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Midwest Horse Fair 2022

A Success!

You all fully embraced the return of the Midwest Horse Fair to the Alliant Energy Center grounds in 2022!

We've run the numbers, and MHF 2022 had the second-highest attendance in history and set a new record for Sunday fairgoers. Saturday drew the biggest crowd, with 23,886 on the grounds; Friday was the second-most popular day, with 22,670; and Sunday broke previous records, with 14,941 in attendance.

* 61,497 total attendees * 800+ horses * 500 vendors

* 2 nights of PRCA rodeo, with both nights 100% sold out

* 300+ educational clinics

Other highlights...

- ◆ visits by RFD-TV personalities Chris Cox Horsemanship and Julie Goodnight Horsemanship; U.S. Dressage Federation Hall of Famer Anne Gribbons
- ◆ jaw-dropping demonstrations by Bull Jumping Pro Manu Lataste
- ◆ the Celebrity Horse Aisle, where fairgoers could meet Smokey, the horse who made the 3,500-kilometer trek from Alaska to Calgary with his then-owner, Filipe Masetti Leite; Paddyngton's Mark of Distinction, a Multi World Champion Parade Horse; and King Crash Wimpy, an 18-year-old trick-riding American Paint Horse
- ◆ the rodeo's Mutton Busting competition for kids as young as 4 who rode a sheep and did their best to hold on for six seconds
- ◆ the Top Hand Showdown Competition, an electrifying display of speed, accuracy, roping and precision by horse handlers of all ages and backgrounds competing for \$5,000 in cash prizes
- ◆ the Ladies Breakaway Roping Competition, featuring quick-footed horses with high- powered breaks, and cowgirls with focus, grit and skill

See you next year for the 42nd Midwest Horse Fair — April 14-16, 2023 — where we'll be exploring the theme "Branded in History"!

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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.

ATTENTION!

**Tear out page 25/26 to fold as a
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This month's featured brochure is:
"What Is The Wisconsin Horse
Council All About?"**

*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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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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Carving Out a Place in Memory of Horses

By Pat McKnight, Contributor / The Country Today



Contributed Photo

A sculpture completed by Jennifer Ruse of a horse head displays the detail she puts into the pieces she creates with a chainsaw. Ruse has been carving for about three years and has graduated from basic mushrooms to horses and other animal figures.

Janesville chainsaw sculptor and horsewoman Jennifer Ruse wants to help horse owners honor their special equine friends with a hand-carved monument.

Ruse has two mustang/Arab full brothers, Moose, 21, and, Harley 19, bought at age two. She keeps them at her 13-acre farmette, bordering 206-acre Happy Hollow Park whose bridle paths track to her backyard.

“I mainly trail ride but I have done so much with them (Moose and Harley),” said Ruse.

Because of her connection with her two horses, Ruse knows how bonded horse owners can become with their special equine pals. So, she is willing to offer her service to horse owners who want to do something special in memory of their animals.

“I never thought to use a carving for a grave marker, but in 2019, I lost a brother and sister in the same day,” said Ruse. “I carved an on-site piece for my oldest brother. I added an anchor with our lost brother’s name on it. That touched my oldest brother’s heart. Now, I do small pet markers I call Paws. I will be carving a labradoodle memorial with wings later this year.”

Her first horse-head carving was done this spring for Pat and Wayne Williams. The Williams of Whitewater have long been involved in the horse world. Before his

retirement, Wayne was a well-known announcer for equine events across the country. In addition, Wayne and Pat used to perform a Roy Rogers and Dale Evans tribute at various horse events.

A year before Ruse carved the horse head, one of the Williams’ maple trees needed to be cut down. Pat asked the tree surgeon to leave a tall stump because she wanted to try carving it.

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“At that time I planned to do my own chainsaw carving,” said Pat. “I didn’t know Jennifer then. When I heard about her, I contacted her. We found out we had horses in common. ‘Why not a horse?’ I said. “It turned out great! I watched closely, until sawdust got into my eyes. I picked up my safety glasses, and that was the closest I could get. By watching her skill, strength and amazing talent, I decided I could never be a chainsaw carver.”

Ruse started chainsaw sculpting when she purchased her first saw about three years ago simply because she always wanted to try carving a mushroom.

“My husband suggested I try to carve one, so I went and bought a saw and the rest is history,” said Ruse. “That was in 2018, I was 51 years old.”

