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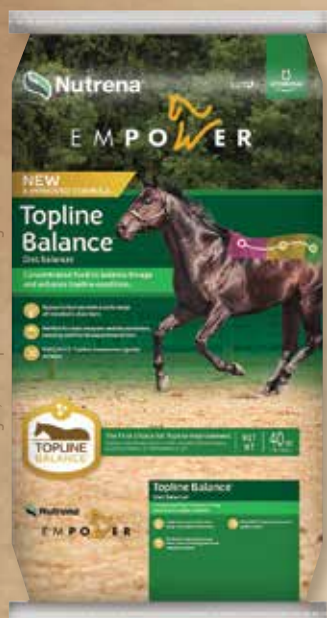
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3rd Annual Halloween Jumper Fun Show

This past weekend at the Kennebec Morgan Farm on Saturday October 28th, our 3rd annual Halloween show took place. We had the biggest turnout to date. We had over 30 participants who took part in various rounds that included walk-trot classes all the way up to 1.10m jumpers.

Besides competing in single rounds, jumpers also competed in a team event and a costume contest jumping round. The team that took home the gold was the Standard Bred's Team that included Grace Cloutier riding Flex Fuel, Meghan Martin on Lindon's Rose, and Kathleen Bailey on Gone to

Carolina. Teams had to complete a jumping course fastest and with minimal faults. The two teams with the fastest times and least faults went onto the second round with a different jumping course and then the winner was chosen from those two teams.

The main event of the day was the Jumper Costume Class where the participants were required to be dressed up along with decorating their horses. The overall winner was Tracy Malloy riding Royal Flush followed by Meghan Martin, Lizzie Dutton, Lindsay Huston, Asa Woodman, and Abigale Bsullak.



Meaghan Martin

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Team Challenge Winners



Tracy Malloy

The Pickpocket Educational ADT located in the heart of the NH Seacoast Region in Brentwood, has in its second year become the go to event for new drivers. On October 22, the last of three events scheduled in 2017, 10 VSE's, and 11 horses and ponies participated in educational activity, set up to prepare participants for Arena Driving Trials and Combined Driving Events. Each event this year had over 20 participants, with skills ranging from "Green as Grass" newbies with no showing experience to Intermediate drivers looking to stay sharp and practice driving skills. Our sincere thanks to Susan Koso for her time as judge at all three events this year. Her guidance and patience will build this event into an even better experience for all next year. Many other volunteers including Stephanie Merrill, our scorer, her husband Chuck, and Sergio Rubio helped at all three events. What a surprise to see Denise Reed Gagnon, Laurie Goodwin and Judy Finerty at the show. They too volunteered and helped make the show a huge success.

All VSE's (mini's) complete in a 20 x 40 meter dressage ring, then the ring is opened up to 40 x 80 meters, then even larger 40 x 100 meters for the Intermediate drivers. Following dressage was a 15 cone course, and 2 obstacles, each driven twice. The grounds are perfect to accommodate 20-25 trailers with plenty of room to turn for new trailer drivers, and lots of room to warm up in a very friendly, low pressure atmosphere for all that participate. Everyone was encouraged to ask questions, seek help and lend a hand to anyone needing assistance.

Granite State Carriage Assn. was well represented with 14 members of the 20 participants. The VSE's had 10 training entries. Georgia Barry won the division with GSCA members, Tina Silva 2nd and Marsha Cloutier 3rd. The Training Pony Division was won by Diego Rubio with GSCA members Lisa Brooks Smets 2nd and Mickie Dutton 3rd. Training Horse was won by Rachel Nydam with GSCA member Andrea Coursey placing 2nd. The Preliminary Pony Division was won by GSCA member Susan Rogers with Lori Stammer 2nd and GSCA member Hilary Miskoe 3rd, while the Preliminary Horse Division was won by GSCA member Leslie Baxter. The only Intermediate driver was GSCA member Janet Oliver who won the Pony Division.

Lunch at each event is a pot luck with all sharing the great food, comradery and family fun.

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Recognition for a job well done, and helpful words of encouragement follow each event. Linda and I look forward to hosting three events again next year, so

stay tuned for more information and be looking for the calendar as we approach a great 2018 driving

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Gail Byrnes



Lori Stammer



Tanya Wheeler



Mickie Dutton

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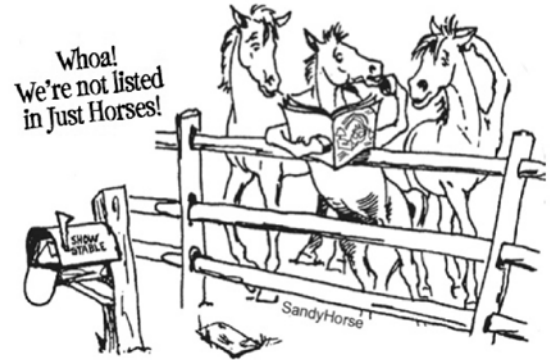
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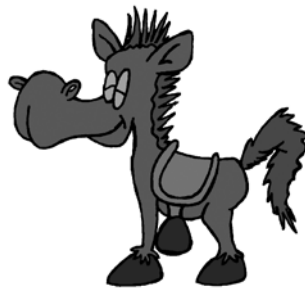
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ON THE COVER



This photo by Louann Thompson of Schooner Hill Photography shows Hana Poulin a few years ago driving Ashland's Empress at the Waldingfield Horse Driving Trials in Ipswich, Mass..

Hana, of Pownal, Maine, was just starting back into the field of combined driving after taking almost 20 years off from that discipline to pursue dressage. Hana is now a frequent site driving around the countryside and at driving events.

From the Editor

Whatever holiday you celebrate, I hope you have a happy one.

We've reached the end of another year. That usually signals the end of one season and a lull before the start of another. Not this year, it seems. This year the shows just haven't ended! There are several in this issue. And there is a winter hunter/jumper show series this year. So it seems that the 2018 season is beginning already. This can't be anything but a good sign for the Maine and New Hampshire equestrian communities! We are so glad!

We hope that whatever season and discipline yours is, it is flourishing and growing. So many are that it's very encouraging. New ones too! We look forward to hearing about all of them, especially now when all has been so traditionally quiet. If you are involved in a very busy horse activity, please be sure to let us know all about it. We want to hear what *everyone* is doing, not just some. If you are thinking "they wouldn't want to know about that...", yes, we would.

Please remember in these holiday times to watch out for those less fortunate and help if you can. A bag of grain or a bale of hay dropped off might make all the difference in the world for some, both equine and human.

Wear your helmet. Don't have one? *There's* a great Christmas gift idea!

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From Dr. J

by David A. Jefferson, D.V.M.

X-rays and Ultrasounds

I have found 99% of horse owners to be reasonable. That other 1% accounts for some of my white hairs. Let me tell you about Ed. I hadn't met the man, but the word was that Ed's opinion was the only one that counted. He called my office for an appointment to check out his horse Spark who had come up with a gimping leg. Ed lived a considerable distance away, so it made sense for him to truck the horse in.

A few days later Ed drove his pickup hauling a horse trailer into my yard. He dropped the ramp and backed Spark out. I listened as the gelding's feet hit the ramp. Each foot drummed with the same sound as the other three. There was no sign of any lameness as the horse danced around getting used to new sights and smells. I was thinking, "OK, maybe it's just the adrenaline rush overriding his lameness." Given a new place and new people, chronic problems often take a back seat. Spark cavorted some more, snorted a few times, and then settled. Ed bent down to take off the horse's shipping boots and told me the story. Spark was a team penner. Ed had ridden him harder than usual at the weekend competition. He noticed a front-end lameness Sunday afternoon, loaded him up, and trucked him home. He had been in his stall until today, 3 days later.

As we talked, I kept glancing over at Spark. He was standing solidly on all four, so I asked, "Ed, which leg did he have the problem with?"

"Let me see, it's his left fore. Nope, let me think. Pretty sure it's his right. I don't know. It's up front for sure. I'm not the vet. You tell me. Anyway, it don't matter; he's lame so we need to take some X-rays."

I asked Erin, my tech and horse handler, to take the horse's lead. She trotted the horse up and back. Spark was sound. Erin has run hundreds of horses for me and has a good eye and a good ear. As she runs with a horse, she can often tell by the sound of the feet hitting if he is off. I glanced at her. She shrugged as if to say, "Looks OK to me." Out loud she said, "Round pen?" I nodded. Erin walked him down to the ring and free-lunged Spark both ways at a trot and a canter. No lameness.

"Ed, I'm not seeing it. Your horse looks good." I tried explain-

ing that some soft tissue injuries or stone bruises self-correct within a few days. Before I could finish, Ed cut me off: "That could be, but I still want him X-rayed."

"Here's the problem. You want him X-rayed, but I don't have any idea of where the lameness is, or more accurately, was. I don't know what leg or where on that leg to focus the machine. He's sound and, honestly, it doesn't look to me like you need radiographs."

"Look, Doc, I drove 2 hours to get here with this horse, and I've got a 2 hour drive back home! I paid a lot of cash for this boy, and I want to be sure he's OK!"

I took a deep breath and then said, "OK, Ed, I understand your concern. Let's look a little deeper." Any vet who does a lot of lameness exams develops a set pattern for examinations. I like to walk around the horse first at a distance of 10 to 12 feet, checking conformation. This Quarter Horse was well put together. I didn't see any area that would be stressed under hard work. (For example, a horse with a club foot will inevitably go lame if worked hard enough.)

I checked Spark's digital pulses and palpated every joint from pasterns right up through the shoulders in both front legs. I checked his hind legs from foot to hip. I ran my fingers down his back and neck feeling for soreness or dislocations. I have done this same procedure thousands of times, and it doesn't take long, but it gives me some idea of the location of the problem. Not this time.

Finally I had Erin trot him out after I flexed each of his joints. Spark looked and stayed sound. I had just spent 45 minutes looking for the lameness that wasn't there, and I was beginning to think it never had been.

Reaching for some common ground I complimented Ed on his horse and told him again why X-rays would be a waste of my time and his money. Putting it as nicely as I could, I told him that I wasn't going to radiograph his horse. This annoyed Ed, but when I didn't budge, he paid grudgingly for my lameness exam and left with Spark. Ed was not happy with this vet who wouldn't meet his demands. I thought I'd never hear from him again, but I did. After he got home that day, he called me and fired his last shot by demanding to know why I wouldn't X-ray

his horse like I did his neighbor's a year ago.

Ed is one of my 1%. You may have someone in your life like that. For me, there comes a point when I just stop trying to bring them my truth. However, for the benefit of anyone else who might be interested, I'd like to explain the role of the x-ray or an ultrasound in a lameness exam.

First I should say that both machines can be invaluable diagnostic aids. Practicing without either would handicap me. I carry them in my truck and use them often. It's nothing short of a miracle to have an apparatus that enables you to look beneath skin and muscle at the inner structures of a leg. It always makes me feel like Spock on Star Trek. However, with the exception of checking on growth plates, measuring hoof angles, or a pre-purchase exam, there is not much sense in radiographing sound horses.

The proper procedure in a sore horse evaluation is to first have a hands-on exam by a competent equine vet to find out which area is hurt or weak. It's not always obvious, and sometimes we have to rely on diagnostic nerve blocks. The take-home to remember is that the X-ray is *not* a searching machine. First you must find out *where* the problem is and *then* use X-rays, ultrasounds, or both to determine *what* it is. Sometimes even they are not enough, and we refer out a few horses each year for nuclear scans, CAT scans, or MRIs.

Without a good history and full examination, images are of limited value. That's even true vet to vet. When I send out images to colleagues, they always want to know how the horse moved and what I found on my clinical exam. The image alone without that information doesn't mean much. For example, many times when we are looking at competition horses, a suspicious line or a smooth chip seen on images could be old history and is no longer a problem.

