

Important Dates

Scores for RMHA competitive events accumulate beginning November 1, 2020

Nov. 14 - 15 - Highlander Ranch Open, Waco, TX
Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 5 - RMHA Board Mtg.
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
Jan. 1 - New Years Day
Jan. 23 - RMHA Board Mtg.
Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
March 11 - 13 Corsicana Charity Horse Show, TX
Sept. 8 - 11 RMHA International KHP, Lexington



Happy Thanksgiving

Nov. 1, 2020

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October Updates

Last year, October came blasting in at a whopping 97 degrees - the highest recorded October temperature ever for this area. This year, fortunately, we have had much more typical weather with warm, pleasant days and cooler nights. Just this past week, we have had some nights in the 30's. It has been great weather for starting young horses and taking care of the other needs on the farm.

While many horses are turned out to enjoy simply being a horse, Charlie has started five young fillies so far, and they are doing great. Tim and Marcia's filly, Queen Bee, has a wonderful gait and is moving right along. Sundown Sierra, Steve and Susan's filly, is also wonderfully gaited. She is pretty and talented. Princess Pfred, who belongs to Jennifer Van Meter, is smart and willing. Melissa Walters' filly, Rain, is the first offspring of GHS How Bizzare to be put under saddle. She is muscling up and learning fast. She likes to check new things out and then gets right with the program. Winnie, Vivian

Hill's buckskin filly is coming along nicely as well. She is so athletic! All these girls are going to make super mounts whether they go on to the show ring, versatility events, or out on the trail. They are responsive and willing. Charlie is teaching them to bend and flex, move away from pressure, ground driving, how to back softly and on and on. He has also been working a pretty spotted gelding, Felix, who belongs to Laura Hornback. He is here for a general refresher and gait work. Laura is a college student working toward becoming a doctor. Jo Ann Green has her beautiful black stallion, The Preacher, here for Charlie to train as well. He is really coming along. She can't wait to show him at the International next year. New to the farm also is Diamond Broker who was purchased by Melissa Sharkey - she is Ann Day's friend who shows WOF occasionally. Broker is a very talented 5 year old chocolate gelding by Diamond Cracker. Melissa is looking forward to showing him in Novice and Amateur classes

next year. Charlie is working with Dorsey Crow (Big D) each week on round pen techniques. He is a very busy man these days.

To make sure he does the very best for all the horses here, Charlie has started a waiting list. He places a lot of importance on the quality of training and limiting the number of horses he takes helps make sure each one gets what is needed to grow and learn.

While Bob is retired he does help a few folks with their horse needs. Mary K. Eades brought Dandy last week for Bob to work with on Liberty. Both Mary K. and Dandy have been a quick study. There are so many positive aspects to teaching a horse to focus on his/her handler and how to become responsive to their direction. Bob has also been working with Courtney and Clover. We continue to enjoy Stormy. He has a lesson or two each week between other short rides. We look forward to Nancy's visits when she comes to ride.
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Opportunities

Some of you have been asking about future advertising - please see the magazine rates and requirements below. The proposed mail dates for the Winter/Spring issue will be February 5, 2021. That will be a great issue to celebrate accomplishments from the RMHA International and to advertise breeding stallions. Natasha Douglas was the International show photographer. She did a great job! You can see these photos at <http://horseshowproofs.com>. There are different prices for use of photos in magazines so be sure to get the appropriate package for your needs. The Summer/Fall issue will be mailed approximately July 30, 2021. It will be the pre-International issue. There may also be an auction of some of the most desirable pages. While graphics design is included in the cost of your ad, we also use April Smith and Luka Bowman to help with graphics at an additional cost. Let me know if you need assistance with any advertising.

ALL ADS AND PAYMENTS DUE JAN. 15 & JULY 15, 2021

ADVERTISING RATES AND DIMENSIONS

AD SIZE	PRICE	DIMENSION
Front Cover	\$1000	8.625W x 11.125H (includes bleed)
Inside Front Cov	\$400	8.625W x 11.125H (includes bleed)
Inside Back Cov	\$400	8.625W x 11.125H (includes bleed)
Back Cover	\$500	8.625W x 11.125H (includes bleed)
Full Page	\$350	8.625W x 11.125H (includes bleed)
Half Page	\$250	8W x 5.25H
1/4 Page	\$175	3.75W x 5.25H
Bus Cd	\$125	3.5W x 2H

Schedule Change

Charlie has a special request for November. There is a lot going on for him the week of November 14 - 22 . . . so he won't be scheduling any lessons or farm visits. He will be here riding, but he may arrive a little later or leave a little earlier than is usual for him. Steve Allen will be here in the morning and Mary Kelley will be here in the evening. Bob and Lyngle will also be around. If you have lessons with Bob, they will continue as scheduled. Visits with us are fine. Charlie will be focused on getting his horses ridden so he can free up a little time for this week. Thanks!

