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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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The WHC employs a professional lobbyist who works with us on pending legislation as needed for the equine industry. We continue to work on adding new benefits for our members. Please feel free to contact us with your comments or suggestions. Thank you!

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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
-Youth Scholarship and Participation

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. WSHC Board of Directors are elected to serve on the WSHC Equine Foundation Board of Directors, along with non-WSHC individuals. The WSHC 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 Horseperson of the Year - Christina Hyke

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



Photo by Harlyne Hyke

Wisconsin Horse Council's Horseperson of the Year Christina Hyke has ridden her now retired 21-year-old American Trakehner Karino's Fire in endurance competitions. Hyke was recognized for her for promoting endurance riding through her podcast, organizing the WARHORSE Challenge and using the rides to raise funds for worthy causes.

Wisconsin horsewoman Christina Hyke of Jefferson is taking endurance riding to the next level in innovative ways. For her enterprising approaches to promote horses and equine activities, Hyke has been named the Wisconsin Horse Council's Horseperson of the Year.

Tara LeRoy of Palmyra nominated Hyke for the annual award noting the various aspects of Hyke's involvement in the horse world.

"I can think of no other person who has promoted the horse industry in so many different areas, encouraging and supporting youth, helping honor and preserving history, supporting charitable organizations and reaching across the oceans and positively impacting the lives of horse lovers all over the world," said LeRoy.

Hyke expressed her gratitude to Wisconsin State Horse Council for the unexpected honor.

"I am honored to share a little bit of my love for horses, friendships and Wisconsin with horse owners all over the world," said Hyke. "Reading what Tara Leroy had written made me realize that what we were doing really was inspirational to many and that it was bringing a bit of Wisconsin to the world."

Building on her knowledge and involvement in endurance riding, Hyke created the Endurance Horse Podcast a couple years ago. Inspired to share her love of riding many miles on good horses over beautiful trails, Hyke has broadcast more than 40 episodes and tallied more than 27,000 podcast downloads through Podbean.

"The podcast was created to have a place where riders from around the world share their own horse stories," said LeRoy. "From well-known southeast Wisconsin equestrians and organizations to seasoned endurance riders from all across the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Mexico and more, all actively contributed stories and listened to fellow horse people."

Hyke says it took a leap of faith to launch both Endurance Horse Podcast and WARHORSE Endurance Challenges.

"This year was a difficult year for many," said Hyke. "Through Endurance Horse Podcast and WARHORSE Endurance Challenges, we were able to encourage many to keep on going with their horses. We have created a welcoming and encouraging community."

Hyke reports WARHORSE Endurance Challenges are going strong this year with many more horse owners discovering the joys of sharing the challenges with their friends.

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WHC Horseperson of the Year - Christina Hyke

Hyke started the WARHORSE 100 Mile challenge last year. Fellow Wisconsinites and many followers of her podcast quickly joined the virtual challenges. Participants from foreign countries as well as the United States were able to do rides virtually in lieu of competitions cancelled because of the pandemic. They used the challenges to bring their retired and recovering horses back out on the trail. Those with young colts and fillies just learning to lead and driving horses joined seasoned riders wanting to put miles on their horses.

“By allowing horse lovers of all kinds to share their personal stories of triumphs and hardships, stories to inspire, stories to make you laugh and sometimes cry, her platform brought together a diverse community of horse lovers,” said LeRoy. “Her efforts were recognized this November as a 2020 winner in the Equus Film and Arts Festival for the Podcast Category.”

In addition to encouraging riders to get out on the trails, the challenges and rides created opportunities to raise funds for worthy causes. The events raised sizeable donations for organizations such as Horse Power Healing Center, Midwest Horse Welfare Foundation, American Endurance Ride Conference, Pony Express Museum and the Boys & Girls Club of Rosebud Reservation.

“We also raised money for Operation Underground Railroad that fights human trafficking,” said Hyke. “This year in addition to these causes, we are raising funds and awareness for Last Chance Corral and Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary.”

LeRoy related Hyke’s various endeavors has brought together and promoted equestrians from all different disciplines and breeds, different experience levels and different countries during a time when being together was difficult.

“She has helped people see value in and truly enjoying the horses they already have,” said LeRoy. “She has received words of gratitude from people suffering illness, injury or depression who have been inspired through her podcasts and challenges to get out and try something new and let the healing power of horses help them overcome obstacles.”

In addition to the podcast, Hyke provides a Facebook page where participants can share pictures, videos and personal stories of how they are participating in the challenges and what it’s meant to them.

“As an Army veteran, her continual desire to help, encourage and protect others has been long engrained in Christina’s heart and soul,” said LeRoy. “Her love of horses and her desire to help others appreciate and love their own horses drives much of what she does.”

The WHC’s Horseperson of the Year Award is based on the nominee’s leadership and contributions to Wisconsin’s equine industry. Recommended by their peers, nominees are recognized for their leadership roles and contributions in youth activities, education, research, industry promotion, related legislation and regulation, equine organizations or equine community events and activities.

The award is usually presented at the Midwest Horse Fair; however, the fair won’t be held this year because the Dane County Coliseum is being used as a COVID vaccination site.

