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WHC & JCDHA 2021 Scholarship Recipient, Jennifer Spence

Hello! My name is Jenny and I am just finishing up my freshman year at UW Platteville. I am currently majoring in animal science with a pre-veterinary emphasis in the hopes of being a veterinarian one day. After receiving my degree from Platteville, I plan on going to UW Madison for veterinary school and then staying right here in Wisconsin to practice.

I grew up in southeastern Wisconsin and have had a passion for animals ever since I can remember. I have always done everything in my power to be around animals including volunteering at the animal shelter, being a dog handler at the Iditarod, becoming a goat owner, working on a dairy farm, and of course riding horses. I began riding horses when I was seven years old at a hunter/jumper barn and have ridden consistently since then. I went from riding once a week to eventually leasing a horse in high school. While I have yet to own a horse for myself, riding horses has been one of my biggest passions in life so far and I credit riding horses for making me who I am today. Horses have made me more confident, resilient, passionate, dedicated and patient just to name a few qualities. I am excited to one day give back to the horse community that helped me become the successful person and student that I am now.

I would like to thank the Wisconsin Horse Council for awarding me a 2021 WHC Scholarship and the Jefferson County Draft Horse Association for awarding me their 2021 scholarship. I am honored and grateful that I received these two scholarships to help me move forward in my education.

Sincerely, Jenny Spence



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WHC Mission Statement

- * To represent and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin.
- * To promote the horse through leadership, education, service and communication.
- * To take a proactive role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.

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Visit our website www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org – Go to the WSHCEF tab at the top of the page

What is the mission statement of the WSHC Equine Foundation?

The Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation was created to better serve Wisconsin's growing equestrian community and to help that community realize its fullest potential. The Foundation is a tax exempt, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization and as such allows individuals to make tax-deductible contributions to support Wisconsin equine projects.

The mission of the Equine Foundation is to support Wisconsin's expanding equestrian community by funding:

-Educational Initiatives
-Equine Research
-Trail Development
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What is our relationship with the Wisconsin State Horse Council?

The Wisconsin State Horse Council is our parent organization and the sole member of the WSHC Equine Foundation. WHC Board of Directors are elected to serve on the WSHC Equine Foundation Board of Directors, along with non-WHC individuals. The WHC was incorporated in 1972 as an advocate for the equine owners and industry in the State of Wisconsin. It has grown to become the focus of the equine industry in Wisconsin.

The Mission Statement of the Wisconsin Horse Council is: To represent and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin. To promote the horse through leadership, education, service and communications, and to take a proactive role in the future growth and development of the equine industry in the State of Wisconsin.

WSHC Equine Foundation is a federally approved 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to the advancement of equine activities and the equine industry in general.

The Foundation's main objectives are to promote education, research and development, charity, and scholarship opportunities for equestrians in Wisconsin.

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WHC Director of the Year - Jill Feller

By Pat McKnight, Correspondent for The Country Today / thecountrytoday.com



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Her responsibilities as the secretary for the Wisconsin Horse Council, doesn't keep Jill Feller from making time to trail ride on her 13-year-old Arabian mare, Harmony. For her dedication to the Wisconsin Horse Council, Feller has been named the organization's Director of the Year.

Recognizing the various skills and responsibilities good secretaries bring to their organizations, Pat Miller of Stoughton nominated Jill Feller of Mayville for the Wisconsin Horse Council's Director of the Year Award.

"Being a good secretary for volunteer groups comes with the need for special patience," said Miller. "Jill has shown commitment to the WHC and the equine industry through her hard work as a volunteer. I believe Jill is a great candidate for the Director of the Year Award for the Wisconsin Horse Council."

As a WHC director, Feller served as the council's secretary for the past 10 years, recording both the monthly council and Executive Board of Directors' meetings. She's also chaired the Scholarship Committee and the Ride Wisconsin Trails program.

"It is appreciated to be recognized for my service, but I don't feel I am doing anything out of the ordinary," said Feller. "I do appreciate the recognition."

In nominating Feller, Miller detailed some of the frustrations secretaries encounter while executing their duties.

"You must be focused when the group occasionally gets off track," said Miller. "Being secretary means you are willing to subject yourself to being corrected for every comma or spelling mistake, every wording that isn't exactly the same as the various memories of those people who attended the meeting. Usually, there aren't many names on a ballot for this job because most people want it done correctly – by someone else."

In addition, Feller was elected to the Midwest Horse Fair Board and immediately volunteered to become the secretary for the annual event.

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WHC Director of the Year - Jill Feller

Miller noted that during the past year the council and the Midwest Horse Fair Board had to deal with a lot of unknowns, which required special expertise above and beyond recording meeting minutes.

“Jill has been a great resource for the Midwest Horse Fair Board with the human resource knowledge,” said Miller. “She has helped the board deal with maternity-leave questions, furlough questions and unemployment questions. She has given the Midwest Horse Fair Board a very small but valuable short course on some of these issues – all the while taking minutes.”

On top of her contributions to WHC, Feller has been active in the equine industry as an endurance rider. Although now retired from 24 and a half years of competition, since 2017, Feller and her horse Harmony are now enjoying more leisurely trail rides.

The Director of the Year Award is based on the participation and contributions of a WHC Director to the Board of Directors as a whole in any area of youth activities, education, research, industry promotion, related legislation and regulation, trails, other equine events or activities.

Most of the WHC’s Annual Award recipients are nominated by the public and voted on by the WHC Board of Directors. Nominees must be a resident of Wisconsin, be a current, active director in good standing on the Wisconsin Horse Council Board of Directors. In addition to the Director of the Year Award, WHC accepts nominations for Horseperson of the Year, Show Judge of the Year, Special Achievement Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award and Equine of the Year. However, the WHC Director of the Year can only be nominated by a fellow WHC Board of Director member and is then voted on by the entire WHC Board of Directors.

When held, the awards are presented at the Midwest Horse Fair. The MHF wasn’t held last year because of the pandemic and this year because the Alliant Center wasn’t available.

