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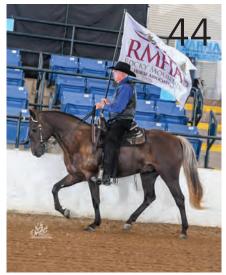
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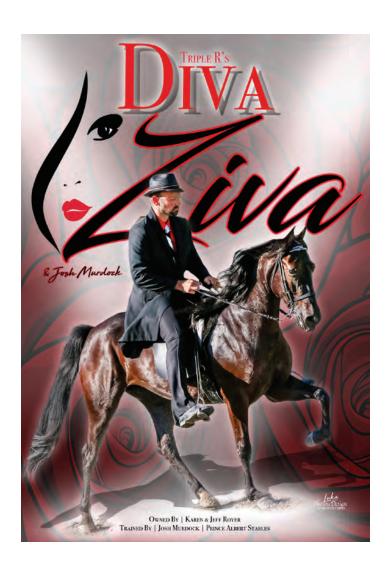
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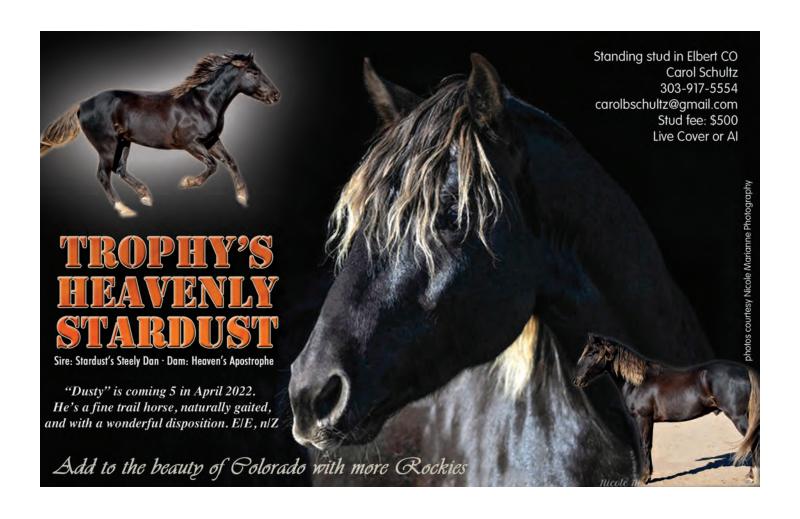


I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly appointed president of the RMHA. My name is Chastity Adkins and I have previously been serving as the vice president for the association, I am a lifetime member of the Rocky Mountain Horse Association and have served as the chair of the show advisory committee for 5 years. My family is active in

the show ring as well as trail riding and breeding. We love being a part of such a great organization and we love the people that horses have brought to us. The RMHA is growing and always moving forward, I hope that I can continue in the path set before me, I am looking forward to great things.

-Chastity Adkins, RMHA President





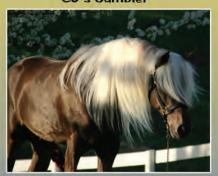
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I	Legally Wild	Derick Tipton Tri	ple S Moutain Horse Ranch
2	Big Block's RatRod	Stacie Crabtree	LaTasha Ross
3	DNS Lawless Lucy	Janice Gabriel	Sandra Locklear
4	RFR America's Native Spirit	Micah Yeoman	Chrissy Knight
5	GWF's Salt N Pepper	Alicia Weaver	Chad Weaver

YEARLING FILLIES/GELDINGS CONFORMATION

	TM's Elixirs Juliet	Erasmo Moreno	Erasmo Moreno
2	Lady Cop	Derick Tipton	Jeff & Mary Ann Marrs
3	Blue Mountain Girl	Robert Lawson	Steve & Susan Heuslein
4	MX Shady Grove	Guy Minix	Darcy Clements
5	RKR Mayan Steel Spirit	Blake Radtke	Darcy Clements

OPEN 2 YEAR OLD CONFORMATION

1	Diamond's Last Call	Stacie Crabtree	Emily Nolan
2	SHS Bizarre Addiction	Hannah Holbrook	Melissa Walters

3-4 YEAR OLD MARES & GELDINGS CONFORMATION

1	Sundown Sierra	Robert Lawson	Steve & Susan Heuslein
2	Keystone's Lil Mo Action	Dolly Pierson	Kelvin Robbins
3	Silver's Lollipop	Randy Inman	Mary Hager
4	Scarlett's Prime Tempest	Jessica Shannon	Melody Van Aken
5	Baywatch Babe	Shaun Lyon	Robert Patrick

3-4 YEAR OLD STALLIONS CONFORMATION

1	Black Market Diamond	Robert Lawson	Steve & Susan Heuslein
2	VF Over the Top	Jason Stefanic	Jeff & Mary Ann Marrs
3	The Greatest Showman	Greg Brewer	Keith Pugh
4	GHS Breaking Vages	Katie Clark	Baylee & Kevin Fowler
5	Outlaw's Grey Gunnar	Randy Inman	Gordon Johnson

5-9 YEAR OLD MARES & GELDINGS CONFORMATION

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2	CCF The Force Awakens	Myranda Elliott	Myranda Elliott
3	Hickory's Amazing Lace	Travis Robinson	Anita Longoria
4	Dream Catchers Miss Tobia	s Travis Crabtree	Travis & Stacie Crabtree
5	Lena's Smokin Promise	Andrea Crawford	Tom Arnold

5-9 YEAR OLD STALLIONS CONFORMATION

1	Blue Eyed Jack	Henry Elam	Henry & Makayla Hill Elam
2	Elite's Breaking Bad	Jessica Shannon	Gwen Barnes
3	Night Hawk's Bad News	Shaun Lyon	Emerson Williams
4	CCF Unleashed	Myranda Elliott	Myranda Elliott
5	CS's Rebel Soul	Derick Tipton	John & Kim Stivers

10+ YEAR OLD MARES & GELDINGS CONFORMATION

-	Black Hawk-Rio	Stephanie Sens	Stephanie Sens
2	VBF's Heart in Motion	Dolly Pierson	Dolly Pierson
3	Music's Diva Le Fay	Dana Pugh	Dana Pugh
4	WOF's Wind Commander	Mary Kelley Tucker	Ann Day
5	Colt McGuire	Terri Griffin	Terri Griffin

10+ YEAR OLD STALLIONS CONFORMATION

	VBF's Venture For Gold	Derick Tipton	Justin Anderson
2	G.S. Dakota	Jonathan Bowman	Keith Pugh
3	Ace's Silver Sundance	Erasmo Moreno	Erasmo Moreno
4	LV's The Hangman	Amy Stefanic	Chad Weaver
5	Tapout	Travis Robinson	Jennifer Flannery Hall

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2	TM's Elixirs Juliet	Erasmo Moreno	Erasmo Moreno
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4	SHS Bizarre Addiction	Hannah Holbrook	Melissa Walters
5	RFR America's Native Spirit	Micah Yeoman	Chrissy Knight

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2	GHS Breaking Vages	Katie Clark	Baylee & Kevin Fowler
3	Scarlett's Prime Tempest	Jessica Shannon	Melody Van Aken
4	Sundown Sierra	Mary Kelley Tucker	Steve & Susan Heuslein
5	VF Over the Top	Jason Stefanic	Jeff & Mary Ann Marrs

5+ YEAR OLD CONFORMATION CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Elites Frontcover	Stacie Crabtree	Travis & Stacie Crabtree
2	Blue Eyed Jack	Henry Elam	Henry & Makayla Hill Elam
3	VBF's Venture For Gold	Derick Tipton	Justin Anderson
4	G.S. Dakota	Jonathan Bowman	Keith Pugh
5	Ace's Silver Sundance	Erasmo Moreno	Erasmo Moreno

6-9 YEAR OLD MARES & GELDINGS TRAIL PLEASURE

1	Elixir's Domino	Paul Willis	Mike Walker
2	JS Hell on Heels	Mikie Bowen	John & Kim Stivers
3	Elite's Perfect Venture	Travis Robinson	Ryan Monroe
4	GSS Rock Me Steady	Michelle Rucker	Michelle Rucker
5	RNB's Choco Dock's Marietta McKayla Hall		Steve & Susan Heuslein

3 YEAR OLD FILLIES & GELDINGS SHOW PLEASURE

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I	Baywatch Babe	Shaun Lyon	Robert Patrick
2	Little Black Dress	Henry Elam	Penny DeWeese
3	GWF's Diamond Dynasty	Chad Weaver	Chad Weaver

4-5 YEAR OLD MARES & GELDINGS TRAIL PLEASURE

1	BMH's The Countess	Amy Stefanic	Chad Weaver
2	CCF The Force Awakens	Shaun Lyon	Myranda Elliott
3	DNS High Maintenance	Kevin Kiper	Kevin & Amy Kiper
4	Dream Catchers Miss Tobia	s Stacie Crabtree	Travis & Stacie Crabtree
5	Scarlett's Prime Tempest	lessica Shannon	Melody Van Aken

4-5 YEAR OLD STALLIONS SHOW PLEASURE

Purdue's Shere Khan	Keith Purdue	Keith Purdue
VF Over the Top	Jason Stefanic	Jeff & Mary Ann Marrs
JPG's Amos Moses	Greg Brewer	Jessica Brewer
B & T's Slamma Jamma	Chad Chambers	Justin Blevins
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3-5 YEAR OLD AMATEUR COUNTRY TRAIL PLEASURE

1	Samantha's Grand Finale	Carey Jones	Carey Jones
2	Scarlett's Prime Tempest	Jessica Shannon	Melody Van Aken
3	Elite's Hallelujah	Julie Brown	Julie Brown
4	Choco-Lot's Anastasia	Whitney McArthur	Alan Bond
5	DMH's Bella Angel	Julia Tucker	Julia Tucker

6-9 YEAR OLD MARES & GELDINGS COUNTRY TRAIL PLEASURE

I	Obviously An Heiress	Travis Robinson	Jennifer Flannery Hall
2	CCF Special Forces	Shaun Lyon	Myranda Elliott
3	Zorro's Total Package	Jodi Harris	Debbie Vaught
4	Glenna's Stormy Night	Aleeha Turner	Aleeha Turner
5	Elites Frontcover	Stacie Crabtree	Travis & Stacie Crabtree

SI	ENIOR RIDER (60+) CTP TRAIL. O	R SHOW PLEASURE
Ī	Peg's Knight Sizzler	Wanah Bowling	Wanah Bowling
2	CAF Choctaw's Fancy Lady		Karen & Robin Smith Freeman
3	G.S. Pep To My Step	Pamela Shepherd	Pamela Shepherd
4	RNB's Choco Dock's Mariett		Steve & Susan Heuslein
5	Hickory's Amazing Lace	Anita Longoria	Anita Longoria
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	Black Hawk-Rio	Amy Kiper	Stephanie Sens
2	LBF One Fancy Lady	Rebecca Taylor	Rebecca Taylor
3	RHF Windswept	Sharma Brown	John & Tracy Rose
4	Music's Diva Le Fay	Dana Pugh	Dana Pugh
5	VBF's Heart in Motion	Dolly Pierson	Dolly Pierson
	-9 YEAR OLD MARE		
ļ	CF's Hellfire	David Moore	David Moore
2	DCF's Wild Thang	Brianna Courter	Emerson Williams
3	Delta Queen	Justin Anderson	Justin Anderson
4	Knight's Sweet Rose	Shaun Lyon	Ramona Jackson
5	Dock's Cocamotion	Erica Dehart	John & Tracy Rose
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2	Choctaw's Mountain Travele		Karen Freeman
3	Scarlett's Prime Tempest	Jessica Shannon	Melody Van Aken
4	Choco-Lot's Anastasia	Josh Murdock	Alan Bond
5	Double Diamond's Dancer	Luka Bowman	Maggie Myer
3	-5 YEAR OLD AMAT	EUR SHOW PL	EASURE
1	Malificent	Jonathan Ramey	Jonathan Ramey
2	PBF Fully Loaded	Michael DeHart	Michael & Erica DeHart
3	Vegas Nights	Rebecca Maggard	Rebecca & Robbie Maggard
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2	Dock's Cocamotion	Erica Dehart	John & Tracy Rose		
3	Hershey's Mountain Candy	Man Donna - Renee Spencer	Donna - Renee Spencer		
4	G.S. Dakota	Keith Pugh	Keith Pugh		
6-	6-9 YEAR OLD AMATEUR COUNTRY TRAIL PLEASURE				
1	Music's Rising Star	Jeff Yarber	Jeff Yarber		
2	Shame On You	Kent Clements	Cathy Bauer		
3	CCF Special Forces	Myranda Elliott	Myranda Elliott		
4	Hickory's Amazing Lace	Anita Longoria	Anita Longoria		

3	YEAR OLD	STALLIONS COUNTRY TRAIL	PLEASURE
1	FVF's Vendetta	Greg Brewer	Mark Gordon
2	Pancho Vila	McKenzee Newton	Sonya Johnson

Debbie Vaught

4-5 YEAR OLD MARES AND GELDINGS SHOW PLEASURE

Debbie Vaught

1	Rena's Pandora	Amy Stefanic	Jude & Rhonda Brandes
2	Malificent	Josh Murdock	Jonathan Ramey

6-9 YEAR OLD AMATEUR SHOW PLEASURE

5 Zorro's Total Package

1	Let's Roll	Langstone Harvey	Langstone Harvey
2	Blue Warning	Chastity Adkins	Gerald & Rosetta Morgan
3	Call Me Chicago	Justin Anderson	Justin Anderson
4	Not Yet	Jonathan Ramey	Jonathan Ramey
5	Lena's Smokin Promise	LaTasha Ross	Tom Arnold

4-5 YEAR OLD STALLIONS TRAIL PLEASURE

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1	GWF's Mr. Sophisticated	Amy Stefanic	Jeff & Mary Ann Marrs			
2	Curtis Loew	Henry Elam	Penny DeWeese			
3	The Greatest Showman	Greg Brewer	Keith Pugh			
4	Pride's Hit the Mark	Chad Chambers	Justin Blevins			
5	Paco's Masterpiece	Peggy Edwards	Peggy Edwards			

MEN'S COUNTRY TRAIL PLEASURE

L	Obviously An Heiress	Travis Robinson	Jennifer Flannery Hall
2	Shame On You	Kent Clements	Cathy Bauer
3	Scarlett's Prime Tempest	Kevin Kiper	Melody Van Aken
4	RHF Windswept	John Rose	John & Tracy Rose
5	Music's Rising Star	Jeff Yarber	Jeff Yarber

6-9 YEAR OLD AMATEUR TRAIL PLEASURE

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1	JS Hell on Heels	John Stivers	John & Kim Stivers
2	LV's Amy Lee	Sydnee Dillard	Sydnee Dillard
3	Wine Maker	Baylee Fowler	Baylee & Kevin Fowler
4	Shake Down	Kaitlyn Clarke	Richard Riddle
5	Hurt's Rolling Thunder	Sally Hurt	Anthony Hurt

3 YEAR OLD FILLIES & GELDINGS TRAIL PLEASURE

T	JS The Wizard's Karma	Kolby Tipton	John & Kim Stivers
2	Rocky Creeks Little Lady	Mary Kelley Tucker	JoAnn Greene
3	Blue Dream Catcher	Jason Creech	Alison Maddox
4	Choctaw's Mt Heartthrob	Alan Cantrell	Alan Cantrell
5	Darby's Venture	Charlie Dixon	Keith Pugh

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I Shake Down	Chad Chambers	Richard Riddle
2 Elite's Breaking Bad	d Jessica Shannon	Gwen Barnes
3 D'Jango	Brent Collins	Brent & Karen Collins
4 CCF Unleashed	Shaun Lyon	Myranda Elliott
5 Cypress Star Ace	John Rose	Jude & Rhonda Brandes
3 D'Jango 4 CCF Unleashed	Brent Collins Shaun Lyon	Brent & Karen Co Myranda E

