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for each set of criteria. The criteria are: Photography and Cuteness Factor. The winner will receive a one year's subscription to the VEN, second place will win an eight-month subscription and third place will receive a six-month subscription.

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No. 3: Sunny Daze (mare) meeting her foal Dazee face to face for the first time submitted by Lyssa Kuhn.



No. 2: Gypsy filly owned by Creek Side Gypsy Farm in Elk River, Minn. Mom: Barthel's Lil Dolly (Dolly) Dad: RR Tommy Boy Mack. Chiara was born April 18, 2013.



No. 1: Lucky Loki Born April 29th 2013, submitted by Mandy Schroeder of Walcott, ND



No. 4: Roper out of Peppy San Badger owned by Tawny Zellmer

No. 5: This Ole, he is a paint/welsh mule, born 6-27-12 to Czarina and the Duke of Barnesville. He joined sister Lena, and hopefully will pull wagons with her.



No. 6: Hoo-Doo chewing on Mom's ear at the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary; photo by Tee, submitted by Terri Engle.
No. 7: Palomino Colby nose to nose with his dog friend, born on Mother's Day 2013, submitted by Amanda Halvorson.



No. 8, Left and below: "Lily," born April 14, 2013, by The Ultimate Version out of Go All The Way May, owned by Shawna Jenkins.



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SD Horse Trainer to Participate in National Thoroughbred Makeover Project

On Thursday, May 23, it was announced that Newell, SD-area horse trainer, Dale Simanton and the "Gate to Great" training program at the Horse Creek Thoroughbred ranch would be a part of the National Retired Racehorse Training Project (RRTP) Thoroughbred Makeover Project for 2013.

A former jockey and racehorse trainer, Dale and his team at Gate to Great will chronicle the training of a Thoroughbred that has formerly raced for a second career throughout a summer-long program intended to showcase the versatility and usability of Thoroughbred racehorses once their racing career has ended. The Makeover features a total of twenty-six trainers from throughout the United States, who will select and train twenty-six Thoroughbred ex-racehorses throughout the summer in preparation for a public appearance at the RRTP Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium on October 5 and 6 at Pimlico Racecourse.

RRTP, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing demand for Thoroughbreds off the track, received 142 applications from 29 states and Canada. The applicants were professionals, amateurs, and juniors and specialized in ten different equestrian disciplines.

"We were overwhelmed not only by the number of applicants, but also by the high quality, the diversity, and the passion

of these trainers," said RRTP President Stuart Pittman. "These are the people who work hard every single day educating these magnificent animals to ensure that their futures are secure."

A lifelong cowboy and ranch horse trainer in addition to his work on the race track, Dale will be teaching his off-track Thoroughbred the fundamentals of ranch and cow work during the summer of 2013. "I have always believed that the Thoroughbred is the most versatile breed on the planet and I am honored to be a part of this project where we will be able to show the world exactly what they can do," said Dale of the Makeover Project. "This is a great opportunity to show the world exactly what these horses are capable of and I couldn't be more excited to get started."

In the coming weeks, Dale and Gate to Great will be hand-selecting a suitable horse from a recently retired group of racehorses that reside on their ranch near Newell. Updates on the horse's progress will be made available via the Gate to Great website (www.gatetogreat.com) as well as their Facebook page, accessible from the website.

For more information, interviews or photos, please contact: Heather Benson, Gate to Great Marketing Specialist, Ph: 605-660-6599
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Bobbi Scheffler, left, with Tequila, posed for her high school graduation this week. Born and raised in Minnesota, she grew up in Princeton with her mom, dad and her older sister. She has been riding horses since she was eight-years-old when she started doing games, barrel races and a few rodeos. Scheffler loves to help younger kids learn to ride their horses and improve at events. In the fall she will be attending NDSU to study to become an equine vet. Scheffler covered the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas for the Valley Equestrian News along with her photographer mother, Tammy Scheffler.

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Publisher's Clipboard

Dear Readers,
 It has been a very traumatic several weeks on planet Earth with many human and animal souls passing over. We send our condolences to those left without their friends, family and critters. On page 9 of this issue is an opportunity for you to help aid families left with little or nothing by contacting the Women's Horse Industry web site or calling (615) 730-7833. Also, the Salvation Army makes excellent use of their resources should you want to donate to assist those families.

We wanted to share an update from Alison Smith, founder of the Triple H Rescue on the horse rescue in North Dakota reported in the March issue (page 2): "All but two of the Keifer rescued horses have been placed. All were placed with no adoption fees; we were just tickled that qualified people came forward. Everyone had to fill out an application and be approved to adopt so we felt good that they all found very good, caring homes. The two left are a 9-year-old timid mare and a 20+ year-old sway backed mare. The 9-year-old mare was sent to a trainer for two months of training so that she will be ride-able and less timid and have better chance at a home; she is coming along well and is up for adoption. The other mare is super sweet, not aggressive to other horses,

cannot be ridden but would make a great companion horse. She cannot go unless she will have winter shelter and summer shade. Both are healthy. Anyone interested in these two can contact me at hhhmhr@mac.com."

Please see our Adopt-A-Horse feature on page 6, for photos and information about horses available for adoption including the two from Triple H. You may want to plan now to be included in these features:

The July VEN will feature: The Young Horse Issue including: Buying at a Production Sale: Pros and Cons; Finding the Ideal Competition Prospect; Starting Young Horses; Young Horse Nutrition and Exercise Management

In the August VEN will find the Farm life Issue: Companion Animals for Horses; Farm Landscaping for Horse Safety; Farm Equipment Buying Guide; "Critters" – the other animals that make your farm complete!

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Happy Trails,
 Ley Bouchard, Publisher

Letter to the Editor

We Don't Know, What We Don't Know:
 Solving the unwanted horse problem through education

The unwanted horse problem is still a problem. Horses are being shipped out of the US for slaughter because they are deemed unwanted. Regardless of opinions on the issue - we need to take a look at why we have unwanted horses to begin with.

We know that indiscriminate breeding is a part of the puzzle, but we also need to look at the education of horse owners. With the right situation, becoming a horse owner is pretty easy. And very appealing to the modern hobby farmer; many of which are several generations away from their farming and ranching relatives - who perhaps would have passed on the right information about the care and keeping of horses.

Much like people who do not research dog ownership, people do not research horse ownership. Did you ever hear about the guy that fed grain to the colicking horse... to try to help it? How about the woman that didn't think to check under her horse's blanket all winter and was surprised to find her horse too thin to ride? The guy that bought two

horses and didn't know how to saddle ... the man that hard tied a horse to a trailer - and created a panic puller ... the woman that didn't connect her cinches and got hurt getting bucked off ... the stories go on and on.

In addition to creating unwanted horses, people are also leaving the industry. It is not fun to get bucked off - it is not fun to have a four-figure vet bill. Education is key to helping the industry as a whole.

I encourage you, the reader, when you are having a horse problem - either with behavior or health - to ask yourself 'what could I have done better; where did I make a mistake?' Search out trusted sources of information that are not biased to you or your situation. In doing this, you will find answers and learn more. Regardless of how much time you've spent in the saddle or the number of years you have owned horses, continue to improve your knowledge on the care, keeping and training of horses.

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No heaven can heaven be, if my horse isn't there to welcome me.
 Author



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A VEN Unwanted Horse Project Adopt - a - Horse!

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Hans is a 2011 chestnut Arabian/Saddlebred (National Showhorse) gelding who we expect to mature at 15-15.2hh. He came into the rescue quite young so has been handled kindly and has no "baggage". He's a very friendly and smart boy with a lot of energy. It's possible he will be gaited when under saddle. Hans is up to date on all vet and farrier work. He'd make a great horse for a knowledgeable person looking for a lively trail or distance horse, but we do believe this nice gelding could go just about any direction you want to take him!