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In Memory...Marilyn Krueger, WHC Director & District 2 Officer

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Marilyn Krueger, WHC Director and District 2 Officers has passed away. Marilyn was active with the WHC for many years and was always very passionate about helping and doing her part for the organization and the horse community. Our sincerest sympathies go to her family and friends. She was a dedicated and wonderful person who will be greatly missed by all.



Virtual Show Info from the Jefferson County Draft Horse Association

By Jackie Schuster, JCDHA Secretary



This past winter, Kim Fiore from Melbourne, Florida, had a vision of hosting virtual horse shows. She put together a series of three shows, and after the three shows, there will be grand champion awards. To participate, simply go to the Virtual Draft Horse Show, sign up and pay a fee. You have 8 days to sign up after the show is put on the page, and then you have 2 weeks to complete your video. The judge (judges) has been registered 'r' or R judges for the dressage classes. The judge provides you with feedback and you can watch other competitors in the class too. Tip: it is much easier if you have someone else take the video of you and the video should be kept to four or five minutes long. The draft breeds are Clydesdales Percheron, Belgian, Shires and Suffolks. The light horse breeds are quarter horse, Saddlebred, Thoroughbred. The non-draft horse are the draft crosses. The rules and classes can be found under the tabs at the top of the Facebook page for Virtual Draft Horse Show. There is also a page for a description of the classes.



The classes range from showmanship at halter, breed at halter, in hand obstacle course, driving obstacle course, English pleasure, western pleasure, horsemanship, hunter, dressage, driving cart, team and farm equipment. It also tells you what classes are WT, WTC and in which combinations of horse and rider are allowed.

Dr. Anne Clary has shown in many of the classes with her Percheron mares and has placed well in her classes. She enjoyed all the classes she entered. She won the Percheron Champion with Divinity in an earlier show.

The next Virtual Horse Show will be in July. Please start looking at what is offered and class description if you are interested.



Training for Trail Riding Related Injuries

Article By Clip Clop Trail Riders Middle Inlet, WI

Photos by Middle Inlet Fire Department



While trail riding, have you ever had a medical issue that caused you to fall from your horse? Had a severe allergic reaction to bee stings? Been thrown from your horse?



On Saturday, May 22nd, the Middle Inlet Fire Department hosted a training at the Middle Inlet Horse Campground and Trail System. Three scenarios were presented that all involved horseback riders having a seizure, a severe allergic

reaction to bee stings, and a rider being thrown from a horse. This training included multiple departments from the surrounding areas: Crivitz Fire, Crivitz Rescue (with unit 2), Wausaukee



Rescue, and Wagner Fire (with their rescue ATV and trailer) all attended this training. The fire departments and rescue squads all worked together to practice locating, treating, and getting the "patients" out of the woods and into the ambulance.



Coordination of this event, under the leadership of Marvin Mason, training officer of the Middle Inlet Fire Department, took weeks of planning. The participation of many volunteers helped make the training even more realistic.



A huge thank you to Aaron Marvin and Sheena, Janet, and Alan from the Clip Clop Trail riders for volunteering their time and horses (Hunter, Keeper, and Riley) to help better this training.



AQHA Rider Competing at Cap Gun Show with His Service Dog at His Side

By Pat McKnight, Correspondent for The Country Today / thecountrytoday.com



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Equestrian With Disabilities showman John Greenan leads American Quarter Horse Association gelding Terms On The Moon "Cappuccino" in a EWD showmanship class with his service dog, Buggs, at his left side. The trio has competed in EWD classes after AQHA permitted the competitor to have his service dog become part of the team.

When John Greenan, his dog and horse enter the showmanship arena, none dares call it a "Dog and Pony Show." Greenan, of Orland Park, Illinois, competes in Equestrians With Disabilities showmanship classes with his animal partners.

With Terms On The Moon (aka Cappuccino) on his right and his chocolate Labrador, Buggs, on his left, Greenan has showed in EWD classes as well as open show classes.

In his journey to reach his dream of showing in top level AQHA shows, Greenan has become a bit of a celebrity in the Cap Gun Horse Show circuit.

"When the word got around (that he was going to show), everyone said, 'This is cool and we want to see this,'" said Greenan.

In order for Greenan to compete in the Cap Gun Horse Show with his service dog at his side, he had to ask permission from AQHA. The organization gave him the OK to have Buggs accompany him in showmanship classes. With this approval, the three plan to compete in the show in Oshkosh June 16-20.

The former paramedic fireman qualifies to compete in the EWD classes because of a myriad of health issues. About 20 years ago, Greenan was on the job at an accident scene when a drunk driver entered the response team's location and hit Greenan. The first responder was hospitalized for over a year. His recovery included having to learn to walk and talk again.

On top of having to cope with the traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder, he now struggles with multiple sclerosis, bi-polar depression, lupus, bacterial meningitis and cancers.

As part of his treatment, Greenan asked his doctors if he could add equine therapy to his regimen. Greenan took riding lessons when he was young and wanted to see if horses and riding could help him with his recovery.

Receiving doctors' OK, Greenan connected with Lorri Ebeling of Nova Quarter Horses for help. Ebeling had worked with special riders and includes EWD classes in the shows held at her barn.

"I had already been teaching an adaptive riding program with only private lessons," said Ebeling, "but they were high functioning riders and I had them loping and doing more things than an actual riders with disability programs have to offer. I guess I felt the passion John was showing me made want to teach him to compete at a higher level and also that AQHA was offering those type classes in our bigger shows."

Ebeling's daughter, Samantha, also worked with Greenan, Cappuccino and Buggs to develop the special show team.

Cappuccino, a 19-year-old American Quarter Horse Association gelding is now owned by Olivia Ryzewski and is on loan to Greenan. The veteran show horse likes dogs and seemed to hit it off right away with Buggs. Ebeling was sure he was just the right equine for the job to help Greenan achieve his horse-showing goals.

"It wasn't easy at first, but John put his time in and I'm looking forward to see what we will have now that he is able to go back to shows," said Ebeling. "COVID and his many surgeries have kept him out of the show pen."

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While Greenan had planned to “rock AQHA in 2020,” that didn’t happen. It wasn’t due just to most shows being canceled. During the gap year, Greenan underwent eight surgeries due to complications connected with multiple sclerosis.