If I had given in and X-rayed Spark from stem to stern like Ed requested, both the time spent and the money paid would have been high, and likely of no benefit. We might have seen some interesting things, but they wouldn't be much help, given the fact that the horse was sound. To get a good diagnostic set of joint films usually requires 4 separate exposures, each taken at a different angle. In complex joints such as the knee (carpus), 5 or 6 views are often necessary. This means that just on one front leg, going from foot up

through the knee, there would be about 20 exposures. This would be an improper use of the machine and would expose the horse, vets, staff, and owners to unnecessary radiation.

If you call your vet for a lameness exam, don't automatically expect X-rays or an ultrasound. If he thinks they are indicated, he will tell you. There will be plenty to discuss, but leave the final de-

cision about images up to his or her judgment.

Dr. Jefferson is the founding veterinarian of Maine Equine Associates. His essays from past columns in "The Horse's Maine and NH" have been made into a book, Maine Horse Doctor; On The Road with Dr. J, available on Amazon. The most recent columns can be accessed on his website, www.MaineEquineAssociates.com

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Sebasticook Riding Club 2017 Banquet

Sebasticook Riding Club had their year-end awards banquet October 15 with many in attendance. A great back-ground was on the wall so award winners could have their picture taken in front of it with trophies and friends. Tables were decorated in green and yellow with beautiful center pieces that really dressed up the tables. As always, there was a lot of food brought in for the banquet and the auction table was a big hit again. Thanks to all that donated items and also people who bought tickets. A special thanks to Mr. Rinaldi for his continued support, and to a special donor that gave us \$100 to auction off. That drew a lot of ticket buying!!

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uitation Jr: C: Lily DeGrasse/Sugar & R: Courtney Fish/Doc & R: Madison Higgins/Misty. **Walk/Trot English Equitation Sr.:** C: Sandi Oliver/Radi & R: Danielle Aziz/Roma. **WT English Pleasure Jr.:** Madison Higgins/Misty & R: Courtney Fish/Doc. **WT English Pleasure Sr.:** Sandi Oliver/Radi & R: Danielle Aziz/Roma. **Road Hack (14 & over):** Debbie Faulkner/Mocha Jo & R: Danielle Aziz/Roma. **Parade Class:** Michele Gatie/Kings Rebel Lad & R: Morgan Gurney/Peppered with Gold & R: Kaitlyn Carrier/Ride N Paradise. **Costume Class Jr.:** C: Morgan Gurney/Peppered with Gold & R: Kaitlyn Carrier/Ride N Paradise. **Costume Class Sr.:** Marianne Cogswell/Honey Bee & R: Rick Lyons/Cheyenne. **Activity Pattern Class (10 & over):** C: Rebecca Williams/Shez Plain Zipped & C: Olivia Moody/Zippocentric. **Western Equitation Jr.:** C: Rebecca Williams/Shez Plain Zipped & R: Samantha Fike/Chocolate Loper. **Western Equitation Sr.:** C: Sarah Chadbourne/Chocolate Loper & R: Michele Gatie/Kings Rebel Lad. **Pee Wee WT Pleasure:** C: Raven Zachary/Luna. **WT Western Equitation (17 & under):** C: Morgan Gurney/Peppered with Gold & R: Madison Higgins/Misty. **WT Pleasure Gaited Horses Only:** C: Lisa riopell Gonzalez/Wathouts WOR Admiral & R: Anne McKinney/Parker's Image. **WT Western Equitation (18 & over):** C: Sandi Oliver/Radi & R: Makenzie Cannon/Eligance Dun Right. **Western Pleasure Jr:** C: Rebecca Williams/Shez Plain Zipped & R: Samantha Fike/Chocolate Loper. **Western Pleasure Sr.:** Sarah Chadbourne/Chocolate Loper &

R: Michele Gatie/Kings Rebel Lad. **WT Western Pleasure (17 & under):** C: Morgan Gurney/Peppered With Gold & R: Madison Higgins/Misty. **WT Western Pleasure (18 & over):** C: Sandi Oliver/Radi & R: Marianne Cogswell/Honey Bee. **WT Command Class:** C: Lisa Riopell Gonzalez/Watchouts WOR Admiral & R: Danielle Aziz/Roma. **Command Class Open:** C: Samantha Fike/Chocolate Loper & C: Michele Gatie/Kings Rebel Lad. **Trail Class (17 & under):** C: Samantha Fike/Chocolate Loper & R: Alia Parsons/SS Sporty Dee Bar. **Trail Class (18 & over):** C: Rick Lyons/Cheyenne & R: Sarah Chadbourne/Chocolate Loper. **In Hand Trail:** C: Rick Lyons/Cheyenne & R: Sarah Chadbourne/Chocolate Loper. **Leadline Trail:** C: Sophie Fortin/Zippocentric.

Games- Key Hole Lead Line: C: Jaxen Gerrier/King's Rebel Lad & R: Ricci Zachary/Junpiter. **Key Hole Pee Wee-** C: Stella Nutting/HH Fancy Feathers & R: Raven Zachary/Luna. **Key Hole WT (17 & under)** - C: Morgan Gurney/Peppered with Gold & R: Desiree Keyser/King's Rebel Lad. **Key Hole WT (18 & over)** C: Cathy Belanger/Sophie & R: Joanne Jankovich/Misty. **Key Hole Jr. :** C:Hannah York/Lexi & R: Hailey Roncy/Beans. **Key Hole Sr.:** C:Michele Gatie/King's Rebel Lad & R: (tie) Nicole York/Magnum & Emily Northup/Romita. **Golf Ball Lead Line** - C: Jaxen Gerrier/King's Rebel Lad & R: Ricci Zachary/Junpiter. **Golf Ball Pee Wee** - C: Stella Nutting/HH Fancy Feathers & R: Addison Brooks/Butter Scotch. **Ribbon Race Doubles Open** - C: Michele Gatie/King's Rebel Lad & R: Brittany Laurent/Juby. **Ribbon**

Race Doubles WT (17 & under) - C: Morgan Gurney/Peppered with Gold & Desiree Keyser/King's Rebel Lad. **Ribbon Race Doubles WT (18 & over)** - C: Cathy Belanger/Sophie & R: Rick Lyons/Cheyenne. **Speed Barrels Lead Line** - C: Jaxen Gerrier/King's Rebel Lad & R: Ricci Zachary/Junpiter. **Speed Barrels Pee Wee** - C: Raven Zachary/Luna & R: Stella Nutting/HH Fancy Feathers. **Speed Barrels WT (17 & under)** - C: Morgan Gurney/Peppered with Gold & R: Desiree Keyser/King's Rebel Lad. **Speed Barrels WT (18 & over)** - C: Cathy Belanger/Sophie & R: Linda Maxwell/Eddie. **Speed Barrels Jr.:** C: Hannah York/Lexie & R: Hailey Ronco/Beans. **Speed Barrels Sr.** - C: Michele Gatie/King's Rebel Lad & R: Nicole York/Magnum. **Barrel Race WT (17 & under)** - C: Morgan Gurney/Peppered with Gold & R: Desiree Keyser/King's Rebel Lad. **Barrel Race WT (18 & over):** C: Cathy Belanger/Sophie & R: Arlene Walker/Max. **Barrel Race Jr.** - C: Hannah York/Lexie & R: Hailey Ronco/Beans. **Barrel Race Sr.** - C: Michele Gatie/King's Rebel Lad & R: Nicole York/Magnum. **Egg On A Spoon WT:** 3 way tie C: Cathy Belanger/Sophie, Marianne Cogswell/Honey Bee & Desiree Keyser/King's Rebel Lad. **Egg On A Spoon Open:** C: Hannah York/Lexie & R: Nicole York/Magnum. **Single Pole Lead Line** - C: Jaxen Gerrier/King's Rebel Lad & R: Ricci Zachary/Junpiter. **Single Pole Pee Wee** - C: Stella Nutting/

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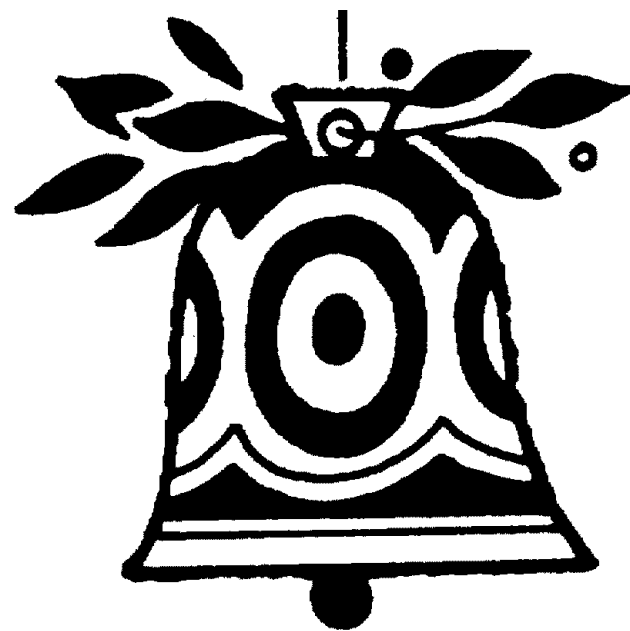


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Maine Driving Club Seacoast Farm Derby

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September 30; A spectacular fall day as only New England can produce. Jenny and KC Wells could not have picked a better day if they had been given a catalog to order from.

Eleven of the thirteen turn-outs were returning to vie for the Derby Championship prize. The Seacoast Farm venue offered both the Derby course and a modified marathon course that made its way through woods, fields and included two obstacles. Both spectators and drivers enjoyed a perfect vantage point to observe both courses.

Thanks to volunteers extraordinaire Sine St. Pierre and Sarah Kramer, competitors even had a chance to experience a vet check at the end of the marathon course. They enjoyed learning about the

ins and outs of a vet check as well as receiving the status of their equine.

Training level VSE: 1. Kassi Farrar/Jasper 2. Judy Chamberlan/Twinkle Training level Ponies: 1. Nancy Wines-Dewan/Brenna 2. Liz Happel/Highland's Hot Tin Lizzie 3. Chris Zanardi/Crystal of Martin's Wood Training level Horse: 1. Heidi Johnson/Merlin 2. Marcia Smolin/Pond Brook Ziva 3. Sally Moulton/Barney Preliminary VSE: 1. Kassi Farrar/Bentley Preliminary Horse: 1. Janette Giles/Coal Creek DeBar-Storm Preliminary Pairs: 1. Curt Bonney Open: 1. Janet Murphy-Oliver//CSS Kit Carson-Diego Training

Level Combined scores from both Spurwink and Seacoast derbies. Grand Champion: tie Kassi Farrar and Jasper Heidi Johnson and Merlin Reserve Champion: tie Chris Zanardi/Crystal of Martin's Wood Nancy Wines-Dewan/Brenna Preliminary Level Combined scores from both Spurwink and Seacoast derbies. Grand Champion: tie Kassi Farrar/Bentley Curt Bonney (pair) Reserve Champion: Janette Giles/Coal Creek DeBar-Storm

A heartfelt thank you to Jenny and KC Wells of Seacoast Farm for

shows

hosting this 3rd and last Derby. And, to KC and Gary Danforth for the hours of hard work getting the trails ready. To Jenny for opening her lovely home for good food, socializing and awards after the event. Also, for all her work creating and marking the trails on the marathon course.

We are all enjoying the wonderful photos taken by Katelyn Wells. Thank you Katelyn.

A big 'thank you' to Mary

Plummer. You are terrific and hopefully will accept the position next year!

To our host of volunteers, we could not have done this without you. Thank you to Elsie Banks, Mandy Haiss, Deb Plenge, Ansley Newton, Judy Chamberlain, Karen Marlin, Maria Dutton, Carrie Clark, Louann Thompson, and Jake Plummer.

We hope to see you all next year.



