



# NEWSLETTER

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"The horse is God's gift  
tomankind." ~Arabian  
Proverb

## Next Membership Meeting

March 4, 2010

Nic-Nac Café

7:00 p.m.

California, Missouri

## March Saddle Club Meeting Agenda

Memberships – New & Old

Educational Speaker – Karen Craighead

Discuss New Trail Challenge Competition Event

Open Discussion

**HSUS – What is it All About!!** - Have you received emails about petitioners going around trying to get you to sign a petition? **Karen Craighead, MEC President** will speak at the March meeting about HSUS. The Humane Society of the United States is an animal rights group, based on the theory that all animals should share the same basic rights as humans. Run by Wayne Pacelle, the multi-million dollar corporation has an annual income of 68 million dollars. But all is not as it seems. This animal group whose name sounds as if they are concerned for the welfare of animals, are really only concerned with raising money and taking away our rights to own animals. Who are they and what can we do to maintain our rights concerning our animals?

## What's Happening in March for Club Members!

**Coggins Day is March 6<sup>th</sup>** – The California Veterinary Clinic has reduced prices on vaccinations and coggins for club members. We are very appreciative of Dr. Borgmeyer and Dr. Oerly for offering this service to our members.

**Spring Tune Up is March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Spring is almost here! Does your horse or mule need a "tune-up" before riding season begins! Included in your newsletter is information about the "Tune Up" day! Bring your horse or mule!!! Together we'll get our animals fine tuned for the upcoming trail rides! ☺

## Minutes from Moniteau Saddle Club Meeting

February 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Messerli, president.

Maureen Stocksick read the minutes from the January meeting for Carolyn Twardowski. Cheri Messerli made a motion to accept the minutes as read. David Burgoon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Phyllis Hemeyer read the treasurer's report. The following checks were written:

Hyvee – stamps \$8.40

WalMart – personal draw \$5.67

Maureen Stocksick – silverware \$11.83

Nic-Nac – Appreciation Dinner food \$710.00

MO Equine Council – membership dues \$25.00

Food Pantry – collected donation money \$114.00

Dana Johnson asked about the balance for the savings account. Phyllis stated she did not bring that but it had not changed from last month.

Rick Bowles made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Gary Taggart seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Show Committee reported that for now, the Show-Me Show on July 31<sup>st</sup> is all that has been planned. Cheri Messerli stated they would probably meet within the next month to start making other plans. She was asked how many shows there would be this year. She says it is pretty much up to the club. Most felt that there needs to be at least 1 fun show & seems that there will be help for any youth or adult that wants to learn & participate.

The Trail Committee set the following dates for weekend rides: Panther Creek on April 24<sup>th</sup> & Eagle Ranch on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. Both need final confirmation. Since the Mingsville Horse Camp website is down, it is unknown if they will be open this year so the trail committee will be checking into other possibilities for a summer weekend ride. Kevin suggested possibly having lunch included at the Weekend Rides. Since the weather has been such an issue the last few years, Day Rides dates will be set later, possibly last minute. It was later suggested & agreed to set the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of May, June, July, August, & September for Day Rides at places such as Scrivner, Prairie Home, Lead Mines, Stover, Knob Noster, etc. Where the rides will be held will be announced at the meeting for that particular month. Anybody that has a location suggestion for a ride, contact somebody on the Trail Committee. Cheri Messerli made a motion to accept the weekend dates. Kristi Schroer seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kevin stated that Mike Brown has offered to have a ride on his property April 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2 –3 hours long.

Ron Burkett arrived to speak on a project that he is trying to get started called The American Bridle Horse Apprenticeship Program. It is registered with the state of MO as a non-profit organization. It is a program to reach out to 'at risk' youth; to introduce them to horses &/or mules to teach the youth about riding & training. He has been working with Timberline Stable & Cowboys for Christ to try to get the program assembled. When the time comes, he will be contacting school counselors & the court system to reach out to kids that need some sort of direction. Initially the program will be offered to middle & high school aged youth but may at some point be willing & able to accept younger children. Ron brought raffle tickets in case the club would be willing to help him sell them to raise money to get this program up & running. After Ron left, there was discussion as to what the club felt it wanted to do with this information. It was decided the members that wished to sell tickets could take some but as a whole, it would be too much to take on at this time. Bill Schroer agreed to collect money & left over tickets at the March meeting to get back to Ron in time for the drawing. If anybody that was not at the meeting or wishes to personally help Ron with this program, call him at 573-301-6933 or email him at [burketranch@gmail.com](mailto:burketranch@gmail.com).