EWD classes are open to qualifying individuals. Although John qualified, he had to make a special request to allow Buggs to accompany him and Cappuccino in the show ring. The association granted the request for showmanship classes.

Greenan first met Buggs when he was a director with an animal shelter and Buggs was brought into the shelter as a puppy. The dog proved to be a difficult placement because of separation anxiety issues. However, an evaluation by a service-animal training business determined Buggs would be a good match for Greenan.

“The trainer said she never saw a dog and person who needed each other as much as we did,” said Greenan.

While the surgeries kept Greenan out of the saddle, Ebeling wasn’t going to let Greenan stay on the sidelines.

“Lorri said, ‘You can stay in the game. We’re not putting you on the back burner because you can’t ride. I’d like to teach you halter,’” said Greenan.

The new game plan was to focus on showmanship and halter classes and to train Buggs in his role. The effort resulted in the team becoming the only one of its kind in the country.

“Buggs wears a harness and was trained to correct my balance,” said Greenan. “If I lean to one side, he bumps me to get me straightened out.”

Buggs is trained to lie at Greenan’s feet when they set up in showmanship. In one class, Greenan recalls how Cappuccino nuzzled Buggs’ head. Greenan said the judge noted the display of affection “was really unfair” (because of the tug at emotions).

Throughout his ordeal, the dream of showing again kept Greenan going. After eight weeks of surgery, he was back up on a horse.

Greenan’s first AQHA show was two years ago at the Cap Gun Horse Show in Madison. He placed second and fourth in riding competing in classes of eight to 10 riders.

The Cap Gun Quarter Horse circuit began 40 plus years ago; it got its name because it was held over Fourth of July holiday. Starting at Meri-J Stables in Beloit, the show grew over the decades. Because of the growth, it’s moved to various locations to accommodate the increased number of exhibitors.

“The EWD classes started about ten years ago,” said Pat Miller. “The American Quarter Horse Association and the National Snaffle Bit Association saw the need for these classes because of the desire for all riders to compete on a level playing field.”

The organizations also realized the special classes brought many veteran show horses or semi-retired show horses out of retirement or semi-retirement.

“Because of these programs, these horses are still a valuable asset,” said Miller. “These horses have been there, done that and are reliable, safe partners for people who may not have full function of their arms or legs but want to compete.”

A sizable number of exhibitors entering the classes come from therapy programs. There are classes where people show independently and classes where exhibitors are assisted with one or two people walking along-side the horses and their riders.

Information about the Cap Gun Show circuit can be found on its website at <http://capgun.timzhsm.com> or on its Facebook page.



The History of the Wisconsin Horse Council

Part 7 of 8

Nancy Kissel attends the May 17th hearing at Madison for AB259...the trailer License fee bill.

The Council joins the national chapter of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy for a membership fee of \$35.00. In July, Fran Ritter changes the name of her group to the Wisconsin Trail Riders (WTR). The WSHC and the WTR will work together to promote trails in Wisconsin.

In June, groups concerned about trails meet at Madison. They decide to drop the multi-use pass proposal and have wording from that piece of legislature concerning equestrian trails be included in the Stewardship Fund. The Stewardship Fund passes both houses in July and the Governor signs it into law in August. The sum of one million dollars per year for 10 years is available for multi-use trail development. In March 1990, Fran Ritter is appointed to the Trails Advisory Committee that will work with the DNR to administer the Stewardship Fund.

The Judges Seminar is March 18th & 19th. The main topic is confirmation and the featured breed is Miniature Horses. A National Snaffle Bit Futurity and horse demonstration is held on Saturday with a trail class on Sunday. Attendance is good.

At the March meeting, honorary memberships are awarded to Dr. Howard Cook, Carol and Brian Alm and Dwight Teel in recognition of the support they have given the WSHC over the years. At the 10th Anniversary June meeting, plaques are given to Dave Petrie and Esther Schwartz. Both have faithfully served the Council and horse industry for many years.

The AYHC holds a Leadership Conference in East Rutherford, NJ on March 31st & April 1st. Nancy Kissel is the WSHC delegate.

The 10th Annual Midwest Horse Fair, held April 15th & 16th is a huge success with 25,000 people in attendance. An art exhibit and the Celebrity Trail Challenge are new this year. A special award is given to Carolyn Gfrorer for the many hours of dedicated work for the WSHC.

The Horse Person of the Year is Evelyn Burton. A \$500 scholarship is awarded to Tamera Ann Suminski; Michelle Leanne Klopemaker and Penny Lou Schneider each receive a \$250 scholarship from the WSHC.

The Wisconsin High School Rodeo receives \$300 from the Council to help defray expenses while competing at the Nationals in Pueblo, CO. Chris Manor of Maiden Rock wins the barrel racing title.

Judy Kolar resigns as public relations coordinator April 1st. The Council thanks her for a fine job. The Promotion and Public Relations Committee sets up specific guidelines for the PR job. In May, LaVonne Williamson begins as public relations coordinator. She has much journalism experience and is welcomed with a August 1/July 1 contract. In July, Wayne Schutte steps down as public relations chairman and Joan Petrie takes his place.

The WSHC actively investigates insurance options. In August, the Council votes to accept Ruhlin Insurance coverage of liability for commercial concerns, pleasure horses and riding clubs.

The June 11th-14th AHC Convention in Arlington, VA. Is attended by delegates, Betty Bob and Carol Yohn. Workshops are racing, showing, owner/breeder symposium and tax and business. This convention marks the 20th birthday of the American Horse Council.

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The Agriculture Teachers Conference is held July 10th & 11th in Madison. Kathy Kohler and Ray Antoniewicz attend. The WSHC purpose is to give out resources and educate teachers about the horse industry in Wisconsin.

In July, the expense of sponsorships totaling \$600 is added to the budget. The WSHC will use this money to sponsor various horse show classes and such for its association members. Mary Trepanier is in charge.

Gervaise Hephner is offered a contract by the WSHC and he will be our lobbyist for 2 years.

