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The WHC Thanks Ron Miller for Serving 24 Years as Treasurer

The Wisconsin Horse Council would like to thank Ron Miller for serving as their treasurer for 24 years. Ron has decided to hand the reins over to someone else for this position, and we thank him for his tireless contributions to the Wisconsin Horse Council and the Midwest Horse Fair.



Ron has given so many hours to the Wisconsin Horse Council in so many capacities, that thank you doesn't seem nearly enough. Ron has been (and will remain) a WHC Level III Director, served on many WHC committees such as the Certified Judge Seminar Committee, Budget & Finance Committee, Championship Challenge Open Horse Show Awards Program Committee, and the WHC Level III Bonus Bucks Sponsorship Committee.

Ron is also a WHC Certified Judge and an announcer. That alone has kept him extremely busy over the years as well. Ron received the WHC's Show Judge of the Year Award in 2002 and their Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019.

Please join us in thanking Ron Miller for his outstanding service!

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WHC Mission Statement

To represent, protect and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin through leadership, education, service and communication.

WHC Vision Statement

To take a pro-active role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.

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ATTENTION!

Tear out pages 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" from the American Veterinary Medical Association.

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!





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

* Trail Development

* Equine Research

* Youth Scholarship and Participation

What is our relationship with the Wisconsin Horse Council?

The Wisconsin 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, protect and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin through leadership, education, service and communication.

The 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's Trail Design School for 2024 Is in the Books



It's a dirty job, and thankfully, there are people out there willing to learn how to design, construct and maintain a proper trail that gets horseback riders, hikers and bikers out to enjoy Wisconsin's spectacular natural areas.

And it couldn't be done without the WHC Trails Committee financial support and dedicated

long-term volunteer hosts Margie Kraege and Floyd Finney's organizational support to bring in trail educator Mike Riter of Trail Design Specialists (and his trusty classroom therapy dog, Emma) to teach the 4-day course.





The WHC is also thankful for an educational Recreation Trail Grant (RTP) and for the Friends of Wildcat Mountain State Park for hosting a student dinner at the local barbecue place on Monday night.

June 9th through the 12th, 14 students representing horse groups, DNR parks and recreational areas, bike groups and urban parks



programs gathered at the public library and on the trail at Wildcat Mountain State Park in Ontario, Wisconsin, for an intensive learning and doing experience. Each morning of classroom instruction finished with a quiz before students headed to the park to put the new learning into action. On the final day, each participant received a certificate attesting to their newly earned skills.





Students learned to use trail design tools like clinometers to understand slope as they flag marked a mock trail. They picked up loppers and saws and employed building tools with unique names like McCalls and Pulaskis. They learned and demonstrated back cuts, leveling, smoothing the trail tread, disguising the rough edges; volunteer management and crew leadership, and safety, safety, safety!



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WHC's Trail Design School for 2024 Is in the Books



Over the four hot and steamy days, it was great to see not only a trail develop, but friendships, too, as people worked in pairs and teams to demonstrate the learning. Many a cooperative discussion over the slope of a trail built respect and grew support for the vision and hard work of creating multi-user trails that are interesting, safe and long-lasting.











Thank you, Floyd, and See You on the Trail!

This year left us with another milestone as we say thank you and farewell to Floyd Finney, who is retiring after nearly two decades of co-organizing and co-hosting the Trail School. His patience, willingness to pick up a tool or another case of water, his offer to load up the truck with newcomers and get them safely to the jobsite, his capable campfire starting skills and his tender care of all those tools is much appreciated and will be missed.



Trail School 2025 dates should be available on the WHC website in late 2024 – think about how you can be a builder and a rider. You'll never look at a trail the same way again.

Next time you tack up for the trail, say a little thank you to all those designers and builders who make our rides possible and enjoyable!

To see more of the experience, hop on to Facebook and visit Wisconsin Horse Council-Trails Facebook page.

Wisconsin Horse Council's Newest Program - ROUNDUP!

Welcome to the WHC's newest program! The WHC is working to support the equine related retailers in the State of Wisconsin, and we thought that this new program would be a good start!

This program contest begins May 1st, 2024. No stamps will be given before that date. Completed maps must be received by the WHC Office no later than February 28, 2025.

Winners will be announced March 8, 2025 via email and/or phone plus posted on WHC Facebook page and www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org.

