



Western Chapter President's Message

President: Peter Tarnawskyj - Tarnawskyj.peter@yahoo.com

It's the last day of 2022 as I write this. We seem to be getting the best of COVID 19 but a recession appears to be ahead. Nevertheless, life goes on and we're planning for 2023. During the last few years life has been anything but normal and I think that a little bit of normal is what we all crave. Accordingly, we're going to try and get the Chapter back on a more normal course. The first order of business is to schedule a board meeting for January to chart our course for 2023 including an election for officers and board members. We'll also try to firm up what activities are or will be planned for the year. We'll post the date, time and place on the website and invite you to attend, especially if you're interested in running for office.

On another subject that's not often discussed, I'd like to talk about what happens when one of our horses passes on. The loss itself is tragic but the need to having to deal with the remains generally compounds the tragedy. If you have or board at a large facility it's an event that's been handled before, however if you are a "back yard" horse owner this event generally only happens a few times in your lifetime. What to do? For some the solution is burial at your property and that means getting someone with equipment or renting equipment to do the job. And, if you're doing it yourself the job, especially if you have to remove the remains from the stall, can be stressful. You also need to check local ordinances to be sure it is allowed in your area.

Recently a friend of ours faced this situation and found a solution that worked for her. The solution was provided by Running Free Transport owned by Rachel Levin, LVT (716-310-7577 ; ponypwr28@hotmail.com). This is her website: <https://runningfree716.com/> to the contact information in the text?

Based on our friend's experience, Rachel has the equipment, skill and compassion to remove the remains and transport them to a facility that you select. In this case it was the SPCA serving Erie County in West Seneca, NY that has a crematorium that can handle equines. Another option would have been composting at "The Last Pasture" in Alexander, NY. It is also my understanding that Pine Rest Pet Cemetery on Seneca Creek Rd. in West Seneca is in the process of upgrading their crematorium to accommodate equines sometime in 2023. One other solution would be Cornell University.

Finally, there is cost. Typically, on site burial is the lowest cost since there is no transportation involved. With cost of diesel fuel exceeding \$5/gallon transportation is not inexpensive and the actual cost is dependent on the distance travelled and will be similar to and probably a bit more than hauling a horse to a show. Cremation cost is dependent on fuel cost and may be in the neighborhood of \$1 per pound. Composting cost should be a bit less than cremation.

I understand that the above may not be the happiest thing to think about as a new year is upon us, but have found that having this information available prior to needing it is better than addressing the issue at a time when emotions and stress are at a high level.

WNY Polocrosse Team

In 2020, members of Heart to Heart Pony club in Alexander NY went to pony club nationals. There we attended a clinic that introduced us to the sport of polocrosse. We were immediately intrigued and came home and started the first polocrosse team in NY. It is a fun, fast paced family friendly game. It is commonly referred to as lacrosse on horseback. We went to our first tournament and was shocked at the acceptance and willingness at other competitors to help. We are currently looking for new members. If you are interested reach out to Kate Krotz at 585-506-6176 or email: jkrotz2@rochester.rr.com
Come join us and have fun!!!



Horsemanship Quotes & Sayings

- Behind every good rider is a solid understanding of horsemanship. No matter what discipline you ride, good horsemanship is fundamental for success.
- Take the time it takes so it takes less time. **Pat Parelli**
- If you are only a student of technique, then the options become very limited. On the other hand, when you are a student of the horse, the options are unlimited. **Mark Rashid**
- If you act like you've only got fifteen minutes, it will take all day. Act like you've got all day, it will take fifteen minutes. **Monty Roberts**
- Horse training is not about fixing the horse. It's about fixing your leadership. **Linda Parelli**
- One of the primary ways horses communicate with us is through their behavior. Again, it is my belief horses don't distinguish between how they feel and how they act. So if they act a certain way, their actions are reflecting the way they feel. A horse's body then becomes a mirror for their emotions. So the body informs us of what is truly going on internally. **Mark Rashid**
- Learn from each and every horse you ride. Every horse has something to teach you, and sometimes you don't realize what that lesson is until years later! **Carl Hester**
- And indeed, a horse who bears himself proudly is a thing of such beauty and astonishment that he attracts the eyes of all beholders. No one will tire of looking at him as long as he will display himself in his splendor. **Xenophon**
- You cannot train a horse with shouts and expect it to obey a whisper. **Unknown author**
- A horse doesn't care how much you know until he knows how much you care. Put your hand on your horse and your heart in your hand. **Unknown**
- There is no secret so close as that between a rider and his horse. **Unknown**