Trail development is emphasized at the Recreation/Tourism Research forum held at Madison, August 30th. Joan Petrie and Sandy Dulin attend.

A \$20 donation is given by the WSHC to each contestant and coach to equine related 4-H teams. They will use the money for expenses in National competition.

Esther Schwartz takes over for Carolyn Gfrorer, who resigns as chairman of the Membership Committee.

Ninety riders attend a successful WSHC Trail Ride held at Camp McCoy on September 16th & 17th.

A retirement party for DNR Dennis Konkol is held September 29th. Wayne Schutte presents him with a plaque in appreciation for his work with the Council on trail issues over the years. At the October meeting, the Council votes to present a plaque to "Country Today" for their efforts to promote the horse industry in Wisconsin.

The Fall Conference of the WSHC is held in Madison, October 21st. The program consists of Ray Feldman, new liability law, Dr. Elizabeth Burgress, Lyme disease; Don Undersander, forage analysis and a panel on trail riding.

Lavonne Williamson organizes the WSHC Western District Meeting held in Osseo, November 4th. Eighty-five people attended a very successful meeting.

1990...Officers are the same as 1989. The Council is concerned about the lack of effective laws regulating humane treatment of horses. The Board agrees that a major goal of the WSHC should be to improve the humane treatment of animals through education and legislative action.

This is part 7 of 8 in a series of the history of our Wisconsin Horse Council. Watch for the final chapter in the next issue.



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Film Maker Seeks to Capture Relationship Between Horses & Their Owners

By Pat McKnight, Correspondent for The Country Today / thecountrytoday.com



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Wisconsin film maker, Bob Leff, has expanded the features of his documentaries by offering his services to horse owners. His service, VAP Films, will create videos of horse owners sharing their special relationship with their horses.

of the moving picture and its audio component, not to mention the professional interviewing and editing that makes a real story out of the material.”

Leff operates VAP Films, a company producing documentary films with a Wisconsin flavor. His one-person company Video Art Productions LLC is located across the road from a horse boarding ranch. The ranch’s boarders and horses were the inspiration for the idea to offer his documentary service to horse owners.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Leff grew up in suburban Long Island. He relocated to Wisconsin to work as a clinical psychologist working with children and families at a psychiatric facility. After 28 years in the mental health field, Leff decided to pursue another interest – his lifelong dream of becoming a filmmaker.

“I recently saw a re-run of an old interview with Orson Welles who stated that a very famous film director told him as a youth that everything he needed to know in order to make films could be learned in a day and a half,” said Leff. “Well, my dad, a syndicated adventure-strip cartoonist, taught me the basics of art, composition and story-telling, but it’s taken me a lot longer than a couple of days to get proficient at filmmaking, and I’m still learning every time I wade into a new production.”

The learning curve included adjusting his business model after his effort to find sponsorship for a weekly

Wisconsin horse owners and their animals can now star in their own movie. Bob Leff of Cottage Grove is offering his film-making expertise to horse owners to document the connection often found between horses and their human partners.

Leff’s vision for making such documentaries is to capture on film the special relationship between owner and horse. The films can be of any unusual, memorable events or occasions involving the horse as well as any therapeutic value of the owner-horse relationship.

“In short, the story of the owner’s life with the horse,” said Leff. “The film will be a way to re-live and treasure whatever is special to the owners about their horses and a way to be able share it with others. It serves a similar purpose to that of a scrapbook, but in the far more evocative form

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Film Maker Seeks to Capture Relationship Between Horses & Their Owners

television fishing show didn't pan out. Instead, he opted to sponsor himself making documentaries, the first of which was "The Old Masters of Musky Hunting" filmed in 1997. The video covered the history of musky fishing in northern Wisconsin as told by 30 of the oldest senior musky guides in the state.

That film, and its sequel "Musky Stories of the Old Masters" were hits; both were broadcast on Wisconsin Public television and other Midwest public television networks. The documentary was followed up with "Gangster Holidays," the story of gangsters John Dillinger's and Al Capone's visits to northern Wisconsin.

A dozen more films over the next 20 years have been made on a diverse group of Wisconsin subjects, most of which are available for preview on the company's website VAPFilms.com.

"When I make a film, I perform all components of the process, from pre-production planning to filming to editing and miscellaneous post-production jobs," said Leff. "I get the most satisfaction from editing the acquired footage to produce a coherent, accurate and affecting film."

Previous works covered subjects from fishing to Frank Lloyd Wright (narrated by a grandson of the renowned architect), but horses have only been involved incidentally and fleetingly in a couple of his films.

The production process for the new personal documentary service of relating horse owners' stories is a two-part endeavor involving two to four on-location shoots at the owner's facility.

"The first are on-camera interviews of the owner and significant others to nail down the story to be told," says Leff. "Some interview footage will be used with the speaker's image, while much will be used as voice-over for footage of the horse in its milieu. Owner photos and/or video of the horse in special situations can be incorporated as well."

Fifteen- and 30-minute film-length options are anticipated, although longer productions are possible if desired by the client.

"While I have no horse-related background or expertise, neither did I know a thing about midget-auto racing when I embarked on a film about historic Angell Park Speedway in Sun Prairie," said Leff, "but I learned as I went, and the result was "Touched by an Angell," the Golden Wheel Award winner at the 2011 Iowa-based International Reel Wheel film festival."

During the startup this year, the personal documentary program will be limited to clients located in Dane, Rock, Iowa, Jefferson and Columbia counties.

For more information or to arrange a taping, contact Leff at vapbob@juno.com or by calling 608-873-5784.



Fences in Agricultural Areas

Prepared by: Anna Henning, Senior Staff Attorney

Wisconsin's fence law, codified in ch. 90, Stats., generally requires adjoining landowners to share the responsibility for maintaining a fence between their properties when **either** owner uses land for farming or grazing. This issue brief summarizes the law's history, basic requirements, enforcement, and effect on landowner liability.