For more info on Hans please contact the Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue Foundation at (763)856-3119 or info@mnhoovedanimalrescue.org

Triple H Miniature Horse Rescue

UPDATE: All but two of the Keifer horses have been placed; all were placed with no adoption fees. We were just tickled that qualified people came forward. Everyone unless known to us had to fill out an application and be approved to adopt so we felt good that they all received very good, caring homes. The two left are a 9-year-old timid mare and a 20+ year-old sway-backed mare. The 9-year-old mare will receive two months of training so that she will be ride-able, less timid and have a better chance at a home. She is coming along very well and up for adoption. The 20+ mare is super sweet, not aggressive to other horses, cannot be ridden but would make a great companion horse. She cannot go unless she will have winter shelter and summer shade. Both are healthy. Anyone interested in these two can contact me Alison Smith at: hhhmhr@mac.com.



High Tail Ranch and Rescue



This is Mickey. She is a 14 year old arabian mare, and we think she is pregnant. (The sire will be Zane Grey, a very beautiful Arabian. (Photos of Zane are

available on our website.) Mickey came to the Hightail Horse Ranch and Rescue November 11th, 2012 with a group of 11 horses that were seized by Ottertail County because they were being neglected. She is trained for riding, but will need a firm rider. She tends to be pushy unless you demand respect from her. She will be a fun trail horse for a confident rider. Mickey may be adopted for \$800. She is available at High Tail Ranch and Rescue, Hawley, Minn.

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We've been talking about the part that personality plays in the training of a horse. We know about the herd instinct and the fight or flight mechanism, but the personality of the horse is also an important factor in the training of a horse. Last time we discussed five of the seven distinct types of personalities: compliant, bully, indifferent, timid, and the Nervous Nellie. (See the May issue of the Valley Equestrian News, page 6.) This time we are going to cover the last two personality types.

Lethargic - There are actually two categories of lethargic horses. There are those who are cold-blooded with little natural life or energy. You can achieve an increase in energy and forwardness, but it takes work. This type of horse is not good for a novice who often does not follow through with the forward cue. If not properly addressed through foundation training, this horse's attitude will become, "If you make me go forward, I will kick or buck." If a good work ethic is not firmly trained into them, they can get nasty.

The other variety of lethargic horse is what I call a "sleeper horse." Beginning riders buy these horses all the time. Super calm and relaxed, the sleeper is fine poking along and appears to be a compliant horse. What you discover later is that in the past, this horse simply never had anything

asked of it. The horse has never been required to work and as soon as you start asking with energy, for good forward impulsion, you end up with a real Jekyll and Hyde situation.

This horse has a lot of energy and is actually a forward horse, but he was never asked or motivated to use that energy. The sleeper horse can develop a real attitude. He doesn't want to work, since he has been trained in the past to not want to work. This can be overcome, but again, he appeared to be a good beginner's horse; the reality is that a confident trainer with the right timing and feel is needed to get the horse back to its natural forwardness, minus the attitude.

Of these two types of lethargic horses, the first is "naturally" not forward; it was not born with a strong "go forward button." This comes back again to a lesser flight instinct and sometimes just lower energy or impulsion—just as with certain people. The sleeper horse though, is man-

made and is the result of poor training and low or no expectations.

This is what all of this comes down to: understanding how your horse acts so that you know how to apply the training principles in the most effective way.

Way too smart - We all want an intelligent horse but if you are a beginner, you really do not want a truly smart horse. It's not that they cannot perform; the problem is that they find the holes in your training rather than you.

finding the holes in theirs! They are not very forgiving when you are unclear on signals and cues, and they have an uncanny knack for training their people rather than the other way around. For example, they learn quickly that when they do something that scares you, you may back off or cease asking for work. The next thing you know, they are behaving that way all the time. It takes a lot of confidence and exceptional timing to make a really smart horse into your dream horse.

Of course, most horses are made up of a combina-

tion of the elements of the seven personality types. The important thing is to evaluate and recognize your horse's personality characteristics so that you can most effectively work on his emotional and mental aspects. This is what all of this comes down to: understanding how your horse acts so that you know how to apply the training principles in the most effective way.

Our talk about horse personalities would not be complete without mentioning the "B" word. That is bombproof. What is the most requested type of horse? A bombproof horse. Between parents looking for a safe mount for their kids and the huge influx of adults who discover or return to riding later in life (and discover they don't bounce so well as grown ups), thousands of people each year search far and wide for the legendary bombproof horse.

Clients ask me all the time to find one of these elusive animals. I will tell you the same thing I tell them: there are no truly bombproof horses. The very complacent horses with naturally low fear levels, and those who have had very solid foundation train-

ing added to that natural disposition are the closest thing to bombproof. This is true especially if they are older horses with solid maturity and life experience to season them even further. But every horse in the world has the potential to react negatively to something. Despite the best disposition and training, there is always the chance that the flight instinct will override all else. Riding and handling horses is inherently dangerous. Ultimate Foundation Training will greatly reduce the danger by significantly increasing the horse's respect, confidence and responsiveness but there is always some risk. Accepting that risk is part of horsemanship and should provide you the best motivation for training you and your horse.

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Letting the Horses Take Him There

One Trainer's Journey from the Winner's Circle to the Roping Chute

By Heather Benson

"The horse has to take you there."

This is what Shug McGauhey, trainer of this year's Kentucky Derby said when asked why he had entered in so few Kentucky Derby fields over the years. Indeed, Shug has been a licensed trainer for a top owner for over thirty years and only saddled a small handful of starters in America's biggest race. He always knew that the horses would be the one to lead him where he needed to go and by letting them, he finally won the Derby at age 62 with Orb.



Dale in the driver's seat of his championship chariot racing team consisting of a Quarter Horse filly and a Thoroughbred colt.

Another Thoroughbred trainer, a thousand miles away, has let the horses lead him "there" as well, only his journey brought him in a new and surprising direction with the world's fleetest horses.

Dale Simanton, age 58, grew up in the wild bush racetracks of Montana, the son of a trainer on the Upper Midwest's "leaky roof" circuit. By age 12 he was galloping his father's horses and soon after took out his jockey's license. He managed to tie for leading rider at the Fort Benton (Montana) meet, only to lose the official title and buckle in a coin toss.

Dale outgrew the jockey's saddle by age 20 and soon followed his father's footsteps by taking out his training license. He started off well, training the two-year-old Quarter Horse filly, El Chickadee, to a top ranking in Montana when she won her first three starts for him.

Holding training licenses in six states throughout the Upper Midwest and Intermountain region, Dale managed to win everything from a Divisional Championship in the sport of chariot racing (with

a team comprised of a Quarter Horse filly and a Thoroughbred colt!) to training a national ranked Paint racing stallion to numerous wins with Thoroughbreds, Quarter Horses and Paints. "I am most proud of the fact that I never broke down a horse," Dale said of his race training career. "I ran on hay, oats and water; never on Bute or Lasix and my horse stayed sound. That's a feat considering they mostly ran on 5/8 or half mile tracks with homestretches packed hard as concrete by 400-yard Quarter horse sprints."

Regardless of who was winning at the track, Thoroughbreds were Dale's first love. In the off-season and in stretches at home between meets, Dale regularly used his Thoroughbreds as ranch mounts as a way to keep them physically fit and mentally fresh. He saw firsthand that despite their reputation as "high strung" racehorses, Thoroughbreds could go toe to toe with the especially bred cow horses and often outworked and out roped them. Little did he know that knowledge would serve him in the years to come.

In the early 1990's, Dale answered an ad for a stakes mare in the Black Hills (South Dakota) area and met Thoroughbred breeder and artist, Dorothy Snowden. The pair struck it off and soon created the entity that would be known as Horse Creek Thoroughbreds. Dale quit training in 2000 to focus his efforts on the breeding and sales preparation side of the Thoroughbred racing industry. The farm eventually grew to more than thirty broodmares and two stallions with yearlings sold at the large Keeneland sale in Kentucky as well as locally in sales such as the Silver Cup Sale at Arapahoe Park.

By 2008, however, the Thoroughbred breeding industry, along with the rest of the economy, took a hit and it became increasingly hard to market the farm's yearlings. One day, Dale chanced to see a pretty, but painfully slow, little grey gelding canter home in a race at Turfway Park. On a whim, he called the trainer of the gelding and offered to trade a Horse Creek yearling for the horse, named Wicked Walt. The trade was easily made and soon Dale was showing Walt the ropes, quite literally, of how to be a ranch horse. He sold at a profit as a barrel racing prospect in North Dakota and Dale's next

chapter in the horse business was opened.