Press Release for the Wisconsin Horse Council



Newport State Park, Door County Equestrian Trails

It is with great pleasure that the Thumbs Up Riders of Door County equestrian club is heading up, in conjunction with the DNR and the Newport State Park Land Manager, the installation of 6 miles of looping equestrian trails in the park. All the hard work over many years from club members has paid off. ***Finally, equestrians will have a designated public trail system here in beautiful Door County!*** This will be a day use, single track sustainable trail with an equestrian parking lot accommodating 4 to 6 rigs. We plan on installing a kiosk that will display a large overview map and user information with additional maps for user's convenience. Markings at intersections will coincide with map directions. We are in the final stage of design/mapping approval and plan on beginning to build the trail this summer.



Officially designated "dark sky" park.

We are looking for monetary and labor

donations. If interested, please contact Thumbs Up Riders of Door County President Chrissy Bergwin at luvhorses54202@yahoo.com or the clubs Secretary/Treasurer Linda Lorenz at lindasuelorenz@gmail.com.



Dodge County Horseman's Association



Become a member!

We are always welcoming new members to join the fun! We are a group of horse crazy individuals in the greater Dodge County area. We meet the first Tuesday of each month usually at Sackett Ranch in Burnett. Come join us and check out how you can get involved. We host 2 speed shows, a pleasure show, and a mini horse show but are always open to new ideas and events.

Our Officer Team:

Kallie Larson: President
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2021 Shows:

May 22: Push, Pull, Drag Mini Show
 June 19: Speed Show
 August 1: Pleasure Show
 September 25: Speed Show

2021 Buckle Chase

Sign up for our Buckle Chase Challenge for your chance to win a buckle from points earned at approved shows throughout the summer! If you would like your show to be approved send approval form to Kallie Larson by May 1st and if you meet the requirements your show can be on our list.

Buckle Chase Rules:

Age Divisions (as of Jan 1): Tiny tot: 10 and under

Jr: 11-16

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Sr Sr: 40 and over

Categories: Timed and Judged

1. Must have 3 or more participants in a category in order to also have a reserve buckle awarded
2. Must attend at least one DCHA qualifying show with the horse you entered in the category you entered for your points to count
 1. Judged: DCHA show Aug 1st, KEC pleasure June 26th
 2. Timed: DCHA speed shows June 19th and Sept 25th
3. Must track your own points (use points sheet) and send to Bonnie Shepherd within 10 days of the show -also must include showbill with points sheet
4. Only shows on the approved show list count toward points
5. Any class you are allowed to enter at a show counts towards your points for the buckle chase (do not need to only record classes in your age division as age divisions may be different at different shows)
6. Can only enter in one age division but can enter multiple horses and/or both timed and judged categories (must fill out different entry form and fee for each horse and each category)
7. Must be a DCHA member

Check out DCHA on facebook for showbills, forms and updates or contact President Kallie Larson for questions at kalliekiesow@gmail.com



The History of the Wisconsin Horse Council

Part 6 of 8

The American Horse Council convention is held June 5-8 in Washington, D.C. Representing the WSHC is Dave Petrie and Wayne Schutte. Insurance is the main issue along with tax workshops, accounting methods, racing, showing, recreation and land use.

The High School Rodeo receives \$300 from the WSHC to help with the expenses of 30-40 young people. They will compete in the Nationals at Pueblo, CO.

In July, Josie Piper reports that the Black River Falls Forest is willing to promote horse trails and to develop horseperson parks. Thus begins the combined efforts of rangers, committees and horsemen to make equine trails in the area.

The budget will start July 1st and go until June 31st. This fiscal year is implemented because our income is from the Midwest Horse Fair that is held in April.

Newsletter editor, Nancy Kissel, announces that she intends to retire from the job after the August/September issue. Nancy is commended and thanked for the job she has done in the past. A public relations and newsletter editor is needed. A newly formed committee is set up to screen candidates. Judy Kolar is recommended for the job.

The Judges Seminar is a topic at the August meeting, On a close vote, Gervaise Hephner is chosen to lobby for the Council with a one year contract. The President will be the contact person.

Following a committee suggestion, there will be only one award from now on. Horseperson-of-the-Year. Nominations will be put forth by WSHC member organizations and the committee will select the winner.

To celebrate the role of horses in the circus and to help celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Circus World Museum at Baraboo, September 11 is designated WSHC Day. Wayne Schutte presents a plaque to Circus World from the WSHC for their promotion of horses to the public.

Several donations are awarded in September. The 4H participants in the Nationals are each given \$20. A donation of \$50 is given by the WSHC for site development at Horsemen's Campground in the Northern Kettle Moraine Park.

The second annual WSHC Trail Ride is held at Mountain in the Nicolet Forest, October 15,16 and is well attended.

1989....Carol Yohn is president; Nancy Kissel, Vice-President; Andrea Fenner, Secretary and Carolyn Gfrorer, Treasurer. New directors this year are Judy Joba, Linda Wierkheiser, Betty Voeks, Mike McGowan and Nap Bourdeau.

A public hearing is held at the Capital on January 25th. The topic is the current status of the

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implementation of Pari-mutuel betting as it relates to the horse industry. The meeting is attended by WSHC representatives. A public hearing of the Racing Board is held May 25 to consider proposed rules and regulations. The Wisconsin Horse Foundation (WHF) takes the Racing Board to court. The WHF hires Gary Goyke as acting executive director and the WSHC pays a membership fee of \$200 to join the WHF in January.

Membership to the Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association is renewed in January. The WSHC looks to the WRPA as a possible source of legislative help. A workshop is scheduled for January 13th.

