, South Dakota. A lifelong horseman, he has spent many years finding creative ways to make things work on the ranch... ideas that he now shares through "The Cowboy Laboratory". At his ranch near the Black Hills, Dale takes off-track Thoroughbreds and retrains them as outstanding ranch horses. From there, they go on to excel as eventers, hunter/jumpers,



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Emerging Viability of Stallion Syndications

By John Alan Cohan, Attorney at Law

Stallion syndications have been a popular vehicle for people engaged in breeding activities for over 40 years. Stallion syndications are a form of co-ownership in which each investor acquires a fractional interest in the promoter's stallion, with breeding rights. The arrangement provides for lower costs to the participants, spreading risks of loss, and sharing of maintenance costs. Each participant is entitled to annual breedings to the stallion. Syndicates were initially popularized in the Thoroughbred racing industry.

There are tax benefits for all members of a stallion syndicate. Each investor

is entitled to depreciate the cost of the fractional interest, and to deduct maintenance costs from one's income tax. In addition, investors may decide to lease a broodmare, and those costs are tax deductible. Of course, this is with the caveat that the taxpayer has the intention to be engaged in an activity for profit.

Sometimes a syndicate is formed in order to pool resources to purchase a top quality stallion.

Generally, the Securities and Exchange Commission regards stallion syndications as "non-securities," which means that the promoter can freely advertise and solicit the general

public to buy stallion shares as long as the agreement is in correct legal form. Each investor becomes a co-owner of a fractional interest in the stallion.

Drafting a Syndicate Agreement is crucial to any horse syndication because there are important legal considerations, not to mention the importance of making the agreement compatible with Federal tax law considerations.

The stallion stands at the syndicate manager's farm with the manager, who has day-to-day charge of the animal. Also, the syndicate manager is responsible for keeping accurate books and records of the syndicate to show all income and dis-

bursements involved, and other information pertinent to the syndicate, including veterinary reports, breeding schedules, the pedigree information of mares nominated to the stallion, and other details. Each co-owner, in turn, must keep separate business records in accordance with IRS regulations applicable to horse activities.

A good Syndicate Agreement will specify the duties of the manager, what sort of voting rights are conferred on the co-owners, and what sort of marketing plan or strategy will be implemented to promote the foals of the stallion produced under the Syndicate.

Mortality insurance on the horse is factored into the annual maintenance fee.

Syndicates may be regarded as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, in which each co-owner is allocated a portion of the income, expense and depreciation for their own income tax returns.

In order to market a syndication, the promoter needs to own or plan on acquire a well-established stallion that has popular appeal and an outstanding record. Only then can purchasers be persuaded to enter into the deal. Also, it is helpful to have a formal appraisal of the animal.

Stallion syndications today are still a viable means to cut down on costs, and can be a prudent economic alternative to outright ownership of high quality stallions. Legal counsel should be consulted to properly draft Syndicate Agreements and to insure that applicable tax and securities laws are taken into account.

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The VEN Fine Art Feature: Showcasing the work of Diane Hausman



Bay Jake Rs by Diane Hausman

spark and motion of the subject in my painting or sculpture. How horses interact with each other or with people is the basis of my work. I'm constantly working to improve my riding and growing as an artist through personal study, dedication and an occasional workshop. These subjects parallel each other in that "pursuit of knowledge".

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of horses since childhood has helped developed my artistic and riding skills. Mastering horses, as with painting, is an elusive challenge," says Diane Hausman, owner of Hasemann Studio--Fine Equine and Western Art. "My goal is to capture the expression,

Sources of Magnesium -- Including Whole Foods

by Juliet M. Getty, Ph.D.

Magnesium. You hear about it a lot these days, particularly when it comes to treating obese horses, especially those with the telltale sign of insulin resistance: stubborn fat deposits along the crest of the neck and back, and behind the shoulders. And since magnesium is also involved with maintaining normal neuromuscular activity, supplementing it can have a dramatic impact on calming

only 50% of the magnesium from your hay is absorbed; therefore, only 11.35 grams of magnesium is provided by this hay. Supplement additional magnesium to bring the Ca:Mg ratio to 2:1. So in this example, you should supplement an additional 16 grams of magnesium to bring the Ca:Mg ratio into balance.

(bound) to another molecule, such as an amino acid, to facilitate absorption. While the absorption rate is slightly diminished by calcium, whole foods boost your horse's overall diet by adding additional minerals, as well as vitamins, fats, and protein.

Obviously it is best to test your hay before

Whole food sources of magnesium are not nearly as concentrated as a magnesium supplement.

