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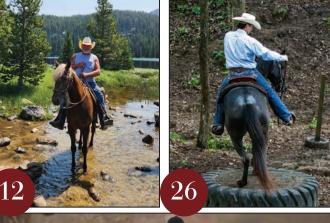
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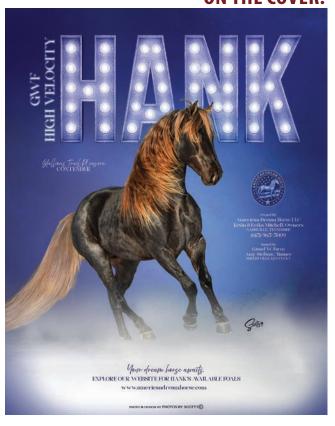
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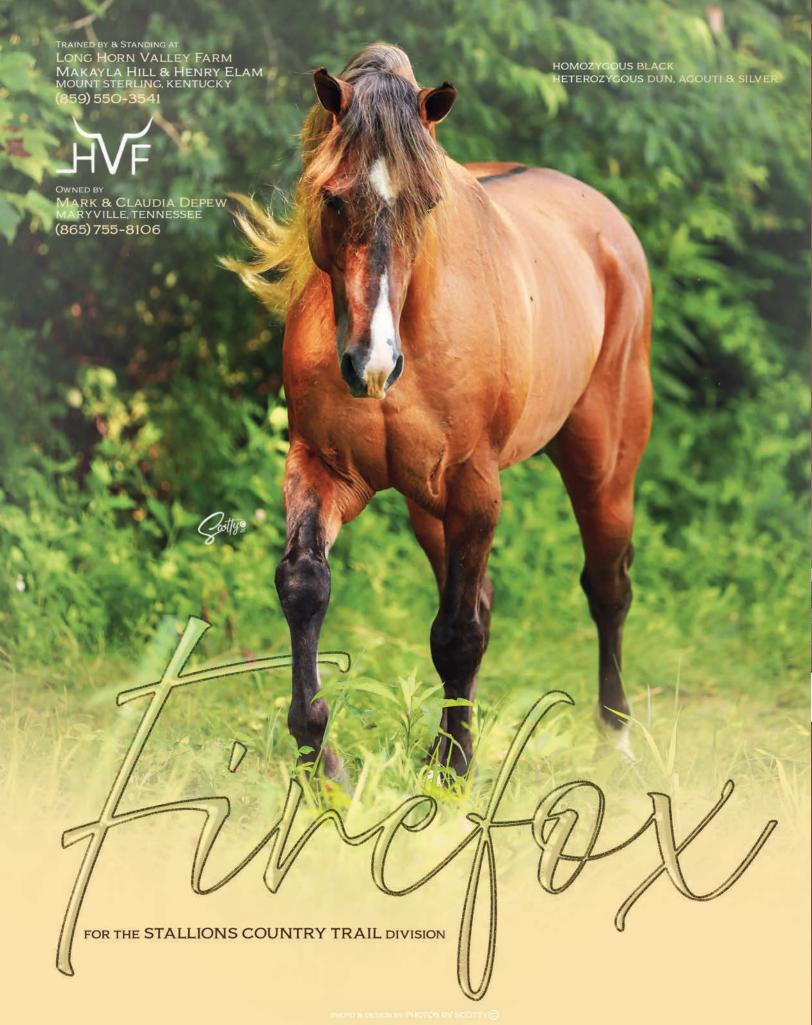




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programs of the RMHA. The Youth Committee had a great show in April and has done a wonderful job fund raising for youth so far this year. The Marketing Committee and the Trail Committee continue to actively engage members through social media promoting the Rocky Horse and are always looking for promotion worthy information. The Publications Committee released a very successful Winter-Spring edition of the RMHA Magazine. Members are engaged and the fall Premier auction was raised a record \$5,700. Members have given positive feedback on the improved design and article quality. The International Committee are actively engaged in planning for the Grand Championships in

We hope you will join us September 3rd – 6th at the iconic Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky for our International Grand Championships where there is so much to do and enjoy!

Vori Welson RMHA Office Manager

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT **OFFICERS** Dear RMHA Members, It has been a busy time at the RMHA office. Please President: Jan Dunn welcome our new staff members! Summer is in full swing, and with it comes all the jdunn2005@comcast.net Cayla Barreiro has assumed the Coordinator activities we cherish most—trail rides beneath position. Cayla's responsibilities include: blue skies, exciting horse shows, unforgettable Vice President: John Stivers · All programs-show, trail, versatility, and youth. john@unlimitedmarine.com camping trips, hands-on clinics and expos, and · Judges/Examiners info and clinics. many competitive events that showcase the Secretary: Janet Peters amazing versatility of our beloved Rocky Mountain Ann's responsibilities include: jpslabs@gmail.com · Registry matters Membership One of the highlights of the season is, of course, Treasurer: Laura Tuttle our RMHA International Show—a celebration of lmkearne@gmail.com Even with new staff, we are up to date on the talent, versatility, and heart of the Rocky. It's processing registry paperwork! A few helpful **HEARING PANEL** a time when our community comes together in reminders regarding processing registrations and admiration of these extraordinary horses and the certifications: **Chastity Adkins** people who love them. Whether you're showing, · It can take 4-6 weeks for registrations to process chastitya73@gmail.com volunteering, spectating, or just soaking up the atmosphere, there's nothing quite like it. Jennifer Flannery-Hall medicinemarketrx@yahoo.com So far, 2025 has been a busy and productive year for the RMHA Board and our many hardworking committees. I'm incredibly grateful for their LaTasha Johnson into the database and printed. commitment and tireless efforts to support and rossphotography@rocketmail.com · Live certifications can take a couple days to protect this breed while ensuring the future of our Association. As the saying goes—it truly takes a **DIRECTOR OF EXAMINERS** Tara Stone · Transfers are typically processed within one to two Rollingstonestables@yahoo.com Looking ahead, I'm excited to welcome a new team of Board members who bring fresh Marianne Jolley energy and passion to our shared mission. Their contributions, along with the continued mjolley737@gmail.com dedication of our many, many volunteers, will help Fran Odom move us forward in exciting ways. fran@mountainhorses.com Volunteers are the backbone of RMHA. Their **MEMBERS AT LARGE** time, talent, and heart make everything we The committees are working to support the do possible—from overseeing programs to maintaining our breed standards. Thank you Cvndee Davis rockymtisc2015@gmail.com to each and every one of you for loving and supporting the Rocky Mountain Horse. You are helping to preserve a legacy and ensure a vibrant Kathy House future for generations to come. klh911@gmail.com Let's also remember to share our experiences— Chrissy Knight online, in local clubs, and especially with new xalifenotyoursx@gmail.com riders who may be discovering the Rocky Mountain Horse for the first time. Each story and Tiffany Leary luckyhorselady3@gmail.com photo helps build the strong, community that defines RMHA. Travis Robinson tride999@aol.com Wishing you safe travels, joyful rides, and a summer full of discovery and delight with your September. Derick Tipton Rockies. dericktipton@gmail.com With appreciation, Jan Dunn RMHA President



2025 RMHA ELECTION RESULTS

THANK YOU TO ALL CANDIDATES

who ran for office and to all members who cast their votes in the 2025 RMHA election!

We are pleased to announce the following new board members whose term will commence in September 2025

SECRETARY- Tiffany Leary
TREASURER-Laura Tuttle
DIRECTOR OF EXAMINERS-Darin Woods
HEARING PANEL- Mark Smith
MEMBERS AT LARGE- Marcia Coy, Makayla Hill,
Barbara Rector, and Sheryl Youens

We thank the following board members whose terms are ending for their service: Janet Peters, Chastity Atkins,
Kathy House, Chrissy Knight and Marianne Jolley.

CORRECTION NOTICE

Omission of the following champion achievements from our Winter-Spring 2025 issue:

CONGRATULATIONS TO ASHLEY HARRISON AND MAKAYLA HILL!