Her first saw, a Husqvarna 135 used for a couple years, is now one of several saws she uses bought straight off the store rack.

“I have twin Stihl 180s I use most right now, but my most popular is my Pink Husqvarna 455,” said Ruse.

Since the first mushroom sculpture, Ruse has graduated to carving animals such as bears, alligator snapping turtle and familiar sport team mascots.

“I carve anything, bears, eagles, owls,” said Ruse. “I have done some very cool pieces. I love to freelance. No pressure when it’s an idea in my head. If I have to carve an iconic figure such as Bucky Badger, Smokey the Bear or a memorial for a pet, it can be a bit stressful because it needs to be so specific.”

When choosing wood to carve, Ruse favors oak and any other hard woods, but will work with any type of wood suitable for chainsaw work including on-site stump carving. She generally leaves the carvings in their natural state.

“I am a rustic chainsaw artist,” said Ruse. “I do not paint them unless requested.”

To enhance the memorial sculptures, Ruse suggests clients add a solar light to illuminate the carvings so the owners and those who knew the horse can enjoy the monument at night.

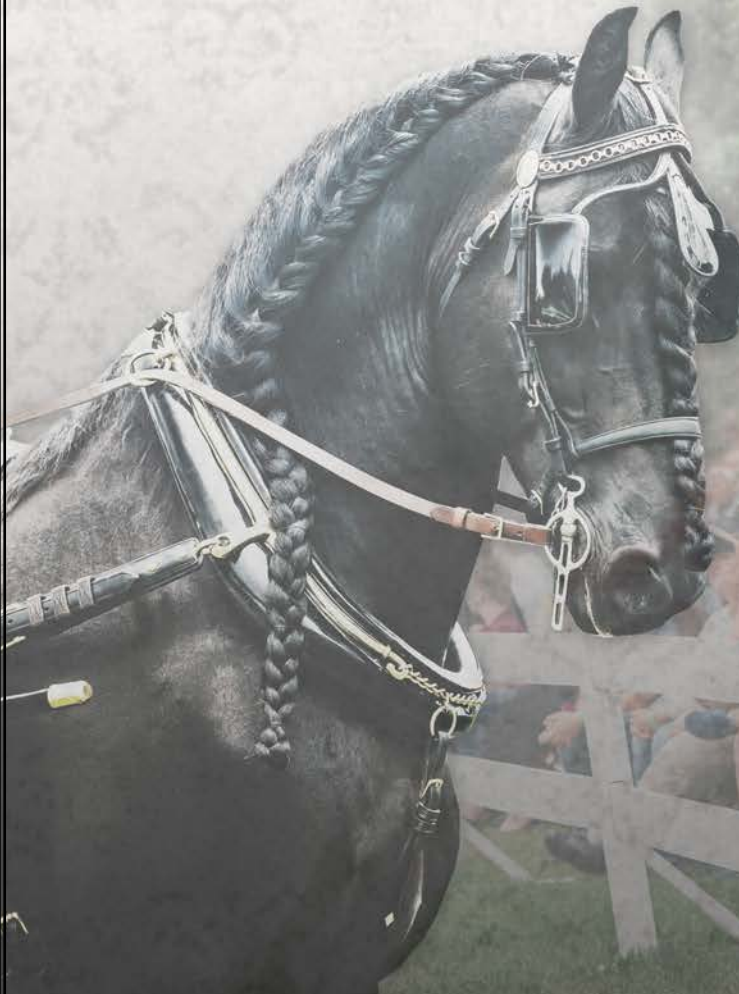
Ruse can be reached on her Road Side Saw Works Facebook page or by emailing jenniferruse29@gmail.com.