Jannette Giles with Coal Creek DeBar Storm, Navigator Chris Zanardi



Janet Oliver with CSS Kit Carson, Navigator Maria Dutton



Judy Chamberlain and Twinkle



Liz Happel and Lizzie, Navigator John Happel



Sally Moulton and Barney, Navigator Heidi Johnson




Nancy Dewan and Brenna



Marcis Smolin and Pond Brook Ziva, Navigator John Lawrence



Kassi Farrar and Bentley

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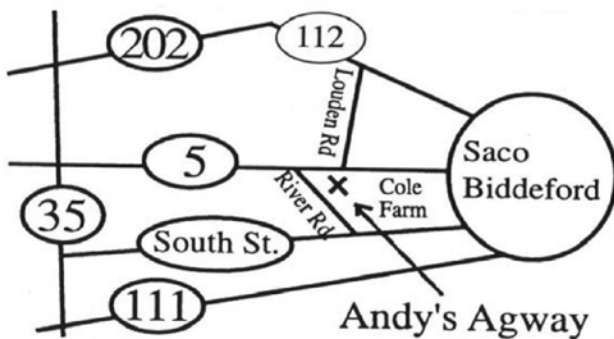
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Maine Quarter Horse Association Growing Members, Programs

The Maine Quarter Horse Association significantly grew in membership in 2017. They hosted their first ever Trail Challenge that sold out. Their AQHA Split Combined Horse Show doubled in number of exhibitors, and had roughly 700 more rides compared to 2016. MeQHA has already lined up more Trail Challenges, JMHA events and added classes to the Pine Tree Show for 2018. According to MeQHA President Ricky Drew, "AQHA has dropped their Trail Challenge Program. This had been a popular and growing program in our State. MeQHA has decided to not only pick up the program locally, but will now even offer year-end awards for it in 2018."

The Junior Master Horseman program is a staple in this State. The effort and hard work of Wanda Louder, Double L Equestrian Center, has brought it to the forefront. Drew states, "She runs a great program open to all at her place in Hancock. MeQHA has tried to get it to expand to more of the State. We already have new locations committed for more JMHA events and trail challenges for



2018. What Wanda does at Double L is top class. She has an extensive program that runs several times throughout the spring-summer months. John & Sherrye Trafton are chairing the MeQHA program. It will try to continue to bring more people from around the State into the fold. It is a great program for the youth to learn so much about horses."

In February the Maine Quarter Horse Association will be holding its annual meeting and awards banquet. The current officers are President Ricky Drew, 1st Vice-President Sherrye Trafton, 2nd Vice-President Carrie Munsey, Treasurer Theresa Pinkham, Secretary Sarah Clemons. All of these officers will be on the docket to continue in 2018.

The MeQHA Pine Tree Classic Horse Show has expanded its class list for 2018. It has added an Open Halter Class to bring more excitement to the all around awards. There will also be a Ranch horse Trail Class, aka a working trail class. There will also be a rail-work only All Breed Ranch



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Horse Pleasure Class. The popular Versatility Horse & Rider Event will return this year after a one year hiatus. That will offer a \$100 and a belt buckle to each division winner. The show will run at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds, May 25-28, 2018. It will kick off with the MeQHA Annual Free BBQ featuring Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Cooler Corn-on-the-cob, and this year they have added in Strawberry Shortcake. In 2017, Lisa Farrell gave a free clinic on Ranch Riding. In 2018, Sherrye Johnson Trafton will be doing a free clinic on Showmanship.

Annually, MeQHA offers programs for trail challenges and trail riding. They also offer the Saddle Up Maine Program: a program which offers awards for hours in the saddle or driving. This can be in the back yard, during lessons, at events, any hours spent on the horse (or driving).



The Maine Quarter Horse Association is grateful that its members are appreciative to all the programs that is offered. They are growing the club through their support, sponsorships of all levels, and membership growth. MeQHA is a healthy active equine club and it is looking good for their future.



Vitor Silva Clinic

Gelinas Farm has hosted many clinic over the years, with some of the greatest horsemen and women. This year, we have added Vitor Silva, of Sons of the Wind Farm, several times. Adding Vitor to our schedule, along with Tom Curtin, Lynn Palm and Cyril clinics, creates a well rounded program here at Gelinas Farm.

Vitor's clinics fill quickly, as folks who have ridden with Vitor can't wait for him to return. The clinic

we hosted November 4-5 was an amazing wrap up for the season. Riders from every discipline and several breeds of horse, all came together to improve their horsemanship. The classical dressage Vitor brings us is the perfect compliment to however you ride: western, huntseat, dressage, eventing. Thoroughbreds, Quarter Horses, Holsteiners and Saddlebreds have all come together with support and comraderie to ride with Vitor at Gelinas Farm.

—Joanne Gelinas Snow



Christine Sartorelli learning to longline with Larry Joe, a QH



Regina Downey on her Quarter Horse mare



Ashley Ann on Juno, a Holsteiner



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From New England Equine Medical & Surgical De-worming Strategies

by Katy Raynor, D.V.M.

There are many theories in the horse world about how you should approach de-worming your horse(s) effectively. My goal with this article is to provide facts related to the common theories and deliver up to date information for owners to take a leadership role in determining the best strategies for their particular horse(s).

An overview of common equine parasites is paramount to understand the effect they can have on your trusty steeds. The common equine parasites are large strongyles (bloodworms or red-worms), small strongyles, round-worms are the most pathologic in the horse, but all can cause problems. Worms go through different development stages including egg, larvae (immature) and finally adult (mature) worms. The larval stage can migrate through the intestinal wall or to other organs and cause significant systemic reactions, along with laying dormant in the wall and shed when they reach maturity. Migration and/or carrying a large worm burden can cause different types of colic in the horse, therefore making de-worming very important for preventative care.

Recommendations for de-worming horses have changed over time due to parasitic resistance. When I bought my first horse at age 15, I worked at a tack shop my father owned and the worming aisle was fully stocked with a large assortment of brightly colored boxes with lots of long and hard to pronounce names. There were so many choices available I had a difficult time deciphering.

The theory then was to rotate de-wormers every six weeks or so. Rotating dewormers was also required at many boarding facilities and still is. Science has shown that this approach is just one of the reasons why we have seen resistance in some horses or even herds to the common anthelmintics (de-wormers) available.

As I became more educated, rotational de-worming programs started to decrease in popularity and the use of fecal egg counts became the new trend. There were owners who relied solely on performing fecal egg counts (FEC) and de-worming based on the numbers shown from that specific test. I personally feel and science has shown that fecal egg counts are important to have analyzed; however, a low shedder does not

indicate your horse is parasite free.

Fecal egg counts do not reliably get an appropriate number of eggs shed by small strongyles. This is because small strongyle eggs are only seen on a FEC if there are mature female worms shedding. If there are no eggs seen, you cannot rule out the encysted form (which are not mature, and do not actively shed eggs). Another parasite commonly missed with FEC's are tapeworms. The egg of a tapeworm is too heavy to be seen on the fecal float method. Small strongyles and tapeworms are a common cause of colic, therefore making sure your horse is not significantly affected by these two common parasites is paramount in the fight against parasites.

Due to the FEC test not accounting for two of the common equine parasites, it is important to de-worm your horse at least two times a year with a product that works on encysted small strongyles and tapeworms regardless of a possible low shedding result on fecal egg counts. Moxidectin is an anthelmintic effective against encysted small strongyles and praziquantel has been shown to be effective for tapeworms. As a hint, any de-wormer with the "plus" added on to the name typically carries praziquantel.

Fecal egg counts are still very important to perform at least twice a year. This is because each horse has a different level of immunity to the common parasites, which means some carry a heavier worm burden than others and should be de-wormed more frequently as a result. Fecal egg count results will be shared with you by your veterinarian but what you do with those results is most important. There are 3 levels of FEC's: low, moderate and heavy. Low means there are less than 200 eggs per gram (epg), moderate is a range between 200- 500 epg and heavy is over 500 epg. If your horse is low, still de-worm with moxidectin and a praziquantel product once a year. If your horse is moderate add a 3rd de-wormer that year and if your horse is a heavy shedder a 4th de-wormer that year is necessary. With the moderate and heavy shedders, a follow-up FEC should be performed 4-6 weeks after de-worming to evaluate that particular horse's response to that de-wormer to see if there is a resistance pattern present. I suggest that with the higher shedders, you

should consult with your veterinarian to decide which course to take to make sure you find out what de-wormers your horse is resistant to.

Foals are a different situation. While intermittent de-worming is adequate for adult horses, the immune system of foals is not quite ready to handle intestinal worms on its own. A de-worming program starting at 30 to 60 days of age and continuing every 30-60 days until the foal is at least 12-18 months should be initiated. There are many effective de-worming compounds (aka anthelmintics), that are safe for use in foals, some examples are ivermectin, pyrantel and fenbendazole. It is important to read the label to determine the active ingredient of the product and understand if it is safe to use in foals. The body weight of the foal should be determined as accurately as possible and the appropriate amount of de-worming medication administered for that body weight.

Rotation between classes of de-worming medications is often recommended, but is somewhat controversial. Results of recent studies have shown that resistance to certain types of de-wormers has become increasingly more common in recent years. Fecal egg count reduction tests before and after de-worming are important to determine resistance in individuals. Remember that moxidectin should not be used in foals less than 6 months of age.

De-worming strategies do not stop at the hard to pronounce drug names in the brightly colored boxes. It is multi-faceted and includes proper pasture management, geographic location and climate, housing conditions, proper storage

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of the de-wormers, proper dosing, de-worming of foals, choosing which horses to de-worm more often depending on individual immunity and consulting with your veterinarian. In other words, there is not a single de-worming strategy recommended for all farms.

I hope that this information

will give horse owners an arsenal against intestinal parasites that will reduce resistance, reduce the number of parasites on the farm, and as a result, improve the health and overall well-being of your horse.

Dr. Raynor is a vet at the New England Medical & Surgical Center in Dover, NH.



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Musings of a Horse Show Mother

by Stephanie Parron

Horse Show Hangover

This weekend a village of people came together to put on our IEA Team's horse show. Putting on a horse show is no small feat. The amount of prep, details, coordination this takes is astounding. It was a hot day, really hot for the end of September in New England, but the show went smoothly with our high school and middle school teams both coming in first place. That was a great start to the IEA Season. And Allie won her class, which was a huge confidence booster after the last heartbreaking show.



So that is the good news; the bad news is that as I write this I have a full-on horse show hangover. What the heck is a horse show hangover you ask? Well, it's that feeling of not being able to function after a very long day in the sun/rain/cold/heat, walking miles back and forth between rings and trailers, with emotional highs

and lows throughout the day. You are spent, physically and emotionally. Who generally is afflicted by this condition? Generally the horse show hangover affects the trainers and grooms, ring stewards, secretaries, jump crew, and everyone else who is there before dawn to set up and make the show run smooth all day and are the last to leave the property. It can also affect the riders and parents who show up early (even when they don't need to) and stay all day to watch their child/friends and all the other kids and adults. So I have a hangover after most shows, but only a slight one. Today though, oomph, it's bad.

The difference between this type of hangover and the kind you get from a night of consuming too much wine, is that this one is totally worth it. I knew a hangover was coming for me this weekend. And yet I still spent all day Saturday and Sunday running here and there, making food, cleaning boots, painting jumps, setting up tables and tents, taking pictures, selling food, checking on everyone and cleaning up at the end. I am happiest at the barn or shows, around horses and the people that

come with them. So that makes the hangover worth it. Our IEA Team has a fantastic group of parents who all work together to make this show great, and support our kids through the season and beyond. IEA is one of the reasons I chose the barn we are with.