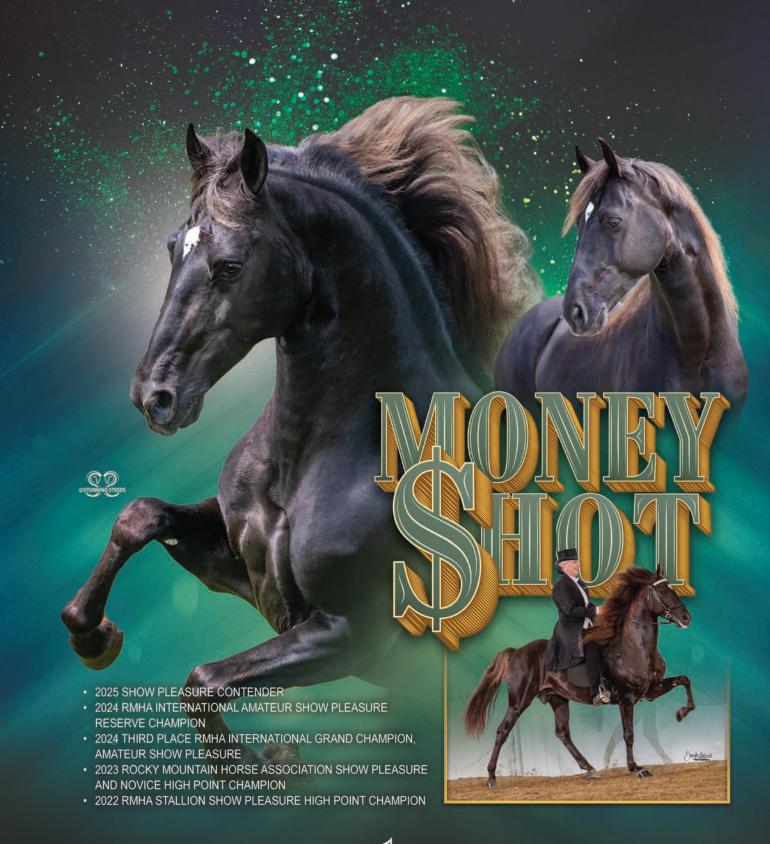




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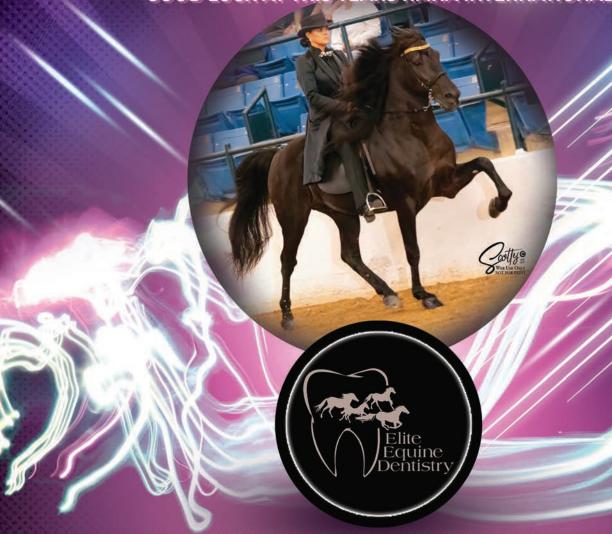
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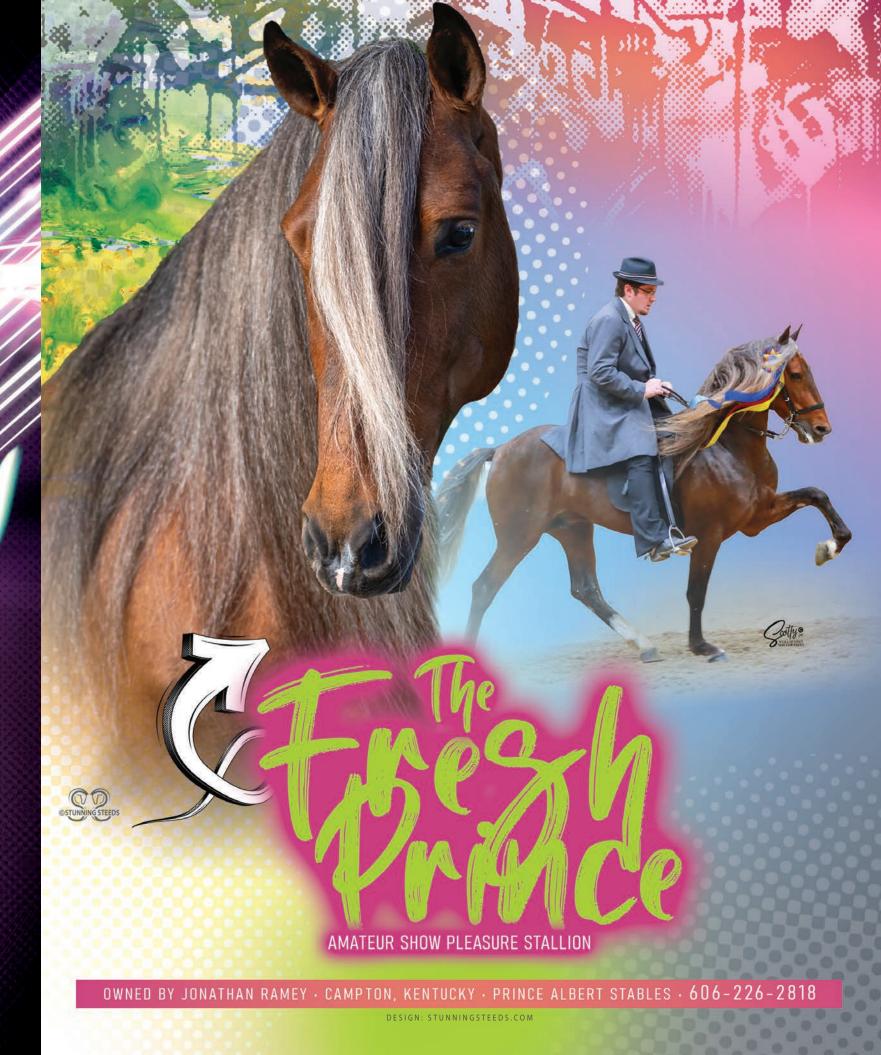
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Tina and Kenny Cantrell, owners of Barn Rock Farm in Flat Gap, Kentucky, have spent years enjoying trail riding and horse camping. They met in elementary school, reconnected in 1988, and married in 2005. On their 400-acre farm, they raise a herd of 25-30 Rocky Mountain Horses, specializing in trail horses. Anyone lucky enough to get one of their personal horses, will have a well-trained trail horse!

They have traveled to dramatic locations such as Bryce Canyon, The Grand Canyon, Jackson Hole and more. One of their favorite places is the Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming. This area stretches from the plains and Great Basin region of Wyoming northward into south-central Montana. It offers various recreational activities, including hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, mountain biking, picnicking, sightseeing, photography, snowmobiling, skiing and sledding. They also have a rodeo!

Trail riders can expect to encounter a unique and diverse landscape. You will enjoy grass prairies, evergreen forests, mountain meadows, rugged alpine peaks, dramatic canyons, arid desert lands, and cascading waterfalls - all within a day's ride. There are also trails that run alongside the beautiful Lake Solitude.



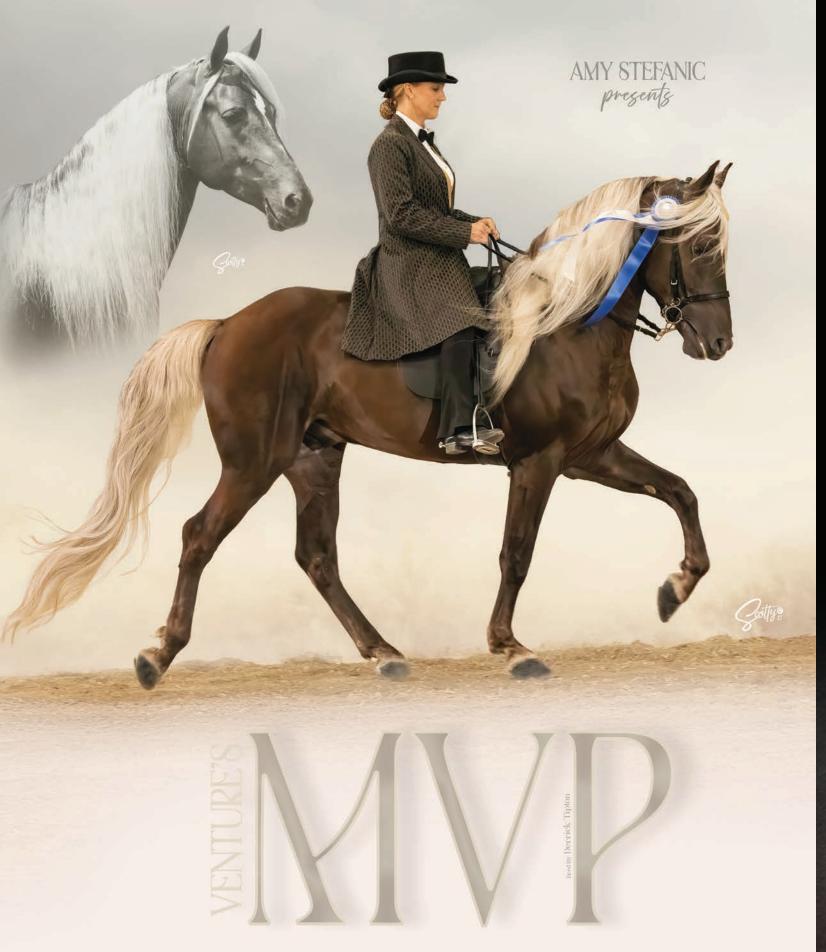


Tina loves that even in the heat of summer, the mountains are comfortable temperatures. However, weather conditions in the mountains can change quickly and riders need to be equipped with the appropriate gear. Kenny, especially, does not like thunderstorms and has been known to make a run for camp!

Tina and Kenny stay at the Ten Sleep RV Park. It is not only a spot to park your trailer, but it is also a place where they have befriended the owners, Shawn and Sherry Seymour. Tina shared, "They are good people and are very helpful to make your experience a good one." Trail riding is a wonderful way to make new friends and create memories with existing friends.

Ten Sleep RV Park (www.tensleeprvpark.com) is located on Highway 16 in the west foothills of the Big Horn Mountains just outside of Ten Sleep, Wyoming. They feature horse facilities, and the RV park has fifty-two full-service pull-through sites, electric hook ups with mature shade trees. There are cabins for two or six, four bunkhouses and a shaded tent site. Hot showers are available at two different bath/shower houses. Other amenities include a 24-hour laundry, dump station, propane, free WIFI and pure artesian water. One of the best features of the park is that it is walking distance to town with restaurants, a post office, shopping and more.

Tina and Kenny's next adventure will include Bryce Canyon, Jackson Hole and another visit to the Big Horn Mountains. It will be another wonderful experience with Rocky Mountain Horses on the beautiful trails out west.



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BY NICOLE PURVIANCE

Horse camping season is well underway for the Pacific Crest Rocky Mountain Horse Club. The camping equipment first came out in April for our Club's event at an equine obstacle training ranch. Members and guests worked to desensitize their horses to a variety of man-made and natural obstacles while building trust and confidence and improving their horsemanship skills. Prior to breaking camp, they competed in a for-fun competition and joyously celebrated the winners' achievements in bringing home blue, red and yellow rosette ribbons.

A few weeks later, we explored the trails of the Sacramento River Bend Recreation Area in Northern California. Our senses were heightened by the expansive views of snow-covered Mt. Shasta and Lassen Peak, lullabies of the Meadowlark, and the pleasantly surprising scent of mint discovered along the trail. Some members also reported spotting coyotes, a bald eagle, and deer while on their escapades. Morning and afternoon trail rides culminated with group activities, including a savory nacho bar, delicious dessert night, and brain-puzzling trivia night that awarded a huge bag of carrots to the winning team.

Off the trail, we co-hosted an educational lecture about bees that featured an equine veterinarian and an ER nurse. Attendees learned what to do if they encounter bees along the trail and how to treat bee stings. One takeaway everyone heard loud and clear was to yell "Bees" and get out of dodge fast!

Earlier in the year, we hosted several day rides, including a New Year's Day trail ride, a "Meet Your New Club President" trail ride, and a St. Patrick's Day dress-up trail ride.

Our Club is a proud supporter of both the Trail Mileage program and Versatility program and encourages all RMHA members to participate in these fun and rewarding programs.

If you live in Northern California and surrounding areas, we invite you to join our Club. Visit our website https://pacificcrestrockies.com, email us at PacificCrestRMHC@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page Pacific Crest Rocky Mountain Horse Club 2. 🛬

TRANSATLANTIC RMH CLUB

BY SHERYL YOUENS

The TRMH Club recently finished a series of zoom video talks for our members. The talks were given by RMHA Committee members and were a great success. The video footage is available for members who missed the live talks to view. We aim to hold more in future so if members have a topic they would like to hear, please let us know.

Our online Club Trail Mileage Challenge and Photo competitions are fun for members, and they connect RMH owners from all over the UK and mainland Europe. It's lovely to see photos shared of the diverse terrains we ride in. Members can join by finding the **Transatlantic Rocky** Mountain Horse Club Facebook page or by emailing the Club at trmhclub@gmail.com.

The Club is excited to be developing

awareness, and promoting RMH

ownership and breeding in Europe.

and launching a website aimed at breed

and clinics in the UK and the Netherlands and some of our members are looking forward to attending a clinic in Linde, Netherlands, in August.

European member, Leonie de Jong runs regular training

The Club has organized a Mountain Horse Showcase in Cambridgeshire in the UK for July of this year, and are very grateful to Florida-based Chris and Tara Stone, and Virginia-based Marianne and Joe Jolley for giving us their time and sharing their expertise. We are very much looking forward to hosting and learning from them, with RMH from many parts of the UK attending. This event will be a great social gathering with under-saddle and in-hand training, club-provided trail obstacles and obstacle training, plus a show and futurity. In addition, it gives a rare opportunity for owners to gain certification for their horses from in-person examiners without the challenge of video submission.

We would love to be able to support members in every part of Europe who are organizing and running their own events, in any way possible, so if this is you let us know by email to trmhclub@gmail.com or through the Club FB group.