Commonly Supplemented Inorganic Magnesium Sources and Concentrations

Source	Percent Mg	Amount needed to provide 5g of Mg ^{IV}	Comments
Magnesium oxide	56.2%	8.9 g	Readily absorbed and most concentrated.
Magnesium citrate	11.0%	45.5 g	Most easily absorbed but low concentration, necessitating larger amounts.
Magnesium sulfate	9.8%	51.0 g	Epsom salt. Poorly absorbed and has a high laxative effect.

behavior, easing sensitivity, and improving muscle function and endurance.

How much?

The insulin resistant animal responds well to large amounts of supplemental magnesium. However, magnesium needs to be balanced with calcium because calcium competes with it for absorption; therefore the magnesium content should be at least half that of calcium. Forages grown in areas of acidic or clay soils are typically low in magnesium. Compound this with low bioavailability, and your equine friend may be getting just enough to prevent a deficiency but not quite enough to maintain normal hormonal and nervous system functioning.

To help with regional fat deposits, I recommend supplementing magnesium to bring it in line with calcium. A 2:1 ratio of Ca:Mg is appropriate and can be as high as 1:1. Consider this example: Your hay contains .25% magnesium and .60% calcium. Twenty pounds provides 22.7 grams of magnesium (20 lb X 454 g/lb X .0025) and 54.5 grams of calcium (20 lbs X 454 g/lb X .0060). Assume that

supplementing magnesium. If this is not feasible, offer your 1000 lb horse a more conservative amount -- say 10 grams per day. Continue supplementing until you see the fat pads start to diminish (can take several months); then reduce the amount of magnesium by half.

To help with behavior or muscular issues, experiment by adding 3 to 10 grams of magnesium to the diet. Results should be seen within a week; if not, magnesium is not the issue.

Inorganic sources and absorption

Magnesium found in forages and feedstuffs is not well absorbed -- only 40 to 60 percent. This has a lot to do with competition from calcium. Consequently, inorganic sources such as magnesium oxide, citrate, and sulfate have a higher absorption rate (70%) than magnesium found in natural sources. Comparisons between three inorganic sources are shown in the table above:

Whole foods

The magnesium found in natural sources is chelated

But they can aid in reducing insulin resistance as well as protect your horse's nervous system and muscles. These foods are especially high in magnesium, and are listed from high to low levels (found in one cup):

- Pumpkin seeds (shelled): 1200 mg
- Flax or Chia seeds: 660 mg (high in omega 3s)
- Sesame seeds: 500 mg
- Almonds: 400 mg
- Quinoa: 340 mg (high in starch)
- Wheat germ: 275 mg (high in omega 6s)
- Split peas: 230 mg

Can you give a horse too much magnesium?

Not likely. According to the National Research Council, the maximum tolerable concentration is 0.8 percent. Twenty pounds of hay testing at this level would provide a whopping 72.64 grams (72,640 mg) of magnesium. The gastrointestinal tract only absorbs what the body needs and the rest is excreted in the manure. However, since the kidneys are responsible for excreting magnesium,

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Tax Changes Affect Farm Families

MANKATO, Minn. (7/16/2013) -- As a result of recent Congressional and Minnesota legislative action, there have been substantial tax changes that directly affect Minnesota farm families. Many of the tax changes affect the farm business but several have impact on personal issues for farm families such as estate and gift tax issues.

Of huge benefit to farmers are the changes in the federal depreciation rules. Many of the former rules were extended allowing farmers greater depreciation amounts. Personal income tax rates for high income taxpay-

ers were increased both at the federal and Minnesota state level. Federal capital gains tax rates were modified keeping the 5% and 15% levels but adding a 20% level for taxpayers in the 39.6% income tax bracket. Federal estate and gift tax exclusions amounts were increased. The estate exclusion amount will be \$5,250,000 for 2013 and indexed for inflation. The annual gift exclusion amount will be \$14,000 per person in 2013. The lifetime gift exclusion amount will be \$5,250,000. In Minnesota, the state legislature clarified several points of the Qualified Small Business Property & Qualified Farm Property Exclusion mak-

ing it much easier for farm families to qualify. Minnesota also initiated a new state gift tax with an annual exclusion of \$14,000 per person and a lifetime exclusion of \$1,000,000. These are only a few examples of the many changes for 2013 and beyond.

The many changes can be very confusing but are very crucial for tax and financial planning for farm families. Gary Hachfeld, University of Minnesota Extension educator in ag business management states "Getting good tax and financial assistance when navigating all these laws is critical. Seek competent help from your accountant and attor-

ney for information about these issues specific to your situation. One mistake can be costly".

To aid in the process of understanding these changes and how they affect you, there is available an informational document compiled by University of Minnesota Extension. The document outlines many of the changes mentioned previously. The direct link to the document is: <http://www.cffm.umn.edu/Publications/pubs/FarmMgt-Topics/Ag-TaxUpdate.pdf>. This document will be updated as future changes occur in federal and state tax law.