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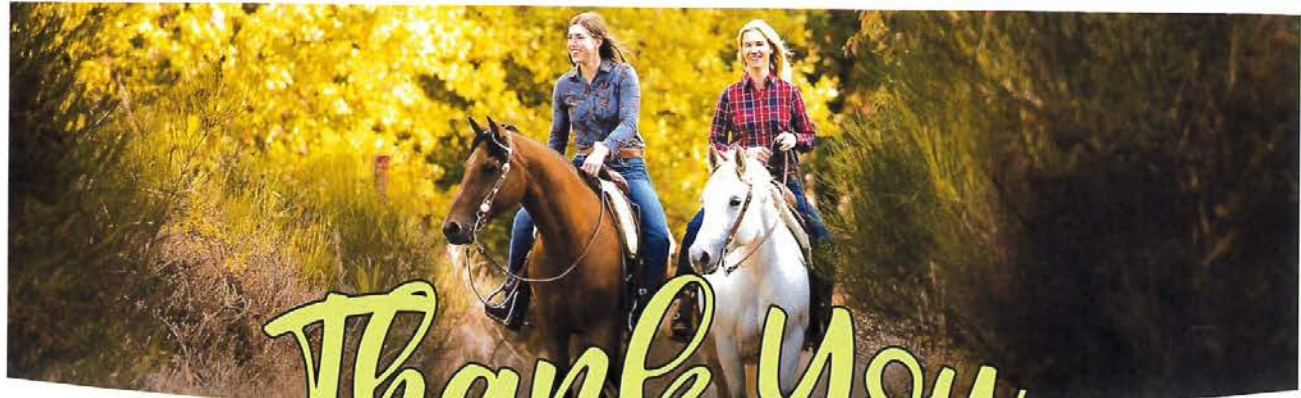
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April 13, 2022

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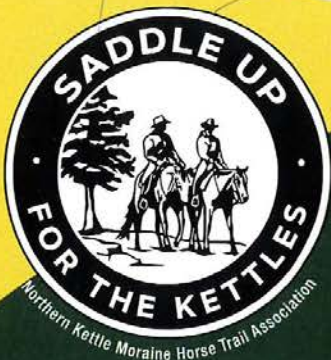
Thank you for your recent gift to the Northern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association (NKMHTA). Your sponsorship of the inaugural Saddle Up for the Kettles advances our mission to protect, preserve and maintain the 41 miles of scenic bridle trails in the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit.

Donors like you make this program possible. Your generous in kind donation of insurance for this event 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.

Best regards,

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The Northern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association (NKMHTA) is a 501(c)(3) Non-profit organization established in September, 2003 to provide area equestrians an opportunity to make an impact working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources preserving, improving, and developing equestrian facilities in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest. NKMHTA federal tax identification number is 58-2674014.

Serenity Horse Rescue Bowling for Bales Fundraiser

By Pat McKnight, Contributor

Serenity Horse Rescue, Inc. is inviting bowlers and supporters to turn bowling balls into hay bales by taking part in the Bowling for Bales fundraiser.

The horse rescue is looking to increase its hay supply for the horses kept at Cheyenne Acres near South Beloit.

Horse rescue founder, Wendy Quaas, started the rescue about a year ago.

"I started with two horses and saw the need to help many more," said Quaas. "We rescued 42 horses in 2021 and adopted 31 to forever homes."

Some of the rescued horses are acquired from a business that takes in horses and offers them for sale before they go for slaughter. SHR also accepts surrenders directly from owners who are no longer able to care for their horses.

"Having a horse come directly from an owner is better for the horse," said Quaas.

Although, sometimes rescuing a horse from an auction or resale barn can be particularly satisfying. Such was the case with a gelding named Soleil. The nine-year-old was removed from the slaughter pipeline late last year.

"He was the last horse left on the lot," said Quaas. "One of our volunteers found a donor to rescue him. It was kind of a Christmas miracle for me."

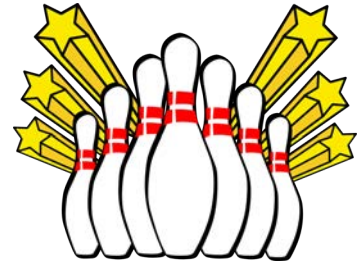
With the price of a small square bale of hay going for around \$5 and large round or square bales costing \$65, supplying horses with the feed can be costly, especially when their Belgian draft horse requires a bale of hay per day.

The rescue depends on volunteers to help with the horses' care, and Quaas especially appreciates its volunteers as well as Cheyenne's Acres.

"The owner and managers there are so supportive and have become members of the board," said Quaas. "I am so grateful to have their support."

This is the first year for the Bowling for Bales fundraiser. The fundraiser was held Saturday, April 9 at Cougar Lanes in Clinton. The rescue also plans to hold a couple tack sales in April and May.

More information about SHR can be found on the rescue's website at <https://serenityhorserescue.org>.



SAVE THE DATE!

Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation

Presents their annual

“Winter Day at Springbrook”

February 11, 2023

at

Springbrook Events

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- ◆ **Model Horse Show**
- ◆ **Vendors**
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Strangles Outbreak Reported

By Pat McKnight, Contributor



This winter, an outbreak of strangles has been reported at stables and other horse boarding sites around the state.