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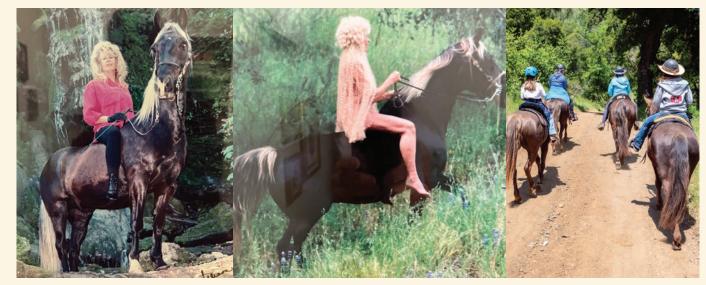


At eighty-three years old, Gloria Northcote decided she was done riding her Rocky Mountain horses bareback. She wasn't done riding; she was just done riding bareback. Gloria switched to a bareback saddle, which gave her more support, and then this year, at eighty-eight years old, she switched to a Sage Equine Union Saddle. She thinks the extra support will give her another year of riding, but those who know Gloria believe she'll ride much longer.

Even if Gloria stops riding this year, her influence on the Rocky Mountain world will last much longer. For years, she's hosted Rocky Week at her house, provided a steady stream of horses from Kentucky, built miles of trails, and encouraged riders of all ages and abilities. Yet, many might be surprised to learn Gloria only started riding in her mid-fifties, and as a strategy to reunite with a sister she hadn't talked to for seven years.

Gloria knew her sister loved horses, so she figured a horseback ride would be a good, neutral way for them to connect. Of course, there was the small matter of not knowing how to ride, but like many problems in her life, Gloria didn't let that get in her way. She jumped on the horse, mended fences with her sister, and began a lifelong love of riding.

Originally, Gloria owned a mustang, but she and her husband, Barney, fell in love with a picture of a Rocky Mountain stallion. After a trip to Kentucky and the expert help of Rea and David Swan, they returned to California with four Rockies. The horses' smooth gait, calm nature, and deep bonding with humans convinced them that Rockies were the best breed for trail riding. The next year, they brought more horses home from Kentucky for their neighbors and their influence only grew from there.



Now, most people who own Rockies in the country's west can trace their horse or interest back to some connection with Gloria. She still hosts large groups at her gorgeous house and heads up "Gloria's Posse", a once-a-week ride for those who want a slower pace. She has mentored many of the next leaders in the Rocky world, including her neighbor and friend Mindy Smith, one of the breed's top sellers and part-owner of Sage Equine.

Earlier this year, Mindy fitted Gloria in a Union Saddle. Even though Gloria is still spry at 88, she was looking for a saddle with the feel of bareback, but the support and security wanted by a rider of any age. At 14 pounds total, the saddle is easy for anyone to maneuver, and its newly engineered design takes less physical strength to cinch. "This is a nice saddle and I'm picky," Gloria said recently, "I'm not used to saddles."

Gloria Northcote is truly a Grande Dame of the Rocky Mountain world, and we thank her for her decades-long service to helping horses and riders. 🛬



RMHA BREED AMBASSADORS

BY PAIGE RAMEY

The Rocky Mountain breed made a splash at two of the largest horse expos in the United States: The Midwest Horse Fair in Madison, Wisconsin and The Equine Affaire in Columbus, Ohio. Congratulations and thank you to our RMHA exhibitors!

Equine Affaire: Wendy Montgomery

Wendy Montgomery and SF Distinguished Gentleman, fondly known as Rocky, made a memorable appearance for the eighth time at the 2025 Equine Affaire where they took part in the Versatile Horse and Rider competition. Selected from a challenging application process that accepts only 25 participants, Rocky and Wendy, earned their place alongside top professional trainers from across the nation. In this high-pressure, one-shot event, each obstacle must be completed in 30 seconds and the entire course within a strict time limit, exhibitors face disqualification if they time out. Rocky rose to the occasion with heart and grit. Once considered the underdog in this multi-breed venue, Rocky has transformed into a fan favorite, drawing cheers from the crowd that only fuel his performance. "He loves it when they cheer," Wendy shared, reflecting on the electrifying energy of the arena and how they rise together as a team in this environment. Though this



year may mark Rocky's final run in the fast-paced challenge at age 20, his legacy as a crowd-pleasing competitor who is the embodiment of partnership and perseverance continues to make him the epitome of a Rocky Mountain Horse breed ambassador.

Equine Affaire: Jennifer Flannery Hall

Jennifer Flannery-Hall and her Rocky Mountain Horse, Motion's Legacy, made an incredible debut at the 2025 Equine Affaire's Breed Bonanza, earning an impressive 3rd place finish in a highly competitive, multi-breed class. They were the only gaited horse team represented in the adult and juvenile divisions. Jennifer and Legacy held their own against in a class that featured rapid gait changes and exciting arena dynamics. Entering the ring during the trail walk, Legacy settled immediately at Jennifer's cue, setting the tone for a controlled, confident ride. With precise transitions between gaits, Jennifer was proud to be able to showcase Legacy's versatility with the large crowd in attendance. Their show gait held pace with trot/jog horses, while their pleasure gait matched the fluidity of cantering/loping competitors, highlighting the strength of the Rocky Mountain breed. Jennifer credited Makayla Hill for prepping Legacy to "International-ready" form and celebrated the camaraderie and support from the gaited horse community. Encouraging more Rockies to enter in 2026, she issued a friendly challenge to get at least six adult entries next year. "Was I nervous? YOU BET! Would I do it again? OF COURSE."



Midwest Horse Fair: Taryn O'Brien Duff

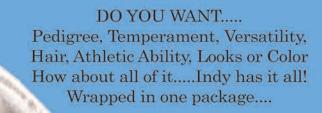
This year marked the fourth consecutive appearance of RHF Rebellion, who is affectionately called lan, at the Midwest Horse Fair. Once again, he embodied everything that makes the Rocky Mountain Horse so remarkable! From the moment he stepped into the barn, lan captured hearts with his quiet confidence and endearing, puppy-dog personality. Though he took a break from the grand march and breed demonstration this year, lan still made a lasting impression—gliding through the coliseum and across the grounds with the unmistakable sound of a 4-beat gait that turned heads and drew crowds. Whether winning over fans in the aisleway or shamelessly begging for lemonade and scratches, lan proved that breed ambassadorship comes naturally to the Rocky Mountain Horse. His calm presence served as a powerful reminder of the breed's hallmark traits: willing, gentle, and always ready to please. For those who stopped to watch—and there were many—lan offered more than just a glimpse of Rocky magic; he created moments that

lingered long after the event ended!

Midwest Horse Fair: Dave Ewert

Dave Ewert had an outstanding performance in the Liberty competition at the 2025 Midwest Horse Fair. Competing with his stunning Rocky Mountain mare "Sundae," he not only embraced the challenges of the Invitational Freestyle competition held in April but also earned top placement! In addition to this major victory, Dave also celebrated a 3rd place finish in the Liberty discipline, a testament to his skill, dedication and harmonious partnership with Sundae. His captivating performance drew a full arena and widespread admiration from spectators by showcasing both flair and precision in the increasingly popular discipline of Liberty Horsemanship. Dave and Sundae are an elite example of what all the Rocky Mountain Horses can do.





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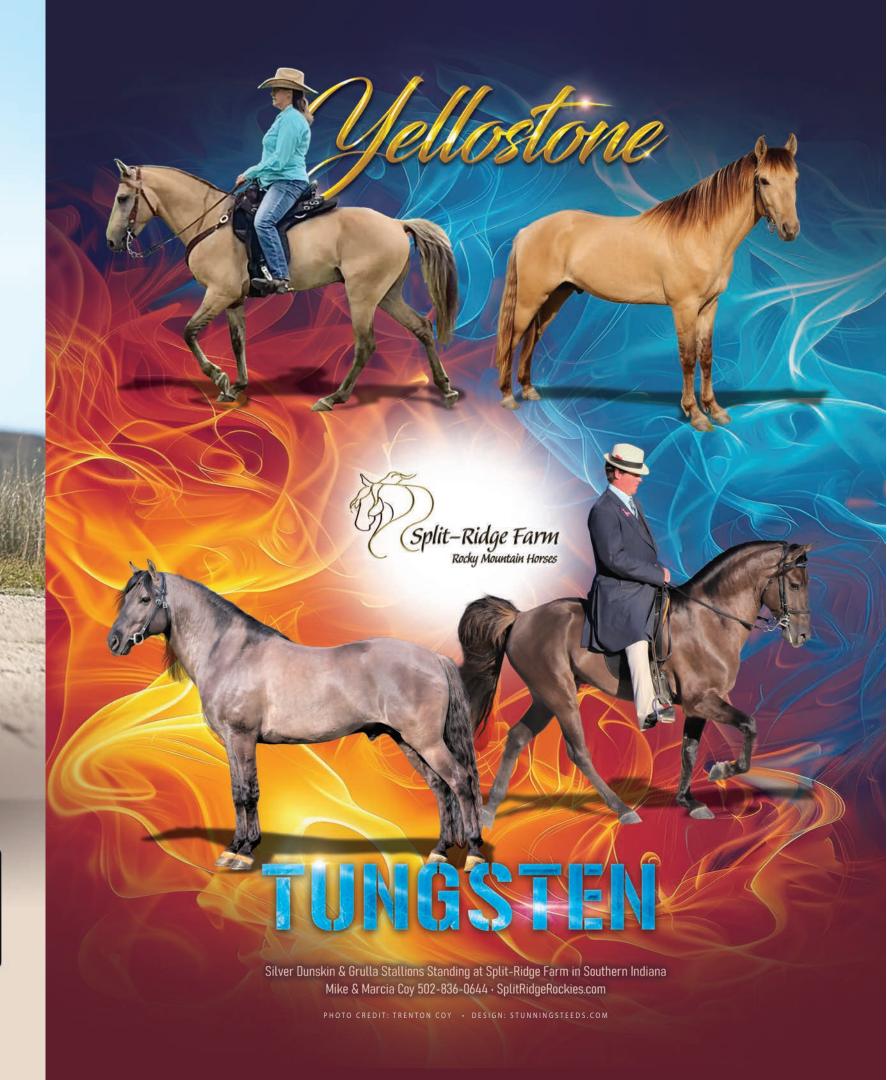






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EXTREME COWBOY

BY BARBARA RECTOR

Nineteen-year-old Chase LaMontagne from Shannon, Mississippi is making a splash in the sport of Extreme Cowboy Racing with his five-year-old Rocky, Indigo (RMHA reg. Royal Blue Chrome). In less than two years, they have become quite the competitive team! Most recently, Chase and Indigo won first place in the Novice Class at the Alabama State Championship and Reserve Novice Champion at EXCA Nationals. This year their goal is to rank in the top sixty percent globally, to qualify for the World Championships in October 2025.

Extreme Cowboy Racing consists of horse and rider navigating through obstacles at speed which include water crossings, moguls, side-passing, bridges, back-ups, jumps and roping. Horsemanship with speed provides an exciting event for both competitors and spectators. Although this is a timed event, speed only determines the winner in the event of a tie. Competitors primarily accumulate points for how well they move through each obstacle. In addition, they receive an overall horsemanship score, and bonus points based on speed and accuracy.

Chase is competing in the Southern Obstacle Challenge Association (SOCA) circuit www.southernobstaclechallenges.com. SOCA is a non-profit organization that organizes obstacle challenges and sanctioned Craig Cameron Extreme Cowboy Race events throughout the Southeast. There are divisions for all levels of horses and riders with payback and prizes awarded.