IEA is a wonderful concept. Riding is such an individual sport most of the time, and can be lonely. But IEA brings the idea of team sports to riding for kids grades 6-12. And it gives kids who may not normally be able to do regular horse shows, a more affordable option to show. Because let's face it, horse showing is expensive at any level. When we moved back to New England and I was searching for a barn I came across our current trainer's website, and a page on IEA. I read through it and immediately loved the idea! Allie missed her old barn mates and the idea of a group of kids riding together as a team sounded awesome. At the time Allie was too young, but it was only a couple years away before she could join the team, so we signed up with our trainer. We volunteered to help out at IEA shows and got to know the girls on the team, and some parents. Allie loved being the "mascot" for the team, and when she was finally old enough last year to join, we were all in. And it hasn't disappointed.

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2017 New England ADT Championship

Director Mary Gray of Winning Spirits, an organization that supports carriage drivers with physical disabilities in the northeast, came up with a great idea of having a New England Arena Driving Championship. The idea was to get more participants to all the events. The events were held at GMHA, Touchstone Farm, Winning Spirits, Mid State VT Riding Club, SNECDA, and Pick-pocket Farm. Divisions awarded were Training & Preliminary VSE; Training, Preliminary and Intermediate Pony; and Training, Preliminary and Intermediate Horse. The organizers of the 10 ADTs throughout New England compared scores and are pleased to announce the winners. Championship ribbons and prizes provided by Ideal Harness were awarded.

Georgia Barry/Training VSE, Leila McNeff/Preliminary VSE, Diego Rubio/Training Pony, Hilary Miskoe/Preliminary Pony, Janet Oliver/Intermediate Pony, Elsie Rodney/Training Horse, Barbara

Chadwick/Preliminary Horse, Norma Katz/Intermediate Horse.

If you would like to participate in this Championship next year, all you need to do is participate in at least three events. The scores of your best three events will be added and winners of the 2018 season we be notified. Thanks to all participants for a fantastic driving season, and hope to see all of you next year.



Linda Wilking presents to Janet Oliver, Intermediate Pony Champion, and Diego Rubio, Training Pony Champion

Cheers for 10 Years- 10th Annual Triple B a Success!

photos by Sandra Miner Photography

Windham. The 10th Annual Triple B ~ Boots, Band and BBQ to benefit Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center (RTT), held on Saturday, October 14th, was a success for the center's riders, horses and programs, netting over \$165,000 this year!



Cindy Elder, Windham resident & RTT volunteer

Over 350 guests enjoyed DennyMike's delicious barbeque, and dancing to the live music of the band, Under The Covers. 99.9 The Wolf's Michelle Taylor emceed and teacher Rebecca Platz shared her experiences and her students'



Saint Joseph's College baseball team

successes at RTT. Auctioneer, Elizabeth Holmstrom led the event's unique mission based auction which included two matches of \$50 donations (up to \$2500) by Modern Woodmen of America and

an anonymous donor.

To transform the arena for the party with a purpose, IDEXX employees and New Balance employees helped with set up and post event "take-down". During the event, the Saint Joseph's College baseball team helped with parking, food service, the auction and recycling efforts. In total, volunteers contributed well over 750 hours working on the Triple B.

In 10 years the Triple B has raised over \$950,000 in support of RTT's riders, horses and programs. According to Sarah Bronson the Triple B is the center's largest fundraising event of the year and proceeds fund nearly a quarter of the center's annual expense.

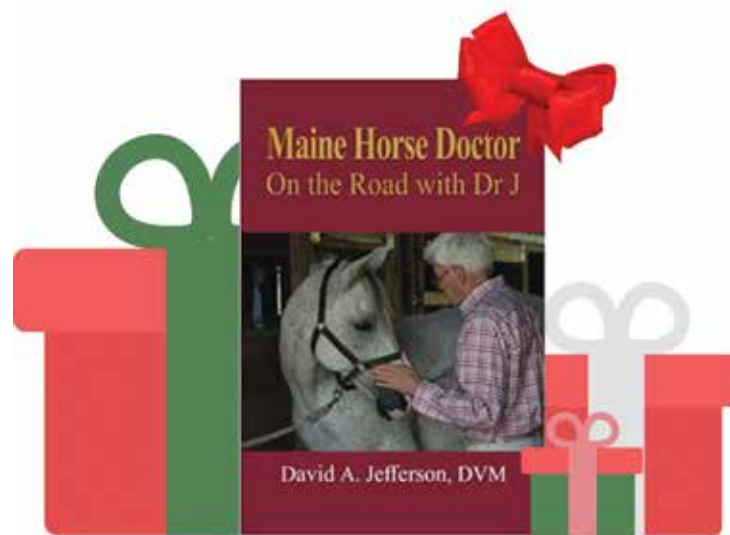


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The Adventures of Tink and Frado: If you don't know Tink, here's your chance to get to know him and all his friends as we start the series from the beginning. Here's story #8

"Now, Tink," lectured Susie as she slipped his bit into Tink's mouth, "you be sure to take good care of my little brother because he's going to ride you today instead of me. I know he's kind of a jerk, but I guess I do love him

he was an official "rider." Tink was put on a lunge line and led to the mounting block where Mark's mother went over mounting procedures with Mark.

"Yes, yes, yes," Mark impatiently responded to her

Purple Jumps

by Lynda McCann



anyway, so please put up with him, OK? Just remember, it wasn't my idea to have him ride you."

Mark was now deemed old enough to begin riding lessons. Tink's baby brother Celtic was to be Mark's pony but since he was only now six months old and Mark only four years old, it would be several years of training and growing before they would be ready for each other. Meanwhile Mark's lessons were to begin today on Tink, and Mark was very excited about the prospect. Susie was not quite so happy but Tink was determined to make her proud.

Susie had always been a sweet, gentle child, obedient and kind, so no one was quite prepared when brash, bold, boisterous Mark had followed. As different from Susie as he could be, Mark had taken the world by storm since the day he was born. Always on the go, Mark was forever into mischief and listened to no one – he had to learn everything by experience. Life in the house had never been the same peaceful existence since Mark came along, and the barn would also never be the same now that Mark had invaded its domain.

Tink was led up to the indoor where Mark hopped up and down in eager anticipation. Mark had been led about on horses since he could sit up, of course, but this was to be his first lesson where

instructions. When told he could then mount, Mark quickly scrambled into the saddle, ignoring all instructions and booting Tink in the rear in the process. Mark's mother looked at his eager grin, sighed and decided to let it go for the moment. Off they went.

Tink slowly went around and around at the walk, Mark's mother giving directions about hands and legs and heels and Mark bouncing his seat about in the saddle in an attempt to go faster. Tink began to get his first real feelings of unease.

After ten or so minutes of listening to what he considered boring instructions, Mark decided to take matters into his own hands. "Eeeee HAAA!" he suddenly whooped, pounding his heels into Tink's sides and snapping the reins like a stagecoach driver in an old western movie. Tink leaped forward in fright, and then stopped dead as the snapping traveled up the reins and hurt his mouth.

"STOP THAT RIGHT NOW!" shouted Mark's mother. In fact, they had already stopped, Tink in shock and Mark at first laughing and then sulking as his mother yelled. Tink felt awful. Not only did his mouth hurt but he felt he must have done something terrible – he'd never heard Susie's mother yell before. This wasn't like her at all. What had he done?

"No horse in any barn

of mine will EVER be treated that way! Do you understand that, Mark? You hurt Tink and I will not allow that," bellowed his mother at Mark. Over in the spectator's gallery, Susie's eyes were full of tears.

"They ride like that on TV!" yelled Mark back, "I wanna be a cowboy!"

"Cowboys don't really ride like that, Mark," replied Susie's mother, calming down, "Only in bad, old movies. Good riders don't hurt their horses and you're not going to either. Now walk on."

Tink walked extra slowly and carefully for a while; what would happen next? Mark was very good for a few minutes and then suddenly, "GIDDY UP!" he screamed as he pounded his heels and shook the reins.

Tink pranced and danced, wanting to run very fast and far from this terrifying boy but knowing that would be terrible pony manners. He was very scared now and broke out in a sweat.

"GET DOWN OFF THAT PONY RIGHT NOW!" screamed Mark's mother. Mark jumped down in a hurry; Mom was really mad! With his mother still yelling at him, Mark's eyes filled with tears of hurt and anger. Susie came running in and threw her arms around Tink's neck, sobbing theatrically and, as she led Tink off towards his barn, her mother (who had Mark firmly by the hand) stomped towards the house.

Susie washed Tink's mouth with cool water (it had stopped hurting long since but Tink liked it anyway) and brushed him and kissed him and gave him lots of treats. Tink was beginning to think it all was almost worth it when Susie's mother came into the barn.

"How did the lesson go?" cheerfully asked a passing barn worker who was still blissfully ignorant.

"It was a total disaster," replied Susie's mother. "Mark needs two things – a different instructor and a different pony. Susie, I'm sorry. We won't try using Tink for Mark again."

Weeks went by and the lesson with Mark was forgotten in the excitement of Christmas coming. The horses always got lots of lovely treats around this time of year, and often new tack and blankets and the like. There was a barn caroling session where they all went in a big bunch around the neighborhood and the riders sang. This year it snowed and it was beautiful and sparkling as the horses and riders trooped from door to door and spread

Christmas cheer. The horses didn't understand Christmas, but they did understand the cheer, and knew that this was a very special occasion that passed on peaceful, serene feelings to them.

Finally Christmas Eve rolled around. This was always an interesting night – things happened on Christmas eve that never happened on any other night. After the barn was dark and closed up for the night the horses waited eagerly in their stalls to see what this year would bring.

First came whispering and giggling as two flashlights came bobbing down the aisle. There was a "bump" and a sharp "ow!" Much giggling. Then Erin's voice whispered, "Shhh! We don't want them to know!" The flashlights bobbed on up the aisle and stopped outside Tink and Babette's doors. There was much rustling and then the two girls scampered on out.

A few minutes later the barn lights went on and Celeste's owner said, "Hi, guys!" as she carried a big bushel of apples decorated with greens and a big gold bow up the aisle to the heated tack room. "Merry Christmas," she said on her way out. Tink and Babette took these few moments to look below their doors and see bright, fancy new blankets folded there. They were adorned with big bows that had carrots in them and looked very delicious. There was also a warm, self-enclosed dog bed for Frado who had been spending his nights in the tack room for warmth but really missed his spot by Tink's door. From now on Frado would be able to spend all but the coldest nights snuggled warmly in his own bed right in his very special spot. Tink was glad.

There were two or three more visits that evening. Fortress' owner came with a blanket for him too, and other owners came bringing presents or treats for their horses or the whole barn. The last visit, though, was the only one that made Frado growl since the truck they all heard pull up was a strange one. The first person into the barn was Mark and Susie's mother, so no one worried. The next person

into the barn was a man that none of them knew and he was leading a brown and white pony. She was very short (she made Tink feel big) and had a round little body and short sturdy legs. They put the pony into a stall, added some water and a little hay, and put a big, Christmasy sign on the stall door that said "Merry Christmas, Mark."

After the humans had gone the horses began to talk in the dark, asking the new pony about herself and introducing themselves. It seemed the pony's name was Miss Muffin and she was over 25 years old.

"So, Muffy, what kind of work do you do?" asked Fortress.

"My name is Miss Muffin, Young Man," she replied, "and I would like it if you would use it correctly, thank you very much. I am a teacher; I teach little children riding and respect."

"Oh," said Fortress, much chagrined, "that, um, sounds very nice." Actually he didn't really understand what she meant but such a polite, subdued response from Fortress raised eyebrows all over the barn.

Christmas morning dawned clear and bright. There was a stocking full of apples and carrots and sugar on each stall door which mystified the horses; they didn't remember anyone bringing those! However, they were satisfied to munch happily and not worry about it. Many owners came to the barn to wish their horses Merry Christmas and bring them presents, and to see Mark's reaction to his new pony (for although Mark was a very mischievous little boy who was always getting into trouble, he was also a very lovable little boy and everyone was very fond of him).

