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WASECA, MINN. ROLLS OUT THE RED CARPET FOR THE 63RD ANNUAL SLEIGH & CUTTER FESTIVAL

By Ken Borgman

Sixty-two years ago, four men in a Waseca, Minn. barbershop came up with the idea of holding a little winter parade in February. What started as a small winter parade has evolved into a multi-day event. In the third year, a winter pageant was added crowning Miss Sleigh Belle. Now this pageant has grown into crowning four queens in late summer.

The 63rd Annual Waseca Sleigh & Cutter Festival gets underway Friday, Feb 1, 2013 and runs to Saturday, Feb. 23. There are activities on all four weekends in February covering 12 days. We are proud to claim that we are the oldest continual Sleigh & Cutter Parade

in the US. We allow only animal power to pull sleighs, cutters, bob sleds, wagons and buggies of all kinds. Many clubs ride their horses. No trucks, tractors or cars allowed; two years ago one unit was pulled by a 6-hitch team of humans!

The main event is the noon parade on Feb 9, which runs from the Waseca Fairgrounds through downtown and returns to the fairgrounds. Historically, the parade has 70-80 units with over 200 horses pulling units and being ridden. Participants in the parade receive a nice numbered medallion keepsake. We award cash and prizes to units who bring

medallions from previous years plus several winners from this year's parade.

Many of the events have a tradition of their own as they repeat year to year. We continue our emphasis to make the festival family oriented. You can push stones, pucks or golf balls on the ice; you can also jump in the icy water on Clear Lake in the 4th Annual Ice Plunge; harvest ice from Clear Lake; watch the parade as dozens of units ride the three-mile route. Other outdoor activities include two snowmobile trail rides and a vintage snowmobile race; indoor activities range from card tournaments and a free family movie night. On Friday night, Feb 8th, we have our parade kickoff dinner/dance. This event draws huge crowds to enjoy a meal together, award \$2,500 in prizes to winners of the medallion hunt and the Frosty Secret Identity Contest. The dinner costs only \$12 and the dance is free.

The ice sculpting display is returning from its inaugural event last year. The sculpture is in a parking lot on the parade route in downtown Waseca. The sculptors use 15,000 pounds of ice to create their chainsaw magic. Last year, the Valley Equestrian Newspaper had our sculpture on the front cover of the March issue!

We invite anyone who wishes to participate in the Festival to check our web site for a complete event schedule. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

www.sleighandcutter.org

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 Miss South Central:
Tiffany Buszta
 Miss South Central Teen:
Corrina Swiggum

Check out the website for dates and times: www.sleighandcutter.org
Festival continues to focus on family winter fun! Most events free!

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Inside the pages of the January issue you will find images by Tammy Scheffler, who for the second year, has covered for the Valley Equestrian Newspaper, the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo December 6-13, in Las Vegas, Nev. Tammy (left) is pictured with Mary Walker who earned top honors in barrel racing at this year's event. See more images and stories in the centerfold, pages 10-11, and interspersed throughout the January 2013 issue. On the cover: top background photo is all the Grand Champions: Cody Teel bull rider, Mary Walker barrel racer, Tuf Cooper, tie down roper, Jesse Wright saddle bronc rider, Jade Corkill, heeler in team roping, Chad Masters, header in team roping, Luke Branquinho steer wrestler, Kaycee Field bareback rider. *Congratulations to all the NFR athletes!*



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Publisher's Clipboard

Happy New Year, Dear Readers!

We made it! Many people were anticipating doomsday scenarios due to the end of the Mayan calendar Dec. 21. It is rather the end of the world as we know, or as we knew it, at least it can be. With the New Year comes the opportunity to set new goals, change things that did not work and plan a fresh start.

At the VEN (Valley Equestrian Newspaper) we are excited with some new features being added.

We start next month with a Bridal Guide featuring dresses, photographers, wedding cakes, invitations and all the accoutrements that accompany wedding planning.

In March, we will feature Dream Barns and Pole Sheds as we begin to get Spring Fever and plan out new and spacious quarters for our horses and other critters.

We will plan for 2013 many fun ideas from which we will learn, even if we do not need or want to implement them.

One new regular feature will be 'DIT' or Do It Together. You have all heard of the new craze,

DIY or Do-It-Yourself. Well, we are modifying it to include ways to do it as a family or with friends. There are so many projects on the farm, ranch or any place you live, and we can find ways to do things together, mentor our youth and learn patience and co-operation working in unison. We welcome your ideas as we know you have already been doing it, so why not share! Oh course, you will get credit and a copy of the issue in which your ideas are featured, mailed to you.

Inside the January issue you will see photos of many remarkable young athletes who recently competed at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev. For the second year running, Tammy Scheffler photographed this event for the Valley Equestrian News. She has also written an article about her experience, and met some of the athletes in person.

As always, we welcome your input in this community newspaper. We hope you enjoy this issue. Call or email what you want to see on these pages. We wish 2013 brings you many blessings.

Happy Trails!
 Ley Bouchard, Publisher

Federal Judge issues Stop Order to BLM Wild Horse Roundup

(Reno, NV) Federal Judge Miranda Du issued an emergency restraining order in a legal action filed in Reno Federal District Court against conduct at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) wild horse roundup operation in northern Nevada.

The order states: Defendants shall immediately cease cease and halt all wild horse gathers at the Owyhee Complex, including the one currently ongoing at the Owyhee HMA, and the BLM shall not transport horses from the Owyhee HMA, until the court has had an opportunity to hear this matter.

The case was filed on behalf of Laura Leigh, founder of Wild Horse Education, by attorney Gordon Cowan of Reno. "To protect America's wild horses from inhumane conduct represents significant public interest" said Cowan, "as an attorney I am gratified to pursue that interest."

Over the course of the last two years BLM has been making claims that a policy will be in place or creating operation "memorandums" that are ignored in practice. After a Restraining Order gained by WHE in August of 2011, after a pilot apparently hit a horse with the helicopter skids, BLM did an internal revue that revealed a host of inappropriate conduct. That case is still active in Federal Court with hearings expected early this year.

"I have tried everything I can think of to have a reasonable conversation about addressing these serious issues and the requests are ignored or dismissed," stated Leigh "It is literal agony watching what I can only classify as a callous disregard for basic

welfare go ignored. I felt there was no option but to file further litigation as I have every expectation the conduct will continue at Owyhee for the next decade."

At the Owyhee Complex roundup operation that began on November 26, Leigh continued to witness offensive conduct. In court documents Leigh states

barbed wire fence and four animals became entangled, two literally crashing onto their heads.

"I can tell you that the effort to obtain the documentation and craft these cases is monumental," Leigh stated "It really does seem insane to have to fight for a humane care standard with an agency tasked by Congress to

manage animals humanely. That said, I will sleep better tonight knowing the wild horses at Owyhee are not being stamped this weekend."

These cases, investigations and supporting documentation, are supported solely by Wild Horse Education, a registered Nevada non-profit. <http://wildhorseeducation.org/>

Links of interest:
 Current video of Owyhee wild horse roundup: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FK6WMM1-xmv4>

History of the legal battle for humane care: <http://wildhorseeducation.org/the-humane-care-suit/short-history-of-the-humane-care-suit/>

that inappropriate conduct was observed repeatedly including: routine use of electric cattle prods, wild horses driven through barbed wire, operations in sub-freezing temperatures. In one instance wild horses were documented being driven into a



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Photos on page 12 by Staci Grattan-Fornshell, accompanying article, "Shifting Perspective: A Horse Is More Than A Horse, Of Course!"

Photos on page 13 by Staci Gratta-Fornshell, and Ruth Harper of Happily Ever After Photography, www.happilyeverafterphoto.com, accompanying the article, "Why Horses? Experiencing Equine Experiential Learning."

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Added Fat Improves Behavior

by Juliet M. Getty, Ph.D.

Diet affects behavior. This makes sense. A well-fed horse is healthy. And a healthy horse feels good. Conversely, a poorly-nourished horse is suffering. A variation in hormone levels, for example, can have a temporary effect on how the horse sees the world. Just as reaction to sugar intake varies in humans, so it does in horses. Horses may feel ill or "off" from an over-indulgence in sugar/starch, and they certainly have been reported to exhibit "sugar highs and lows" caused by the sudden surge and subsequent drop in blood glucose from a high carbohydrate (sugar/starch) meal. Although there is, in fact, little scientific evidence that proves a sugar/starch-driven behavioral component, many horse owners will attest to their own horses showing adverse behavioral responses and will therefore avoid feeding anything that contains starchy cereal grains or is sweetened with molasses. There are plenty of good reasons beyond the scope of this article to avoid

high sugar/high starch diets, but in terms of behavior, what alternative does a horse owner have if the horse simply needs more calories? Hay and grass simply cannot provide enough energy (calories) to support the additional requirements created by exercise, work, and performing. The answer is fat.

Gram for gram, fat provides more than double the calories of carbohydrates or protein. And it is well digested. But there's

activities.2 (Please note: Ponies, minis, donkeys, and mules should not receive high fat diets.)