The Promotions Committee had nothing to report since there is nothing to promote yet.

From the Education Committee it was announced that the annual Coggins Day will be on March 6<sup>th</sup> at California Vet Clinic. This is when club members can receive yearly equine shots & blood drawing for the Coggins test at some reduced rates. Cheri will get a flyer ready to go out.

Kevin stated that he would like to start adding articles to the newsletter pertaining to subjects of interest that were listed on the surveys that the club members were asked to fill out & return at the Appreciation Dinner. Also may try to list what vets in the area specialize or are better suited for different problems; list farriers. He suggested possibly adding a 'picture page' to the newsletter... pictures, personal achievements, etc. The newsletters are also going to be mailed to all members. Kevin has talked to a lot of members & many of them say they don't check their emails so they do not read the newsletters.

A date for the 'Spring Tune-up' at George & Linda Hartmans' arena needed to be set. A few horses will be needed for demonstrations. A couple have already been lined up. There are also some trails on the Hartman's property so there may be a chance for participants to take their horses out for a short ride after the clinic. March 13<sup>th</sup> was decided on. The clinic will start at 10:00 a.m.

Kevin 'challenged' all members to bring a new person with them to a meeting. He talked about how the membership numbers have bounced up & down; the up & down numbers of participants on rides, etc. & wanting to build the club back up.

Carolyn Twardowski stated the St. Jude committee has not met yet but it is time to send letters for St. Jude donation requests since large companies often set a budget for donations. Phyllis asked if Carolyn had a letter that could be copied & handed out for members to hand out. Carolyn will get hers updated to share. There are only 4 members on the St. Jude committee & Carolyn stated they could really use more help. She restated the St. Jude Fun Day on June 26<sup>th</sup> & there was a discussion about mailing flyers out to saddle clubs & boarding stables, not emailing them. Melinda stated what she has done in the past to keep some of the clubs updated on St. Jude progress. Carolyn said she will be calling a meeting of the committee in February. Cheri said if we could get a flyer ready by April 1<sup>st</sup>, the events could be advertised in the Show-Me Circuit book. Phyllis stated that she managed to get the last mailing list for the Hoof-a-Thon & some of those people may be looking for a new charity.

Rick Bowles commented that if some of us would participate in other clubs' activities & maybe they would come participate in ours. Sheryl Bowles suggested maybe going to other clubs' meetings once a year.

Melinda Burgoon said the club website has always been running but it is now updated. She has made some changes so it is easier to navigate & is more user friendly. Nobody has ever let her know what they think should be added or removed so all the information is still there but hopefully easier for people to find. If anybody has any suggestions or information additions for the website, contact Melinda Burgoon at [gopintos@embarqmail.com](mailto:gopintos@embarqmail.com).

Kevin brought up his idea of building a course on his property in McKirk. It would be a combination of an Extreme Cowboy Race & a Trail Challenge. It would be a judged & timed event. For the time being it would be a small/novice level course but the suggestion was made that it could possibly be built into something larger; it would probably draw local riders.

Phyllis Hemeyer announced the Horsefest in Springfield the weekend of March 13<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn added that MFA stores have information on contacting Janice Spears or Allen Huhn to receive \$3.00 off coupons.

Clif Strickland asked if the club can help where ever we want for Habitat for Humanity. He knows a woman that has been approved for a house to be built in California, MO. & was wondering about the club being able to help her. He says she has just gotten approval so it will be a while before the work starts for her. We can request to work there if we want.

Wayne Bueker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cheri Messerli seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**March 6, 2010**  
Coggins Day\*\*  
California Vet Clinic

**March 13, 2010**  
'Spring Tune-up'\*\*\*  
George & Linda Hartmans'

**April 3, 2010**  
Trail Ride  
Mike Brown's

**April 24, 2010**  
Spring Weekend Ride\*\*  
Panther Creek

**June 26, 2010**  
St. Jude Game Day  
California Fairgrounds

**July 4, 2010**  
California 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

**July 31, 2010**  
County Fair Parade  
&  
Show-Me Show

**September 11, 2010**  
St. Jude Trail Ride

**October 23, 2010**  
Fall Weekend Ride  
Eagle Ranch

\*\*More information included in newsletter.

## Mid-Mo Cattlemen's Association – February 16 Meeting Agriculture Crime & Cattle Theft

The Saddle Club has been invited to attend an informative meeting hosted by the Mid-Mo Cattlemen's Association. The topic of discussion is ag crime and cattle theft. Below is detailed information.