Today, Dale owns, along with his life and business partner, Dorothy Snowden, an operation they call the "Gate to Great" program. They search out Thoroughbred geldings at the racetrack who are in need of new careers, bring them to their 400-acre ranch near Newell, South Dakota and teach them the fundamentals of how to be not just ranch horses, but good citizens of the equine world. "We just let them be horses again," says Dale. "They get turned out, they grow their feet and gain weight and then we bring them in and see where they are at mentally."

The training program includes round pen work that leads to arena work that eventually leads to the geldings working cattle on the open ranges of Western South Dakota. "They learn to handle themselves in wide, open country," explains Dale. "We get out in a 2,500 acre pasture and they learn that it is not all go-go, they have to focus on the job at hand." The job at hand is working at local cattle brandings, rounding up cattle in the fall to ship to market and even assisting the neighbors in roping adult bulls.

Most geldings remain at the farm from six months to over two years, depending upon the amount of "let-down" time needed after their last race. Upon completion of the re-training program, the Thoroughbred geldings move on into careers in every discipline. "We have had horses end up as eventers, hunt seat, pole bending and of course, as roping horses," says Dale. "We even have someone flying in to look at buying one for a polo team." Dale believes that the mentally conditioning provided by the months of ranch work allow the horses to unwind in a way they can't get anywhere else and allows them to mature into mounts that are ready for anything their next owner can throw at them.

Most recently, the Gate to Great program and Dale were asked to be a part of the Retired Racehorse Training Project's 2013 Thoroughbred Makeover. Based loosely upon the popular "Mustang Makeover", twenty-six trainers from ten separate disciplines were selected from around



the United States to retrain an off-track Thoroughbred for review in the October 5-6 Thoroughbred Makeover and Symposium at Pimlico Racecourse in Baltimore, Maryland. "I am just tickled to be a part of it, it is going to be a lot of fun showing everyone that a Thoroughbred can be so much more than just a racehorse or a jumper," said Dale.

The Thoroughbred breed has led many a man (and woman) on a journey to win the biggest races, run the fastest times and earn the most money. And while the horse may not have led trainer Dale Simanton into the winner's circle at the Kentucky Derby, he has definitely followed a unique path that has led him into a place where he gets to work daily with the breed he loves most and show the world just how special they are.

"I believe the Thoroughbred breed is the most versatile on the planet and every day these horses prove me right," says Dale. "There is nothing these horses can't do and I am proud to be the one that gets to sit on their back while they show everyone how amazing they really are."



Dale Simanton and the stakes winning gelding, Tally Up, who earned nearly \$250,000 on the track. Tally Up completed the Gate to Great program and is now in barrel training in North Dakota.

You can find out more about Dale and the Gate to Great program by going to their website at www.gatetogreat.com or by following "Horse Creek Thoroughbreds" on Facebook. As part of the Thoroughbred Makeover program, they will be regularly updating their followers on the horse they choose and it's training progression through the summer months.

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ing, plan a fishing or riding excursion with Dad; again, it does not have to be expensive, it can be a ride or drive to a stream where you put your line out for an hour or two making memories that will last a lifetime. Dig the worms out of your yard for extra savings.

You know your Dad and what would make him happy! Being thoughtful and considerate doesn't cost anything but it is priceless!

WOMEN'S HORSE INDUSTRY RAISING FUNDS FOR HORSES IN TORNADO-RAVAGED OKLAHOMA

The Women's Horse Industry Network is raising funds to help horse owners in the areas where the recent tornadoes hit. One of the hardest hit areas was the Orr Family Farm which lost nearly 100 horses.

"In addition to the extreme property and personal damage, the loss of horses for many people in the area is simply horrible and we knew we had to do something to help them recover," states WHIN's President, Catherine Masters. Within minutes of posting the news about the

fundraising efforts hundreds of dollars were donated and she is hoping the donations will increase substantially once the horse industry's media let's everyone know about their efforts.

People who wish to make a donation to this effort can do so by visiting WHIN's website at www.womenshorseindustry.com or by calling 615-730-7833.

"Many horse owners not only lost their beloved horses but also all of the equipment they need to take care of them. The money we raise will go to help them get back on track and resume their lives with their horses," Masters adds.

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Cowgirl Fashion

By Shannan Pfeilschieffer Stanke

Western fashion trends vary from region to region, and from era to era, but somehow "cowgirl" is always easily recognized as a style all it's own. Just as one would recognize a person's style as "grunge," "emo," "business" or "preppy," cowgirls have their own exclusive look. Now, know this: there is a difference between the style of an actual working or rodeo cowgirl and her fashionista counterpart.

Real cowgirls can spot each other and give a nod of respect in a crowd of screaming country music fans at a concert, where the majority of feet don boots that came from Target as part of an outfit that features a button down gingham blouse tied in a knot above the bellybutton.

The telltale signs of an authentic cowgirl are in the type of boots and jeans she wears. But when it comes down to the one

factor that separates the real cowgirl from the girl who likes western fashion, that one factor is....the boots.

There are a couple brands of authentic western boots that both the working cowgirl/rodeo cowgirl and western fashionista would wear, but the price excludes a great majority of both!



boots that can stand up to a typical day in the life of a cowgirl. Fashion boots from a department store would not survive, nor would the feet inside of them.

The ideal cowgirl boot is both functional and stylish. The most important factor is the functionality: The heel height is just right for walking lots of miles. The width of the toe must slip easily into stirrups and break free for a fast escape. The leather must be tough enough to stand up to water, manure, brush and sweat, and protect (as best as it can) from a hoof bearing down on it with 1000 or more pounds of pressure. Anything too shiny is best left on the shelf. This is not a shiny life she leads, but a rough and tough one, mixed with the perfect touch of delicacy not matched by any cowboy.

A few favorite brands that meet these requirements are Ariat, Justin, Lucchese, and Nocona. These brands offer styles that look great but provide function on the farm and in the field.

Try as she might, she will clean those boots up to drive into town to a George Strait concert and kick up her heels, but that residual dirt gives her away. She is a hardworking, true blue cowgirl from the inside out, and she doesn't have time to go overboard with primping. The best part? She looks amazing! She is unmatched

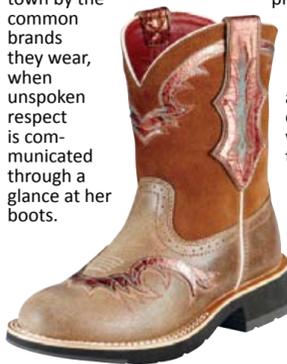
in her natural beauty. She has a glow from the day of work she just put in on the farm, and the smile on her face comes from deep in her heart where her joy is mixed with the satisfaction of a job well done.

Top photo: Bobbi Scheffler getting ready for a ride. Lower left: Bobbi Scheffler riding Tequila. Photos by Tammy Scheffler.

Everyday Western Wear for the Working Cowgirl

By Shannan Pfeilschieffer Stanke

A working cowgirl does not feel unfashionable when she is wearing her everyday attire. In fact, she wears it with pride, even if she finds herself in town on a fuel or supply run, covered in dirt or grease. The authenticity of hardworking country gals shows in their demeanor and in their style. A true cowgirl can spot a kindred spirit in a crowded hardware store in town by the common brands they wear, when unspoken respect is communicated through a glance at her boots.



Ariat boots are featured on pages 10 and 11. Photos courtesy of Ariat.

A cowgirl's style reflects many things such as her age, her address and her occupation, but it also changes a little from work to play. Out in the field or on the ranch, function trumps fashion for obvious reasons: safety and efficiency. You'll commonly see her wearing things that stand up to the elements and the challenges presented to her on a daily basis. She needs jeans that are tough enough to withstand the wear

and tear of a day in the field or barn. These jeans are usually simple in design and have a midrise for comfort. Bling on the pocket usually won't be a feature

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The Dona Tank is a racer back tank which features a rhinestone scroll design on the front. An extended front placket is an added designed element that allows the wearer to style the Dona Tank in various ways.

Fashion for the Ranch or City

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because they usually come at a price that makes even the toughest girl want to shed a tear if they prematurely meet their end in a showdown with barbed wire. Wrangler is known for providing all of these needs as well as being the brand that sponsors the PRCA, so cowgirls proudly don theirs on the farm and in town.