The WSHC logo is trademarked for a \$200 fee.

The first mention of the Badger State Games (BSG) is made at the January meeting. In February, the BSG Board expresses an interest in including equine competition on the athletic roster of the games. This will be the first new sport added in four years. A series of qualifying regional shows with the finalists competing at the BSG is planned. Because of limited time, open entry will be used instead. The package of equine events will need approval by the BSG in January, 1990. Prior to that, preparatory expenses are met by the WSHC. A special meeting is called on February 15. A coordinator-facilitator is present to help directors create a mission statement which is still in use.

The Promotion Committee and Judy Kolar develop a Wisconsin Horse Industry fact sheet. It outlines the impact of the horse industry and will be used in promotion. The WSHC joins the Agri-Business Council (ABC) in February with a membership of \$250. The ABC has published a coloring book for grade school children. Ray Antoniewicz supplies information that is used on the horse page.

Ray is reappointed to the Premium Committee of the Wisconsin Association of Fairs in February. One of the responsibilities of this committee will be to establish a workshop for judges training.

The Governor's Conference on Tourism is held February 21-23 in Fontana. Judy Kolar and Judy Larson represent the Council. The Dept. of Tourism is interested in working with the WSHC to provide promotional opportunities in the area of equine recreation. The WSHC is interested in pursuing the co-op, specifically for advertising and video promotion.

The WSHC Trail Committee is very active this year. Receiving attention this year are: the abandoned RR/RW between Elroy and Reedsburg, the abandoned RR/RW between Minneapolis, MN and Superior with a possible spur to the Ice Age Trail, Chequamegon National Forest, Park Rapids Campground Rehabilitation, Black River Falls, Baraboo River Trail, Anhapee Trail Monroe/Mineral Point Multi Use Trail, High Cliff State Park, Blackhawk Ridge Dunnsville Bottoms and Smith Rapids Horse Camp at Park Falls.

Josie Piper and Betty Bobb attend a meeting at Black River Falls with Ed Black, forest ranger at the park. The WSHC donates \$250 to purchase materials to put up tie rails on June 17. A very unique campground is created on July 29th, in Park Falls, at the Smith Rapids Horse Camp. In March \$250 was donated to this project.

This is part 6 of 8 in a series of the history of our Wisconsin Horse Council. Watch for the remainder in the next several issues.

Construction Begins on Equestrian Campground at Governor Dodge State Park



The Friends of Governor Dodge State Park recently signed a contract with Rule Construction of Dodgeville to build Phase 2 of an all-new 20 site equestrian campground at the park. Located in a peaceful area on the park's north side, the new campground, designed by Parkitecture and Planning of Middleton, will offer spacious sites with gorgeous views of the park's forested bluffs. Phase 1 of the project, consisting of a new entrance road, multi-use trailhead with picnic area, and handicapped accessible vault toilet, was built in 2019 by

Rule Construction with funding by the Friends, and has been used by horse day-riders, rock climbers and hikers for the past two seasons.

Now, after more than 5 years of planning and fundraising, Phase 2 of this long-awaited project is now underway. Prior to construction, a section of the park's 15-mile multi-use Driftless Trail is being re-routed around the 14-acre campground. Poor quality trees and brush are being removed, and heavy equipment is staged to begin building the campground road, sculpting level campsites from the rolling terrain, and installing utilities. Placing of campsite amenities, including highlines or pens for the campground's equine occupants, will occur in the fall. The campground is expected to open on May 1, 2022, coinciding with the opening of the park's 25 plus miles of horse trails.

To allow the project to proceed the Friends previously received approval from the Wisconsin DNR to complete just 12 of the planned 20 campsites in Phase 2. In a happy surprise, the bid received from Rule made it affordable to construct all 20 sites now. Ongoing fundraising by the Friends will occur this year, with \$70,000 or more still needed to reach the project's fundraising goal. Success of coming fundraising will determine how many of the 20 sites will actually be camper-ready for 2022.

Financial support for this \$500,000- plus project has come from a variety of sources including the Wisconsin Equine Foundation on behalf of the estate of Iris Cooley, whose pledge of \$69,000 in June of 2018 jump-started the campaign. Friends remember Iris as a fearless, die-hard horseback rider with a passion for camping with horses. Those that knew Iris are confident that having a nice equestrian campground at Governor Dodge State park would make her very, very happy.

Grants from Knowles-Nelson Stewardship fund, Wisconsin Horse Council Trails committee, Alliant Community Fund, the Weizenicker Fund for State Parks, and the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks further grew the campground fund. Matching grants of \$25,000 and \$50,000 from generous park supporters spurred donations from private individuals, horse clubs, and area businesses. While support for the project has been amazing, we are not done yet. Please visit www.govdodgeequestrians.com for details on how YOU can help. Donations in any size are welcome, with donors of \$1,000 or more permanently recognized at the campground.

Pictures of the progress are shown on the next page.





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Onalaska Craftsman Turns Horseshoes Into Art

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



Photo by Pat McKnight

Unicorns, bovine faces and sports themed pieces are just a few of the home, garden and stable décor Brandon Gjestvang creates out of horse shoes.

Horseshoes are finding their way into places other than the bottom sides of horse's hooves. Metal artists are using horseshoes create décor for home, garden and stable.

One of those artists is Brandon Gjestvang of Onalaska. Since December 2019, Gjestvang has been cutting, shaping and welding the crescent-shaped iron bars to create wall hangings and other decorative pieces.