Nash Hill, The New Nash Presents Several Clinics in 2023

April 26-27 Lockie Phillips Emotional Horsemanship is coming from Spain to Nash Hill Equestrian Center! Having a life with horses has been a choice based in a deep love and passion for this amazing animal and the art of horsemanship

- Horsemanship with *SCIENCE, EMPATHY & FEEL* we go through a process of elimination before using a training technique. To ensure we never use training to overcome a root cause for behavioural issues, that has a mental or physical health cause. E.g. We check for pain, pathology or potential improvements in the horses daily life and care. We do the same for the person involved too. Learning should come from a clean slate. If necessary, we consult on a management plan to install improvements or healing.
- **Training Techniques?**
Emotional Horsemanship has a variety of training techniques available for you to learn which are *entirely unique to this method*. Developed over the last ten years according to science, empathy and feel from deep inter-disciplinary research and on the ground experience with thousands of horses . Continually in development, please expect more techniques to become available in the future. Some other techniques available to learn are standard, or common training techniques but they have been filtered through a lens of science, empathy and feel to improve the horses learning experience and performance, and your enjoyment and safety!

Check out her website at [.https://www.emotionalhorsemanship.com/gowanda-clinic](https://www.emotionalhorsemanship.com/gowanda-clinic) Call Staci Saulter at (716) 257-9543

June 3-4 JUST GAIT with Carl Bledsoe at Nash Hill Equestrian Center The New Nash 10999 Persia Road, Gowanda, NY, United States, New York

- We are happy to be hosting a clinic with our friend Carl Bledsoe. Carl has a focus on Gaited horses, but all horses are welcome and can benefit from his Knowledge. Allegany Mountain Saddlery also proudly sponsors Carl, and we will have saddle fitting available at this clinic also!
- Carl Bledsoe has 40+ years experience and brings a wealth of knowledge to the gaited horse breeds.
- Carl believes in education and understanding by having compassion and empathy for the horse: not 'training' but rather building relationships and approaches each horse as an individual and asks himself "What's in it for the horse?". Rather than shortcuts and gimmicks he believes in classical training with a true understanding of the biomechanics of the horse as well as the rider and how it relates to proper self-carriage.

For more information on Carl go to : **JUST GAIT.** <https://carbledsoehorsemanship.com/> Call Staci Saulter at (716) 257-9543 for more information.

The Western Chapter is Happy to Present:

April 29-30 Ranch Horse Clinic Sponsored by the Western Chapter of the NY State Horse Council

- **Clinician: Mike Bednarek of Bednarek Quarter Horses.** Mike specializes in Reining, Ranch horse riding and ranch horse trail as well as Working Cow horses. Mike attended Canisius College and holds an Associate's Degree in Veterinary Technology from Medaille College in Buffalo, NY. Mike is an AQHA, PHBA, IBHA, NRCHA and NSBA Judge. Mike has been involved with the equine industry for more than 40 years training, showing, and breeding horses, as well as teaching at Morrisville State College and Cazenovia College.

- **Location/time** 9am each day. The two-day clinic will be held at MK Quarter Horse 4430 Chestnut Rd, Wilson, NY 14172/. For more information contact Barb Cunningham-716-225-1014.
 - **Cost** for Riders (includes both days) \$500 for NYS Horse Council Members-\$600 for non-members. (Limited space available)
 - Auditors welcome \$25/day or \$40 for both days. Youth under 19 may audit without cost.
 - Stabling available-paid directly to MK
 - Clinic will start at 9 am each day. Sunday will end with a judged class.
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Braveheart Beasts' Introduction to Liberty Clinic

March 21-23, 2023

We are hosting Kaliegh Marie of Braveheart Beasts for a 3 day Intro to Liberty and Trick training clinic here at Rose Hill Ranch Tue, Mar 21, 2023 9:30 AM Thu, Mar 23, 2023 5:00 PM. Located at 6066 Italy Valley Rd Naples NY 14512

Braveheart Beasts' Intro to Liberty clinic is for people and horses at any stage of their liberty journey looking to bring their relationship and communication to the next level.