Chase's love of riding came at an early age due to the mentorship of his grandmother, Jan Boone Avery. In fact, Jan purchased a large 21-inch saddle when Chase was just six months old, big enough so she could put Chase in front of her in the saddle. While riding countless hours on the trail, she taught him important lessons about riding and how to treat a horse.



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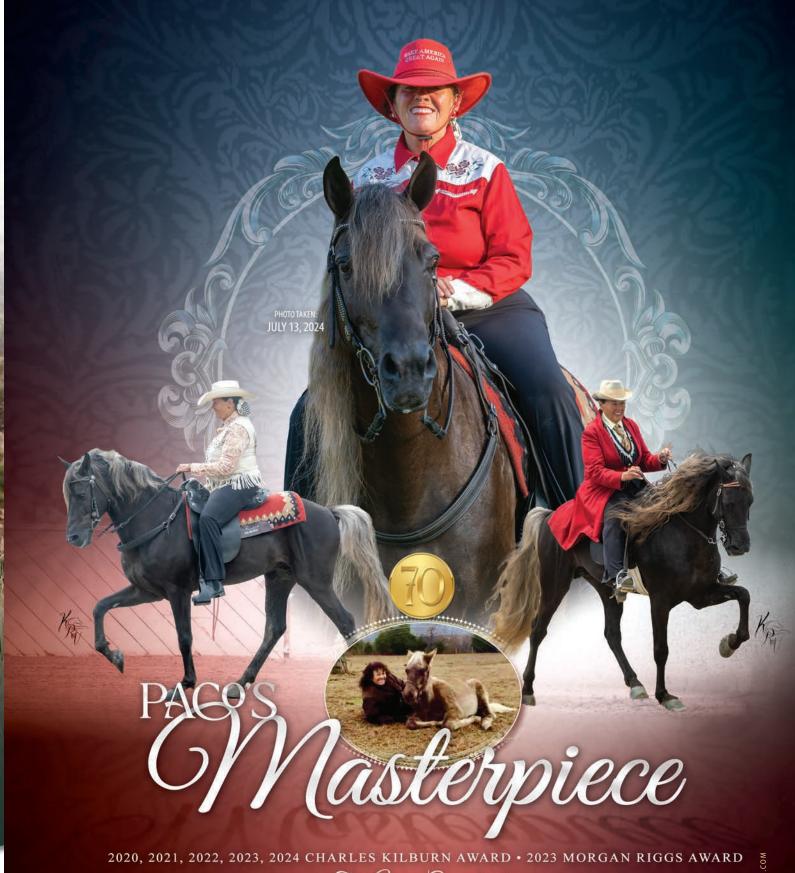


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TO PROMOTE BREED DIVERSITY

BY MARIE BRITTENDEN

Diversifying bloodlines across boundaries of states and indeed countries can only lie with the use of frozen semen. Without frozen semen, breeding opportunities are severely limited by factors involving time, availability, and cost. In this article I hope to encourage others to jump on this increasingly popular bandwagon.

The Cornmill Stud has been at he forefront of frozen semen distribution throughout the UK and Europe, all of which has come at significant financial cost, but with a view to future proofing European breeding programmes across multiple stud farms. We currently stand four registered and certified Rocky Mountain Horses at stud from our various bases at Stallion AI in the UK, Equitechnic in France, and Hunseberg in

The process which one must follow in order to health test, collect, screen, transport and ultimately deliver to the end user is, whilst a little onerous and certainly not as simple as a live cover, does have certain advantages.

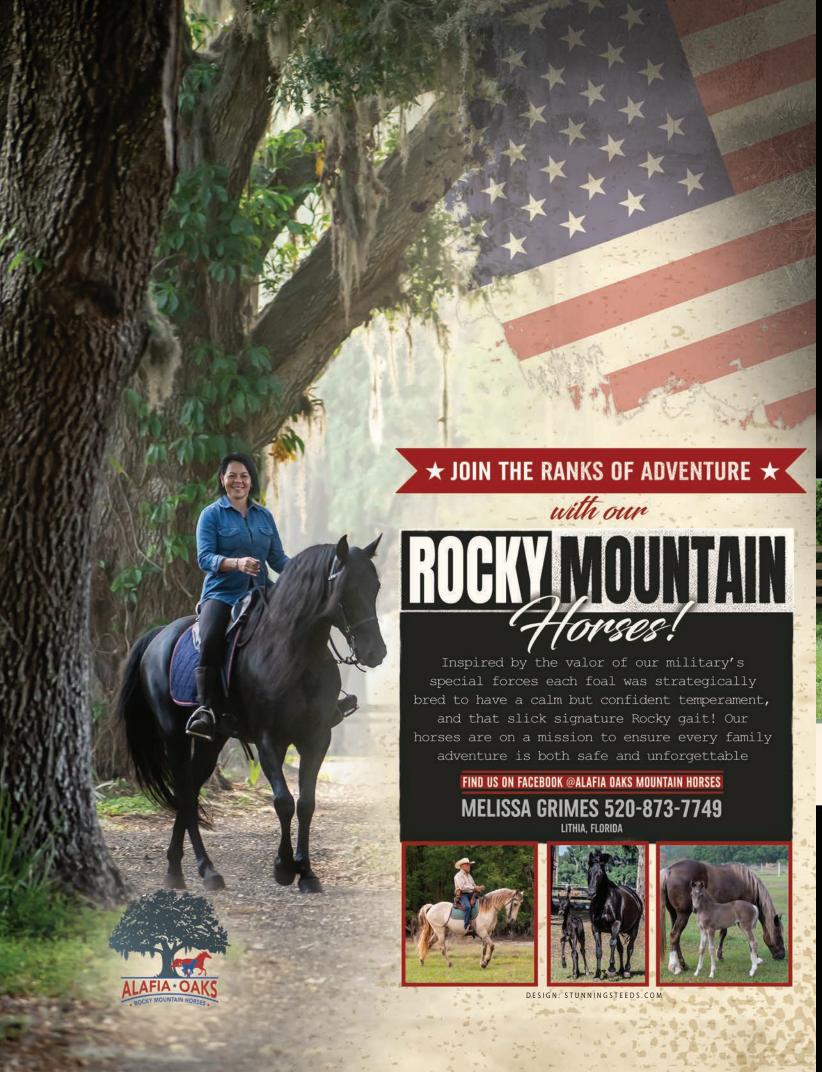
Semen can be stored virtually indefinitely, and certainly beyond the average lifetime of a horse. It also comes at no risk to the stallion, as inseminated mares cannot kick valuable studs. Finally, with some consideration towards your chosen market (national, international, intercontinental), you can open doors which would not otherwise be available to a stallion only standing on a live cover basis.

Prior to freezing, the stallion owner will elect whether they wish to export the semen, and if so, which countries they wish to export to. This will dictate what additional tests/ quarantine must be carried out on the stallion prior to the freezing process taking place.

In our view, breeders in the USA and Canada, as well as Europe and the UK, are far too reliant on just using the nearest and most convenient stallion. It is understandable when one considers that the rate of success is less to do with the quality of the semen (although this is a factor of course) but more to do with the experience – or lack of – on the part of the vet. Specialist reproductive vets have excellent success rates with even relatively low quality semen. In our breed, a healthy and sound breed, and judging from the excellent semen quality that we have ourselves collected from our boys, it seems to me that the majority of stallions will have good results if the veterinary expertise is also there.

We at the Cornmill Stud very much hope that more breeders will be encouraged to collect, distribute and also use frozen semen. Whilst the costs are obviously significantly more than natural covering, the resulting increased diversity and use of perhaps more appropriate bloodlines for a particular mare will ultimately prove a wise investment both for the breeder and in turn, for the breed as a whole.













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BY: KIM HELTON AND BARBARA RECTOR

The Bluegrass Horseshoeing School (BHS) is located in Prestonsburg, Kentucky in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains. The school was founded by Certified Journeyman Farrier (CJF), Dan Helton, and his wife, Kim Helton. The BHS is filling a desperate need for qualified farriers.

Kim and Dan met through Kim's passion for horses and Dan's passion as a farrier educator. Dan came to Kim's farm in Royse City, Texas while mentoring her farrier. Cupid arrived that day and the rest they say is history. They were married in 2011 and together ran a farrier business in Indiana. As time passed, they recognized that qualified farriers are in short supply nationwide. Dan aimed to share his expertise with future generations. Seeking proximity to the gaited horse community. They found their way to Prestonsburg, Kentucky and the Bluegrass Horseshoeing School was

Dan, a Certified Journeyman Farrier with thirty-three years of experience, designed a robust curriculum. Their program delivers individual attention and maintains a low student to instructor ratio of 7 to 1. BHS directly addresses the challenges farriers face in their everyday work with an emphasis on forging, live shoeing, and practical classwork. Dan prides himself on training the students to focus on shoeing with the horse's health as a top priority. He emphasizes the importance of "putting the horse before the sport." All instructors at Bluegrass Horseshoeing

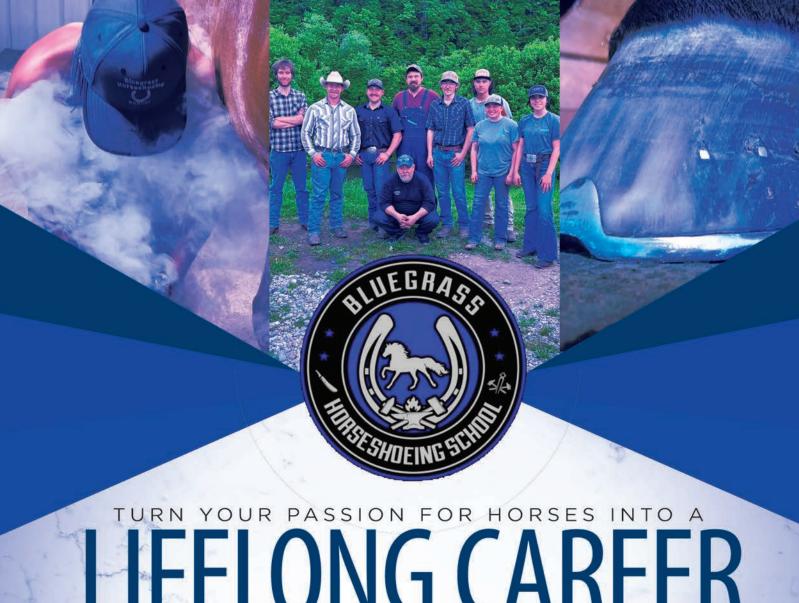


School are certified via the American Farriers Association and have operated their own farrier businesses for at least five years. The high quality of the instructors themselves, and the high level of individual instruction distinguishes BHS from other schools.