"I do a few other things but I gravitated towards horseshoe art due to the versatility and demand I could foresee," said Gjestvang. "I do some welding at my full time job but learned most of what I've done by trial and error."

Although, he hasn't had formal welding training, Gjestvang has worked with metal off and on. After seeing some examples of horseshoe crafts on Pinterest, Gjestvang decided to give it a try.

"I really enjoy working with my hands and creating unique products," said Gjestvang. "I try to challenge myself a little bit."

Gjestvang doesn't have horses of his own, but horse-owning friends and relatives have asked him to make sculptures with their horseshoes.

"A coworker has horses and gave me a bunch of shoes and said 'See what you can make out of these,'" said Gjestvang. "She even had draft horse shoes. She gave what I made as gifts."

He generally uses quarter horse sized shoes but does have pony size for smaller pieces. The rigid metal can become pliable and joined together in Gjestvang's hands to make sculptures such as flowers on stakes to add to the home landscapes. Or the sculptures can be sports themed wall hangings, unicorns and cow faces and even uplifting messages.

He also works with cut nails to create sun bursts. Cut nails resemble nails made in colonial times and are generally used in restoration or remodeling projects. Their shanks are wedge shaped instead of being round as is the case of regular nails. Similar in form to horseshoe nails, cut nail lengths can vary from a few to as long as eight inches.

Gjestvang uses enamel paint to add color to the creations. This is especially desirable for those wanting sculptures promoting their favorite sport teams.

So far, most of the commissions Gjestvang has received have been by word of mouth and has taken the artwork to sell at local farmers' markets. Photos of his work can be found on Facebook by searching Gjest Metal Visions. He has also posted on Facebook Marketplace. He can be contacted via email at gjestmetalvisions@gmail.com.

Boy Helps Horse Return from Injury in New Book

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



Photo by Marilyn Therrian

Champion harness racing horse, Derek Bromac N, nuzzles his owner, Paul Sawyer. Sawyer became the horse's owner when his mother Amber accepted the horse from a friend after the horse injured his leg during a race. The horse's recovery from the injury and his bond with Paul has been published in a new book written by Amber.

him a favorite.

"Anybody who knows Derek, loves him," said Amber. "He's quite the most gentle horse."

The pacer had six wins in New Zealand, then as a four-year-old, was sent to California to begin his racing career in the United States where he won 26 races. With a pari-mutual career of 288 races with 32 wins, Derek's lifetime winnings totaled \$265,864.

His success took a turn for the worse when Derek was 13 and injured a suspensory ligament during a race.

The true tale about an injured race horse rehabilitated and returned to racing by an eight-year-old boy is a comeback story worthy of Disney. The story about Paul Sawyer nursing his injured harness racing horse, Derek Bromac N, back to soundness and then racing him again as an aged competitor is the subject of a new book written by Paul's mother, Amber.

Although Amber wrote "Love to Race" five years ago, she left the unpublished book sitting on a shelf until last year. She decided to pursue the idea of getting it published last April when she needed something positive in her life.

"It's a heartwarming true story," said Amber. "It tugs at your heartstrings."

The Horicon mother and son are second and third generation harness racers. Amber's father raced for many years, and when Amber was in her teens, she became a sulky driver, competing in races in 14 states.

Amber wrote the story as though the horse was telling it. She decided she would tell the story from the Derek's perspective because the horse is so expressive.

"This horse has such a personality," said Amber. "You just look at him and you know what he's thinking."

The New Zealand bred Standardbred was born in 2000 at Bromac Farms in Christchurch and began racing as a two years old, dominating track times at a young age. Along with his racing qualities, his habit of sticking his tongue out while being harnessed and on the racetrack made

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A veterinarian told the owner the horse wasn't worth treating because of the extent of the injury and the horse's age. Derek's owner, a good friend of Amber, contacted her about taking Derek.

"My friend Peter Kass said, 'Amber, I don't want any money for him, just give him the good home he deserves. I know you can fix him,'" said Amber.

Initially, Amber wasn't interested in taking the horse. The injury Derek sustained would mean a long recovery period without guarantee of success. The horse's age was a factor not only in his ability to heal but whether he would be eligible to race again. Professional pari-mutuel racing has a cap on how long the horses can compete; they must be retired at 15.

Despite her misgivings, Amber relented, and in August 2013, the 13-year-old horse came into the Sawyers' care. Less than a year later, the horse seemed well enough to begin racing again. His conditioning for the track began in March and when he showed no signs of lameness, Derek was entered in fair races as a 14 year old.

Amber drove the horse in the races because her son was too young to be a sulky driver, drivers have to be 16 years old, but she consulted with her son about how he wanted her to run the races.

"Paul told me to take care of Derek," said Amber. "He told me, 'Just make sure he's okay out there so we can race again next week.'"

One of two harness racers in the country still competing at 15 years old, Derek's last race was August 2015 in Michigan. His win in the race made him the oldest winning racehorse in the country.

Although he's now retired from racing, Derek has taken on a new role. He's become an ambassador for Standardbreds and harness racing. He visits nursing homes, takes part in parades and Reading with a Race Horse events.

"He's been at the Midwest Horse Fair for five or six years in a row," said Amber. "He's appeared in The Daily Citizen Newspaper, featured in two issues of Hoof Beats magazine and appeared on Wisconsin Public Television's Around the Corner With John McGivern, featured on Fox 47 News out of Madison and was the 2019 Wisconsin District 3 Equine of the Year as well as receiving a service award in 2015 from the Wisconsin Harness Horse Association."