There is no charge, but reservations are appreciated if you plan to attend the dinner, so they will know how much food to prepare. Please call Candace at (573) 636-6700 or Miller Co Regional Stockyards at (573) 392-5572.

**Mid-MO Cattlemen's Association**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010**  
**Miller County Regional Stockyards**  
**(Located on Hwy 54, between JC and Eldon)**  
**Dinner, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting, 7:00 p.m.**

The agenda includes:

- Sgt J.P. Clark of the new MO Ag & Rural Crimes Unit, re agricultural crime and cattle theft.
- Don Isaac, Mid-Mo Drug Task Force will have a meth lab presentation
- Greg White, Cole Co Sheriff
- Jeff Windett, Exec. VP, MO Cattlemen's Association
- Several elected state and county officials have been invited

## TRAIL RIDE INFORMATION

**Spring Day Trail Ride:** Scheduled for April 3 at Mike Brown's place. Lots of wooded trails very little gravel (only to cross into the next pasture)! More information to follow!

**Panther Creek Spring Ride:** April 23-25, 2010 has been confirmed. Included in your newsletter is a flyer about the spring ride. If you plan to stay for dinner on Saturday evening, please, please, please contact Panther Creek and RSVP. They will fix dinner if 20 or more RSVP!

**Eagle Ranch Fall Ride:** October 22 -24, 2010 has been confirmed by Eagle Ranch for the date of the Fall Ride. For a **limited time**, Eagle Ranch will hold 10 campsites, 10 stalls, & 2 cabin for the club. There are more sites & cabins available but they are on a first come, first serve basis. Members that plan to participate in that weekend need to contact Eagle Ranch to make reservations – phone: 417-275-1105 or email: [info@eagleranchtrails.com](mailto:info@eagleranchtrails.com)

## BE SURE TO GET YOUR PERMIT TO RIDE IN 2009! MARION BOTTOMS CONSERVATION AREA

Contact the Missouri Department of Conservation at 660-530-5500 Ext. 230

Ask for a "Special Use Permit" for Horseback Riding in the Marion Bottoms Conservation Area.



**Please remember to pay your club dues in order to continue receiving the club newsletter.**

## COMMITTEE NEWS

**St. Jude Committee** - will meet Tues. February 16<sup>th</sup> at Pizza Hut. The time is not set. Let me know if anybody would like to join the committee. Carolyn : 573-694-7686 or [ctmischief@hotmail.com](mailto:ctmischief@hotmail.com).

## MISC. INFORMATION

**Tuckers' Trading Post** in Centertown, MO is going out of business. There will be an auction on February 27, 2010 starting at 10:00 a.m.

*Khaki Te*

2007 Buckskin Dream  
Unshorn due to injury  
Should mature 15.3  
By Supreme RBC  
Sire: Teemmas, AQHA Halter ROM  
Dam: Daughter of Barlik Macho Man  
Stall fee Introductory \$450  
Live color foal guarantee

*Extra Heir*

1995 Mahogany Chestnut Stallion  
15.3 hands  
Sire: Extra Nice By Extra Impression VCI  
Dam: Daughter of Holbrook #8AC  
Superior Halter Producer  
Western Pleasure Point Producer  
\$4 Halter points  
Stall fee: \$600  
Live color foal guarantee



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## WHO DAT BE???

Send us your favorite horse pictures or anything about our club members! We're watching you!!!



Photo by Nate Bell  
Kassie Meisenheimer donates a stack of old papers to the recycling box on her way to Theatre Arts.

Carolyn & Mischief



## Coggins & Vaccination Day Sat., March 6<sup>th</sup>



8:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
California Veterinary  
Clinic  
California, Missouri

Dr. Oerly and Dr. Page will be available to give vaccinations and draw blood for coggins.

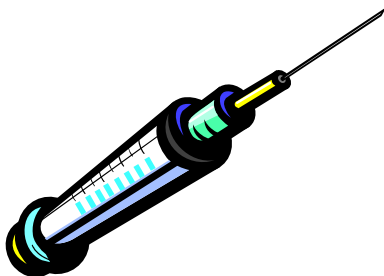
### Discounted prices for club members! Up to 20 to 30%

#### Vaccinations

Tetanus/Flu/Eastern & Western	
Encephalitis/Rhino .....	\$29
West Nile Virus .....	\$21
Strangles Intra Nasal .....	\$20
Strangles Intra Muscular .....	\$14
Coggins .....	\$15

An appointment isn't necessary. **Please call the Vet Clinic with a head count at 573-796-3168.** This will give the staff an idea of how many horses to expect.