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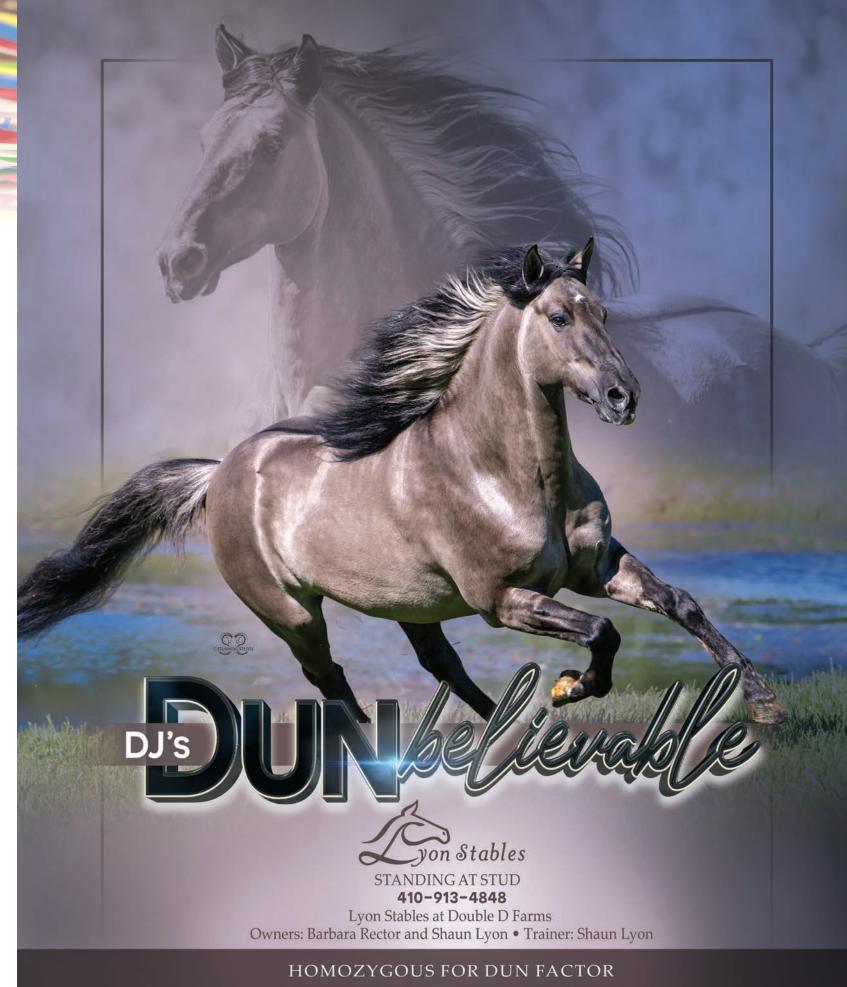
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CHANGES IN 2025

- Added lead line and stick horse to show bill. Split those up to encourage more participation with our young kids and give them the opportunity to do both by having one on Friday and one on Saturday.
- Changed a few classes around to allow for a better flow.
 There were too many similar classes on the same day.
- Separated the 10+ classes out to Stallions and Mares/ Geldings.
- Added an Amateur Conformation class
- Took away 14.2 and under classes based on poor turnout.
- Added a class for a rider that has never won a blue ribbon at International. This class will be based on the

- honor system, if the rider has never won a blue ribbon at International they may participate.
- Separated 2 yo conformation classes divided by gender.
- Added Weanling/Yearling Conformation Championship as well as 2 yo Conformation Championship.
- Separated 3+ yo conformation championships into Mares, Geldings and Stallions.
- Moved Equitation to Saturday morning.
- Spread conformation classes over all days instead of one, based off trainer feedback
- Added 4-5 yo Championships (does not qualify for Grand Championships) based on trainer feedback.



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OPENING CEREMONIES & CONFORMATION

- Open Weanling Conformation
- Open Yearling Conformation
- 2 YO Fillies Conformation
- 2 YO Colts Conformation
- 3-4 YO Mares and Geldings Conformation
- 3-4 YO Stallions Conformation
- Open Weanling & Yearling Conformation Championship
- Open 2 YO Conformation Championship

HOUR LUNCH BREAK

UNDER SADDLE CLASSES

- 9 3 YO Fillies and Geldings Trail Pleasure
- 10 6-9 YO Mares and Geldings Trail Pleasure
- 11 3 YO Fillies and Geldings Show Pleasure
- 12 10+ Mares & Geldings Country Trail Pleasure
- 13 4-5 YO. Mares and Geldings Trail Pleasure
- 14 4-5 YO Stallions Show Pleasure
- 15 3 YO Fillies and Geldings Country Trail Pleasure
- 16 Never won a blue ribbon at the International Class (Rider)
- 17 6-9 YO. Stallions Trail Pleasure
- 18 6-9 YO Mares and Geldings Country Trail Pleasure
- 19 10+ Mares & Geldings Trail Pleasure
- 20 4-5 YO Stallions Country Trail Pleasure
- 21 6-9 YO Mares and Geldings Show Pleasure
- 22 Novice Rider Trail Pleasure
- 23 4-5 YO Mares and Geldings Country Trail Pleasure
- 24 3 YO Stallions Country Trail Pleasure
- 25 10+ YO Amateur Trail Pleasure
- 26 6-9 YO Stallions Country Trail Pleasure
- 10+ YO Amateur Country Trail Pleasure
- 28 AOT Stallions Show Pleasure
- 29 Senior Rider (60+): CTP. Trail and Show Pleasure
- 30 3-5 YO Amateur Country Trail Pleasure
- 31 10+ YO Amateur Show Pleasure
- 32 AOT Stallions Country Trail Pleasure
- 33 6-9 YO Stallions Show Pleasure

10:00 A.M. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 04, 2025

- 34 5-9 YO Mares and Geldings Conformation
- 35 5-9 YO Stallions Conformation
- 36 10+ YO Mares and Geldings Conformation
- 37 10+ YO Master Stallions Conformation
- 38 Amateur Conformation
- 10 Minute Break
- 39 3-5 YO Amateur Show Pleasure
- 40 3 YO Stallions Trail Pleasure
- 41 AOT Mares and Geldings Trail Pleasure
- 42 6-9 YO Amateur Show Pleasure
- 43 4-5 YO Stallions Trail Pleasure
- 44 AOT Mares and Geldings Country Trail Pleasure
- 10+ Mares & Geldings Show Pleasure
- 46 6-9 YO Amateur Trail Pleasure
- 47 10+ YO Stallions Country Trail

- 48 Novice Rider Show Pleasure
- 49 3-5 YO. Amateur Trail Pleasure

30 LUNCH BREAK

- 50 Men's Country Trail
- 12-17 Youth Juvenile Trained (Country Trail Pleasure)
- 52 6-9 YO Amateur Country Trail Pleasure
- 53 Ladies Trail Pleasure
- 54 12-17 Youth Juvenile Trained (Trail Pleasure)
- 55 Ladies Country Trail Pleasure
- 56 3 YO Stallions Show Pleasure
- 10+ Stallions Trail Pleasure 57
- Novice Rider Country Trail Pleasure
- 4-5 YO Mares and Geldings Show Pleasure 59
- AOT Mares and Geldings Show Pleasure
- Men's Trail Pleasure
- 12-17 Youth Juvenile Trained (Show Pleasure) 62
- 63 **AOT Stallions Trail Pleasure**
- 10+ YO Stallions Show Pleasure
- Costume Class- Open to Adult & Youth No Stallions
- 66 Groom's Class- cannot have participated in the 2025 show season

8:30 A.M. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 05, 2025

8:30-10:30 a.m. - Trail Obstacle

- 67 Adult Trail Obstacle (Covered Arena)
- 68 Youth Trail Obstacle (Covered Arena) LUNCH BREAK
- 11:00 a.m. -Under Saddle Classes
- 69 3 YO & Over Mares Conformation Championship
- 70 3 YO & Over Geldings Conformation Championship
- 71 3 YO & Over Stallions Conformation Championship

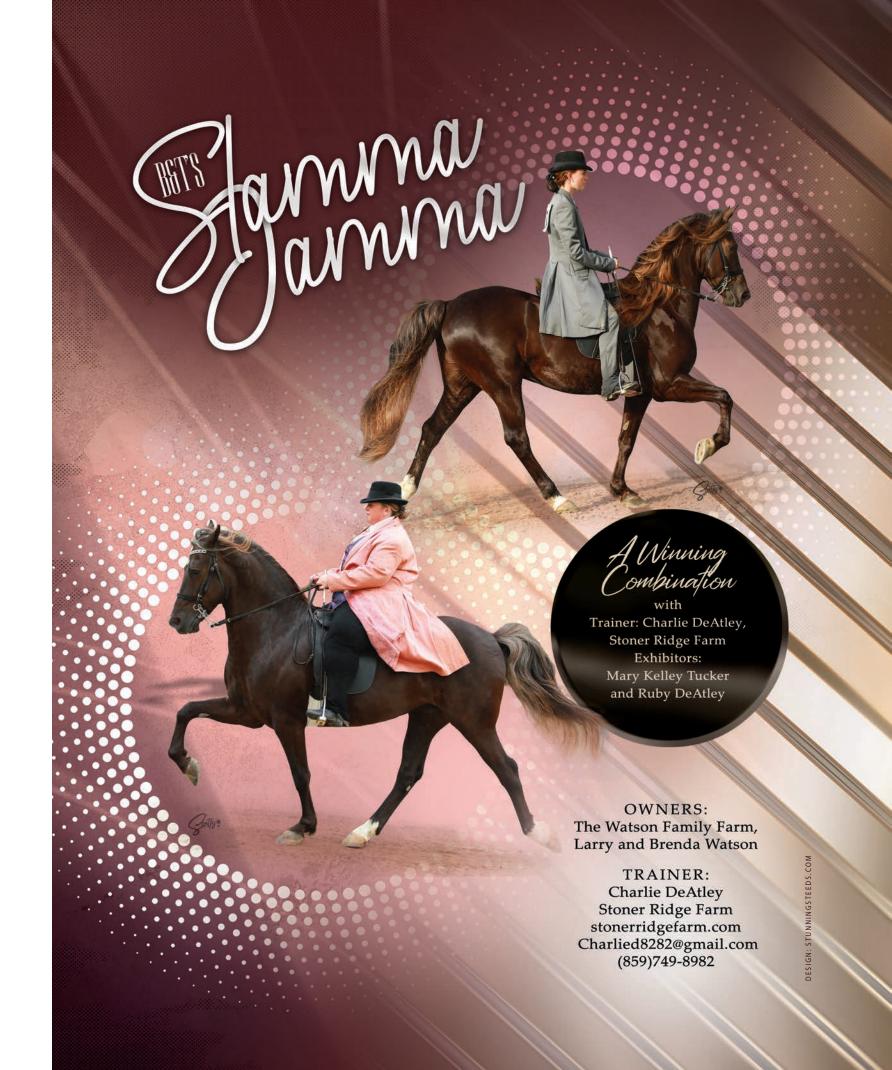
10 MINUTE BREAK

- 72 17 & Under Youth Western Pleasure
- 73 3-5 YO Open Western Pleasure
- 74 12-17 Youth Trail Pleasure
- 75 11 & Under Youth Country Trail Pleasure
- 6+ Open Western Pleasure
- 12-17 Youth Show Pleasure 77
- 78 Men's Show Pleasure
- 11 & Under Youth Show Pleasure
- Amatuer Western Pleasure
- 12-17 Youth Country Trail Pleasure 81
- Ladies Show Pleasure
- 83 11 & Under Youth Trail Pleasure

DINNER BREAK

6:00 p.m. or later - Under Saddle Championships

- 84 Stick Horse
- 85 4-5 YO Country Trail Pleasure Championship (Doesn't qualify for Saturday IGC)
- 3 YO Country Trail Pleasure Championship (Doesn't qualify for Saturday IGC)
- Mares Show Pleasure Championship
- 88 Stallions Trail Pleasure Championship
- Geldings Country Trail Pleasure Championship
- 90 3 YO Trail Pleasure Championship (Does not qualify for Saturday IGC)