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MENT	OR & ME COUN	NTRY TRAIL PLEASUR		10+ YEAR OLD AMA	TEUR TRAIL PL	EASURE
	key Joe's Annabelle	Jessica & Ryan Monroe Shanno		l Better In Blue	Audrey Jones	Audrey Jones
	c's Diva Le Fay	Charlie & Carrington Goff Dixo		2 VBF's Venture For Gold	Justin Anderson	Justin Anderson
	Little Black Dress	Alison & Chloe Sesco Maddox	Ashley Slone	3 Shockwave	Langstone Harvey	Langstone Harvey
	dom's Amarillo	Marianne & Brooklynne Jolley		4 She's Got Mountain Rhyth		Amanda Gooch
	gait Farms Gabriel	Kelli & Tana Wells Moore	David Moore	5 Rocking Reese	Jonathan Ramey	Jonathan Ramey
10+ YE	AR OLD MARES, G	ELDINGS, STALLIONS COUN	TRY TRAIL PLEASURE	LADIES SHOW PLEA	SURE	
l Black	k Hawk-Rio	Amy Kiper	Stephanie Sens	I DHS's Mr. Bohannon	Ragan Adkins	Chastity Adkins
2 Sonn	y's Shameless	Jason Stefanic	Ron & Jenny McKinney	2 Peg's Knight Sizzler	Wanah Bowling	Wanah Bowling
3 Lady	Antebellum	Greg Brewer	Linda Taylor	3 Blue Eyed Jack	Makayla Hill	Henry & Makayla Hill Elam
4 VBF	Evening Dance	H.T. Derickson	Mac & Linda Crawford	4 M and J Midnight Storm	Ayla Wright	Jodi Harris
5 LBF	One Fancy Lady	Randy Inman	Rebecca Taylor	5 Lena's Smokin Promise	Andrea Crawford	Tom Arnold
		NGS TRAIL PLEASUR		MEN'S TRAIL PLEAS		
	r's Meteor Shower	Allison Thompson	Allison Thompson	I BMH's The Countess	Chad Weaver	Chad Weaver
	er In Blue	Audrey Jones	Audrey Jones	2 Dream Catchers Miss Tobia	as Travis Crabtree	Travis & Stacie Crabtree
	Got Mountain Rhythm		Amanda Gooch	3 Rocking Reese	Jonathan Ramey	Jonathan Ramey
	Rock Me Steady	Michelle Rucker	Michelle Rucker	4 G and B's Deuces Wild	John Rose	Sharma Brown
5 GHS's	s Beautiful Knightmare	Sydnee Dillard	Sydnee Dillard	5 B and T's Down and Dirty	y Jonathan Bowman	Donna - Renee Spencer
		NS TRAIL PLEASURE		12-17 YOUTH SHOW		
	r Annie's Rockin Good		Justin Blevins	I SF's You Are My Sunshine	Tana Wells	Anna Wells
	Rank Stranger	Greg Brewer	Jessica Brewer	2 HCR's Dark Journey	Shaeleigh Perkins	Keisha Perkins
	k This		th Pugh & Luka Bowman	3 GHS's Hot to Trot	Cole Compton	Cole Compton
	ny Ringo	Jason Stefanic	Chris Smith	4 DCF's Wild Thang	Hayden Williams	Emerson Williams
5 Hom	bre	Henry Elam He	enry & Makayla Hill Elam	5 DHS's Diamond Broker	Justin Sharkey	Melisse Sharkey
		s, STALLIONS COUNTRY		AOT STALLIONS TRA		
	antha's Grand Finale	Carey Jones	Carey Jones	I Paco's Masterpiece	Peggy Edwards	Peggy Edwards
	k Hawk-Rio	Stephanie Sens	Stephanie Sens	2 D'Jango	Brent Collins	Brent & Karen Collins
	s Beautiful Knightmare		Sydnee Dillard	3 Rio's River Dance	Jonathan Ramey	Jonathan Ramey
	s Prime Suspect blin's Major Blue	Brett McQueary Bethany Schoffner	Brett McQueary Bethany Schoffner	4 Hurt's Rolling Thunder	Sally Hurt	Anthony Hurt
						LLIONS SHOW PLEASURE
		E TRAINED (COUNTRY		I LV's The Hangman	Amy Stefanic	Chad Weaver
	cy's Rock In Boots	Trace Collins	Brent & Karen Collins	2 Purdue's Vindicator	Keith Purdue	Keith Purdue
	's Mountain Wildfire	Tana Wells	Tana Wells	3 Zsa Zam	Greg Brewer	Gary Taylor
3 HPF	Castaway	Shelby Weckerly	Shelby Weckerly	4 It's Only Cash	Henry Elam	Langstone Harvey
10+ A	AMATEUR SHOV	V PLEASURE		5 G.S. Dakota	Jonathan Bowman	Keith Pugh
I LV's	The Hangman	Chad Weaver	Chad Weaver	COSTUME CLASS - OF	PEN TO ADULT &	YOUTH - NO STALLIONS
2 G.S.	Nitro	David Moore	David Moore	I WOF's Wind Commander	Ann Day; Julie Brown;	Melisse& Justin Sharkey Ann Day
3 Isa I	Zam	Gary Taylor	Gary Taylor	2 VBF's Heart in Motion	Dolly Pierson	Dolly Pierson
4 A Fe	arless Warrior	Ashleigh Willis	Ashleigh Willis	3 Freedom's Amarillo	Brooklynne Jolley	Marianne Jolley
5 B &	T's Silver Design	Dana Pugh	Dana Pugh	4 Clutch's Rayven Mellody	Emma Alexander	Melissa Alexander
3-5 Y	EAR OLD AMAT	EUR TRAIL PLEASURI		5 Dunbelievable	Amy & Justin Stefanic	Kay Conner
I CF's	Mighty Aphrodite	David Moore	David Moore	YOUTH TRAIL OBST	ACLE (INSIDE AF	RENA)
2 The	Greatest Showman	Dana Pugh	Keith Pugh	I Pace's Mountain Wildfire	Tana Wells	Tana Wells
3 Drea	m Catchers Miss Tobias	Travis Crabtree	Travis & Stacie Crabtree	2 GHS Last Call	Shelby Weckerly	Shelby Weckerly
4 GWF	's Mr. Sophisticated	Chad Weaver	Jeff & Mary Ann Marrs	3 GHS's Quality Road	Cole Compton	Cole Compton
5 Paco	's Masterpiece	Peggy Edwards	Peggy Edwards	ADULT TRAIL OBSTA	CLE (INSIDE AR	EAN)
12-17	YOUTH IUVEN	ILE TRAINED (TRAIL	PLEASURE)	I Paco's Masterpiece	Peggy Edwards	Peggy Edwards
	O Charlie	Peyton J. Gabbard	Peyton J. Gabbard	2 Silver's Meteor Shower	Allison Thompson	Allison Thompson
	s Quality Road	Cole Compton	Cole Compton	3 VBF's Heart in Motion	Dolly Pierson	Dolly Pierson
	Last Call	Shelby Weckerly	Shelby Weckerly	4 Black Hawk-Rio	Stephanie Sens	Stephanie Sens
	h's Rayven Mellody	Emma Alexander	Melissa Alexander	5 G.S. Pep To My Step	Pamela Shepherd	Pamela Shepherd
	Fashionista '	Talon Fox	Markeeta Moore	17 & UNDER YOUTH		
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Pace's Mountain Wildfire

Clutch's Rayven Mellody

Keith Pugh

Michael & Erica DeHart

Tana Wells

Emma Alexander

Brayden Williams

Tana Wells

Melissa Alexander

Emerson Williams

3 YEAR OLD STALLIONS SHOW PLEASURE

Michael DeHart

GHS's The Godfather Jonathan Bowman

PBF Fully Loaded

Cole Compton

Shelby Weckerly

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I DHS's Mr. Bohannon	Ragan Adkins	Chastity Adkins	3	Pace's Mountain Wildfire	Tan
2 B & T's Silver Design	Dana Pugh	Dana Pugh	4 5	Bud's Whisper	Kin
3 CF's Hellfire	Kelli Moore	David Moore	,	HPF Castaway	She
4 A Fearless Warrior	Ashleigh Willis	Ashleigh Willis	L	ADIES COUNTRY TO	RAII
5 Peg's Knight Sizzler	Wanah Bowling	Wanah Bowling		Bigtime's Graceful Wonder	Kat
	OP STORY		2	Samantha's Grand Finale	Car
6+ YEAR OLD OPE			3	Music's Rising Star	Rag
I R.J.'s Stonewall Jackson	Shaun Lyon	Ramona Jackson	4	Obviously An Heiress	Jen
2 Black Hawk-Rio	Stephanie Sens	Stephanie Sens	5	Double Diamond's Dancer	Luk
Better In Blue	Audrey Jones	Audrey Jones			
4 Silver's Meteor Shower	Allison Thompson	Allison Thompson		I & UNDER YOUTH	SH
Sweet Sweet Margarita	Ayla Wright	Ayla Wright		HCR's Shooting Star	Just
12-17 YOUTH TRAII	PLEASURE		2	MVR's Bold Witness	Ave
TRF's El Toro	Kelsey Howell	John & Kim Stivers	3	She's Misty Blue	Rya
Paps O Charlie	Peyton J. Gabbard	Peyton J. Gabbard	4	TM's Toby Prince	Kno
Elixir's Domino	Eddie Moreno	Mike Walker	N	OVICE RIDER TRAI	ı D
Darby's Venture	Mia Horton				
GHS Last Call	Shelby Weckerly	Keith Pugh Shelby Weckerly	2	JS Hell on Heels Dream Catchers Miss Tobia	Joh Tra
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2 She's Got Mountain Rhyth		Amanda Gooch	,	GHS's Beautiful Knightmare	e Lea
Dream Catchers Miss Tobi		Travis & Stacie Crabtree	M	IENTOR & ME SHO	W I
GSS Rock Me Steady	Michelle Rucker	Michelle Rucker	Ī	HCR's Dark Journey	Sha
Rio's River Dance	Paige Denniston	Jonathan Ramey	2	HCR's After Midnight	Juli
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Dunbelievable	Taylor Florence	Kay Conner		I & UNDER YOUTH	
Lady Antebellum	Chase Gordon	Linda Taylor		BMH's The Countess	Just
Miss Kits Amazing Grace	Khloe Murdock	Josh Murdock	2	RHF Hell's Bells	Ave
Music's Diva Le Fay	Carrington Goff	Dana Pugh	3	Elite's Perfect Venture	Rya
Spirits Georgia Knight	Cayci Leamon	Cayci Leamon	4	Jessica's Sky's The Limit	Cha
3-5 YEAR OLD OPE	N WESTERN PLEAS	SURF	5	CGH Little Black Dress	Chl
Paco's Masterpiece	Peggy Edwards	Peggy Edwards	0	PEN WESTERN PLI	ΕΛS
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Sundown Sierra	Robert Lawson	Steve & Susan Heuslein	2	Better In Blue	Auc
SGF Unbridled	Jessica Shannon	Julie Hudson	3		Sha
Keystone's Lil Mo Action	Dolly Pierson	Kelvin Robbins	,	R.J.'s Stonewall Jackson	JIIa
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I SF's You Are My Sunshine	Tana Wells	Anna Wells	2	MVR's Bold Witness	Ave
2 Felony Melony	Hannah Stefanic	Hannah Stefanic	3	GHS Last Call	She
GHS's Hot to Trot	Cole Compton	Cole Compton	-		
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2 RRF's Center Stage 3 Night Hawk's Bad News 4 Hershey's Mountain Candy	Shaun Lyon	Emerson Williams Donna - Renee Spencer	4	Rocky Creeks Little Lady	Mai Gre

Cathy Bauer

Bethany Schoffner

Anita Longoria

Morgan Stumbo

John & Tracy Rose

NOVICE RIDER COUNTRY TRAIL PLEASURE

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Anita Longoria

Tracy Rose

Madison Stumbo

Bethany Schoffner

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Ramblin's Major Blue

RHF Hell's Bells

RHF Windswept

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GHS's Quality Road

GHS Last Call

Cole Compton

Shelby Weckerly

12-17	MULLION	COUNTRY TRAIL	PLEASURE
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ı	Music's Rising Star	Eddie Moreno	Jeff Yarber
2	Music's Diva Le Fay	Mia Horton	Dana Pugh
3	Pace's Mountain Wildfire	Tana Wells	Tana Wells
4	Bud's Whisper	Kinslee White	Don Sexton
5	HPF Castaway	Shelby Weckerly	Shelby Weckerly

IL PLEASURE

1	Bigtime's Graceful Wonder	Katelyn Thomas	Tim & Wendy Thomas
2	Samantha's Grand Finale	Carey Jones	Carey Jones
3	Music's Rising Star	Ragan Adkins	Jeff Yarber
4	Obviously An Heiress	Jennifer Flannery Hall	Jennifer Flannery Hall
5	Double Diamond's Dancer	Luka Bowman	Maggie Myer

HOW PLEASURE

I	HCR's Shooting Star	Justin Stefanic	Justin Stefanic
2	MVR's Bold Witness	Avery Bennett	Rusty Bennett
3	She's Misty Blue	Ryan Monroe	Kevin Monroe
4	TM's Toby Prince	Knox Orr	Erasmo Moreno

PLEASURE

1	JS Hell on Heels	John Stivers	John & Kim Stivers
2	Dream Catchers Miss Tobias	Travis Crabtree	Travis & Stacie Crabtree
3	Jubilee's Willow Breeze	Darin Woods	Darin & Janis Woods
4	BMH's The Countess	Alicia Weaver	Chad Weaver
5	GHS's Beautiful Knightmare	Leah Palmquist	Sydnee Dillard

PLEASURE

1	HCR's Dark Journey	Shaeleigh Perkins	Keisha Perkins
2	HCR's After Midnight	Julie & Tana Wells Brown	Julie Brown
3	She's a Maniac	Anna Michele & Jimmy Adams Hash	Anna Michele Hash

RAIL PLEASURE

Τ	BMH's The Countess	Justin Stefanic	Chad Weaver
2	RHF Hell's Bells	Avery Bennett	Morgan Stumbo
3	Elite's Perfect Venture	Ryan Monroe	Ryan Monroe
4	Jessica's Sky's The Limit	Chase Gordon	Jessica Brewer
5	CGH Little Black Dress	Chloe Sesco	Ashley Slone

SURE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

B	Choctaw's Mountain Trave	eler Alan Cantrell	Karen Freeman
2	Better In Blue	Audrey Jones	Audrey Jones
3	R.J.'s Stonewall Jackson	Shaun Lyon	Ramona Jackson

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1	Clutch's Rayven Mellody	Emma Alexander	Melissa Alexander
2	MVR's Bold Witness	Avery Bennett	Rusty Bennett
3	GHS Last Call	Shelby Weckerly	Shelby Weckerly

TRAIL PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP

	Sundown Sierra	McKayla Hall	Steve & Susan Heuslein
2	Pancho Vila	McKenzee Newton	Sonya Johnson
3	JS The Wizard's Karma	Kolby Tipton	John & Kim Stivers
4	Rocky Creeks Little Lady	Mary Kelley Tucker	JoAnn Greene
5	FVF's Vendetta	Greg Brewer	Mark Gordon

MARES SHOW PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP

Т	Silver's Zsa Zsa	Henry Elam	Penny DeWeese
2	DCF's Wild Thang	Brianna Courter	Emerson Williams
3	Delta Queen	Derick Tipton	Justin Anderson
4	Rena's Pandora	Amy Stefanic	Jude & Rhonda Brandes
5	RRF's Center Stage	Travis Robinson	Jennifer Flannery Hall

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S	TALLIONS TRAIL PL			4 Step Right Up	Henry Elam	Langstone Harvey
I	Motions Legacy	Travis Robinson	Jennifer Flannery Hall	5 RSR's MoJo	Cheryl Adkins	Cheryl Adkins
2	GWF's Mr. Sophisticated	Amy Stefanic	Jeff & Mary Ann Marrs	17 & UNDER YOUTH	SHOWMANSHIP	
3	Curtis Loew	Henry Elam	Penny DeWeese	l Freedom's Amarillo	Brooklynne Jolley	Marianne Jolley
4	Elite's Breaking Bad	Jessica Shannon	Gwen Barnes	ADJUT WATER CLAS		
5	VBF's Venture For Gold	Derick Tipton	Justin Anderson	ADULT WATER GLAS		D. H. D.
G	ELDINGS COUNTRY	TRAIL PLEASUR	E CHAMPIONSHIP	I VBF's Heart in Motion	Dolly Pierson	Dolly Pierson
1	CCF Special Forces	Shaun Lyon	Myranda Elliott	2 Black Hawk-Rio	Stephanie Sens	Stephanie Sens
2	Music's Rising Star	Morgan Stumbo	Jeff Yarber	3 Silver's Meteor Shower	Allison Thompson	Allison Thompson
3	Black Hawk-Rio	Amy Kiper	Stephanie Sens	4 Ramblin's Major Blue	Bethany Schoffner	Bethany Schoffner
4	Choctaw's Mountain Traveler	Alan Cantrell	Karen Freeman	YOUTH WATER GLAS	SS	
2	VEAD OLD TRAIL D	LEACHDE CHAMI	DIONCHID	I Pace's Mountain Wildfire	Tana Wells	Tana Wells
3	YEAR OLD TRAIL P			ADILIT DADEDACK		
1	L Bar Annie's Rockin Good		Justin Blevins	ADULT BAREBACK	Cambonia Com	Cambania Cana
2	Hombre	Henry Elam	Henry & Makayla Hill Elam David Moore	I Black Hawk-Rio 2 Silver's Meteor Shower	Stephanie Sens Allison Thompson	Stephanie Sens
7	CF's Mighty Aphrodite Crack This	David Moore	Keith Pugh & Luka Bowman	2 Silver's Meteor Shower 3 Paco's Masterpiece		Allison Thompson
4		Jonathan Bowman Mary Kelley Tucker		4 VBF's Heart in Motion	Peggy Edwards Dolly Pierson	Peggy Edwards Dolly Pierson
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M	IARES TRAIL PLEAS			YOUTH BAREBACK		
1	Shockwave	Henry Elam	Langstone Harvey	I GHS's Quality Road	Cole Compton	Cole Compton
2	She's Got Mountain Rhythm		Amanda Gooch	2 Paps O Charlie	Peyton J. Gabbard	Peyton J. Gabbard
3	RNB's Choco Dock's Marietta		Steve & Susan Heuslein	3 Ace's Spades Star	Eva Leamon	Eva Leamon
4	Silver's Meteor Shower	Allison Thompson	Allison Thompson	4 Freedom's Amarillo	Brooklynne Jolley	Marianne Jolley
5	BMH's The Countess	Amy Stefanic	Chad Weaver	POLE BENDING (CO	VERED ARENA - YO	HITH 17 & HINDER
S	TALLIONS COUNTRY	TRAIL PLEASUE	RE CHAMPIONSHIP	I Blue Choco's Sundown	Emma McDonald	Susan McDonald
Ĭ	Raylan	Paul Willis	Mike Walker	2 MVR's Bold Witness	Avery Bennett	Rusty Bennett
2	RHF Windswept	John Rose	John & Tracy Rose	3 Freedom's Amarillo	Brooklynne Jolley	Marianne Jolley
3	DeWeese Farm's Revolution	The second secon	Langstone Harvey			
4	Sonny's Shameless	Jason Stefanic	Ron & Jenny McKinney	POLE BENDING (CO		
5	SGF Unbridled	Jessica Shannon	Julie Hudson	I Paco's Masterpiece	Peggy Edwards	Peggy Edwards
				2 Silver's Meteor Shower	Allison Thompson	Allison Thompson
3	YEAR OLD SHOW F			3 Black Hawk-Rio	Stephanie Sens	Stephanie Sens
	GHS's The Godfather	Jonathan Bowman	Keith Pugh	4 GSS Rock Me Steady	Michelle Rucker	Michelle Rucker
2	Little Black Dress	Henry Elam	Penny DeWeese	5 Sweet Sweet Margarita	Ayla Wright	Ayla Wright
3	Baywatch Babe	Shaun Lyon	Robert Patrick	LEAD LINE		
G	ELDINGS SHOW PL	EASURE CHAMPI	QIHZNO	Black Hawk-Rio	Nolyn Tschuor	Stephanie Sens
1	Dock's Cocamotion	Erica Dehart	John & Tracy Rose	RHF Mercy Me	Heath Denton	Stephanie Moore Denton
2	DHS's Mr. Bohannon	Ragan Adkins	Chastity Adkins	Choctaw's Mountain Traveler	Sydney Cantrell	Karen Freeman
3	Peg's Knight Sizzler	Wanah Bowling	Wanah Bowling	Music's Diva Le Fay	Darby Pugh	Dana Pugh
4	Lena's Smokin Promise	Andrea Crawford	Tom Arnold	Miss Kits Amazing Grace	Riley Goble	Josh Murdock
5	HCR's After Midnight	Mary Kelley Tucker	Julie Brown	Gotcha Coach	Emily Tuttle	Jonathan Ramey
				Double Diamond's Dancer	Noah Bowman	Keith Pugh
M	IARES COUNTRY TR			VBF's Heart in Motion	McKinley Phillips	Dolly Pierson
	Shame On You	Kent Clements	Cathy Bauer			
2	Bigtime's Graceful Wonder	Katelyn Thomas	Tim & Wendy Thomas	17 & UNDER YOUTH W		
3	Obviously An Heiress	Travis Robinson	Jennifer Flannery Hall	I Pace's Mountain Wildfire	Tana Wells	Tana Wells
4	Samantha's Grand Finale	Carey Jones	Carey Jones	2 Hot Rod	Brayden Williams	Emerson Williams
5	CAF Choctaw's Fancy Lady	Alan Cantrell	Karen & Robin Smith Freeman	3 Clutch's Rayven Mellody	Emma Alexander	Melissa Alexander
G	ELDINGS TRAIL PLE	ASURE CHAMPI	ONSHIP	3+ YEAR OLD OPEN	CONFORMATION GR	AND CHAMPIONSHIP
I	Elixir's Domino	Paul Willis	Mike Walker	l Elites Frontcover	Stacie Crabtree	Travis & Stacie Crabtree
2	Better In Blue	Audrey Jones	Audrey Jones	2 GHS Breaking Vages	Randy Inman	Baylee & Kevin Fowler
)	CCE The Force Awalence	Shoun Lyon	Myranda Elliatt	2 Riack Market Diamond	Robert Lawson	Stave & Susan Hauslain