From Jan. 12 to Feb. 11, 10 Wisconsin counties have reported equids (horses and donkeys) have contracted *Streptococcus equi* (strangles). In several cases, the outbreak has been traced to rescued animals.

Two premises in Dane County reported infected horses with one listed as a rescue. Other cases were found in Dodge, Dunn, Marquette, Racine, Rock, St. Croix, Walworth, Waukesha and Winnebago.

The Dunn County case was a baby donkey acquired with a jenny at a sale. The Marquette case was a private owner's weanling Belgian colt; the owner said he had several horses with strangles last fall.

A Rock County herd of seven had several affected horses on the premises. A six-month-old miniature horse gelding was found positive in St. Croix County. A gelding from out-of-state brought into Walworth County was thought to have been incubating strangles when purchased. Showing clinical signs after arrival at the premises, it was segregated from other horses.

Two premises in Waukesha involved rescue horses, two at one place and a young filly on another property. Several horses in Winnebago boarding stable were found positive. Some have were moved to a remote site to distance them from other horses.

None of the premises reporting outbreaks have been placed under official quarantine, and all horse/stable owners are working with veterinarians to treat the infected animals. The veterinarians have encouraged enacting enhanced biosecurity measures and voluntarily quarantine of their facilities.

Dr. Julie McGwin, veterinary specialist and equine program manager with Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, stresses the importance of contacting a veterinarian when cases occur.

"The veterinarian is the person most qualified to recommend treatment and/or vaccination options," said McGwin. "People should not make their own diagnosis or initiate their own treatments without a veterinarian's involvement."

Clinical signs of strangles begin with mild lethargy, reduced feed intake, slight cough, nasal discharge and a fever.

Rectal temperature over 100.5 degrees Fahrenheit for adults or over 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit for foals would be considered a higher than normal temperature or the presence of a fever.

Evidence of an infection tends to show up a few days after the onset of fever and other signs. The horse's lymph nodes swell and form abscesses around the throat and in some cases under or around the base of the ear.

Nasal discharge initially is clear but then turns cloudy and whitish. In order to relieve the throat and lymph node pain, horses are often seen positioning their heads low and extended.



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Treatment can include applying hot compresses to abscesses to promote rupture and drainage. After the abscesses have ruptured and are draining into the nasal passages, the discharge progresses to become thick white to yellow, referred to as purulent. Such discharges draining from the nose as well as ruptured abscesses from the lymph nodes are highly contagious to other horses.

The node enlargement could interfere with breathing or swallowing, creating a concern that the affected animal might strangle. Horses can recover if no complications develop; the mortality rate from strangles is about 10 percent.

Complications might include severe vasculitis causing swelling in the legs and ventral abdomen. Hives, internal abscesses or muscle problems can also arise in infected horses.

Kevin Hoffman, Public Information Officer, Division of Animal Health / Division of Food and Recreational Safety, released the following protocols issued by the veterinarians at the DATCP.

The first step is to isolate any horse showing signs of strangles from other horses.

Supportive care of the animal includes:

- ◆ Keeping the infected horse dry and protected from extreme cold or heat
- ◆ Providing soft, palatable feed
- ◆ Monitoring the horse's body temperature
- ◆ Contacting a veterinarian to describe the signs being shown by the horse, and get their advice on further management of the horse's illness including diagnostic testing and treatment options

"There are several different vaccines and they can be used to help protect horses from strangles," said Hoffman. "However, they do not fully protect every horse from infection."

Steps for preventing or reducing the spread of the highly contagious disease are -

- ◆ instituting a biosecurity policy for people and horses coming onto an operation and avoiding contact with horses of unknown health status or are ill,
- ◆ keeping premises from becoming overstocked
- ◆ requesting a statement by a veterinarian regarding new horse's health status including any recent exposure to contagious diseases. Keep newly arrived horses isolated for a few weeks to observe them for signs of illness
- ◆ consulting your veterinarian about testing to determine if the horse is shedding the bacteria
- ◆ setting a policy with personnel to not move from isolated horses to the other horses on the establishment, without taking appropriate precautions
- ◆ not sharing tack, feed tubs, water containers, trailers, pens or stalls used by horses of unknown health status

According to McGwin, the persistence of the strangles bacteria in the environment depends on conditions, but she suggests efforts should be taken to sanitize equipment and the area where horses are present.