HISTORY

Portions of ch. 90, Stats., were among the first statutes adopted by the newly constituted Wisconsin Legislature in 1849, and the basic requirements remain the same. The fence law was based on legislation previously adopted by the territorial legislature. At the time, the law simplified relations among settlers by making the construction and maintenance of fences a shared responsibility of all rural residents and by reducing the potential claims for damages caused by animals. More recently, some commentators have argued that fence laws should be revised to reflect modern land use trends, including the increasing number of rural residents who do not keep livestock or engage in other traditional farming.¹

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The fence law establishes a general approach to allocating responsibility for maintaining a fence, but it allows neighboring landowners to negotiate alternative approaches. The fence law applies when either of two adjoining landowners uses their land for farming or grazing. It no longer applies if both neighbors stop using land for those purposes. [ss. 90.03 and 90.05 (1) (c), Stats.]

General Rule: Equal Responsibility

The fence law generally requires adjoining landowners to maintain a fence between the two properties "in equal shares." [s. 90.03, Stats.] When establishing a fence line, the law gives a rule of thumb that each owner is responsible for the half of the fence viewed to the right as an owner faces the neighboring property. [s. 90.07 (3), Stats.]

Alternative Partition Agreements

However, as mentioned, landowners may agree to an alternative approach, including using markers instead of a fence, allocating responsibility for maintaining a fence differently than the fence law prescribes, or even having no markers or fence. If adjoining landowners negotiate an agreement, called a "partition agreement," that is in writing and signed by witnesses, the agreement obligates the owners and their successors to build and maintain the fence in accordance with the agreement, unless a different agreement is reached or the fence law no longer applies. [s. 90.05, Stats.] In contrast, oral partition agreements do not create a legal obligation.

Materials and Dimensions

When the fence law applies, it specifies that a fence generally must be at least 50 inches high and not more than four inches from the ground. The law also specifies particular widths and combinations of strong woven, barbed, and tensile wire that constitute a "sufficient and legal" fence. However, the law allows for fences made of rails, boards, wires, walls, brooks, rivers, ponds, creeks, ditches, or hedges, if fence viewers judge them to be equivalent to fences that meet the law's general specifications. [s. 90.02, Stats.]

ENFORCEMENT

Because adjoining landowners may agree to alternative approaches, the fence law is typically enforced only when a dispute arises between neighbors. In such disputes, the fence law is enforced by “fence viewers,” who are town supervisors, city alderpersons, or village trustees. [s. 90.01, Stats.]

A landowner may submit a complaint to two or more fence viewers in the relevant municipality² (or municipalities, if the properties cross a municipal boundary line), alleging that a neighbor has failed to repair or rebuild a fence as legally required. The fence viewers then must examine the fence. [ss. 90.07 (2) and 90.10, Stats.]

If the fence viewers determine that the fence is insufficient, they must inform the “delinquent” landowner of the insufficiency and direct that landowner to repair or rebuild the fence within a reasonable timeframe. If the fence is not repaired or rebuilt within that timeframe, the landowner who submitted the complaint may repair or rebuild the fence and recover the expense. The fence viewers must designate the amount to be recovered in a certificate, together with specified interest and fees. The certificate may be filed in the municipality, and the amount may then be collected through the property tax rolls. [ss. 90.10 and 90.11, Stats.]

The recovery of expenses under the fence law provides the exclusive remedy for resolving disputes regarding fences to which it applies. However, fence viewers’ determinations are subject to judicial review. [*Tomaszewski v. Giera*, 2003 WI App 65.]

EFFECT ON LIABILITY

One historical purpose of the fence law was to reduce claims for damages caused by animals. To that end, the fence law specifies that, if a landowner does not maintain the landowner’s portion of a legal fence, the landowner may not recover any damages for trespasses by a neighboring landowner’s animals.

However, constructing a legal fence does not relieve a landowner of liability for damage caused by certain types of animals in the enclosed premises of a neighbor. Specifically, a landowner who complies with the fence law may nevertheless be held liable for damage caused by the landowner’s swine, horses, sheep, or goats in the enclosed premises of an adjoining owner. Likewise, compliance with the fence law does not relieve a landowner of liability for damage caused by a stallion over one year old, billy goat over four months old, bull over six months old, boar, or ram on a neighbor’s enclosed premises. [ss. 90.04 and 172.01, Stats.]

¹ See, e.g., Terence J. Centner, *Reforming Outdated Fence Law Provisions: Good Fences Make Good Neighbors Only if They are Fair*, 12 J. Envtl. L. & Litig. 267 (1997).

² Although some relevant provisions of the fence law refer only to towns, the Wisconsin Supreme Court has interpreted the fence law, including fence viewer requirements, to apply in other municipalities. [*White v. Watertown*, 2019 WI 9.]

Saddle Restorer, Repairer Shares Industry Knowledge

By Pat McKnight, Correspondent for The Country Today / thecountrytoday.com



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Saddle repairman and restorer Jamie Lynch discusses saddle safety and cleaning to Green County 4-H Club members during an event held at Top Notch Feeds in New Glarus.

Saddle restorer and repairer Jamie Lynch of Oregon has seen too many economically priced saddles turn out to be “buyer’s regret.” Despite innovations in saddle construction, the equine industry has been inundated with poorly made tack purchased new by uninformed shoppers.

Lynch recently shared his 30 years of knowledge in saddle inspection and safety with visitors attending Top Notch Feed and Pet Supply’s Western Expo held at the New Glarus business May 22.

“It was a nice event,” said Lynch. “I did one-on-one safety checks and basic inspection on the skirts, the straps and trees.”

Lynch built his business, Jamie’s Saddle Restoration & Repair, after getting a start working at Caines Saddle Shop.

“I’m mostly self-taught, but I’ve also had some good books I’ve learned from,” said Lynch. “Some of it was trial and error, too.”

On his Facebook page, Lynch posted a video of a lower-priced imported saddle he cut in half. The dissected saddle exposed the saddle’s defects. The flaws include hollow parts and very flimsy material that wouldn’t hold up to regular use.

While he’ll cut a badly made saddle in half, Lynch most certainly doesn’t use such measures for repairing or restoring a well-made saddle. When he works on a saddle, he will take apart the saddle so he can do a thorough repair.