With a combination of group work, one on one sessions, and demonstrations from myself and my horses, we will spend these three days developing an in depth understanding of my liberty training program to discover the principles of liberty work, what tools we need for basic and advanced maneuvers, and how to successfully work with our horses completely at freedom.



Topics include physical and mental softness, foundational and advanced body control, collection at liberty, positive reinforcement, trick training, and more! Please contact Emma Minter at rosehillranch1@gmail.com or (585) 944-5057 to sign up!

\$525/participant. \$40/day for auditors

Thank you and Happy New Year! Emma Minter

NEW PAVILION AT THE CHUR EQUESTRIAN CENTER AT KNOX PARK

The East Aurora Driving Society, (EADS), was organized in October, 1978. The purpose of this society was to promote interest in the driving horse, restoration of horse-drawn vehicles, and pleasure driving through clinics, driving competitions, exhibitions and pleasure drives. Also, to cooperate with other groups to promote the sport of pleasure driving. The EADS hosted the East Aurora Carriage Drive & Competitions, and other equine activities at Knox Park from 1979- 2018. The pandemic hit and due to declining interest in the sport of driving, and waning volunteerism, the EADS has decided to stop hosting the competition. We have sold or given away the equipment used for driving activities. The beautiful gazebo was donated to *The Friends of Knox Park* for photo opportunities at their events.

The EADS board of directors voted to use the remaining funds to build and donate a pavilion at the Chur Equestrian Center at Knox Farm State Park. We want to thank the community and our equestrian friends at the WC NYSHC, & the Aurora Trail Riders for their unwavering support throughout the years. On behalf of the board of directors, we want to thank everyone that donated, exhibited, and or volunteered to help us sponsor the many activities we held at the park.



With the exception of a few minor details, our 20'x30' pavilion was completed the week of October 24th. We hope the public will enjoy using this facility for all kinds of activities & family gatherings, with or without a horse. At this time, you will need to provide your own tables and chairs.

Many of you have been generously supporting the equestrian area by purchasing TOPS GIFT CARDS over the past several decades. I want to Thank You very much for that support. It has helped allow the Chur Family Equestrian Center to be immaculately maintained. A special thank you to Mr. David Gunner, Supervisor for the Town of Aurora Highway Dept., for sending his crew over to mow, weed whack and fertilize, etc. on a regular basis. The money raised from the TOPs GIFT CARD program will continue to be donated to offset that expense. For those of you that don't know, the Neil and Barbara Chur Family donated the funds to build the equestrian area, i.e. draining the wet lands, putting in drain tile, digging the pond and erecting the split railed fenced rings, for us to enjoy.

I, Liz O'Donnell, will continue selling the TOPS GIFT CARDS to support the maintenance and improvements of the sports fields at Knox. If you would like to help, **contact: me, text 716-380-5724 or email: eod892@gmail.com ; or [Linda Tarnawskyj, 716-572-2805](mailto:Linda.Tarnawskyj@716-572-2805); ltpfarm@yahoo.com** to lend your support. It doesn't cost you anything but TOPs Markets generously donates 5% of the \$\$ amount of the cards sold and those funds are donated to the David Gunner's crew at the Town of Aurora Highway Dept. Thank you to those who already support this worthy cause.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

~ I hope to see you and you friends enjoying the new pavilion this summer! ~

Submitted by Liz O'Donnell

Ambassadors to the Barn



I was at a tack Auction this recently when their resident barn kitty came to greet all the customers. Everyone had a smile on their face, got me thinking of an article for the newsletter. Being the time of the year in Western New York. Sometimes we forget about the Ambassador's to the Barn. Most of us if not all of us have at least one barn cat. I remember growing up being greeted everyday by our barn cats. Showing off the daily catch or helping with the chores.



As the weather is getting colder, we need to make sure that our furry friend is warm and fed. Reminders to make sure they put on some extra weight to carry them over the cold winter months.



Extra leftovers or an extra can of cat food a day will be a great addition to their dry cat food. Fresh clean water is always available and not just the horse troughs.

Health care is very important for our barn kitties.