**Discounts available for  
Moniteau Saddle Club  
Members only!**



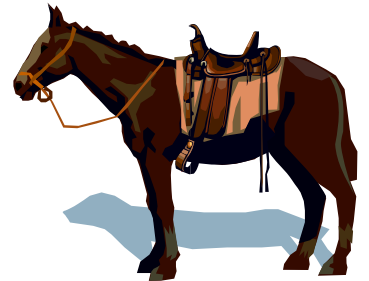
## ‘Spring Tune-Up’

George & Linda Hartmans’ Arena  
Prairie Home, Missouri.  
Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
Start Time: 10 a.m. – End Time: ?

Spring is almost here! Does your horse or mule need a “tune-up” before riding season begins? The club has access to an indoor or outdoor arena all day to work with your horse/mule’s “issues”!!!

#### What are their issues?

Trailer loading  
Stand to mount  
Saddling  
Bits  
Barn Sour  
Etc.



Bring your horse/mule and lets work together to help them get through their issues!

Questions? Contact Kevin Messerli at 573-338-3939.

Hope to see you March 13<sup>th</sup>!

#### Directions:

Take hwy 87 north from California to Jamestown (about 12 miles). Hwy 179 will enter from the right. Stay on 87-179 for about 3 miles until they split. Hwy 179 goes right. STAY ON HWY 87. Two miles after the 179-87 junction, you will see Splice Creek Drive, a gravel road, on the right. We are located about ½ mile down that road. Arenas are on the right and within 30 feet of the county road...hard to miss.



# MONITEAU SADDLE CLUB SPRING TRAIL RIDE

## PANTHER CREEK TRAIL RIDE - ULMAN, MO. April 23, 24 & 25, 2010



### Important Details of the Ride

**Check In** – Stop at the office to check into the campground. There will be a list of names and how much you paid.

**Coggins** – Negative coggins test at check-in.

**Refunds** – Granted if your cancellation is received two week prior to the ride.

**Rain or shine the ride will take place. No refunds.**

**Directions** - Located about 40 miles south of Jefferson City.

- Take Highway 54 West to Highway 17 at Eugene
- Take Highway 17 South 16 miles to State Road A
- Make a LEFT on State Road A
- Go 4 miles to Humphrey Creek Road
- Turn LEFT on Humphrey Creek Road (gravel) & go 1 mile
- Entrance is marked on the LEFT

### Club Day Ride Schedule – April 24

#### Short Rides

10:00 a.m. Ride Begins  
Lunch at Camp  
1:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Short Ride Begins



#### Long Ride

10:00 a.m. Ride Begins (4 – 4 ½ Hour Ride)  
Pack a Lunch

### Saturday Evening Meal - 6:00 P.M.

#### All You Can Eat

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,  
and the Trimmings!



\$9 -- Adults      \$5 -- All children under 12

**PLEASE CALL PANTHER CREEK  
AND RSVP FOR DINNER!!! They  
need 20 or RSVPs in order to cook a  
meal for us! CALL PLEASE!!!**

### Panther Creek Trail Ride Rules:

1. Negative coggins test on all mounts.
2. No rough riding in camp or on trails.
3. No alcohol allowed while on the trail – upon return to camp, feel free to enjoy the drink of your choice.
4. No stallions without advanced permission.
5. We reserve the right to refuse any reservation.
6. All camps must be quiet by midnight.
7. Dogs are allowed in campsite only. Must be on a leash.
8. No ATV's , motorcycles, or bicycles allowed.
9. All riders must have armbands or a valid pass with them at all times.
10. We have 4000 private acres please abide by the no-trespassing signs.

**Panther Creek Trail Rides Inc. is not responsible for injuries or accidents to riders or mounts.**

### Panther Creek Prices

**Please call Panther Creek directly to make your campsite reservations at**

**Email: [pnthrcrk@yahoo.com](mailto:pnthrcrk@yahoo.com)**

**Phone: 573-369-2553 or 573-369-2655**

**\$15 Adult & Kids (Age 6-up)\***  
Includes: Campsite, stall, bedding

**\$10 Day Ride Only\***  
Includes: Day ride (*Courtesy call to Panther Creek appreciated especially if staying for dinner.*)

**\$10 Camping Only & Not Riding\***  
Includes: Campsite

**Free Kids 5 & Under**

**\*Per person, per day**

**MONITEAU SADDLE CLUB WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURY OR LOSS.**

# Vaccinating Horses

*Vaccination is considered the most cost-effective method of preventing infectious diseases*