Maps can be picked up or requested from the WHC Office in Columbus and some of the retail locations. One map per participant. Must go to all 16 locations for 1st Place Prize drawing and 10 locations for 2nd Place Prize. Those names will stay in for the rest of the prize drawings also. Maps with at least 7 dealer stamps will be entered into a random drawing to win all other Prizes, 3rd thru 20th.

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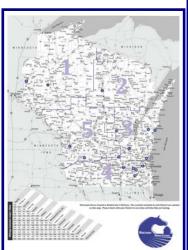
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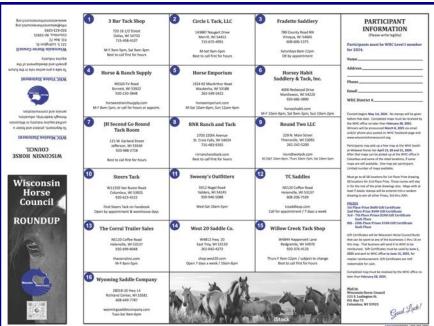
3rd - 7th Place Prizes \$200 Gift Certificate Each Place

8th - 20th Place Prizes \$100 Gift Certificate Each Place

Completed maps must be received by the WHC Office no later than February 28, 2025, and should be mailed to:

Wisconsin Horse Council 121 S. Ludington St. P.O. Box 72 Columbus, WI 53925







The Wisconsin Horse Council Proudly Presents

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"Free Youth Membership Program"

The Wisconsin Horse Council is implementing a new "Free Youth Membership Program"!

Here are the requirements:

- *Youth between 8 years of age and graduation from high school who are members in good standing of an equine youth organization, or an organization with a strong youth membership.
- * The equine organization is a member in good standing with the Wisconsin Horse Council.
- *Applicants under the age of 18 must have a parental signature included with the Wisconsin Horse Council Youth Membership Application.
- * This annual membership will run concurrent with the student's school year and will remain viable as long as the applicant is in good standing with the equine organization.
- * Youth members will be non-voting members of the WHC District they reside in, and they will be eligible for e-newsletters.

This program is still in the development stages. We are planning on three educational training courses per year via Zoom, and attendees will be eligible for prize drawings.

As we move towards in-person clinics and training throughout the state, the Wisconsin Horse Council is asking for suggestions of what kind of clinics and presentations youth members would be interested in. Please check with your group leader and send suggestions or presentations to info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org.

As this program develops, our vision is to provide opportunities to explore the world of horses and horse related professions and businesses.

Please scan the QR Code below and go to the "Membership" tab for more information and the application. We look forward to hearing from you!



<u>Dairyland Driving Club Hosts Second Annual</u> <u>Basics & Beyond Equine Driving Clinic</u>

By Nancy Nelson



Dairyland Driving Club hosted its Second Annual Basics & Beyond Equine Driving Clinic at Heartland Equestrian Center in Custer, Wisconsin on June 1st and 2nd.

Sponsorships from the Wisconsin Horse Council and the American Driving Society/

Hoopes-Addis Education Trust allowed us to offer FREE registration to any Junior Drivers who attended.

There were 48 lesson spots over the 2-day period. To accomplish this, we had a panel of Mary Ruth Marks, Julie Dahlberg, Deb Sauer & Howard Kietzke - all experienced clinicians willing to share their horsemanship and advanced driving skills - working concurrently in four separate arenas.



Jefferson County Draft Horse Association

By Jackie Schuster, JCDHA Secretary

The Jefferson County Draft Horse Association has had a slow start to the spring. We had our Brat Fry Fundraiser in April, and we had a great turn out for the day. The volunteers had fun and were at times able to catch up with the other volunteers on what they were doing.





Our Spring plowing down at Old World Wisconsin was cancelled due to the EHV-1 virus. We are scheduled to be back down at Old World Wisconsin the weekend of September 7th and 8th, so keep your fingers crossed for good weather.

The show season is rapidly coming up, and the Jefferson County Fair is July 10th-14th with the drafts showing on Friday morning and evening and again Saturday evening. Also don't forget the Washington County Fair and Walworth County Fairs, as they are both big into the draft shows.



WHC District 5 Obstacle Clinic a Success

By Cheryl Norman

On May 18, 2024, the Wisconsin Horse Council's District 5 held an obstacle clinic with Clinician Billy Yoder. Many thanks to Walnut Acres Farm in Tomah for having us.