What type of fat? All fat has the same number of calories, regardless of the source. But from a health perspective, it is best to steer clear of animal fats, as well as oils that are high in omega 6s (which increase inflammation) in relation to omega 3s (which have an anti-inflammatory effect). Oils high in monounsaturated

HOW MUCH? I prefer to limit fat intake to no more than 10% of the total calories, though some athletes are fed levels as high as 20%. For the lightly exercised, mature 1100 lb (500 kg) horse, the National Research Council recommends a minimum total diet of 20 Mcals per day to maintain body condition. Ten percent would be 2 Mcals per day from fat. One cup (8 fluid ounces or 240 ml) of oil will meet this requirement. It weighs 240 grams and at 9 kcals/g, provides 2.16 Mcals.

HOW TO ADD?

When adding any amount of oil to your horse's feed, start with a small amount (say, one tablespoon or 15 ml). Most horses do not

fatty acids are a good source since they neither increase nor decrease inflammation.

- Flaxseed oil: Has a 4:1 ratio of omega 3s to omega 6s, making it an ideal choice
- Canola oil: 10% omega 3s and relatively low in omega 6s. Also contains monounsaturated fatty acids (no harmful impact on inflammation)
- Rice bran oil: Only 1% omega 3s but low in omega 6s and high in monounsaturated fatty acids
- Soy lecithin: Only 4% omega 3s but also contains choline, a helpful component of neurotransmitters
- Soybean oil: Only 7% omega 3s and mostly omega 6s (less desirable choice)
- Corn oil: No omega 3s and higher in omega 6s than soybean oil (poorest choice)

like oily feed, but more important, it takes several weeks for the horse's cells to become accustomed to metabolizing more fat.

SUMMARY

Short attention span, spookiness, reluctance to work, excessive sensitivity and alertness to surroundings, irritability, and "hot" behaviors can be reduced by adding fat to the diet. Fat is high in calories, so limit the amount you feed based on the horse's weight and his caloric need. Omega 3s need to be in balance with omega 6s, so choose oils carefully. And finally, build up to desired intake by starting slowly and increasing over 4 to 6 weeks.

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Recently, my car and I hummed down Sheyenne Street for a treat. My destination wasn't old memories, but that's what I'd meet. In college days, we'd fill gas there and wave goodbye to flatland towns. At the hills, my pony remembered me at the old stamping grounds. Saddle up, breathe the clean Dakota air, and view the countryside. Back to the flatlands, gas up at Sheyenne and 10 (it was a long ride). We'd collected 'great' homemade buns and clean laundry, as our cargo. When decades ago, we're happy to see the lights of West Fargo.

SOLDIER HITCHES RIDE AT STOCKYARDS
Decades ago during peacetime, a soldier flew to Hector Airport From Heidelberg, Germany, needing a ride as last resort. He's cold, broke, almost home and needing a job, and perhaps a loan. Those were the days before night-vision goggles, CB's, or the cell-phone. I called a guy in West Fargo. Could he find a northbound cattle truck? We drove to the center of livestock trade, and I was in luck. That night the airplane and an old GM cattle truck had a cargo; Dressed in Army green and lugging a duffle bag to West Fargo

CALLING ALL CATTLE TRUCKS (ROLLING FARMS?)
By coincidence the truck's heater was in the shop. The big hole Where 'it should have been' brought bone-chilling air, taking it's toll. It was after harvest. The corn was in the crib and grain in the bin. We didn't know beans about beans, or where sunseeds came from back then. Before Golden Arches, Sunday shopping, I walked near a walking t-bone. I'd saddle up, see relatives and enjoy sirlion that was home-grown. I hung 'round round steaks, stood eye-to-eye with standing rib-eyes. My cargo Held Army clothes. Later with new clothes, I'd move to West Fargo.

A SUNRISE COUNTRY DRIVE
Each morning, then, was a country drive past the barns and Holstein cows; Locally made four-wheel drive tractors, pulling Ag implements and plows. Flowing through my mind were overflowing riverbanks; packing plant crew; New school buildings; State Championship teams...and how the city grew. The friendly 'little' country town became a friendly 'big' city. It had rodeos and car shows, and Big Iron, with ads so witty. Trucks on I-94 haul locally assembled equipment as cargo Past the Red River Fairgrounds and racetrack at West Fargo.

ONCE WAS A WEST FARGOAN/BEEN THERE TO DO THAT
I once lived there, rode a train through town and got off a bus there. I missed a station robbery by moments and sat in Doug's Barber chair. I recall graduations and memories. The barn's cows are now history. It's past...passed in review. Some of it remains a mystery. Knowing where a town 'came from' and it's past, is not a 'put-down'. We'll still watch the harvest activity on the outskirts of town. Closer to sunup than sundown...I was once a cattle truck cargo. This story is a tribute to the gifted home builders, of West Fargo.

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2. Find more dietary approaches for improving horse behavior in "Feeding and Behavior," #13 in the series: Teleseminars on Nutrition Topics that Concern You, available at www.gettyequinenutrition.com.

3. "Ponies, minis, donkeys and mules metabolize fat more economically than horses and are prone toward weight gain and the insulin resistance that results from obesity. Therefore, it is best to avoid adding large amounts of fat to their diets."

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Charles Wilhelm: Ultimate Foundation Training from Start to Finish

Horsemanship - Part I

For me, horsemanship is being knowledgeable of and responsible for every aspect of the horse. There are many areas we need to understand and one of the most important is hoof care. Next time I'll discuss some other important areas.

There is a good deal of discussion now whether horses should be shod or go barefoot. I'm sticking my neck out here but here goes; this is an area where we should use common sense, taking into consideration the health of the feet and the amount and type of activity of the horse. We also need to consider the type of feed and the supplements the horse is getting. When a barefoot horse comes in for training and the feet are healthy with good conformation, I don't recommend having the horse shod. Some horses have very hard feet with good conformation and will never need to be shod. If a horse with iron feet is working a lot on terrain that is rocky or abrasive, shoes may or may not be needed. We usually ride over many types of terrain and not just rocks. So, here again, we use common sense. The decision is always based on the health of the foot.

Some people say shoeing is not natural. Putting a rider on a horse's back is not natural either. Plus, a rider adds more weight and that changes the dynamic of hoof care. Some people are adamant that all horses can go barefoot but that is just not true. Most horses can go barefoot under the right conditions, such as not being worked and being a pasture pet.

Proponents - some, not all - of going barefoot have the philosophy that all horses can go barefoot if given time to adjust. When a horse is going to go barefoot, time does need to be allowed for the feet to harden and adjust. If it takes a year to get a horse sound when barefoot, then I don't think it is fair to the horse to leave it barefoot. There are special boots that can be placed on the feet to get them used to being unshod. These are similar to the Easy Boot that can be used out on the trail when a shoe is lost. These may help but the horse

is still walking on a hard surface inside the boot. The more a horse is ridden by a rider who is paying attention, the more the rider is going to know if shoes are needed. The reality is that not every horse can always go barefoot.

You also hear that it is good to pull the shoes in winter and there is some merit to this. Mud often sucks the shoes off anyway and we usually ride less in the winter. It is fine to pull the shoes if the horse has healthy feet and can handle it. For a horse with a narrow heel, going barefoot gives the foot a chance to spread and the heel to open up. Also, going barefoot increases the flow of blood and supports a healthy foot. The feet are stimulated because there is more contact with the frog and the bottom of the sole.

I like big shoes on a horse because a large shoe allows the hooves to expand. If a horse is shod with a shoe that is too small the hoof cannot expand and will be constricted. The bottom of the hoof wall will contract; it can't

expand because there is no place for it to go. As it contracts, the farrier puts on another smaller shoe and this can cause a horse to go lame. The bottom of the shoe should not be smaller than the coronary



band. Farriers often keep the shoes as small as possible so that the horse does not lose a shoe. It is true that a horse can over reach with the back foot and pull the front shoe off. I still want the biggest shoe that fits the horse to have plenty of room in the hoof wall for the nail. From my perspective, it is a good tradeoff.

A lot of the bad rap about shoeing is caused by improper shoeing. Much lameness is caused by poor trimming and shoeing. A two-day class is not sufficient to gain the knowledge required to shoe properly. I have a lot of different horses come in for training. About 90 percent of the time the horses are not shod properly because they are not balanced (the horse's feet are not hitting the ground evenly) or the shoes are too small. I can understand why there is so much discussion about going barefoot, but a horse's natural conformation needs to be able to handle it.

I don't believe that all horses should be shod. I do believe that all horses that don't have healthy feet should be shod. If they can't stand up to a training program or go on a long trail ride without getting sore feet, they need shoes. Horsemanship is a complete package. It is doing what works for the horse. It is not saying that barefoot is the only way or that shoeing is the only way. It is being flexible and

reasonable to meet the individual needs of the horse. It is paying attention and recognizing your horse's needs, protecting your horse with good stalls and fences, knowing about nutrition and health care — a complete package of knowledge and action. More, next time.