"My pony?" Mark had squealed, "My very own? Not Susie's too?" He fell in love with Miss Muffin right away and she obligingly let him cross tie her and brush her with the little set of brushes he had found under the tree that morning. Mark spent a good part of the morning in the

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Year End Awards at MRF Dressage

Our third annual MRF Dressage Fall Party was another huge success with a super turnout! Such a great time was had by all in our indoor arena which was transformed into such a beautiful venue for our festivities. The indoor went from lessons in the morning to party central in just a few hours with little white lights hung from the rafters, tractors decorated for Fall and an antique Dodge truck used for the desserts! We had great music played by the Donahue Family, delicious food on our Pot-luck buffet, and great fun with the corn hole game!

This party is a celebration of our farm and the completion of our summer schooling show series. This year we were so happy to have all our year end award winners attend the party with their families and friends. We had wonderful prizes including Back on Track wraps, Shire's duffle bags, and Henniker Farm and Country

Store gift card. The party is such a great chance to catch up with friends from on and off the farm. Congratulations to all our year end award winners, and a huge thank you to all our show volunteers who make these shows so enjoyable to everyone. Lots of plans are already underway for the 2018 show season at MRF Dressage at Harvest Moon Farm! We look forward to seeing even more of you compete here with us in beautiful Hopkinton, NH.

Introductory Level: Open Champion: Danielle Sharp riding Ashalah Adult Amateur Champion: Marianne Rousseau riding Valentino Reserve Champion: Melissa LoVetere riding Hershey **Training Level:** Champion: Lourie Herrin riding Bajocco Reserve Champion: Kristina Carlson riding Isabella **First Level:** Champion: Edie Perkins riding Squire Reserve Champion: Kerry Page riding Sutton Spring Junior Champion: Julia Pingree riding Storm.



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dressage show, and ending with World of Horses at the Cumberland Fair. Some of our members have taken their Standardbreds to ride at the tracks, to the drive at Spurwink, and many have enjoyed their horses at home.



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19th Annual Ellet & Shirley Seavey Memorial Ride/Drive

The weather was perfect for the 19th Annual Ellet & Shirley Seavey Memorial Ride/Drive in Auburn, NH on October 1st. By 10 am, 34 riders and drivers were ready to go. 11 carriages and over a dozen riders enjoyed the "maze" and the trail to Tower Hill Pond.

The "maze" right off the field at Depot Road was perfect for a short trip and the Tower Hill Pond loop allowed all to enjoy 7-8 miles of riding and driving. It was great to see so many members participate in this ride/drive.

Three new members joined our great association at the event.



Carriage drivers and riders enjoyed picture-perfect fall weather for Granite State Carriage Associations 19th Annual Seavey Memorial Drive/Ride

Welcome and thanks to Jane and Robert Lynds, Gail and Alfred Byrnes, and Molly Darling. We look forward to many more rides and drives together.



Sonia Cahill, Susan Colby and Breezy at the 19th Annual Seavey Memorial trail event

Rules recently adopted by Manchester Water Works allow the use of the trails beyond the "maze" and around Tower Hill Pond only during a permitted event, and all manure must be picked up right after the event. Granite State Carriage Association continues to have a great relationship with MWW and realizes the

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cooperation necessary to be able to use these trails.

The more members that participate in the event continue to demonstrate to the MWW that there remains a need to keep the area open to all. Again this year, a huge thank you to Leslie Baxter and her small group of volunteers that keep the maze clear of manure each week, all year long.

As a follow up to this article... many GSCA members use the property off Depot Road in Auburn on a regular basis. These trails between Depot Road, Chester Turnpike and Raymond Road are known to locals as the "maze". The Southern NH Snow Slickers, a local snowmobile club, and FOMBA - Friends of Massabesic Bicycling Association also use and help maintain these trails.

During the summer season when bikers and hikers frequent these trails, a small group of dedicated members help keep the trails clear of manure. While this manure often does not pose any problems with all of us that have grown up around horses and continue to enjoy our equine companions, it does bother many other users. The City of Manchester Water Works continues to communicate regularly with Leslie Baxter, as well as Linda & I about trail use and how to continue to keep these trails open and enjoyable to all. GSCA members and other local users can use the maze all summer long. Parking is available along Depot Road, and often during the week you will likely be the only ones out there. Weekends get a little crazy with bikers, hikers and dog walkers, so be aware of the increased activity if you have a green or easily spooked horse. Linda and I, as well as many others, have been able to get our carriage over the rocks and hitch inside the gated area. Riders of course don't have any issues accessing the area. Please remember to police your manure along the roadway and parking areas and have a great time. - Linda & Eric Wilking

Pemi River Outing

Lots of happy smiles and well behaved horses arrived at Sanbornton Town Park on Sunday, August 20th, which turned out to be an absolutely fantastic day for our Sanbornton Pemi Ride/Drive.

Temps in the 70's and a cool breeze left us without a single bug in site! Riders and drivers arrived for the 9 am registration and description

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GSCA member Marcia Cloutier drives her VSE Charlotte at GSCA's Pemi River Trails Carriage drive/ride

of the trails. Two rider loops 8 and 12 miles, with two options for drivers as well, a 5, 8 or 13 mile drive. We had 35 attendees - 23 registered GSCA members with 12 new and renewals signing up that morning. The Town Park was chock full of trailers, so much so that the Chief of Police tried to stop by and didn't pull all the way in so that he didn't take up space



Welcome to twelve new GSCA members who joined the club at the Pemi River Trails event

for parking trailers! I have to thank my friends and neighbors James and JoAnne Bousquet, who allowed the loop up from the river to pass through their property, and their dog Bella for staying in the house during our ride so we didn't upset her, and special thanks to Joe Fowler who graciously spent Saturday with me making and putting up directional signs. He

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Summer Camp at White Oak Hill Equestrian Center

Much of the summer of 2017 at White Oak Hill Equestrian Center was spent with summer camps. What follows is how they generally went.

Monday morning the kids arrive. Excited and ready to learn, the children can't wait to jump on the first horse they meet and ride away into the sunset. But wait - there is much to learn before climbing into the saddle! First, we learn the names of the tack and how to clean and assemble it properly. We need to learn the anatomy of the horse and how to approach him safely. And, of course, feeding our equine friend and keeping his stall sanitary are necessary components of any true horse camp. Now we can start riding. Saddle up!

Lunge...walk, post, trot... round-the-world...hands-free

riding; such a variety of techniques to learn in our week here at horse camp! Discipline and affection combine to build teamwork and confidence in the young crew. By the end of the week the children

know the drill - when to feed, when to clean, when to stand at attention, when to laugh and play. And best of all, when to ride.

Maurizio Mesiti and his sidekick Robert Emerson encourage and train the children. Maurizio's been teaching almost 30 years, and his experience and love for horses shine through as he applies lessons learned at the "Doma Vaquera" Andalusian riding school

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in Europe. Maurizio currently offers lessons, drill, trail rides, and summer camp at the beautiful Oak Hill Equestrian Center in Poland, Maine.

By the last day of summer camp, the children are exhausted, yet happy. Hearts full of horses and friends, the kids enjoy a

barbecue and laughs with their pals and parents as the day winds down. The small crowd finally breaks as each family heads home; but the riding is not over. For as the children lull to sleep in the backseat of the car on the drive home, they are still riding - riding horses happily into the sunset of their dreams.



Waldo County Riding & Driving Club End Of Year Awards Banquet

The Waldo County Riding & Driving Club held their awards banquet and luncheon on Sunday, October 29 at Troy Howard Middle School, Belfast. Officers and directors were elected with Megan Winchester returning as President; Trish Crowell for Vice President; Treasurer Sarah Marriner; returning Secretary Avis Winchester, and Communications/Assistant Secretary Cheryl Anderson. Three year directors Teri Harrison and Chantel Flewelling continue their terms of 2017 to 2020; with Judy Dishner and Richard Winchester as one year directors; and Sandy Martz and Twyler Webster as two year directors.

The Chinese raffle was a huge success with \$372 in ticket sales and many happy winners of a hand made quilt, gift cards, dorm refrigerators, tack supplies, books, horse toys and many more wonderful donated items.

Lunch was an Italian potluck with delectable entrees, salads and desserts.

Thank you gifts were presented to 2017 officers and our most valuable show helpers; Dan Dishner and Bea Maclean. Cheryl Anderson gave a fitting tribute and thank you to our President, Megan Winchester, with a gift card to Gass Horse Supply in Orono. Our forty two sponsors were recognized with many of them as banner sponsors and contributors for many years with the club. Without the sponsor contributions, our awards at our shows and banquet would not be possible.

The following classes had qualifiers for end of year awards with the Grand and Reserve placings: Adult Showmanship: Grand- Tara Woods Sugar Cody/Chantel Flewelling, Reserve- Mocha Joe/Debbie Faulkner Junior Showmanship: Grand- Sheza Lazy Thing/Samantha Fike, Reserve- Too Sleepy To Invite/Max Webster Youth Showmanship: Grand- Amblin On Easy/Ada Dishner, Reserve- Mystical Version/Madison Wiberg Halter Mares: Grand- Amblin On Easy/Ada Dishner, Reserve- Shez Plain Zipped/Rebecca Williams Halter Geldings: Grand- Too Sleepy To Invite/Max Webster,

Reserve- Mystical Version/Madison Wiberg Leadline Equitation: Grand- Amblin On Easy/Jaiden Shute, Reserve- Tara Woods

Sugar Cody/Logan Flewelling Leadline Pleasure: Grand- Amblin On Easy/Jaiden Shute, Reserve- Too Sleepy To Invite/Ellie Stone Leadline Game: Grand- Amblin On Easy/Jaiden Shute, Reserve (tie)- Tara Woods Sugar Cody/Logan Flewelling, Too Sleepy To Invite/Ellie Stone Youth English W/T Equitation: Grand- Amblin On Easy/Ada Dishner, Reserve (tie)- Scotch Bar Scores/Brook-

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Group of winners!



Adult High Point: Grand: Chantel Flewelling, Reserve: Trish Crowell



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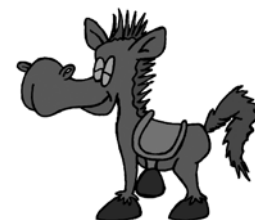
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Contry Hill Farm's 2017

2017 at Contry Hill Farm was a year of fun and accomplishment for many. In the spring, we started the season off with a *ride at Hampton Beach*. In later months, many of our adult and young riders took home blue ribbons at the Middlesex county 4-H shows. A team of young riders from the farm practiced and performed a jumping drill team for the Town of Ashby's 250th celebration; they performed alongside Grand Prix Gold Medalist Sharon McCusker, renaissance farm vaulting, and many more. They picked fun modern music and wowed the crowd over large jumps for a finale.

In August, the farm took two teams of nine young riders to the Lendon Gray Dressage for Kids Festival (D4K) in Saugerties, NY. Of the nine, five riders won their division. They took home reserve Champion of the whole show and one rider took high point reserve champion for the entire show! The riders got to meet Olympic rider Lendon Gray and Carol Lavell. In the fall, the farm hosted a fun hunter seat show and a few of their riders passed their pony club ratings.

In October, the farm hosted a jousting clinic with Jousting Hill - riders learned safety and fun was had by all. Every Halloween Contry Hill hosts a *Halloween party and show*. We had a record turnout and fun was had by all - the biggest hit is our costume class. This year we even had a panel of judges to decide the winner of our costume classes - like in American Idol! Throughout the year, the farm offered clinics with dressage judge Janice Conlon and Noel

Williams.

Soon to come will be our end of the season 2-phase; this will allow riders a last chance at developing their riding goals for winter. During the winter, the farm also enjoys hosting versatility obstacle courses. This allows a great winter training opportunity for many.

Here's to 2018 - Next year the farm will be hosting a clinic with the Olympic rider Lendon Gray herself! We can't wait to see what fun is in store for next year!