Wrangler and Cowgirl Tuff have simple, economic designs as well as a higher end line with a form fitting blend of cotton and spandex for hugging curves, a flattering lower rise, and bling on the pockets that rivals designer jeans in

boutiques and department stores.

Long days in the field often mean a need for versatility when it comes to tops. Temperature changes from morning to evening call for an easily removed outer layer for cooling off during the heat of the day, and then lightweight longer sleeves for dusk when mosquitos come out on a feeding frenzy! Tank tops are a staple under button up basic western tops for barrel racing cowgirls and farming gals alike. Rock n Roll Cowgirl, Cowgirl Tuff and Wrangler are common brands for both essentials, but rodeo vendors and

boutiques are popping up everywhere with similar options in affordable price ranges.

When it comes to outerwear, Carhartt jackets are by far the most common farm jacket worn on the ranch. It has proven to be windproof, coldproof and pretty much rainproof, but the main reason to love Carhartt is its washability! For what it provides, it is by far the least fussy when it comes to wash-



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ing. I am not sure what the care instructions on the tag recommend, because it withstands hot water, cold water, any detergent and any drying temperature. If it goes in the wash stinky and stained, it consistently comes out looking pretty clean and smelling like Carhartt! The second best reason to love Carhartt, is that it now comes in pink!

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EQUINE ENTRANCE EXAM/UNSTABLE NAG

Who would have guessed, he's be such a 'bad egg'? Look at him: he had forelegs and back legs' Two eyes, ears, mouth, whithers, mane and tail. Four horseshoes and 32 horseshoe nails. Yes, he had the proper teeth for his age. Snap the fingers, and the ears did engage. And for those of you, who would give a hoot He had a proper sized horse's patoot.

EQUINE EVENING EXCURSION/ HOUDINI?

Late that night, he and his guide, Clydesdale Clyde, Escaped and found a dandy place to hide. They played hooky and wanted a free ride This gave a new meaning to a 'horse hide.' They were not your usual 'horsey' ninny As riders passed he refused to whinny. And when they found this non-conforming horse Brought him back, but a fence to reinforce.

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The training started in earnest next day But he could only think of oats and hay. His stopping and starting were out-of-sync, He's stamp his feet, shy, buck and raise a stink. The trainers were embarrassed by this horse, So here's a 'nag' who flunked his horse-show-course. And for his incorrigible syndrome The trainers sent this horse's patoot home!

A REWARD/HORSE LAUGH OR LAST LAUGH?

Into the trailer from out of the chute They loaded this uncooperative galoot, Down the road with this 'negative' all-star Turned to the Dairy Queen and stopped the car. Two ladies licking their cones down to half, Then they exploded into a 'horse laugh.' This was expensively funny that they Were outdone by the horse that just said "neigh."

THE HORSE WAS A PATOOT IN THE END

He stretched and leaned, and then he stretched some more. He got the ice cream cone with one big bite. And the lady's reward was out of sight, That's my story and I'm sticking to it. He went to finishing school and blew it. Did I make this tale up? Not on your life. Ask the one who lost the cone, she's my wife.

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THE INVISIBLE COWGIRLS

By Janice M. Ladendorf

In American folklore, the major role played by black cowboys after the Civil War has generally been ignored. The heyday of the heroic cowboy was from 1868 to 1895, but no African Americans appeared in the popular dime novels of the late nineteenth century. In the early western novels, they appeared rarely and in minor or comic roles. The black cowboys were invisible to the general public and so were the few black cowgirls.

Johanna July was a black Seminole. This group was descended from freedmen or runaway slaves who had found sanctuary in Florida with the Seminoles. They intermarried and formed a separate community. They became close allies of the Seminoles and fought with them against the United States. When the remnants of the Seminoles were sent to Oklahoma, the black Seminoles moved with the tribe. The army failed to effectively protect them from slave traders so one group left for Mexico. After the Civil War, some of this group returned to Texas and settled in Brackettville, near Fort Clark.

While Joanna's mother and sister kept house, she herded and handled stock for her manless family. She became well known for her skill in taming horses. To break them to ride, she took them into the Rio Grande River. She normally rode bareback with just a rope twisted around the horse's nose. Her first husband tried to keep her in the house and away from the work she loved. She left him and re-married someone who let her be a cowgirl.

Henrietta Williams Foster was another black cowgirl. All her life she worked cattle with the men. She sassed or cussed anyone who tried to prevent her from doing whatever she wanted to do, including white men. Nobody dared cross her and some went in terror of the meat cleaver she always kept with her. Respected by all, she was affectionately known as Aunt Rittie.

Stagecoach Mary Fields was probably the best known of the black cowgirls. Born a slave in 1832 and freed by the Civil War, she followed her white friend, Mother Mary Amadeus to St. Peter's Mission, a school

for Native American girls just outside of Cascade, Montana. There she hauled freight, did laundry, grew vegetables, tended chickens, repaired buildings, and eventually became the Mission forewoman. A tall, strong woman who could fix anything; she drank whiskey, smoked cigars, swore, and carried a gun. When Montana passed a law forbidding women to enter saloons, the mayor of Cascade granted her an exception.

Exiled from the convent for fighting, she opened a café, but went broke because she fed anybody whether or not they could pay. In 1895, when she was about sixty, she was hired as a mail carrier because she was the fastest applicant to hitch a team of six horses. On her route, she drove a stagecoach, rode her mule, Moses, or delivered the mail on snowshoes. She became the first African-American woman employed as a mail carrier in the United States and the second American

woman to work for the U.S. Postal Service. When she decided to slow down, the nuns helped her open a laundry. In 2004, she was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum.

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Stagecoach Mary courtesy Wikipedia



The Cowgirl Statement: Rodeo and Concert

By Shannan Pfeilschiefter Stanke

A cowgirl is still a cowgirl whether she is at work, at home, on the farm, at the barn or at a rodeo or concert. The best indicators that a girl is getting ready to go to town, a rodeo or concert, however, is that she will be cleaner than ever and probably add a mea-

some safety issues. So when a girl gets a chance to dress up, she is quick to grab those sparkly items that she doesn't always have a chance to wear.

Montana Silversmith is widely known for providing sparkly pieces of jewelry that are true to the western trends. Many

style or an outfit you want to accessorize with the perfect necklace that makes a big statement!

Western jewelry trends are more bold the further south you go. Where northern cowgirls pull out one big statement accessory like a turquoise chunky necklace with a berry concho pendant, southern cowgirls are just getting started!

Southern cowgirls have more of a rodeo queen look, so that big, blingy necklace is the perfect way

seems the trends change before they become firmly established here in North Dakota.

A fun trend that is recognized nationwide, is showing off your boots by wearing them with a dress or shorts. It is a great trend, because finally the most expensive part of a cowgirl's outfit is getting time in the spotlight! The more colorful and unique the boots, the more worthy they are to be seen.

Outfits are now fashioned around the boots! They are worn with dresses to



sure of bling to her look!

A cowgirl's LOVES her jewelry. The reason might be that she doesn't get an opportunity to wear it much. At work and at the barn, it not only gets in the way, but it could present

a cowgirl is always on the lookout for something "different" that is unique to her. Boutiques and rodeo vendors are a great place to find treasures that are just right for a personal



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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!

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to start a great outfit that also highlights a 5-inch-wide custom made belt that sits low on the hips over a rhinestone covered t-shirt, jeans with leather and rhinestone embroidered pockets, and boots with ostrich or contrasting inlay colors. Southern cowgirls are not afraid to wear giant earrings, big hair and an even bigger handbag! Wives of rodeo stars often start these trends and are noticed as they travel from state to state. They have access to the best in western fashion and the opportunities to wear them with flair! Their influence is slowly trickling north, but it

weddings, with shorts to sportsbars and with skirts to country western concerts.

A rule to remember: Boots need to look authentic to be seen. A fashion no-no would be any attempt to showcase a pair of department store boots at a western event. A fashion height heel (anything over 2"), shiny pleather, a side zipper or a slouch shaft are a dead giveaway that you might be a city slicker! Boots that deserve their 15 minutes of rodeo fame will have a low heel (about 1 3/4"), a little distress on genuine leather, and a decorative shaft that is at least above the calf. A boot that fits this description and is also fun to look at is guaranteed to look good with a dress or shorts. Of course, if you are going to your first or only rodeo, it is absolutely ok to wear your fashion boots...just wear them with jeans!