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The Valley Equestrian Newspaper reminds you to protect your horse, dog, cat and small children who travel with you this summer:

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- Take pets along only when going to the vet, or a known destination where they can exit the vehicle. They don't need to go shopping with you!
- Err on the side of caution. Live to enjoy another day!

The Valley Equestrian News wishes you a safe and fun summer with your animals!

University recognizes Farm Families of the Year for 2013

ST. PAUL (July 18, 2013)—This year, 76 families from throughout Minnesota will be honored as a 2013 Farm Family of the Year by the University of Minnesota.

The families will be recognized in ceremonies set for 1:30 to 3 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8 at the annual Minnesota Farmfest near Redwood Falls.

Local Extension committees chose the families for demonstrating commitment to enhancing and supporting agriculture. The families represent each county participating in the program.

"Farm families and agriculture are a major driver of Minnesota's economy and the vitality of Minnesota's rural communities," said Bev Durgan, dean of University of Minnesota Extension. "The University of Minnesota is proud to recognize these outstanding families for their contributions to agriculture and their communities."



A sampling of families and the breadth of their contributions to agriculture follows, as does a complete list. More on Farmfest is available at www.ideoagroup.com/farmfest.

The background on all the farm families is at <http://mnfarmfamilies.cfans.umn.edu/families-by-year/2013-farm-families/>.

Paul and Deb Rentschler and family, Jackson County

A fourth generation farming family, the Rentschlers operate a wean-to-finish hog operation, as well as growing corn and soybeans. The family is from Lakefield and is active in 4-H, including the state swine committee, and FFA, as well as the Minnesota Pork Chop Open and Jackson County Jackpot Hog Show.

Chad and Cameo Zehnder and family, Isanti County

Farming in Stanchfield since 2002, the Zehnders grow alfalfa and grass hay and raise purebred Red Angus and Charolais beef cattle that are sold throughout the United States. They are involved in 4-H, National Cattleman's Beef Association, Minnesota Cattleman's Association and the executive committee of the Minnesota Beef Expo; they also are Farm Bureau members.

Benike Farms, Inc., Koochiching County

In 1993, Brent, Ross and Kent Benike formed Benike Farms from the operation begun by their parents. Today, Benike Farms consists of 700 acres of diversified crops including wheat, perennial ryegrass, soybean, canola and you-pick corn. The farm is a member of the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association and the Minnesota Soybean Growers; all three brothers volunteer with area civic programs.

Donny and Holly Thompson and family, Olmsted County

Using high-technology advances including daily milk weights and activity monitoring, the Thompsons house nearly 200 head of registered and grade Holsteins. They also raise crops on more than 700 acres, with more acres devoted to

pasture, woods and waterways. The family is involved in 4-H, FFA and the Minnesota Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Tim Page and Cherry Flowers, Ramsey County

Operating as Page & Flowers, Tim and Cherry grow a range of vegetables at their home in St. Paul and certified organic property in North Branch. They take part in a wide range of activities, including the Sustainable Agriculture Conference, MOSES, Black Farmers, Immigrant and Minority Farmers Conference and the High Tunnel Conference.

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Clay: Brian and Barb Kimm
Clearwater: Tom and Corrinne Anderson
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Houston: Carrie and Wesley Lapham Family

Isanti: Chad and Cameo Zehnder and Family
Itasca: Oliver and Gertie Juntunen
Jackson: Paul and Deb Rentschler
Kanabec: Faye, Rick, and Dennis of River Mist Farms
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Kittson: Roger and Bernice Anderson
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Pipestone: Mike and Carrie Caskey
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Pope: Klimek Family Farms
Ramsey: Page & Flowers
Red Lake: David and Peggy Miller
Redwood: Brian and Michelle Hicks Family
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AHC Supports Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act

For years, equine veterinarians have treated horses at farms, training facilities, shows and racetracks because that is where the horses are. In many cases, it is not possible for owners to bring their horses to a clinic or hospital. Veterinarians have carried needed medications with them and secured them in their vehicles. However, their ability to do this and provide care to a horse in the field is now in jeopardy.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has suggested that the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) prohibits veterinarians from transporting and using controlled substances to treat their animal patients other than locations where the drugs are registered with the DEA. This means, for example, veterinarians who treat horses and other livestock in rural areas could be barred from bringing key medications to the animals. In addition, the DEA has said that veterinarians who operate ambulatory practices and cross state lines to provide care, but do not have a principal place of business registered within that state, are working beyond the confines of the CSA. "It is unfortunate our veterinarians are being

subjected to this issue to provide even the most basic of care to animals," said R.J. Layher, Director of Health & Regulatory Affairs for the American Horse Council (AHC). "The Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act is a legislative fix to the CSA to assure that vets are able to treat horses in a timely and professional manner."

The Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act of 2013, was introduced by Representative Kurt Schrader (D-OR) in the House (H.R. 1528) and Senators Jerry Moran (R-KS) and Angus King (I-ME) in the Senate (S. 1171).

The bills would amend the CSA to prohibit a veterinarian from being required to have a separate registration in order to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice at a site other than the veterinarian's principal place of practice, as long as the dispensing site is located in a state where the veterinarian is licensed to practice.

H.R.1528 has been referred to House Committee on Judiciary and the Energy and Commerce Committee. S. 1171 has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Former Golden Eagle Krueger Returns as Equestrian Asst. Coach

CROOKSTON, Minn. — The University of Minnesota Crookston and athletic director Stephanie Helgeson have announced the hiring of former UMC western equestrian team member Kayla Krueger as assistant women's equestrian coach. Krueger was a member of the Golden Eagle equestrian team from 2009-12. "I feel very confident that Kayla will be a wonderful asset to the UMC equestrian team," said UMC head equestrian coach Brooke Leininger. "Kayla competed for three years for the UMC equestrian team and was team captain during her last season. She understands the student-athlete experience, as well as the vision and future of the team, and I am very excited to bring her on board." Krueger was an accomplished rider for the western team during her three years with the Golden Eagles. She advanced to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Western Semifinals in Findlay, Ohio as a junior where she placed sixth in the Advanced Horsemanship division. Krueger helped the Golden Eagles take fifth place overall as a team at the IHSA Western Semifinals in 2011. Krueger has worked with horses in different capacities. During the summer of 2011 she worked at Briggs Show Horses in Pilot Point, Texas. At UMC, Krueger worked as a stable hand



Follow the Golden Eagles on Facebook at Golden Eagle Sports and on Twitter at @UMCAthletics.

The University of Minnesota Crookston is an NCAA Division II Institution and a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC). The Golden Eagle Equestrian team is a member of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA).

Unquestionably, farm families care about the land. As stewards of the land, they know they need to maintain it for future generations, just as they know

Farm families impact Minnesota's economy and rural communities

By Bev Durgan, Dean, University of Minnesota Extension

ST. PAUL, Minn. (7/24/2013) —Agriculture keeps advancing, adapting new technology to meet the needs of an increasingly global economy. Challenges have intensified as well—a lengthy drought,

heavy precipitation and uncertain farm policies, to mention a few.

The University of Minnesota started the Farm Family of the Year program 33 years ago to recognize successful farm families for their impact on our economy and rural communities. This year, families from 76 Minnesota counties will be recognized for their contributions to agriculture, the economy and rural communities at an Aug. 8 ceremony at Farmfest, the state's largest farm gathering.

I salute those selected as 2013 University of Minnesota farm families because they represent the ideals shared by all farm families. Minnesota farm families not only persist and endure, but they continually improve the way they manage the land and produce food for the world. Farm families keep pace with change and innovate, while juggling busy lives and unexpected challenges.

Each year, University of Minnesota Extension works directly with farm families to understand and address the challenges of farming. I would like to thank all the families who welcome University faculty onto their farms and share their knowledge and experience with us. Farm families make incalculable contributions to the science of agriculture. We are honored to know them, and to work together to improve our food and energy system.

that their land produces food and energy that must serve a doubling population by 2050.

Farmers contribute in ways that matter to the entire state, providing more than 340,000 jobs and \$75 billion in economic activity. They also contribute their



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From the Horse's Mouth: Industry News

Former Governor Bill Richardson and Robert Redford Join Fight to Stop Horse Slaughterhouses: Announce Formation of Foundation Focused on Protecting Animals and Wildlife

SANTA FE, NM- Former Governor Bill Richardson and legendary actor, director, and conservationist Robert Redford today announced they are joining the fight to stop horse slaughterhouses from reopening in the United States. The action is the first of a new foundation the two have formed to protect animals and wildlife.

The Foundation to Protect New Mexico Wildlife has filed in federal court to join

as a plaintiff in a lawsuit filed by animal protection organizations, including the Humane Society of the United States and Front Range Equine Rescue, to block the revival of American horse slaughter. The lawsuit claims the U.S. Department of Agriculture violated federal law by failing to conduct required reviews of the known environmental dangers caused by horse slaughterhouses, including one trying to open in Roswell, New Mexico. The Foundation and other plaintiffs are seeking an emergency injunction.