- 91 Mares Trail Pleasure Championship
- 92 4-5 YO Show Pleasure Championship (Does not qualify for Saturday IGC)
- 93 Stallions Country Trail Pleasure Championship
- 94 3 YO Show Pleasure Championship (Does not qualify for Saturday IGC)
- 95 4-5 YO Trail Pleasure Championship (Does not qualify for Saturday IGC)
- 96 Geldings Show Pleasure Championship
- 97 Mares Country Trail Pleasure Championship
- 98 Geldings Trail Pleasure Championship

5 MINUTE BREAK

99 Stallions Show Pleasure Championship

9:00 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2025

- 100 17 & Under Showmanship
- 101 Adult Water Glass Class
- 102 17 & Under Equitation
- 103 Youth Water Glass
- 104 Adult Bareback
- 105 Youth Bareback
- 106 17 & Under Youth Pole Bending
- 107 Adult Pole Bending
- 12PM. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
- 2:00 P.M. GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS
- OPENING CEREMONIES PRESIDENT'S WELCOME
- 108 Lead Line

Presentation of the Youth Scholarship

109 17 & Under Western Pleasure Grand Championship Presentation of the Charles Kilburn Society Award

- 110 3 YO & Over Open Conformation Grand Championship Presentation of the Carson Masters Award
- 111 11 & Under Show Pleasure Grand Championship
- 112 AOT Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- 113 12-17 Youth Country Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- 114 Open Western Pleasure Grand Championship

DINNER BREAK

- 115 Amateur Show Pleasure Grand Championship
 Presentation of the Morgan Riggs Amateur Versatility Awards
- 116 11 & Under Youth Country Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- 117 AOT Country Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- 118 12-17 Youth Trail Pleasure Grand Championship Presentation of the Rea Swan Versatility Award
- 119 Amateur Country Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
 Presentation of the Charles Kilburn Amateur Owned & Trained Versatility Award
- 120 11 & Under Youth Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- 121 Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- Presentation of Sara Gwisdalla Youth Versatility Award
- 122 AOT Show Pleasure Grand Championship
- 123 Country Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
 Presentation of the Ashley Hytry Youth Award
- 124 12-17 Youth Show Pleasure Grand Championship
- 125 Amateur Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- Presentation of the Eddie & Wanda Adams Challenge Trophy
- 126 Show Pleasure Grand Championship Presentation of the Sam Tuttle Award



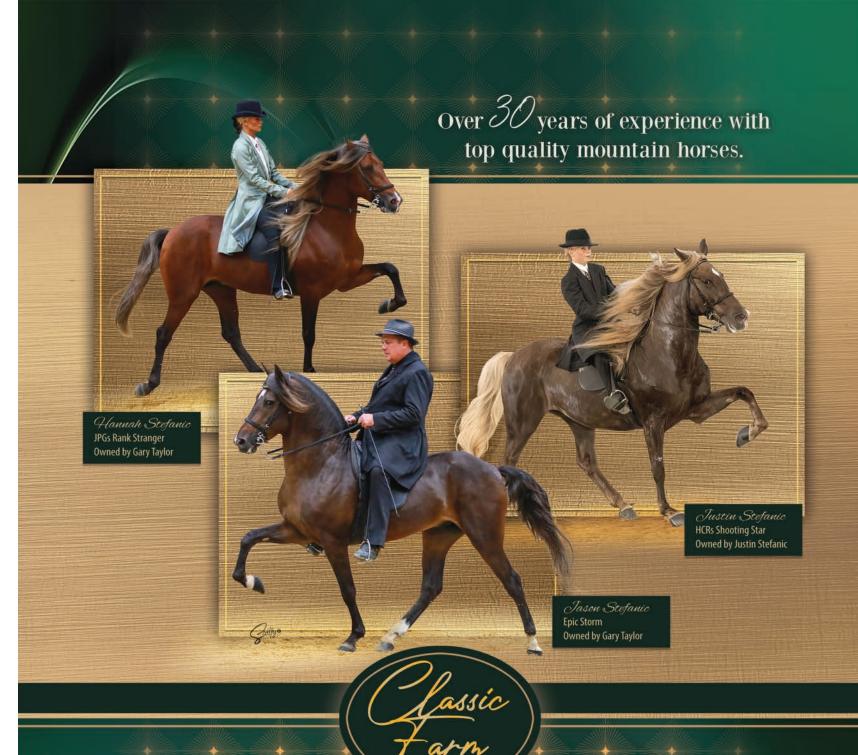


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in Central Virginia (between Richmond and Charlottesville) in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, has fallen in love with fox hunting with her 11-year-old Rocky, Jasmine. She also trail rides and plans to start endurance riding this year.

She rides with Deep Run Hunt Club, one of the oldest foxhunting clubs in the United States. Fox hunting is popular and well-established in Virginia, with numerous clubs and hunts offering various experiences with an emphasis on land conservation and preservation of the countryside. There is also traditional tack and attire for the horse and rider. The season generally spans from September to March, with a variety of hunts. Jessica has fallen in love with the sport for its thrill of the chase, its long history, and its rich traditions. (Deep Run Hunt Club's website: https://www.deeprunhuntclub.com/)

Jasmine, her Rocky Mountain horse, has characteristics that make her a great asset in the hunt field. A good fox hunting horse needs a combination of athleticism, stamina, bravery and a good temperament. Jasmine, with her wonderful

Rocky Mountain disposition, performs beautifully in the hunt field. She is athletic with good stamina and endurance, able to ride out for several hours at a time over varied terrain, sometimes at high speed and she's able to leap over obstacles as needed. She is brave, bold, and confident. She faces unfamiliar terrain. hounds, and other horses without fear, handles unpredictable situations well, and does not spook easily even with hounds nearby. She is also obedient and responsive to her rider and will stand quietly at checks (pauses in the hunt). A good fox hunting horse must not kick or be aggressive toward other horses or hounds. And she is remarkably sound and tough - she hunts barefoot! She transitions effortlessly between walking, gaiting, trotting, cantering, and galloping as required during the hunt. She is excellent!

Although Jessica grew up riding and was horse-obsessed, she had never heard of the Rocky Mountain breed until veterinary school. It was there that she saw her first Rocky Mountain Horse. A breathtakingly beautiful, classic chocolate mare with a flaxen mane and tail. She was absolutely enchanted and vowed to one day own her own Rocky Mountain Horse.

Six years later, she was ready to start the hunt for a Rocky Mountain horse. She had never actually ridden a gaited horse, but the more she researched the breed, the more impressed she was. Rocky Mountain Horses are not only beautiful, but they are famous for their calm, gentle personalities, intelligence, versatility, and good endurance. Her search led to











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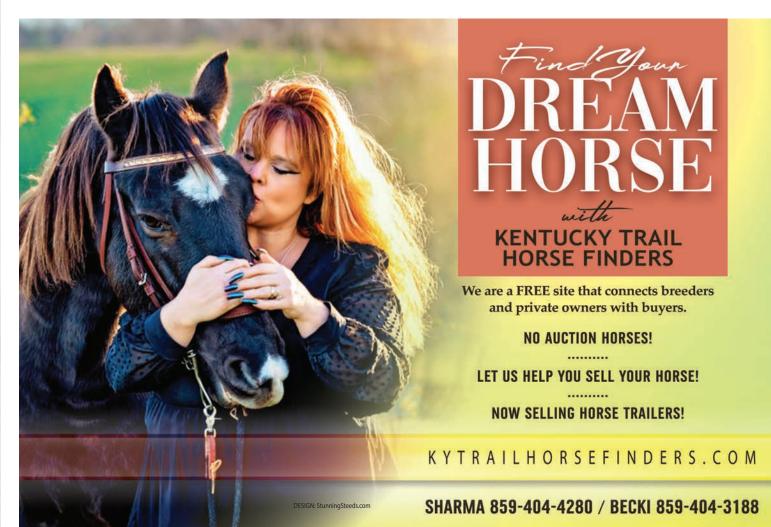




Bonnie Orlando's farm, Rocky Mountain Run in Ewing, Kentucky. Jessica was impressed with Bonnie's ethical standards, dedication to the breed, and her training regimen. Jessica and Bonnie spent a weekend riding Jasmine on the trails. Jessica was hooked! Owning a Rocky Mountain gaited horse was a done deal. (Bonnie Orlando's website: https://rockymtnrun.weebly.com/)

Jessica, thank you for sharing your story with us and we will be watching to see what you and Jasmine do next!











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The Rocky Mountain community has lost a great man and an even greater horseman. H.T. was a founding member of the Mountain Horse Industry and a lifetime member of the Rocky Mountain Horse Association.

H.T. was born in Stanton, Kentucky and graduated from Powell County High School. He then went on to raise a family and to enjoy life on the family farm, Van Bert Farms, with the love of his life, Wilda Martin Derickson. H.T. and Wilda were married 69 years and 9 months. They lived a life of love and adventure with their five children: Vera, Vanessa, Herbert (IV), Valorie and James, "Jamie". If you knew H.T., he never missed an opportunity to tell you about his Lord and Savior, his love for his family and his horse training expertise . . . and in that order! H.T. was a member and leader of Shiloh Community Church and a founder of a local jail ministry.

As a Rocky Mountain Horse trainer and exhibitor, H.T. won many awards, International Championships and Grand Championships too numerous to mention. Some of his most noted Rocky Mountain Horses include Rebel Rock, Dusty's Delta Dawn and Broken Bones Sam's Son.

H.T. was a finalist of the RFDTV America's Favorite Trail Horse Competition on Blue On Black. He was a master breeder in the Rocky Mountain Horse industry. He was an avid coon hunter in his younger years and achieved Breeder of the Year and was a Hall of Fame inductee in the UKC Walker Hounds. He trained many World Champion coon dogs.

Of all the accomplishments in his life, he would tell you the greatest of all was witnessing and leading many souls to know Jesus Christ. Even leading up to his last days, he was sharing the gospel.

From his grandson,

Derick Tipton (Tipton Mountain Horses):

"This isn't goodbye. It's see you later. Don't wear the good Lord out with all your questions. Save some for the rest of us. Find us some good horses and a couple good coon dogs... some trails to ride with awesome views and some flat country to hunt with big oaks, shallow creeks, surrounded by corn fields and no briars. I'll take care of things here; you get us a place ready there. I love you, Pap. See you later."