A newer trend for accessorizing is the bling bandana worn on the head. Part do-rag, part headband, this accessory is quite exclusive to the cowgirl most serious about standing out as a

darling rodeo fashionista. Uniquely made by artisans, most start as a bandana, and are folded to about a 2 1/2 inch wide band, then

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Hemp Seeds Rival Soybeans in Protein Quality

By Juliet M. Getty, Ph.D.

Soybean meal is the most commonly added protein source in horse feeds. However, increasing numbers of horse owners are shying away from feeding it, most commonly because of allergic reactions. Most soybeans grown in the U.S. have been genetically modified, which is a concern for many. Furthermore, it is difficult to ascertain from a feed label if the soy product has been heat-treated (necessary for inactivating trypsin inhibitor found in raw soybeans). Finally, soy contains significant levels of phytoestrogens, which can influence behavior, affect breeding, or interact with other hormones.

The good news about soybeans is their protein quality -- it compares favorably to protein found in animal sources. But there are other good choices, the most promising of which is hemp seed.

Understanding protein quality

Proteins are long, complex chains of amino acids. Once protein is digested, the amino acids travel to tissues, where they are "reassembled" into proteins specific to that particular part of the body, assuming all of the building blocks (amino acids) are available. Your horse can synthesize some amino acids, but there are 10 that your horse cannot produce, or cannot produce in adequate quantity, and therefore, they must be in his diet (listed in Table 1). These are referred to as essential amino acids (EAAs).

Most feeds contain some protein, and therefore, some EAAs, but if any EAAs are present in low amounts, they limit the extent to which the others can be utilized, resulting in leftover amino acids. And, unfortunately, amino acids cannot be stored to be used later. Instead, they are dismantled by the liver, putting strain on the kidneys to remove urea, and contribute to excess calories and even glucose production.

Hemp seeds

A relatively new food to western cultures, hemp seeds have exceptional protein quality. Their two main proteins are albumin and edestin, both of which have significant amounts of all EAAs. The protein in hemp seeds is comparable to that in soybeans

and, in many cases, exceeds the EAA content of the animal protein, whey (found in milk), as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Essential Amino Acid (EAA) Comparison between Hemp seeds, Soybeans, and Whey (grams per 100g)¹

| EAA | Hemp seeds | Soybeans | Whey |
|---------------|------------|----------|------|
| Methionine | 0.58 | 0.53 | 0.23 |
| Arginine | 3.10 | 2.14 | 0.39 |
| Threonine | 0.88 | 1.35 | 1.02 |
| Tryptophan | 0.20 | 0.41 | 0.25 |
| Histidine | 0.71 | 0.76 | 0.29 |
| Isoleucine | 0.98 | 1.62 | 0.85 |
| Leucine | 1.72 | 2.58 | 1.40 |
| Lysine | 1.03 | 1.73 | 1.15 |
| Valine | 1.28 | 1.60 | 0.91 |
| Phenylalanine | 1.17 | 1.78 | 0.49 |

Hemp seeds rival soybeans as an ideal protein

What's even more impressive, however, is the ratio of each EAA to the lysine level -- a true measure of protein quality. With horses, quality is determined by comparing each EAA to lysine as it would exist in muscle.² Lysine is assigned a value of 100. The ideal values are shown in Table 2, which reveals how every EAA found in hemp seeds surpasses the ideal ratio beyond soybean's ability.

Table 2: Ratios of EAAs to Lysine, Compared to Ideals³

| EAA | Hemp seeds | Soybeans | Ideal |
|---------------|------------|----------|-------|
| Methionine | 56 | 31 | 27 |
| Arginine | 301 | 124 | 76 |
| Threonine | 85 | 78 | 61 |
| Tryptophan | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Histidine | 69 | 44 | 58 |
| Isoleucine | 95 | 94 | 55 |
| Leucine | 167 | 149 | 107 |
| Lysine | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Valine | 124 | 92 | 62 |
| Phenylalanine | 114 | 103 | 60 |

Hemp seeds are easy to find in stores that sell whole foods. Horses enjoy their palatable, nutty flavor. Adding ½ cup (providing 25 grams of protein) to your horse's daily ration will boost the overall protein quality of his diet.

Bottom line

Domesticated horses cannot easily enjoy the variety of feedstuffs a natural setting provides. Even the healthiest grass pasture in June cannot meet every nutrient requirement. Offering whole foods such as hemp seeds on a regular basis gives you another option for meeting your horse's protein needs.

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U of M Extension launches websites for forage shortage, late planting issues

ST. PAUL, Minn. (5/13/2013) — University of Minnesota Extension has educational resources available for those with questions related to a continuing forage shortage and late planting issues.

Reports of winter injury and winterkill of alfalfa continue to intensify across parts of southern Minnesota, contributing to the existing shortage caused by two years of drought. Producers are examining options in light of their field assessment and inventory; many of these producers face purchasing hay or growing some type of emergency crop to feed livestock.

Visit Extension's "Alfalfa Weather Damage and Emergency Forages" website at www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/crops/spring-issues.

Minnesota farmers were delayed getting into their fields, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, after a late season snow storm brought moisture to areas that were already damp and cold. Warmer, drier weather in much of the state last week has likely improved planting progress, but challenges still exist in some areas.

Visit Extension's "Late Planting" website at www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/crops/late-planting.

Also available is Extension's toll free phone and email Farm Information Line (1-800-232-9077 or fil@umn.edu). Extension's Farm Information Line is a resource for questions about water, crops, horticulture and climatology issues. Calls and emails are handled within one business day.

THE IRS MISGUIDED APPROACH TO "RECOUPMENT"

By John Alan Cohan, Attorney at Law

For any business, long-term profit potential may hinge, in some measure, on efforts to reduce costs, getting better prices for goods and services, consolidating operations, layoffs, or efforts to promote efficiency.

For many people in the horse or livestock business, the operations have a history of losses, but the expectation is that future operations will be profitable. The IRS will want to see evidence that the taxpayer has taken steps to correct or abandon unprofitable strategies, and to demonstrate steps taken to improve operations.

Often, the IRS will argue that a profit motive ultimately depends on whether the taxpayer expects future earnings and appreciation to be sufficient to recoup accumulated losses of prior years. The IRS will want to see a meaningful plan for recouping losses sustained in prior years. This seems inherently unfair. Other businesses are not asked to demonstrate a plan to recoup past losses. In some industries past losses have been so great that

the companies might never really end up recouping them.

According to Terrence D. Miller, CPA, of Miller and Miller Accountancy Corporation in Fresno, California, "In my experience with audits, quite often an auditor will be obsessed with the cumulative losses and they fixate on it. And the losses might not ever be recoupable. Luckily there is a Tax Court case on the subject and usually when you show auditors this case they move on."

He is referring to *Helmick v. Commissioner*, IRS, T.C. Memo 2009-220, which involved a horse breeding and boarding operation with losses for a period of 17 years. The Tax Court held in favor of the taxpayers, and rejected the IRS "recoupment" argument.

The court said that the IRS "seems to assume that the requisite profit motive as of any given year must involve an expectation that even all past losses will be recouped, so that the activity will have generated a net profit over its entire

life." This position distorts the notion of profit motive for purposes of section 183.

The court cited a hypothetical example: "If a natural disaster caused the death of 90 percent of a rancher's herd and resulted in a catastrophic loss that could never be recouped, but the rancher thereafter expected to generate an overall prospective profit by breeding and selling the remaining 10 percent of his herd on a foregoing basis, then he could not be said to lack a profit objective after the disaster merely because he would never recoup the prior loss."

The court pointed out -- and this is very important -- that the "recoupment" concept is forward looking. That is, the profit objective is shown where the taxpayer expects that the activity will generate an overall profit between the year being audited and the time at which future profits are expected.

To some extent, taxpayers often can explain a poor history of profits due to circumstances beyond their control, including personal issues, casualties, stillborn foals, and the negative effect of the recession on horse sales. The implication is that the activity, in a given year, would have been profitable if these events had not occurred.