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Barbara Hopper calls Stormy the best trail obstacle horse she's ever ridden. The Ellington girls call him "Big Stormy" and can't wait to come and ride each week.

Sydney's Little Honey and Blue Mountain Girl are great friends and have been turned out together in the front field. Both are now weaned and away from their mommies. We enjoy watching them run and play. Next year, we are looking forward to Kemo Sabe and Chicago Blues being ready to start.

It is fun to watch how the complexion of the farm changes after show season. Charlie has a great system. We love to see how fast the youngsters learn. Some are stronger in certain areas than others but they all come along with patience and persistence. We can only imagine what their jobs will be as they grow and mature. Most keep us guessing for awhile. That is part of the fun . . . wondering what great things the future will bring.

Thankful

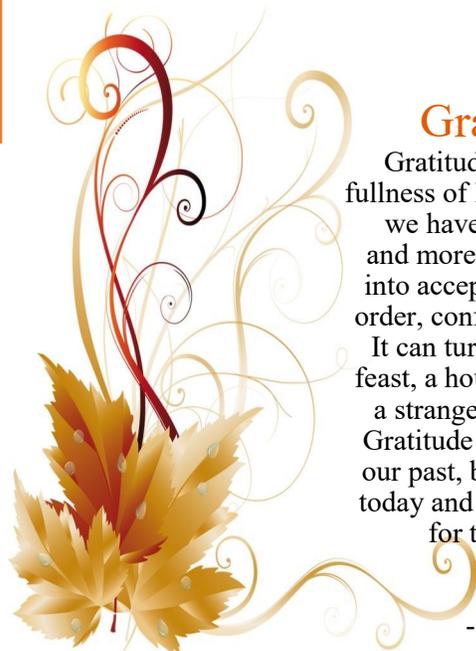
In this season of Thanksgiving, we pause to say, "Thank you" to everyone for all you do for Stoner Ridge Farm. Life just wouldn't be the same without your friendship. You all are supportive and patient, kind and dedicated. You enrich our lives as do your horses.

We are so very blessed!

Gratitude

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

- Melody Beattie



October Romance

It was over a year ago that **Sarah Claprood and Joel Richardson** got engaged. Sarah was so excited!!! She couldn't wait to come to the farm and take pictures of her ring and her horse, Charlie. We didn't know Joel but we knew Sarah well. She'd been coming to the farm for 5 or 6 years - first taking lessons, and then riding Charlie when he was ready. During that time, she had become a dear friend.

We were all excited about attending the wedding on October 17th in her hometown in WV. Unfortunately, we were not able to go because of a COVID exposure. It was just too big of a risk that we might carry the virus to Sarah's family and friends. The good news is that none of us got sick and even though we weren't there, Sarah and Joel had a beautiful wedding. The venue was Almost Heaven Barn in Shinnston, WV. It was a



perfect place for this happy couple. Sarah even had someone read "At the Barn" a special tribute to how wonderful life is when you have a barn to enjoy. Sarah had a small wedding party but a large outdoor gathering.



touching. Sarah and Joel have purchased a 31 acre farm in WV and Sarah's farm is already sold here in KY. We wish them a lifetime of happiness. Congratulations!



Just this past summer, another engagement was announced: **McKayla Hall and William Wallace**. We have known McKayla since she was a youth rider with the Clark County 4 H Drill Team. Not too long after she graduated, she came to work for Charlie. Then a couple of years ago, she began working at Toyota. We also knew William through his delivery of hay here at the barn.

McKayla and William decided to get married in early October. As the time grew near, there was a complication - a category 4 hurricane that devastated Louisiana. Since William is a line-



Sarah was attended by her twin sister, Kelsey, and Joel's best man was his brother. We were able to view a video of the wedding. The ceremony was very beautiful and very

man, he had to go and was unable to return in time for their chosen wedding date. New arrangements were made and the alternate date of October 24th was set.



The day dawned cool but sunny. The trees at El Bethel United Methodist Church were full of color making a beautiful backdrop for their special day. We were out of quarantine and thankful that we could attend this happy occasion. It was such a beautiful wedding. McKayla and William will be living on Miller Hunt Road in Winchester. We wish them all the happiness in the world. Congratulations!!!



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