The participants worked with in-hand, ground work in the morning, and then mounted skills in the afternoon. Everyone learned some new things and worked on other issues with their trusty mounts.

















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<u>Picnic Shelter Ribbon Cutting at</u> <u>Governor Dodge Equestrian Campground</u>

By Sandy Rogers



On Friday, May 3rd, the Friends of Governor Dodge State Park hosted an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the beautiful new trailside picnic shelter that was recently added to the park's equestrian campground group gathering area. The shelter was built in the late fall of 2023, under the expert supervision of project manager Duane Deutmeyer, who organized all aspects of the project and recruited a crew of area carpenters and volunteers.

The ribbon cutting was attended by approximately 50 individuals including Friends members, DNR management, park personnel, project volunteers, donors, and many happy campers.

As part of the ribbon cutting festivities, the permanent equestrian campground donor recognition sign was also unveiled. Among the major donors permanently recognized are the Wisconsin State Horse



Council Equine Foundation who kick-started the Campground building fund many years ago with a bequest of \$69,000 from the estate of trail rider Iris



Cooley. Donors both large and small, along with the many volunteers who contributed to making the campground a reality, were recognized and thanked in speeches by DNR development representative Missy VanLanDuyt, Friends President Jean Warrior, and Shelter Construction Project Manager Duane Deutmeyer.



The Friends wish to thank the Wisconsin Horse Council Trails Committee for their recent match grant which helped fund finishing touches in the shelter area, including split rail fencing, horse hitch rails, and the custom-built kiosk holding the donor



recognition sign. This grant also helped pay for the replacement of four giant map signs throughout the park with updated signs showing the locations of the new campground, new day use trailheads, and correct trail names.







Happy Trails at Governor Dodge State Park

By Sandy Rogers



On Sunday, June 2nd, the Friends of Governor Dodge Equestrians hosted their 10th annual fundraising ride/hike. This year's event featured a new Scrabble-based contest where participants collected scrabble tiles from containers located along a designated trail, and then submitted their highest scoring word for a chance to win a variety of prizes. Participants and volunteers all looked sharp in their custom designed t-shirts with scrabble tiles spelling out HAPPY TRAILS.



A food truck offering breakfast and lunch options, a 50/50 raffle, custom professional photographs, and a tack sale featuring items donated by the estate of Karen Kroll (long-time WHC officer and Governor Dodge Equestrians supporter) rounded out the day's offerings.



Thanks to many generous sponsors, including the Wisconsin Horse Council Trails Committee, and all who registered, the event earned over \$6,000 to be used toward current and future maintenance and improvements on the park's more than 25 miles of horse trails.



The Friends of Governor Dodge State Park Board is especially grateful to this year's event organizers, Rhonda Polkinghorn and Amy Meiss-Alexander, and the tremendous group of volunteers who kept things running smoothly throughout a day that once again kept the "Fun" in Fundraising. The gallery of event photos, which can be purchased for a donation benefitting the Friends, can be viewed at Rancher's Spirit website: https://www.ranchersspiritphotography.com/galleries/











Make the Trip Home.

Equines of all shapes and sizes are invited to come home to the annual epicenter for the equine community at the 2025 Midwest Horse Fair!

Does your breed organization or discipline club want to spread the word about your unique horse hobby, increase memberships and network with like-minded people?

Consider applying for the Breed and Discipline demonstrations, which provide an opportunity to educate and entertain a crowd of more than 60,000. Selected groups will be featured in (2) ten-minute demonstrations.



Sensational Liberty Run presentations showcase the power and pride of the horse. The presentation seeks confident and seasoned equines to appear in a brief yet thrilling showcase in the Blain's Farm & Fleet Coliseum.

Applications for Breed & Discipline demonstrations and Liberty Run presentations become available July 1, 2024.

Click Apply under "Horse Participants" at www.MidwestHorseFair

Become an Exhibitor!

If you sell an equine related product or service, there is no better place to be than the 2025 Midwest Horse Fair.

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Spaces are limited so apply today!

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Visit Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram for the most up-to-date information.





Instagram: @wisconsinpinto

You've Joined WHC - Now What?

By Lauren Cnare



There are a lot of benefits to being a Wisconsin Horse Council member – member activities, discounts, member-only promotions like the Roundup purchasing promotion and this newsletter. And of course, knowing that you're championing and supporting the recreational and professional interests and activities of horses (and their people!) throughout the state.