When she decided to dust off her book, Amber contacted Nico 11 Publishing & Design in Mukwonago. After reading the story, the publisher agreed the book should be published. Amber's long-time friend Tami Joe DeLisle of Reeseville illustrated young readers book.

Amber is thrilled "Love to Race" has been enthusiastically accepted by Derek's fans and former owners. Amber will be promoting the book with a Midwest signing tour.

Signed copies of the book can be purchased directly from the author by contacting her via Facebook or email at ampaul15@yahoo.com. The book is also available from the gift shop at the Goshen Historic Track and the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame as well as from Amazon.

Chapters on the Horizon Offers Equestrian-Themed Weddings

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



Engaged couples can experience the ultimate in romantic wedding by holding an equestrian-themed ceremony at Chapters on the Horizon. The farm-based wedding venue located in the state's Driftless Region lets horse lovers celebrate their big day with their cherished animals.

Jennifer and Tyler Chrisinger opened Chapters on the Horizon Sept. 19, 2020. Other partners in the business are Jennifer's father, Mike Lepke and her brother, Ben.

The Chrisingers decided to start a wedding venue as the place they would have wanted for their nuptials.

"When my husband and I got married 10 years ago, we could only find a venue with 12-14 hours of rental and no animals," said Jennifer. "So when we wrote up the contract for Chapters on the Horizon, we included everything we wished we could have done for our wedding."

Jennifer felt the lure of horses since she was quite little and credits them with helping her get through a lot while she was growing up.

"Horses are my therapy," said Jennifer. "There's something about just jumping on and getting lost in nature. My horses are in-your-pocket type, big puppy dogs. I consider them part of the family."

Fortunately for her, she grew up on a farm, but unfortunately, her parents wouldn't allow their daughter to get a horse in her early years. So instead, she rode the family's Jerseys cows. Eventually, she convinced them she was ready to take on the responsibility of horse ownership.

"They got me a pony that broke my foot in the first week and the rest in history," said Jennifer. "My parents must have really loved me as at one point we had 10 horses, donkeys and mules. We were very active in 4-H growing up and showed horses and various other animals."

Although, Jennifer has considered renting her horses to bridal parties for their special day, at this point, it's "BYOH - bring your own horses." The honeymoon suite, less than two miles away, has two stalls and a fenced in area. While the number of horses isn't limited, the horse owners are responsible for picking up after their animals.

When planning the venture, the owners spent a lot of time deciding on the name for their business.

"We are an event venue, so we host all chapters of life," said Jennifer, "and Horizon, because the building sits perfectly on the horizon and sunset off the front of the building every night"

Along with allowing animals, the venue offers among other amenities weekend-long rental, on-site accommodations, kids playground, outdoor yard games, a venue coordinator, fireworks, a full bar, a disc golf course, a catch-and-release fishing pond, a beach and some of the most scenic backgrounds for photo shoots found anywhere.

Up to 400 guests can be accommodated in the indoor facilities, which are equipped for year-round comfort and are handicap accessible. In addition to a full-service bar, the large prep kitchen is open to the caterer of the couple's choice.

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Chapters on the Horizon Offers Equestrian-Themed Weddings

Located at near the village of Viola, Jennifer reports the local community was supportive of the new business adventure. "We are hoping to put Viola on the map as it's only a town of 300 people," said Jennifer.

Due to the COVID pandemic, most of the 2020 weddings that had been scheduled were cancelled, but the venue was able to host two smaller events.

"So, we haven't had to deal with social distancing too much as we decided to keep the building empty even though we could operate as a full bar," said Jennifer.

For potential clients concerned about social distancing, the venue offers four outdoor ceremony options - Pond with Blue Row Boat, Beach, Apple Orchard or Meadow in the Woods. In addition to the weekend ceremony package, Chapters on the Horizon also offers an elopement package.

"We also donate a weekend rental to a military couple every year as my brother will be completing his second tour overseas this fall with the Air Force," said Jennifer.

To contact Chapters on the Horizon, telephone 608-553-0556, email: Chaptersonthehorizon@gmail.com, or log on to its website at <https://www.chaptersonthehorizon.com>.

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Through industry collaboration, the UHC promotes education and options for at-risk and transitioning horses.

The United Horse Coalition is grateful to it's current members for the support they provide in helping to further our mission of helping at-risk horses and those in transition in the past, and we are actively recruiting for new membership to secure funding for the 2021 year!

As has happened with many non-profit organizations, the UHC was not immune to the loss of funding that occurred during the COVID pandemic. In an effort to continue the crucial work we are doing, the UHC is doubling down on our efforts to increase funding and support to continue helping at-risk horses and those in transition, through educating and advocating for Responsible Ownership and Responsible Breeding. As the UHC relies solely on our membership fees to continue the work we do, sustaining our current members, and recruiting new membership support is critical to ensure the viability of the valuable resources we provide to the Equine Industry as a whole.

UHC Membership fee's go to initiatives and programs such as:

- The UHC Equine Resource Database
- educational materials on Responsible Ownership and Responsible Breeding,
- the UHC Equine Industry resources for COVID-19

Through the support of our members, we were able to assist over 15,300 requests Nationwide for assistance from individual owners and organizations in need, through the United Horse Coalition's Equine Resource Database, the COVID Resource site, emails, and phone calls since December of last year alone. With your support, we hope to continue to help even more owners find the safety net programs they are in need of and help prevent the horses in their care from becoming at-risk.