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"As a lifelong horse lover, I am committed to doing whatever it takes to stop the return of horse slaughterhouses in this country and, in particular, my own state," Governor Richardson said. "Congress was right to ban the inhumane practice years ago, and it is unfathomable that the federal government is now

poised to let it resume. As a country whose rich history is so closely tied to horses, we should instead be

"Horses have played an important part of my life, and I strongly believe they need our protection. Horse slaughter has no place in our culture. It is cruel, inhumane, and perpetuates abuse and neglect of these beloved animals. We must oppose it with all of our might."

Robert Redford

focused on exploring new horse rescue and retirement solutions."

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oppose it with all of our might. We need to ensure horses have safe and kind treatment during their lives and are afforded the peaceful and dignified end they deserve."

In addition to its opposition to horse slaughter, The Foundation to Protect New Mexico Wildlife will focus on the preservation and protection of the state's wild mustang and burro population including seeking out appropriate alternative habitats for the animals. Other efforts will focus on the Mexican gray wolf, bison and the reintroduction of native fish and mammal species. The foundation will also work to support New Mexico's animal shelters and to prevent animal cruelty.

The Foundation to Protect New Mexico Wildlife is a natural extension of both former Governor Richardson's and Mr. Redford's decades of animal advocacy and conservation work. As governor, Richardson spearheaded legislation and enacted policies aimed at preserving and protecting New Mexico's wildlife and domesticated animals. He fought to ban cockfighting, increased funding for animal shelters, and enacted more humane euthanasia practices in shelters. He made natural habitat and restoration a priority and supported the reintroduction of native species, including the Mexican gray wolf. Most recently, he was instrumental in convincing the National Institutes of Health to halt medication testing on chimpanzees, many of which are housed in Southern New Mexico at the Alamogordo Primate Facility.

Mr. Redford, a part-time New Mexico resident, is a world renowned conservationist and animal advocate. For decades he has fought to protect our country's greatest national resources. He is tireless in his efforts to bring attention to the issues that threaten our natural habitats and the wildlife that call them home. He is a trustee of the National Resources Defense Council and has received countless accolades for his efforts, including by the National Wildlife Federation. By entering the lawsuit against the USDA, Former Governor Richardson and Mr. Redford are also standing with Native American leaders who have asserted that federal approval of horse slaughter constitutes a violation of tribal cultural values and is an insult to their age-old connection with America's horses.

Federal Legislation Banning Medication

Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) and Representatives Joe Pitts (R-PA), Ed Whitfield (R-KY), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), and Anna Eshoo (D-CA) have introduced the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2013 to regulate/prohibit substances. The legislation is not the same as the bill they introduced in the last Congress.

The bill calls for a new "independent anti-doping organization" to be responsible for "ensuring the integrity of horseraces that are the subject of interstate off-track wagers and the safety of persons involved in such horseraces." The legislation specifically designates the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), a private, non-governmental agency, as that organization. USADA is the official anti-doping agency for the U.S. Olympics. The bill gives USADA authority to permit/prohibit the drugs and medications that may be administered to a horse in a race subject to an interstate off-track wager and set the withdrawal period for its administration. The legislation prohibits

and enforcement. USADA is charged with ensuring that all costs incurred in carrying out its duties and responsibilities under the new law are paid by the industry.

The House bill (H.R. 2012) was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, on which Representatives Pitts, Whitfield, Schakowsky and Eshoo sit.



From the Horse's Mouth: Horse Council News

Federal Bill Would Make Equine Therapy Eligible for Military Insurance

Winston Churchill said "there is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man." Horse people have known that for a long time. If Representatives Michael Burgess (R-TX) and Tom Cotton (R-AR) have their way, TRICARE, the health care program serving uniformed active duty service members, veterans and their families, will understand that too.

Over the last decade as many forms of therapy have failed, more and more military personnel and family members who suffer from wounds and debilitating diseases have sought treatment through therapeutic riding programs or hippotherapy. Unfortunately, TRICARE, does not cover therapeutic riding because it considers such therapy as experimental and unproven.

This issue has been highlighted by the plight of Kaitlyn Samules, a member of a military family who suffers from scoliosis and epilepsy. Her condition was severe enough for her doctors to prescribe therapeutic riding as her physical therapy.

While TRICARE will cover any physical therapy that is medically necessary or proven to work, it denied coverage for Kaitlyn's care. Even after a court battle won by the Samuels, TRICARE and the Department of Defense still continue to deny coverage to Kaitlyn.

That's when Congressmen Burgess and Cotton stepped in, introducing the Rehabilitative Therapy Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act of 2013 (H.R. 1705). This legislation would amend Federal law to include "therapies provided on a horse" to treatments covered by TRICARE.