2017: an Exciting Year at GayLee Stables

Hampton Falls, NH; Phanciana, an amazing 17.3 hand, Westphalian mare bred by GayLee Robinson, showed at Second Level with scores up to 72.2%. She is developing the strength and confidence she needs with rider/trainer Jessica Freiman to move up the levels. "Phanci" was 1st in the Country in the Westfalen USDF All-Breeds Awards at Second Level Open. She placed 6th in the Open Regional Championships at NEDA Fall and 6th Place in the NEDA year end awards at Second Level.

Jessica Freiman and her 11 year old, Westphalian gelding by Florestan made their debut at Grand Prix this year with scores to 68%! He came to the barn at third level in 2014 and built up his strength and training in the three Dressage arenas and miles of trails at GayLee Stables. Jessica achieved her lifetime goal in 2017

of earning her USDF Gold medal.

Jessica also had a great time coaching her student Izabelle Tagavi this year. Izzy, a JR/YR, made her debut at Second Level with her horse, Native Shooting Star, with scores to 70%. Izzy was Champion JR/YR at First Level at NEDA Fall and 4th in the Second Level Championships. Izzy was 1st JR/YR for the NEDA Second Level Year End Awards.

Patriana by VDL Prestige, a half sibling to Phanciana, bred by GayLee Robinson and owned by Carrie Fyfe, is doing fantastic in lessons with Jessica. Patriana and Carrie got out to a couple of shows in 2017 and they are looking forward to spending the winter at GayLee Stables in training with Jessica.

Joseph of Sea Chanty Farm, a six year old Friesian owned by Don Hebert and Holly Fazzino, has gained strength and confi-

dence under Jessica's training. He will be ready to start the show season in 2018.

Jessica Freiman officially launched her business, Jessica Freiman Dressage, LLC, this year. She is based out of GayLee Stables in Hampton Falls, NH.

Showing is just part of the horse journey, and horses and owners at GayLee Stables all had important accomplishments even if they did not go down centerline this year.

As the holiday season approaches we are thankful for every day we walk down the barn aisle to the sound of happy and content horses, and for the staff, boarders, family and friends that make it all possible.



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The Year at Riverview Farm

The weather's getting chilly, horses are donning their fuzzy winter coats and, in some cases, wearing new rain gear. I love how even the sleekest of coats becomes as fuzzy as a favorite stuffed animal! After the unseasonable October weather, winter is beginning to make its presence known!

RiverView's Volunteer Program is a very popular addition. We have participants ranging in age from 6 to 70! Some are experienced with horses and eager to renew their involvement. Others have little or no experience and are looking forward to learning more about their care. Mucking stalls, clearing fields and filling water tanks are part of the job. After the hard work, participants enjoy grooming and loving the horses. Photos show some of our volunteers hard at work.

RiverView Farms Healing Hearts Equine Therapy program has a new rescue horse named Willow, a grand old lady who has been rigorously used and is ready

for rest and recuperation. She came in very much underweight and with some physical problems. Her test results look positive, she is already putting on weight and she is able to enjoy some time with her new herd. One photo shows Willow when she arrived. Two others show her enjoying her grooming time with some of our volunteers.

Although we won't be riding as much over the next several months, our youth program continues with many of our participants, continuing their farm work and their time with their favorite horses.

See you again next month!
—Jo-Jean Keller



Looking out at a frosty 18-degree morning as Thanksgiving approaches seems like an appropriate time to reflect on the fun we had here at the farm this year. What is the most interesting for us has been the changes to our definition of "fun" now that a toddler has taken over the place. Hannah is 2.5 years old now and in her opinion, all the horses including boarders belong to her. If you ask which pony is hers she will proceed to list all of them and then will go on further about how "Dixie had an abscess in her foot, but she is doing so much better now, and Max went back to Florida with Mr. Bob and Prince is my favorite and Major wasn't feeling too good, but he is doing better now..." (maybe I should have let her write this). Like a true horse-girl, she doesn't care who you are or where she meets you if you ask about her horses be prepared to listen because you're going to get information and lots of it. More accurately however, Major is her pony. He is doing surprisingly well in his senior years (and a BIG thank you goes out to Dr. Bonney from Annabessacook Veterinary Clinic for her help). As of August, we were looking at arrangements to let him go before Winter arrived and were also praying for wisdom in how to explain that to what would be a broken hearted little girl. Major had lost lots of weight rather quickly and was very tired, to the point of fatigue, much of the time. Dr. Bonney found that most of it was dental related as he had apparently lost several teeth over the summer and although it looked like he was eating well he was really just swallowing and not getting the nutrition he needed. So, now Major lives on combination of alfalfa pellets, hay stretcher and senior feed mixed with a



Mary and Hannah riding together

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gallon of warm water three time per day as well as whatever hay he does manage to eat and he looks 10 years younger. His weight is fantastic, his energy is back to normal and his red dun coat regained its

glossy look and his eyes are once again bright. We are beyond glad his quick weight loss was an easy answer. During the experience we

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Hannah and Major



Teaching Lovey to drive



In the parade with Hutchinson farm



Watching the gameshow under the lights at ERR



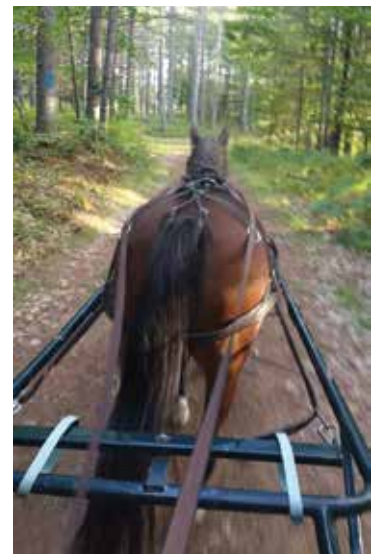
Ellis River Riders Trail Ride



The Gypsy Vanners



Driving Chance for the 1st time by myself



Driving Dixie



Hannah at ERR making sure Mommy knows she can't be left alone at ERR



Hannah helping clean Bobs marathon cart

barn with his new pony but eventually was taken back to the house for Christmas dinner and a nap.

Miss Muffin was turned out with Fortress and his field-mates ("She doesn't fight, but the other horses don't ever mess with her," the man had said, "I don't quite know why"). She marched over to join Fortress at a pile of hay, an honor thus far only accorded to Sophie. Fortress pinned his ears back and began to wave his head at Miss Muffin. This was usually all it took to send a horse scampering off in another direction, but Miss Muffin wasn't having any of that.

"You stop that right now, Young Man," she snapped, "Do you want your face to freeze like that? There is plenty of hay right here for both of us so you stop that foolishness this instant."

Fortress' ears popped up and he looked confused. "Yes, Ma'am," he was heard to mutter by those close enough to witness this unusual encounter. The pair of them settled back into their pile of hay.

Each day Mark brushed and hugged his pony. He had been told that only if he gave her lots of love and tender care would

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he be allowed to ride her so he was on his best behavior. Finally after about a week he and one of the instructors tacked her up and Miss Muffin was led to the indoor ring for Mark's first lesson on her. Everyone was holding their breath and the spectator's gallery was quite full.

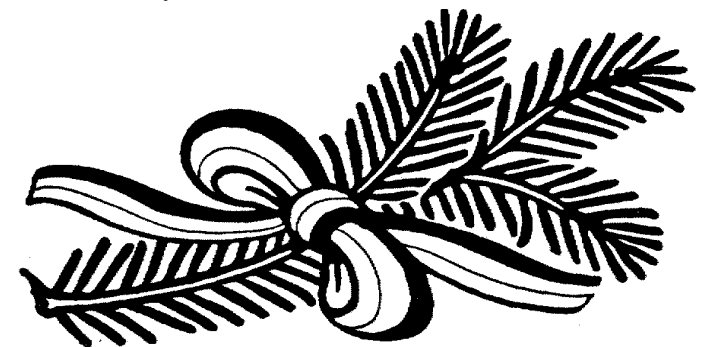
Mark scrambled onto Miss Muffin, clumsily but she didn't seem to mind. They set off on the lunge line and Mark

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Whistlin' Willows Farm, Gorham	839-3997
White Birch Farm, N. Yarmouth	829-3993
Wilson Brook Farm, New Gloucester	671-8271
Windsock Farm, New Gloucester	650-9834
Winter Wood Farm, Freeport	865-6081
Winterberry Farm, N. Yarmouth	829-6570
Wolf Run Farm, Gorham	929-6584

Franklin County

CenterPeace Farm, Jay	645-9724
Knowlton Corner Farm, Farmington	778-6520
Kyesland Stables, Jay	645-2513
Long Meadow Farm, New Sharon	778-3238
Ridgewood Equestrian Center, Wilton	491-0501
West Freeman Sporthorses, W. Freeman	684-4194

Hancock County

Alderbrook Farm, Bucksport	949-3357
Bagaduce View Farm, Sedgwick	326-4382

Hancock County (con't)

Breezy Maples Farm, Ellsworth	667-2990
Double L Stable, Hancock	422-3001
Iron Slipper Farm, Lamoine	667-1905
Islewood Farm, Deer Isle	348-9919
Mountain View Farm, Orland	469-2679
RHG Appaloosas, Sedgwick	359-4489
Wild Iris Farm, Bar Harbor	288-5234

Kennebec County

Baldwin Hill Farm, Fayette	897-3012
Ballard Farms, Augusta	547-3224
Buckledge Farms, Clinton	649-7020
Crownshield Farm, Oakland	465-9404
EquiNine Training Facility, Albion	592-3440
Five Acre Farm, Belgrade	465-2149
Friendship Stables, Augusta	622-5047
Hill Country Stable, Augusta	621-2915
Kindred Spirits, Readfield	685-3765
Ledgewood Farms, Winslow	873-3510
Lupine Farm, Vasselboro	215-7125
Malachite Farm, Vasselboro	622-7137
Meadow View Equestrian Ctr, Readfield	685-3117
Mystical Acre Farm, Fayette	685-3718
Northwood Farm, Belgrade	495-2000
Percheron's Peak Equine Stables, Mt. Vernon	685-1044
Pure Country Stables, Mt. Vernon	293-3236
Serendipitous Stables, Waterville	872-7616
Shamrock Stables, W. Gardiner	582-2069
Silver Fox Stables, Clinton	660-3773
Skyview Farm, Monmouth	933-4127
Upper Pond Stables, Litchfield	751-8026
Whispering Woods Stables, Augusta	370-1150
WhoaBeGone Farm, Winslow	873-4041
Wild Child Farm, East Pittston	485-1070
Windy Acres Stable, Albion	437-5844
Wrightway Stables, Augusta	626-5680

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Apple Ridge Farm, Appleton	785-5170
Brook Ledge Farm, Thomaston	542-7307
Equine Connections, Camden	236-4425
Fieldstone Farm, Jefferson	549-3609
Hill-n-Dale Farm, Warren	542-1980
Hunter Hill Farm, Union	785-4484
Luce Family Farm & Stable, Union	845-2615
Pepper Hill Farm, So. Thomaston	230-9552
Summer's Mist Farm, Appleton	333-9903
Village View Farm, Warren	542-7467

Lincoln County

Acorn Hill Farm, Whitefield	549-3170
Barrel Mill Farm, Waldoboro	832-7900
Barrybrook Stables, Wiscasset	687-2079
Blackfoot Legends Boarding Facil, Waldoboro	975-2334
Bluebird Equestrian, Walpole	213-5541
Cherry Birch Farm, Edgcomb	882-9145
Diamond G Farm, Edgcomb	882-9491
Hundred Acre Wood, Jefferson	624-1724
Kwinwood Morgan Farm, Nobleboro	832-4676
North Meadow Farm	582-0331
Sea-Vu Farms, Boothbay	633-6155
Special Equestrians at Fair Tide Farm, Newcastle	563-3974
Stonewall Stables, Nobleboro	563-1555
Whittemore Sales Stables, Dresden	737-4858