To help us, help the Equine Industry, and the owners who need our support the most, please consider becoming a member here: <https://unitedhorsecoalition.org/become-a-member/>



WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



May 2021

- May 5 Cinco de Mayo
 May 9 Mother's Day
 May 14-16 Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association Horse Show, Jefferson, WI, Contact: Kathy Findley (262) 930-5584, www.wisconsinpinto.com
 May 15 Armed Forces Day
 May 15 Lazycreek Farm 2021 Pleasure & Speed Show, Judge - Gary Shipshock, Pleasure starts at 10 am, Speed starts at 2 pm, W5358 Old Sixty Rd, Juneau, WI 53039, 920-386-8058 or 920 296-7036
 May 16 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
 May 20 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
 May 21 Friday Night Fun, La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, 5pm-8pm, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
 May 22 Dodge County Horsemens Association (DCHA) Push Pull Drag Mini Equine Fun Show, Sackett Ranch, N9320 Fir Rd, Burnett, WI 53922, 9:30am, visit the DCHA Facebook page for details
 May 22 Spring Fling Open Show, All Around Equine Events, 9402 N. Berg Rd, Evansville, WI 53536, 8am, Contact Taylor Golz 608-490-0947
 May 22 Wausau Boot & Saddle Club Fun Open Horse Show, 5302 W. Wausau Ave, Wausau, WI 54401, 8am, Contact Emily Mueller 715-575-9076, Amanda Gaboda 715-321-3633 or Abn328c.ai@gmail.com or Michelle Lampe 715-443-3266
 May 22-23 Paint Horse Show, Jefferson Cty Fairgrounds, Contact Cindy McGinnis 608-279-3848 or ckmcginnis@sbcglobal.net, www.wispainthorse.com
 May 22 & 23 Ranch Work Clinic, K Bar R Ranch @ Arena, W7939 State Hwy 64, Medford, WI, 9am-4pm, Ranch Penning, Ranch Roping & Ranch Trail Course, Clinician - Billy Yoder Horsemanship, Contact Cody Rabska 715-965-7054, gold.buckle.kr@gmail.com, check out K BAR R Ranch & Arena Facebook page for details
 May 23 Horse & Pony Experience "Sharing with Caring with Younger Children" 1pm-3pm, La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, \$70, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
 May 26 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, 121 S. Ludington Street, Columbus, WI 53925, in person, via Zoom and via FreeConference.com
 May 29 & 30 The Badger Show AVS, Jefferson Fair Park, Jefferson, WI, download show book and entry forms at www.wdhaarabian.com, Contact Leesa Berhow at lberhowhss@gmail.com
 May 31 Memorial Day

June 2021

- June 5 Lazycreek Farm 2021 Fun Pleasure Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI, 53039, Contact 920-386-8058, Judge - Jamie Buedler
 June 5 West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co. Open Pleasure Horse Show Series, East Troy, WI, 9 am, www.west20.com, 262-642-4272
 June 5 & 6 SWBA Summer Color & All Breed Show Series, Jefferson County Fairpark, Jefferson, WI, double judged each day, showbills and forms can be found on Southern Wisconsin Buckskin Association Facebook page or swbuckskin.wixsite.com/mysite, Email entries to and ask questions at swbuckskin@gmail.com, Contact Sue Weyers 920-810-2898
 June 6 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
 June 6 Fuzzy Wuzzy 4-H Open Horse Show, Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, 9am, Contact Jamie 815-499-3413
 June 6 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
 June 7-11 "For the Love of the Horse" 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
 June 8 Horse & Pony Experience "Sharing with Caring with Younger Children", La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, 1pm-3pm, \$70, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
 June 11 Friday Night Fun, La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, 5pm-8pm, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
 June 12 70th Appleton Flag Day Parade, In addition to honoring the American flag this year's parade theme is "Home of the Brave" in an effort to highlight the frontline workers during the COVID pandemic. We are inviting horse hitches to enter this prestigious parade to help celebrate our American flag and the parade theme. There is no entry fee. An official entry application can be found at this link and needs to be submitted by Thursday, April 15th: <https://www.appleton.org/visitors/2021-appleton-flag-day-parade>, Eric Stadler, Member Appleton Flag Day Parade Committee, Follow the Appleton Flag Day Parade on Facebook, 920-450-6907
 June 12 Clinic at Sunflower Barns of Bristol, Contact Sarah Durrance 920-723-7009 or jonsey7009@hotmail.com, www.wispainthorse.com
 June 12 & 13 Wisconsin Charity Classic Open Horse Show, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI, Contact 920-941-0802
 June 13 Open Show at Sunflower Barns of Bristol, Contact Sarah Durrance 920-723-7009 or jonsey7009@hotmail.com, www.wispainthorse.com
 June 14 Flag Day
 June 14-18 "Sparkle" 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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June 2021