"The American Horse Council fully supports this legislation and encourages its members to reach out to their Representatives in the House of Representatives and ask for their support," said R.J. Layher, Director of Health & Regulatory Affairs for the AHC. "This is good for our servicemen and women, veterans and their families and it is good for our riding rehabilitation programs and horses."

Currently, the bill has nine co-sponsors and has been referred to the House.

Federal Soring Bill Gains More Support

The Prevent All Soring Tactics Act of 2013, the bill introduced last April by Congressmen Ed Whitfield (R-KY) to strengthen the Horse Protection Act (HPA), was a main topic of discussion at the AHC annual meeting in mid-June. It was discussed at two committee meetings and both recommended that the AHC and other organizations continue to support the bill.

The following organizations now support the soring bill: the American Horse Council, the American Association of Equine Practitioners, the American Morgan Horse Association, the American Paint Horse Association, the American Quarter Horse Association, the Appaloosa Horse Club, the Arabian Horse Association, the Pinto Horse Association of America, the Maryland Horse Council, the American Veterinary Medical Association and other groups.

The HPA was enacted in 1970 to prohibit the show-

ing, transporting or sale at auction of a horse that has been sored. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), which enforces the HPA, deems forcing the use of action devices, chemicals, pads, wedges or practices that cause pain in the horse's forelegs to produce an accentuated show gait for competition. According to the USDA, soring has been primarily used with Tennessee Walking Horses, Racking Horses, and Spotted Saddle Horses and continues despite the existence of a federal ban for over forty years.

"The bill would amend the HPA to prohibit a Tennessee Walking Horse, a Racking Horse, or a Spotted Saddle Horse from being shown, exhibited, or auctioned with an action device, or a weighted shoe, pad, wedge, hoof band or other device or material if it is constructed to artificially alter the gait of the horse and is not strictly protective or therapeutic,

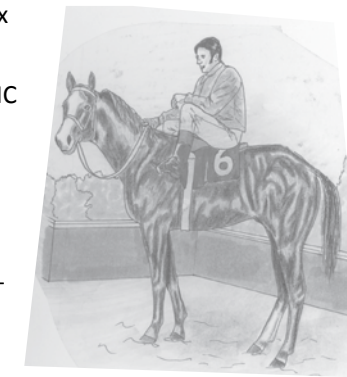
Senate Passes Immigration Reform Bill

On June 27, the Senate passed the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act of 2013 (S. 744) on a 68 to 32 vote. The bill is a comprehensive immigration package that increases border security, provides a path to legalization for undocumented immigrants, and makes major changes to all aspects of the immigration system.

"The AHC supports this bill because it would fix many of the immigration issues facing the horse industry, said AHC president Jay Hickey. "We believe bipartisan passage of this bill is an important step to finally fixing the immigration problem."

The bill would substantially increase border security and implement an employment verification system. Most importantly for the horse industry, it would allow undocumented workers to legalize their status and replace the broken H-2A program with a new agricultural worker program administered by

U.S. Department of Agriculture. It would also make improvements to the H-2B program and create a new W-visa low skilled program that would allow employers to hire foreign workers when no Americans can be found. Comprehensive immigration reform has been a priority of the AHC for many years. The difficulty horse farms, horse shows, trainers and others have had re-



cruiting American workers has forced many to rely on foreign workers and utilize both the H-2B and H-2A temporary foreign worker programs to meet their labor needs. However, the current system is not reliable and is extremely burdensome to use.

"The ball is now in the court of the House of Representatives, which can take action on this bill or write their own version of an immigration bill. Until a final bill is passed, it is important that individuals in the horse industry contact their Members of Congress and tell them immigration reform is vital to the industry," said Hickey.

Internet Gambling Legislation Introduced in House

Congressman Peter King (R-NY) has introduced the latest in a long line of bills intended to roll back current prohibitions on interstate Internet gambling. Mr. King's bill would legalize all forms of wagering on the Internet, except sports betting. The Internet Gambling Regulation, Enforcement, and Consumer Protection Act of 2013 (H. R. 2282) sets up a federal structure to license and regulate entities, including race tracks, that might offer all forms of gambling online, except sports betting.

The bill includes several provisions beneficial to horse racing that do not involve Internet wagering. Congressman King's bill does not repeal the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA), which was enacted in 2006 to stop Internet wagering. Rather it creates a new federal regulatory and enforcement framework under which Internet gambling operators could obtain licenses from the Department of Treasury or state or tribal authorities authorizing them to accept wagers over the Internet. Individual states and Indian

tribes would be able to "opt-out" and prohibit or limit Internet gambling within their borders by notifying the Secretary of Treasury that they have done so. Bets could not be taken from those states or tribal lands.