Tractor Supply has many varieties of wormers that can be mixed with their food. While some cats find warm place in the hay, make sure they have a warm dry place to stay. These cats while they bring a smile on our faces, they bring down the mouse population in the barn. You may not see it, but you will surly know it if the mouser isn't there. Be very careful putting down mouse poison. The cat may ingest it directly or ingest a mouse who have consume some.

Hoping these furry friends are friendly enough to handle. Some of the local Tractor Supply stores have a Vet on site to provide care, shots, and checkups. Utilize your Barn vet or your local County has schedules starting in the spring of free vaccination clinics with sites in your area. They also can provide edible rabies pellets. A trick I was shown was to put the cat in a pillowcase. The cat can get their shots thru the clean pillow case without causing trauma to the cat. Works like a charm.

Always consider Spay or Neutering to control your feline population on the farm. Your county has many programs to assist farms at low cost.

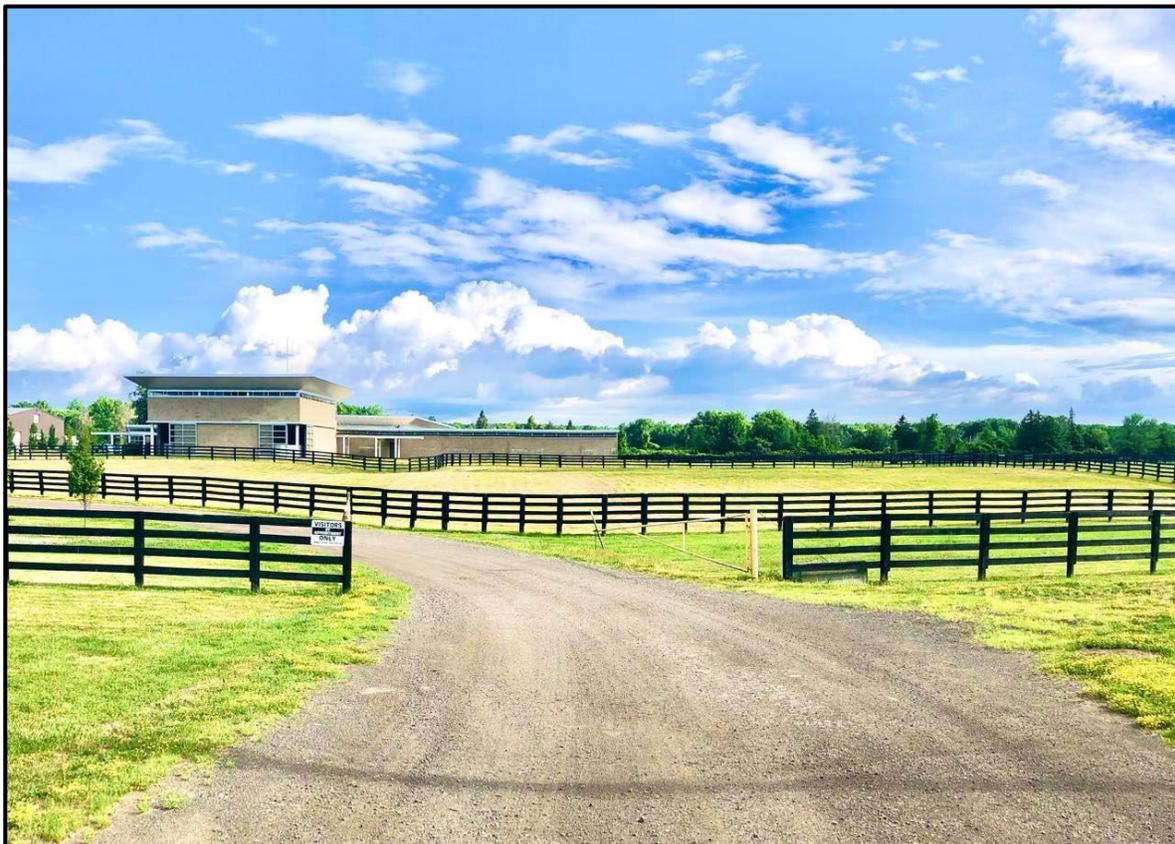
While we take our kitty's for granted, they do a great job and bring a smile on our faces. So, the next time you see your furry friend, give them some extra Loving.

