

Happy New Year

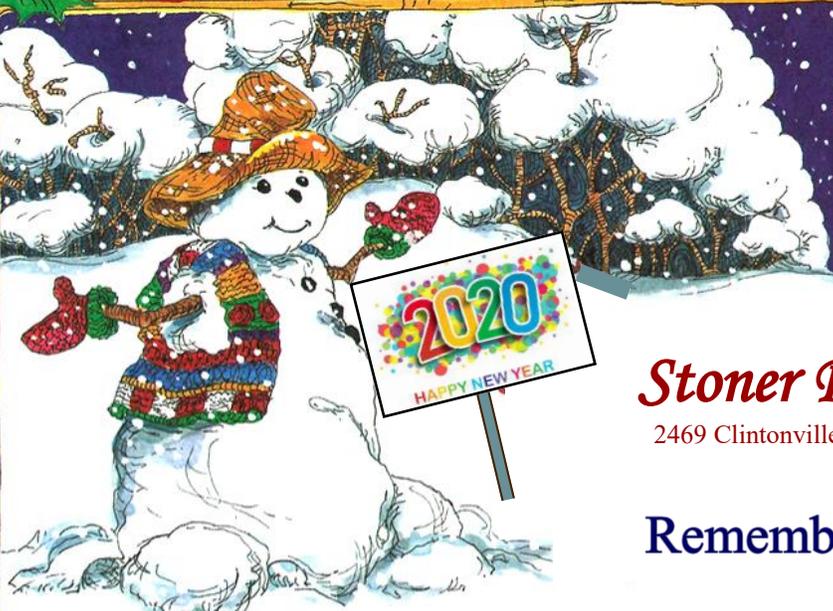
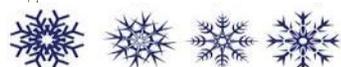
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Remembering 2019



As one year comes to a close, another fast approaches - a year that will be filled with the blessings of family, friends, and horses. It's time to make New Year's goals and dig deep within ourselves to discover what we would like to have happen in our lives moving forward. In the words of Mike Dooley, "Life's not about expecting, hoping, and wishing. It's about doing, being, and becoming." May the New Year bring fresh beginnings with exciting new experiences and relationships. Let us be thankful for the blessings of the past as we remember 2019 . . .



While the weather was cold and snowy in **January**, horses were healthy and happy here on the farm. We welcomed the



Compton's with Quality Road, the Watson's with Comet, and the Hastings' with Biz. Charlie also had the opportunity to help several riders hone their skills and deepen their horse relationships through

lessons and instruction. There was a lot of planning going on for 2019 for all venues. Several new charity shows were developed and there ended up being 28 shows total on the RMH calendar for last year plus many other fun events from a variety of associations. Programs such as ETS (Equine Trail Sports), KHBIF (Ky. Horse Breeders Incentive Fund), RMH Trail Mileage Program, Versatile Horse of the Year, High Point Awards, etc.

were all being tabulated so winners could be announced. Eva and Charlie submitted applications for the Mustang Make-over. Eva competed with her Mustang, Clover, at the Mustang Magic competition in TX. It was the beginning of a busy year for SRF. In **February**, the weather continued to be challenging. Even so, training continued. Simon and Tank were brought back into the barn. Axel and Julie's Jazzy resumed training. Mary K. and Dandy were here as well as Kay Conner and Rocket. The RMHA Awards Banquet was held on the 2nd at Boone Tavern in Berea, Ky., a wonderful place to celebrate. We were proud to honor all our exhibitors and horses for both trail and show venues. We had a great time with everyone. We congratulated Charlie on his fourth Trainer of the Year Award!

Mary K. Eads, Julie Brown, and Chad Weaver were frequent visitors at the farm as they worked to gain skill with their horses. The RMHA held its annual judges' training on Feb. 23rd. Mary K. and Pam Martinolich attended and shared what they learned with us. **March** continued to be wet, cold and snowy. The Road to the Horse, held in the Alltech, was awesome with Nick Dowers narrowly beating out two time RTTH winner, Vicki Wilson, in outstanding competition. Training continued on the farm in anticipation of spring trail rides and shows. Erin returned to the farm to help work some horses that needed a little refresher course. Bob even joined in. We welcomed Dee Moody and Mr. Ten as well as Martha Gilley who brought Clover, and her mare, June Bug. Bob worked with them as well as Martha's daughter-in-law, Courtney. Before we knew it, **April** was upon us and it was SHOW TIME! For SRF's first show of the season, Charlie, Erin, and Lyngle traveled to Dallas, TX on April 9th with Tim, Marcia, and Katie Clarke for the 16 hour haul. We were blessed with good weather and no problems along the way. Steve Heuslein flew in from MN. His weather was cold and icy. He almost didn't make it to the airport because it was so slick! Unfortunately, Susan remained home to care for horses there. The horses in TX worked amazingly well! Steve did a great job with Marietta and won his class. Charlie worked with Tim and his colt, Blue Ice, that was in training. He, too,