Many of the lower priced saddles are imported. The imported saddles tend to be made from lesser quality leather produced through questionable tanning processes. They are also constructed with less durable filler materials such as cardboard.

“The badly made saddle looked nice when you first buy it,” said Lynch. “Many are shipped from overseas.” He treats well-made saddles, even those having been used for years, with much more care.

“People will ask me, ‘What’s your favorite saddle?’” said Lynch. “I tell them my favorite saddle is the next one I work on,” said Lynch. “Some of them have sentimental value to the owner. I’ve restored or repaired

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4,000 saddles over the years; that's about 180 a year. I'm one of the few who has this as a full-time job. I'm booked out four to six months."

During his many years in the business, Lynch has seen a number of changes in materials used to make a saddle. In the past, saddle trees, the skeleton of the saddle, have mostly been made of wood and wrapped in cheese cloth, canvas, rawhide or bull hide. Kevlar, a high-strength material and used in the construction of tires, bulletproof vests and other high tensile products, has become one of the newer materials being used to wrap quality made trees.

In the 1960s, a plastic tree called Ralide®, a polyethylene solid tree, was introduced to saddle making. The molded saddle tree doesn't need to be wrapped.

Lynch advises shoppers to be cautious when looking to buy saddles on-line because shoppers can't inspect the product before buying. The hands-on inspection that's possible in a retail tack store has become nearly extinct.

"There are fewer brick-and-mortar tack stores anymore; they're a thing of the past," said Lynch.

To test the quality of a saddle's tree, Lynch will set the front of the saddle (pommel) on the ground and then push down on the cantle. If the saddle gives under the pressure, the saddle tree is likely made of poor material or broken.

Synthetic materials for saddle-making are becoming more widely known and accepted. Lynch said some of the synthetics can wear almost as well as leather and can be easier to maintain.

"Little by little, the industry is accepting synthetics," said Lynch. "They're lighter weight and have the look of leather."

He recommends saddles should be cleaned regularly and thoroughly cleaned and conditioned every three years.

"I often recommend saddle owners clean their saddles when they worm their horses," said Lynch. "They should also do a safety check at the same time."

The process he uses is to apply saddle soap as directed and then rinse with water to remove residue. He then lets the saddle dry overnight. When the saddle is dry, Lynch applies a light coat of pure neatsfoot oil, taking care not to soak the leather

Before natural fiber saddle stitching was replaced by nylon thread, neatsfoot oil was thought to rot the stitching. But Lynch says the natural fibers used in the past have now been replaced with thread that isn't affected by the oil.

To get the best results from a cleaning, a conditioning cream will "do a lot more than an oiling will," said Lynch. "I'm one of the few who does cleaning, oiling and conditioning. Leather cream will do a lot more than an oiling will."

He can be contacted through his Facebook page or by telephone at 608-843-9059.



WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



July 2021

- July 3 & 4 Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association (WIFQHA.org) Jackson County Fair Park, Black River Falls, 608-385-4240
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 4 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club Firecracker Pleasure Show, 8:30am, MFSC Grounds, N75 W25500 Hwy 164, Sussex, WI 53089, Contact Gail Hayek 262-677-9610, www.mfsaddleclub.com or on Facebook for all details
- July 5-9 "Horsemanship" Summer Horse Lover's Day Camps - "Themed Day Camps all Summer Long", 9am-3pm, La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
- July 7 Horse & Pony Experience "Sharing with Caring with Younger Children", La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, 1pm-3pm, \$70, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
- July 10 Lazycreek Farm 2021 Fun Pleasure Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI, 53039, Contact 920-386-8058, Judge - Deb Caravello
- July 10 Twilight Show, Washington County Fair Park, West Bend, WI, Contact Kris Nigro 414-333-8205
- July 12-16 "Best of Breeds" Summer Horse Lover's Day Camps - "Themed Day Camps all Summer Long", 9am-3pm, La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
- July 15 WHC District 1 Monthly Meeting via Zoom, 7:30pm, if interested in joining please contact Renee Hendrickson at renehendrickson34@gmail.com or 715-603-5458
- July 15 Horse & Pony Experience "Sharing with Caring with Younger Children", La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, 1pm-3pm, \$70, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
- July 17 & 18 Show Your HART Out Show!, Heartland Equestrian Center, Custer, WI, 8am, Judge - Karla Kegley on 17th & Judge - Stacie Riehl on 18th, Contact Kirsty Fahey at Kirsty_lynn_15@hotmail.com or 715-305-9326
- July 17 & 18 SMILES 37th Open Benefit Horse Show, Walworth Co. Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI, 8am, Saturday is English & Sunday is Western, all proceeds go to benefit SMILES Therapeutic Riding Program, Contact SMILES 262-882-3470 for all info
- July 18 Pickett Horse Club Show, Flying Mane Arena, Waukau, WI, 8:30am, Contact Joan Silloway 920-851-8211
- July 20-22 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Huntsinger Farms, S3020 Mitchell Road, Off Hwy 37, Eau Claire, WI 54701, (715) 839-4712, Visit Website, Presented By: Huntsinger Farms, Inc. & Silver Spring Foods, Inc., 9am-4pm
- July 24 West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co. Open Pleasure Horse Show Series, East Troy, WI, 9 am, www.west20.com, 262-642-4272
- July 24 Equinetraill Sports, Nicker Nickels Caper, In Hand & Mounted Obstacle Course, Sturtevant, WI, Hosted by Caledonia Conservancy Equestrian Committee, Senne Farm, 1655 Cty. Rd. V, Sturtevant, WI 53177, Register on-line at <https://www.equinetraillsports.com/event/12610/>, Questions Lynn4travel@aol.com, 414-628-6318
- July 25 Marshfield Saddle Club Annual Double Judge Open Horse Show, 8am, Marshfield Saddle Club Grounds, 202788 Cty. Rd. E, Marshfield, WI 54449, Judges - Betty Kowalski & Miranda Weber-Schneider, Contact Taylor Wilson 715-305-0216 or taylor.asplin@gmail.com or Kirsty Fahey 715-305-9326 or Kirsty_lynn_15@hotmail.com
- July 25 Wautoma Open Speed Show, Rusty B Arena, W. 5641 Cty. Rd. J, Westfield, WI 53964, 9am, Contact Nancy Kopach 715-228-4641 or day of show 715-935-2240
- July 26-30 "Summer Fun" Summer Horse Lover's Day Camps - "Themed Day Camps all Summer Long", 9am-3pm, La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
- July 27 Horse & Pony Experience "Sharing with Caring with Younger Children", La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, 1pm-3pm, \$70, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
- July 28 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, 121 S. Ludington Street, Columbus, WI 53925, in person, via Zoom and via FreeConference.com - Tentative
- July 30-Aug 1 Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association Horse Show, Jefferson, WI, Contact: Kathy Findley (262) 930-5584, www.wisconsinpinto.com
- July 31 Washington Co. 4-H Open Speed Show, Washington Co. Fair Park, 3000 Pleasant Valley Rd., West Bend, WI 53095, 9am, Contact Deanna Schmidt deanna.schwake@gmail.com or 414-469-2737