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The Animal Welfare Council rolls out "Lessons about the Unwanted Horse" to Youth Leaders

At both the Colorado Horsemen Convention and the Coalition of State Horse Councils meeting last month, author Jill Montgomery presented a look at Lessons About the Unwanted Horse, the new program offered through the Animal Welfare Council for youth interested in horses. The reception was enthusiastic: Evaluation comments from participants included "Excellent materials for youth!" and "Need to get this to the kids." The "Unwanted Horse" has become an all too familiar presence in today's horse industry, as tough economic times and emerging cultural trends make rational decisions about the care and disposition of animals difficult for horse owners. The dilemma is complex, and engaging the next generation of horse owners is critical to realizing solutions.

The Animal Welfare Council is offering Lessons About the Unwanted Horse in a 6-lesson curriculum that covers the issue from a factual and historical perspective. AWC is offering the program at no cost through its website; it is downloadable either as a package or in parts, at www.animalwelfarecouncil.org. Also, look for your youth horse organization to post a link from their website to the program this winter.

Each lesson includes goals, background information, a teaching outline, and resources for further study, plus student activities meant to underscore the lesson in various entertaining, lively ways. The underlying message reinforced in all six lessons is the vital importance of conscious, responsible horse ownership.

Program highlights include:

- Differentiating livestock from companion animals
- Cultural perceptions about horses
- Defining and explaining the Unwanted Horse
- The legislative process and pending laws affecting horses
- Current options for disposition of unwanted horses
- Challenges faced by horse rescues and sanctuaries
- Specific costs and obligations of horse ownership
- Evaluation "Jeopardy"-style game

Based on current research by acknowledged industry experts, the curriculum is suitable for use in youth activity settings such as 4-H, Girl or Boy Scouts, or Pony Club as well as in traditional classrooms and home school programs. Lessons are designed for the 10-12 age group, but may be easily modified for older students. Each lesson is aligned with stated Common Core State Standards and may be used to teach such skills as mathematics, writing, vocabulary building, reading comprehension, civics, understanding statistics, and more. Animal Welfare Council members support the use of animals in recreation, entertainment, industry and sports. The organization is dedicated to advancing the responsible and humane use of animals in these activities. For more information about the AWC, visit www.animalwelfarecouncil.org or contact Jill Montgomery at 719-547-7677 or Jill.Montgomery@Yahoo.com.

Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame invites public to honor inductees Feb. 2

The Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center (MCHF & WHC) extends an invitation to those with an interest in Montana's Western Heritage to join in honoring the 2012 Hall of Fame inductees and kicking up their heels at the Black Tie & Blue Jeans Benefit Ball Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Great Northern Hotel Best Western Premier in Helena.



"The past year has been one of revitalization and invigoration as we selected Big Timber as our headquarters," said MCHF & WHC President DuWayne Wilson. "Two years ago, the MCHF & WHC members and trustees gave us clear direction that set us on a new path toward the fulfillment of our mission and vision. We have released a three phase development plan for our new home and we will have much to celebrate and much to plan for in the coming year."

Brunch will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the notable accomplishments and lasting legacies of the inductees to the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame Class of 2012. Tickets are \$30 per person. This year will be the second year the

MCHF & WHC will honor living inductees. The Black Tie & Blue Jeans Benefit Ball will kick off at 6p.m. with a social hour and auction preview. This event will feature a full buffet of appetizers and desserts along with an evening of great Western music and entertainment. There will be both a silent and live auction featuring unique Western items.

Tickets are \$45 per person. The event registration deadline is Jan. 25, 2013. To download a registration form, please visit www.montanacowboyfame.org, call (406) 653-3800, or email cstensland@montanacowboyfame.com. A room block is available until Jan. 25, 2013 at the Helena Great Northern Best Western Premier and reservations can be made by calling (406) 457-5500.

The mission of the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center is "To provide a unique understanding of the cowboy way of life, Indian culture and roots of our western heritage by teaching others the colorful history that has shaped our state." To learn more, visit www.montanacowboyfame.com.

Avoid roof collapses from snow on agricultural buildings

By Larry D. Jacobson and Kevin A. Janni, University of Minnesota Extension

ST. PAUL, Minn. —It looks like 2012-13 could be a year for the Midwest to get hit by heavy snow and ice storms, which can leave large amounts of snow and ice on roofs of agricultural buildings. The recent large snowfall left over a foot of snow and ice on roofs in central Minnesota, but fortunately most of that snow came off roofs during the warmer temperatures that followed. With colder temperatures expected, we cannot count on future snowfalls sliding off. Trusses and rafters must support the increased weight, or roofs may collapse.

University of Minnesota Extension advises that even agricultural buildings with well-designed roofs cannot take excessive (greater than 4 to 6 ft.) amounts of snow. What is a "safe" amount of snow to have on your roof over an extended period of time? An educated guess for the upper Midwest (where snow loads are typically at least 20 lbs. per square ft.) would be 4 ft. of dry snow or 2 ft. of wet heavy snow and ice.

The following factors affect the amount of snow that can build up on a roof. They include:

- roof pitch - snow will not easily slide off flatter roofs (3/12 pitch or less)
- drifting - wind blowing snow around other buildings and trees can create huge snow drifts and uneven snow loads
- "lean-to" or roofs on other lower buildings that "receive" snow or ice sliding off another roof above it
- shingled or roof decks which do not shed snow and ice as easily as metal roofs
- roof valleys or roof areas which collect a lot of snow

What should be done if your building exceeds the above mentioned "safe" snow depths? The simple answer is to get it off as soon as possible. Generally, there is some time between a large snowfall event and possible structural failure. One way to remove snow from a roof is to physically get up on the roof and shovel off the snow. There obviously is a human safety concern of falling off the roof when working on a snow covered and icy roof. Use ladders, safety ropes and take necessary precautions. Hire a professional if possible.

Other alternatives are the use of snow rakes or specialty tools that can be used from the ground or from portable scaffolding. Use extreme caution when working near overhead electrical power lines. Also avoid excessive scraping on the roof or trying to chip off ice. These practices can damage the roof and lead to leaks.

There are other methods of removing snow and ice from roofs. One involves warming the inside of the building sufficiently with large heaters to melt the ice layer, and then waiting for the snow and ice to slide off. Obviously, a lot of heat is necessary for even a moderately-sized building, and it must be an open-trussed structure (no flat ceiling), and have an uninsulated metal roof. Caution is necessary to prevent large chunks of ice and snow that slide off the roof from falling on people, animals or equipment. For flat-ceiling buildings, putting heaters in the attic is generally not recommended because of the fire danger and the possibility of creating ice dams along the building's eaves.

A preventive measure to avoid excessive snow on building roofs in future years is to have effective snow fences and/or tree (shelterbelts) windbreak for farmsteads and/or agricultural buildings. Some of the buildings' roofs that have failed in past years were located either too close to shelterbelts and/or windbreaks or there were no protections for the buildings at all.

When placing a snow fence or tree windbreak, remember that the protected area downwind will generally be 10 to 15 times the height of the shelterbelt or fence. Research in Canada has shown that an 80-percent solid fence distributes the snow more evenly and gives better protection downwind than a solid fence. (If 1 x 10" boards are used, you would vertically space them 2.5 in. apart or with 1 x 8" boards the spacing would be 2 in.) As an example, a 12-ft. high windbreak fence (80 percent solid) will protect from 120 to 180 ft. downwind. Most of the snow will drop within the first 30 to 40 ft. immediately downwind of the fence/trees or roughly within the first 25 percent of the protected area.

Leaving an area or space for snow to accumulate is very important when locating a machine shed or livestock building downwind from a shelterbelt. If the building is too close it will be within this snow drop area, and if too far from the windbreak it will be outside of the wind protection zone.

Hopefully, the 2012-13 winter will provide some opportunity for the accumulated ice and snow on roofs to melt or slide off, but if we receive above normal snowfalls with cold temperatures, monitor the snow load situation on agricultural buildings and take appropriate action. Check high risks areas and please be extremely careful.

For more information about protecting your home and landscape from winter damage, visit www.extension.umn.edu/extreme-weather and click on "Winter Damage."

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Youth & Horses: Annise Montplaisir

By Ley Bouchard, Editor

When you take a look around at happily successful people, you find people who have followed a life-long passion. They pursue a career doing what they know they enjoy; they start it early and set goals to accomplish what they want.

Annise Montplaisir knew from the time she was a little girl that horses would always be a part of her life. She is not certain about the moment she fell in love with horses, but it has been part of her DNA for a long time. The 17-year-old teen is certain about what she wants in life, how she is going to get it and the role horses will play.