Myranda Elliott

Michelle Rucker

Keith Purdue

Chad Weaver

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Ann Day

Black Market Diamond

Sundown Sierra

Blue Eyed Jack

2 MVR's Bold Witness

3 She's Misty Blue

HCR's Shooting Star

Robert Lawson

Makayla Hill

Justin Stefanic

Avery Bennett

Ryan Monroe

Mary Kelley Tucker

II & UNDER YOUTH SHOW PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Steve & Susan Heuslein

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Justin Stefanic

Rusty Bennett

Kevin Monroe

Henry & Makayla Hill Elam

CCF The Force Awakens GSS Rock Me Steady

WOF's Wind Commander

Purdue's Shere Khan

GHS's I'm A Class Act

LV's The Hangman

Gina Purdue

Amy Stefanic

Jonathan Bowman

Shaun Lyon

STALLIONS SHOW PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP

Michelle Rucker

Mary Kelley Tucker

AOT TRAIL PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Silver's Meteor Shower	Allison Thompson	Allison Thompson
2	Better In Blue	Audrey Jones	Audrey Jones
3	She's Got Mountain Rhy	thm Amanda Gooch	Amanda Gooch
4	D'Jango	Brent Collins	Brent & Karen Collins
5	Paco's Masterpiece	Peggy Edwards	Peggy Edwards

12-17 YOUTH COUNTRY TRAIL PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Music's Rising Star	Eddie Moreno	Jeff Yarber
2	Pace's Mountain Wildfire	Tana Wells	Tana Wells
3	Music's Diva Le Fay	Mia Horton	Dana Pugh
4	Legacy's Rock In Boots	Trace Collins	Brent & Karen Collins
5	Bud's Whisper	Kinslee White	Don Sexton

AMATEUR SHOW PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

T	LV's The Hangman	Chad Weaver	Chad Weaver
2	Let's Roll	Langstone Harvey	Langstone Harvey
3	Zsa Zam	Gary Taylor	Gary Taylor
4	Blue Warning	Chastity Adkins	Gerald & Rosetta Morgan
5	DHS's Diamond Broker	Melisse Sharkey	Melisse Sharkey

II & UNDER YOUTH COUNTRY TRAIL PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Dunbelievable	Taylor Florence	Kay Conner
2	Lady Antebellum	Chase Gordon	Linda Taylor
3	Smokey Joe's Annabelle	Ryan Monroe	Norma Frauhiger
4	Music's Diva Le Fay	Carrington Goff	Dana Pugh
5	Charley's Music Legacy	Mary Ann Taylor	Baylee & Kevin Fowler

AOT COUNTRY TRAIL PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

	I COUNTRI INAIL	I LEASUNE GHAND	CHAPIT TOTASTILL
1	Black Hawk-Rio	Stephanie Sens	Stephanie Sens
2	Samantha's Grand Finale	Carey Jones	Carey Jones
3	GHS's Beautiful Knightmare	Leah Palmquist	Sydnee Dillard
4	Ramblin's Major Blue	Bethany Schoffner	Bethany Schoffner
5	Glenna's Stormy Night	Aleeha Turner	Aleeha Turner

12-17 YOUTH TRAIL PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

	Elixir's Domino	Eddie Moreno	Mike Walker
2	TRF's El Toro	Kelsey Howell	John & Kim Stivers
3	Paps O Charlie	Peyton J. Gabbard	Peyton J. Gabbard
4	GHS Last Call	Shelby Weckerly	Shelby Weckerly
5	CF's Mighty Aphrodite	Tana Wells	David Moore

AMATEUR COUNTRY TRAIL PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

	Music's Rising Star	Ragan Adkins	Jeff Yarber
2	Black Hawk-Rio	Amy Kiper	Stephanie Sens
3	Samantha's Grand Finale	Carey Jones	Carey Jones
4	DeWeese Farm's Revolution	Langstone Harvey	Langstone Harvey
5	DMH's Bella Angel	Julie Tucker	Julia Tucker

II & UNDER YOUTH TRAIL PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

1	BMH's The Countess	Justin Stefanic	Chad Weaver
2	Elite's Perfect Venture	Ryan Monroe	Ryan Monroe
3	RHF Hell's Bells	Avery Bennett	Morgan Stumbo
4	CGH Little Black Dress	Chloe Sesco	Ashley Slone
5	Jessica's Sky's The Limit	Chase Gordon	Jessica Brewer

TRAIL PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

	Motions Legacy	Travis Robinson	Jennifer Flannery Hall
2	Shockwave	Langstone Harvey	Langstone Harvey
3	Elixir's Domino	Paul Willis	Mike Walker
4	RNB's Choco Dock's M	arietta McKayla Hall	Steve & Susan Heuslein
5	GWF's Mr. Sophisticate	d Amy Stefanic	Jeff & Mary Ann Marrs

AOT SHOW PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

1	CF's Hellfire	Kelli Moore	David Moore
2	B & T's Silver Design	Dana Pugh	Dana Pugh
3	DHS's Mr. Bohannon	Ragan Adkins	Chastity Adkins
4	A Fearless Warrior	Ashleigh Willis	Ashleigh Willis
5	Peg's Knight Sizzler	Wanah Bowling	Wanah Bowling

C	COUNTRI TRAIL PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP						
1	Shame On You	Kent Clements	Cathy Bauer				
2	Obviously An Heiress	Travis Robinson	Jennifer Flannery Hall				
3	DeWeese Farm's Revolution	Henry Elam	Langstone Harvey				
4	Black Hawk-Rio	Stephanie Sens	Stephanie Sens				
5	CCF Special Forces	Shaun Lyon	Myranda Elliott				

	2-17 TOUTH SHOW	PLEASURE GRAND	CHAMPIONSHIP
1	SF's You Are My Sunshine	Tana Wells	Anna Wells
2	DCF's Wild Thang	Hayden Williams	Emerson Williams
3	Felony Melony	Hannah Stefanic	Hannah Stefanic
4	HCR's Dark Journey	Shaeleigh Perkins	Keisha Perkins
5	DHS's Diamond Broker	Justin Sharkey	Melisse Sharkey

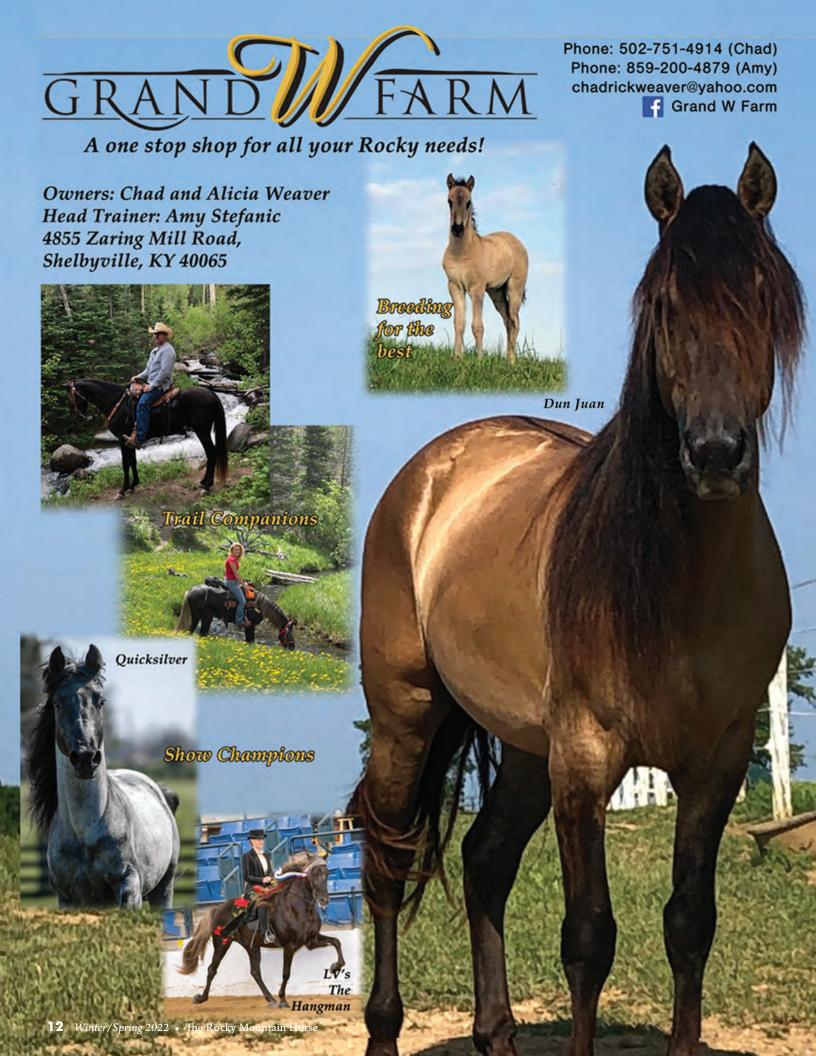
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1	Shockwave	Langstone Harvey	Langstone Harvey
2	The Greatest Showman	Dana Pugh	Keith Pugh
3	Better In Blue	Audrey Jones	Audrey Jones
4	Shake Down	Kaitlyn Clarke	Richard Riddle
5	She's Got Mountain Rhythn	Amanda Gooch	Amanda Gooch

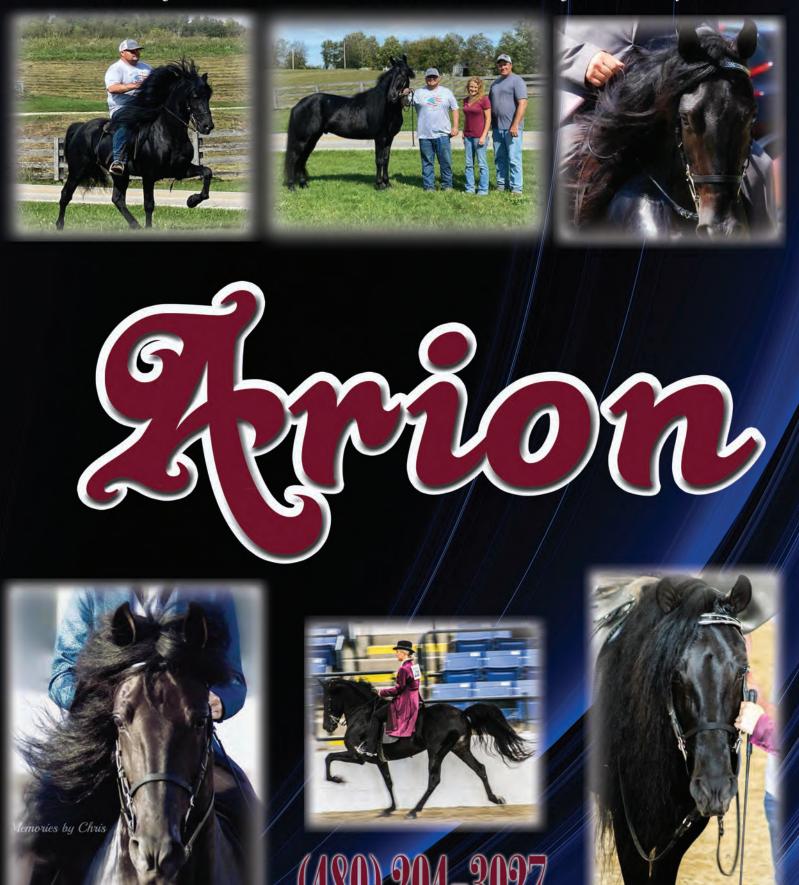
SHOW PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

	GHS's I'm A Class Act	Jonathan Bowman	Greathouse Stables
2	Purdue's Shere Khan	Keith Purdue	Keith Purdue
3	Step Right Up	Langstone Harvey	Langstone Harvey
4	Silver's Zsa Zsa	Henry Elam	Penny DeWeese
5	RSR's MoJo	Cheryl Adkins	Cheryl Adkins





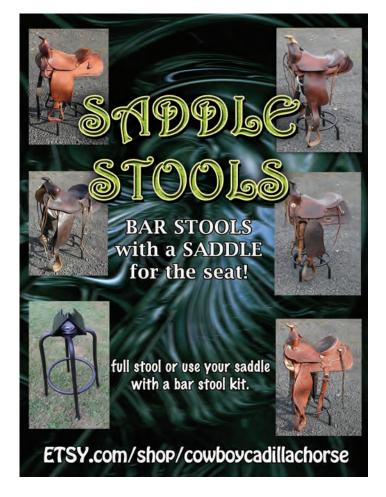
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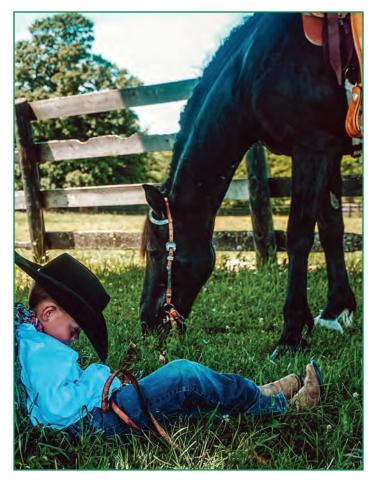
by Myranda Elliott

 ${f F}$ or many of us who ride, both kids and adults, the love for horses started at a very young age. Even if you didn't own your own horse as a child, the love for the horse was likely sparked as a child. In the Rocky world, this is especially true. I'd bet most of you reading this can think back to a very specific point in your life when you just "knew" that you loved horses. For me personally, I believe I was just born that way. There was never a point in my life when I didn't say, "Oh look, horses!" as my family drove past a field while on a road trip. In fact, at thirty-three, I said it last week to myself as I passed a few on my way home.

While many of us are just born loving them, others need that moment or one special horse to kick off a lifetime of horse hair and hay covered memories. It's that one moment when everything clicks between a horse and a child for the first time, and you can see the light in their eyes. When you finally got tall enough to put on the saddle yourself and you know now you can ride anytime you want! It's the quiet moment when a toddler meets a foal and become instant best friends. It can be the moment when a youth rider who has put in many hours of hard work finally sees the hard work pay off when they accomplish a goal. It can be found by the young at heart as well the first time they feel the soft nuzzle from a Rocky nose.

Whenever that moment was for you, I encourage you to think back to that time. Think of how those moments that made you feel so alive, so hopeful, and so encouraged. The feeling of the wind in your hair as you take off racing your friends on horseback, when really you all were barely out of a walk. The days spent sweating cleaning a single





"We ride and never worry about the fall. I guess that's just the cowboy in us all." ~ Tim McGraw

stall for what seemed like forever just so you could get a half hour in the saddle.

At a time when our society is more stressed than ever, we need to take a lesson from our fabulous youth riders. Our Rocky youth truly display their love for these horses every day. You can see how their comradery has grown as each season passes. The older youth spend time encouraging, mentoring, and cheering on the younger kids. They laugh together, play together, and enjoy these amazing Rockies together. They aren't afraid of trying something new. They constantly push themselves to improve, spending lots of time in the saddle. They ride without a care in the world. Even when they are being competitive you know they are happy to be riding.

This year let's make it a priority to have more moments that remind us why we all became "crazy horse people" in the first place. Instead of just being discouraged with things, let's focus on our love for the horse. We adults need to spend more time with the youth riders as well. We can learn a lot from each other. Let's make this a goal for 2022 and the future. Let's reignite the spark within ourselves so we can be a positive force sharing our love of Rockies to others and an inspiration to our youth.

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RMHA VERSATILITY PROGRAM









Sit has been said, the Rocky Mountain Horse is a "Horse for all Occasions" and this is so true for the Versatility Program. The program was revised this year and is easier to follow. If your event isn't on the list, you can add it. People enjoy their horses in all sorts of ways all over the world. We encourage you to try some versatility ideas with your horse, for example: pulling a cart, team penning, poles or barrels, showing, trail riding, equi-theater, dressage, jumping, parades, expos, clinics and many other activities. The versatility list goes on! Some of the best endurance horses are Rockies! Trail obstacles are always fun to do as well. We encourage adults and youth to get out and try some of these activities throughout the year. Just go to the RMHA website, www.rmhorse. com and download the directions and form from the "Program" tab at the top of the RMHA website page. Keep track of your activities/events and remember to save some photos, or copies of the activity/event for documentation. It is always fun to try something new! Let us hear about your versatile activities you have tried with your Rocky, send your activities and any questions you may have to mjolley737@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

















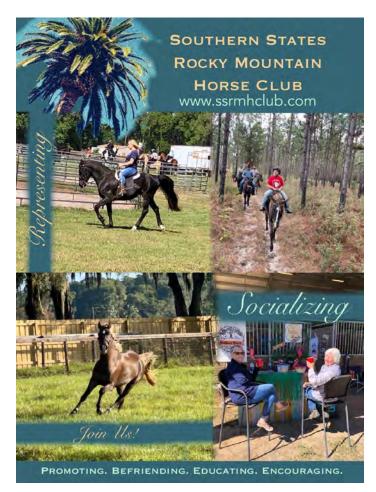
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Membership Information!