Whether an activity producing losses is a business or a hobby is a question that has generated substantial litigation in U.S. Tax Court. If faced with an audit of horse or livestock activities, it can be frustrating when confronted with an IRS auditor who wheels out the "recoupment" argument. Thankfully, there are Tax Court cases, such as that mentioned above, that provide a rational approach in determining whether the taxpayer has a bona fide profit motivation.

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North Dakota's 2013 Cowboy Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

Medora, ND: The ballots have been cast and the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame (NDCHF) is proud to announce this year's cowboys and cowgirls who will be honored for their character and legacy in the Hall of Honorees in the Center of Western Heritage & Cultures June 21-22.

This year's winners include:



Pre-1940 Rancher: Lettie Uhlman Kellogg was born December 2, 1890. She was a single mother, during the Great Depression, who built a 10,000 deeded acre ranch, the Kellogg UE Ranch, with a sizable herd of Hereford cattle in McKenzie County. Lettie overcame many hardships and obstacles in the man's field, and is noted for saying, "it was a hard life but I loved every minute of it." She attended countless roundups, and rode well into her 80's.

Modern-Era Rancher: Leroy "Bud" Perry was born July 4, 1907. He was a member of the United States Army and a hardworking ranch hand. In 1950, Bud purchased the 4,000 acre Roscoe Hadden ranch north of New Town in Mountrail County and raised Hereford cattle. Bud was also a rodeo cowboy; and

was always quick to attribute much of his success as a rancher to the training and help he had received at the Figure 4 Ranch east of Watford City.

Western Arts & Entertainment: William "Bud" Lowman was born January 23, 1947. Bill and his wife reside on their ranch in Sentinel Butte. Bill has been a ranch hand, horse trainer, and rodeo cowboy. However, Bill is most notably known for being an accomplished visual artist, performing artist, and literary artist. Bill has won many awards for his accomplishments and is, also, the Founder and Director for the popular and successful "Dakota Cowboy Poetry Gathering" in Medora, North Dakota.

Great Westerner: The Marquis de Mores was born June 14, 1882 in Paris, France. The Marquis arrived in the small town of Little Missouri, Dakota Territory to invest in the cattle industry. He then built the town of Medora, across the river, in honor of his wife. He started the Northern Pacific Railroad Car Co. and built the Chateau De Mores, a brick plant, the slaughterhouse, ice house, Catholic Church, and the Von Hoffman House in Medora.

Pre-1940 Rodeo: Henry G. "Hank" Baker was born March 10, 1907. Henry and his wife, Alice, ranched on Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, the Baker homestead, and the Tower Ranch. In 1942, he owned and operated his Livestock Trucking business. From 1955-1965 Henry and Alice owned a ranch near McClusky

and raised Herefords and horses. Henry is known for his participation in the Saddle Bronc riding and rodeo judging.

Modern-Era Rodeo (Two Winners): Tom Solberg was born April 30, 1944 and grew up in Grassy Butte. He won his first Bull Riding Championship in 1963 while in high school. In 1964, he joined the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Assn. (PRCA) and won prestigious rodeos such as: Cheyenne Frontier Days, the Calgary Stampede, and the Houston Stock Show & Rodeo. He was an eight-time PRCA Badlands Circuit Finalist, four-time Champion and four-time Reserve Champion National Senior Pro Rodeo Assn. Bull Rider, and 1996 Canadian Senior Bull Riding Champion.

Lynn N. Linseth was born on July 29, 1936. He grew up in McKenzie County and attended Dickinson State College (DSU) on a football scholarship, where later his team was inducted into the DSU Athletic Hall of Fame. Lynn was a volunteer for the United States Army, as well as a reserve champion steer wrestler, rodeo judge, stock contractor, business owner, and rancher. Lynn has been very active in all aspects of rodeo for more than forty-five years, and is still going strong. He has won many awards for his roles in the rodeo and cowboy way of life and the great horses he raised.

Legacy Awards: The board also selected two individuals to be recognized with the Legacy Award. This award is presented by the board to individuals who donate their time, efforts, and leadership to the organization.

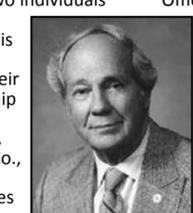
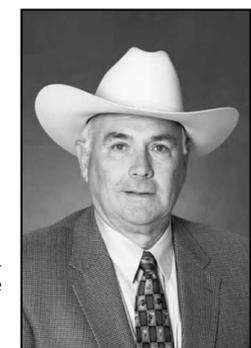
The late Harold Schafer, founder of the Gold Seal Co., who's investment of time, money, and other resources allowed for the history

and heritage of the city of Medora to be preserved and presented through activities such as the Medora Musical and the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation.

Russ Danielson, Fargo, is a former NDCHF board member, distinguished cattle man, leader of NDSU's animal science program and mentor/advisor to NDSU's Litter International, Saddle and Siroin Club and several generations of NDSU animal science students. These nine inductees will be honored at ceremonies in Medora June 21-22. Activities will begin Friday night at the Honor the Honorees Banquet at the NDCHF -- Center of Western Heritage and Cultures in Medora at 5:00 PM MDT. Tickets for this reception, meal and entertainment are limited to 250 and must be made prior to June 21 by calling the Corporate Office at 701-250-1833 or the Medora Center at 701-623-2000.

Activities continue Saturday, June 22, with the induction program at the Tjaden Terrance, Medora. Entertainment and social begin at 12:00 PM MDT.

For additional information, log on to www.northdakotacowboy.com/.



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From the Horse's Mouth: Industry News

Women Leaders and Obamacare Added to AHC's Issues Forum

(Washington D.C.) The theme for the American Horse Council's National Issues Forum is "A Healthy Horse, A Healthy Industry." This year's Forum will be held on Tuesday, June 18, in Washington, DC during the AHC's annual convention, which will run from June 16 to 19 at the Washington Court Hotel.

In addition to reports on the progress of the National Equine Health Plan and the AHC's Marketing Consortium to reinvigorate the horse industry, the Forum will feature a panel on the future of the industry featuring four women who are leading national organizations this year and a presentation on how the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, better known as "Obamacare," will affect the horse industry.

"Women have always been leaders in the horse industry," noted Jay Hickey, AHC President. "But this year we have four outstanding women leading major national organizations. We thought it would be interesting to get their perspective on the future of various sectors in the industry." Scheduled to speak are Johnne Dobbs, President of the American Quarter Horse Association, Dr. Ann Dwyer, DVM, President of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, Cynthia Richardson, President of the Arabian Horse Association, and Christine Tauber, President of the U.S. Equestrian Federation.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which was passed in March, 2010, is the most sweeping social legislation enacted since Medicare in 1965. It is expected to transform U.S. healthcare delivery and will affect members of the

Two Equine Health Concerns in Colorado

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – The Colorado Department of Agriculture is warning horse owners about two equine health concerns. **Horse in Northeastern Colorado Confirmed with Rabies**

The Colorado Department of Agriculture is encouraging livestock and pet owners to discuss animal health concerns, including the need for rabies vaccination, with their local veterinarian after a horse in Logan County was euthanized and subsequently tested positive for rabies.

"The department would like to stress two very important points," said State Veterinarian, Dr. Keith Roehr. "One--owners should monitor their animals for clinical signs of rabies; and two--local veterinarians are a valuable resource to help producers decide the best course of action to protect their livestock and pets from rabies."

Livestock and pet owners are encouraged to discuss vaccination with their veterinarian for animals that could be exposed to wildlife that carry and could transmit the rabies virus to dogs, cats, horses, small ruminants, llamas, alpacas, and petting zoo animals.

Rabies is a viral disease infecting the brain and central nervous system. The clinical appearance of rabies typically falls into two types: "aggressive" and "dumb."

horse industry just like others. "Obamacare is an issue that the industry must be preparing for on an ongoing basis," said Hickey. "Indeed some should have already taken steps to be ready. We hope that the presentation on Obamacare will help employers in the horse community understand their obligations under the new law."