A few words from those of us who had the honor of knowing H.T.:



"I am heartbroken to hear about the passing of H.T. Derickson. He was an amazing person and a beyond talented horseman. I will keep his family in my prayers. I am so thankful I was able to know him!" – **Tana Wells**



"Heaven gained a special horseman today. He cheered me on ringside and on the trail. Although we haven't gotten a chance to visit much in recent years, I always thought a lot of him. I hope what Heart has accomplished has made him proud and that he'll watch over us from above. Until we ride again . . . Rest in peace H.T." – **Dolly Pierson**

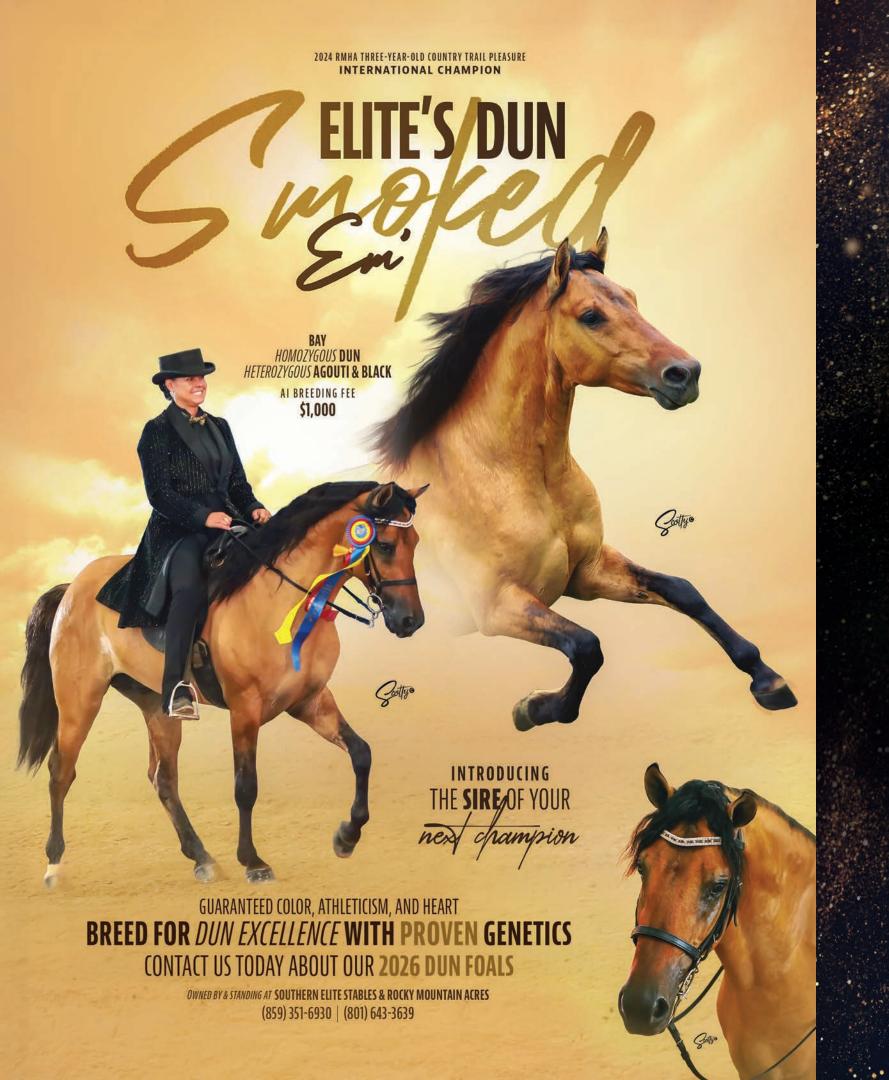
"The world has lost a wonderful horseman ... and a kind, wonderful man. H.T. was a smiling face I looked forward to seeing at every show ... whether I came out of the ring smiling with a win or nearly in tears after a tough loss, he would have a hug and words of encouragement. He will always be the legend of the Rockies and the best hugger in my eyes. He showed support for everyone and was always willing to help anyone. There are some good ones up there waiting for you H.T. I hope you have some good rides while you watch over us all." – Jessica Shannon Anderton

"This man that let me call him Pap, taught me a lot. I would sit with him and Wilda at the show, especially at the International or World shows (for a time) and pick his brain. He always taught me something about horses, life and the Lord. I wish I knew 1/8 of what he knew. He let me ride Blue on Black because he knew how much I loved that horse. He also got my confidence up and got me on a feisty Red River Rock horse that we went trail riding with. He would help me in so many ways. I didn't realize it at the time, but I did later. He was such a good man. He would help people any way he could. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." ~ Matthew 5:4 – Marcia Spencer

Thank you H.T., not only for all that you did for the Rocky Mountain breed but also for what you have done for all of us that had the pleasure of knowing you. Rest In Peace.

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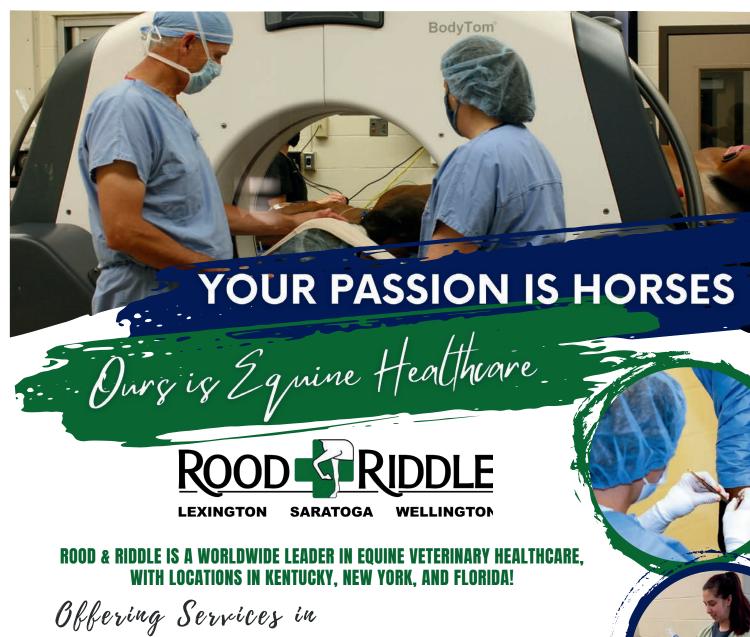
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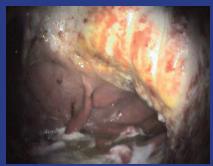


level exercise and training leads to increased abdominal pressure that causes increased exposure of the non-glandular portion of the stomach to the acidic stomach contents.

Ulcers in the glandular portion of the stomach are a bit of a different story and are less clearly understood. These areas produce stomach acid and have natural protective barriers against the effects of the acidic contents of the stomach. Gastric ulcers in this region of the stomach are likely caused by a breakdown of these protective barriers including decreased mucus production and decreased blood flow leading to lower levels of protective buffering factors. Although the use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents (phenylbutazone, flunixin meglumine) may be associated with this type of ulcers, they are not always the main cause.

The clinical signs of gastric ulcers in horses vary from horse to horse and can often be difficult to detect. Frustratingly, the degree of clinical signs are also not well correlated with the severity of disease as each horse handles discomfort differently. Some of the associated clinical signs include mild, recurrent episodes of colic, inappetence or picky eating, poor body condition, weight loss, and certain behavioural changes. In some cases, gastric ulcers may affect performance and trainability.

Often times, a presumptive diagnosis of gastric ulcers is made based on clinical signs and response to therapy alone. Definitive diagnosis requires gastroscopy – evaluation of the lining of the stomach using a flexible endoscope that is typically 9-10 feet in length. Gastroscopy allows for evaluation of all portions



Gastric ulcers in the non-glandular stomach



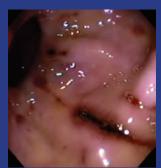
Gastric ulcers in the non-glandular stomach



Performing a gastroscopy



Normal stomach



ulcers in the glandular stomach

of the stomach and is important to achieve an accurate diagnosis as well as to help guide treatment.

The treatment of gastric ulcer disease in horses involves both medications and environmental management. Often times, gastric ulceration will recur after medical treatment if management changes are not instituted. Horses should be provided with free choice access to forage (grass or hay) which can be difficult to achieve in some situations. A slow-feed hay net is a great way to ensure that horses have access to small amounts of forage while stalled. Many horses may benefit from increased turnout for a number of reasons including decreased stress and continual access to grazing. Large, infrequent meals of grains that are high in starches such as sweet feeds may also lead to higher acidity in the stomach and should be avoided in horses prone to gastric ulceration. Alfalfa hay is considered a natural buffer as it is inherently high in calcium. The addition of alfalfa to the diet may help in some horses. Horses that develop gastric ulceration in response to training may benefit from modification of training intensity and duration.

Medications used to treat gastric ulcers in horses have the main goal of decreasing the acidity of the stomach. Commonly used medications include omeprazole (GastroGard, UlcerGard) and ranitidine (Zantac). Sucralfate is also frequently administered as a coating agent to help heal ulcerations. GastroGard is the most commonly used medication and is the only medication with FDA approval for the treatment of gastric ulcers in horses. This medication is also available in compounded formulations although several studies have

shown lower efficacy of these products in the treatment of gastric ulcers.

A lower, preventative dose of GastroGard may help decrease recurrence of ulcers in stressful situations such as showing or long trailer rides. Giving horses with a history of gastric ulcers this preventative dose while making sure to follow management recommendations may help avoid gastric ulcers in some situations. In some horses, the administration of certain medications including phenylbutazone and Banamine may need to be avoided.

Gastric ulcers can be an important cause of abdominal discomfort in our equine companions and can best be diagnosed with help from your veterinarian. If you believe your horse is showing symptoms of gastric ulcers, speak with your horse's health care team to help develop a management plan to get your horse back to feeling good and performing at his or her best!



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HOOVES ACROSS THE GLOBE: CELEBRATING RMHA'S

TRAIL PROGRAM SUCCESS

BY THE RMHA TRAIL COMMITTEE

From shining hills and valleys to sun-kissed desert paths, the rhythmic clip-clop of Rocky Mountain Horses is echoing louder than ever. The RMHA Trail Program has truly galloped into the spotlight, growing its reach and impact across the globe. The RMHA Trail Program has not only gained impressive mileage, but also continues to capture the hearts of horse lovers with exciting, innovative additions that are keeping riders engaged, connected, and inspired.

The Trail Program: Riding Toward Adventure

At its heart, the RMHA Trail Program is a celebration of the breed's natural gait, friendly disposition, and trail-wise versatility. Whether it's a peaceful afternoon ride or a multi-day backcountry trek, every trail mile logged is part of a larger story—one of shared passion, exploration, and community. Riders from all corners of the world are now proudly logging their miles, earning recognition, and forging stronger bonds with their beloved Rockies.





Trailblazing New Virtual Fun

2024-25 has seen an exciting boost in program participation thanks to two incredibly fun virtual activities introduced to the RMHA Trail Program. The 2024 Photo Scavenger Hunt encouraged riders to combine creativity with adventure. From scenic selfies with their horses to snapping wildlife or quirky trail signs, this interactive event brought members together on social media and in the saddle. The result? Hundreds of submissions, shared smiles, and an unforgettable sense of connection.

Hot on the heels of that success, RMHA has announced the 2025 Trail Obstacle Challenge, a new activity to continue sharing great fun on the trail. Participants tackle real-life trail scenarios, capturing their progress and training efforts captured on videos. It's not just about miles anymore—it's about skills, trust, and showing the world just how remarkable the Rocky Mountain Horse can be in every situation.

Why Join the Trail Program?

If you've ever felt the quiet joy of a winding trail beneath your horse's hooves, the RMHA Trail Program is for you. It's open to members of all experience levels and styles, encouraging everyone to get out, get active, and be part of something bigger. By tracking your miles, you not only earn accolades and awards, but also help showcase the versatility and stamina of the Rocky Mountain Horse

breed to the wider equine community. We so often meet others on the trail asking "Wow, what kind of horse are you riding?"