Happy Holidays Judy Miller



2022 FHANA Keuring

September 1, 2022. Lorick Stables New York Inspection



Western New York weather was at her best for our very first ever New York State Inspection at the Lorick Stables facilities in Historic Youngstown. Flanked by the Niagara River and Lake Ontario. Fort Niagara is just a few miles away from the property and was home to the famous battle of 1812.

Located on fifty picturesque acres devoted entirely to the Breeding and Training of KFPS Friesian Horses, the property owned by Lorie Washuta and Rick Butts houses just under thirty Friesians and stands their KFPS Approved Sport Elite A stallion, Jesse 435.



KFPS Judges from the Netherland were Pieter Bergsma and Will Thijssen for Circuit One. Top American Handler, Bruce Griffin III assisted by Madeline Schneider were charged with the responsibility of presenting all horses shown that day.

Entries for the Keuring came from New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia ; with spectators and guests from Florida and all of New York State. Presentations began with Weanling Colts accompanied by their Dams. Thijs LSI by Jesse 435 Stb Sport Elite A out of Boukje Kula Stb Ster (by Bene 476 Stb Sport AAA) Awarded Frist Premium and WEANLING CHAMPION COLT with his look-alike brother Viggo LSI by Jesse 435 Stb Sport Elite A out of Annette fan'e Hamsterheide Stb Model Sport AA (By Doaitzen 420 Stb Sport) second Premium and RESERVE Weanling COLT . Both bred and owned by Lorick Stables.



In Weanling Fillies 3 were awarded a second Premium Uvanka By Hessel 480 Stb Sport AA out of Tauriel K.O. Stb (By Doaitzen 420 Stb Sport) CHAMPION WEANLING FILLY Filly. Breeder/Owner Kandy Spader . Valkyrie WEF By Hessel 480 Stb Sport AA out of Miranda ISF Stb (By Erik 351 Stb Sport) RESERVE CHAMPION WEANLING FILLY Breeder/Owner

Katie Wenger. Vivian WEF By Tsjalle 454 Stb Sport Elite Pref AAA out of Sanne A v/d Slothoeve Stb (By Maurits 437 Stb Stb Sport). Bred and Owned by Katie Wenger.

The sole Yearling Filly entry of Sabine LSI By Jesse 435 Stb Sport Elite A out of Annette fan'e Hamsterheide Stb Model Sport AA (By Doaitzen 420 Stb Sport) was awarded a Second Premium and CHAMPION YEARLING FILLY/Reserve Champion Youth of the Day. Owned and Bred by Lorick Stables.

The Yearling Colt Riikard LSI by Tsjalle 454 Stb Sport Elite Pref AAA ot of Zarina fan Oostenburg Stb Ster Kroon (BY Norbert 444 Stb Sport Pref AAA) was awarded First Premium Ster and CHAMPION YEARLING COLT. Quinten By Feike 395 Stb Sport out of Boukje Kula Stb Ster (By Bene 476 Stb Ster AAA) was awarded a Third Premium. Both owned and bred by Lorick Stables. Next Meiko LSI By Norbert 444Stb Sport Pref AAA out of Arja LSI Stb Ster (By Teade392 Stb Sport) Showed beautifully to a First Premium and CHAMPION COLT. Owned and bred by Lorick Stables.

Kaj LSI By Tsjalle 454 Stb Sport Elite AAA out of Zarina fan Oostenburg Stb Ster Kroon (By Norbert 444 Stb Sport Pref AAA was named Stb Ster and brought back for a second look by the judges later. Owned and bred by Lorick Stables.

Two beautiful four- and five-year-old mares were presented for Stb and Ster. Isadora by Tjalbert 460 Stb AA out of Miranda ISF Stb (By Erik 351 Stb Sport) was Awarded Second Premium Stb Ster and Champion Mare. Bred by Katie Wenger and owned by Adina Papp.

Epona van Scarpa By Norbert 444 Stb Sport Pref AAA out of Beitske A. Stb Ster (By Jasper 366 Stb Sport Elite Pref.) was also Awarded a Second Premium Ster and reserve Champion Mare for Owner Debra Crow and Corvus Farm. Bred by Deanna Arbucci.