 \mathbf{P}^{lease} see below step-by-step instructions for updating your RMHA membership information including your preference for receiving your 2022 RMHA election ballot. Please contact the RMHA office for any questions or concerns.

Step 1: Go to the Member Portal (rmhorse2.com/ member-portal). Click the Log in tab. Your user name is usually your email that is on file with the RMHA, and the password is usually your membership number. Enter the info and click on the blue Log in button. Additional assistance is available under "Having Trouble?" at the bottom of the Log in page.

Step 2: At the top, click on the Member Portal tab. In the left column there is a summary of your membership including your ballot type.



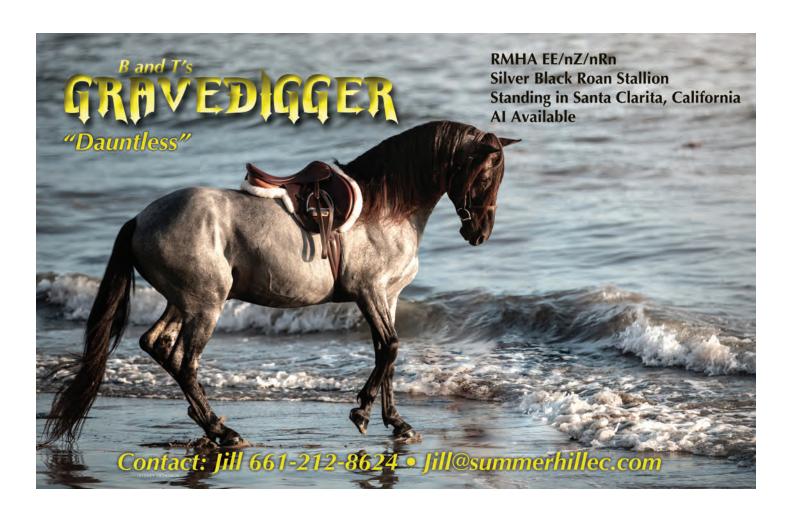
Step 3: If you want to change the ballot type, click the "click to update ballot preference" at the bottom of the summary.

Step 4: When you click to update, another page opens and allows you to choose a paper or an electronic ballot. Click on "Update ballot type" or "Leave it as is."

Step 5: Once you click, you'll be automatically returned to the Member Portal and the change will be reflected in the left column summary.

Step 6: You can change your address information following similar steps in the Member Portal.





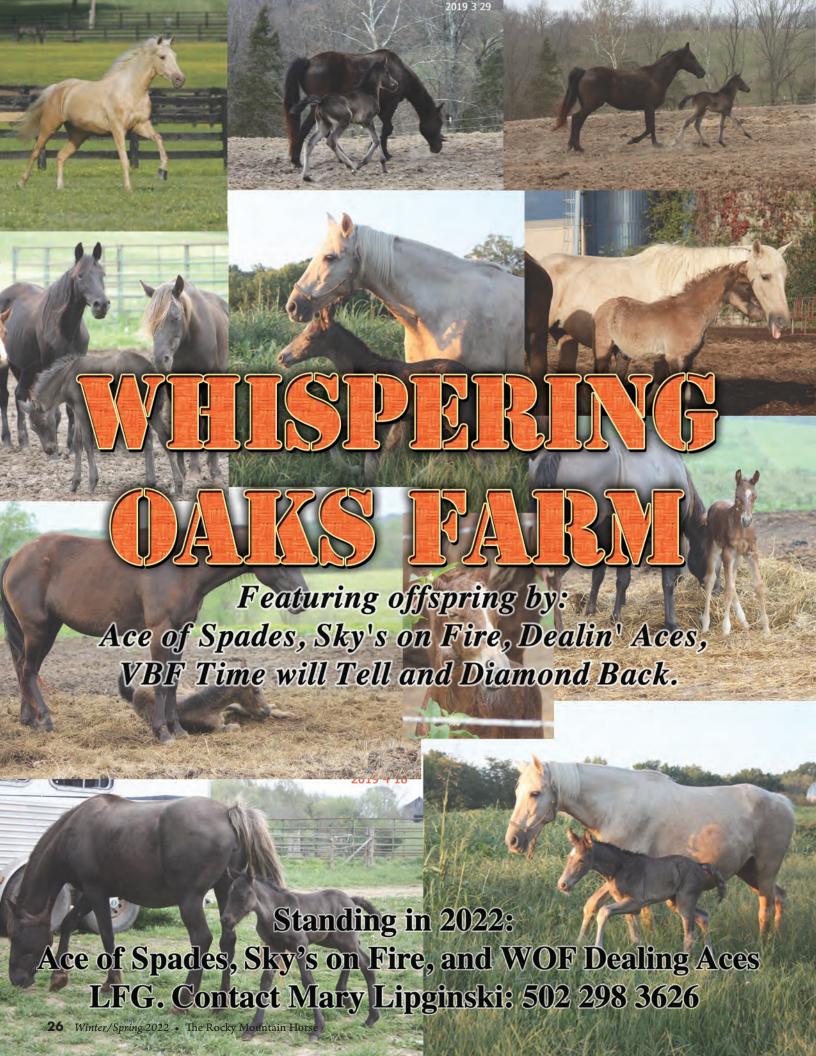


Was your Rocky Mountain Horse born and bred in Kentucky?

If it was, you can earn money from the RMHA affiliated KHBIF program by participating with your horse in trail and rail competition.

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MANAGING AND PREPARING YOUR MARE FOR A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING

By: Chad Weaver; Owner Grand W Farm



hen we start turning the page of the calendar of another year, we "horse people" start eagerly counting the days for when the new foaling season will begin. The anticipation of what sex, color, markings, etc. of our new upcoming foals keeps a smile on our face all the way until we hear that first whinny. But as exciting and rewarding as having a foal is to us who have been breeding for a number of years, it can seem a daunting task for you who are looking to have a mare bred for the first time. This article is intended to give you, the new breeder, some basic knowledge and comfort of what to expect as well as what you can do to have your mare successfully bred.

To start, it's very important that you understand some basic principles of a mare's reproductive system. Typically mares that are not already carrying a foal will go through what's called anestrus during the winter months. This simply means that a mare's reproductive organs will shut down as the daylight hours get shorter. While not all mares will go into anestrus, the vast majority will. The timing of a mare entering anestrus will depend on multiple factors but usually most will have entered this state by November of each year. Anestrus will then continue as such until around April as the daylight hours are increasing. Therefore, assuming you are not using artificial lights (which I will discuss later), most mares will start their respective heat cycles in early spring.

The average mare's pregnancy term is 340 days, which is roughly 11 months. Therefore if you wish to have an April foal the following year then your mare would need to have a successful breeding with the stallion of your choice in May of the current year. Excluding any exterior factors, most mares' gestation period will be very close to the same number of days each time that she is bred. That's one of the many reasons why keeping good notes on every mare can be very important in predicting gestation length in subsequent years.

Some mare owners, for various reasons, decide that having an earlier in the year foal is more suitable. If your mare (as discussed above) is like most, they won't come out of their anestrus stage until early spring. However, as mare owners we have the ability to "trick" a mare's system in making her heat cycle start earlier in the year than what she would typically be expected to do on her own. By keeping your mare in a stall (especially at night) and keeping consistent lighting on her for around 16 hours per day the average mare will start her heat cycle somewhere between 60 and 90 days. We typically will use an inexpensive timer which may be purchased at most hardware stores for keeping the lights going. It's extremely important that you are consistent in your efforts as a short break in your lighting routine can ruin your expected results. Of note, exposing your mare to lights 24 hours per day will typically not produce the expected results either.

There are certain basic prescription medications we will be discussing here that you may use (through a recommendation and coordinated effort from your local veterinarian) to aid in predicting a mare's heat cycle. These medications may be used in conjunction with your lighting routine above. A proper lighting routing with the proper medications can help manipulate your mare's system in coming into heat based on when is the most convenient time for you, as the mare owner. An example of a potential benefit of timing a mare's cycle is so you may schedule deliver of your mare to the breeding farm at the optimum time. One of the prescription medications that we regularly use is an oral progesterone called

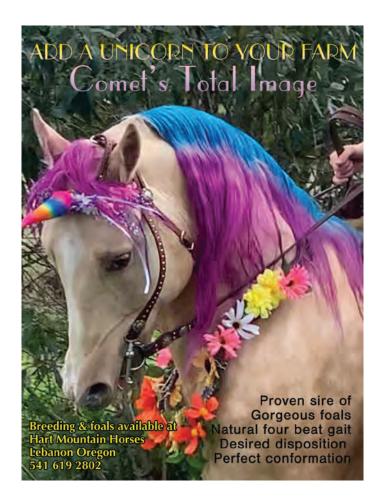


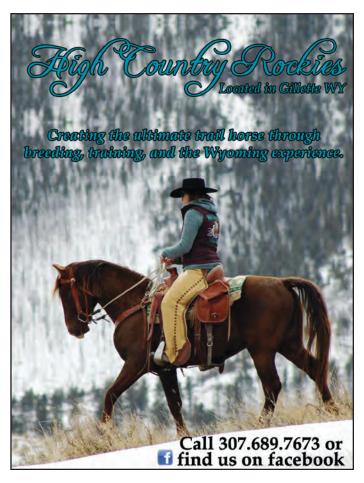
Regumate. We typically will use Regumate for approximately 21 consecutive days. At the end of the 21 days we will discontinue the progesterone and will administer a commercial Prostaglandin shot (through our veterinarian) called Lutalyse. Most mares will begin their estrus cycle 2 or 3 days after this shot has been administered. By doing this method you're potentially saving time that your mare will be at the breeding farm by increasing the odds that your mare is getting close to being ready to breed when she arrives. One major disclaimer however is that all of these efforts must be coordinated and with the recommendation and approval of your local veterinarian.

From the start of a mare's heat cycle (estrus) through not being in heat (diestrus) is an average of 21 days. The average mare will be in heat for 5 days (this may vary on different mares). This means that there will be around 16 days from a mare going out of heat until when she will begin her next estrus cycle. Therefore if you have access to a teasing stallion the time to start teasing a mare after she has been covered by a stallion is around day 16 from the last breeding date. If after a week or more she isn't showing any signs of beginning her heat cycle then there is a great chance your mare is pregnant.

We have been breeding horses at Grand W Farm for around 30 years. During those 30 years we have attended and hosted multiple seminars and clinics to advance our knowledge. We learn new techniques and practices every year, but can't emphasize enough the importance of having a great working relationship with your veterinarian. Your veterinarian will be your primary source in achieving your equine breeding goals. Regardless of where you are in your breeding program we know you will enjoy the journey.



















The Cornmill Stud, founded by the Brittenden family, is the only purebred Rocky Mountain Horse stud farm in the UK. Based in Yorkshire, the stud was founded in 2015 with the purchase of a black filly from Germany. From these small beginnings, the stud has grown to standing three stallions, with three entire colts joining them soon, and approximately twenty mares and foals at any given time. The stud prides itself in providing a horse centric upbringing for their babies, living in a herd with free access to shelter, forage and water, and based on a track system. All horses on the farm are well handled and their stallions are ridden and handled by the Brittenden children.

The aim of the stud is to produce quality gaited stock for a variety of purposes, with a particular emphasis on endurance. Most importantly, the stud aims to provide horses with the self-assurance that comes from late weaning and a temperament that can only be achieved when a foal is brought up in a herd environment.



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Visitors are welcome by appointment.



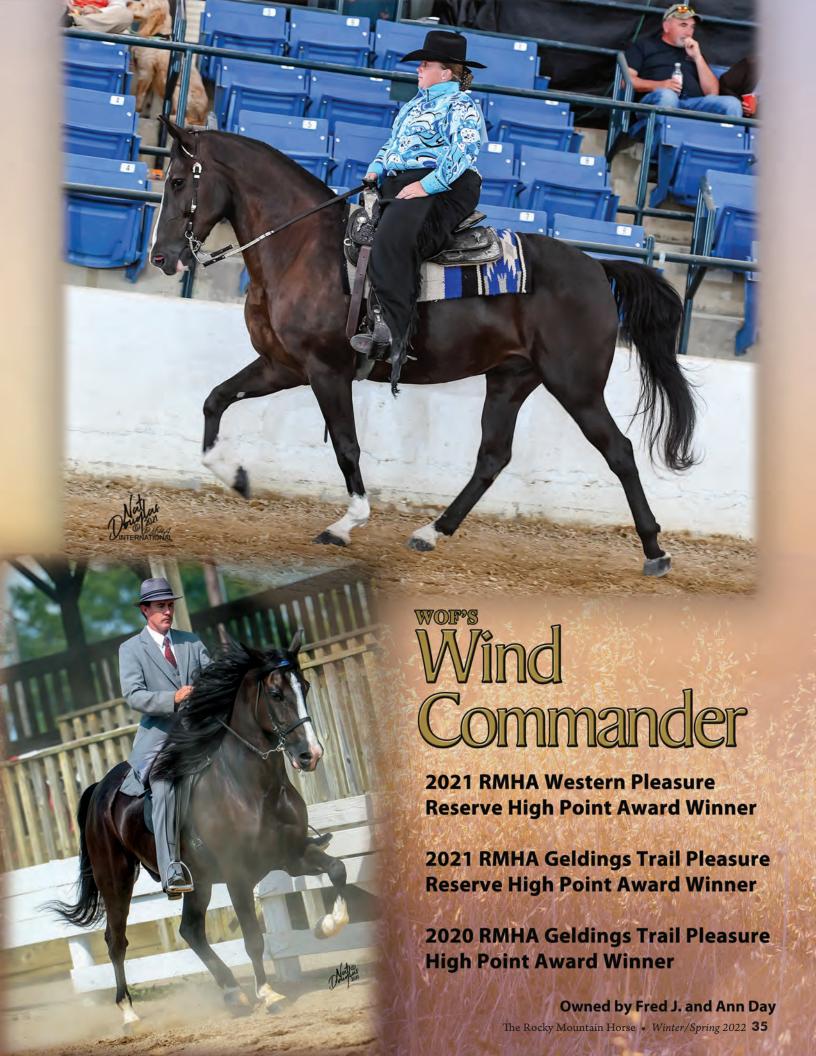
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	SGF's Up In Smoke	Owner: Robin Drennon	370	2 nd Place		Chace Gordon	285
2 nd Place	DeWeese Farm's Revolution		190	3rd Place		Taylor Florence	280
3 rd Place	Tigre de Tejas	Owner: Jim & Judy Doss	130	4th Place		Carrington Goff	112
	COUNTRY TRAIL I			5th Place		Khloe Murdock	80
	Sundown Sierra	Owner: Steve & Susan Heuslein	300	YOUTH	1 12-17 COUNTRY	TRAIL PLEASURE	
	Glenna's Stormy Night	Owner: Aleeha Turner	227	Ist Place		Tana Wells	450
3 rd Place		Owner: Anita Longoria	225	2 nd Place		Eddie Moreno	400
	NGS COUNTRY TRA			3rd Place		Mia Horton	190
	Music's Rising Star	Owner: Jeff Yarber	255	4th Place		Ruby DeAtley	180
	Silver's Jazz Master	Owner: Steve & Susan Heuslein	170	5th Place		Shelby Weckerly	110
3rd Place		Owner: Myranda Elliott	120	YOUTH	COUNTRY TRAIL	PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHII	P
	R OLD COUNTRY TH		120	Ist Place		Eddie Moreno	300
Ist Place	FVF's Vendetta	Owner: Mark Gordon	230	2 nd Place		Tana Wells	260
2 nd Place	Rocky Creek's Little Lady	Owner: JoAnn & Leo Greene	140	3rd Place		Taylor Florence	110
3 rd Place	Sundown Sierra	Owner: Steve & Susan Heuslein	110	4th Place		Ryan Monroe	105
			110	5th Place		Ruby DeAtley	70
		RE CHAMPIONSHIP	240				
Ist Place	RHF Windswept	Owner: John & Tracy Rose	240	TRAI	L PLEASURE	HORSE AWA	RDS
2 nd Place	DMH's Bella Angel	Owner: Julie Tucker	200		PLEASURE	HORSEAWA	NDS
3rd Place	Sundown Sierra	Owner: Steve & Susan Heuslein	160	Ist Place	Motion's Legacy	Owner: Jennifer Flannery-Hall	675
-				2 nd Place	VBF Venture For Gold	Owner: Justin Anderson	320
		LEASURE RIDER AV	VARDS	3 rd Place	Paco's Masterpiece		187
	COUNTRY TRAIL	PLEASURE				Owner: Peggy Edwards	107
1st Place		Aleeha Turner	100		TRAIL PLEASURE		220
2 nd Place		Anita Longoria	90	Ist Place		ta Owner: Steve & Susan Heuslein	330
3 rd Place		Carey Jones	80	2 nd Place	JS Hell on Heels	Owner: John Stivers	325
MEN'S	COUNTRY TRAIL P	LEASURE			Sweet Sweet Margarita	Owner: Ayla Wright	170
1st Place		Travis Robinson	150		NGS TRAIL PLEASU		
2 nd Place		Charlie DeAtley	100		CCF The Force Awakens	Owner: Myranda Elliott	222
2 nd Place		Jeff McCarty	100	2 nd Place	WOF's Wind Commander	Owner: Ann Day	149
AMATE	UR COUNTRY TRAI	L PLEASURE		3rd Place	Better In Blue	Owner: Audrey Jones	60
Ist Place		Julie Tucker	365		Elite's Perfect Venture	Owner: Ryan Monroe	60
2 nd Place		Ragan Adkins	232		R OLD TRAIL PLEA		
3rd Place		Anita Longoria	230	Ist Place	JPG's Rank Stranger	Owner: Jessica Brewer	240
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Ist Place		Carey Jones	100	3 rd Place	Hombre	Owner: Henry Elam & Makayla Hill	130
2 nd Place		Terri Griffin	80	3rd Place	Rocky Creek's Little Lady	Owner: Joann & Leo Greene	130
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3rd Place		Charlie Dixon	90				
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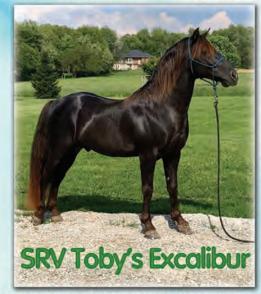
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Ist Place	Katie Clarke	265	I st Place Baywatch Babe	Owner: Robert Patrick	260
2 nd Place	Peggy Edwards	250	2 nd Place GHS's Little Black Dress	Owner: Penny Deweese	130
2 nd Place	Justin Anderson	250	3rd Place GWF's Diamond Dynasty	Owner: Chad Weaver	80
3 rd Place	Anita Longoria	180	SHOW PLEASURE CHAMI	PIONSHIP	
NOVICE TRAIL PLEASUR	E		Ist Place PBF's Simon Barjonah	Owner: Steve & Susan Heuslein	270
I st Place	Anita Longoria	250	2 nd Place Night Hawk's Bad News	Owner: Emerson Williams	210
2 nd Place	Travis Crabtree	200	3rd Place RRF's Center Stage	Owner: Jennifer Flannery-Hall	170
3 rd Place	John Stivers	190			
AMATEUR OWNED & TR	AINED TRAIL PLEASURE		SHOW PLEASURE	RIDER AWA	ARDS
Ist Place	Peggy Edwards	230	LADIES SHOW PLEASURE		
2 nd Place	Leah Palmquist	145	I st Place	Ashley Harrison	100
3 rd Place	Allison Thompson	140	2 nd Place	Ragan Adkins	60
AMATEUR TRAIL PLEASU	JRE CHAMPIONSHIP		3 rd Place	Jessica Shannon	50
Ist Place	Langstone Harvey	60	3 rd Place	Donna Spencer-Lane	50
2 nd Place	Ayla Wright	50	3 rd Place	Andrea Crawford	50
2 nd Place	Peggy Edwards	50	MEN'S SHOW PLEASURE		
2 nd Place	Dana Pugh	50	Ist Place	Henry Elam	110
3 rd Place	Lonnie Potter	40	2 nd Place	Travis Robinson	90
3rd Place	Audrey Jones	40	3 rd Place	Greg Brewer	80
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2 nd Place	Chace Gordon	160	3 rd Place	Chad Weaver	160
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4th Place	Brayden Williams	85	Ist Place	Melisse Sharkey	230
5th Place	Avery Bennett	55	2 nd Place	Erica DeHart	140
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Ist Place	Kelsey Howell	460	Amateur Owned & Tr		120
2 nd Place	Cole Compton	332	Ist Place	Ragan Adkins	290
3 rd Place	Tana Wells	255	2 nd Place	Breanna Hardin	190
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5 th Place	Shelby Weckerly	90	Ist Place	Cole Compton	410
			2 nd Place	Hayden Williams	350
SHOW PLEASURE	HORSE AWA	RDS	3 rd Place	Talon Fox	175
STALLIONS SHOW PLEAS			4 th Place	Justin Sharkey	160
Ist Place Night Hawk's Bad News	Owner: Emerson Williams	265	5th Place	Shelby Weckerly	95
2 nd Place PBF's Simon Barjonah	Owner: Steve & Susan Heuslein	260	YOUTH SHOW PLEASURE		
3rd Place Blue Warning	Owner: Gerald & Rosetta Morgan	225	I st Place	Tana Wells	270
MARES SHOW PLEASUR			2 nd Place	Hayden Williams	220
Ist Place RRF's Center Stage	Owner: Jennifer Flannery-Hall	267	3 rd Place	Cole Compton	180
2 nd Place Rena's Pandora	Owner: Jude & Rhonda Brandes	195	4th Place	Ryan Monroe	175
3 rd Place Kitty Hawk	Owner: Jennifer Bush	195	5 th Place	Justin Sharkey	90
GELDINGS SHOW PLEAS		173	The state of the s		
		225			
Ist Place DHS's Diamond Broker	Owner: Melisse Sharkey	235			
2 rd Place HCR's After Midnight	Owner: Julie Brown	197			
3 rd Place Dock's Cocamotion	Owner: John & Tracy Rose	120			