"I'm not really sure exactly how I got into horses. When I was little before we moved to our current house we lived near a stable. I was always making my mom take me there to look at the horses. One of my favorites was a gray Arabian mare name Callie. I remember one day I was feeding her grass out of my hand and she bit my finger by accident, and even though I was bleeding I didn't tell my mom because I was afraid she wouldn't let me go anymore. Besides that I remember watching horse movies all the time. My favorite was the Black Stallion. Personally, I know that God has a plan for me and my life, and I think that horses were always meant to be a part of that plan," said Montplaisir.

"My parents have been incredibly supportive in helping me with my horses, and I wouldn't be able to do anything without them. I didn't grow up with horses like some kids, but I've always loved them. When I was 8 years old I decided that was the year Santa was bringing me a pony, and that was that. My mom tried telling me that Santa doesn't bring ponies for Christmas because they're too big to carry in his sleigh. Well it turns out, Santa really doesn't bring ponies, but mom and dad do. I really have to commend my parents for all that they did all so I could get a pony. My mom enlisted the help of her cousin who raises Quarter Horses to help her find the perfect pony, and my dad built a paddock and loafing shed, and eventually a barn. I love and appreciate them both so much.

A benefactor of the 4-H horse program and former 4-H Ambassador, Annise admits, "Ever since I was a toddler I have been in love with horses. So naturally, my strongest personal interest led me to be involved with the 4-H horse program. I started out with Ginger, an adorable but devious little pony who taught me how to hold on tight. I learned from a couple of other horses until I ended up with my current horse, Misty. Not only did my involvement in the horse project include horse shows, but countless horse-related projects, demos, speeches, and competition on horse bowl and hippology teams. Currently I am the coach of a junior 4-H Horse Knowledge bowl and hippology team.

"My favorite thing that 4H has taught me regarding leadership is teaching other youth. If you are very knowledgeable and passionate about a particular subject or project area, it's important to teach others about it and pass on your knowledge. When you love talking about a particular topic and you speak with obvious enthusiasm about it, people are going to want to listen and learn from you," Annise continues.

"My leadership role of coaching a junior 4-H horse bowl and hippology team has given me the opportunity to pass on my horse knowledge to a group of young girls and help them develop a better understanding and appreciation for their own horses. Another important lesson that 4H has taught me is that hard work pays off. When you start something-anything, whether it is a project, giving a speech, or teaching young kids, you'll get out of it what you put into it. The greatest rewards come only after hard work and dedication. To me, that is the meaning of 4H ... Participation in 4H has helped me grow in many senses of the word. Not only have I grown from being a shy little girl into a confident young woman, but it has built my character and given me a strong work ethic," said Annise. "I began my 4-H career as a Cloverbud when I was about 5 years old. I would go to meetings and play games with the other kids, and make cute little projects for the county fair. Over the years I became more involved, and took advantage of other opportunities that 4H offered, such as the Ambassador Program, attending leadership trainings, leading project day sessions as well as activities within my local club, and holding offices on the 4H Federation Board and in my club."

Horses have influenced Annise in many aspects of her life. "They are so beautiful and majestic and trusting. They rely on us to take care of them and be kind to them,

and in turn they allow us to ride them; something that is completely against their nature and instinct. And they smell really good!"

"Horses are very calming and soothing to me. I tend to stress myself out quite easily, as I often times take on way too many projects at once and try to do it all perfectly. When life starts getting me down, I'll sometimes head out to the paddock just to pet the horses and smell them and it relaxes me. I love riding bareback, so my favorite thing to do is sometimes when the gravel roads are wet and nice and soft on the horses feet, I just slip a bridle on Misty and head out and gallop as fast as we can down the road. It is so incredible to feel your horse stretching out underneath you and the power of their body moving so fast. It's impossible not to forget every worry in the world!"

The newest member of her stable is an 8-year-old gray Quarter Horse mare. "Misty is my team-mate and my pride and joy. I don't know what I would do without her in my life. She has taught me so much, and makes riding an absolute blast. She is not a push-button horse by any means, but that's part of what makes her so fun," contin-



ues Annise. "Every time I hop on she challenges me, but this encourages me to be a better rider. She is also very athletic, and extremely smart. She has a pony mentality, always contemplating her next move."

"Honestly, I don't think that I could live without horses. They have been what has kept me grounded in life. I most definitely plan on keeping horses in my life. During college I hope to compete on a collegiate hunt seat team, as well as continue to ride and compete with my own horses, since I will hopefully be close to home. I have decided that as far as a career goes, I won't be happy unless it involves horses. I want to be able to go to work every day and love my job and be glad that I'm there. Someday I hope to find a great guy who is supportive of my horse addiction, or is into horses himself. Being that having horses is such a big venture, I feel that it's really important for couples to share in the work and enjoyment, or at least be very supportive to one another's hobbies. I can see where someone who doesn't exceptionally care for having horses would get burnt out really fast with all the work involved. And as far as my kids go, I actually just asked my mom a couple weeks ago what I'll do if my kids don't like horses, haha! My plan is to keep my POA pony Ginger (my first pony) and teach my kids to ride on her."

Annise plans to attend a local university in the fall of 2013 to major in Journalism and Communications with a double minor in Spanish and Business. "I've had the opportunity to travel a great deal over the past few years, which I am very thankful for, as my travels are part of what has made me a well-rounded person. I believe that it's very important to break out of the comfort zone of your own town and state and see what all the world has to offer you. For example, throughout elementary school I was educated in the Moorhead public school districts Spanish immersion program. Nearly all of my schooling was in Spanish, so I became pretty fluent. But I was never grateful for this asset until I went on a trip last year with my school Spanish class to Costa Rica. The experience was life-changing. Being immersed in the language made me develop a great appreciation for the ability to speak it, and now I plan on continuing my Spanish studies in college. Another incredible trip experience for me was once, on a trip to Louisville, Kentucky, my mom and I had the opportunity to meet famed former jockey Patricia (PJ) Cooksey. When I asked her if she could give me one piece of advice that I could use in life in my pursuit of a career in the racing industry, she told me to live with compassion. These words of advice have served me in all aspects of my life, as they are relatable to most everything; horses, volunteer work, and just people in general."

NFR Hilites: Stall, Walker & More

By Tammy Scheffler

My name is Tammy Scheffler and I went to Las Vegas to photograph the National Finals Rodeo for The Valley Equestrian Newspaper. This is what I saw and did...

The National Finals Rodeo was held at the Thomas and Mack Center December 6-15, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nev. The National Finals Rodeo (NFR) is the culmination of a year-long run of rodeos throughout the country. But the NFR is more than rodeo: it is Vegas in the winter, Christmas shopping at its best with The Cowboy Christmas Gift Show that runs the

entire length of the National Finals Rodeo. Cowboy Christmas is the "longest running and only original gift show of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo." It is free and open to the public and according to the web site there are enough wares to keep even the most avid shopper entertained all ten days

and consists of over 300,000 square feet of show floor and hosts 300 plus vendors from across the United States and Canada. In addition, other venues have a Cowboy Christmas, too.

Over at the Sands Expo and convention center they had Stetson Cowboy Christmas. Covering the entire ground floor you could find whatever western items you would

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A Q&A with Mary Walker, World Champion Barrel Racer

Editor's Note: The VEN team asked Mary Walker for a comment on her recent win at the Wrangler National Final Rodeo. THat conversation follows:



VEN: What was it like riding in the back of the truck you won with all the people waving and applauding your success?

MW: They told me I had won the truck and to get off my horse and get in the rear of it so they could drive me around the arena. When we got into the arena I saw everybody standing and screaming. I was so excited first for winning the truck then to see everybody so excited for me ... made me a little teary eyed. I know many of these people had followed me throughout the year and it was for them, also.

VEN: Do you have any advice for young girls wanting to follow your path?

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Left: Brett Stall, Detroit Lakes, Minn.; top left: Mary Walker rounds a barrel; Above right: Team Roper Turtle Powell riding his favorite horse, Vegas, who is back to health after suffering a long bout of laminitis. Opposite page: Jesse Wright from Milford, Utah, number one in the PRCA World Standings with earnings of \$226,886 going into the Wrangler NFR, riding Saddlebronc; far right: Bareback rider Steven Peebles from Redmon, OR.

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National Finals Rodeo

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Bareback Riding: Kaycee Field #5
Steer Wrestling: Luke Branquinho #52
Team Roping Header: Chad Masters #14
Team Roping Heeler: Jade Corkill #17
Saddle Bronc Riding: Jesse Wright #7
Tie Down Roping: Tuf Cooper #12
Barrel Racing: Mary Walker #10
Bull Riding: Cody Teel #21
All Around: Trevor Brazile #1
Mary Walker was the winner of the Ram Truck Top Gun Award and will receive a one-of-a-kind wrapped Ram truck, a custom buckle from Montana Silversmiths and one-of-a-kind Ram Truck Top Gun - branded rifle from Commemorative Firearms.