Our Day had actually started with a ridden Dressage IBOP test with Epona Van Scarpa and her rider/trainer Allie Russel. Allie was recovering from an injury and presented a great Test for Owner Debra Crow winning Champion Ridden IBOP of the day



to move up from Provisional to Kroon and clinched the score to do that and be Champion Driven IBOP of the day. Imported in foal to Tsjalle this mare has produced Kaj LSI and was bred back to him to produce Riikard LSI . What a Driving Pair they will make.



The Keuring closed with a Spectacular showing In-Hand of Jesse 395 for the Judges and Spectators by Bruce Griffin III and Madeline Schneider. The judges had great comments about how good he looked and moved, especially, for a stallion of his age and hope to see him again next year.



We are presently trying to solidify plans for 2023.
Submitted by Gareth Selwood

FEI Competitor Taz Lester Presented Zarina fan Oostenburg for her driven IBOP and consideration

Mares.....

Although this is true for good horses in general, if you've ever watched natural wild horses, you understand why mares are the way they are. Give birth to a foal and immediately have to defend it from prey, mares usually have big ears which allows them to hear prey coming, raised senses in general because not only do they have to fend for themselves but also a foal who is not capable of just running away. Mares are often ready to stay to fight if needed, stand their ground.

“There's something different about the way a good mare connects with her rider. It's special. Like an unspoken agreement. Once a mare chooses you as her person, it's like she has an instinct to protect you, to fight for you. It's almost as if she takes ownership of you.



I believe the good mares have a deep sense of intuition. They can read your mind. They know what you're thinking even before you do. The good mares I know breathe fire in the face of challenge and then somehow, miraculously, know to quiet themselves when a timid child is plopped on their back for a pony ride.



They are clever, cunning and calculated, which can be your greatest enemy or your saving grace. The good mares I know do not tolerate egotistical riding. They do not tolerate force. They demand tact, finesse and emotional control. But once you have won a mare's heart, you have won all of her. In exchange for your best—and nothing less—she will give you everything.”

Written by: Lindsay Paulse

I am Missy.

Megan is my daughter.

Mac is our horse.

This is Our Story...

My name is Missy Benzee and my husband Dave and I are the proud parents of Megan. We adopted Megan from Guatemala 16 years ago and she was our dream come true. We couldn't have asked for a more wonderful way to complete our family. Megan is our everything and we are blessed to have such an amazing young lady as our daughter.

Megan is an old soul, wise beyond her years, and she is an incredible artist. Sadly, her talent and her whole self was overtaken by the darkness of an illness that blindsided our family. When Megan was 13, she was diagnosed with a degenerative genetic muscular disorder that became pronounced after having a tonsillectomy in July 2019. The anesthesia triggered a debilitating onset of the disease that had been dormant since birth and she lost all reflexes in her arms and legs. A week after her surgery she could barely walk. She was not able to start 8th grade at Iroquois Central School. The specialists were at a loss as the pain took over her body. We felt as if her life was ending before us.



Our lives changed overnight and watching our baby girl endure so much pain, countless hospital visits and not having any answers was agonizing. By Summer 2020 she was using a wheelchair, lost 20 pounds, and her whole body was being affected. She had a feeding tube inserted in December 2020 because she couldn't chew properly and sufficient nutrition and hydration was difficult.

The physical toll on Megan was hard to watch, but her heart was hurting too. She had no socialization with her peers, didn't want to leave the house and her anxiety about her illness and the loss of a normal teenage life started to dim the light in her eyes. The specialists prepared us for her decline and if there were more changes we would need to make plans for palliative care in our home.

I needed to find something to help Megan. She has always loved animals so in March 2021, I called Lothlorien and set up a tour. Convincing Megan to go was a struggle. Her wheelchair had become essential for her to move around and she hated everything about it. People would stare or whisper and she was self-conscious. She would wear a leg brace, telling others that she had twisted her knee and needed the wheelchair. At 15 years old, Megan hated going out in public because of her wheelchair, but her desire to see the horses overcame her dread.