## Overview

Vaccination refers to the administration of antigenic material (the vaccine) to produce immunity or protection to a disease. Vaccination is generally considered to be the most cost-effective method of preventing infectious diseases; however, vaccines do have limitations. It is important for horse owners to recognize that vaccines are not 100% effective and will not prevent all horses from becoming ill should they be exposed to a pathogen (a disease-causing organism such as a bacteria or virus). Vaccines do not provide immediate protection against a disease; the vaccines (either the primary series or subsequent boosters) need to be administered prior to exposure to a pathogen. Good management practices also play an important role in limiting the spread of infectious diseases.

## Which Vaccines?

The selection and recommendation of the most appropriate vaccines lies solely in the hands of the horse's attending veterinarian. While the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) has created a set of guidelines that assist veterinarians in selecting the most appropriate vaccine schedule, it is ultimately the veterinarian's responsibility to recommend the use of one or more vaccines based on a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship and professional judgment. Factors that influence the development of a vaccine schedule include risk of disease, the consequences of the disease, the effectiveness of the vaccine, occurrence of adverse reactions to the vaccine, and economic factors such as the cost of the vaccine versus the cost of the disease.

**Core vaccines** The term "core vaccines" refers to vaccines that protect horses from diseases that: are endemic to a region (i.e., a disease that is present at all times in a specific geographical area); pose a significant public health risk; are highly infectious, or; can cause severe disease. Vaccines consid-



ANNE M. EBERHARDT

Vaccinations should be done by a licensed equine practitioner to ensure the vaccines were handled properly and in case any severe adverse reactions take place.

ered to be core vaccines in equine medicine include rabies, Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis, West Nile virus, and tetanus.

**Risk-based vaccines** Other vaccines that horses might be immunized with include anthrax, botulism, equine herpesvirus (rhinopneumonitis), equine viral arteritis, equine influenza (flu), Potomac horse fever, rotaviral diarrhea, and strangles. Horses are typically only vaccinated against these diseases when there is a real risk of exposure. The decision of whether or not to administer one or more of these vaccines should only be made after consulting with your veterinarian.

Keep in mind that multivalent vaccines (several diseases combined in one shot) are available and are considered safe and effective.

## Vaccine Schedules

There is no "vaccine schedule" that is appropriate for all horses or all farms. Formulating the most appropriate vaccine schedule is best achieved on a case-by-case

basis in conjunction with a licensed veterinarian who is familiar with your horses and circumstances. Once a schedule has been devised, it is recommended (by the AAEP) that all of the horses on the farm be vaccinated according to the schedule. This practice will optimize herd-immunity by:

- Facilitating record keeping;
- Minimizing replication and transmission of infectious agents in a herd;
- Protecting horses in the herd that might have responded poorly to vaccination, and;
- Ensuring that no horse has been accidentally left unvaccinated.

Examples of vaccine schedules for all of the core and risk-based vaccines are available on the AAEP Web site ([http://www.aaep.org/vaccination\\_guidelines.htm](http://www.aaep.org/vaccination_guidelines.htm)).

## Vaccinating Broodmares

Not only are broodmares vaccinated to minimize the chance of infection in the adult herd, but also to protect their foals against disease via antibodies passed through colostrum (first milk). This is re-

ferred to as “passive transfer” of immunity, and it is important because foals are born with virtually no ability to fight off infections. Instead, foals obtain antibodies (proteins that circulate in the blood to help fight infection) from their dam’s colostrum. Colostrum is a special type of milk produced and “stockpiled” by the mare during the last one or two weeks of gestation and available to newborn foals. Most foals nurse from their dams and obtain at least one liter of good-quality, antibody-rich colostrum within the first eight hours of life. Foals that do not obtain or absorb adequate amounts of high-quality colostrum early in life are at-risk for failure of passive transfer and the subsequent development of serious, life-threatening medical conditions including pneumonia, diarrhea, and joint infections.

### Adverse Reactions

Side effects to vaccines are thought to be extremely rare in veterinary medicine. The most common adverse event following the administration of a vaccine intramuscularly (the most common route of vaccine administration) is muscle swelling and

soreness at the site of injection. Rarely abscesses at the site of injection or clostridial myositis/myonecrosis (muscle inflammation/gas gangrene) can develop secondary to an intramuscular injection.