Oxford County

Brightwood Farm, W. Paris	527-2245
Daisy Field Farm, Lovell	925-1594
Deepwood Farm, Bethel	824-2595
Deertrees Arabians, Andover	392-1149
Freedom Reins Farm, Canton	388-3414
Healing Spirit Farm, Buckfield	336-3864
Hidden Brook Farm, Norway	743-6546
Lazy J Stables, Porter	625-3038
Lazy L Stable, Otisfield	539-9188
Memory Lane Vacations, Andover	392-2381
Moondance Farm, Andover	392-4771
Painted Pony Sport Horses, Norway	890-3112
Rose Arbor Equine, Paris	744-9205
Simple Treasures Stable, Andover	392-1101
Slattery's Stables, Hebron	966-3903
Sunset Farm, Waterford	583-4970
Troika Drafts, Hebron	966-2280
Waterford Equestrian Ctr, Waterford	583-2285
Windy Hill Farm, Sumner	388-2151

Penobscot County

Coldbrook Equestrian Center, Hampden	307-9899
East Ridge Stable, Charleston	285-3625
Essex Stud Arabians, Bangor	942-7617
Faithfoun' Farm, Corinna	278-5303
Grand View Icelandics, Dixmont	257-2278
Horse Gait Stables, Dixmont	487-2727
Horsefeathers Farm, Hampden	862-6585
Iron Horse Rance, Plymouth	436-0051
Kenduskeag Stream Farm, Glenburn	945-3657
LD Family Farm, Alton	659-1824
Misty Blue Acres, Dexter	924-6431
Moor-Gans Morgan Horses, Dexter	924-3652
Oak Ledge Farm, Carmel	848-3048
Pleasant Lake Farm, Stetson	974-6252
Puckerbrush Riding Center, Newburgh	234-2147
Serendipity Stable, Glenburn	942-7872
Siberia Farm, Stacyville	365-7633
SirSarg Stables, Exeter	379-2776

Penobscot County (con't)

Starwalk Stable, Orono	866-7511
Stepping Stone Farm, Carmel	848-5310
Stone Wall Stables, Clifton	299-7278
Sweet Hollow Farm, Eddington	843-5120
Wakerie Farm, Dixmont	948-3619
Ward Stream Farm, Newburgh	234-2388
West Wind Stable, Glenburn	945-5955
Wild Ivy Farm, Bangor	942-9658
Woody's Stables, Plymouth	257-3218

Piscataquis County

Infinity Farm, Dover-Foxcroft	564-7046
Isaac Royal Farm, Dover-Foxcroft	564-3499
North Pointe Stables, Shirley Mills	695-3573
Stone Ridge Stables, Dover-Foxcroft	564-3080

Sagadahoc County

Black Dog Farm, Richmond	737-4191
Gray's Equestrian Training, Bowdoinham	522-8300
Hawks Nest Stable, N. Bath	442-8683
Heron Cove Farm, Phippsburg	443-5308
Morning Sky Farm, Richmond	737-4432
Pocket Pony Paddock-N-Minis, Richmond	737-5682
Royal Silks Eques. Ctr., Topsham	522-7640
Tall Pines Farm, Richmond	632-3010
Triple J Farm, Bowdoin	666-3097
Windward Farm, Topsham	798-5600

Somerset County

Breezy Acres Stables, Ripley	277-5029
Hidden Valley Equest. Ctr, Skowhegan	474-3014
Hilltop Farm, Anson	696-8866
Hyl-Tun Farm, Starks	696-3038
Lake View Equestrian Center, Harmony	683-2290
Lang Hill Farm, Palmyra	938-5639
Lone Oak Arabians, Canaan	474-6032
Morning Star Stable, Madison	696-4404
Pendragon Farm Eq. Ctr., Cornville	474-7581
R Jays Farm, Embden	660-7631
Silhouette Stables, Detroit	257-2460
Thistle Ridge Equestrian Centre, Smithfield	634-4770

Waldo County

Apple Branch Ranch, Unity	948-5622
Beaver Brook Farm, Winterport	223-0055
Black Raven Andalusian Horse, Thorndike	568-3006
Flying B Ranch, Belfast	338-5960
Forest Glen Farm, Searsport	548-6186
MTB Performance Horses, Burnham	341-7857
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Ridgeview Farm, Thorndike	568-3166
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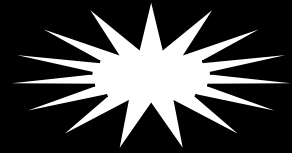
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Misty Morning Stable, Cherryfield	546-2743
Spring River Farm, Cherryfield	546-9715
Susie's Sunrise Stables	454-8352
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Beltane Farm, York	475-5001
Birch Ridge, E. Waterboro	247-8520
Black Thunder Friesians, Buxton	651-1651
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Broadfields-Highover Morgans, Elliot	439-4947
Brook Hill Classic Morgans, Dayton	499-7189
Carlisle Acad. Integra. Thryp & Sports, Lyman	985-0374
DanSan Farm, Saco	283-0828
Dream Acres Equestrian Ctr., Arundel	985-0963
Dream Catcher Farm, Saco	423-4883
East Mark Farm, Kennebunk	590-7528
Four on the Floor Farm, W. Buxton	642-3838
Gliding Gaits, The, Hollis	727-4467
Goodrich Farm & Stable, Berwick	698-1970
Gould Meadow Farm, Limington	637-2555
Greystone Stables, Berwick	698-9700
Hi Steppin' Eques. Ctr, Kennebunkport	985-0972
High Standard Stable, Wells	603-833-0560
Johnson Ridge Farm, N. Waterboro	793-8234
LaDawn Quarter Horses, Dayton	499-0080
Lank Farm, Kennebunk	985-4925
Little Moon Farm, Limington	642-3209
Menomin Meadow Farm, Lebanon	457-1774
Merry May Farm, Arundel	985-4765
Moment's Peace Farm, Hollis Center	232-9104
Moon Run Farm, North Berwick	490-1335
Photo Finish Farm, Buxton	929-6562
Piper Ridge Farm, Limerick	793-4101
Riverhurst Farm, Kennebunk	985-3348
Rivers Edge Farm, Hollis	929-4701
Royal View Farm, Limington	318-6745
Salmon Falls Equest. Ctr., Buxton	929-6500
Spring Creek Farm, Lyman	985-0374
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behaved himself admirably—no bouncing and he listened to the instructor. He tried to do everything the instructor said and Miss Muffin was an angel. She marched along steadily, not too fast and

Pickpocket, con't from page 3

season.

Lastly, thank you so much for the support, help and volunteers from the Granite State Carriage Association, the American Driving Society and the New England Regional Director Leona Anastasi. Without that support the event would not be the success it has been. —Linda & Eric Wilking

not too slow. If she felt Mark slip she waited till he was more secure, and she was very understanding of those times when Mark would momentarily lose his balance and accidentally pull on the reins or poke her. In fact she was so wonderful that finally Mark's naturally boisterous temperament burst out once again.

"Eeeee HAAA!" He dug in his heels, shook the reins, and POP! With a sharp little buck Miss Muffin deposited Mark on his rear end in the tanbark.

"Young Man, you will treat me with the respect and kindness that all animals deserve or you will not ride me!" she lectured him as she stood and waited for him to get back up.

Mark didn't understand what Miss Muffin was saying, of course, but even Mark understood the feeling behind it. "Miss Muffin was mean to me!" Mark whined, his lower lip quivering.

"No, Mark," the instructor said, "It's you who were mean to her. You hurt her and all she did was tell you about it. Now let's hop back up and get on with it."

Mark and Miss Muffin went around and around for a while. Mark was very brave and eager and was learning very quickly. Unfortunately he also got very cocky and confident. He figured maybe it had just been an accident when he landed in the dirt; after all, he was the one in charge, right?

"Giddy up!" he sud-

denly said, although not with as much vigor as before. His little feet poked and the reins jiggled. Sure enough, POP; he was on the ground.

"You are a stubborn one, aren't you?" remarked Miss Muffin as she gazed down at him.

This time Mark definitely understood the message that Miss Muffin was sending. Thoroughly chastened he meekly picked himself up and climbed back into the saddle. The rest of the lesson passed without incident. As a matter of fact, Mark's rides on Miss Muffin passed largely without incident from that point on and Mark was soon well on his way to being a competent, and kind, rider. Miss Muffin proved to be such a good

teacher that before long the rest of her day was spent with another student, the rambunctious Celtic. In their days in the field together Miss Muffin soon had Celt well in hand and, without quelling his boyish exuberance, expected—and got—a higher standard of behavior and manners from him. The other horses would smile as the words "Young Man..." carried over from that field, and Fortress could often be seen to start and quickly look around with a slightly guilty look on his face.



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Amori Stables, Conway 662-9079
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High Meadows Farm, Wolfboro 539-6052
Human Horse Balance LLC, Center Conway 716-6335

Cheshire County

Balance Point Farm, Marlow 903-9047
Brookfield Corner Farm, Brookfield 522-6440
Crystal Springs Farm, Richmond 239-6606
Prophet Hill Farm, Rindge 966-8729
Rabbit Hollow Ranch, Winchester 239-4569

Coos County

All Seasons Stables, Lancaster 788-5124

Grafton County

Abenaki Farm & Stables, Campton 726-9990
Dartmouth Riding Center, Etna 643-1808
Deer Creek Farm, Thornton 726-4115
Ladd Farm, Bridgewater 217-0205
Shady Brook Riding Center, Canaan 208-8050
Steeldust Farm, Campton 536-2257

Hillsborough County

Anne Prescott Stables, Goffstown 497-3545
Apple Knoll Farm, New Boston 487-2523
Apple Tree Farm, Hollis 465-9592
Autumn Day Farm, Weare 529-8802
Carnival Hill Farm, Wilton 801-9550
Early Horse Farm, Weare 529-6699
Hair of the Dog Farm, New Ipswich 878-4879

Hillsborough County (con't)

Hollis Ranch LLC, Hollis 465-2672
Horse 'n Hound, Nashua 816-4444
Mountain Lane Farm, Temple 554-7217
New Gait Manor, Weare 529-4045
Sterling Hill Farm, Litchfield 424-7806
Touchstone Farm, Temple 654-6308

Merrimack County

Abaris Arabians, Concord 505-5278
Bear Brook Stable, Allenstown 485-4880
Chinquapin Hill Farm, Pittsfield 435-6717
Concord Equestrian Ctr, Concord 731-2624
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Goin' Broke Farm, Sutton 491-5170
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Rockingham County

Bright Bay Farm, Chester 303-7567
Birchmere Farm, Newton 866-7807
Cartier Farms, Candia 483-0171
Chestnut Hill Arabians, Candia 483-0377
Europa Farm, Deerfield 463-5952
Five Stars Farm, Brentwood 580-5691
Garland Stables, Rye 491-0777
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Giordano Farm, Danville 382-2288

Rockingham County (con't)

GayLee Stables, Hampton Falls 926-0008
Halona Stables, Deerfield 320-4043
Hidden Pond Farm, Brentwood 642-6366
LaBrie Stables, Chester 548-1265
Llewellyn Acres, Epping 801-1704
Majestic Meadows Boarding Stables, Stratham 778-4948
Mitchell Farms, Kingston 642-8493
MRF Dressage, Nottingham 490-8958
Meadow Farm, Northwood 942 8619
North Road Farm, Fremont 679-3367
Over Easy Stable, Stratham 617-797-2010
Over the Oxer, Rye 781-389-4850
Pingree Hill Farm, Auburn 703-2462
RMD Stables, Newton 548-8692
Rolex Farm, Stratham 913-3132
Sea Star Stable, Brentwood 772 1227
Southern NH School of Riding, Auburn 634-1957
Wild Pasture Farm, Kensington 686-0170