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was able to show him and win. Whole Lot of Blue and Tank were class winners as well. We appreciated the TX hospitality but were glad to head back to good old Kentucky on Sunday morning! Blueberry had her sweet filly - Chicago Blues. It was also a month of graduations. . . Hats off to Lily George, Rachel Sharp, Dawson Adams, and McKayla Hall (Dental Assistant degree). The Bill Corey Memorial Youth Show Fund was established to remember Bill and so our youth would have financial assistance when showing their RMH. We welcomed Rose (the Clydesdale), Blaze of Glory, and Stormy came back for the summer. We were excited for Gary and Julie Brown when they purchased their farm in Winchester! Exciting times. **May** brought the RMH Horse camp held in Shelbyville. Bob was a presenter helping with two different groups. The kids

were awesome. Sydney delivered a sweet bay colt, Kemo Sabe. on May 5th. He was sired by Simon. We bred Sydney back and also bred Fancy to him. May 11th, we were at the Lady Eagle's Showcase in West Liberty. Whole Lot of Blue won his first Adult Western class. He sure looks pretty in western tack. Simon won the Show Pleasure Championship. All the horses showed well. . . so proud of them. We also cele-



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As long as we have hope,
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brated Stormy's 20th birthday - love him! On May 18 we headed out to Owingsville for

the Sharon Copher Memorial Horse Show. There seemed to be an increase in numbers in the show ring in 2019 - especially in the show pleasure division. We had the opportunity to show at the Appalachian Horse Revival at Morehead State University. The location brought back many memories of showing years ago when we helped put shows on for the RMH Drill Team. It was great that Steve and Susan could join us for this show. They did a good job showing their horses. Ruby had a great show in Morehead. She won a competitive RMH 17 & Under CTP class and placed 3rd in the RMH Trail 17 & Under class. Even though we were busy with shows, there was a lot going on during the week. Charlie welcomed Frances Cox (and her husband) from Blacksburg, VA for a week long clinic. It was great to work with these sweet folks! In June brought lots of riding here at SRF. Nancy Copland was coming to ride Stormy and Duncan under Bob's direction. It is always great to have her here. Charlie was getting ready for the Extreme Mustang Make-Over with Penelope. It is tough to get a horse that has never been handled ready for competition in only 100 days! It was exciting and nerve wracking at the same time.



Charlie did a great job! Even though she was a little nervous, Penelope did well. She is now living happily in Manchester, KY, SRF went to two great Rocky Mountain Shows in June. We were proud to be able to support the Bill Corey Memorial and the Gaitin' for

Trent Benefit. Even though it was wet in Beattyville for the Bill Corey Memorial, the horses did really well. Both Blue and Simon were ridden to blue ribbon status by McKayla. Mary Kelley also got second in a tough class with Marietta. Charlie was participating at the Mustang Make-over so the girls rode for him. It was great to have Steve and Susan as well as Nancy Copland join us in Richmond for the



Gaitin' for Trent show. Diana and Rob Hastings were also there last Saturday to see Biz win his first two under saddle classes! After such a great show, we were all very so very sad to learn that

Michelle Sharon, manager of the show, lost her son in a terrible motorcycle accident only a few days after the show. We continue to pray for that family. We also continue to pray for Kim Hall who lost her husband, Mike, to pancreatic cancer in June. We all miss him. In July it was terribly hot and humid in Kentucky. We had two shows in July. The first was the Owingsville Lions Club show. This year there was an increased number of classes. While there were 3 judges, none had been to any RMHA Judging Clinics. We didn't always agree with the judging but that happens from time to time. We had better results at the Gaited Horse Gala in West Liberty. Whole Lot of Blue placed first in the Western Pleasure Class and to WOF Wing Commander placed second. Chad's filly HCR's Shooting Star (Stella) won her first blue with Charlie in the irons. RNB's Choco Dock's Marietta also won the Show Pleasure Mares



and Geldings class. Anna Wells does a good job getting it all together. We appreciate her and her family's efforts to put on the shows and to raise funds for the Lady Eagle's Soccer Team.