WHC is a volunteer-run organization that gets the work done with the behind-the-scenes actions of one office administrator and hundreds of volunteers from the Board of Directors to the members of the twelve committees. WHC needs people like you to join a committee!

WHC committee work ranges from external facing activities done by volunteers on the Public Relations, Awards, Judges Certification Program, Trails, Sponsorships, Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation Scholarships, Member Services and Legislative Affairs Committees, to critical organizational committees like Technology, Bylaws and Policy & Procedures.

In addition, the Districts Committee brings representatives from each of the five districts to gain input and direction from across the state.

Ready to make more of your membership?

Think about the skills you use every day at work or school, in your home or community life. Chances are, you have a skill that you can use or develop further while helping your horse council advocate for and protect our equine and equestrian community.

But beyond giving back to your community, joining a WHC committee will bring you new horsey friends and new opportunities to be part of Wisconsin's horse world as you network with like-minded people around the state.

To join a committee and grow your horse community connections: visit the WHC website at https://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/aboutus/committees.php to learn more about each committee. Reach out to the chairperson and join the herd!



Notes of Thanks from Nature's Edge Therapy Center and Their Patients

Dear Wisconsin Horse Council Sponsorship Committee:

Through your sponsorship to Nature's Edge Therapy Center, we were able to provide assistance for five families since January of this year to receive medically prescribed speech therapy incorporating the horse. We continue, as our families who benefitted, to be most appreciative. Sincerely, Becky Payne, MATCCC/SLP/HPCS - Director



Dear Wisconsin Horse Council:

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the Nature's Edge Therapy Center possible for my 12 year old daughter. I was pleased to be made aware that she was selected as a recipient of the sponsorship and am deeply grateful for your support. Because of your support, my daughter can participate in the program in which we were hoping it will help with her social issues that have been in her way on so many different levels. Up until now, with the amount of money that things like this cost, we haven't been able to get her involved until given this opportunity by you. She is excited to get to start the program and all other friends and family look forward to this opening up many new doors for her in the future. Sincerely, E. H. & L. P.



Dear Wisconsin Horse Council:

I am immensely grateful for your sponsorship and I can't express how much it means to me. Your support has been a true blessing, and I am deeply grateful for your kindness and generosity. Sincerely, K.T.



Dear Wisconsin Horse Council:

Thank you so much for your continued support for my daughter to receive hippotherapy at Nature's Edge Therapy Center in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. Since receiving this sponsorship, my daughter has turned four years old and continues to make outstanding progress. In the last two months, she has learned to try new foods (with the wonderful help of one patient horse named Svali!), say sentences like "thank you so much", and adjust to new changes. One thing that amazed me right away was her progress in wearing a helmet and a belt. Since she was an infant, I have never managed to get her to keep a hat on, so I was completely in awe of how she adapted because of the effects of hippotherapy. This also translated to her time at home as she now loves to try on new hats and play dress-up! I would also like to recognize the incredible staff at Nature's Edge, who have continuously shown my daughter grace and patience. They have been phenomenal stewards of the sponsorships they manage, to support children that greatly benefit from hippotherapy. Thank you kindly for

creating opportunities for children with special needs to receive a holistic form of therapy. I am so touched that my daughter can continue receiving therapy, thanks to your generous donation. Her growing ability to adapt to changes, interact with others, and lean how to communicate has provided her with a better quality of life, as well as our family. We are so grateful to see her progress and for her to continue doing something that she has quickly come to love. Thank you! Sincerely, A.C.





2024 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.

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 $\textbf{Questions/Comments:} \ \textbf{Jill Feller}, \ \textbf{Program Coordinator} - 920-948-9502 - \underline{\textbf{Jfeller5732@outlook.com}}$

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Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation

Presents their annual

"Winter Fun Day"

February 8, 2025

at

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- Model Horse Show
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WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



