

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



Stoner Ridge Farm News

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Foundation First Mountain Horse Training™

Planning, Planning, Planning

The weather has been wet and snowy here in Kentucky with more arctic cold to come. Even so planning is in progress for 2021. You will see the calendar on the back page. There are more shows being fine tuned than what is posted there. Several folks are waiting to see if covid restrictions are reduced before making their final plans.

There is an RMHA Judging Clinic planned for March 27th. Make plans soon and make arrangements with the office to

attend as an auditor or a judge candidate. The location will be announced soon.

Here at the farm, it is business as usual as Charlie works with his horses. Some will go on to show and some will become trail mounts. While there are shows going on in TX, it looks like the first show in Kentucky, is the Sharon Copher Memorial, on May 15th in Owingsville. Two other shows are scheduled on back to back days - the Sad-

dle Up for a Cause Jubilee and the Saddle Up for a Cause Celebration. Forkland Valley Farm (Mark Gordon), Cowboy Angel Farm and Circle B Rockies are teaming up this year to organize a two-day RMHA charity show in Harrodsburg, KY June 25 and 26th. All profits of this year's show will go to Keith and Andrea Kirkpatrick to help offset medical costs. The Kirkpatricks are long-time members and supporters of Rocky

Mountain Horses. They have been friends for many years. If any of you, or anyone you know, would like to help sponsor the show or make a contribution, the show bill is posted on the RMHA web site. Julie Clark is the show manager. I'm thankful for the opportunity to help these guys.

The KHP has been reserved for RMHA International. We are hoping for a different protocol so the show can go on as planned. We can't wait to get out and enjoy fun times again soon.



2021 Stoner Ridge Farm Stallions



SRF's Silver Sundown
Sam Tuttle & Rea Swan Winner
Western Grand Champion
Owners: Steve & Susan Heuslein
RMHA, KMSHA, & MPH

Mr. Valentine

Black Market Diamond
Beginning his breeding career in 2021 - Gray, no red gene
Owners: Steve and Susan Heuslein
RMHA & KMSHA

The Ladies LOVE ME



PBF's Simon Barjonah
RMHA 2018 International Show
Pleasure Stallion 4-5 YO Winner
Owners: Steve & Susan Heuslein
RMHA & KSMHA



Merry Go Blue
World Grand Champion
Conformation and Under Saddle
Owners: Don & Nancy Copland and Robert & Lyngle Lawson
RMHA, KMSHA, & MPH



Merry Go Blue *Conformation and Under Saddle Grand Champion*

Outstanding Progeny

- Blue Note Jazz
- Daily Blue
- Better in Blue
- Hill Hidden Agenda
- Hill's Ticket to Ride
- Nobody's Fool
- Brasserie Blue

Covered by Don & Nancy Copland, Robert & Lyngle Lawson

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Live foal guarantee shipped across the country

When it comes time to expand your herd, Stoner Ridge Farm has an outstanding selection of stallions from which to choose. All have great conformation, excellent gait and a wonderful temperament. They are versatile and have varied pedigrees. See the web site (www.stonerridgefarm.com) for further descriptions and the breeding contract. All stallions are offered with a live foal guarantee.

Welcome

SRF would like to welcome another sweet filly from Tim and Marcia Spencer. She is here to be started. Tim and Marsha have her leading well but Charlie will have the honor of the first ride. Black Market Diamond (Jim) was brought up from the pasture last month to continue his training under saddle. Sweet Jazz Master came back to the barn on February 1st. Duncan will be joining the barn crew soon. Ruby hopes to ride and show him this summer. Nancy is planning to keep Stormy here in KY for now. He seems happier with the activity and other horses here at the farm. He continues to do a lesson or two a week when weather permits. We're looking forward to working with all these horses in the coming months.



Coggins/Vaccinations

It won't be long before spring is here. It is hard to imagine with the frigid temperatures we are having right now but it will be here before we know it.

Coggins and Vaccinations will be due soon. Typical vaccinations include a Six Way - Equine Influenza; Eastern, Western & Venezuelan Encephalomyelitis; Rhinopneumonitis; and Tetanus. In addition strangles intranasal is recommended. Please text Charlie and let him know if there are any additional vaccinations you'd like for your horse to receive. Dr. McVey will come out to take care of both vaccinations and coggins (for horses whose Coggins that will expire).

Prayers Please

Please be in prayer this month for the many folks who are suffering from health issues. There are many out there who are in the hospitals and nursing homes who need to have their health restored.

We ask, also, that you mention Page McCarty in your prayers. She is the young lady who helps Charlie. She had a medical procedure this week but will be back to work on Monday. Erin has been filling in.

We are blessed here at the farm that we are healthy and able to continue working with the horses. So far, we have been spared not only from COVID-19 but we've not had any flu symptoms or even a bad cold this winter.

Ruby is back in school two days a week and virtual the other three. We pray kids will be able to be back in school full time very soon.