August 2021

- August 1 Dodge County Horsemens Association Pleasure Show, Boots & Saddle Club Arena, W8827 Hemlock Road, Beaver Dam, WI, 53916, 8:30am, check DCHA Facebook page for details
- August 1 The Rusty B Open Speed Horse Show, W5641 Cty. Rd. J, Westfield, WI, 9am, Contact Gerry 608-369-3000 or Jackie 608-369-2954 or Jolane 608-572-1326
- August 2-6 "Body Building" Summer Horse Lover's Day Camps - "Themed Day Camps all Summer Long", 9am-3pm, La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
- August 4 Horse & Pony Experience "Sharing with Caring with Younger Children", La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, 1pm-3pm, \$70, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
- August 7 Lazycreek Farm 2021 Fun Pleasure Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI, 53039, Contact 920-386-8058, Judge - Gary Shipshock
- August 7 West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co. Open Pleasure Horse Show Series, East Troy, WI, 9 am, www.west20.com, 262-642-4272
- August 7 Hope Community Farm Benefit Open Show, Heartland Equestrian Center, 7510 Deer Rd, Custer, WI 54423, 8am, contact Sarah 715-323-2626 or sarah@heartlandheals.com
- August 7 & 8 Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association (WIFQHA.org) Jackson County Fair Park, Black River Falls, 608-385-4240
- August 8 Marshfield Saddle Club, "Come As You Are" Open Horse Show, Marshfield Saddle Club Grounds, 202788 Cty. Rd. E, Marshfield, WI, 54449, 8am, Contact Taylor Wilson, 715-305-0216, marshfieldsaddleclub@gmail.com, Kirsty Fahey Kirsty_lynn_15@hotmail.com
- August 8 Badger Horse Show Association Open Speed Show, Rusty B Arena, W5641 Cty Rd J, Westfield, WI 53964, 9am, Contact Nola Siewert 920-858-2860 or rockhill44@gmail.com
- August 9-13 "Vet Prep" Summer Horse Lover's Day Camps - "Themed Day Camps all Summer Long", 9am-3pm, La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
- August 13 Horse & Pony Experience "Sharing with Caring with Younger Children", La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, 1pm-3pm, \$70, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
- August 13-15 Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association Horse Show, Elkhorn, WI, Contact: Kathy Findley (262) 930-5584



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- August 19 WHC District 1 Monthly Meeting via Zoom, 7:30pm, if interested in joining please contact Renee Hendrickson at renehendrickson34@gmail.com or 715-603-5458
- August 20 & 21 Open Ranch Horse Show, West 20 Saddle Co., W4812 State Road 20, East Troy, WI, 9am, contact 262-642-4272
- August 21-22 Paint Horse Show, Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh, WI, Contact Cindy McGinnis 608-279-3848 or ckmcginnis@sbcglobal.net, www.wispainthorse.com
- August 23-27 "Saddle & Bridle" Summer Horse Lover's Day Camps - "Themed Day Camps all Summer Long", 9am-3pm, La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
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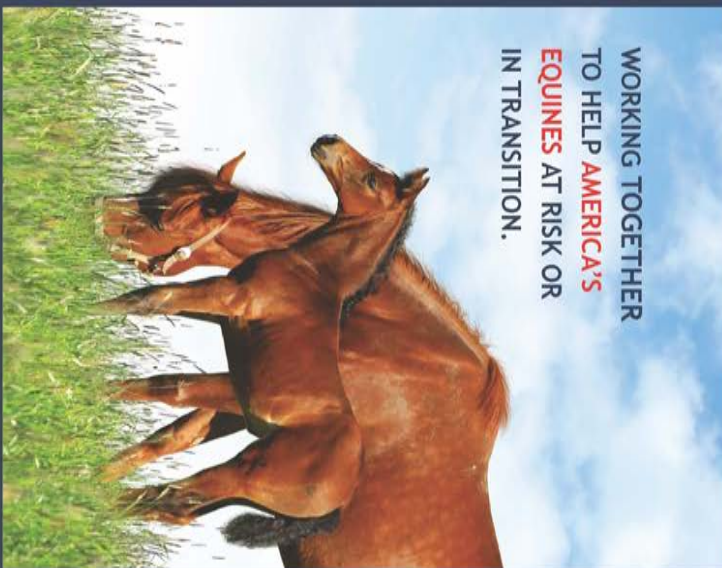
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OWN RESPONSIBLY:

In today's world, in which far too many horses become at-risk each year, gelding, spaying, and hormone therapy is the responsible choice for many horses. By considering these practices, breeders and owners are "owning responsibly," and helping to significantly reduce the number of at-risk horses in America.

Although chances are low that horses in a controlled environment will find a way to breed, gelding and spaying horses of minimal breeding quality will also prevent future owners, who may not exercise responsible control, from breeding those horses. The long life expectancy and the frequency with which horses change hands over a lifetime should make this a primary concern of every responsible horse owner.



SPAYING

Ovariectomy, or "spaying," is a surgical procedure in which a veterinarian removes a mare's ovaries, rendering her incapable of reproduction. Because of the costs and risks associated with abdominal surgery, spaying is far less common than gelding and is usually reserved for medical reasons, such as ovarian tumors.