2012 NFR Final Standings

Bareback Go-Round - J.R. Vezain - 86.5
Bareback Gold Buckle - Kaycee Feild
Steer Wrestling Go-Round-Gabe Ledoux-3.30
Steer Wrestling Gold Buckle-Luke Branquinho
Team Roping Go-Round -Driggers/Corkill - 4.0
Team Roping Gold Buckle - Masters/Corkill
Saddle Bronc Go-Round - Cody DeMoss - 86.0
Saddle Bronc Gold Buckle - Jesse Wright
Tie-down Go-Round - Cody Ohl - 7.00
Tie-down Gold Buckle - Tuf Cooper
Barrel Racing Go-Round - Carlee Pierce - 3.57
Barrel Racing Gold Buckle - Mary Walker
Bull Riding Go-Round - Shane Proctor - 86.50
Bull Riding Gold Buckle - Cody Teel

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National Finals Rodeo Photo Review

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want or need. Also the South Point Hotel and Arena had vendors. They also had a bucking horse sale and roping events happening during the 10 days of the NFR. So I did a lot of shopping during the days. I also would go over the South Point Hotel and catch one of the free shuttle buses to the Thomas and Mack Center for the rodeo.

The Mandalay Bay Convention Center has Roper Cowboy Marketplace. In the Bayside Hall D there were hundreds of exhibitors and demonstrations going on. At the Sands Expo and Convention Center they had Stetson Cowboy Christmas covering the entire ground floor you could find whatever western items you would want or need. The South Point Hotel and Arena had vendors, too, and a bucking horse sale and roping events going on during the 10 days.

So I did a lot of shopping during the days, then I would go over the South Point Hotel and catch one of the free shuttle buses to the Thomas and Mack Center for the rodeo. The shuttle buses would bring

us back to the hotels after the rodeo was over, too, and was a great way to get there and back.

I used a Canon EOS 50D with a Canon EF 70-200mm f/2.8L IS II USM Telephoto Zoom Lens ready to shoot for the 10 days coverage of the NFR. The media have a room where we meet, get the daily sheets, and can set up interviews.

Credentialed photographers have a place, a stand, like a perch, where we may be and take our photos. When the rodeo was over I would go back the media room. After each performance they had the buckle ceremony at the South Point Hotel. I did go to that a couple nights. It is open to the public, too.

Brenda Mays won the average title for barrel racing but Mary Walker won the world title. The grand champions are the ones that won the title of an event for the whole ten days which is pretty much the same as the final standings.

Brett Stall was asked: How gratifying is it to pick up your first win at the NFR, and how much pressure is off you now that you have the first buckle?

Stall said: "It takes all of the pressure off my shoulders; my dream has come true and my goal was to win a round this year at the Finals and I did it. And that is something that sets itself up for my next set of goals."

Photos by Tammy Scheffler



Above: Winning Bareback, Wes Stephenson, Lubbock, Texas, on J Bar J Inc's. Freckled Doll. Below: Tying for first in Team Roping Brock Hanson, Casa Grande, AZ, and Ryan Motes, Weatherford, TX. Bottom left: Kadafy Skoal (story on page 13); bottom right: Charlie Daniels sings for the NFR. Page 13. top left: Jade Corkill; middle: Chad Masters; far right: Trevor Brazille; left center: shopping at Cowboy Christmas; the bull gets too close and friendly; bottom right: Luke Branquinho

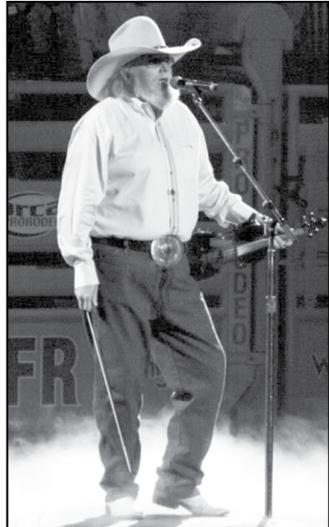


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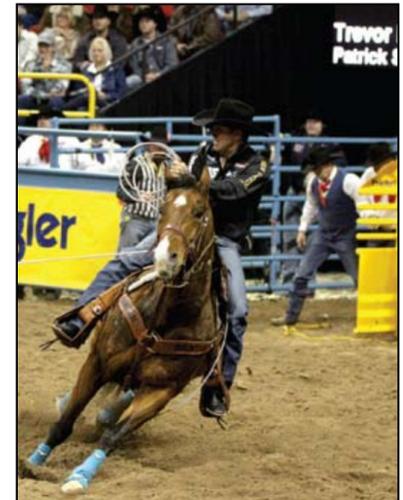
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Wrangler National Finals Rodeo Excitement!

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Mary Walker Conversation Continued from pag 10

MW: Get with someone who has been down the road. They can tell you which arenas will be best for you and your horse
VEN: What are you doing after the NFR?
MW: We went to the Bahamas for Christmas and had a much needed rest. I will go to the Texas Circuit Finals the 3-5 of January then to Odessa. That will be the beginning to the new year.

For more NFR images by photographer Tammy Scheffler, go to The Valley Equestrian Newspaper Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/VEnews>. For more information about the contestants, go to: <http://www.prorodeo.com/NFR>

Bottom left: Khadafy Skoal was the first Wyoming-born-and-raised horse to be voted PRCA Bareback Horse of the Year in 1990 and went on to win the award twice more for Powder River Rodeo in 1995 and 1996. Starting in 1989, the blue roan gelding went to the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo 16 consecutive years and was voted Horse of the NFR in 1994, 1996 and 1999.

He also competed in 15 Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeos (being named top bareback horse at the DNCFR a record five times) and 12 Mountain States Circuit Finals Rodeos before being retired with his lifelong friend Skoal's Frontier at the 2004 Wrangler NFR to the grassy fields of Riverton, Wyo.

Powder River Rodeo owners Hank and Lori Franzen credit Khadafy Skoal with putting their company on the map, helping a relatively new stock contracting firm establish itself in the PRCA after buying him from Ray Sanborn in 1989 as a 6-year-old.

"He was electric, he was different, he was amazing, and people wanted to see him," Lori Franzen said. "Hank and I owe an enormous amount of our success to him."



AAEP Honors Retired LSU Professor Who Inspired Curiosity in Future Veterinarians

Retired professor Jill Johnson, DVM, whose inventive teaching and testing methods encouraged critical thinking and curiosity among the veterinary and graduate students she trained at the Louisiana State University College of Veterinary Medicine for 34 years, has received the 2012 American Association of Equine Practitioners' Distinguished Educator Award.

The Distinguished Educator Award recognizes a teacher or mentor who has played an integral role in the educational and professional development of veterinary students through exceptional skills, character, leadership and knowledge. Dr. Johnson was honored Dec. 4 during the President's Luncheon at the 58th Annual Convention in Anaheim, Calif.

Known for asking questions to probe her students' minds, Dr. Johnson promoted curiosity and

problem-solving in the classroom, in the research lab and during examinations in the clinic. Veterinary students, residents, interns and younger faculty members learned from her practical, yet progressive, approach to equine medicine. In addition to disseminating her vast knowledge of equine health, Dr. Johnson served on a committee charged with improving the workplace for women at LSU and used her knowledge of computer software to build a testing program for the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

Dr. Johnson retired from LSU in 2011 but continues to pursue research projects on blood typing/immunogenetics, GPS technology for racehorses and hospital-acquired salmonella infections in horses.

She received her master's degree and veterinary degree from the University of Minnesota. She started her

veterinary career specializing in surgery and internal medicine at the newly formed LSU veterinary school in 1977. Dr. Johnson became the first veterinarian at LSU to perform an arthroscopy surgery and a kidney dialysis, as well as the first female veterinarian in the college to be promoted to a full professor.

The American Association of Equine Practitioners, headquartered in Lexington, Ky., was founded in 1954 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the health and welfare of the horse. Currently, the AAEP reaches more than 5 million horse owners through its nearly 10,000 members worldwide and is actively involved in ethics issues, practice management, research and continuing education in the equine veterinary profession and horse industry.

Harlin James Atkinson

Harlin J. Atkinson, age 90 of Willow City, passed away Wednesday, December 26, 2012, at his ranch. Funeral services were held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, December 29, 2012 at the First Lutheran Church in Willow City. Burial will be at the Memorial Park Cemetery of Willow City in the spring. Visitation was held on Friday beginning at 10:00 A.M. at the Nero Funeral Home in Bottineau.

Harlin James Atkinson was born June 19th, 1922 on a farm in Ostby Township near Willow City, a son of Robert Atkinson and Freeda (Liebelt) Atkinson. He attended the "Semler" country school for 8 years, and graduated from Willow City High School in 1940. On November 7, 1942 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. While at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California, he married Bernice Ruth Hanson on April 25th, 1943. While in the Marine Corps, he served in the South Pacific. On the way to Japan, he flew over the ship where the signing to

end World War II was held. He then served with his unit in Occupied Japan. He was honorably discharged November 27th, 1945. He returned to North Dakota and began farming and



ranching.