July 2024

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July 4	Independence Day
July 6	Lazycreek Farm 2024 Pleasure Fun Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI, 10 am,
July 6-7	Contact 920-386-8058, DCHA Buckle Approved Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association Horse Show, Jackson Co. Fair Park,
July 0-7	Black River Falls, WI on Hwy 54, 8 a.m., Contact Katya Koperski,
	WIFQHAshow@gmail.com, www.wifqha.org, or on Facebook at Wisconsin Foundation
	Quarter Horse Association
July 12	2024 Summer Twilight Classic Speed Shows, Beaver Creek Saddle & Bridle Club,
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	or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com
July 13	6th Annual "Look Out, Here We Come" Show, 10 and under, show as you are Pleasure
,	& Speed, Beaver Creek Saddle & Bridle Club, W3194 Cty Rd A South, Oostburg, WI
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	www.beavercreekwis.com
July 13-14	WDHA Badger Arabian Horse show recognized by AHA, USEF, USDF, and WDAA
	offering Traditional/Western Dressage, SHIH/SHUS, Halter/Huntseat/Country/English/
	Ranch classes, Elkhorn Equestrian Center, Elkhorn, WI, Contact 715-752-3368 (leave
	message) or visit <u>www.wdhaarabian.com</u> or the WDHA Badger Show / Facebook
July 13-16	Peggy Cummings Connected Riding, Beomor Farm, 1785 S. Fish Hatchery Road,
	Fitchburg, WI 53575, Contact Becky 608-400-2143 or becky@beomorfarm.com, or visit
July 16	Beomor Farm's Facebook page for more information 2024 Summer Twilight Classic Pleasure Shows, Beaver Creek Saddle & Bridle Club,
July 16	W3194 Cty Rd A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 6 pm, Contact Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251
	or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com
July 19	Eau Claire Bit & Spur Club Friday Night Fun Game Show. Located at the Eau Claire Bit
J	& Spur Club grounds (address is 10425 W Cameron St, Eau Claire, WI 54703). Visit
	https://www.eauclairebitandspur.com/ for show bills and more information.
July 19-21	Wade House Carriage Driving Days, Admission: Wade House Visitors Center, W7965
	State Highway 23, Greenbush, Wi 53026 (Fees and details located on Wade House
	Web site), Saturday show: 8:30am - 4:00pm, Features Ring Classes, Cones and a Cross
	Country Pace that brings the carriages to the Visitor Center, Sunday Show: 8:30am -
	3:00pm, Features Ring Classes, Cones as well has a Cross Country Obstacles, Carriage
	Dog, Antique Horse/Driver and BEST IN SHOW!, Susan Koos Acker, Show Organizer
July 20	e-mail: skoosacker@gmail.com, Cell: 608-235-1755 Adult Equitation with Jennifer Bull, Twin Oaks Performance Arena,
July 20	W4428 Rock Creek Rd., Loyal, WI, 54446, Contact Sabine Hartmann 715-937-1917,
	Check on Facebook Twin Oaks Performance Arena events
July 20	Sheboygan County Horse & Pony Inspiration Series Open Pleasure Show Series,
J,	Sheboygan Co. Fairgrounds, 229 Fairview Dr., Plymouth, WI 53073, 8:15 a.m., Contact
	Wendy Krueger schpshows@gmail.com or 920-838-2589
July 20-21	Eau Claire Bit & Spur Club WSCA Pleasure/Games Show. Located at the Eau Claire Bit
,	& Spur Club grounds (address is 10425 W Cameron St, Eau Claire, WI 54703). Visit
	https://www.eauclairebitandspur.com/ for show bills and more information.
July 21	Sheboygan County Horse & Pony Inspiration Series Open Speed Shows,
	Sheboygan Co. Fairgrounds, 229 Fairview Dr., Plymouth, WI 53073, 8:15 a.m., Contact
Judy 24	Wendy Krueger schpshows@gmail.com or 920-838-2589
July 24 July 27	WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925
July 21	Lazycreek Farm 2024 Pleasure Fun Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI, 10 am, Contact 920-386-8058, DCHA Buckle Approved
July 27	West 20 Open Pleasure Horse Show Series, 3 of 5, West 20 Ranch and Saddle Co,
July 21	W4812 State Road 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
July 28	Dodge County Horseman's Association Pleasure Show, Boots & Saddles Arena, Beaver
	Dam, WI, 262-370-8322, Follow on Facebook
July 28	MEOA Obstacle Course Challenge. Located at the Eau Claire Bit & Spur Club grounds
2.5	(address is 10425 W Cameron St, Eau Claire, WI 54703). Visit
	https://www.eauclairebitandspur.com/ for more information.
July 30	2024 Red Oak Ranch Show, N10615 DeGroot Rd, Hixton, WI 54635, 9 am, Contact
	Ed Johnson 715-984-2346