The staff at Lothlorien welcomed us with open arms. They didn't make rude glances at Megan in her chair, judge her or laugh at her. The horses accepted Megan, showing her a kindness and acceptance that started to chip away at the wall that Megan had built around her heart. We felt a calming peace come over our family and we saw the light come back into Megan's eyes. Megan started riding lessons the following week and she was doing so well we invited the Hospice chaplain to watch her ride. The chaplain was speechless. She had been searching for something to connect with Megan. Lothlorien's horses were able to make that connection.

AMERICAN HERITAGE NEWS by Donna Fox

During the summer I actually got the time to visit some of our members and beware but I plan on visiting others during the fall. First visit was at **Turn of the Century Morgans** home of **Acrosstime Morgans** owned by Michelle Dahler-Humes in Guy Mills, PA. Michelle and Mike have been breeding Morgans since 1996 and have a beautiful collection of typy mares and stallions. They began with Government/Lippitt lines crossed on western working stock. Their stallion is of the very nice and hard to find Devan lines. Heritage Morgans was honored to have them lease our stallion Heritage JimT to cross on their mares the last two years and the trip was to see the offspring. We were very happy with the results and were tempted to add one or two to our breeding program but I have promised Bill I am done breeding. They had four stud colts and one filly. The filly will join their broodmares and they have sold two of the colts already. Pictured with this is the last colt and filly from the cross. They do not show their Morgans so the last colt is for sale because he has a definite show attitude and movement and deserves a chance to show his stuff. We look forward to visiting again and watching Jim's offspring mature as we are planning to geld Jim this fall. I am trying to keep my promise to Bill.



2022 filly



Jim T 2022 colt



My next visit was to Tobias Hershberger, a young Amish, with hopes of breeding Morgan horses in the near future. He resides in Lyndonville, NY but they are going to relocate in the central district of NY in the near future. Last year they bought a young stallion from the Midwest area and I got the chance to photograph him last week as a two year old. This young stud is typy with a short back, long croup and very short-coupled. He has a kind disposition with that awesome Morgan presence and look that nurtured my love of Morgans. Secretly I have a mare that would cross nicely with him. His pedigree contains Rimloo Black Prince, Wyoming Flyhawk and Blackwood Correl. I wish Tobias luck and think he has a good start with this young stallion.

RG DENMARK SOARING EAGLE



Upcoming Events

- February 24, 2023, 7:00pm – 9:30pm Tack Swap & Sale Niagara County Fairgrounds: 4487 Lake Ave, Lockport, NY 14094 Karen Randall 439-1865 (randallkaren254@gmail.com) or Cheryl Bish - 439-4499 (CKRFarms@aol.com)
- Mar 18 – 19, 2023 WNY Equifest! Erie County Fairground. 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, NY 14075.
- March 21-23, 2023 Kaliegh Marie of Braveheart Beasts' Introduction to Liberty Clinic. Located at 6066 Italy Valley Rd Naples NY 14512. Contact Emma Minter at rosehillranch1@gmail.com or (585) 944-5057 to sign up!
- April 23 2023 fundraiser horse show to benefit the Brockport College IHSA Teams. 7327 N Bergen Rd, Bergen, NY 14416
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- April 29-30 Ranch Horse Clinic - Mike Bednarek Clinician. Location MK Quarter Horses, 4430 Chestnut Rd, Wilson, NY 14172. Contact Barb Cunningham for more information-716-225-1014 Cost to ride in two day clinic **\$600 or \$500 for NYSHC Members**. Money will be donated to the MK Rodeo Girls.
- April 29 2023 Kinship with Horses Summer Clinic Series Foundation 9-12 Horsemanship 1:30-4:30 9324 North Otto Rd Cattaraugus NY contact Gail Pearles kinshipwithhorses.net 716.982.5180 \$125 per session.. Limited to 6 riders per class. Spectators \$25 per day. Over 65 No Charge
- May 6, 2023 Competitive Trail Ride Clinic - Pure Country Campground, 176 Kelley Rd, New Berlin, NY 13411. Contact Joanna Lasher for more information (518)882-1515 or JoLasher65@gmail.com
- May 6 & 7 2023 Science of Motion Clinic with Jean Luc Cornille . Kinship with Horses. 9324 North Otto Rd Cattaraugus NY. Gail Pearles kinshipwithhorses.net 716.982.5180 Rider Spots Full Spectators \$40.00 per day
- May 7, 2023 Equine Trail Sports Obstacle Course (fields, arena and trails, 8 obstacles) www.equinetrailsports.com contact: Jodi-907-602-3607 or Anne-716-287-4474. Chautauqua County Trail Riders 3560 Gerry-Levant Rd., Falconer, N.Y. 14733 contact:Jodi-907-602-3607 or Anne-716-287-4474
- May 7, 2023 8 AM Schooling Show - English, Western & Gymkhana Open Walk/Trot & Walk/Trot/Canter classes (youth & adult). Niagara County Fairgrounds 4487 Lake Ave, Lockport, NY 14094 -Karen Randall 439-1865 (randallkaren254@gmail.com) or Cheryl Bish - 439-4499 (CKRFarms@aol.com) For Niagara County 4- H Clubs
- May 13 (Saturday) 9 AM Niagara County 4- H Clubs Sponsored - Miniature Horse Show. Niagara County Fairgrounds, 4487 Lake Ave, Lockport, NY 14094. -Karen Randall 439-1865 (randallkaren254@gmail.com) or CherylBish - 439-4499 (CKRFarms@aol.com)
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2023 HAS BEGUN