"Aggressive cleaning and disinfection, with special attention to the cleaning and disinfection of water containers, feeders, fences, stall walls and trailers, is indicated," said McGwin. "It is recommended that pastures and paddocks be rested at least 30 days."

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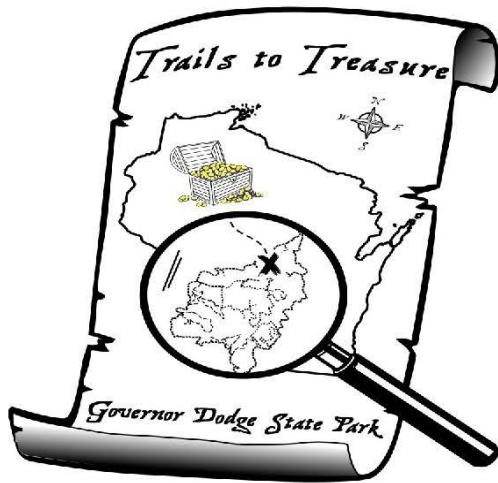
The year 2022 marks the 50th year that the WHC has been operating in order to help the equine industry and those who love equine in the State of Wisconsin!

Thank you to all of our directors, committee members, volunteers, sponsors and members for making it a great 50 years!

We couldn't do it without all of you!

THANK YOU!





Treasure Hunt

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Sunday, June 5, 2022

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WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



May 2022

- May 1 West 20 Open Pleasure Horse Show, Series 1 of 5, West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co., W4812 Hwy 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- May 8 Mother's Day**
- May 14 Lazycreek Farm 2022 Pleasure & Speed Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI 53039, Pleasure starts at 10 am and Speed starts at 2 pm, Contact 920-296-7036 or 920-386-8058
- May 14 Push Pull Drag Mini Equine Fun Show, Sponsored by DCHA at Sackett Ranch, N9320 Fir Road, Burnett, WI 53922, 9:30 am, Contact Diane Sackett (920) 689-2625 or diane@sackettranch.com
- May 14 Virtual English & Western Dressage Schooling Show, Videos and payment due by midnight on Sunday, May 14th, visit Three Gaits website for details three-gaits.org or e-mail info@three-gaits.org
- May 14-15 Wisconsin Pinto Horse Show, Jefferson, WI, Kathy Findley (262) 930-5584; Tina Langness (717) 760-2496, Pinto, Solid Registry and All-Breed Classes; NSBA classes; NOSHA partner; Year-End and Show High Point Awards; wisconsinpinto.com
- May 15 Badger Horse Show Association Speed Show, W5641 Cty. Rd. J, Westfield, WI 53964, see their Facebook page for more info
- May 15 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
- May 15 WRHA all Youth Ranch Show held at Dan Grunewald Training and Clinics, 10 am, Contact Sue Hilbrand at 262-880-3388 or email justcallmechucky@gmail.com
- May 18-21 WHC 2022 Trail Master Certification Course, Hartman Creek State Park, N2480 Hartman Creek Rd, Waupaca, WI 54981, Contact Margaret Kraege for details and questions ilovestrike@yahoo.com or 608-235-8302, Deadline to register is April 22 (Late registration? please call to check availability)**
- May 21 Armed Forces Day**
- May 22 Fox River Saddle Club Show, Series 1 of 3, West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co., W4812 Hwy 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- May 25 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925, 7 pm**
- May 30 Memorial Day**

June 2022

- June 4 Lazycreek Farm 2022 Fun Pleasure Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI 53039, 10 am, Contact 920-396-8058
- June 4 West 20 Open Pleasure Horse Show, Series 2 of 5, West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co., W4812 Hwy 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- June 4 Saddle Up For The Kettles fundraiser, advanced registration required by 5/1/22, food, music and riding, go to NKMHTA.org/saddleup to register and learn all of the details, \$65 per rider
- June 4-5 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
- June 5 Fox River Saddle Club Show, Series 2 of 3, West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co., W4812 Hwy 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- June 5 Badger Horse Show Association Pleasure Show, W5641 Cty. Rd. J, Westfield, WI 53964, see their Facebook page for more info
- June 5 Fond du Lac Co. 4-H Fuzzy Wuzzy Horse Show, Fond du Lac Co. Fairgrounds, 920-979-7752
- June 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