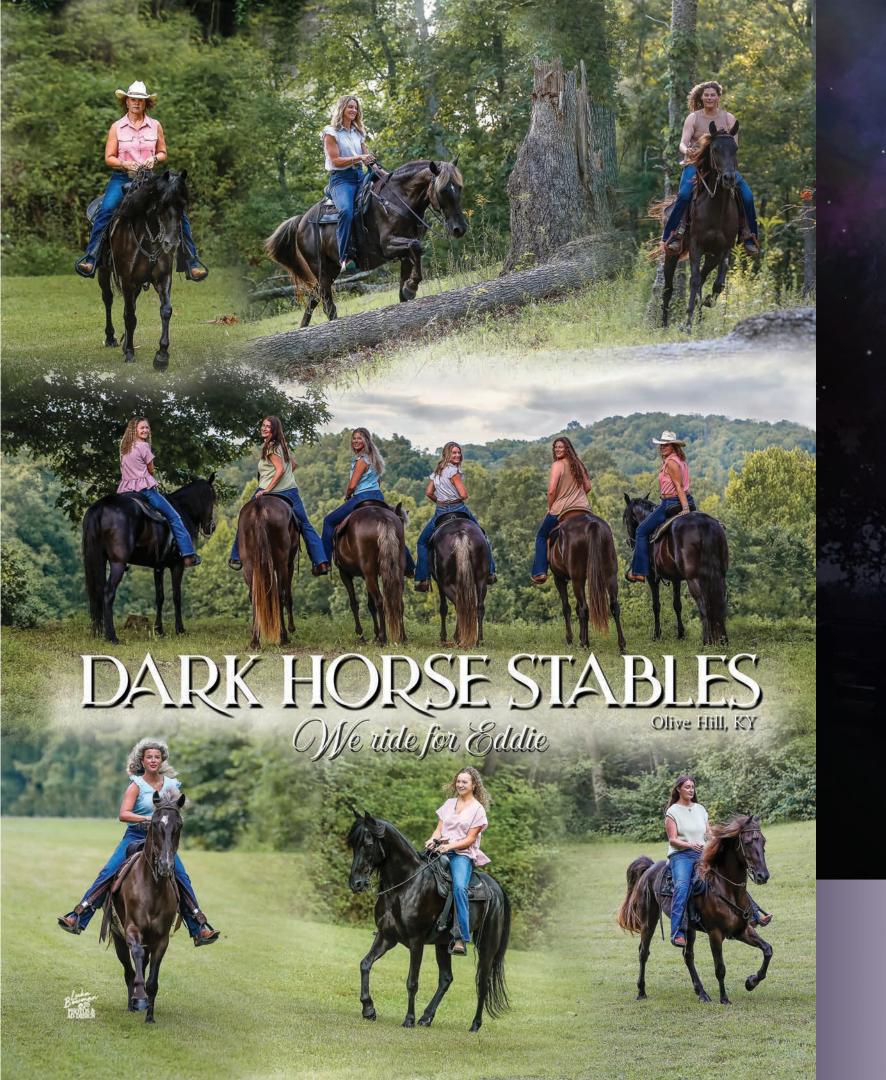
Whether you're meandering through your local park, competing in organized trail events or conquering rugged backcountry routes, every mile you log helps paint the broader picture of RMHA's vibrant trail community. And with the new virtual events, the trail experience has become more inclusive, engaging, and fun than ever before.

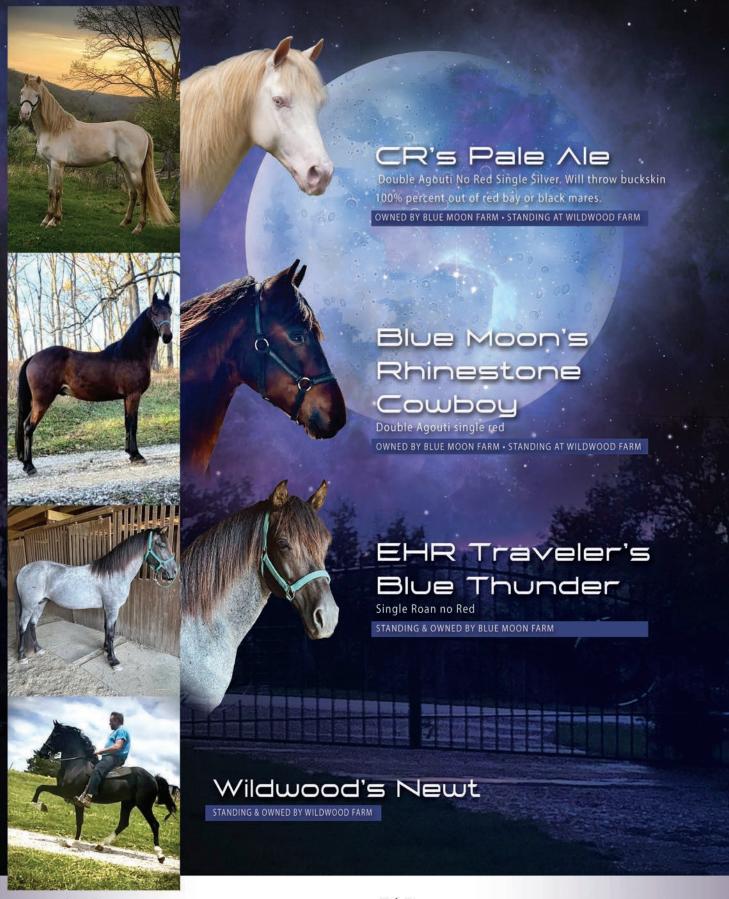
Saddle Up and Join the Ride

There's never been a better time to become part of RMHA's growing trail family. The momentum is real, the community is thriving, and the trails are calling. Sign up, saddle up, and start tracking your journey. Let's make every hoofbeat count as we ride into the future—together.

To join the RMHA Trail Program or learn more about other exciting activities, visit https://www.rmhorse.com/programs/trail-program/.

Don't forget to follow RMHA on social media to see highlights from trail riders across the globe. Your next adventure starts with the first mile—see you on the trail!



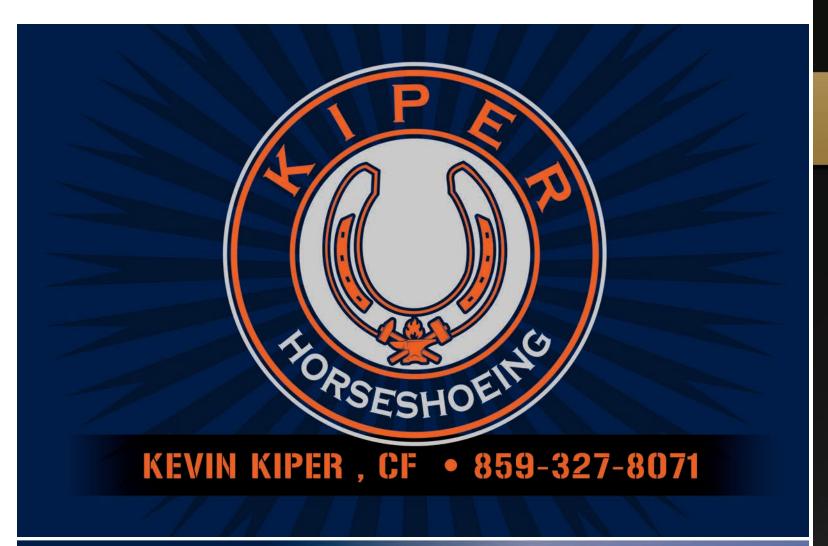




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The RMHA Youth Committee has been busy this year, with not only a successful auction to kick off 2025, but with their first annual RMHA Youth Spring Fling Horse show, which was held April 26th in Salyersville, Kentucky. With 125 entries, the membership really showed out in support both in sponsorship and attendance! Thanks to the overwhelming support of the show and the silent auction, the Youth Committee has some big plans for the rest of the year! Right now, plans are in the works for activities

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Youth shirts are to be given to all RMHA youth, and to help fund our Youth Award of Excellence prizes for the 2025 winners!

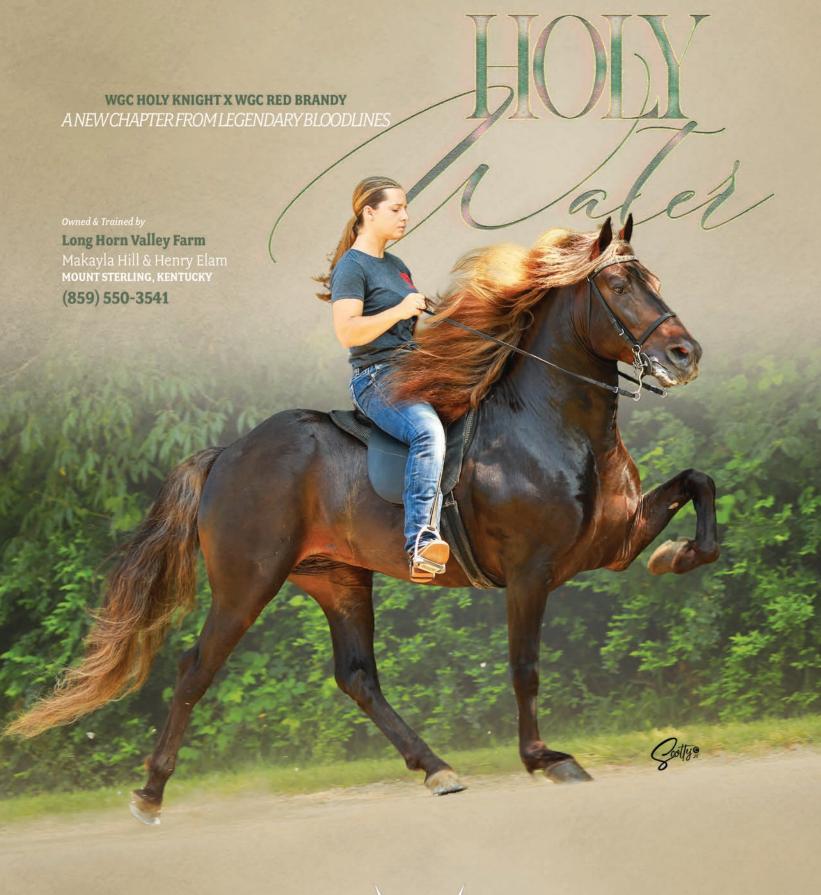
At this year's RMHA International, there will be a "Youth Corner" designated for Rocky Mountain Horse loving littles to unwind, make crafts, grab a snack, and just hang out! With more details on RMHA International youth plans to be released on the official Facebook Page (Rocky Mountain Horse Youth) closer to the show. All age inclusive activities such as a scavenger hunt are in the works! Please stay tuned for specific details, locations, and times, as well as a call to action requesting names and sizes for official youth

shirts! They will be available for pick-up at the RMHA International, or can be arranged to be mailed afterwards to those not in attendance.

We would also like give a friendly reminder to be sure to keep track of your Youth Award of Excellence points! We know our RMHA youth are spending a ton of time with their Rockies and we want to be able to reward that at the next RMHA Awards Banquet. More information for this can be found under the Youth tab on the RMHA website

The Youth Committee wishes a successful rest of 2025 to our youth members as they burn up the trails, compete for Grand Championship honors, and simply spend time with their beloved Rocky Mountain Horses!







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