Stafford County

April Woods Stable, Dover 742-4370
Birchmere Farm, Stafford 664-5856
Boulder Brook Stables, Lee 659-9907
Brookfield Farm, Brookfield 522-6440
Cold Moon Farm, LLC, Rochester 617-9488
Echo Ridge Farm, Lee 664-1028
Eventide Sol Stables 473-1055
Fair Haven Farm, Gonic 335-5256
High Knoll Equestrian Ctr, Rochester 335-4343
Hilltop Equestrian Center, Somersworth 692-6313
Killorglin Farm, Rochester 948-1557

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bwitham@roadrunner.com

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Paula Leavitt, PO Box 36, Dixmont, ME 04932
tel: 207-234-4537, email: dleavitt@uninets.net

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www.mainejhassn.350.com

Membership Application

Types of Membership are Family (\$30) • Individual (\$25)
Subscription Year: April 2016 - March 2018

Include Name, address, phone and email
If family membership, please list family members (spouse and children under 18)

Send with check or money order payable to Maine Hunter/Jumper Assoc. to Wendy McCann,
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family members names and date of birth for children,
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Subscription Year: April 2017 - March 2018

Please list the names of all horses to be shown

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Memberships: Family \$27.00 Individual: \$22.00
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State of Maine Dressage Association
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www.mainedressage.com

Subscription Year: Jan 2017 - Dec 2017

SMDA dues (include USDF dues)
Individual: \$40 • Junior: \$38 • Family: \$45
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Lorna Carter, 4 Gardner's Crossing, York, ME 03909

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Membership Application
Subscription Year: April 2017 - March 2018

Dues: Individual \$20.00 Family \$25.00
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Membership Application • www.tricountyhorsemen.com

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Please include name, address, phone & email
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Make check or money order payable to:
Tri-County Horsemen, Inc.
and send to:
Subscription year: April 2017 - May 2018

Rosemary Feyler, 22 Barker Lane, Union, ME 04862, rosemary.feyler@maine.edu

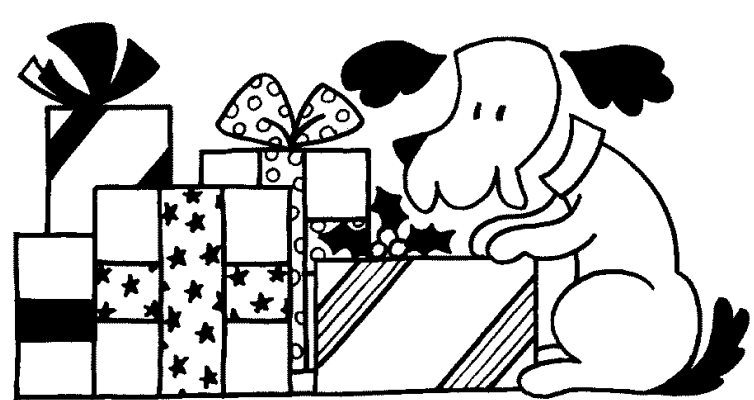
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Membership Application
Subscription Year: June 2017 - May 2018

Type of Membership are
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www.wcrdc.org/

Please attach paper listing family members (spouse and children under 19)
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DECEMBER 2017

2	Horse Show-Jumper	UNH Equine Program 2017 Schooling Jumper Show Series, Durham, FMI contact Christina at ckeim@unh.edu or 862-1174.
9	Party	Maine Trail Rider Association Christmas party, Contact Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com
16	Horse Show-Jumper	New England Jumpers' Association 2nd annual Christmas Spectacular Jumper show, FMI contact nejumpersassociation@gmail.com

JANUARY 2018

6	Awards Banquet	New England Jumpers' Association Awards Banquet at the Ramada Inn, Lewiston, FMI contact nejumpersassociation@gmail.com
27	Show- h/j	NE Jumpers Assoc Winter Hunter/Jumper Schooling Series II at Hideaway Acres, Cumberland, FMI contact nejumpersassociation@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 2018

24	Show- h/j	NE Jumpers Assoc Winter Hunter/Jumper Schooling Series 1 at Hideaway Acres, Cumberland, FMI contact nejumpersassociation@gmail.com
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MARCH 2018

10	Show- h/j	NE Jumpers Assoc Winter Hunter/Jumper Schooling Series III at Hideaway Acres, Cumberland, FMI contact nejumpersassociation@gmail.com
24	Show- h/j	NE Jumpers Assoc Winter Hunter/Jumper Schooling Series IV at Hideaway Acres, Cumberland, FMI contact nejumpersassociation@gmail.com

APRIL 2018

13-15	Certification	Centered Riding Instructor Certification with Susan Harris at Hearts & Horses Farm, Part 1, Buxton, FMI contact 207-929-4700
22	Series/competition	2018 Junior Master Horsemanship Series/competition at Double L Stable, horses available, FMI contact dsequarterhorses@yahoo.com
28	Special Olym training	Special Olympics Coaches Training & Certification for Maine, at Hearts & Horses Farm, Buxton, FMI contact 207-929-4700

MAY 2018

31-Jn 3	Certification	Centered Riding Instructor Certification & Open Update Clinic with Susan Harris at Hearts & Horses Farm, Part 2, Buxton, FMI contact 207-929-4700
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JUNE 2018

8-12	Certification	CHA Certified Horsemanship Assoc Instructor Certification with Heidi Potter and Stephanie Keene at Hearts & Horses Farm, Buxton, FMI contact 207-929-4700
10	Series/competition	2018 Junior Master Horsemanship Series/competition at Double L Stable, horses available, FMI contact dsequarterhorses@yahoo.com

JULY 2018

9	Series/competition	2018 Junior Master Horsemanship Series/competition at Double L Stable, horses available, FMI contact dsequarterhorses@yahoo.com
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also helped my dear BF Curt clear some grown over trails so that we could have a great time on Sunday. I also wish to thank the Army Corp of Engineers for allowing us a special use permit for driving on their property. Thank you to all who attended and made it such a great day.

Next year is already in the planning with new trails in the planning! – Laurie Graham

Pickpocket ADT

The Pickpocket Educational ADT, located in the heart of the NH Seacoast Region in Brentwood, has in its second year become the go to event for new drivers. On October 22, the last of three events scheduled in 2017, 10 VSE's, and 11 Horses and Ponies participated in educational activity, set up to prepare participants for Arena Driving Trials and Combined Driving Events. Each event this year had over 20 participants, with skills ranging from "Green as Grass" newbies with no showing experience to Intermediate drivers looking to stay sharp and practice driving skills. Our sincere thanks to Susan Koso for her time as judge at all three events this year. Her guidance and patience will build this event into and even better experience for all next year. Many other volunteers including Stephanie Merrill our scorer, her husband Chuck, and Sergio Rubio helped at all three events. What a surprise to see Denise Reed Gagnon, Laurie Goodwin and Judy Finerty at the show. They too volunteered and helped make the show a huge success.

All VSE's (mini's) complete in a 20 x 40 meter dressage ring, then the ring is opened up to 40 x 80 meters, then even larger 40 x 100 meters for the Intermediate drivers. Following dressage was a 15 cone course, and 2 obstacles, each driven twice. The grounds



Minis on Review! At the Pickpocket Educational ADT are perfect to accommodate 20-25 trailers with plenty of room to turn for new trailer drivers, and lots of room to warm up in a very friendly, low pressure atmosphere for all that participate. Everyone was encouraged to ask questions, seek help and lend a hand to anyone needing assistance.

Granite State Carriage Assn.

was well represented with 14 members of the 20 participants. The VSE's had 10 training entries. Georgia Barry won the division, with GSCA members Tina Silva 2nd and Marsha Cloutier 3rd. The Training Pony Division was won by Diego Rubio, with GSCA



Diego Rubio and Stephanie Moses warm up their pony for dressage at the Pickpocket Educational ADT

members Lisa Brooks Smets 2nd and Mickie Dutton 3rd. Training Horse was won by Rachel Nydam with GSCA member Andrea Coursey placing 2nd. The Preliminary Pony Division was won by GSCA member Susan Rogers, with Lori Stammer 2nd and GSCA member Hilary Miskoe 3rd, while the Preliminary Horse Division was won by GSCA member Leslie Baxter. The only Intermediate driver was GSCA member Janet Oliver who won the Pony Division.

Lunch at each event is a pot luck with all sharing the great food, comradery and family fun. Recognition for a job well done, and helpful words of encouragement follow each event. Linda and I look forward to hosting three events again next year, so stay tuned for more information and be looking for the calendar as we approach a great 2018 driving season.

Lastly, thank you so much for the support, help and volunteers from the Granite State Carriage Association, the American Driving Society and the New England Regional Director Leona Anastasi. Without that support the event would not be the success it has been.

GSCA is dedicated to the promotion of safe, recreational, pleasure driving. Single day and multi-day driving events are held all over New England. Riders are welcome at most events. Dues are a bargain at only \$25 a year (for \$1 more, also become an affiliate member of Maine Driving Club!). Participation in most events is free, except for stabling or camping fees or catered meals, if applicable.



There are a ton of articles about how kids that ride get into less trouble, are less likely to drink or make bad teenage decisions. And I do think that can be true, although I think teenagers are all bound to make bad decisions no matter what they do. You just have to hope the degree of bad decision is on the low end. But riding does take a certain level of commitment and dedication if you are going to compete, and we have some wonderful older teenagers on our team who are positive role models for the younger ones. They graduate and go off to college with riding scholarships or make it on their college team, and this shows the younger girls what they can achieve with hard work. Can this happen without an IEA team? Of course it can. But being part of IEA has them all working toward the same goal, showing at the same shows, and supporting each other. At regular horse shows there isn't always a large contingent of girls of all levels watching and helping. At IEA we have that. They cheer each other on, and cheer each other up if they have a bad ride. They talk about the horses, they share their experiences and give advice. And they help each other. It's just great to see a group of girls ranging in age from 11 - 18 all working together and having fun.



Some of the team before the show on Sunday

I'm grateful to the IEA for bringing this concept to life, and so glad we found such a great team to be a part of. So this weekend was totally worth the massive horse show hangover. Which lasted several days, in fact I may not be fully over it.



were taken back to losing our 19 year old our Thoroughbred three years ago when he lost weight rapidly and was gone with kidney failure within two weeks. We have been overjoyed that Hannah did not have to face that this early in her young life.

As for my own horse related activities, I have been riding or driving as much as possible over the summer, typically very, very early in the morning before Hannah wakes up. Bob Giles (from Winter Hill Diving Center in FL) boarded here once again this summer and we started our Paint gelding, Chance, in a harness. He has done great and seems to really enjoy it. So far he has not put a hoof wrong. Unfortunately we started him late in the year so did not get much more than 5 or 6 drives in with him before the weather changed but we're looking forward to a full year of driving with him in 2018. You never know; we may still get a one or two more in this fall but we will see. This time of year we typically ride more than drive since we stay in the arena during hunting season. My own personal highlight of the year was in June. Lexi Allegra and I had the opportunity participate in a guided ride though the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee. We did not get any good pictures but I can assure you that it was a great experience!

For the business end of things,

I am not running the full lesson or camp programs at this time because experiencing the wonder of the world with Hannah is something I just do not want to miss. However, we still had up to five borders here this summer. Some were here for training with Bob and some with me. I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to watch Bob work for the past two years. I have been able to watch and assist with starting new driving horses to seeing him prepare experienced horses for competition. We also had fun riding with him in the wagon with Hutchinson Farm and their drafts at Andover Olde Home Days in August.

In October STS hosted a foliage trail ride with Ellis River Riders. We had eight riders participate and although the leaves were not amazing this year the great company made up for it. We rode the blue loop past the Telstar Satellite Station and enjoyed every minute of the ride. Thank you to everyone who made the day enjoyable!

I guess I will close now and add lots of pictures for you to enjoy. It has warmed up to around 30 outside (two hours later) and Hannah wants to ride Major. It takes forever for me to accomplish anything these days but that's OK. One day Hannah will not need my help anymore and I will long for these days again.

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