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August 2024

August 3	WHC District 5 "All About The Horse", Theisen's, Sparta, WI, 10 a.m 2 p.m.
August 3	Dune Riders Pony Club Hunter/Jumper & Dressage Show, Sheboygan County
ragasts	Fairgrounds, Plymouth, WI, 8a.m rain or shine,
	https://www.duneridersponyclub.org/hidressage-show.html
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- August 3 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club Open Pleasure Show Series, N75 W25500 Hwy 164, Sussex, WI 53089, 8:30 a.m., Contact Kellyn Homa 262-707-7110, Showbills and Event Info located at http://www.menomoneefallssaddleclub.com/shows
- August 9 2024 Summer Twilight Classic Speed Shows, Beaver Creek Saddle & Bridle Club, W3194 Cty Rd A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 6 pm, Contact Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com
- August 9-11 Heather Burke, Beomor Farm, 1785 S. Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53575, Contact Becky 608-400-2143 or becky@beomorfarm.com, or visit Beomor Farm's Facebook page for more information
- August 9-11 Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association Horse Show, Jefferson County Fair Park, Jefferson, WI, Contact Tina Langness 715-760-2496, WisconsinPinto@gmail.com, www.wisconsinpinto.com or on Facebook at Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association, ABO & Pinto classes, Supreme Color Championship Class
- August 10-11 WDAWI Dressage Show. Located at the Eau Claire Bit & Spur Club grounds (address is 10425 W Cameron St, Eau Claire, WI 54703) Visit the WDAWI website for more details and to enter online: www.wdawi.org/upcoming-events
- August 10-11 WPOAC Fururity Show, Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh, WI
- August 16-17 56th Annual 2-Day Trail Ride, Saddle Club of Darlington, Darlington Farms, 18019
 Holland Road, Darlington, WI 53530, Friday evening ride 5:30 pm, Saturday all day ride,
 10 am, Weekend Riders \$20, lunch for purchase on trail, Saturday night supper options,
 DJ & Dance, weekend camping available, Contact Jim Starr 608-426-1955 or
 Ron Westermeier 608-482-0005
- August 17 Sheboygan County Horse & Pony Inspiration Series Open Pleasure Show Series, Sheboygan Co. Fairgrounds, 229 Fairview Dr., Plymouth, WI 53073, 8:15 a.m., Contact Wendy Krueger schpshows@gmail.com or 920-838-2589
- August 18 Fox River Saddle Club Open Horse Show, 3 of 3, West 20 Ranch and Saddle Co, W4812 State Road 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- August 18 Wausau Boot and Saddle Club, "Come As You Are" Open Horse Show Series, 5302 W. Wausau Ave., Wausau, W 54401, 9 a.m., Contact Danielle Lampe 715-551-5897, Michelle Lampe 715-443-3266 or Audrey Mueller 715-551-1231
- August 18 Sheboygan County Horse & Pony Inspiration Series Open Speed Shows, Sheboygan Co. Fairgrounds, 229 Fairview Dr., Plymouth, WI 53073, 8:15 a.m., Contact
- August 20 Wendy Krueger schpshows@gmail.com or 920-838-2589
 2024 Summer Twilight Classic Pleasure Shows, Beaver Creek Saddle & Bridle Club, W3194 Cty Rd A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 6 pm, Contact Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251
- or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com

 August 23 West 20 Open Ranch Horse Show Friday Night Sorting, West 20 Ranch and Saddle Co,
 W4812 State Road 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- August 23 Eau Claire Bit & Spur Club Friday Night Fun Game Show. Located at the Eau Claire Bit & Spur Club grounds (address is 10425 W Cameron St, Eau Claire, WI 54703). Visit https://www.eauclairebitandspur.com/ for show bills and more information.
- August 24 West 20 Open Ranch Show Special Saturday Night Team Penning, West 20 Ranch and Saddle Co, W4812 State Road 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- August 24 Fond du Lac County 4-H Open Ranch Show, Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, 520 Fond du Lac Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935, Contact 920-979-7752
- August 24-25 West 20 Open Ranch Horse Show, West 20 Ranch and Saddle Co, W4812 State Road 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- August 24-25 Eau Claire Bit & Spur Club WSCA Pleasure/Games Show. Located at the Eau Claire Bit & Spur Club grounds (address is 10425 W Cameron St, Eau Claire, WI 54703). Visit https://www.eauclairebitandspur.com/ for show bills and more information.