- June 17 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
- June 17 Horse & Pony Experience "Sharing with Caring with Younger Children", La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, 1pm-3pm, \$70, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
- June 17 & 18 Curt Pate Intermediate Roping Clinic, K Bar R Ranch & Arena, W7939 State Hwy 64, Medford, WI, Contact Cody 715-965-7054, goldbuckle.kr@gmail.com, www.kbarranch.com or find us on Facebook at K Bar R Ranch & Arena for further details
- June 18-20 Midwest Carriage Festival, Walworth Co. Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI
- June 19 Ranch Work Championships, K Bar R Ranch & Arena, W7939 State Hwy 64, Medford, WI, 10am, Contact Cody 715-965-7054, goldbuckle.kr@gmail.com, www.kbarranch.com or find us on Facebook at K Bar R Ranch & Arena for further details
- June 19 Dodge County Horsemens Association Open Jackpot Speed Show, Boots & Saddle Club Arena, W8827 Hemlock Road, Beaver Dam, WI, 53916, 9am, check DCHA Facebook page for details, Contact Kallie Larson 920-390-0605 page for all show information
- June 19 Wausau Boot & Saddle Club's 68th Annual Open Horse Show, 5302 W. Wausau Ave., Wausau, WI 54401, 8am, Contact Amanda Gaboda 715-321-3633 or abn328c.al@gmail.com or Sheri Fochs 715-581-9754
- June 20 Father's Day
- June 20 Badger Horse Show Association Open Pleasure Show, Rusty B Arena, W5641 Cty Rd J, Westfield, WI 53964, 9am, Contact Nola Siewert 920-858-2860 or rockhill44@gmail.com
- June 21-25 "Equestrian Forever" 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
- June 23 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, 121 S. Ludington Street, Columbus, WI 53925, in person, via Zoom and via FreeConference.com
- June 25 Horse & Pony Experience "Sharing with Caring with Younger Children", La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, 1pm-3pm, \$70, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635
- June 28-30 "Horse Hooves" 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
- June 30 Horse & Pony Experience "Sharing with Caring with Younger Children", La Fleur Stables, Verona, WI, 1pm-3pm, \$70, www.Lstables.com, 608-833-3635

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Sincerely,

Gwynn Braden
Badger FFA Secretary



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Jefferson County Draft Horse Association Update

By Jackie Schuster, JCDHA Secretary



Spring is here and many of you are grooming your horses and out there riding or driving them to get them back into shape. Hopefully all the county fairs will take place this year. We sure have missed those fairs and the friends that we make there.

As we all welcome spring, we also have to do some unpleasant chores. Some of our Jefferson County Draft Horse Association members were out hauling manure, picking stones or dragging pastures and seeding down pastures. We all are welcoming some new additions to our group of horses too. Best of luck to everyone and those new additions!



We are not sure if we will be at Old World Wisconsin this year. We haven't heard from them and what they are being allowed to do.

We are including pictures of some of our members doing their spring chores. Ron Luebke was out spreading manure and picking stones. Mary Jane Swedberg and Kris Winkelman were out spreading manure and Anna Clary was seeding down pasture.

Best of luck to everyone this coming show season and a big thank you to the Wisconsin Horse Council for their support in years past.





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- Programs such as the Certified Judges and Ride Wisconsin require a Level I membership - even if you are a Director or a contact person for a Level II or III organization, you will need to be a Level I member yourself to participate in programs.
- Youth (17 & under) are free with a paid Level I adult membership.

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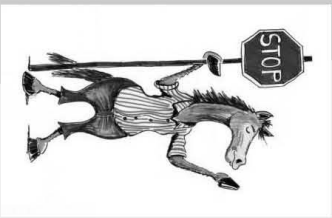
346.01 WORDS AND PHRASES

DEFINED. "Words and phrases defined in s.340.01 are used in the same sense in this chapter unless a different definition is specifically provided."

346.02 APPLICABILITY OF

CHAPTER.

"...Every person riding an animal or driving any animal-drawn vehicle...upon a roadway is granted all the rights and is subject to all the duties which this chapter grants or applies to the operator or a vehicle, except those provisions of this chapter which by their very nature would have no application...."



Horses Have Road Rights

346.11 PASSING OR MEETING

FRIGHTENED ANIMAL.

"Whenever a person riding, driving or leading an animal which is frightened gives a signal of distress to the operator of a motor vehicle by a raising of the hand or otherwise, the operator of the motor vehicle shall promptly stop his vehicle unless a movement forward is necessary to avoid an accident or injury and shall, upon request, stop all motive power until such animal is under control."

346.21 RIGHT OF WAY OF

LIVESTOCK.

"The operator of a motor vehicle shall yield the right of way to livestock being driven over or along any highway but any person in charge of such livestock shall use reasonable care and diligence to open the roadway for vehicular traffic."

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- We own and produce one of the largest and most successful horse expos in the U.S. – the Midwest Horse Fair.
- We conduct a Show Judge program, improving the level of open show judging through educational seminars and certification.
- Annually, we award scholarships, sponsorships, and trail grants at levels that provide significant financial help to students, equine charity events, clubs who are building and improving trails for recreational riding, etc.
- We encourage and sponsor recognition of the people who have invested their time and money in growing and developing our industry through mentoring young horse people, initiating new programs, providing leadership in various equine/ equestrian areas, and promoting responsible use of horses.
- We conduct educational seminars and clinics for horse owners.
- We conduct an annual 4-day school on designing and building recreational trails for horse people.
- We produce and sell the best guide book on horse trails in Wisconsin.
- We take an active role in legislative matters affecting both the state and the national equine industry.
- We encourage a strong connection with our Ag/livestock partners by participating in Ag Day at the Capitol and the annual Farm Tech Days.

Rules for the Roads



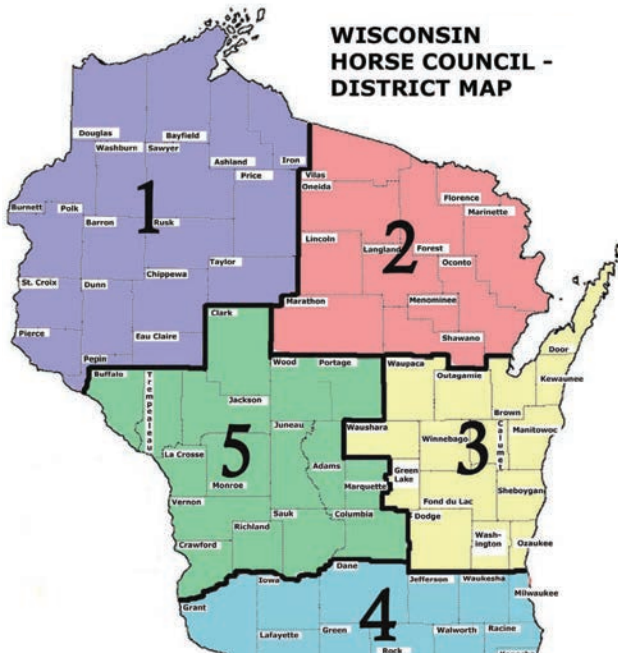
1. The horse and rider are riding along the right hand side of the road; the rider does not appear to be anxious and on your approach you have seen no evidence of the horse being scared (ie the horse has not jumped out to the side, twisted its head to try and see traffic, stopped suddenly, or kicked out with any legs). Providing there is sufficient room and time to pass slowly and quietly, do so. Remember that something scary in the bushes is just as likely to scare the horse into the path of oncoming traffic, as your car is to scare the horse onto the verge – keep your distance and in the event of the horse moving out into the road, you will be able to keep well out of the way.
2. On approaching the horse and rider, you have noticed the horse appears anxious, and is a little jumpy whenever a vehicle passes. Approach slowly and carefully, and while waiting for oncoming traffic, give the horse plenty of space behind – preferably at least 2 cars' length – nothing winds a nervous horse up more than a vehicle sitting on his tail.
3. The horse is behaving dangerously – spooking badly and moving all over the road. Trying to squeeze past will not do the horse, rider, or your car any good, so please be patient! Give the combination some time – the majority of riders will do their utmost to get out of your way; if the rider does not appear to be trying to move into a suitable spot for you to pass, wind your window down and politely request that they let you pass.
4. A rider / group of riders are seemingly unaware of your approach, and have not left room for you to pass. One of the most common things I see is the driver blasting the horn – not helpful for the riders, and even less helpful for you. Please wind your window down and call out "Excuse me" or ask "Am I OK to come past?" to the riders – much less scary for the horses!
5. You see a horse and rider riding along a pavement. This is not the correct place for riding. However, the fact is a lot of drivers believe that the horse is out of the way and so drive in the same place on the road and same speed as if the horse wasn't there. If you should see a rider on the pavement, please still slow down and allow the same amount of room as if they were on the road.
6. A group of riders can often provide more of an obstacle for a vehicle user to pass. The safety of all of the horses and riders needs to be considered. The group should be riding in pairs (on a major road) or single file (on a minor road/approaching bends) and should all keep close together. If a rider on a slow-out, please don't be tempted to 'bunny-hop' between riders; simply wait for a bigger gap in oncoming traffic and overtake the group as whole.

Rules for the Roads

7. If a horse and rider appear to be doing something incorrectly, anger and abuse are not the way to resolve a situation – the horse or rider may be young and/or inexperienced and not all riders are lucky enough to be able to 'train' off-road. You may see tabards such as 'young horse' or 'Caution' so please take extra care when passing.
8. If a rider waves you on around a blind bend, please DO NOT take their word that it is safe – unless you can see for yourself that it is. Unfortunately some uneducated riders (especially those that do not drive cars themselves) will do this, especially if you sit on their tail and cause the horse to become unhappy – keep your distance and wait until it is clear to overtake.
9. If a rider asks you to slow down (arm held out and moved up and down slowly), or stop (arm out towards you, palm facing) please obey them – there will be good reason for them to do so. Horse-riders have a higher line of visibility than car drivers so will have seen a hazard up ahead that may cause a problem if you attempt to pass
10. If you have passed a horse in a considerate manner and not seen any thanks from the rider, please do not assume that they are rude or ignorant – it may not be safe for them to take a hand off the reins to wave, and a smile/nod is easy to miss when you are concentrating on the road ahead.



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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

District 4 includes the counties of: Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth, and Waukesha

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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Council Letter Deadline

The deadline for articles, upcoming events and advertisements for the WHC Council Letter is:

**July / August Issue:
June 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:

info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org

Office hours: Monday-Friday - 8am-4pm



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Important Dates to Remember



May 9 Mother's Day
May 15 Armed Forces Day
May 20 WHC District 1 Monthly Meeting
May 26 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting
May 31 Memorial Day

June 14 Flag Day
June 17 WHC District 1 Monthly Meeting
June 20 Father's Day
June 23 WHC BOD 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! At this time, please check with the event coordinators to ensure the events listed are still going to be held in light of the Coronavirus situation. THANK YOU!



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