While spaying is one way to prevent pregnancy in a mare, it is also an option when, in extreme cases, behaviors associated with estrus make a mare unmanageable, unridable, or dangerous. These may include irritability, aggression, biting, kicking, persistent vocalization, back soreness, and lack of focus. Like gelding, spaying can create future career options that might have been limited by hormone-related behavior.

In less severe cases, hormone therapy may be enough to eliminate or greatly reduce undesirable behaviors. These include synthetic hormone treatments, injectable progesterone, progesterone implants, and intra-uterine devices. While various forms of hormone therapies will keep a mare out of heat, they do not completely stop her from cycling and are not, therefore, guaranteed to prevent pregnancy.

Consider Gelding or Spaying Your Horse!

GELDING

In gelding a horse, the veterinarian removes the testicles which produce the hormone testosterone. This is the hormone that is responsible for sperm production as well as aggressive, sometimes dangerous, behavior including fighting and mounting. Left intact, a mature stallion may become progressively more difficult to manage and train as he becomes older.

In most cases geldings are preferred over stallions for pleasure riding and for competition because they are typically calmer, easier to handle, and more tractable. It is for these reasons that a gelding is also more likely to be adopted out of a care facility.

Gelding a horse that is not an attractive commercial breeding prospect may ensure their viability in an alternate career. A stallion or colt with no commercial use as a breeding animal is an unattractive proposition for a new owner for several reasons:

- The owner faces the costs of a gelding surgery in addition to other expenses required to prepare a horse for a new career
- Stallions require specialized housing, fencing, and turnout
- Farm owners and individual horse owners have considerable legal exposure for the actions of their animals

Many prospective buyers are not equipped to house or manage a stallion and therefore may overlook an otherwise suitable horse.



BREED RESPONSIBLY:

RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP BEGINS WITH RESPONSIBLE BREEDING.

There are many things to consider before breeding a mare, and horse owners should invest a significant amount of time weighing the pros and cons of such a decision. There are both good and bad reasons to breed, and owners must honestly analyze how realistic bringing a new foal into the world is for their individual situation.

Responsible breeders carefully consider multiple factors when selecting horses for breeding. These include health, soundness, conformation, athletic ability or performance history, disposition, and pedigree. Not all horses should be bred.

The costs associated with breeding are numerous. The stud fee, which can range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars, is only part of the overall picture. Many of the costs associated with breeding are incurred beforehand.

Owners should pay particular attention to obtaining proper medical care for their mare. A veterinarian should conduct a thorough exam of the mare to ensure that she is physically healthy enough to possibly withstand the stress of pregnancy and motherhood. Even during an uneventful and otherwise "normal" pregnancy, the mare requires regular check ups in addition to her regular vaccination and deworming schedule.

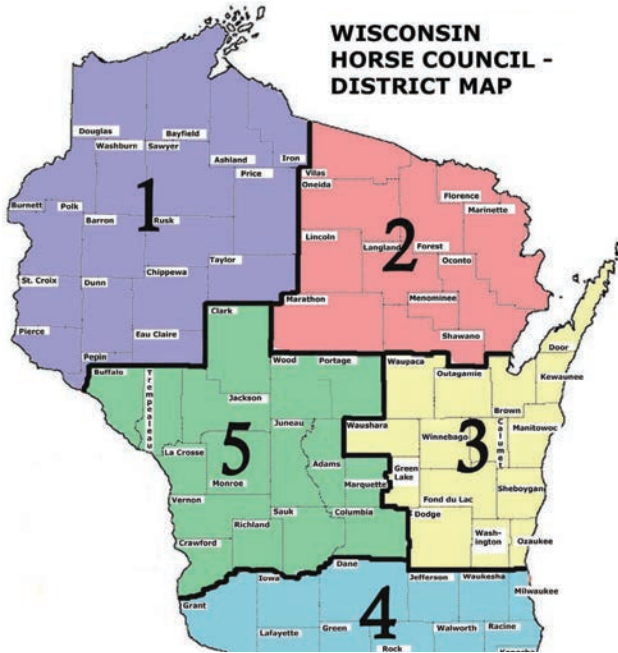
Her feed and water intake levels will also increase over the course of the pregnancy, so owners should be prepared to absorb the increased cost of feeding and/or increased cost of boarding. In addition to the veterinary costs for the mare, many newborn foals will require specialized medical care during the first few weeks of life that may also be costly.

Owners should truthfully examine exactly why they want to breed their horse. It can be very difficult to make a profit on the sale of a foal, as the initial investment in breeding and raising it often outweighs what the animal will be worth to others.

Owners should also consider what they will do with an offspring if they are unable to sell it, including the training involved to be able to increase its chances of marketability in the future.

Owners should also strongly consider microchipping options in an effort to create a safety net for that horse in the future.

If you would like to help horses at risk or in transition, and would like to be added to the UHC Resource database, please contact uhc@horsecouncil.org, or visit the UHC website at www.unitedhorsecouncil.org



WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL - DISTRICT MAP

District 1 includes the counties of: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Iron, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor and Washburn

District 2 includes the counties of: Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, and Vilas

District 3 includes the counties of: Brown, Calumet, Dodge, Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Washington, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago

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District 5 includes the counties of: Adams, Buffalo, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marquette, Monroe, Portage, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau, Vernon, and Wood

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September / October Issue:
August 15th at noon

Articles must be equine related, may not be for commercial benefit and must be sent to us in a timely fashion. The Editor reserves the right to revise or refuse articles.

Ads and articles are best sent in electronic format (prefer MS Word or Adobe Acrobat) to:

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Important Dates to Remember

July 4	Independence Day
July 15	WHC District 1 Monthly Meeting
July 20-22	Wisconsin Farm Technology Days
July 28	NO WHC BOD Meeting in July
August 19	WHC District 1 Monthly Meeting
August 25	WHC Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

* Please check out our **Calendar of Upcoming Events**, which is included in each issue of the **CouncilLetter**, as well as posted on the WHC website, for shows, fundraisers, clinics, tack sales and more! **THANK YOU!**



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