Julie Tucker with her horse River and Julie Brown with HCR's Heart Attack, "Jazzy" rode with the Mountain Rhythm Riders Drill Team at Breyer Fest. Then sadly, we received news from Donna Spencer-Lane that her sweet gelding "Mocha Goat" had an incurable tumor in his sinus cavity and was euthanized. It was such a shock. They had just been here to ride with Bob for a few days. After several months, Donna was able to find another horse that has enabled her to keep riding. On September 4th, Stoner Ridge Farm and crew moved horses to the Kentucky Horse Park for the 31st annual



International Show where we Celebrated the Legacy of some pretty special horses. Charlie has continued the SRF tradition successfully in his own style. He started many horses for different venues, and he worked with them many hours to get them ready for the highlight of the season - the RMHA International Grand Championship! Mary Kelley, McKayla, and Cole made a great pit crew. The horses were well cared for and looked amazing. There were so many reasons to celebrate the International this year. Hats off to Chicago Blues—1st in the weanling class, Barb's Stormy Knight 1st in Trail Obsta-

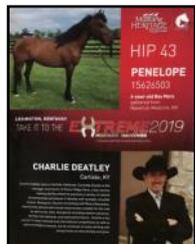


cle, WOF Wind Commander 1st in Men's Trail, Duncan 1st in his conformation class, Marietta 1st in her conformation class and under saddle, Whole Lot of Blue won his age division western class, Silver also won his age division, age division western, bareback, and the Western Grand Championship (for the 6th time!).

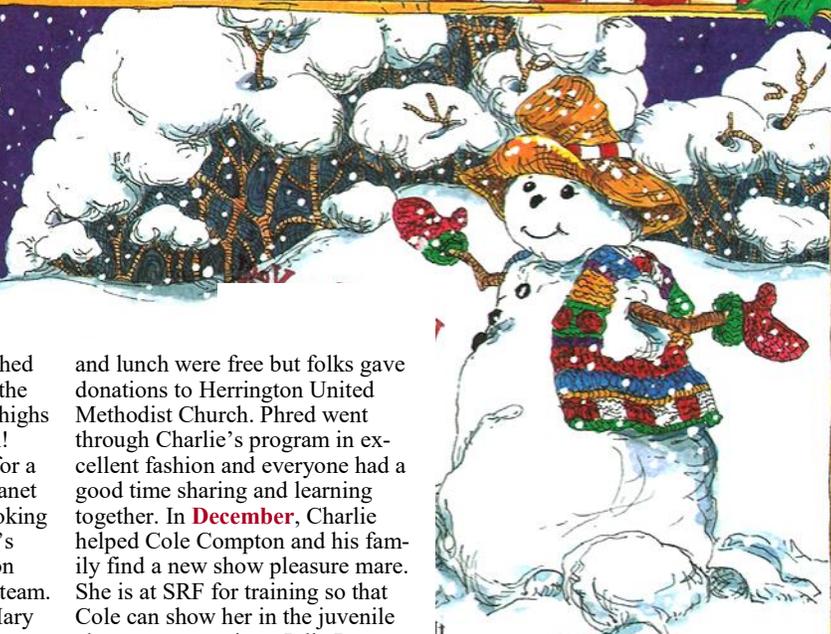
Silver went on to win the Rea Swan Versatility Award for the 5th time. We were especially proud of Ruby's efforts and accomplishments at this year's International. For the first time she captured the CTP 11 & Under Grand Championship! She also won most of the other classes that led to her being the recipient of the 2019 Ashley Hytry 11 & Under Youth Versatility Award. We are so thankful and so blessed.



Thank you to our clients for your generosity in the sponsorship of the shows and for all you do. What a fellowship we have! The NMHA Show was held in Shelbyville Sept. 19-21. The three day show was only a couple of weeks after the RMHA International. While the show was small and in its first year, it gave our horses an opportunity to shine once again. It was fun to have Ann Day and her friend Melissa at the show. WOF was great winning with Melissa in the Jack Benny class. Most of the horses came away with first place wins. Ruby had another great



*Believe in yourself and all that you are.
Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.*



show as well. Bob and I went to Ohio Saturday to celebrate his Aunt Pauline's 100th birthday but made it back in time for the championships. At the NMHA show we learned that McKayla



had been hired by Toyota and would soon be leaving SRF. We continue to miss her but we're glad she is doing well. During this time Karla Milden also was bringing her mare to work with Charlie on building confidence. Mary Kelly also bought a new mare and brought her here. After the show season was over for SRF, it was time for fence repairs, starting young horses, and turning out some horses for a time. Steve and Susan's Jazz Master as well as their new gray colt were started late in the month. Katherine Wicoff, All Jacked Up (a.k.a. Grace), arrived. Jeremy and Amy Kite brought two young horses to start. Mike and Kathy Hartong sent three horses for Charlie to ride. Several of our friends needed special prayer during this time. We are thankful Donnie Eads, Dee Moody, Julie Brown, Kay Connor, and Jeff Yarber are doing well now. We continue to pray for Mike Hartong. He just finished radiation treatment this week. We were sad to lose Geraldine Kazee then Orville Whalen shortly after the International. **October** came blasting in at a whopping 97 degrees - the highest recorded October temperature ever for this area. Whew! We took a few days to go to Gatlinburg as a family. It was great! We were able to leave the barn in good hands. Thanks to all who held down the fort for us. The weather was crazy in