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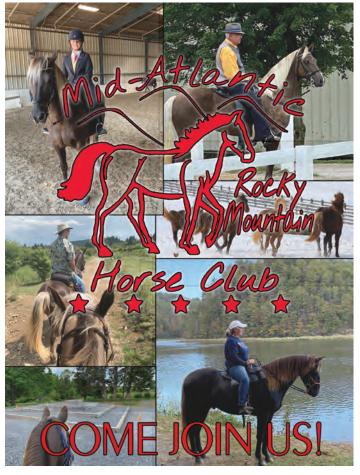


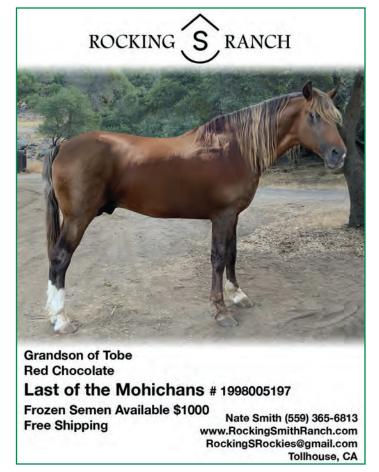


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Sire: Steely • Dam: DJ's Sammee E/e, nd1/nd2

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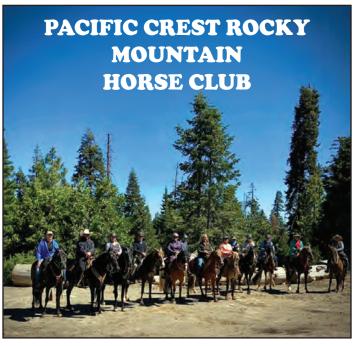
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The Rocky Mountain Horse Association's affiliated regional clubs are organized and managed by local RMHA members. These Clubs provide a local connection to the RMHA for all who share a common interest and appreciation for the Rocky Mountain Horse. Regional clubs are great resources for RMHA members and others. They promote friendships, networking, fundraisers, social gatherings and special events throughout the year. The RMHA is grateful to our volunteer members who provide an outstanding service to our members at the local level.

Please consider joining a regional club of the RMHA. Contact information as provided to the RMHA is listed above for each club.





The Pacific Crest Rocky Mountain Horse Club is gearing up for a fabulous 2022 with several day rides and camping trips in the works. The club welcomed the New Year with a January 1 day ride and pot luck. Several clinics are also planned in the spring, including a general horsemanship clinic, a trail obstacle clinic and a cowboy dressage clinic. In June, the club is partnering with the West Coast Rocky Mountain Horse Club to offer a combined campout at the Jack Brook Horse Camp in San Mateo, California.

The PCRMHC covers Northern California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Due to this large geographical area, event participation can be prohibitive for some members. In an effort to increase participation by all club members, the Board is recruiting regional club representatives, who can host day



rides and other events in their local areas. This new initiative will bring more members and their Rockies together to cover expansive trail miles.

Due to wildfires and an Atmospheric River storm, the club had to cancel several events planned for this past summer and fall, including the 2021 Rocktoberfest. Although disappointing, members were able to connect online via Zoom on October 30 for the club's annual meeting and election.

During the annual meeting, members were introduced to two new chairpersons who will handle membership and communications for the club. As part of the communications strategy, members will receive club updates via email, Facebook and a quarterly newsletter.

In addition, one of the agenda ideas was an open discussion to encourage members to share their ideas for events and make other suggestions. Note taking ensued and was furthered by an online survey in order to expand member participation and elicit more ideas. The survey results were used for creating the 2022 events calendar.

The PCRMHC is excited for 2022 and bringing our members together to share their passion for the beloved Rocky Mountain Horse.



THE SOUTHERN STATES ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE CLUB

The Southern States Rocky Mountain Horse Club announced a new Membership Initiative in November with a Trail Mileage Challenge. All new memberships and renewals are eligible for participation in the program. It is peak trail riding season in Florida, so why not log those miles and compete for some cash prizes? The Trail Mileage Challenge for the SSRMHC runs

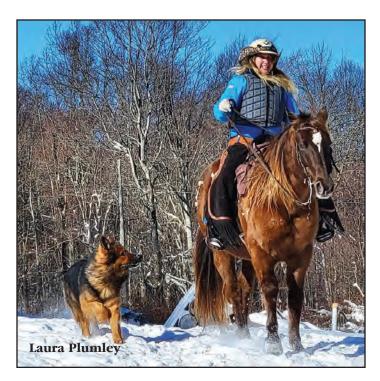
from November 1st 2021 through June 1st, 2022. The bonus is that many of our members can also join in to the RMHA Trail Mileage Program once they have discovered their love for logging miles! Our club kicked off our Trail Riding Season with an Ugly Christmas Sweater Party and Trail ride at the Land Bridge Trail Head in Ocala, Florida on December 5th. The weather was beautiful, though not sweater weather, and everyone was decked out in their "Holiday Finest" or most ridiculous, whichever way you want to look at it! Everyone enjoyed Christmas snacks, a ruthless gift exchange game, and a pleasant easy going trail ride on Florida's Beautiful Greenway System. To continue with the Trail minded events, a Trail Obstacle Weekend is planned for February 12th-13th in Lake Wales Florida at the Nancy Slater Cowboy Camp Obstacle Trail. We look forward to seeing more new friendly faces there and throughout the year.





MID-ATLANTIC ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE CLUB

The Mid-Atlantic Rocky Mountain Horse Club covers PA, MD, VA, WV, and NC. Now is the time to renew or join our club! We are on Facebook and have a website, www.marmhc.com . This year we would like to try and start a trail program within the club with mileage tracked by each rider. We need members to let us know if there is interest in this program for the club. Those who also have joined the RMHA Trail



Mileage Program can use their miles for both programs. The RMHA Trail Mileage Program covers both certified and uncertified Rockies. We are planning to schedule a couple clinics and would like to accommodate any other event that club members would like to have. Please reach out and let us know what you have in mind. The Versatility Program is also a program we would like to see our members get involved with. Check it out on the RMHA website, www. rmhorse.com/programs/versatility-program/.

We would like to congratulate the following Mid Atlantic Rocky Mountain Horse Club Members for their trail mileage: Laura Plumley - 2,168 miles (3rd of Top 5 certified borses) Laura Plumley - 16,134 lifetime miles

Certified Horses:

Diane Altizer - 4,734 Sandi Meadows - 3,306 Marianne Jolley -1,583 JoAnne Hege - 190 Buddy Hege - 35

Uncertified Horses:

Dallas Meadows - 1,299 Sandi Meadows - 207 Buddy Hege - 149



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andi Meadows





CKY CREEKS Little Lady

Owned By Leo & JoAnn Greene





Trainer | Jonathan Bowman Hersheys Mountain rack OWNED BY MIKE & RENE LANE Owned By Keith Puch & Luka Bowman Owned By Maggie Myer



We would like to congratulate Laura Plumley for her participation in the Versatility Program. She received a Gold Award for the year.

Hopefully in 2022 Covid will mostly be behind us and we can carry on with our events and activities! Don't forget to renew or join as soon as you can!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Marianne Jolley: mjolley737@gmail.com

TRI-STATE ROCKY **MOUNTAIN HORSE CLUB**

This year the Tri-State Club held their annual Pink Ride/ Certification Day at Caesars Creek State Park on October 9th. We had four horses certified. Congratulations to Bobby Baker, Debra Leader, Jennifer Anthon, & Peyton Calhoun on getting your Rockies certified! Following our certification, we went out on our Pink Ride. Only a handful of riders participated, but we had fun.

Our Christmas Party was held on December 17th this year and our hostess, Lillian Webber, did a great job as usual. A good time was had by all who attended.

Our next meeting in February will be our bi-annual Elections. We will also be discussing future events. Stay tuned to the Tri-State Rocky Mountain Horse Club Facebook page for current updates and events.

- Tess Smith, President







WEST COAST ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE CLUB NEWS



The New Year is upon us and, hopefully, we will be riding and camping more than we did in 2021. Even with Covid and the restrictions, nothing has deterred us from riding. We can easily remain socially distanced and have no need for masks! WaHoo!

Our 2022 schedule of club events contains several campouts, including one in Mid-January. The best part about where our membership lives (for the most part) is our pleasant weather. Even winter months it allows for lots of riding.

Gloria Northcote is hosted a four-day, three-night club campout at her ranch January 14-17th. She has also planned a desert campout February 28-March 5th to include Palm Springs's "Indian Canyon", then on to Joshua Tree National Park's "Black Rock Horse Camp". Unless rain interferes, the weather should be warm and sunny. The trails are interesting and sandy.

We have monthly trail rides in interesting locations. Each is hosted by a club member. Some are on private ranches, or in public parks or on the beach. Even during the rainy season (our winter in coastal California), the sandy trails remain usable so there is always a place to ride. Our members living in the mountains are not as fortunate, as they get snow and colder weather.

Our annual campout called "Rocky Week" has been scheduled for April 28th-May 3rd. We are once again fortunate that our member, Gloria Northcote, opens her ranch and horse camping facility for this fun event.

We wish good health and happy trails to all our Rocky friends for 2022.



RMHA 2021 TRAINER OF THE YEAR

Travis Robinson



"I owe my trainer of the year victory to all of my amazing clients, the best breed in the world, and most importantly, God."



I only sell what I have bred for, raised, started and trained.

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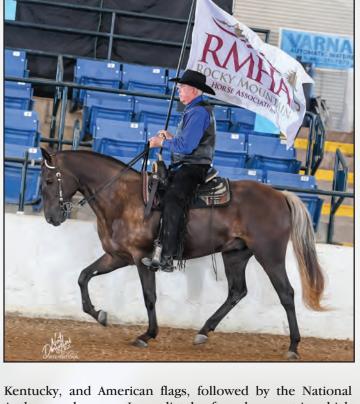
2021 Rocky Mountain **International Grand Championship** Horse Show

The 33rd Annual RMHA International Grand Championship Horse Show returned to the Kentucky Horse Park on September 8 - 11, 2021. It's planning commenced months prior with the knowledgeable team of Kelli Moore, Anna Wells, Paige Denniston, Alicia Weaver, Sharon Dillard, Tracy Rose and Julie Tucker, committee chair. This year's show theme was fittingly "Horses and Heroes" - honoring and recognizing our front-line workers, medical staff, emergency personnel, military and others who have been on the front line and serve the community.

The anticipated return to the Kentucky Horse Park kicked off with a change in the stall reservations system, compromised of a later reservation date and a redesigned online process. The committee, along with office staff and the RMHA's resident web guru, worked together to develop a system that not only eliminated the delay that was frequently caused by phone lines being jammed from dozens of people trying to call into the office, but also by ensuring that it was truly a first-come first-serve basis for all members. While no pilot program is perfect, the committee has had overall wonderful feedback from this. In addition to the online reservation system, members world wide were happy to be able to view the entire show from the comfort of their own homes thanks again to Ethan Moore and his entire crew. While we can not say many positive things have come from this pandemic, the introduction of the live feed at the 2020 RMHA International is something that we hope to continue having for years to come, as each session was viewed over 1,000 times each.

This year the 2021 International **RMHA** Commemorative "Horses & Heroes" t-shirt was available at the show as well as on-line from Fine Design Apparel. The RMHA office made its annual temporary pilgrimage to the Kentucky Horse Park for the show and due to the diligence of both the office and horse show staff, RMHA business marched on.

The show kicked off on Wednesday, September 8th with the presentation of the RMHA,



Anthem and prayer. Immediately after, the event in which everyone had waited an entire year for, officially began with conformation classes. While it was a cloudy Kentucky day outside, our Rocky Mountain Horses were brightly displayed throughout the morning. Before the session ended, we were able to crown several Championship winners that we would see back later on in the week for the Conformation Grand Championship. The following afternoon session began the first of the Under Saddle classes for the week and ended on the ultra competitive 6-9 year old Stallions Show Pleasure class.

Competition continued on Thursday with more Under Saddle classes, including the return of the Mentor & Me classes, which are designed to display how the "Mentor"

(18 years and older) and "Me" (17 years and younger) work together to get the best performance possible from their horse. Thursday evening closed with a competitive and creative Costume Class open to both Youth and Adults. The winning entry displayed a recreation of the Wizard of

Friday morning began with the Trail Obstacle portion of the show, which was held inside the indoor arena this year. Twenty-seven (27)





competitors (21 Adults and 6 Youth) negotiated a timed, set course which was judged at each individual obstacle. Friday afternoon was packed full of under saddle classes providing the final opportunity for competitors to qualify for championship and grand championship classes.

Friday evening's Open Championship classes started with a very special flag presentation by Kentucky Horse Park Mounted Patrol. You can find the Mounted Patrol all day, everyday patrolling the beautiful Kentucky Horse Park, so we were honored that they were willing to spare the time to participate in our event. The RMHA was honored to have the National Anthem sung, followed by the recognition and celebration of the "Horses and Heroes". The championship classes went late into the night showcasing the best the Rocky Mountain Horse Association has to offer. It was during this time that spectators got a small glimpse of what was to come the following night.

The International Show Committee was proud to present several special awards, including that of "Best Dressed" sponsored by Myranda Elliot of Copper Creek Farm. In the youth category, trophies were presented to Tana Wells and Cole Compton, with the prizes in the adult category going to Henry Elam and Luka Bowman. Ale-8 was gracious enough to help bring back the "Stall Decorating Contest" with the winners in the categories of youth, amateur, and open receiving large promotional gift baskets. In keeping with the theme of Horses & Heroes, the Mounted Patrol was our honorary judges and collectively awarded prize





baskets to Cole Compton and Shelby Weckerly, Tanner De-Weese, and Myranda Elliot and Ramona Jackson.

Saturday morning was full of Under Saddle Specialty Classes which demonstrate the Rocky Mountain Horse's versatility, consistency, and smoothness. The showmanship, water glass, bareback, and pole bending classes are always a sight to behold.

The tradition continued during Saturday afternoon's Opening Ceremonies with the RMHA Youth's Patriotic Flag Presentation, though this year it had an even more special meaning. This day, September 11th, 2021, marked the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that forever changed how we looked at safety and freedom. The International Show Committee handed out American flag pins throughout the show and it was inspiring to see all of the spectators and exhibitors alike adorning them in honor of our fallen.