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June 2022 - Continued

- June 11-12 Wisconsin Charity Classic Open Horse Show, Showtime Arena, Deerfield, WI, Dressage is on the 11th and Ring Classes are on the 12th, 920-941-0802
- June 12 Badger Horse Show Association Speed Show, W5641 Cty. Rd. J, Westfield, WI 53964, see their Facebook page for more info
- June 12 Branch River Riding Club Show, Manitowoc County Expo, 4921 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI, Contact 920-860-7408
- June 18 Dodge County Horsemen's Association Open Fun Speed Show, Boots & Saddle Club Arena, W8827 Hemlock Rd, Beaver Dam, WI 53916, 9 am, Contact Kallie Larson (920) 390-0605 and check out DCHA on Facebook for updates
- June 18 Jean Cyra Memorial English Horse Show, West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co., W4812 Hwy 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- June 19 Jean Cyra Memorial Western Horse Show, West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co., W4812 Hwy 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- June 19 Father's Day**
- June 22 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925, 7 pm**
- June 24-26 Saddle Up for St. Jude Fun Show, West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co., W4812 Hwy 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- June 25 Open House for Just A Horse Rescue and Sanctuary, 10 am - 2 pm at N2110 Mighty Maples Road, Melrose, WI, 54642, 608-769-9928, justahorsesanctuary@gmail.com
- June 26 Rusty B Speed Show, W5641 Cty. Rd. J, Westfield, WI 53964, see their Facebook page for more info

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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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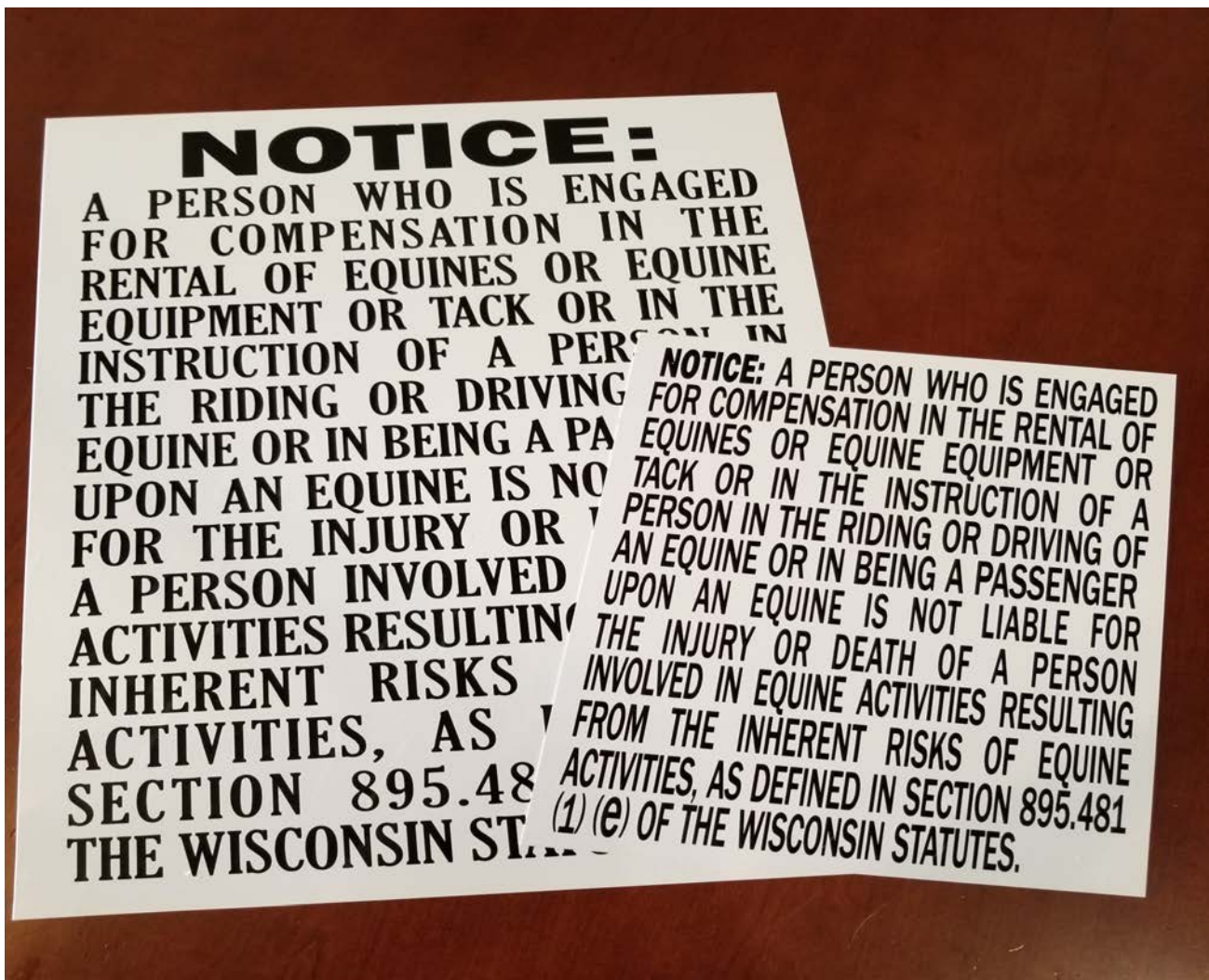
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HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR LIMITED LIABILITY SIGN?