Some horses might experience a mild and self-limiting fever, anorexia (loss of appetite), and lethargy post-vaccination. Rarely, horses can suffer more severe systemic reactions, including urticaria (hives) or anaphylaxis (a life-threatening allergic reaction). On rare occasions horses vaccinated against strangles can develop purpura hemorrhagica.

The development of adverse events following vaccination is unpredictable. Therefore, it is recommended that horses be vaccinated at least two weeks prior to an event such as a show, performance, sale, or shipping.

Vaccines should always be administered by a veterinarian so a professional is on hand to monitor and react to any adverse events, and all adverse events should be reported to your practitioner after he/she leaves the property. Veterinarians are advised to report all reactions to both the manufacturer and the United States De-

## FAST FACTS

- Vaccination refers to the administration of antigenic material (the vaccine) to produce immunity to a disease and is the most cost-effective method of preventing infectious diseases.
- Vaccines do have limitations and are not able to prevent all horses from becoming ill should they be exposed to a pathogen. Good management practices also play an important role in limiting the spread of infectious diseases.
- No predetermined “vaccine schedule” is appropriate for all horses or all farms.
- Formulating the most appropriate vaccine schedule—using both core and risk-based vaccines—is best achieved on a case-by-case basis in conjunction with a licensed veterinarian familiar with your horses and circumstances.

partment of Agriculture (USDA) Center for Veterinary Biologics.

While the AAEP does not recommend any particular schedule, the organization does suggest that a staggered schedule be adopted when multiple vaccines are administered to minimize risk of adverse events. ◀

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***Pull those cinches tight and snug up that stampede string because it's  
Horsefest time again in Springfield, Mo.***

Horsefest, now in its sixth year, has proved to be the area's major equine exposition and is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 12, 13 and 14 at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. The event, which is aimed at everyone interested in the equine industry, is co-produced by Farm Talk Newspaper and the Ozark Empire Fair. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day of the event.

This year, Horsefest promises to be as good as ever with top-notch clinicians and a list of daily activities sure to keep everyone busy. However, without a host of generous sponsors it would be hard to pull such an event off. This year's Gold Sponsors include PFI Western Store, Punna Mills, MFA/Applegate and Race Brothers/Priefert. In addition to the clinicians and special events, Horsefest will feature the area's largest equine-oriented trade show with over 300 booths.

When it comes to clinicians at this year's Horsefest the producers of the event have raised the bar once again presenting **Stacy Westfall** and Westfall Horsemanship. Famous for her bridleless and saddleless reining patterns, Westfall uses her years of equine experience to direct clinic attendees and their horses in the direction they've been searching for. No stranger to horsemanship, Westfall has trained her way into being one of the country's top clinicians and reining competitors. While she continues to compete, start young horses and train, she truly loves to explain to people what her mom encouraged her to learn—to discover the "why" behind what the horse does.

In addition to Westfall, **Kerry Kuhn** will be making a return trip to Horsefest. The Coats, Kan., horseman will bring his method of "Practical Horsemanship" to Horsefest to help area horsemen and horsewomen further down the trail toward a more satisfying horse-rider relationship. Kuhn's "Practical Horsemanship" approach has been built over the past 22 years of working with horses and is developed to help equine enthusiasts better balance their own horsemanship. "The most important part is realizing there is much more to the horse than what you can see," Kuhn explains.

Westfall and Kuhn will be putting on their horsemanship clinics each day of Horsefest but there is much more. Each day, Horsefest will feature a host of "Mane Events."

**The Mane Events include:**

- Youth Horse Judging Clinic Friday morning with NE Oklahoma A&M Equine Judging Coach Shannon Cunningham.
- Cowboy Mounted Shooting on Saturday and Sunday.
- Ultimate Horseman's Challenge, competitive obstacle course clinic on Friday and competition on Saturday.
- Live horse displays every day of Horsefest in the livestock barns.
- Trade show featuring over 300 booths focused on the horse and horse owner, every day.
- Cowboy church service with cowboy Christian music for anyone who wants to attend Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Exhibit halls will open following the church service at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Regardless of your particular interest, from cowboys and horses to training and perfecting, there is something for everyone at this year's Horsefest.

Admission for Horsefest will be \$10 each day for adults. Youth ranging in age from 13-18 can purchase tickets for \$5 and children 12 and under are admitted free. Those interested in coming to Horsefest can also obtain \$3 Off Family Coupon locations through our **sponsors page**.

See Stacy Westfall's 2006 AQHA Congress Freestyle Reining run on the **clinicians page**. For more information, contact Farm Talk at (620) 421-9450 or the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds at (417) 833-2660.

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