Vanda McMurtry, an attorney with Davis & Harman in Washington, DC will explain what those in the industry should be doing now and what they should be prepared to do in the future under the new requirements. Mr. McMurtry has worked in the insurance industry and represented insurance companies for many years. He also has Washington experience.

The convention will include the AHC's Congressional Reception, the annual Congressional Ride-In, meetings of all AHC committees, the meeting of the Unwanted Horse Coalition and the AHC's Breed Roundtable, which brings together leaders of the horse industry to discuss common issues of importance.

The annual Congressional Ride-In will take place on Wednesday, June 19. The Ride-In allows members of the horse community to meet with their elected representatives and federal officials to discuss important issues affecting them. All members of the horse community are encouraged to participate, even if they don't attend the AHC convention.

More information on these Forums and the entire AHC annual meeting, including registration and hotel information, can be found on the AHC's website, <http://horsecouncil.org/events.php> or by contacting the AHC.

Aggressive rabies symptoms include combativeness and violent behavior and sensitivity to touch and other kinds of stimulation. There is also a "dumb" form of the disease in which the animal is lethargic, weak in one or more limbs, and unable to raise its head or make sounds because its throat and neck muscles are paralyzed.

Rabies can be passed from animals to humans. Rabies is spread primarily through the bite of rabid animals, resulting in the spread of the disease through their infected saliva. Rabies also can be spread when saliva from an infected animal gets into open wounds, cuts or enters through membranes of the eyes, nose or mouth. No cure exists for rabies once symptoms appear although there is a vaccine to prevent the infection.

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

Examples of unusual behavior include: wild mammals that show no fear of people and pets; nocturnal animals that are active in daylight; and bats found on the ground, in swimming pools or that have been caught by a pet. Rabid carnivores, such as skunks, foxes, bobcats, coyotes, dogs and cats, may become aggressive and may attempt to bite people, pets and livestock.

National Coalition of Equine Organizations and Companies Launch TimeToRide.com

Interactive Website offers horse-related resources, rewards system and sweepstake prizes

(Washington D.C., May 1, 2013) Joining a national initiative to increase awareness of and interest in horse-related activities, The American Horse Council announces today the launch of a new Website and social media platform, TimeToRide.com.

With its design based on in-depth consumer research, the site targets moms who are challenged to not only find family-friendly activities but who are also interested in finding refreshed joy for themselves. The site is a collaborative effort of ten horse organizations coordinated through the American Horse Council in Washington, D.C. "We know American families are strapped for time with the demands of work, school, and day-to-day survival," said Jay Hickey, president of the American Horse Council. "We need to make it easier for families to discover the benefits of horse-related activities." The new site is organized into categories that include lessons and camps, trail riding, rodeos and fairs, and events and shows. It provides links to professional resources and will build a data base of providers through an interactive map to be launched in the near future.

"The horse is a mystery to Americans living in the hustle and bustle of urban and suburban settings," notes Hickey. "We're hoping to show that a horse experience is accessible and certainly worth investigation." The site will deliver general information about horses and different activities, and then make a connection to local and regional opportunities.

To generate participation and enthusiasm, theTimeToRide.com platform includes a rewards system that encourages visitors to join, visit horse-related sites, and share experiences. The rewards include merchandise delivered based points accumulated by visiting equine pages on Facebook or following various Twitter accounts. It will also offer a regular rotation of sweepstakes. The first two sweepstake offers include two tickets to the Preakness Stakes and Belmont horse races. TimeToRide.com is the first Website and social media platform generated through a coalition of horse organizations: the American Association of Equine Practitioners, the American Horse Council, the American Quarter Horse Association, Dover Saddlery, Farnam, Merck, Merial, Purina Animal Nutrition LLC, National Thoroughbred Racing Association, the United States Equestrian Federation and Zoetis.

NOXIOUS WEED ALERT: Myrtle Spurge

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – The Colorado Department of Agriculture works to stop the spread of noxious weeds across the state through a coordinated effort to detect and eradicate new invaders as well as manage well-established species. Currently, there are 74 species of plants in the state that are designated "noxious," meaning they pose a threat to the state's agricultural productivity, wildlife habitat and native plant communities. This month, we feature a noxious weed that can be toxic to people and animals: Myrtle Spurge.

FACT SHEET: www.colorado.gov/ag/myrtlespurge
 LOCATION: Myrtle Spurge is found mostly in Jefferson County and the Denver Metro area with minor populations in El Paso, Larimer and Garfield counties. There are additional small scattered populations throughout the state.
 TREATMENT: The key to effective control of myrtle spurge is to remove plants prior to seed set and to detect and remove new populations in natural areas early on. Small areas can be easily removed by mechanical means but should be done before the plant produces seed, as the plants can propel seeds up to 15 feet away. Hand pulling or digging when

soil is moist works well for smaller populations. Make certain to pull all the roots and wear gloves and eye protection to protect yourself from the toxic milky sap. **WHAT YOU CAN DO:** If you see this plant, please contact your county weed management program or CDA. County weed programs are a tremendous resource for treatment of specific weeds in specific counties. Find your county contact at www.colorado.gov/ag/coweedcontacts. You can also email CDA at Steve.Ryder@state.co.us.

BACKGROUND: Myrtle spurge contains a toxic, milky sap which can cause severe skin irritations, including blistering. This plant is poisonous if ingested; causing nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Wearing gloves, long sleeves, shoes, and eye protection is highly recommended when in contact with myrtle spurge, as all plant parts are considered poisonous. It was a very popular plant in xeriscapes and rock gardens, preferring sunny to partly sunny areas and well drained soils. It was too well-adapted to our soils and climate and has become a significant invasive pest. Myrtle spurge rapidly escapes gardens and invades natural areas, hillsides and other sensitive ecosystems, out competing native vegetation and reducing wildlife forage.

Additional Resources
 Colorado Department of Agriculture
www.colorado.gov/ag/animals and click on "Livestock Health"

Colorado Department of Public Health &

Environment
www.colorado.gov/cdphe/rabies

US Department of Agriculture
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage/oral_rabies/

2013 Iowa Horse Fair

The 2013 Iowa Horse Fair was a big success with attendees finding it hard to see and do everything that was showcased. Our featured clinician, Richard Winters, and his daughter, Sara Winters, presented very informative sessions on various areas of horsemanship.

A new and very interesting demo was the mounted archery presented by Susan Love. The Cowboy Mounted Shooters Competition took a break while she demonstrated her archery skills from horseback.

Other competitions were well received including the Iowa Horse Fair Colt Starting Challenge, the Iowa Horse Fair Cowgirl Queen Contest and the Stick Horse Class. One of the happiest attendees to the 2013 Iowa Horse Fair was the winner of the Eclipse Aluminum Bumper Pull Horse Trailer. Check out our great sponsors and see some photos from the 2013 IHF on the IHC website www.iowahorsecouncil.org or check out the Iowa Horse Fair on Facebook and plan to attend this fun event in 2014.



SENIORS
 Senior Cowgirl Queen: Jessica Ackerson – Iowa Arabian Horse Assoc. Sr Queen
 1st Attendant: Claire McClintock – Davis County Saddle Club Sr Queen
 2nd Attendant: Kate DeHaan – 2013 Lucas County Pony Express Sr Queen
 3rd Attendant: Hunter McCullough – Marshall County Pony Express Sr Queen
 Senior Test Winners: 1st Katelyn DeHaan – 2013 Lucas County Pony Express Sr Queen

2nd McKenna von Rentzell – Penn Prize Winners Sr Queen
 3rd Hunter McCullough – Marshall County Pony Express Sr Queen
 4th Jessica Ackerson – Iowa Arabian Horse Assoc. Sr Queen
 5th Melissa Austin – Murray Saddle Club

JUNIORS
 Junior Cowgirl Queen: Isabella Templeton – Nymeyers Saddlery
 1st Attendant: Emma Pullen – Union County Junior Cowgirl Queen
 2nd Attendant: Abby McCormick – 2012 Lucas County Jr Q

Photos from top to bottom: Congrats to the winner of the Colt Starting Challenge: 1st place is Logan Allen, Crescent Iowa. 2nd place is Chris French, Rafter CF Training Mule Co., Bedford IA

2013 IHF 155.jpg - Stick Horse Class winners

Junior Cowgirl Queen and Court of the 2013 Iowa Horse Fair.