Following the Opening Ceremonies, the Rocky Mountain Horse Association President, Ellen Knapp, took the microphone to commence the last session and biggest night of this show. Classes began with with the lead line class which was full of cuteness and future Rocky Mountain riders, all of which we hope to see in the ring for years to come. Ellen Knapp's welcome speech was reflective, appreciative and full of the RMHA's many accomplishments throughout the year. She led with the spirit of hopefulness - moving on from the challenges of the last year which was followed by numerous awards, scholarships and accolades. All grand

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champions were awarded ribbons, trophies, pay backs and each received an additional prize. All of the youth winners were graciously given a cutback saddle provided by the Bill Corey Memorial Fund. The Trail Pleasure Grand Champion received a trophy saddle provided by The Saddle Guy. Versatility Awards were tallied and presented based on extraordinary performance by the horses in multiple classes. The Amateur grand championships were extremely well attended.

It is with sincere appreciation, recognition and gratitude the RMHA thanks everyone involved in the planning, running, competing and supporting the 2021 RMHA International Grand Championship Horse Show. A heartfelt thank you and congratulations to all winners and exhibitors. Continued praise and honor to our front line workers and heroes. Deepest thanks to our generous sponsors, the International Show Committee, Julie Clark and her entire horse show team, Ethan Moore and his team for the live feed production, Nat Douglas for the beautiful photographs, all the members, volunteers, supporters, spectators, fabulous vendors, the beautiful Kentucky Horse Park and everyone associated with the Horse Show. We hail and salute the mighty Rocky Mountain Horse. If you would like to get involved, sponsor or participate in the 2022 RMHA International Grand Championship Horse Show please feel free to contact us at isc@ rmhorse.com. We look forward to seeing you in 2022!







2021 INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL AWARDS



Stephanie Sens, owner and trainer, with Black Hawk Rio



Janet Peters



Peggy Edward's, owner & trainer - Paco's Masterpiece



Stephanie Sens, owner & trainer - Black Hawk Rio



Ray Smith Accepted by Tess Smith on Ray's behalf



Tana Wells - Pace's Mountain Wildfire



Justin Anderson owner, Tipton Mountain Horses trainer -Venture For Gold



Best Dressed Youth Tana Wells **Cole Compton**

Luka Bowman **Henry Elam**



Shelby Weckerly — \$500.00



Dolly Pierson, owner & trainer - VBF's Heart In Motion



AMATEUR Deweese Farms

PROFESSIONAL Miranda Elliot Ramona Jackson



Shaleigh Perkins & Mia Horton — \$250.00

2021 INTERNATIONAL GRAND CHAMPIONS



17 & Under Youth Western Pleasure **Grand Champion** PACE'S MOUNTAIN WILDFIRE Tana Wells Tana Wells





Amateur Show Pleasure Grand Champion LV'S THE HANGMAN **Chad Weaver Chad Weaver**



11 & Under Youth Show Pleasure **Grand Champion** HCR'S SHOOTING STAR **Justin Stefanic Justin Stefanic**





Adult Western Pleasure **Grand Champion** CHOCTAW'S MOUNTAIN TRAVELER

11 & Under Youth Country Trail Pleasure **Grand Champion** DUNBELIEVABLE **Taylor Florence Kay Conner**



12 - 17 Youth Country Trail Pleasure Grand Champion MUSIC'S RISING STAR Eddie Moreno Jeff Yarber



AOT Country Trail Pleasure Grand Champion BLACK HAWK-RIO Stephanie Sens Stephanie Sens

2021 INTERNATIONAL GRAND CHAMPIONS

12 - 17 Youth Trail Pleasure Grand Champion ELIXIR'S DOMINO Eddie Moreno Mike Walker



12 - 17 & Youth Show Pleasure Grand Champion SF'S YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE Tana Wells Anna Wells

Trail Pleasure Grand Champion MOTION'S LEGACY Travis Robinson Jennifer Flannery Hall



Amateur Country Trail Pleasure Grand Champion MUSIC'S RISING STAR Ragan Adkins Jeff Yarber



Langstone Harvey Langstone Harve



Amateur Trail Pleasure Grand Champion SHOCKWAVE Langstone Harvey Langstone Harvey



11 & Under Youth Trail Pleasure Grand Champion BMH'S THE COUNTESS Justin Stefanic Chad Weaver



Country Trail Pleasure Grand Champion SHAME ON YOU Kent Clements Cathy Bauer



Mation's Legacy

2021 International Trail Pleasure Grand Champion
Owned by Jennifer Flannery-Hall





Trained by Travis Robinson's Gaited Equine



he RMHA was excited to be included at Equitana USA held October 1 - 3, 2021. The breed fair/educational expo/ shopping extravaganza took place in-person at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY on October 1-3, 2021 after being postponed for a year due to Covid-19. The U.S. model followed the successful format of Equitana Australia, which has been held there biennially since 1999.

Regardless of whether you are a professional, an amateur, or simply a lover of the horse, the Equitana USA education program had something special to offer. There were seminars on the latest healthcare developments, educational programs, nutrition, equine behavior, veterinary care, etc. In addition, there were breed booths inside the Covered Arena as well as countless vendors displaying their equestrian wares. Outside in the Annex Arena (renamed the Bullseye Arena for this event) were numerous breed demos. There was something for everyone at Equitana USA!

Julie Tucker, chair of the RMHA Equitana ad hoc committee and her team did an amazing job demonstrating the skills of the Rocky Mountain Horse. Julie was even our announcer for the event. During the breed demo, 13 yearold Ruby DeAtley was up first with one of her favorite horses, Pepper's Just Plain Pretty. They demonstrated Country Trail Pleasure division and western discipline. They also



wowed the crowd with a canter including a few flying lead changes. Next was Charlie DeAtley and RNB's Choco Dock's Marietta presenting both the Trail and Show Pleasure divisions in English saddle seat attire with athleticism and brilliance. The script emphasized the family friendly orientation of the Rocky as well as focusing on the lateral based gait and their smooth ride. Finally, Dolly Pierson and VBF's Heart in Motion were called into the arena. Heart is one of the most versatile horses in the RMH breed. Together, they did a great demonstration of Cowboy Mounted Shooting. The audience iust loved it!

In addition to the demonstration, there was an attractive, informative booth for the RMHA. Adjacent to the booth was a stall to display a horse representative of the breed. A fan favorite was WOF's Glamor and Style. She loved the attention and was an outstanding example of the puppy-dog temperament of the Rocky Mountain Horse.

Thank you to Julie and her team for promoting the phenomenal Rocky Mountain horse in such a wonderful way. To be present at Equitana USA provided a great opportunity for even more people to discover the qualities of our Rockies and to realize the versatility inherent to this awesome breed.







Riders

by Janet Peters



I'm super proud of what the RMHA Trail Committee has done! As you know, the Strategic Plan goals called for increasing rider participation and allowing uncertified horses to participate. In addition, the program was expanded to acknowledge not only the rider accomplishments but also the horse's achievements. I think this program really hit the mark. We saw program growth in both the certified and uncertified divisions. Ninety-nine riders participated in the program in 2021 up from 49 in 2020. Ten riders had logged miles on uncertified horses, which is down from 2020 however, several horses that logged miles in 2020 have moved into certified division after their successful trip to the examiners. Other stats include:

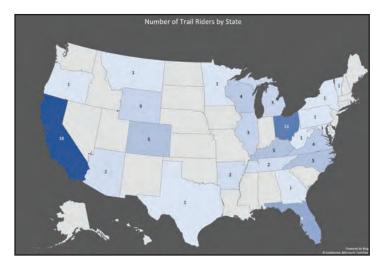
- 303 horses have logged miles since the program's inception and 163 submitted miles for 2021.
- 43,758 miles were logged in 2021 up from 37,236 miles
- About 300,000 miles have been logged since the program began.

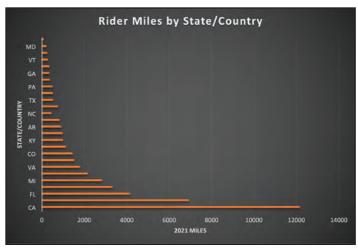
The Top 5 Riders averaged over 2500 miles a year with the breakout (both certified and uncertified) showing:

Dean Moon: 3,202 JD Burke: 3,107 Cassie Rose: 2.489 Laura Plumley: 2,168

Lynda Theile: 2,020

2021 participation in the program saw riders from about 25 states and one from Sweden. California claims the prize for most riders and miles (17 riders/12,166 miles) with Ohio close behind.





And for the horses. The gender stats for 2021 show:

- 51% Mares
- 40% Geldings
- 9% Stallions

The top 5 stallions, mares, and geldings for 2021 are shown in the charts below along with their current rider and lifetime miles

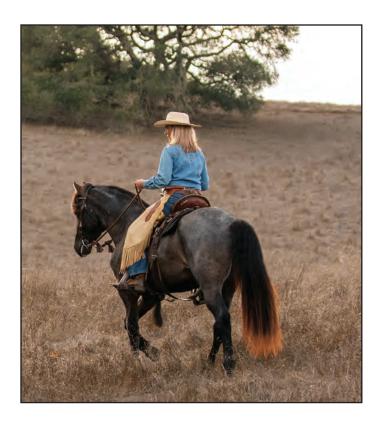
2021 Top 5 Stallions	2021	Lifetime	Owner
Strider's Major Deal	668	3,168	Burke, JD
Chocolot's Steppin Out	514	5,285	Cade, Jackie
Homegrown	505	505	Williams, Janet
BBS Spanish Heartache	387	423	Peters, Janet
Ramblin Blue Suede Shooz	239	239	Burke, JD

2021 Top 5 Certified Mares	2021	Lifetime	Owner
F.H. Sassy Cassie	1,508	9,534	Moon, Dean
SSF Ace's Queen of Hearts	1,429	3,757	Daby, Leahe
Fearless Power	853	2,076	Moon, Dean
J & J's Starry Night	767	11,217	Wisneski, Patrice
MX Kismet	763	763	Griffin, Gini

2021 Top 5 Certified Geldings	2021	Lifetime	Owner
You K Blue	2,020	3,918	Theile, Lynda
Hershey's Tucky Boy	1,385	1,385	Plumley, Laura
Beamer	1,176	1,176	Lang, Mardi
Sundown's Black Jack	867	1,434	Moon, Dean
Ragtime Rex	770	3,979	Northcoat, Gloria

If you are on Social Media, check out the RMHA Trail Program page for fantastic photos and stories of your members on the trail. It is a great resource for checking new places to ride and camp or good saddles and tack. Laura Plumley dazzles us weekly and sometimes daily with her beautiful rides, and riders Chrissy Knight and Gini Griffin, and many others, often share their experiences "between the ears" rallying us all to head out regardless the weather because the trail is calling! The Rocky Mountain Horse Association page also features the adventures of many of our trail program participants and thanks to the program's generous sponsors on Trail Rider Tuesday! Check them both out.

I am often asked "Why should I join the trail program?" or "why should I pay \$20 to participate?." Well - easy, it's all



about this phenomenal horse that we all love. By riding out on the trail, many others see our beautiful, smooth, and well-behaved horses and start to wonder why they aren't riding a Rocky! That drives the demand for a good trail horse which drives the demand for more foals which not only helps the breeders but also the horse. By diversifying the gene pool and increasing the foaling rates, the Rocky Mountain Horse and the RMHA can take huge strides in helping move the horse from The Livestock Conservancy's "Threatened List" to the "Watch List" and helps preserve our lovely horse for the future. The other reason to do so is for our membership. As the RMHA looks for new and expanded member benefits and corporate and other sponsors, they often ask about demographics. Trail saddle makers want to know how many of our members trail ride or how many trail miles do your members' average. With the expanded enrollments and the database, we are now starting to have this data and are hoping to add additional benefits for all our riders.

As for the \$20, all monies paid in trail program fees go to purchase the awards for both the horses and the riders. If you haven't seen the recent awards, you can check them out on both the Facebook Page and in the Awards Presentations for the 2020 mileage winners. The buckle and bridle conchos are amazing!

As for making the program easy - the days of submitting pages and pages of individual rides with corresponding miles are gone. The forms are much simplified, and we only ask for a bit of horse data plus total current year miles ridden and lifetime miles ridden for the horse and rider (if you have it, as it helps us do a quick quality control check on the data). In today's digital world, they are dozens of trail mileage trackers that make keeping track of your miles easy. I personally use the Gaia GPS app on my iPhone, but they have an Android version too. Hardest part is



remembering to start the darn thing at the start of the ride. But it tells you the stats for your ride including total miles and then saves it in a folder on the app so when you are ready to compile your year-end data, it is super simple.

So really, there is no reason NOT to join this program. If you are on the trail - let your miles be heard and used to help our horse!

Remember this is a volunteer committee and we are doing the best we can to track everyone's miles accurately. We have a fantastic new database that has automated this process, but we are lacking historical data for some riders and horses, and we are human and sometime makes



mistakes. If you feel your data is incorrect, please contact the office or one of the committee chairs - Jan Dunn or Tess Smith (emails on the RMHA website). As always, if you don't like something, then let us know or better yet, volunteer. Write an article for the Magazine or take out an ad highlighting your trail stallion or local trail club. We always need high quality photos (not taken with your phone) so if you got them - send them in. Many of the rider award levels feature photos and an article in the magazine, so if you have that opportunity, please submit and if you need help in doing so, reach out!

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Calling All Riders

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by the 2021 Trail Mileage Committee

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE

All RMHA members in good standing are eligible to participate in this program. This program requires an annual Rider's Card, and enrollment in the Trail Program. The Rider Card and Trail Program forms are available via the website or the RMHA Office. No mileage awards will be awarded without completion of these forms and associated fees. Fill out the forms and jump in the saddle! Looking forward to seeing all of you and your beautiful Rockies out on the trail!

The Trail Rider Year has been Great!! The Trail Milage Program is Growing!

RIDER AWARDS - Y	EARLY	Styers, Ellen	2,835	Edmondson, Sheila	365	HORSE AWARDS -
MILEAGE		Smith, Tess	2,333	DeFelice, Jennifer	358	CERTIFIED ONLY
Top 5 - Certified Hors	es	Smith, Ken	2,263	Montgomery, Wendy	327	Yearly Miles
Moon, Dean	3,202	Grimes, Melissa	2,143	Ellis, Bonnie	281	Top Mileage Gelding You K Blue
Burke, J.D	3,107	Rose, Cassie	2,028	Ernest, Jo	280	
Plumley, Laura	2,168	Abram, Karen	2,012	Sandage, Patti	251	Owner: Theile, Lynda 2,020
Rose, Cassie	2,028	Morgan, Rosemary	1,762	Blunt, Caitlin	238	Top Mileage Mare F.H. Sassy Cassie
Theile, Lynda	2,020	Holland, Karen	1,752	Rose, Lane (youth)	227	Owner: Moon, Dean 1,508
Tab C III. aantiGad II.		Pierson, Dolly	1,721	Fletcher, Laura	224	Too Mileson Casillian Canidania Medica Deel
Top 5 - Uncertified Ho	1,216	Jolley, Marianne	1,583	Hege, JoAnne	190	Top Mileage Stallion Strider's Major Deal Owner: Burke, ID 668
Ayers, Melissa Pearce, Rhonda	836	Reeder, Deborah	1,488	Allen, Robin	179	Owner: burke, JD 000
Rose, Cassie	461	Depew, Claudia	1,472	Gagliano, Mandy	170	<u>Lifetime Miles</u>
Higdon, Kathy	381	DeHaan, Pamela	1,251	Elliott, Myranda	155	Junior Trail Horse
Gulick, Jude	356	Adams, Miranda	1,177	Holbrook, Jolene	152	You K Blue Theile, Lynda 3918
duick, jude	330	Lang, Mardi	1,176	Gagliano, Bella (youth)	114	SSF Ace's Queen of Hearts Dabey, Leahe3757
Top 5 - Youth		Travers, Susan	1,130	Luther, Dana	107	Colt McGuire Griffin, Terri 2531
Rose, Lane	227	Hopkins, Leslie	1,112	Rose, Ryan	85	Elvis's Diamond Banjo Altizer, Diane 2521
Gagliano, Bella	114	Knight, Chrissy	1,103	Woods, Darin	85	Senior Trail Horse
Gagliano, Ethan	64	Kruger, Monte	1,062	Miller, Marilynn	73	Chocolot's Steppin Out Cade, Jackie 5285
RIDER AWARDS - L	IEETIME	Bellamore, Melanie	1,004	Gagliano, Ethan (youth)	64	
	LIFETIME	Collins, Kelley	924	Hege, Buddy	35	Master Trail Horse
MILES		Tucker, Julie	905	Woods, Janis	18	U Blue Turned Red Hot Untied, Susan 7531
Certified Horses	22 /77	Clark, Julie	810	Kopp, Wayne	13	Special THANKS to Our 2021
Northcoat, Gloria	33,677	Griffin, Gini	763	 		RMHA Trail Program Sponsors!
Moon, Dean	26,023	Bullock, Lisa	761	<u>Uncertified Horses</u> Pearce, Rhonda	3,469	Your continued support has
Untiedt, Susan	17,834	Moseley, Sherry	751	,	3,469 1,670	helped the Trail Program grow.
Plumley, Laura	16,134	Bellamore, Tom	717	Sheliga, Michelle Meadows, Dallas	1,070	
Burke, JD	14,172	Babcock, Heidi	703		1,299	GOLD LEVEL
Wisneski, Patrice	11,217	Rainbolt, Victoria	664	Ayers, Melissa		West Coast Rocky Mountain Horse Club
Peters, Janet	11,011	McBride, Karen	619	Tremper, Lee	1,101 461	Pacific Crest Rock Mountain Horce Club
Daby, Leahe	6,296	Caldwell, Kelly	562	Rose, Cassie	381	SILVER LEVEL
Kaper, Tara	5,979	Wright, Ayla	517	Higdon, Kathy	356	Caerleon Ranch
Cade, Jackie	5,284	Williams, Janet	505	Gulick, Jude	330 341	Rocky Mountain Ranch
Altizer, Diane	4,734	Buckleitner, Carol	500	Nichols, Jennifer	207	Acadiana Stables
Quatsoe, Carrie	4,646	Purviance, Nicole	496	Meadows, Sandi Ewert, Dave	149	
Nichols, Jennifer	4,463	Strayer, Nancy	493	*	149	BRONZE LEVEL
Fleming, Angela	4,151	Hurley, Christie	487	Hege, Buddy		Alafia Oaks Rocky Mountain Horses
Theile, Lynda	3,918	Reimers, Ingrid	458	Luther, Dana	107 86	Lone Star Rocky Club
Dunn, Jan	3,514	Carmine, Melissa	442	Cornett, Char		Allegany Mountain Saddlery
Griffin, Terri	3,359	Adams, James	434	Reeder, Deborah	76 24	
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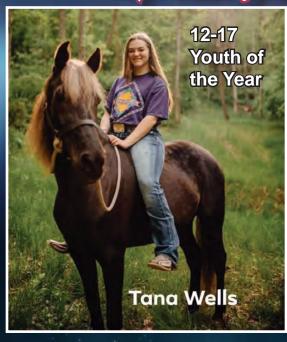
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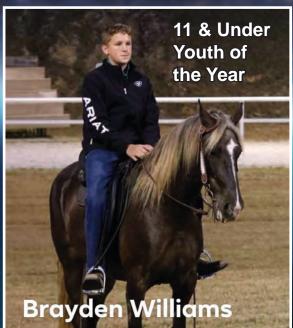
2021 Youth Awards of Excellence

In order to recognize our youth and the tremendous assets they are to the Rocky Mountain Horse Association, a program was structured to reward them for their achievements. They can earn points through a variety of activities including riding, volunteering, breed promotions, Versatility Team, trail riding, showing, etc. There will be an 11 and under age division and a 12-17 age division and youth can use multiples borses! The beginning date to start listing youth activities is November 1, 2021 and ending date is October 31, 2022. Awards will be presented at the RMHA Year End Awards Banquet where we will be presenting the 11 & Under RMHA Youth Award of Excellence Winner and the 12-17 RMHA Youth Award of Excellence Winner. Individual awards will be presented to those who meet their Purple, Red, and White level requirements.