What a great way to start 2023. We joined Theresa Draves from the DEC and about 50 other hikers for a hike on the Overland Trail. It was great to meet other trail users and talk about our wonderful trail system. Hikers, sno- mobilers, XC skiers and horse people all enjoying the trails. The Chautauqua County Equestrian Trail System is proud to be a part of this collaborative program. Thank you . Barbara Hager



Western Chapter Business Membership's Free Listing

NAME	WHAT THEY DO	CONTACT	PHONE
American Heritage Morgan Farm	Board, Breed, Train,	Donna Fox	(585) 735-5322
Amy Hanssen Training Center Inc	Board, Train Lessons and Show	Amy Hanssen	(716) 735-7988
Aurora Trail Riders Inc	Trail Riding club	Alexis Dickerson	(716).655.9929
Begin Again Horse Rescue, Inc	Rescue and Rehome	Harriett Rubins	(585) 322-2427
Big House Stables	Lessons, Training, Boarding	Susan Kelley (Centered Riding)	(585)-507-3397
Clydes Feed & Animal Center	Feed & Animal Care	Jim Millspaugh	(716).648.2171
Equine Essence	Intuitive Equine Connection	Nancy Proulx	(716) 481-9812
Green Mountain Nutritional Services,	Equine Supplements, Hay Testing	Jim Miller	(716).523.0018
Ike Fencing	Fencing, Brush Hogging, Land Clearing	Kim Dauria	(704) 258.1193
J&K Agriculture Inc	Professional Fence Installation	Joellen Stender	716-337-3548
JTB Equine Care Solutions	Riding Instruction & Training	Jennifer Berard	716-512-2602
Kinship With Horses, LLC	Private Coaching, Lessons, Clinis	Gail Pearles	(716) 982-5180
Laurelin Farm	Lessons, Training, Boarding	Caroline North	716-532-9434
Lollypop Farm, r	Humane Society of Greater Rocheste	Lauren Guerrera	(585) 223-1330 x193
Lorick Stables Inc	Breeding, Training & Showing Friesians	Rick Butts	(716) 745-3611
Lothlorien Therapeutic Riding Center	Therapeutic Riding Center	Maggie Keller	716-655-1335
Massage & More Equine Therapy,	Equine Therapeutic Body Therapies	Terry Crisafulli	716.474.6786
MK Quarter Horses	Boarding, Lessons, Sales, Training	Melissa Kosser	579-204-5281
Nash Hill Equestrian Center the New Nash	Home Of Allegany Mountain Saddlery. Boarding, Lessons and Training	Staci Saulter	(716) 257-9543
Orchard Park Equestrians	Boarding, Lessons	Istvan Hernek	716-667-7669
Sand Meadow Farm	Icelandic horses, sales, boarding, Lessons	Andrea & Steven Barber	(585) 624-4468
Sunshine Horses, Inc.	Horse Rescue Facility and Adoption	Mary Minkoff	315-456-9380
Wolcott Farm 4 Seasons of Fun	Lessons, Leasing, Sales, Trail Rides	Bryttany Ward	585-786-3504

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