The bill would create an Office of Internet Gambling Oversight in the Department of Treasury with authority to oversee state and tribal agencies licensing operators. Any state and tribal agency could qualify as a qualified governing body if it met federal standards of suitability. Applicants for licenses could apply to either the Treasury Office directly or to a state or tribal agency designated by Treasury.

The bill is intended to treat casinos, Indian tribes, lotteries, race tracks, and other operators of Internet gambling equally. No one entity or group would receive preference in licensing. Unlike previous legislation, there are no requirements that an operator have been in existence for a minimum length of time or be of a certain size. But they must show they are suitable and capable of operating online gaming.

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The bill would not apply to current interstate bets on horse racing "permissible under the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978," whether made by "telephone, Internet, satellite, or other wire or wireless communication facility, service, or medium." A track or operator would not need a federal license under this bill to offer interstate off-track wagers under the IHA. Should a racing operator wish to offer other forms of Internet wagering, the requirements of the bill would apply.

The bill includes several important benefits for horseracing. It would clarify that the federal Wire Act does not prohibit activities allowed under the IHA. It would also exempt wagers under the IHA or international wagers on horseracing that are lawful in the state and foreign jurisdiction involved from UIGEA.

The bill was referred to three committees: the House Committee on Financial Services, on which Mr. King sits, the House Committee on Judiciary; and the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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Upcoming Events

(Call before you haul.)

August 9-11: August Extravaganza Show at the Minnesota Equestrian Center in Winona, Minn.

Aug. 10: Houck Summer Barrel Racing Series \$700 added at 10:30 a.m. at Houck Horse Company in North Branch, Minn. www.houckhorsecompany.com

Aug. 11: Western Wishes Dash for Dreams barrel race at 10 a.m. at Houck Horse Company in North Branch, Minn. www.houckhorsecompany.com

Aug 11: NWECC pleasure show. Contact Todd Tylee or Northwest Wisc. Equine Club on Facebook

Aug. 11: Fun show at 10 a.m. at the Houck Arena in North Branch, MN. Contact 651.277.1095 for more info.

Aug 13-18: Head of the Lakes Fair, Superior, WI - Check website for tentative driving classes: http://hol-fair.com/

Aug 14, 6-9 pm: Discovery Horse Women's Connection Drop-In Group. Come when the Spirit moves you, offered 2 Wednesdays per month. No horse experience necessary, all activities are on the ground. Held at Spirit Horse Center, Brainerd, MN. \$18 pre-registered online: www.discoveryhorse.com, \$20 at the door.



Aug. 14: 3 Barrels 2 Hearts Barrel Series at 7 p.m. at the St. Croix County Fairgrounds in Glenwood City, WI; contact 715.691.9235

for more info.

Aug. 15: The 4th Annual University of Minnesota Horse Forage Field Day will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm) at the Leatherdale Equine Center and Animal Science Research Pastures. Participants will rotate through four stations (25 minutes each) featuring hands-on activities and on-going research aimed at improving utilization of pasture and hay. Stations will include rotational grazing: how to get started, extending the grazing

season with annual grasses, reducing waste while feeding small-square bales outdoors, and how to take and interpret an equine hay analysis. The cost is \$10 per person and registrations must be received by August 13th. Online registration is available at www.regionline.com/HorseField-Day2013.

Aug. 15: Horse Show at 5 p.m. at Hi Circle Vee Ranch in Isanti, Minn. Contact 612.803.5950 for more info.

Aug. 16-17: Cowboy Up Ride Against Cancer at 10 a.m. in McLeod, ND. For more information go to: http://cowboyupride.com/

Aug 16, 8 am-noon: Discovery Horse Youth Summer Workshop Series: 5th-8th grade. Discovery Horse Equine Gestalt Coaching Method workshop, NOT a riding program. No horse experience necessary, all activities are on the ground. Work with equine partners to build self-confidence, deepen respect for self and others, develop personal responsibility, set healthy boundaries, develop empathy, strengthen communication and listening skills. Held at Spirit Horse Center, Brainerd, MN. \$40. Register online: www.discoveryhorse.com.

Aug 17: Sabin Daze Wagon Rides, Sabin MN

Aug. 17: Challenge of the

Unwanted Horse at 9:30 a.m. at the Leatherdale Equine Center in St. Paul, MN. Go to http://www.mn-hoovedanimalrescue.org/ for more information.

Aug. 17: Prairie Winds Vet Center is conducting coggins, vaccines and wellness checks for cats and dogs, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tractor Supply Company in Moorhead, Minn.

Aug 18, 12-4 pm: Discovery Horse Women's Empowerment Workshop - A workshop for women. Equine Gestalt Coaching Method workshop. No horse experience necessary, all activities are on the ground. Held at Spirit Horse Center, Brainerd, MN. \$55. Register online: www.discoveryhorse.com.