For the youth who would like to be involved in the Youth Award of Excellence program for November 2021 to October 2022, please reach out to Youth Committee member Jennifer Allen at Jallen@republicbank.com.

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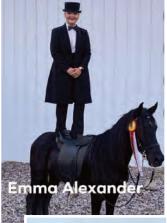


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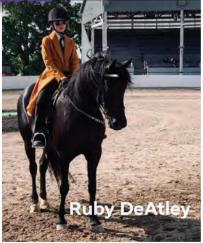




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OFFICE MANAGER UPDATE

Tor those who may not have Facebook or that missed the announcement of my arrival, I wanted to first introduce myself to the membership before sharing what's been going on at RMHA. I am a lifelong horse enthusiast and equestrian. I was raised on a small farm near Mason, OH and grew up owning/showing American Saddlebreds and in the discipline of Saddle Seat. I currently have a small farm in Paris, KY with horses that I still occasionally show.

I graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a BS in Sociology and minor in Paralegal Studies. Out of college, I did some legal work, marketing and promotion, management and recruiting before landing at United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) for 16 years. There, I ran the Regulation Department, managing the hearing process and then the National Affiliates Department where I oversaw the National side of equestrian sport, including 16 national breeds/disciplines. I worked with the committees and Affiliates, developing the rules for Sport, managing/ coordinating several national championships, attending affiliate championships and conventions, and International team competition and management. In my role I was involved in strategic planning, Board and Council work, communication with other National Breed and Discipline Affiliate leaders, and donor relations. Outside of and after my work at USEF, I worked as a secretary and manager at multi-breed horse shows.

I was excited to start the position at RMHA in October; and it has been a busy couple months ever since. I have to commend the staff for keeping RMHA going for months before my arrival. Shawna and Valerie worked hard to keep registrations, memberships and certifications on track and timely processed. The volunteers jumped in and were equally committed to the Association in assisting the staff and have been helpful in my transition.

Registrations, memberships and certifications were up last year and continue to keep us busy which is a tribute to the growth of the breed. In this same connection, the Board made a decision to move the RMHA office to the Bluegrass Stockyards/Regional Marketplace in Lexington, seeing the potential for exposure and promotion of the breed to a wider audience and to be closer to the Horse Park where so many horse enthusiasts visit. Already in the first couple days in the new office, staff had passersby stop to pick up copies of the magazine and ask about the breed.

Seeing the need to provide more information to the members, we've been working with our programmer to improve the member portal experience. This included a total update in the system where our portal is housed which caused some hiccups in that process, but when

RMHA 2022 JUDGES CLINIC

The RMHA 2022 Judges clinic is scheduled for March 12, 2022. Judge candidates as well as auditors will be welcome. Additional details to be announced on the RMHA website and Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact the RMHA office.

those issues are fully resolved the members will see more information including a copy of the membership/rider card that could be printed at any time for the member to use.

The breed database has also been a project in the works for many months. Having a parent company in Australia provided some challenges in getting some questions answered about how we could better get the information posted automatically and, in a web, based format. However, we are close to making the transition in the coming weeks.

As we continue this year working on progress and to provide more tools for the members use, "Automation" is a key word in many discussions. We are working on ideas for a show/trail database that would have more automated features and give us the ability to post standings more frequently throughout the year; and we are looking at the Certification process to see how it could be more automated as well.

Of course, there are busy times ahead with the Membership meeting and Awards banquet tentatively planned for February 26; a judge's clinic and discussion about something for examiners; and the election in June.

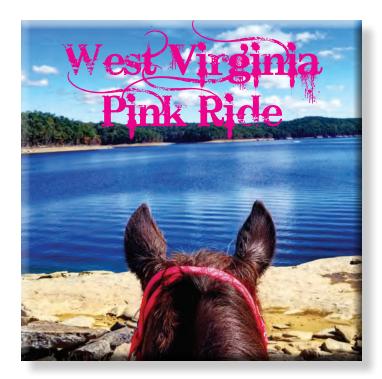
It's an exciting time for the Rocky Mountain Horse Association and the breed and we will continue with the support and participation of every single one of you! If you have any interest in being more involved during these exciting changes/times and/or have input to share, please feel free to reach out to me anytime.

It was once said that "change is inevitable and growth is optional." Well, RMHA has grown and is on the right direction for the future of the breed!



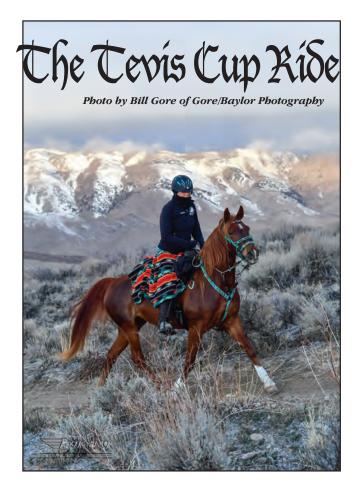
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The 40 Something Cowgirls had a beautiful Pink Ride for breast cancer awareness at Summersville Lake in West Virginia on October 10. 2021. There were a total of 28 riders for the annual event. While horses of many breeds participated, there were five Rockies in the group. It was a beginner friendly ride of approximately 2.5 hours. Close to \$400.00 was raised to contribute to the cancer awareness donation. Hershey's Tucky Boy and Laura Plumley won the "most pink" themed award with Laura wearing her very pink dress! Laura is also a member of the Mid-Atlantic Rocky Mountain Horse Club. It was a day filled with fun and purpose. It is so satisfying to give back to such a great cause.

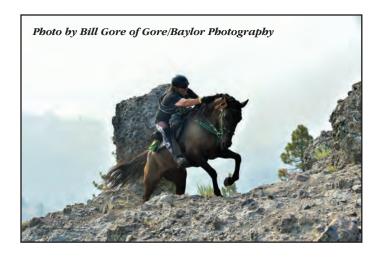




Tevis is a 100 mile in one day endurance race considered to be one of the toughest endurance rides in the world. It follows a rugged portion of the Western States Trail which stretches from Salt Lake City, Utah to Sacramento, California.

Beginning at the Robie Equestrian Park (elevation 7,000 feet), south of Truckee, California, the trail descends gradually approximately nine miles to the Truckee River at the Midway Crossing on Highway 89. The trail takes a route through Squaw Valley, the U.S. Olympic training facility and site of the 1960 Winter Olympics, and ascends from the valley floor (elevation 6,200 feet) to Emigrant Pass near Watson's Monument (elevation 8,750 feet), a climb of 2,550 vertical feet in 4.5 miles. From the pass, following the trail once used by gold and silver miners during the 1850s and rediscovered by Robert Montgomery Watson in 1929, riders will travel west, ascending another 15,540 feet and descending approximately 22,970 feet before reaching the century-old town of Auburn via the traditional route through Robinson Flat, Last Chance, Deadwood, Michigan Bluff, Foresthill, and Francisco's.

The ride was first organized by Wendell Robie, an Auburn businessman and devoted rider of the Sierra high country. Many people in the 50s doubted that any modern-day horse could cover the rugged trail from Lake Tahoe to Auburn in a single day. Wendell and a few of his friends proved them wrong in August of 1955. He continued to hold the ride annually thereafter and organized the Western States Trail Foundation to preserve the 100 mile trail and the Ride.



All horses, mules, donkeys and ponies, except lactating mares and mares in foal, are eligible to enter the Ride provided they are shod or wearing protective footwear, are at least 7 years old on the day of the Ride, are in compliance with the Ride drug and medications policy, and in the sole opinion of the Ride Veterinary staff are in fit condition to compete. The rider is required to have completed at least 300 endurance miles in order to qualify to enter the ride.

Properly preparing your horse and yourself to compete in the ride involves many miles of conditioning. Most riders will tell you it takes a couple years of conditioning and competing to get your horse ready to have a chance at completing Tevis. I personally am 2 completions for 6 attempts. My riding partner Leahe Daby is 2 for 2. Nothing is really the "norm" with Tevis. In 2021 we had been riding conditioning rides beginning in December of 2020. Usually 2-3 rides per week. A couple 10 to 13 mile rides and then one at a longer distance maybe 18 to 23 miles. We entered our first 50 mile ride in March, then in April we did the 20 Mule Team 100 in Ridgecrest CA. In June 4 weeks before Tevis we completed the Cooley Ranch 50 in very hot tough conditions. All this helps to prepare horse and rider for the big day! I also was working on losing some weight, jogging and attending cross fit classes.

The rider should be reasonably fit when considering competing in the ride. Being in shape will make it easier on you and your horse. After all the preparation there is still a good chance you will not finish. The completion rate is usually in the 43%-55% range. In 2021 there were 133 starters and 63 finishers.

In 2011 on my 4th attempt I finished the ride on my now diseased horse Bryant's Midnight Blue. Blue was the first Rocky to complete Tevis. In 2021 I was fortunate to finish on my mare F.H. Sassy Cassie! I rode with my riding buddy Leahe who was on her Rocky Aces Queen of Hearts aka Lucy. The 5:15 AM start is always hectic and a little crazy with 133 horses separated into two groups "Pen 1 and Pen 2" released at almost the same time. We headed out in the dark down the rocky fire road which shortly becomes a single track switchback trail. Crossing the highway and heading up Squaw Valley to the top of the pass at Watson's monument the 133 horses begin to spread out. Eventually there is quite a gap between the front finishers who normally finish around 10:30 Saturday evening and the last of the finishers who get



in at 5:14 AM Sunday morning. You must cross the finish line in the allotted 24 hour time to receive a completion. From there, its on to Granite Chief Wilderness and eventually the vet check at Robinsons flat which is 35 miles into the ride and the first place we would see our crew. Tevis is a one way ride and impossible to ride without a crew. A knowledgeable crew is a tremendous help! Here the horses receive their mash and hay and after they pulse in at the required 60 bpm an hours rest. At each of the vet checks the horses pulse must come down to 60 bpm with the exception of the finish where they need to come down to 64. The crew also helps Leahe and myself with something to eat and refilling our packs with water and vitamin water and snacks. We give the horses electrolytes and soon were off continuing the rest of the ride through the rugged mountains and hot canyons. Temperatures can vary as much as 20 degrees from the cooler mountain tops to the bottom of the canyons which may reach 110 degrees or more!

Next is a check point called Last Chance, from there we head down the canyon to "Swinging Bridge", a bridge crossing the river that literally swings and bounces a little as you cross it. From there it's up the very steep switchbacks to Devil's Thumb. Here is where I can help Cassie by getting off her back and tailing her up that hill. I tail her up from just off the base 2 miles to the top, Leahe's horse in front of us helps motivate both Cassie and I to keep going. At the top I'm huffing and puffing and hot! Cassie is too! I throw some water on myself and the volunteers do the same for Cassie and Leahe's horse Lucy while we have a popsicle.

Leahe suggests we walk / jog the mile into the Deadwood vet check which we do. This helps the horses heart rate to come down shortly after we reach the vet check. Soon we're off and heading toward El Dorado Canyon and Michigan Bluff above. Again, I get off Cassie and tail her up as much as I can to help her save some energy and move a little faster up the canyon. My riding partner Leahe sticks with us all the way. We had planned on sticking together through the ride which is sometimes difficult to do during Tevis, finishing together is even more rare! At Michigan Bluff a couple members of our crew meet us and help cool off the horses then we are off to Chicken Hawk vet check where more of our crew is waiting and then on to Forrest Hill. At Forrest Hill the horses

The Tevis Cup Kibe

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again get an hour rest and we change clothes. Our crew helps with the tack change on the horses including glow sticks and head lamps. This year we found some awesome head lamps with a soft green light that doesn't blind the horses but makes it easier for us to see.

Soon we are riding the cliffs above the American river stopping at Fransisco's vet check. The horses get a 1/2 hour rest and Leahe reminds me that there is a huge crowd of riders coming in not far behind us and we need to get going!

With 15 miles to go we're headed to the river crossing at Poverty Bar. We ride in this area often and so our horses are very familiar with the crossing and the darkness does not affect them at all. There is a full moon which the ride is planned around and this year there are no clouds in the sky blocking it's light helping us so that we often don't use the headlamps.

Cassie is now getting pretty tired although her heart rate is great and she passes the vet checks just fine. I know her and she's tired. She now prefers to walk rather than move in her gait. We walk most of the way in to Auburn. Again, thanks to Leahe and her horse Lucy for sticking with us.

We finish 32nd and 33rd in 21 hours 17 minutes. We started at 5:15 Saturday morning and finished 4:29 Sunday morning! We pass the final vet in and our crew helps us take care of the horses. Leahe applies poultice and wraps their legs. I'm out. We sleep for a few hours and at 2:00 pm at the awards ceremony we receive our Tevis Buckles!

Tevis can be a grueling 100 miles, riders often say to each other "why are we doing this"? But it is a beautiful ride through some fantastic parts of the Sierras! So the next morning we are already talking and planning for next year and what we might do different leading up to and during next years Tevis 100 mile adventure!



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The Rocky Mountain Horse Foundation, Inc.™ (RMHF) is a non-profit 501(c)3 public charity, formed in 2017, to provide a sensible and convenient mechanism for individuals who would like to donate to support research, educational, and promotional projects benefitting the Rocky Mountain Horse breed. From its creation, funded by a grant from the Whittier Foundation, the RMHF has depended on the generosity of donors. All donations are tax-deductible (up to current IRS tax code limits) and can be directed to support any of the current projects or the administrative costs of maintaining the RMHF. Operated by volunteers, the only administrative costs are for promotional or professional services.

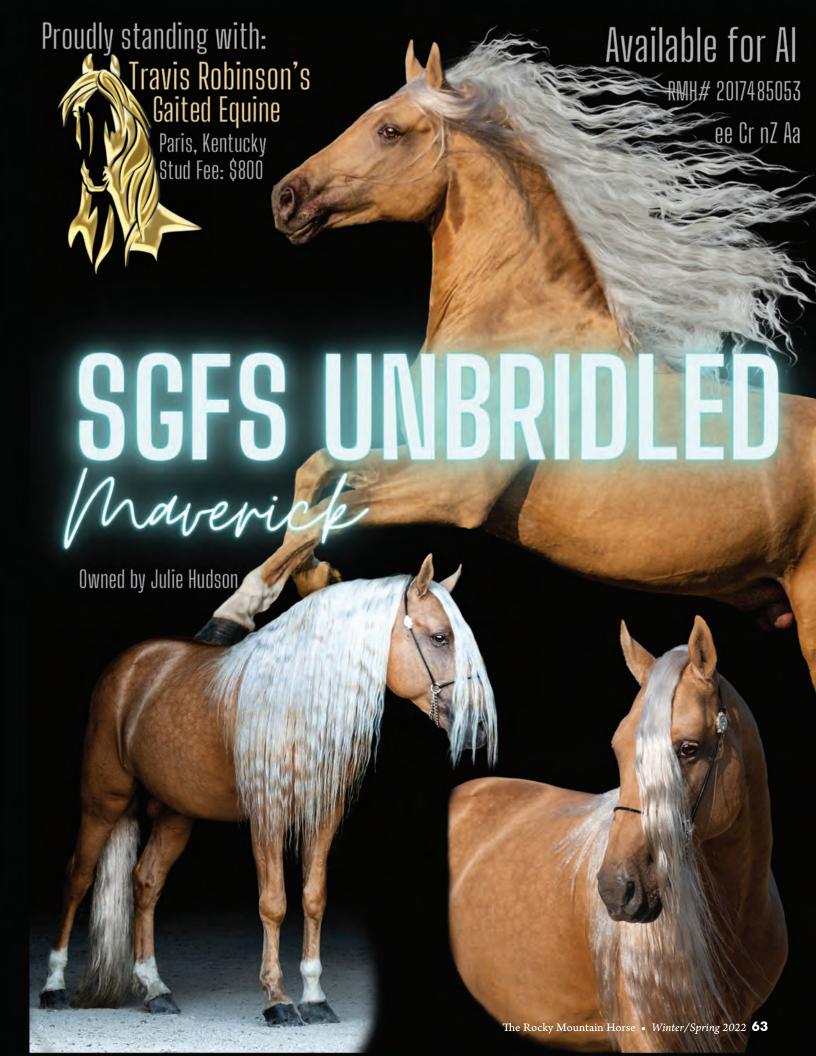
The RMHF's 501(c)3 status requires that donated funds must be used for:

- Development and maintenance of educational materials or resources preserving and documenting the history of the Rocky Mountain Horse breed and the breed registry.
- Scholarships to encourage the educational advancement of Rocky Mountain Horse owners in fields of study pertinent to preserving and protecting the breed and developing future leaders of the breed.