Have you posted limited liability signs on your property or at your equine events with Wisconsin State Statute 895.481 (1) (e) printed on them?

The Wisconsin Horse Council sells this important notice in two sizes, 11" x 16" and 16" x 26". Both sizes are printed on heavy gauge plastic in order to help resist fading and to stay strong.

There are several ways that you can purchase these signs. You can order them on-line through the WHC website store, www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org, by using either a PayPal account or a credit card. You can also complete and mail in a WHC Product Order Form, (which is available on the next page or as a PDF on the WHC website), with the appropriate fees. We process and ship orders the same day that we receive them. Stay protected!





Wisconsin Horse Council Product Order Form

| <u>Product</u> | <u>Price</u> | <u>Shipping</u> | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Subtotal</u> |
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| 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 | | |
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| 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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Phone: _____ Email: _____

- I am a Current WHC Member
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Make Checks Payable to "Wisconsin Horse Council"
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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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Ride Wisconsin – Trail Riding/Driving Award Program

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Columbus, WI 53925

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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**
- Family Membership (no insurance) \$ **30**
- Family Membership PLUS (includes \$1 Million personal liability insurance) \$ **70**
- Youth (age 17 & under = free with **paid** Level I adult membership) \$ **0**
- Individual Lifetime Membership (**one-time fee which includes the printed newsletter annually and the 1st year of liability insurance**)..... \$ **250**
- 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:

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Phone: 920-623-0393
www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org**

Funding

Since 1979, WHC has owned and produced one of the largest and most successful horse fairs in the nation, the Midwest Horse Fair. Funds generated from the fair as well as from membership and donations support WHC operations and efforts.



How To Get Involved

- ◆ Become a WHC Member
- ◆ Become a WHC Director
- ◆ Join a WHC Committee – Trails, Public Relations, Member Services, Scholarship, Sponsorship/Grants, Legislative, etc.
- ◆ Volunteer at Midwest Horse Fair



Above all, the WHC strives to reach more people, especially youth, interested in the equine industry to ensure its continued growth.



The Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation (WSHCEF) was created to better serve Wisconsin's growing equestrian community and to help that community realize its fullest potential. Our mission is to support equine priorities identified and supported by Wisconsin equine owners and organizations.

The WSHCEF 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.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the WSHCEF. Thank you!

Donations can be made payable and sent to:

WSHCEF
P.O. Box 72
Columbus, WI 53925

WSHCEF Board Members, Officers & Volunteer Team Members

- President:** James Harris
- Vice President & MHE Rep.:** Gail Seator
- Secretary:** Diane Sackett
- Treasurer:** Nancy Young
- Board Members:** Lori Helmer, Katie Bachhuber & Jan Pieper
- WHC Executive Board Rep.:** Floyd Finney

Volunteer Team

- Margo Miller, Karen Meekma, Wayne Osterhaus
- Rich & Linda Finsberger, Sharon Hookstead, Dave Kluge & Roxanne Cronhebecke Kluge

What Is The Wisconsin Horse Council All About?



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The WHC's Mission

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

Organizational Overview

WHC is a non-profit organization representing horse owners and enthusiasts, and the equine industry in Wisconsin. We promote the horse through leadership and education. Our role is to support, serve and protect our equine industry in Wisconsin. We are an open organization and welcome all who are interested in horses, whether horse owners or not.

What We Do

Leadership – We are the only organization that is here for the horse and the people who own them or simply love them. We are not a breed organization, a saddle club, or a riding discipline; we exist solely for the welfare of the horse and the betterment of the equine industry as a whole.