2020 RMHA High Point Awards

WOFF's Wind Commander

Owner: Ann Day
Gelding Trail Pleasure - 1st

HCR's After Midnight

Owner: Julie Brown
Geldings Show Pleasure - 3rd

Silver's Jazz Master

Owners: Steve & Susan Heuslein
3 YO CTP - 2nd
CTP Geldings - 2nd
CTP Championship - 3^r

Pepper's Just Plain Pretty

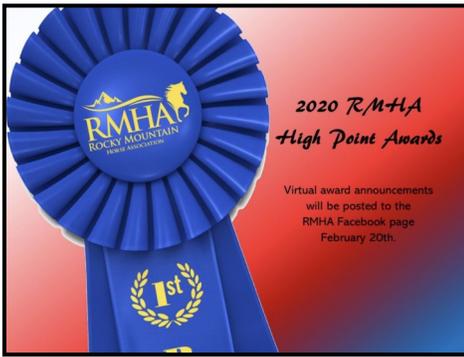
Owners: Charlie & Erin DeAtley
11 & Under CTP - Ruby DeAtley - 2nd
11 & Under Trail Pleasure - Ruby DeAtley - 2nd

Black Market Diamond

Owners: Steve & Susan Heuslein
3 YO Trail Pleasure - 2nd

Hot to Trot

Owners: The Compton Family
Youth 12-17 Show Pleasure Championship
- Cole Compton - 5th



Rocky Mountain Horse Association

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Because of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions in KY and concern for the well-being of our members, the RMHA regrets to announce that it will not host a live High Point Award Banquet this year. Committees are working to prepare a virtual award video to be posted on the RMHA Facebook page on February 20th.

We are very grateful for the participation of so many members in the programs of the RMHA in 2020 and would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to all participants and sponsors of 2020 RMHA events, classes and programs. We are anticipating another great year!

Go Hug Your Horse

Go hug your horse. Someone loved a mare and carefully chose a sire. Someone devoted their life to a stallion they believed in. Someone chose to help mares make babies for a living. Someone sat up all night for who knows how long to help your horse into the world, and someone kissed that wet nose. Someone put on the first halter, picked up the first hoof, gave the first bath, and tightened the first girth. It took a lot of hearts to carry your horse to you. They gave many moments of their lives, many



breaths, many stomped toes and broken boards. Hug your horse for them . . . They did it believing in your horse's future - so make it a good one and go hug your horse.
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A Training Tip: Visualize What You Want

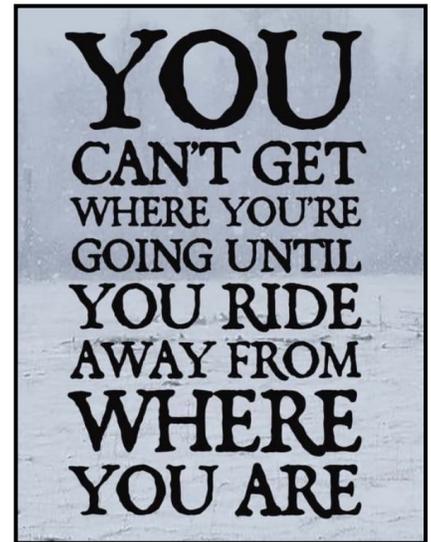
Author: Colton Woods

What is one thing you're working with your horse on to achieve together? It could be a particular maneuver, a mental or emotional change or even an experience you're working towards together. Many never experience what it is they are working toward before they start trying to create. This is often times where frustration, confusion and self-doubt tend to multiply. So, how can we possibly experience what it is we are working toward if we don't have a horse or trainer or some other means to show us and let us feel what we are trying to achieve?

It starts with visualization in YOUR mind. Think of that thing again that you're working with your horse to achieve together. What would it look like? Just like you were dreaming about it - Close your eyes, create it in your mind. Try to envision what it would look like from your perspective and even the perspective of someone watching you from afar. The more angles, the deeper the clarity but don't get caught up if you struggle here. This will come with practice.

Next, ask yourself, "What would it feel like?" Take yourself through each detail. The feeling in the reins, the cadence in your horse's feet, the energy between you and your horse, your balance and posture . . . Try to feel each detail . . . Visualize, then feel.

Breathe as you take yourself through this experience. Great leaders have a vision for where they and their team are going. They have taken the time to create the experience within themselves before they've ever actually arrived and therefore, they are way more prepared to lead their team with clarity, purpose, confidence and understanding. This gives the team great confidence and builds their willingness to follow their leader wherever the journey may take them. But first, it starts within the leader. For some, you might even find it helpful to write out your visions and work through this in a journal. Find what works for you and create that experience within yourself before you set out to lead your horse toward that experience.



2021 Important Dates

- Feb. 20** Virtual High Point Awards
- Feb. 14** Valentine's Day
- March 11-** Corsicana Charity Horse Show - Navarri Count Expo Center, Corsicana, Texas. RMHA B show
- March 12** - Corsicana Charity Horse Show - Navarri Count Expo Center, Corsicana, Texas. RMHA B show
- March 13** - Corsicana Charity Horse Show - Navarri Count Expo Center, Corsicana, Texas. RMHA B show
- March 20 - 22** Road to the Horse, moved to Texas
- March 27** - RMHA Judging Clinic (location and details TBD)
- May 15** - Sharon Copher Memorial Horse Show RMHA Sanctioned A Show in Owingsville, KY
- June 19** - RMHA Board Meeting
- June 25** - Saddle Up for a Cause Jubilee Horse Show - RMHA Sanctioned A Show at Mercer Co. Fairgrounds in Harrodsburg, KY
- June 26** - Saddle Up for a Cause Celebration Horse Show at Mercer Co. Fairgrounds, Harrodsburg, KY
- Sept. 8 - 11** RMHA International Grand Championship Horse Show at the KHP in Lexington, KY