He and Bernice raised 4 children together. He was involved in many activities throughout his life. Harlin enjoyed breeding, training, and showing Appaloosa horses. He was a charter member and president of the Rough Rider's saddle club. He was past president of the North Dakota Appaloosa Horse Association and member of the Souris Valley Breeder's Association. Among the many trophies, awards

and ribbons that line the arena on his ranch is the World's reserve champion reining horse award received at the World's Championship Competition held in Oklahoma City.

He also served on the Willow Creek Township water board and was a member of the American Legion and Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice Atkinson, daughter, Jacqueline Fecho (Loren), son, Brian Atkinson (Jodi), son, Van Atkinson (Susie), daughter, Lisa Atkinson, 10 grandchildren, Renata Prellwitz (Gary), Brandon (Lori) and Blaine (Dawn) Fecho, Tyler (Krystall), Burton (Erica) Charles and Spencer (Miranda) Atkinson, Cole (Gretchen) and Casey Atkinson, Max Peterson and 16 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Howard Atkinson.

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for March, when the sequestration cuts again loom and the U.S. will again reach its debt limit.

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Rescue Robbed of 'Older Horse' Hay Supply

By Ley Bouchard, Editor

It was New Year's Eve 2012 when Rachel Spry of rural Milacs County Minnesota left the farm at 8 a.m. to take a run into the city. When she returned, the entire winter supply of 260 bales of soft, nice grass hay, that was earmarked for her older horse stock, was gone.

The thieves brazenly drove into the farmyard, through their big, black, wrought iron closed gates, drove to the hay, took what they wanted and left.

Spry estimates the value of the hay to be between \$2,060 and \$2,600, with current hay prices between \$8-10 a bale in Minnesota for small square, 80-pound bales. In other parts of the country, hay prices are higher because of current drought conditions throughout North America. (See the December issue of the Valley Equestrian Newspaper for more information on the hay shortage across America, online at www.theveonline.com.)

Spry owns and operates "Miracles of Motion" or "MOM," a 501 (C)(3) horse rescue in Milaca, Minn. The stolen hay was intended for her stock of older horses as it was nice and soft and would be easier on their digestive systems. "Sometimes it seems more insulting for them to take from a rescue," Spry said.

"I left at 8 a.m. - the sign says it is a horse rescue - it was actually the end of the hay for that use - it was the hay we use for the older horses because it was softer. There have been other places that have had hay stolen," indicated Spry. "I don't know how (to make up the shortage); I started calling around this morning. It was a lot of hay; we usually go through six bales a day. We use chopped hay on the older horses, too, but they need the other all day. I don't know what we



are going to do."

Spry called the Milaca County Sheriff's office who responded by coming to the scene of the theft. The sheriff took the details, made a report, took photos of the gate, and said their office has three pending cases of similar

hay theft. Then he told Spry about some horses and asked, "Can you take in those horses?" and told her about three horses in need of rescue. Spry said, "Give me a couple days to see if I can find some hay," never wanting to turn away a horse in need.

The horses and other animals at Miracle of Motion come from varying places. "Animals come from humane cases or individuals will call us and we go to see if the owner would want to surrender their horse. We met someone at the feed store who had an old horse she felt

she had to put down; it had a body condition of one and the owner surrendered him. She did not know he was as starved as bad as he was; she was elderly and didn't know he was in such bad shape."

Miracle of Motion has been in operation since 2005 and been incorporated as a non-profit since April of 2012.

There are reports of hay theft all over the country due to the shortages and high prices.

If you or someone you know has information about the hay theft, please contact Milaca Sheriff's Department at: 640 3rd Street, Southeast, Milaca, MN 56353 or call (320) 983-8248. If you have hay to donate or would like to donate to MOM, please call 320-369-4747 or email info@miracleofmotion.com.

Unrealized Appreciation: Farmland Value and the Hobby Loss Rule

By John Alan Cohan, Attorney at Law

Appreciation in value of a taxpayer's farm or ranch property is often a significant issue in the context of the hobby loss rule. Although a "reasonable" expectation of profit is not required, the profit objective must be bona fide. It is the expectation of gain, and not the gain itself, which matters.

While the maintenance of complete and accurate books and records is important, it is equally important to consider the effect that repairs to and development of farmland has on the growth and success of an operation.

In *Fields v. Commissioner*, 42 T.C.M. 1220, involving a cow-calf activity, the Tax Court said that the taxpayers' losses were explainable in part because of costs incurred in developing the property. This case is important for both horse and cattle activities.

The taxpayer had a 74-acre farm with residence. Various improvements were made to the land, including pastures, ponds, fences and land clearing. The Tax Court held that the future resale of the

developed farmland for a profit must be considered in evaluating the taxpayer's overall profit motive.

The Tax Court also noted the poor market conditions for the sale of livestock, and said that the taxpayer's losses were "unsurprising" given the poor economic climate. Moreover, the taxpayer's pastureland was burdened by a drought that curtailed the planned expansion of the cattle herd, and reduced the availability of cattle for sale.

This principle applies to any horse or livestock venture under the hobby-loss rule: If the taxpayer's primary intent is to breed, sell and/or race horses, or to operate a cattle ranch, then unrealized appreciation of the land may be considered as part of an overall intent to profit from activity, irrespective of the actual profits.

This principle is set forth in IRS Regulations section 1.183-1(d)(1): "The term 'profit' encompasses appreciation in the value of assets, such as land, used in the activity. Thus, the tax-

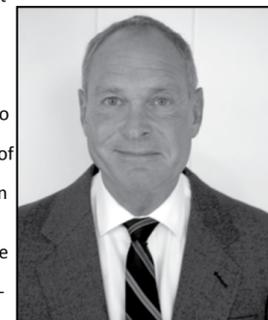
payer may intend to derive a profit from the operation of the activity, and may also intend that, even if no profits from current operations is derived, an overall profit will result when appreciation in the value of the land used in the activity is realized since income from the activity together with appreciation of land will exceed expenses of operation."

In most instances, where the land is integral to overall operations, the holding of the land and the horse or livestock-related activities are considered a single activity. In such cases the argument is that the taxpayers hope to reap an eventual profit from the resale of the farmland, even though there might be a history of losses on the horse or livestock activity itself.

The IRS will attempt to refute this by contesting the taxpayer's valuation of the property. It is therefore important to have an expert appraisal to support the valuation. Also, the IRS will argue that the holding of the land and the horse or livestock op-

erations are two separate activities--in other words, the land was purchased primarily for the purpose of deriving a profit from its appreciation, and that the farming activity was collateral to that purpose. This argument will usually fail, because in most instances the land is integral to the horse or livestock venture.

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USEF Award Winners Announced

Lexington, KY - The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) is pleased to announce the names of three equestrians who have been selected to receive the year's most coveted awards. Awarded by the USEF, the Lifetime Achievement Award, Junior Equestrian of the Year, and the Pegasus Medal of Honor will be presented during the Pegasus Awards gala on Saturday, January 19, at The Henry Clay in Louisville, Kentucky. The winner of the Equestrian of the Year Award will be announced at the Pegasus Awards. More information is available here: <http://www.usefnet.com/featured/2013USEFAnnualMeeting/>

Lifetime Achievement Award - Joe Fargis -

Joe Fargis of Middleburg, Virginia has been a leading figure in the sport of jumping for more than 40 years. Fargis' influence spans the entire scope of the sport as he has

Joe Fargis (USEF Archive/Tish Quirk) served as a competitor, trainer, administrator, and leader. For his undying support



and incredible legacy, Fargis has been awarded the 2012 USEF Lifetime Achievement Award and will receive the Jimmy A. Williams Lifetime Achievement Trophy at the Pegasus Awards gala.

Fargis has a long list of accomplishments in the competition arena. He made his first of more than 30 FEI Nations Cup appearances in 1970 in Lucerne, Switzerland, beginning his legacy as a stalwart on U.S. teams. In 1975, Fargis helped the U.S. secure Team Gold at the Pan American Games in Mexico City, Mexico. Nine years later at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Fargis won Team and Individual Gold with Touch of Class. The pair's epic performance set an Olympic record as they faulted only a single time throughout the competition (they jumped clear over 90 of 91 obstacles). Fargis furthered his legacy in the 20th century winning Team Silver at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul and representing the U.S. at the FEI World Equestrian Games in Stockholm in 1990. Additionally, he twice topped the North American East Coast League in qualifying for the FEI World Cup Final.

Fargis' legacy, however, is more than just as a competitor. His Sandron Farm is a renowned training facility that has helped shape the careers of many of the best horses and riders in the country.

Junior Equestrian of the Year - Hunter Chancellor -

At just 17-years-old Hunter Chancellor is already epitomizing the dedication, skill and sportsmanship that are required to reach the top of equestrian sport. As a junior at Mater Dei Catholic High School Chancellor, an Evansville, Indiana native, actively participates in American Saddlebred competitions while maintaining a 3.99 GPA. For her talent, integrity and contribu-

tions to the equestrian world, Chancellor will be awarded the Ruth O'Keefe Meredith Memorial Trophy as the 2012 Junior Equestrian of the Year.