October. Amazingly, we reached freezing and snow flurries by the end of the month after record highs at the beginning of the month! Janet and Mike Berkin came for a few days. Bob worked with Janet and Nugget. Charlie began looking for someone to take McKayla's spot. Fortunately, Becky Fallon was available to join the SRF team. Charlie is glad to have her. Mary Kelly continues to come most evenings and some weekends.

She, too, is such a big help. Peyton Sheffield continues to clean stalls after school and on the weekends. Hunter Bradley has also joined him to make the work go quicker after school. It truly takes a village here at SRF. Bob worked with Martha Gilley's filly, Clover, and continued lessons with the Ellington girls as well as Pam Martinolich on Stormy. We said prayers for Martha and Karla who both had broken wrists due to falls.

November arrived with the SRF crew busy as usual. Stormy went home to spend the winter with Don and Nancy. Steve and Susan also came from MN for a quick visit to see their horses. It's always fun to see them. The decision was made to geld

Whole Lot of Blue and Jazz Master so they will show as geldings in 2020. We celebrated Thanksgiving with family and friends. We paused to give thanks for God's many blessings. Miley was sold and went to her new home in AL. Pam Martinolich's gelding, Mud Cat, was sold and went to GA. Charlie held the first annual SRF Shindig where he started Princess Phred to a nice crowd here at SRF. Chili, creamy chicken soup, pimento cheese sandwiches, and home made cookies were provided (thanks to Erin, Wilma, and Mary K.). Activities



and lunch were free but folks gave donations to Herrington United Methodist Church. Phred went through Charlie's program in excellent fashion and everyone had a good time sharing and learning together. In **December**, Charlie helped Cole Compton and his family find a new show pleasure mare. She is at SRF for training so that Cole can show her in the juvenile classes come spring. Julie Brown also bought a new filly, Zorra, who was brought to Sin January. Cole and Julie are both working with Charlie to get to know their new horses better. Charlie has ridden several young horses, most of which are now certified. One of Mike Hartong's horses was sold. Buddy will remain in training (with the new barn name of Bravo) for several months before he goes to his new home in CA after his owner completes her current job assignment in Germany. Bob worked again with Martha's filly, Clover, and got her started under saddle. We enjoyed Christmas, once again with family and friends but decided not to have a farm get together since we'd had the clinic and the time, this year, was short between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Now we find ourselves in a new year and a new decade. Dreams and goals are before us. So much of what we do just depends on what we really want to fill our lives. The New Year is the time we look back and look forward. Our horses are such a huge part of our lives. There are many choices. SRF has always been dedicated to helping our clients enjoy their horses to the fullest extent possible. As you ponder, dream, and set goals for 2020, reach out to the folks at SRF. We love making it happen! Blessings to all and Happy New Year!



Why Do I Ride . . .

Because when I look at my horse,
I see hopes & dreams.
When I touch my horse,
I feel joy & serenity.
When I ride my horse,
I connect with my soul.
When I am with my horse,
I am who I am meant to be.

Important Dates

- Jan. 1** New Years Day
- Jan. 18** RMHA Board Mtg.
- Feb. 8** RMHA Banquet, Boone Tavern, Berea, KY
- Feb. 14** Valentine's Day
- March 20 - 22** Road to the Horse, Alltech Arena, KHP, Lexington, KY
- April 2 - 5** Equine Affaire Columbus, OH
- April 25** Spring Showcase, West Liberty, KY
- *May 20 - 23** Appalachian Horse Revival possible "A" RMHA Show, Morehead, KY
- *May 29 - 30** Old Dominion Horse Show possible A Show
- June 27** Redneck Barn/Bill Corey Memorial, Lee County,
- *July 17 - 18** Summer Celebration, NC
- July 25** Gaited Horse Gala, West Liberty, KY
- *July 24 - 25** Rockbridge, Lexington, VA
- *Aug. 8** Mountain Horse Celebration, West Liberty, KY
- Aug. 22** Pink Show, Owingsville,
- Sept. 9—12— Please Note Date Change** RMHA International (increased to 4 days) **Sept. 2 - 5** due to availability at the KHP.
- Sept. 24 - 27** Equitana USA, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington