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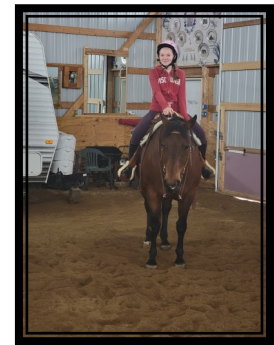
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Graceful Acres Youth Horsemanship Thanks the Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation

Graceful Acres held a Youth Horsemanship Clinic in May 2022, with sponsorship funds in the amount of \$200 coming from the Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation (WSHCEF).

Dawn Brandow of Graceful Acres said, "Thank you so much for the money to help educate these kids! They are so willing to learn. We worked on Horsemanship Equitation and Showmanship."



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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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Tear out page 25/26 to fold as a handy brochure to keep or to share!
This month's featured brochure is:
"What You Should Know About West Nile Virus".

*Membership in the Wisconsin Horse Council is open to individuals, associations, businesses, societies, or other entities whose interests are in line with the WHC's purpose and Mission Statement. Our membership year follows the calendar year. Members will receive a free e-newsletter and the option to purchase a printed newsletter where **FREE** classified ads can be placed and business card, 1/4, 1/2 and full page ads can be purchased as well. The newsletter reaches 500+ horse enthusiasts. The WHC currently sends out six issues per year.*

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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Welcome to the Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation

The bond between an equestrian and their equine is an experience worth cherishing; we are dedicated to strengthening this bond and enriching the equestrian experience in Wisconsin through education, research, charity, and scholarship.

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. 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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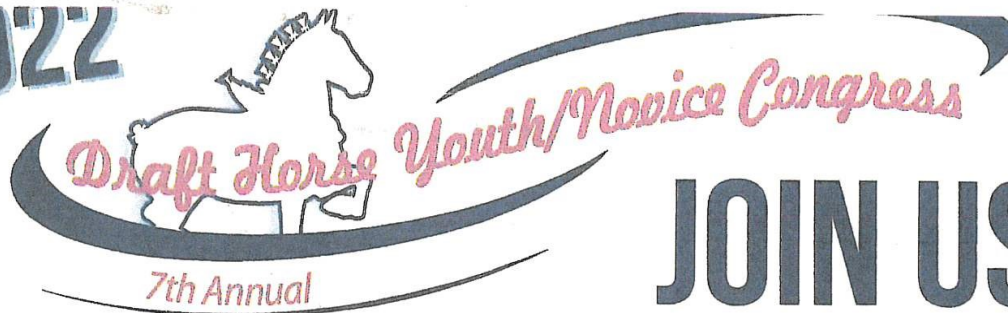
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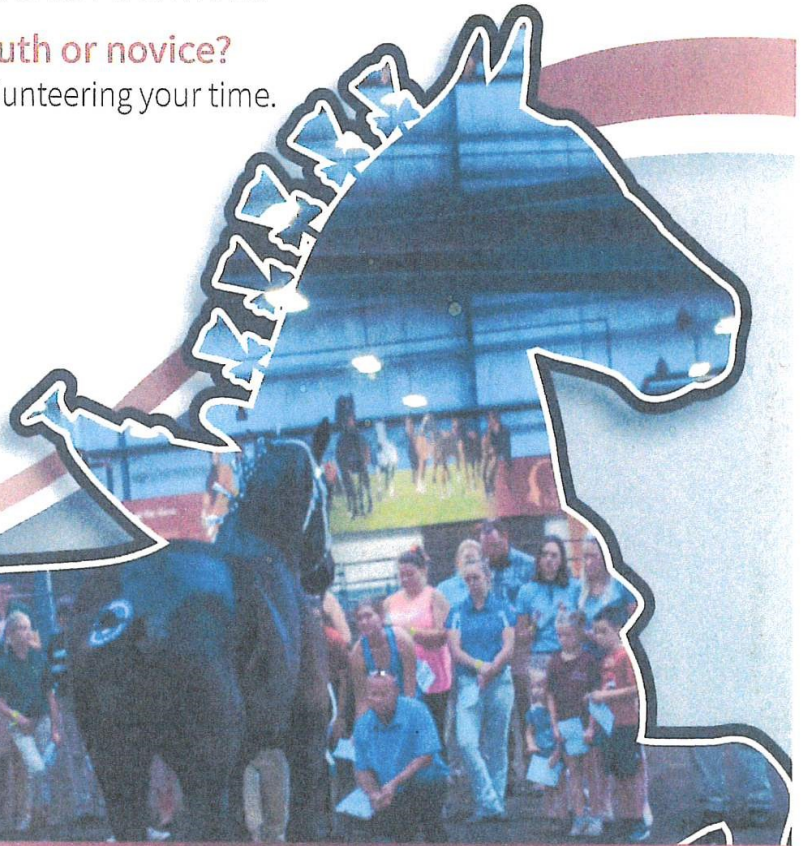
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For Immediate Release

Call to Action to support “The Old Guard”

(Washington, D.C., June 10, 2022): Several weeks ago, the American Horse Council was made aware of some concerns regarding the conditions of the facilities housing the soldiers and horses of The Old Guard at Arlington Cemetery. The 3d U.S. Infantry, traditionally known as "The Old Guard," is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving our nation since 1784. The Old Guard is the Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the president, and it also provides security for Washington, D.C., in time of national emergency or civil disturbance.

The concerns were highlighted in an CNN article dated April 7, 2022, which stated that “The military horses that carry America's heroes to their final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery are living in unsanitary and potentially life-threatening conditions, according to a US Army report reviewed exclusively by CNN, consuming poor-quality feed, suffering from parasites and standing in their own excrement in tiny mud lots scattered with gravel and construction waste.” The 60-plus horses of the Old Guard are rotated between two facilities in northern Virginia: a stable facility with three paddocks nestled in the Army base at Fort Myer, barely 2 miles outside Washington, and a 6-acre pasture complex at Fort Belvoir, an Army base about 30 minutes outside the city.

To obtain additional information and determine what actions may be needed, AHC staff spoke with The Old Guard leadership; 1LT Carlin Keally, US Army Caisson Platoon Leader, and Major Shahin Uddin, Director of Communications with The Old Guard. They indicated the matter had been addressed and a “detailed and systematic approach to improving the facilities and processes surrounding the care of the horses” has been developed, including the allocation of additional \$2M in funds for the improvements. We offered both officers our continued support should they need anything to help them bring these improvements to fruition.

More recently we understand that funding has been held up in the Department of Defense. AHC is urging the equine community to write/call your congressional members to express your support for The Old Guard and encourage them to expediate the funding.

It has been AHC's honor and privilege to work in partnership with The Old Guard on several community outreach projects over the years, and we are happy to provide them our assistance.

About the American Horse Council

As the national association representing all segments of the horse industry in Washington, D.C., the American Horse Council works daily to represent equine interests and opportunities. Organized in 1969, the AHC promotes and protects the industry by communicating with Congress, federal agencies, the media and the industry on behalf of all horse related interests each and every day. The AHC is member supported by individuals and organizations representing virtually every facet of the horse world from owners, breeders, veterinarians, farriers, breed registries and horsemen's associations to horse shows, race tracks, rodeos, commercial suppliers and state horse councils. Learn more at

Wisconsin Horse Council Sponsors 15th Trail Design Certification School

by Alice Williams



The Wisconsin Horse Council, with Recreational Trails Program grant funding provided by the DNR, sponsored the 15th Trail Design Certification School at Hartman Creek State Park. Thirteen trail supporters attended the four-day class and learned how to correct existing trail problems and create new sustainable trails guided by Mike Riter.

Mike Riter, the owner of Trail Design Specialists, believes in leaving nature's aesthetics intact while simultaneously creating safe, durable, and sustainable horse, mountain bike, hiking, and multi-use trails.

Trail Design Specialists' Trail Master Certification Class covers the latest advances in trail design, construction, and maintenance, focusing on long-term sustainability and ease of care. The course also covers complex topics, including handling user conflicts, correct layout of a trail, avoiding erosion and other environmental issues, proper construction techniques, rehabilitating existing routes, and other topics. The course included both classroom learning and hands-on practical trail experience.

Wisconsin DNR staff participants included; Josh DeGrave, Governor Dodge State Park, Morgan Pelnar, Peninsula State Park, Tristan Roehrig, High Cliff State Park, Sarah Stepanik, Sturgeon Bay, and Sara Rigelman.

Volunteer participants included; Duane Baer, Wisconsin Dual Sport Riders, Mary Connell, Humane Animal Welfare Soc. / Schallock Center for Animals, Jim Grant, Friends of New Glarus Woods, Carrie Franke, Thumbs Up Riders, Susan Harvey, Saddle Bags partners with Hartman Creek SP, Shawn Kemmer, South Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Assoc., Ben Neff, Friends of New Glarus Woods SP, Karl Wigdal, New Glarus Woods SP.

Whether you are a trekker, equestrian, or biker, the benefits of this training will be seen in the trail re-routes and creation for many to enjoy. Volunteers and the DNR working together is the future of sustainable trails.

Pictures from this year's Trail Design Certification School are shown on the next page.

Thank you to everyone involved for helping make this another successful school!

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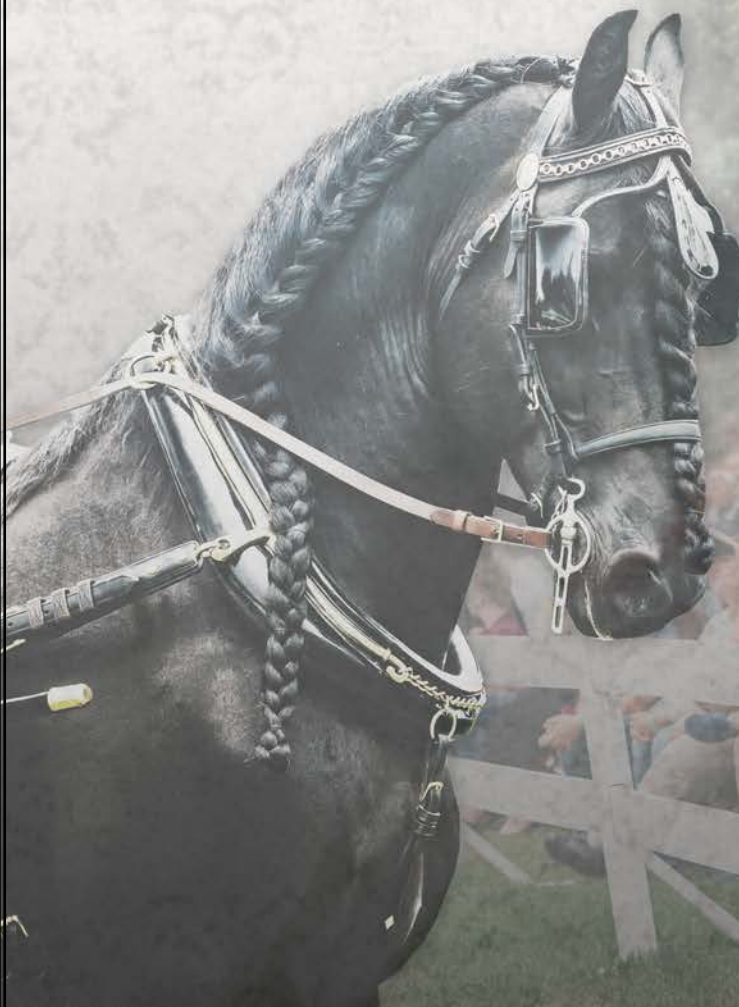
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Dear Event Sponsors,

The inaugural Saddle Up For The Kettles at the Horseriders Campground, New Prospect, WI, on Saturday, June 4, 2022, was a success! Riders enjoyed views from a variety of trailheads, entertainment from Bob Welsch, food donated by Texas Roadhouse of West Bend, shuttles provided by NKMHTA volunteers and a terrific party in the gorgeous Kettle Moraine State Forest.

This year's event raised \$16,664.00! We want to thank all our riders, generous sponsors and fantastic volunteers for their support in making the inaugural Saddle Up For The Kettles a success.

Your sponsorship of the inaugural Saddle Up for the Kettles advances our mission to protect, preserve and maintain the 41 miles of scenic bridle trails in the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit. Donors like you make this program possible. Your generous donation aids in providing funds for trail maintenance and New Prospect Horseriders Campground improvements. Horseback riders from across the state of Wisconsin and the country can enjoy safe and well-maintained bridle trails and campsites while exploring our state forest.

On behalf of the NKMHTA and the riders and families we serve, thank you for your support.

**** The Wisconsin Horse Council District 3 was a Silver Level Sponsor for this event.***



WISCONSIN RANCH HORSE YOUTH SHOW

By Sue Hilbrand



Sunday May 15, 2022. provided beautiful weather for the first WRHA Youth Only Ranch Show/Clinic. While our ranch shows have exploded in size, we have always been lacking in youth riders. The idea of hosting a youth only ranch type show came to mind. Something that would introduce kids to ranch classes and hopefully grow their interest in exhibiting with our club.

While we advertised it as a horse show, it really became a hybrid show/clinic combo. We wanted these young riders to have the fun you get from competing but with some one-on-one attention.

We had trained professionals on-hand to give a demonstration of each class and answer any questions. After the demo the kids entered the ring and were judged per the ARHA (American Ranch Horse Association) rulebook.

Dan Grunewald was our judge/clinician that day. I will say that when you put Dan and kids together, you have a win-win situation. Anyone that needed individual attention got it. Most of the classes were pattern classes, something many of these kids were not familiar or comfortable with. Dan walked them thru the patterns and let several kids repeat maneuvers if they were having some problems.



We had 19 riders attend (with the youngest being 7 years of age), so a good turnout. Seemed like everyone had a good time and hopefully gained some knowledge about ranch shows. While our goal is to grow our youth membership in WRHA, it is equally important to keep kids interested in horses. No matter if they do trail riding, horse shows, gymkhana,

or just want a horse to love on. These kids are the future of the equine industry

The money we raised from this event has gone directly into our WRHA youth fund along with a very generous grant from the Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation (WSHCEF). Thank you so much for your support!





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New 20 - Site Equestrian Campground Now Open at Governor Dodge State Park



On Friday, April 29th, an enthusiastic crowd of horse and park lovers, State officials and dignitaries gathered to witness the official ribbon cutting at the long-awaited equestrian campground at Governor Dodge State Park. The event marked the culmination of 7 years of intensive planning and fundraising on the part of the Friends of Governor Dodge State Park, and fulfilled an element of the park's 1984 Master Plan to build a "20 site 80 occupant horse campground" at this location on the park's peaceful and scenic north side. Led by the

Friend's Equestrian committee, over \$625,000 was raised since June of 2018 to fund the project. Hundreds of individuals, horse groups, foundations and businesses from across Wisconsin and beyond pitched in to donate money, award grant funds, provide event sponsorships and in-kind donations, buy raffle tickets and trail passes and attend fundraisers to make this vision a reality.

The new campground features spacious level easy entry sites designed to accommodate today's large living quarters horse trailers and offers desired amenities such as electric service at 18 sites. A fully ADA accessible campsite, made possible by a grant from the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks, ensures that riders or their family members with mobility challenges will not be left behind. A centrally located group gathering area with fire ring and patio was made possible by a generous donation from Kathy Gruentzel, a Dodgeville resident and recently retired long-time superintendent of Governor Dodge State Park. A grant from the Alliant Community Foundation added funding for benches and picnic tables, with an open air picnic shelter to be built when fundraising allows. After a long day of riding, two sturdy 12x12' Priefert pens at each site ensure a good night's sleep for equine and human campers (thank you HHP Farm and Ranch Supply of Dodgeville for your help in making this possible).



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New 20- Site Equestrian Campground Now Open at Governor Dodge State Park

The layout of the campground, designed by landscape architecture firm Parkitecture and Planning of Middleton, and built by Rule Construction of Dodgeville, highlights the natural beauty of Governor Dodge State Park with expansive views in all directions. Many mature trees were preserved during construction thanks to “field adjustments” by the skillful Rule Construction crew in collaboration with Parkitecture and Planning engineers. The future landscape will be further enhanced by 100 trees and bushes planted by volunteers in April.



The new campground is already attracting much positive attention from the equestrian community and sites are being reserved for getaways throughout the season. With nearly 30 miles of horse trails traversing the park’s 5,000 plus acres of forested hills and valleys, and now a campground that matches the park’s scenic beauty, Governor Dodge State Park is poised to become a top Wisconsin riding and camping destination. The Friends of Governor Dodge State Park are truly delighted to offer this “gift to the future,” and invite you to visit and explore the many recreational opportunities to be found at this beautiful park. To learn more about the Friends of Governor Dodge, visit www.FriendsofGovernorDodge.org.



Notes of Thanks...

Dear Wisconsin Horse Council,

I am a fourth grader at Winskill Elementary in Lancaster, WI. We are studying Wisconsin agriculture right now and we are using This Business Called Agriculture book. Thank you for sponsoring that book. My favorite part of the book was the horses. Sincerely - Sylvia Clifton

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Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation,
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This is a big boost to our 2022 youth fund.

Sincerely,

Sue Hilbrand and
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On the Trail to Treasure at Governor Dodge State Park



Cole Horswill - 10,
finds "treasure"
along the trail

On Sunday, June 5th the sun once again shone brightly as the Friends of Governor Dodge Equestrian committee hosted their annual fundraiser event, a treasure hunt entitled "Trails to Treasure" which was open to horseback riders and hikers of all ages. The logo for this year's event was a treasure map highlighting the park as a treasure of the Driftless Region, the park's network of horse trails awaiting exploration, and an 'X' marking a special trailside treasure –the park's beautiful new equestrian campground.



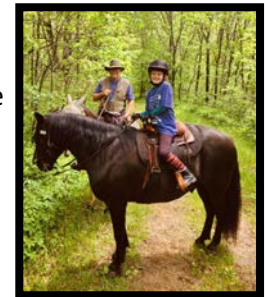
Treasure found!

In keeping with the event's treasure hunt theme, Pirate attire was encouraged, and members of the equestrian committee along with a number of event participants sported pirate costumes. Treasure hunters took to the trails seeking hidden wooden "treasure tokens" which they deposited in a treasure chest at event headquarters for a chance to win merchandise items and gift cards donated by local businesses. Gift certificates for a double scoop ice cream cone from the Kiwanis Cox Hollow Concession, cleverly wrapped in a trail hanky featuring an updated park map were a fun prize for ten lucky treasure hunters.



Pirate Hiker Laura Spears,
one of 4 costume contest
winners

As in the past, again this year it was volunteers who made the event a success. Starting in January with a contest to design the event logo, in subsequent months the small but energetic equestrian committee led by Sandy Rogers of Whitewater solicited event sponsors and prize donations, raffle prizes, publicized the event, sold raffle tickets, recorded registrations, and ordered t-shirts, and prepared event packets for the 138 paid participants. On the cool and drizzly afternoon before the event, teams of mounted volunteers hid well over one hundred treasure tokens along the treasure hunt route.



Gary Press and
granddaughter, Aubrey,
take to the trails in search
of treasure.



The Friends of Governor Dodge -
Equestrian committee keeps the
FUN in fundraising

On event day committee members donned pirate outfits and accessories and were on-site by early morning to organize parking, welcome participants, coordinate activities, and create the dessert bar buffet that complemented lunch from Jose's food truck. Two highly accomplished photographers, Lori Brose and Amy Alexander, were present for long hours at the event, using their talents to capture candid shots and posed photographs of participants and their four-legged companions. Photos were later available for purchase, increasing the event profit total.

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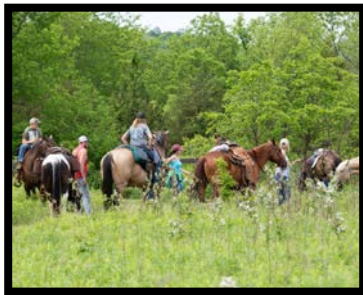
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On the Trail to Treasure at Governor Dodge State Park

A raffle drawing held during the event created special interest as over \$2,000 worth of prizes were awarded. Prizes included Vortex Viper binoculars (won by Amy Elder), \$500 cash from Irongate Equine Clinic and the equestrian committee (won by Kathy Ellefson), a kayak from Farm and Fleet of Dodgeville (won by Steven Blakeslee), a quilt made by Sandra Larsen (won by Holly Dardine), two five-night stays at Timber Ridge Campground in Tennessee (won by Brenda Uhe) and a \$100 gift certificate from The Shoebox in Black Earth (won by Holly Dardine).



Jean Warrior, President of the Friends of Governor Dodge State Park, announces raffle winners as committee members Penny Fanning and Jean Breslow help out.



Treasure Hunters at Governor Dodge State Park take a break.

Event and raffle proceeds of almost \$9,000 will help “Raise the Roof” on a picnic shelter at the park’s new equestrian campground. In addition to bringing the picnic shelter closer to reality, the treasure hunt participants had a great time exploring the park’s wonderful trails and connecting with friends. The equestrian committee believes that they once again succeeded in their goal to “keep the FUN in fundraising,” while highlighting the natural “treasures” to be found every day at this beautiful park.

To contribute toward the picnic shelter or other equestrian projects, visit www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com. Gifts of \$1,000 or more will be recognized with a personalized brick inset in the gathering area patio at the new campground, where over 110 generous donors already have a brick bearing their own special messages. Commemorative bricks make a unique and lasting tribute to a loved family member, friend, or animal companion however gifts of all sizes are welcome and much appreciated, and will be recognized on the Friends website donor wall.



Deb Woodworth and Chloe Dvorak, successful treasure hunters.



Riders Tracy Hook and Katee Christianson head out in search for treasure.



Yummy lunch thanks to Jose’s Food Truck.



WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



July 2022

- July 4 Independence Day - Happy 4th of July!**
 July 9 Lazycreek Farm 2022 Fun Pleasure Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI 53039, 10 am, Contact 920-396-8058
- July 16-17 Badger AVS Show, Arabian Horse Assoc. recognized qualifying show including Halter, Performance, Sport Horse classes and more, Ozaukee Co. Horse Facility, Cedarburg, WI, Contact Show Committee Chair 715-752-3368
- July 16-17 SMILES 38th Open Benefit Horse Show, Saturday English Show and Sunday Western Show, Walworth Co. Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI, 8 am, Contact 262-882-3470 or events@smilestherapeuticriding.org, visit www.smilestherapeuticriding.org
- July 17 Badger Horse Show Association Pleasure Show, W5641 Cty. Rd. J, Westfield, WI 53964, see their Facebook page for more info
- July 21-24 7th Annual Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI, fun and informative look into the draft horse world managed by Midwest Draft Horse Enthusiasts, for info e-mail drafthorsecongress@gmail.com and find us on Facebook, entry forms due by June 1, 2022
- July 27 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925, 7 pm**
 July 30 West 20 Open Pleasure Horse Show, Series 3 of 5, West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co., W4812 Hwy 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- July 31 Wautoma Speed Show, W5641 Cty. Rd. J, Westfield, WI 53964, see their Facebook page for more info

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- August 6 Lazycreek Farm 2022 Fun Pleasure Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI 53039, 10 am, Contact 920-396-8058
- August 6-7 Northwoods Trail Challenge, N1760 US Hwy 45 S., Antigo, WI, Check in at 9 am, Challenge starts at 11 am, www.blackhawkhill.org, Contact 715-610-1065 or mckenzie@blackhawkhill.org
- August 7 Rusty B Speed Show, W5641 Cty. Rd. J, Westfield, WI 53964, see their Facebook page for more info
- August 7 Dodge County Horsemen's Association Pleasure Show, Boots & Saddle Club Arena, W8827 Hemlock Road, Beaver Dam, WI 53916, 8:30 am, See DCHA Facebook page for updates
- August 11 Three Gaits Dressage Schooling Show, English & Western, 3741 Hwy 138 W, Stoughton, WI, 53589, visit Three Gaits website three-gaits.org to download the entry form, Contact Sandra Faust at 608-877-9086 or sandra@three-gaits.org with questions
- August 14 Fox River Saddle Club Show, Series 3 of 3, West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co., W4812 Hwy 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- August 19-21 West 20 Open Ranch Horse Show, West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co., W4812 Hwy 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- August 19-22 PtHA Jubilee Show, Winona, MN, Kathy Findley (262) 930-5584; Tina Langness (717) 760-2496, Hosted by WPTHA, MNPtHA & Min-I-Kota PtHA; Show High Point Awards; wisconsinpinto.com
- August 20 Wausau Boot & Saddle Club "Come As You Are" Open Horse Show, 5302 W. Wausau Ave, Wausau, WI 54401, 9 am, Contact Michelle Lampe 715-443-3266
- August 24 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925, 7 pm**
 August 28 Shepard Fest, Shepard's Barn, Columbus, WI 53925, 1-5 pm
 August 28 Badger Horse Show Association Pleasure Show, W5641 Cty. Rd. J, Westfield, WI 53964, see their Facebook page for more info

- **FOR MORE EQUINE RELATED UPCOMING EVENTS, click on this link to be redirected to WalkTrotGo.com.**



Wisconsin Horse Council

ATTENTION !

FREE....Upcoming Events section on Website.

We have created a section on our website for your upcoming events...FREE..... You can send (email) us any EQUINE related event (shows, tack sale, clinic, meetings, events etc.- 2 line maximum) and we will put it on our website free of charge. All you need to do is send us a copy of your event with a contact phone number and we will list it for all to see.

Questions-call 920-623-0393/email info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org

I would like this event posted on the Wisconsin Horse Council website.

Date: _____

Event: _____

Location: _____

Phone: _____

Please limit information to 2 lines and include a contact phone number.

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Phone: 920-623-0393

121 S. Ludington St. Columbus, WI 53925



Wisconsin Horse Council Product Order Form

<u>Product</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Shipping</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Equine Limited Liability Sign Small 11"x16" Heavy Plastic	\$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00 or 3 for \$20.00	\$7.00 for 1, 2 or 3		
Equine Limited Liability Sign Large 16"x26" Heavy Plastic	\$20.00 ea.	\$9.00 ea.		
WHC Trail Grant Signs (for those who have received Trail Grant funds from the WHC) 5"x8" Plastic	\$15.00 ea.	\$5.00 ea.		
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Make Checks Payable to "Wisconsin Horse Council"
Send this form with payment to:

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 Columbus, WI 53925

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Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation

Presents their annual

“Winter Day at Springbrook”

February 11, 2023

at

Springbrook Events

N8400 County Road I

Burnett, WI 53922

- ◆ **Model Horse Show**
- ◆ **Vendors**
- ◆ **Dog Sled Demos**
- ◆ **Sleigh Driving Exhibition**
- ◆ **Sleigh Rides**

Sleigh Bell Café - Breakfast & Lunch

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**Award Program
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**Get out and enjoy the trails
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2022
WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL
Ride Wisconsin - Trail Riding/Driving Award
Program Application Form

To participate in the Trail Riding/Driving Award program, please complete this application. Forward the completed application and all applicable fees to the address shown at the bottom of this application form. We invite you to join and have fun with your horse.

Please check one:

- Current WHC Individual/Family or Youth member OR
New WHC Individual/Family or Youth member
(Include WHC Membership Application, check WHC website for other benefits of membership)

Please check one:

- Current Trail Riding/Driving Award program member OR
New Trail Riding/Driving Award program member

Name: Phone:

Street/P.O. Box:

City, State, Zip:

Email Address: Age:

Enrolling Additional Family Members:

Name: Age:
Name: Age:
Name: Age:

Equine-related clubs you belong to:

Program Fees: (Fee is per individual participating. Fee accepted for current year only)

Annual Trails Riding/Driving Program Fee \$10 x\$10= \$

Annual WHC Individual Membership fee: \$20 \$

Annual WHC Family Membership fee \$30 \$

If you'd like a copy of the newsletter printed \$15 \$

Total Payment Enclosed. Make checks payable to WHC: \$

Questions/Comments: Jill Feller, Program Coordinator - 920-948-9502 - jfeller@nconnect.net

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Columbus, WI 53925
Voice: 920-623-0393



WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All Memberships run from January 1st through December 31st

Office Use Only:

Payment Type: _____

Check #: _____

Amount: _____

LEVEL I MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Individual Name: _____

Youth Name(s): _____ Age(s): _____

Family Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

County: _____ District #: _____ Number of Horses: _____

LEVEL I MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS (Please check type of Membership & choice of newsletter.)

- Individual Membership (no insurance) \$ **20**
- Individual Membership PLUS (includes \$1 Million personal liability insurance) \$ **40**
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- Family Membership PLUS (includes \$1 Million personal liability insurance) \$ **70**
- Youth (age 17 & under = free with **paid** Level I adult membership) \$ **0**
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- Annual fee on Lifetime Membership for \$1 Million personal liability insurance..... \$ **20**
- Printed Newsletter mailed to the address above..... \$ **15**
- Free E-newsletter sent to the e-mail listed above..... \$ **0**

Description:

Level I membership class is available to any individual/family whose interests are similar to those of the Council and is for individuals/families only. Level I and Level II members elect Directors to the WHC Board to represent their District. Family membership is for a family of 2 or more living at the same residence and has 1 vote in the elections and business of their District. Membership must be current to vote at District meetings.

- 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.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP is an individual Level I membership with a one-time fee, giving the individual a paid-up membership for his/her lifetime. If LIFETIME MEMBERS wish to retain the \$1 Million personal liability insurance after their first year, they must purchase it on an annual basis. The printed newsletter is included with this membership annually at no additional cost.

Wisconsin Horse Council does not sell or distribute our membership list. Information is kept private for use only by our organization for WHC business.

Membership dues, payments and gifts to Wisconsin Horse Council are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Such payments may be deductible under the Internal Revenue Code as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

Return application and payment to:

**Wisconsin Horse Council
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Columbus, WI 53925
Phone: 920-623-0393
www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org**

Can West Nile viral encephalitis be prevented?

A vaccine is now available for horses. For other species, including humans, limiting exposure to mosquitoes is considered effective prevention. The following actions may reduce the risk of mosquito bites and possible exposure to West Nile virus:

- Check the integrity of screens around your home, porch and patio.
- During warm months, avoid outdoor activities at dusk and dawn.
- If you must be outdoors during hours when mosquitoes are most active, cover up with shoes, socks, long pants and long-sleeved shirts.
- Use mosquito repellent on exposed skin and spray clothing with repellents containing permethrin or DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing. When using insecticides or insect repellents, be sure to read and follow the manufacturer's directions for use. Products containing DEET should not be sprayed on dogs or cats. Consult your veterinarian about the best ways to protect your pet from exposure.
- Eliminate standing water from any receptacles in which mosquitoes might breed.

West Nile viral encephalitis is an emerging disease and new information continues to become available. Visit the AVMA home page www.avma.org for information on this and other animal and public health issues.



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What is West Nile virus?

West Nile virus is an arbovirus (short for arthropod-borne virus) that causes encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). Arboviruses, including West Nile virus, are transmitted by blood-feeding insects such as mosquitoes. Most infections with West Nile virus have been identified in wild birds, horses and humans, but the virus can also infect various other wild and domestic animals.

Where did West Nile virus come from?

West Nile virus was first identified in the West Nile district of Uganda in 1937, and has since been found in other parts of Africa, Eastern Europe, West Asia, the Middle East, and the United States. The strain of virus found in the United States most closely resembles that found in the Mediterranean and Middle East.

How is West Nile virus transmitted?

Mosquitoes draw the virus from infected birds and transmit it to other animals, including humans, through bites. West Nile viral encephalitis develops when the virus multiplies and crosses the blood-brain barrier. West Nile virus is not transmitted directly from animal to person, person to animal, animal to animal or person to person; however, rare instances of transmission via organ transplantation or blood transfusion have been reported. Ticks infected with the virus have been found in Asia and Africa but there are no verified reports of ticks spreading the virus and their role in transmission has not been determined.



What is the risk of a person contracting West Nile virus?

The risk of becoming ill from a single mosquito bite is extremely low. In areas where mosquitoes carry the virus, less than 1% are actually infected. Even if mosquitoes are infected, less than 1% of people bitten and infected by those mosquitoes become severely ill.

What clinical signs are associated with West Nile virus infection?

Humans Most humans infected with the virus are not aware that they have contracted it. If a person does become ill, clinical signs are usually mild and include fever, headache, body aches and, in some cases, skin rash and swollen lymph glands. Signs of more severe infection include high fever, neck stiffness, muscle weakness, convulsions and paralysis. Death rates associated with severe infection range from 3% to 15% and are highest among the elderly.

Horses The most common sign is weakness, usually in the hindquarters. Weakness may be indicated by a widened stance, stumbling, leaning to one side, and toe dragging. In extreme cases, paralysis may follow. Fever is sometimes evident, as are depression and fearfulness. Approximately 33% of cases of West Nile viral encephalitis in horses proved fatal during the 2001 outbreak in the United States.



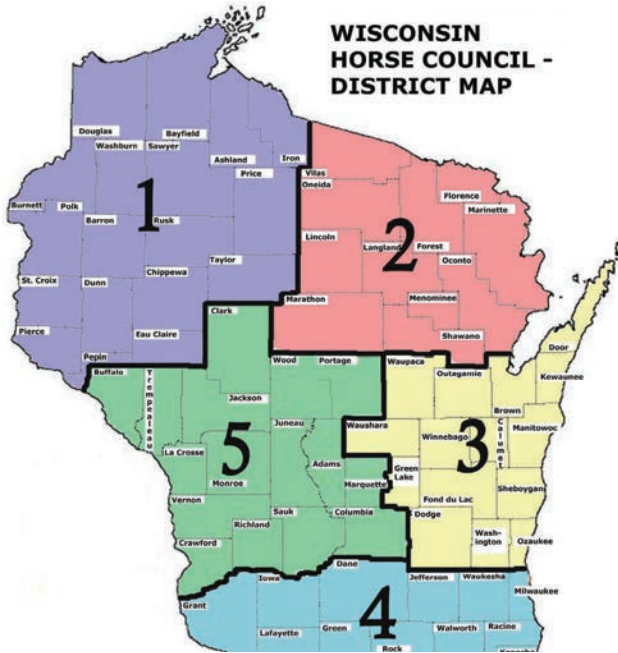
Other animals Wild birds infected with West Nile virus in the United States are most often found dead; therefore, descriptions of clinical signs in wild birds are not readily available. Nor have clinical signs associated with West Nile virus infection in dogs, cats, bats, chipmunks, skunks, squirrels, domestic rabbits, and domestic birds been well described. It appears that, although they may be infected, many members of these latter species rarely develop clinical signs of disease.

How is West Nile viral encephalitis diagnosed and treated?

Diagnosis of West Nile viral encephalitis is based on a history of exposure, clinical signs, and results of diagnostic tests.

As for all viral diseases, treatment consists of providing support (e.g., hospitalization, intravenous fluids, respiratory support, prevention of secondary infections, and good nursing care) while the affected individual's immune system responds to the infection.





WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL - DISTRICT MAP

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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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July 4 Independence Day
July 21-24 Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress
July 27 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting

August 24 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting
August 28 Shepard Fest

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