Chancellor already boasts an extensive resume that includes 145 career wins and 26 World Championship titles. In 2012 she has earned victories at the National Horse Show Saddle Seat "Good Hands" Finals Championship, and the USEF Saddle Seat Medal Finals, a competition she won reserve honors at in 2010 and 2011. Chancellor is a National Honor Society member and is currently in Parys, South Africa competing as part of the U.S. team at the Saddle Seat World Cup.

Hunter is also an active participant in numerous extra-curricular and philanthropic endeavors. She is a member of the Mater Dei High School Cheer Team, Pep Club, Service Committee, and Prom Committee. Additionally, she spent time in 2012 as an intern for John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. Chancellor is also the founder of the non-profit organization Horses Against Hunger, an organization that has strived to get young riders, farms, and stables involved in the fight against hunger since 2011.

Pegasus Medal of Honor - Linda Zang -

The Pegasus Medal of Honor was created as an annual award to recognize individuals who have exhibited outstanding service to horses and equestrian sport. These dedicated individuals have engaged the community in their passion for horses through their work in the industry. This year's winner, Linda Zang, has been inspiring and educating for more than 30 years.

Zang, of Davidsonville, Maryland, has been a prominent figure in the sport of dressage in the U.S. and Europe. As a competitor, she rode on U.S. teams at the 1978 World Championships, 1979 Pan American Games, and 1980 Alternate Olympic Games. As an official her influence has been far reaching. She has judged at numerous FEI World Cup Finals as well as at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and throughout the world. As a Technical Delegate, Zang officiated at the 1999 Pan American Games and the 2004 Athens Olympic Games. She has also paid great service to the sport in administrative roles as a former member of the USEF Board of Governors, USEF Hearing Committee, and FEI Dressage Committee. She currently serves as a member of the USEF Licensed Officials Committee and Ad Hoc CDI Committee. Zang is also a renowned trainer, having coached many prominent horses and riders.



From the Horse's Mouth:

Reynolds and Kimbler to Receive Top Endurance Awards at Annual Meeting

From the USEF Communications Department

Lexington, KY - The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) is pleased to announce the winners of two prestigious awards in the discipline of Endurance, the Maggy Price Endurance Excellence Award and the Brunjes Junior/Young Rider Trophy. The awards will be presented at the USEF Horse of the Year Awards gala and dinner on Friday, January 18, 2013 at the Louisville Marriott Downtown in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Maggy Price Endurance Excellence Award, sponsored by Gold Medal Farm, and Larry and Valerie Kanavy, is in memory of Maggy Price, who was the 1992 FEI World Endurance Championship Silver medalist instrumental in the development of international endurance in the U.S. The award is presented to the Endurance Rider Ranking List athlete with the most points earned in the competition year.



Heather Reynolds (left) riding Riverwatch at the 2012 Longines FEI World Endurance Championship (Merri Melde)

representing the U.S. aboard Riverwatch at the Longines FEI World Endurance Championship, where the U.S. team claimed fourth place.

McCamey Kimbler Aberdeen, SD

The Brunjes Junior/Young Rider Trophy is presented to the Endurance Rider Ranking List Junior/Young Rider athlete with the most points earned in the competition year. The Trophy is awarded in memory of Kathy Brunjes, who was a successful endurance athlete and an active supporter of the Junior/Young Rider program.

Seventeen-year-old McCamey Kimbler had a stellar year, starting off with a win in February at the FITS CEIJY2*, riding Jeremy Olson's Nosl's Banjara. Her success continued with an impressive showing at the CEI3* USA Team Trial, finishing in 19th place on Samantha Sandler's Elliptic among the nation's top endurance riders. Kimbler had additional wins at the Spruce Woods CEIJY2* on Kelsey Kimbler's HV Cimmarons Goliath and at the Zone Team Endurance



McCamey Kimbler by SusanJStickle

Challenge CEIJY2* on Kirsten Kimbler's Fringant.

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Industry News

David Silva, Sr. is NRHA's Sixth Million Dollar Owner

Oklahoma City, OK - The National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Million Dollar Owner list is small but exclusive and includes Lance Griffin (2007), Tim McQuay (2007), Arcese Quarter Horses U.S.A. (2008), Rosanne Sternberg (2010) and Nacho Oso Rio (2012). Officially, David Silva, Sr. wrote his name on that elite list during the 2012 NRHA Futurity when his reining horses helped push him over the million dollar milestone. David Silva, Sr. is the sixth NRHA Million Dollar Owner.



David Silva, Sr. and his wife Bonnie own Silva Reining Horses in Pilot Point, Tex.

At the NRHA Futurity, Nuthin But Hollywood (Hollywoodstinseltown x Nuthin Chic by Smart Chic Olena) and Chex From Tinseltown (Hollywoodstinseltown x Lenas Ruby Chex by Smart Peppy Lena) earned money in the NRHA Futurity Prime Time Open along with Gunners Tinseltown (Gunner x Miss Tinseltown by Great Red Pine) who took the title of NRHA Futurity Open Reserve Champion and Prime Time Open Champion. All three entries were ridden by NRHA's newest Three Million Dollar Rider and Hall of Fame inductee Tim McQuay. David Silva, Sr.'s entries won nearly \$146,000 raising Silva's NRHA Lifetime Earnings as an owner to over \$1,057,000.

Top NRHA money-earning horses currently owned by David Silva, Sr. include:

- Hollywoodstinseltown (Hollywood Dun It x Miss Tinseltown by Great Red Pine): \$185,000 NRHA LTE, bred by David Silva, Sr., 2007 NRHA Futurity Prime Time Open Champion and Open finalist ridden by Tim McQuay, 2009 National Reining Breeders Classic (NRBC) Intermediate Open Champion ridden by Marco Ricotta, 2009 NRHA Derby Open Reserve

Champion and Intermediate Open Champion ridden by Marco Ricotta, 2010 Alltech® FEI World Equestrian Games Team U.S.A. Gold Medalist ridden by Tim McQuay

- Gunners Tinseltown: \$152,000 NRHA LTE, bred by David Silva, Sr., 2012 Southwest Reining Horse Association Futurity fifth place, 2012 NRHA Futurity Open Reserve Champion and Prime Time Open Champion ridden by Tim McQuay
- Miss Tinseltown (Great Red Pine x Ms Hollywood Showtime by Docs Showtime): \$114,000 NRHA LTE. 1997 NRHA Futurity Open fourth place ridden by Tim McQuay, 1998 NRBC Open Reserve Champion ridden by Tim McQuay, 1999 NRBC Open Champion ridden by Tim McQuay

Incorporated in 1966, the National Reining Horse Association is the standard-setting body for the sport of Reining. NRHA, with their International Headquarters in Oklahoma City, is responsible for promoting the sport of Reining and working to ensure the highest standards of competition. To learn more about the NRHA, its programs and family of corporate partners, visit nrha.com.

The U.S. Five and Three-Gaited Section Gold medalists

Parys, South Africa - On Saturday, December 8, the Saddle Seat World Cup sponsored by Impondo Mining and Live 2 Learn concluded with second round performances from the Three-Gaited sections of the Saddle Seat World Cup teams. After a stellar presentation of rail work, the U.S. Three-Gaited team set the stage for leading pattern work scores in both groups. With strong performances all week, hopes were high that both the U.S. Three- and Five-Gaited sections would bring home the Gold medals.

The official results were announced at the Closing Ceremonies that evening, and since the rail work scores had not been posted, there was much anticipation of who would claim the Saddle Seat World Cup titles. The U.S. riders claimed the Gold medal in the Five-Gaited section, solidifying all of the hard work and support the riders had received over the past year. Coached by Sandra Currier (Belville, TX) and Brent Jacobs (Georgetown, KY), Hunter Chancellor (Evansville, IN), Angela Darrow (Hartland, WI), Drew Taylor Hewitt (Bermuda Run, NC), Ali Judah (Louisville, KY), and team captain Nick Maupin (Sussex, WI) took the podium to receive their Gold medals and the Five-Gaited World Cup trophy, sponsored by Saddle & Bridle magazine. The Republic of South Africa was awarded the Silver medal and Canada received the Bronze, while the teams from Germany and Sweden, in its first appearance at the World Cup since the 1990's,

received honorary awards for their participation in the event.

The dominance of the U.S. riders was evident as the U.S. Three-Gaited section also claimed the Gold medal. With the guidance of coaches Cindy Mugnier (Belcher-town, MA) and Kristen Cater (Dunbarton, NH), and support of David Cater, Kent Swalla, and alternate Kristen Smith (Crestwood, KY), riders Brooke Boyer (Johnston, IA), Emily Chapman (Tucson, AZ), Brooke Jacobs (Georgetown, KY), Alexandra Lawson (North Salem, IN), and team captain Abigail Muturx (St. Louis, MO) boosted the team to a Gold medal and the Three-Gaited World Cup trophy, sponsored by the Republic of South Africa. The Silver medal went to the Republic of South Africa and the Bronze medal went to Canada.

In this first year under USEF, the U.S. Saddle Seat World Cup team won both Gold medals for the first time since 2006. Special thanks to the extended team of U.S. including the parents of the team members and the team supporters who made it possible for this team to achieve such excellence. To see our valued supporters, please visit: http://www.usef.org/_IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/allSaddleSeat/TeamSupporters.aspx

For more information, please contact Lori Nelson, USEF Assistant Executive Director, National Affiliates, at lnelson@usef.org.



Above: The U.S. Five-Gaited Section Gold medalists. Below: The U.S. Three-Gaited Section Gold medalists (Photos by R. Millin)

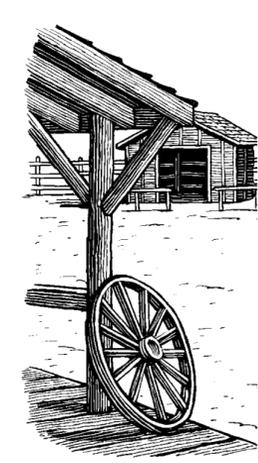


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Winter Warning: Hanging Chads

By Faye Ahneman-Rudenske
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At some point in time, most horses have experienced colic. Some horses are prone to it; some aren't. However, there are several mitigating factors that contribute in whole or part to whether colic visits a horse. Broadly, they include nutrition, environmental conditions and management—all of which may, in some ways, be intertwined meaning some portions can be a result of all the subheads or individually based. All three, can, in some ways, also help prevent colic as well as contribute to it.

do) and sudden dips in hot and cold fluctuate rapidly, colic can run rampant as most veterinarians will testify. While weather is certainly not manageable, there is a degree of predictability and certain steps can be taken to help minimize the impact.



Top left: Hanging Chad; Middle Left: Disaster waiting to happen. Bottom left: Hay pieces get dropped, twine gets lost, bored horses play with it.

ENVIRONMENTAL STRESSES
Environmental stresses may include, but are not limited to, transportation, training and weather. External stimuli have a great influence during transportation and training, yet small modifications can make big differences. Comfort, lack of stress and routine, which can also come under management, can be a preventer.

Weather, of course, is another story. When the atmospheric pressure changes (as it is prone to

plays a major part and supplements containing prebiotics and probiotics

'This "hanging chad" is not attached to the twine, but it is attached to the hay and would be consumed if not removed.'

like HS-35, nutraceuticals like 911 Emergency Crisis Care paste, Performance Equine Gel and DFM's (direct-fed microbials), for example, all play a significant role.

Another common and popular product that horse owners use is pure Apple Cider Vinegar (ACV). Many feed ACV on a daily basis for its many attributes, but some naturalists recommend feeding two ounces of ACV (not distilled) when temperatures take a sudden drop, especially during a cold snap, to help balance the pH in the horse's gut. Interestingly, horses seem to like ACV although it can also be an acquired taste so it is best to slowly acclimate with a small amount mixed in the feed with a gradual increase. Yet, others add it to the water.

MANAGEMENT
Management includes many things in addition to water and forage/fiber (the two things that are required for a horse's digestive system to function properly), such as stabling conditions, overcrowding, inoculations, de-worming, trauma, injury and many other risk factors too numerous to list. However, the goal of this article is to look at a lesser known evil that lurks on every bale of hay—a "winter" warning tale that encompasses anyone who feeds hay, regardless of the time of year, with a focus on the



Oftentimes small pieces of twine are missed and taken out to unsuspecting consumers.

small square bales. Obviously hay quality is extremely important—no dust, no mold, no blister beetles, no noxious weeds, etc. But what else is there to look for?

THE HANGING CHAD

Beware of the hanging "chad!" Say what? Isn't a hanging chad some sort of political fiasco? Yes, of course, but the "hanging chad" also pertains to a fragment of twine that is left behind when the hay baler knots and cuts the twine after the bale is complete. These little pieces lurk on nearly every hay bale. Some are partially attached; some are not. Those that fall off easily get mixed in with the rest of the hay and are consumed. So, why is that important? Won't the digestive system handle it? Not all of them pass through. Some may, in fact, accumulate and form a wad, which leads to impaction, which leads to extreme pain, surgery (if the horse is lucky), which leads to prohibitive costs in many cases, not including the pain and suffering of both horse and owner as well as an uncertain future for the animal.

This "hanging chad" is not attached to the twine, but it is attached to the hay and would be consumed if not removed.

Case in point: a 12 year old purebred Arabian mare coliced for an unknown reason. After several days of being treated by the local veterinarian, she was transported to Bullock's Veterinary Hospital, a surgical facility, in Sac City, IA. Dr. Bullock, who specializes in equine care, performed surgery and, fortunately, was able to "massage" the obstruction through the intestines without cutting them open (thus removing the likelihood of future scar tissue). The obstruction? Several pieces of wadded up, "hanging chads" of nylon twine that had accumulated over the winter feeding season! The mare aborted her 45 day old fetus, but carried four more foals to full term and is now 26 years old and still going strong. She has never had a re-occurrence of any type of colic. Needless to say, the owner is zealous about hunting down these small pieces of twine before feeding and does not

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purchase bales with nylon twine anymore.

TWINE REMOVAL
In addition to being vigilant about hanging chads, twine removal is an integral part of clean up. Just because they are several feet long doesn't mean the horse won't pick up them either inadvertently with their hay or through boredom or curiosity. In most cases, they may not swallow it; but why take the risk? In addition to colic impaction, choke is another hazard. The small amount of time that it takes to pick up hanging chads or twine not only aborts suffering, heartbreak and financial worry, but could save a life of a favorite horse.

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2009 Sundowner GN Horizon 3H w/11' LQ, Sofa-Slpr, 6 cu Refg, 2 Bmr Stove, Microw, AM/FM/CD, TV, AC, Ducted Furnace, Upgraded Faucets & Knobs, Soft Touch Walls & Ceilings, Lg Bthrm w/Walk-in Clsts, Lg Shwr w/Glass Dr, Porcelain Toilet, Elect. Jack, Walk-Thru Dr, Escape Dr, Drp Dwn Fd Drs w/Low Mount Latches, 2 Mangers w/2 Access Drs, Stud Dvdr w/Rubber/Both Sides, Padded Slam Latch Dvdrs, Rr Tck. Sale Price: \$39,500.00



2002 Elite GN 8'X28'X7' Dlx 3H w/14' Outlaw Solid Oak LQ, Side Tack, Sofa Slpr, 6 cu Refg, Lg Bthrm w/Neo Angle Shwr, Lg Vanity/Sink, 2 Lg Hanging Clsts, Mid Tack w/Clst & Cloth Hanging, Escape Dr, 2 Mangers w/2 Access Drs, Rr Tack w/3 Saddle Rack, 2 Step Awning, Hay Rack & Ladder, Onan Generator. Trailer Very Well Taken Care Of! Sale Price \$38,500.00



2007 Exiss GN 8'X24'X7'6" Tall Sport 3 Horse w/10' LQ, Dinette, 6 cu Refg, AC, Furnace, Microw, Lg Neo Angle Shower & Bathrm, Walk-Thru, Awning-Dual Electric Jacks, Swing Out Saddle Rack, Manger. Trailer In Excellent Condition. SALE Price \$34,900.00



2009 4 Star GN 7'X19'X7' 2H w/8' Solid Oak LQ, 2 Burner Stove, 3.5 cu Refg w/Freezer, Microw, AC, Furnace, Sofa-Slpr, AM-FM-CD Stereo w/Inside/Outside Spkrs, TV Antenna & Booster, Sep. Sil, Shwr, Wlk-Thr Dr, Awning, Drp Dwn Fd Drs w/Fld Dwn Brs, Collaps. Rr Tck, 2 Post Saddle Rack, 2 Br. Trays, Air Flow-Padded Dvdr w/Slam Latch, All Lined Side Walls. Sale Price: \$29,500.00



1998 Featherlite GN 3H w/9' LQ, AC, Ducted Furnace, Microw, 3.5 cu Refg, Radio, Sofa-Sleeper, Overhead Cabinets, Vanity w/Sink, Shwr, Separate Stool, Walk-Thru Door, Escape Door 1st Horse, Stud Divider 1st Stall, 2 Mangers, Carpeted Rear Tack w/3 Saddle Racks, Bridle Hooks & Brush Tray, Padded Dividers. Everything Works & Serviced Out. Sale Price: \$22,000.00



2005 Exiss GN Event XT300 3H, 4' to 8' Dress Rm, Camper Dr w/Scrn, Carpet GN-Drop&Flr, Saddle Rack Setting, Cloth Rod, Drop Dwn Fd Drs w/Low Mount Latches & Fold Dwn Bars, 40/60 Dble Rear Drs w/Windows, Collaps. Rear Tack & Dble Cham Locks, Adj. 3 Post Saddle Rack, Full Lined-Insulated & Rubber Sidewalls, Slam Latch Dividers, Rump Wall Windows, 3 Roof Vents. Sale Price: \$13,500

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