August 24-25 Bits Summer Carriage Classic: Webster City, IA. www.bitsiowa.org. Katy Rhinehart, H: 641-478-3285, C: 641-485-782

Aug. 16: Pioneer Days at Bonanzaville in West Fargo with wagon rides by the Red River Harness and Saddle Club.

Aug. 17: Sabin, Minn. Days, see event details at: http://www.sabinharvestdays.com with free wagon rides by the Red River Harness and Saddle Club.

Aug. 23-25: Potato Days with Wagon Rides by the Red River Harness and Saddle Club in Barnesville, Minn. Check it out at: www.potatodays.com

August 24-25: Northern Prairie Shootout: Twin Valley Riders Arena, Twin Valley, MN; contact www.wildricepeacemakers.com, gmlund@arvig.net or 218-584-8685.

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Aug 31 - Sept 7 Deadwood Trail Ride - Buffalo, SD to Medora, ND.

Source of Magnesium

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supplements should never be given to a horse with impaired kidney function; this would result in high blood magnesium levels, leading to neuromuscular symptoms such as depressed behavior and ataxia.

Bottom line

Many horses experience a borderline deficiency of magnesium because of its poor absorption rate from forages. Regional fat deposits, indicative of insulin resistance, can be reduced through magnesium supplementation (in combination with low starch/sugar diets and exercise), offering some protection against laminitis. Neuromuscular and behavioral sensitivities can also be alleviated with added magnesium.

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Drought Panic Button Hit as BLM Plans Wild Horse Removals

(Reno, NV) The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released a removal schedule slated to take 1300 wild horses and burros from the range in the next eight weeks.

"Drought" has been the panic button in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) wild horse and burro program for the last two years. It is ironic that the BLM handbook does not consider drought an emergency situation because issues involving drought do not arise in an immediate fashion but develop over time. Yet in the wild horse and burro program drought issues are left unaddressed until "drought" can cause the same emotional response as the word "fire."



"Knowing the past history of the BLM, the agencies continued ability to omit the truth, twist and bend the rules, and fail to act proactively to address anything," stated Laura Leigh, President of Wild Horse Education "the very real possibility exists that BLM will again include unjustified actions within their plans."

As we saw last year at Jackson Mountain, BLM used the "drought" as an opportunity to broaden the scope of removal to include an entire HMA (without any scientific justification for the expanded scope). Yet even when court actions taken by Wild Horse Education stopped BLM from moving forward with roundups

during foaling season in an unjustified removal, did we see BLM stop and think about the long term, big picture? Not for a second. Removals resumed as soon as BLM could undertake them, moving animals into an already over crowded system. These unjustified

removals then inhibit other BLM Districts' ability to be able to move forward in areas where removals to decrease pressure on ranges actually are required due to impaired range.

The recent National Academy of Science (NAS) report which evaluated BLM wild horse and burro operations, highlights many areas where insufficient data, lack of foresight, and an absence of common sense have driven the BLM wild herd program into disaster. Yet no changes in management practices have been created. This type of lack of foresight that has driven the wild herd holding facility crisis, led to genetically bankrupt populations, decreased wild horse areas by millions of acres, and forced many areas on the range into a real cri-

sis where horses may die in mass on the range.

"It is appalling that BLM still sits at the helm of the largest land management agency in the world," stated Leigh, "It is an American tragedy."

Several of the areas listed on BLMs new schedule still include livestock grazing.

WildHorseEducation.org is a Nevada non-profit carrying three active federal cases against the BLM.

Links of interest: Wild Horse Education Website: http://wildhorseeducation.org

Alert on Conditions in May at the facility: http://wildhorseeducation.org/2013/05/15/plea-for-treatment-of-wild-horses-in-holding-join-us/

Litigation Updates - http://wildhorseeducation.org/2013/05/29/triple-b-and-jackson-mountain-litigation-update/

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NAJYR Championships

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on him. They became a pair just two months ago.

"We purchased him when he was five and I rode him then. I always loved him because he's got the best personality. I've been trying to convince her for quite a few years, probably eight years now, to let me compete him," Strasser Shostak said with a smile.

"She said when her other horse is ready for Grand Prix, she would let me ride Action Tyme. She held up her end of the deal, so I couldn't be happier right now."

Strasser Shostak took a Freestyle test from another horse and then realized it "suited him quite well," so they adjusted it to fit

Action Tyme. This week, Strasser Shostak was fifth in the Individual class and fourth with her team. "I definitely had high expectations, maybe not with the horse, but with myself," she said. "As the days went on, I really wanted it more because I was always so close. I tried to go for the scores, and it paid off."

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