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Fond du Lac Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935, Contact 920-979-7752

August 27 2024 Red Oak Ranch Show, N10615 DeGroot Rd, Hixton, WI 54635, 9 am, Contact

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August 28 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925

Aug 29-Sept 2 WQHA State Show, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

August 31 Ranch Riding Clinic with Jennifer Bull. Located at the Eau Claire Bit & Spur Club

grounds (address is 10425 W Cameron St, Eau Claire, WI 54703). Visit

https://www.eauclairebitandspur.com/ for more information.

August 31 Equine Trail Sports Event, Menomonee Falls Saddle Club, N75 W25500 Hwy 164,

Sussex, WI 53089, Visit www.menomoneefallssaddleclub.com

Aug 31-Sept 1 Billy Yoder/Ammy Marx Reined Cow Horse Clinic, Twin Oaks Performance Arena,

W4428 Rock Creek Rd., Loyal, WI, 54446, Contact Sabine Hartmann 715-937-1917,

Check on Facebook Twin Oaks Performance Arena events

Aug 31-Sept 1 WDHA Festival Show AVS All-Breed and AHA recognized Arabian Horse Show, Show

Offers All Breed and Arabian Halter, Huntseat, Saddleseat, Western, and Halter/

Performance CH classes, Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh, WI, Contact 715-752-3368 (leave message) or visit www.wdhaarabian.com or The Festival Show / Facebook

*** Also check WI Pleasure Horse Shows on Facebook! ***



Summer Horse Treat Recipe

Here is a quick and easy treat for your horse during the heat of the summer. (Remember to always check with your veterinarian first.)

Simply cut up small chunks of carrots, apples, and celery that have been washed well and place them into either a muffin tin or an ice cube tray. (Most any horse safe fruits or vegetables will work.)

Then fill the tin or tray the rest of the way with water, apple juice or applesauce, freeze, and pop them out for a tasty horse treat in the heat! They will LOVE them!





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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:

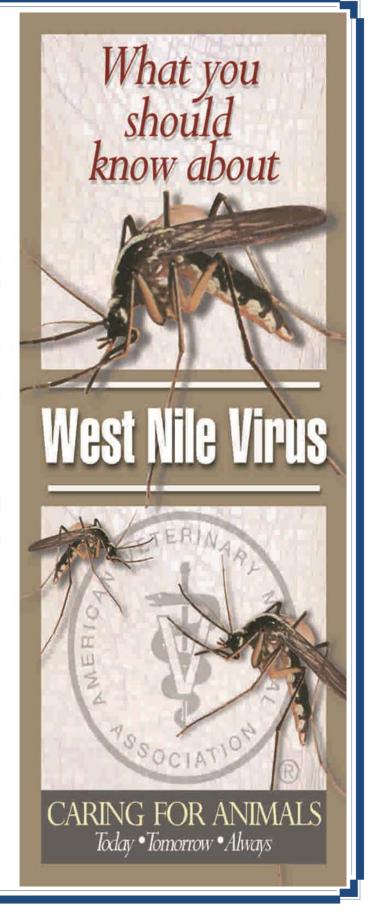
- Check the integrity of screens around your home, porch and patio.
- During warm months, avoid outdoor activities at dusk and dawn.
- If you must be outdoors during hours when mosquitoes are most active, cover up with shoes, socks, long pants and long-sleeved shirts.
- Use mosquito repellant on exposed 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 repellants, 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 arthropodborne 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



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,

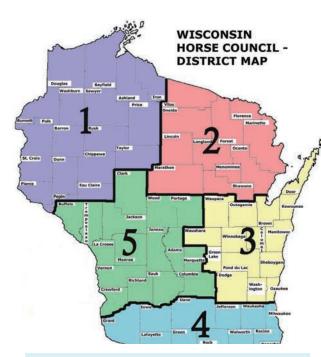
and toe dragging. In extreme cases, paralysis may follow. Fever is sometimes evident, as are depression and fearfulness. Approximately 33% of cases of West Nile viral encephalitis in horses proved fatal during the 2001 outbreak in the United States.

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.



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July 24 **WHC BOD Monthly Meeting** July 19-21

Wade House Carriage Driving Days

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WHC BOD Monthly Meeting August 28



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