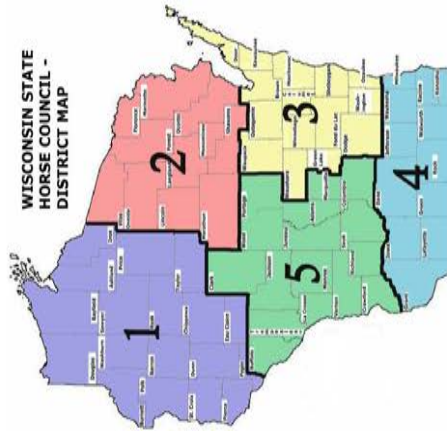
Legislation – we play an active role in legislative matters affecting both the state and national equine industry; we strengthen our ag/livestock partner relationships by participating in Ag Day at the State Capitol.

Education – our districts often conduct seminars and clinics for horse owners. The WHC Trail Committee offers an annual four-day Trail Design School on designing and building sustainable multi use trails.



Districts

The WHC is comprised of five geographical districts, each of which has its own set of member-elected officers and up to two member-elected representatives that it sends to the Board.



WISCONSIN STATE HORSE COUNCIL - DISTRICT MAP

Programs

The WHC encourages equine events, sporting activities, youth activities and equine programs that help build membership. These include:

The WHC has given out more than \$885,400.00 through its programs since 1995! Please visit the WHC website for a complete breakdown.

Scholarships – we provide financial help to students who are connected to the equine industry.



Sponsorships & Grants – we support therapeutic riding organizations, trail safety and enhancement for recreational riding, riding clubs, equine charity events, mounted search and rescue, emergency response and more.

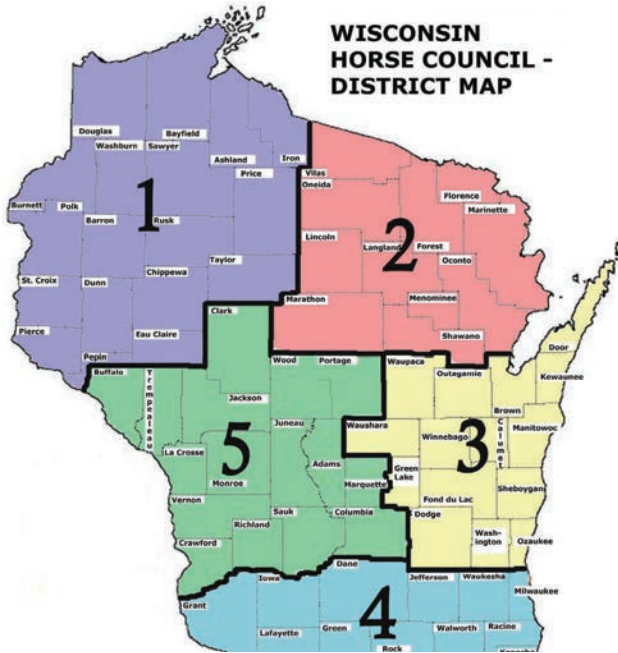
Trails – WHC partners with local horse clubs to assist with the development and improvement of Wisconsin's public equestrian trails, shared use trails and campgrounds. We award grants for campgrounds, new trail development, as well as trail improvements, enhancements, and repairs. We have representation on Wisconsin governmental trail councils whenever possible.

Annual Awards – we encourage and recognize people who have invested their time and money in growing and developing the equine industry through mentoring young horse enthusiasts, initiating new programs, offering leadership, and promoting responsible use of horses. Annual Awards include Horseperson of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Special Achievement, Equine of the Year, Show Judge of the Year and the WHC Director of the Year.



Certified Show Judging – we improve the level of open show judging through educational seminars and certification.





WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL - DISTRICT MAP

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

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

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

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

WHC District 1:

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WHC District 5:

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608-633-0273
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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: Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays - 8am-4pm
Office Closed on Tuesdays & Thursdays**



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Important Dates to Remember



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| May 8 | Mother's Day |
| May 18-21 | WHC 2022 Trail Master Certification Course |
| May 21 | Armed Forces Day |
| May 25 | WHC BOD Monthly Meeting |
| May 30 | Memorial Day |
| June 14 | Flag Day |
| June 19 | Father's Day |
| June 22 | 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! **THANK YOU!**



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