3rd Attendant: Whitney Vesey – Warren County Quarter Horse Junior Test Winners: 1st – Anna Horn – Miss Leon Rodeo Princess 2012
 2nd – Jessica Hanrahan – Winterset FFA Junior Queen
 3rd – Breanna Knight – Heartland Buckskin Assoc Jr Queen
 4th – Isabella Templeton – Nymeyers Saddlery
 5th – Shea Jensen – Fremont 4-Hers



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NDHP Opens for Live Racing!

Editor's Note: With live racing coming to the North Dakota Horse Park in July, The Valley Equestrian Newspaper asked NDHP Executive Director, Chris McConnell a few questions about how the racing will be conducted this season. Next month, we will interview horsemen and jockeys who will be racing at the NDHP July 19-21.

CM: Horse Race North Dakota (HRND) is the charity that runs the live horse races in Fargo. Each year we submit a request for a number of races days. The Racing Commission will give the approval for the number of days. The commission allowed HRND to conduct up to nine race days in 2013.

To conduct racing, funding comes from various sources, mainly through the North Dakota Racing Commission, the States Purse and Promotion Funds and HRND's small charitable gaming operations and charitable donations.

This year the race track in Belcourt, ND received \$142,000 from the purse fund, Fargo did not receive any funds until early May when it received \$80,000 from the purse fund.

Belcourt was awarded \$80,000 from the promotional fund and HRND received \$61,684. In early May the Racing Commission awarded an additional \$18k plus funds.

Based on the costs involved and the total amount of money received from the

State and from HRND directly, we can only run three-days, hence the Friday evening and Saturday / Sunday day races this year.

VEN: What is the handle?
 CM: Last year, the four day total handle was around \$225,000 gross of which HRND gets approximately 20 percent. The 20 percent HRND received, goes directly back into the cost of race operations. The remaining 80 percent is returned to the public in payouts on their winning tickets.

VEN: What type of races?
 CM: Again, as with last year, HRND will have mix of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse races. These will be held from distances around 350 yards for the extra fast Quarter Horses, to distances up to one mile for the Thoroughbreds.

Almost all of these horses come from breeders, owners and trainers from North Dakota and some will come from Minnesota, South Dakota and other nearby states.

VEN: How many races each day?
 CM: This year we will have eight races on Friday and ten races on Saturday and Sunday. As we receive sponsorship dollars and donations from companies, we may add additional races and add additional funds in the form of bigger purses for the horsemen.

VEN: Any other attractions for race-goers?
 CM: Besides the great horse racing, HRND will have handicapping and "How to Bet" seminars each day before the races. Hot Dog and Beers Specials for the early race goers each day. Cotton Candy, Kettle Korn and Sno-Cones will be available this year.

On Saturday we are asking all the ladies in attendance to wear hats ala the Kentucky Derby and will select "The Best Hat in Fargo" with the winner receiving a great prize.

On Sunday, we will reprise our Mascot Races and hope to showcase several different horse breeds on track, where these groups can explain their activities regarding each breed between races. These equine groups are a part of HRND mission to promote horse racing and other equine activities throughout North Dakota.

We are in the process of adding other track promotions for Friday evening and others for Saturday and Sunday.

U of M Extension launches websites for forage shortage, late planting issues

ST. PAUL, Minn. (5/13/2013) — University of Minnesota Extension has educational resources available for those with questions related to a continuing forage shortage and late planting issues.

Reports of winter injury and winterkill of alfalfa continue to intensify across parts of southern Minnesota, contributing to the existing shortage caused by two years of drought. Producers are examining options in light of their field assessment and inventory; many of these producers face purchasing hay or growing some type of emergency crop to feed livestock.

Visit Extension's "Alfalfa Weather Damage and Emergency Forages" website at www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/crops/spring-issues.

Minnesota farmers were delayed getting into their fields, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, after a late season snow storm brought moisture to areas that were already damp and cold. Warmer, drier weather in much of the state last week has likely improved planting progress, but challenges still exist in some areas.

Visit Extension's "Late Planting" website at www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/crops/late-planting.

Also available is Extension's toll free-phone and email Farm Information Line (1-800-232-9077 or fil@umn.edu). Extension's Farm Information Line is a resource for questions about water, crops, horticulture and climatology issues. Calls and emails are handled within one business day.

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Upcoming Events

June 1-2 NEW! Eastern Iowa Carriage Classic: Catalpa Corners, Iowa City, IA. Laurie Renda, C: 319-360-1078, laurie@touchofglassinc.com

June 8-9: Wild Rice River Shootout, Twin Valley Riders Arena, Twin Valley, MN; contact www.wildricepeacemakers.com, gmlund@arvig.net or 218-584-8685.

June 15 Continuous Drive: Elk River, MN - Steve Wood
June 15: Columbus Horse and Carriage Festival, Columbus, Wisc., John at 608.835.7473

June 29-30 CLUB DRIVE at Marci Ukura and Bob Matthews in Goodhue, MN 30 miles north of Rochester 507-824-3333 or rmu1@frontiernet.net (RSVP by 06/26) Various driving trails, obstacle course, dressage ring, restored prairie acreage, elec. hook-ups.

July 27-28: Lynn Hanson Memorial Shoot, Marshall County Fairgrounds, Warren, MN, contact www.wildricepeacemakers.com, gmlund@arvig.net or 218-584-8685.

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.

June 8: Opening Day at Chippewa Downs in Belcourt, ND. Racing through July 7.

June 10-13: Pinto World Show at Expo Square in Tulsa, OK.

June 19: Wild West Jamboree Wagon Rides - West Fargo, ND

June 29: Showdown at the Gateway Corral, Grand Forks Fairgrounds, Grand Forks, ND, contact www.wildricepeacemakers.com, gmlund@arvig.net or 218-584-8685.

Jul 27-29 Midwest Norwegian Fjord Horse Show: Iowa Equestrian Center, Cedar Rapids www.iowaequestrian.com

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

June 8: Prairie Home Carriage Festival - Shakopee, MN. Come and join us as the Minnesota Whips and Wheels Carriage and Driving Society celebrates our 5th annual Carriage Festival at our new location at The Landing in Shakopee, MN, a living history museum with an 1800's village with farm buildings and fur post. please contact: Heidi Block at 612-875-1004. Or visit: WWW.MNWHIP-SANDWHEELS.COM.

July 12-14: July Jam Show at Red Horse Ranch Arena in Fergus Falls, Minn.

June 20 -23 Horsemanship Clinic with Leslie Desmond at The Equestrian Cooperative, Ashland WI. www.TheEquestrian-Coop.com David Onan P: 612.226.1198

July 3-4: Ft. Ransom, ND Arena Rodeo at 7 p.m. July 3 and 2 p.m. July 4 at the Ft. Ransom Horse Arena

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

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

June 12-15: Grant County, MN Wagon Train, Horses and wagons, buggies, horseback, camping. Contact Renae Odens 320-304-0264.

June 22-23 Skunk River Driving Trial: Three G Farms Equine Center, Ames, IA. www.bitsiowa.org. Katy Rhinehart 641-478-3285, gkm104@heartofiowa.net.

July 13-14: Sodbuster Days in Ft. Ransom, N.D. 701.973.4331

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

June 14-16 Columbus Horse and Carriage Festival: Fireman's Park, Columbus, WI. www.columbuscarriagefestival.org. P: 608-835-7473, C: 608-212-0804, F: 608-835-2156

June 22-23: Masterson Method Equine Performance Bodywork Clinic at Spirit Horse Center in Brainerd, Minn. <http://www.spirithorsecenterinc.com/>

July 12-14: July Jam Pinto Show at the Red Horse Ranch in Fergus Falls, Minn.

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

Sept 6-8 VILLA LOUIS CARriage CLASSIC: Villa Louis Historic Site, Prairie du Chien, WI. www.carriage-classic.com; Mike Rider, W: 608-326-4436, info@carriageclassic.com.

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June 22: Jackie Jatzlau Barrel Racing Clinic at 9 a.m. at Houck Horse Company in North Branch, Minn. www.houckhorsecompany.com

July 19-21: Live horse racing at the ND Horse Park in Fargo, ND. www.HRND.com

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