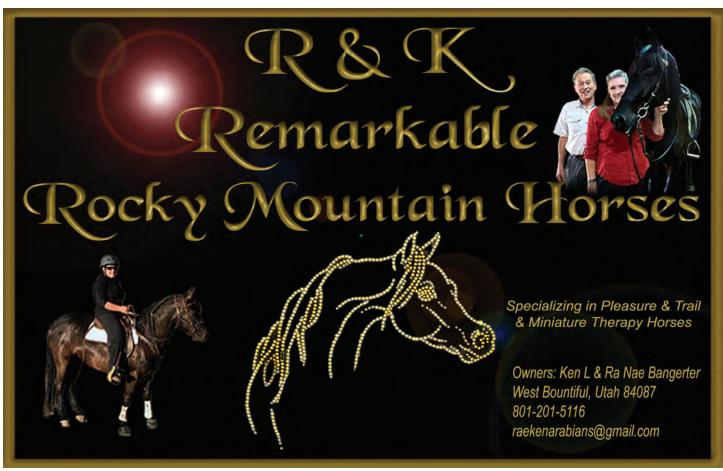
- Scientific research designed to protect and enhance the health and well-being of the Rocky Mountain Horse into the future.
- Amateur competition (youth and adult) in a variety of venues promoting the Rocky Mountain Horses' ability to provide physical and emotional benefits to owners and others.

The RMHF's current Board Members include: Michael Brummer, Steve Autry, Julia Tucker, and Judy Brummer. Their goal is to assist established organizations, academic institutions, or dedicated groups in raising funds to assist in the creation and maintenance of events, programs, and resources improving the lives of all Rocky Mountain Horses. If you are a member of an organization, institution, or group who would like to explore receiving funding through the RMHFoundation, please contact the RMHF by email at rmhf@rmhorse.org. The RMHF is currently working with the RMHA Youth and History Committees and the Bill Corey Fund to support ongoing projects of these groups. The RMHF hopes generous donors will provide the funds necessary to support the projects of these groups. If you might like to help fund these projects, more information is available at rmhorse.org and donations can be made through PayPal (to rmhf@rmhorse.org) or by check to the RMHFoundation. If you shop on Amazon, you can use the AmazonSmiles program and Amazon will donate to the RMHF every time you make a qualifying purchase at no added cost to you (more info at amazonsmile.com). If you can't personally donate funds to support the RMHF or its projects, you can help the breed by following the RMHF Facebook page (Rocky Mountain Horse Foundation) and sharing our posts and our mission to others who may be able to donate or may be developing projects, programs, or materials that the RMHF can help to support. TOGETHER WE CAN achieve our vision to maintain this all-American heritage breed well into the future.

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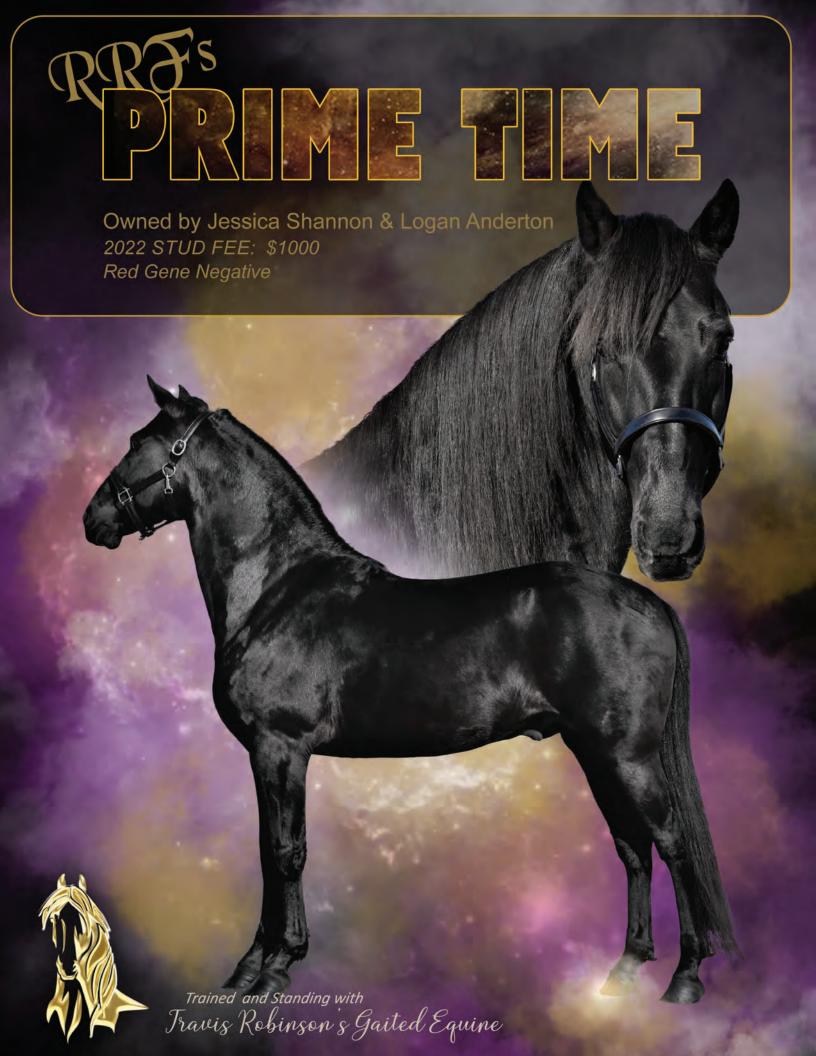
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From humble beginnings in Eastern Kentucky, to the fjords of Norway, the moors of the United Kingdom, and the deep forests of Germany; the Rocky Mountain Horse has captured the hearts of people all over the world. Our breed is growing by leaps and bounds in faraway places. The word is out! Rocky Mountain Horses are a special breed! Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the ad hoc committee members in Germany and the United States, the RMHA has been able to partner with the Westphalian Society, in Germany, to maintain a Filial Studbook. This is particularly exciting for our European Union members because their foals will finally have the purebred recognition they deserve! What is a Filial Studbook? Simply put, it is a "Daughter Registry". The RMHA has given the Westphalian Society, (Westfälisches Pferdestammbuch) permission to maintain records, issue passports, check DNA parentage, and operate a registry that mirrors the Rules and Bylaws of the "parent registry" that is the RMHA. This is an important milestone for the Association and for the breeders in Europe. It is our hope that we will now see people in Germany and surrounding countries, competing in events, paying less in taxation, shipping stallion semen, and thriving with their horses. These European horses will have their American papers as well as EU documentation that reflects their pedigrees that the RMHA has so carefully maintained over the years. It is very exciting to see the growth and respect for our breed in these places so far away from where it all began.

There is a little farm, in the seaside community known as Sola/Kolnes, on the southern coast of Norway. It is known as Rocky Mountain Ranch, and it is nestled uniquely between quaint farm fields that are separated by ancient rock fence lines and a spectacularly beautiful beach that looks out into the North Sea. It is home to a revolving handful of Rocky Mountain Horses. "Tamberlane's Powerful Threat" is a black gelding that is owned and loved by Gørill Strand. He is the farm's permanent Rocky resident, and the horse that started it all for Gørill. She began her search simply. She wanted safe trail horse and imported "PT" from Kentucky on faith alone. What she ended up with, started her on a fantastic journey that had her falling head over heels in love with the breed. Since the purchase of this single gelding, she has imported a couple more of her own and has helped others to import several horses. Through her enthusiasm for Rockies, she became a working partner with another breeder in Norway. Bjorn Norrøne had purchased a colt and filly from Denmark with the goal of raising Rocky Mountain Horses. Due to a traffic accident, he was unable to finish the training and daily handling of his young



horses, and Gørill stepped in to help a fellow enthusiast. She raised and trained the filly as her own and learned a lot about the breed and the gait through hard work and relying on advice from her American friends. When Gørill found out that a Director of Examiners was going to be in Ireland, just close enough to easily arrange travel, she jumped on the opportunity to help arrange for a RMHA Clinic to be held for her Scandinavian peers. Gørill completed the RMHA Certification Clinic, held Linköping, Sweden, and is a current Examiner for the RMHA. She has proven to be a wonderful ambassador for the breed by always offering help to others!

If one travels out of the Stavanger Region, and heads northeast away from Sola, you will find the farm of Bjorn Norrøne in Vestre Gausdal. Bjorn lives on an 88-acre farm called "Bergland", which means Rocky Land. Bjorn's story with Rocky Mountain Horses began with a Google search for "The BEST Mountain Horse in the World", and so he set off to Denmark to obtain some breeding stock. The colt he purchased became a certified stallion, with the help of Gørill, who took him on and helped him find his gait. This good-natured black stallion, named "Orlando", lives quite the life as the protector of his little herd of mares and foals, both up in the mountains and down on the farm, depending on the season. Bjorn has trained both Orlando and his mare to pull the sledge and the carriage. It is quite a beautiful sight to see Orlando pulling the sled during "Juletiden" (Christmas time) in the stunning Norwegian landscape, for which this utilitarian breed is well suited. Both Gørill

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and Bjorn have been instrumental in bringing the Rocky Mountain Horses to the hearts and minds of the Norwegians. Between them, they exchange breeding stock and work together to grow the breed, whether through import, breeding their own, or networking to help others in their country become a part of the growing community of Rocky Mountain Horse owners.

Crossing the North Sea, heading southwest from Norway, takes us to the United Kingdom, where Marie Brittenden lives with her ever growing herd of Rocky Mountain Horses. Her farm, known as the Cornmill Stud, is located in Yorkshire, where green rolling hills are dotted with all

sorts of beautiful Rockies of different colors and sizes. Her dream of having a farm began when she was just a child. In Marie's words, "When I was seven years old, I declared to my parents: I'm not going to be a vet. I want to have my own animals, not look after everyone else's. I'm going to be a lawyer, earn lots of money and breed horses and dogs." (This is a story of, she believed she could, so she did!) 40 years later, Marie's dream became a reality. While her affinity for Andalusians was natural, she realized that there was more she could do with another breed. Her research into the Rocky Mountain Horse began when she was shown a photo of a beautiful double silver horse that was a Rocky.

The first mare to arrive to the farm was named "Secret" and she was intended to be the "husband safe" horse at the farm. True to many a Rocky owner's experience, Marie found out that Rockies really are like potato chips, and you cannot just stop with one! Marie has seen two other Rocky Mountain Horse Breeders come and go in the UK, and she is determined to see the breed maintain a foothold through her dedication. The herd at the Cornmill Stud has grown exponentially over the last few years, from a single mare, to over 30 horses! Her focus has been to import lines that could help with both diversity and preservation of the older pedigrees. She attended the Examiner Clinic in Weert, Netherlands and is a current Examiner for the RMHA. She has also gone through the process to provide frozen semen, from three different stallions, that is eligible to be shipped anywhere in the EU. This is great for the breed, to help ensure long-term survival and continued breeding of these wonderful horses to new areas that might not have had access to diverse stallion options otherwise. While the most recent focus has been importing quality horses for breeding

> stock, the next endeavor to help promote the Rocky Mountain Horse in the UK, is to branch into Endurance Riding. Can you imagine traversing with your Rocky Mountain Horse through the moorlands and historic landscapes of the English countryside?

> Perhaps Wine Country in Germany sounds appealing? Rhineland Palatinate is well known for its wine. Near the southern wine route, Kristina Bischofberger owns and operates KB Mountain Horses in German Tuscany. The climate is milder and the sun shines more frequently there than in





other parts of the country. Located on the Franco-German border, the Northern Vosges (in France) and the Palatinate Forest (Pfälzerwald, in Germany) share a transboundary UNESCO biosphere reserve. For the trail rider, this presents fantastic opportunities to explore the dense forests of the largest contiguous forest area of Western Europe, where dozens upon dozens of castles and ruins dot the landscape, among impressive sandstone cliffs that look down upon meandering streams in the valleys below. This is an area where one can hop on their horse and ride for hours without ever having to cross a single street. This sounds like the perfect location to raise a herd of Rocky Mountain Horses!

Kristina's journey with Rocky Mountain Horses began after a bout of illness that left her feeling weak and inflexible. During this time, she began to rediscover riding after a twenty year hiatus. Her first love was for large powerful sport horses, like her beloved "Eabe", who was the Friesian of her childhood dreams. Unfortunately for Kristina, it became evident that these horses were just too strong for her, and she wanted to be able to enjoy riding even on her weakest days. When she discovered the Rocky Mountain Horse, she knew that it would be her destiny to have them. The smooth gait and the kind temperament of this breed is just what she had been looking for to fulfill her needs. Like many people that discover the breed, there was much to be learned about gaited horses as well as the breeding philosophies and rules within the Association. Kristina has been very busy networking with breeders and trainers from all over Europe, as well as the United States, to absorb everything she can to help her manage her ever growing herd of Rocky Mountain Horses. This knowledge and new-found love for the breed has changed her entire concept of her farm, where the goal is now for breeding, preserving, and sharing the breed. Her focus is to stay true to the foundation and breed good calm working horses that everyone can enjoy. When an Examiners Clinic was held in Weert, Netherlands, Kristina was there to learn more and become an Examiner. It was during this clinic, where a meeting of the minds came together! It was an opportunity for the President of the RMHA, the Director of Examiners, as well as the Registrar to all be in one room with active breeders and members of Europe. It isn't often that representation from such varied regions can sit down and have honest and open discussions of ideas, concerns and perspectives. It is where the first real discussions of a Filial Studbook for Europe took place. Kristina has been a valuable member of the ad hoc committee that helped bring the Filial Studbook to life. Together, with Kathrin

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and Dr. Simon Bach, fellow German Rocky Breeders, she began to research into the possibilities of having a studbook (Registry) in Europe. Due to the nature of more strict governing bodies, in comparison to the United States, the breeders of Rocky Mountain Horses in Europe were being stifled with unfair restrictions. Thanks to the diligent efforts of time, communication, and research from Kristina, Simon and Kathrin; and also through the initiation of the ad hoc committee, by President Judy Brummer, the RMHA was better able to understand the perspective and needs of our European members. Were it not for Kristina's communication skills in English, this might not have come to pass! She has been instrumental in communicating between the Westphalian Society and the RMHA committee to help bring everything together. It is a task that was often difficult due to translation issues, delays due to office staffing problems on both sides of the ocean, and the overall busy lives of our volunteers that try to do their best for this breed. There will be more hurdles to overcome and more tasks to see through with the Filial Studbook, but it is an exciting time for the RMHA to strengthen and nurture the ties with our friends and members throughout the world!



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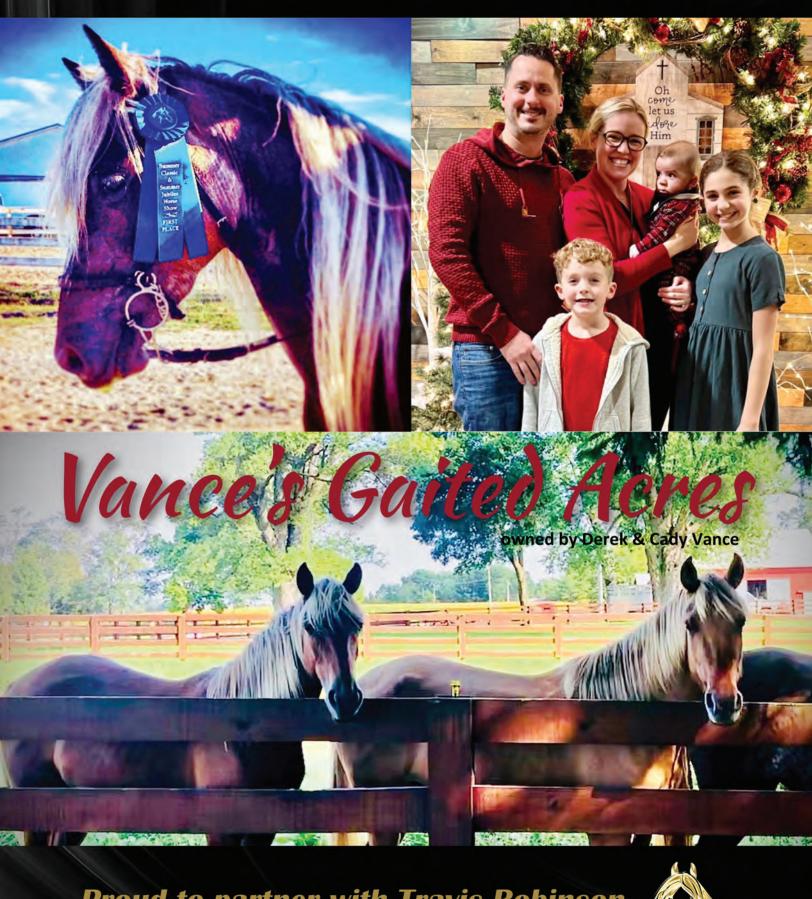
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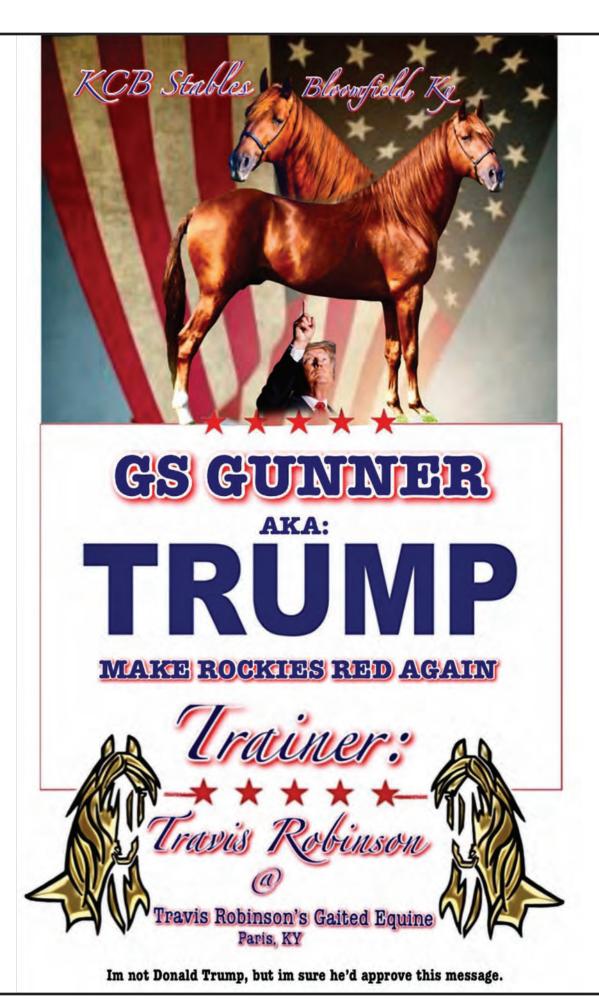
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