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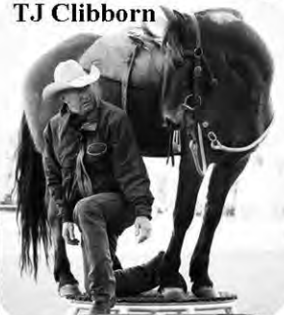
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# 2018 HORSE FAIR COMMITTEE REPORT

*submitted by David Beary*

Hello everyone! Hopefully at least some of you have been thinking 2018 Iowa Horse Fair that will take place April 6th through April 8th. For those of you that have not had a care in the world about the next Horse Fair, be aware that a group of Horse Council board members and some dedicated volunteers have been hard at work on the Horse Fair Committee making sure next year's fair goes off without a hitch. The Horse Fair committee meets almost every month year-round either figuring how the last Horse Fair could have gone better or figuring out the many details of the next Horse Fair.

Next year's Fair will be the 34th Annual, and the theme is "Where Dreams Are Born!". Our top clinicians for 2018 include Mustang Maddie, Cal Middleton, Van Hargis and Cami Stackhausen. Other clinicians and speakers include Hedi McLaughlin, Cody Keller, TJ Clibborn, Dan Grunewald, Raymond Helmuth, Mik Edwards, Michele Kaisem, PJ Koehler and Kelli Paulson. We are trying to bring you a well-rounded education and educational experience.

2018 sees the return of the Equestrian Trails conference that will be held on Friday morning 9 – Noon and Friday afternoon from 1 – 5 PM. The morning session is a paid session that will get you a weekend wrist band and morning refreshments. The conference is being put on by the Iowa Trails Committee and they have a very interesting set of topics planned. Please watch the Iowa Horse Council web site and the IHC Trails Facebook page for more details as we get closer to the fair.

We have some new things planned for the 2018 fair, including transportation from the parking area to the

Jacobsen Center via team and wagon, hopefully that will make getting from your car to the events enjoyable! Speaking of teams at 2018's fair we will have several driving demos and some session on how to harness your horse and beginning driving tips. In addition we will have special demonstrations of the Champion Blue Ribbon Days six horse Percheron hitch!

We still have the Horse Fair favorites of the bigger and better vendor show where you can stock up on all your tack needs for the year and find many interesting items for sale. The Rodeo will be here for Friday and Saturday nights. Free pony rides and a fun area for the kids. Drill teams will make an appearance. There will be a jousting demo, mule jumping and cowboy church on Sunday morning. Sunday will also bring the Extreme Trail Challenge and in all likely hood sometime during the weekend you can find the Cowboy Mounted Shooters.

We don't want to forget the Parade of Breeds, Stallion Avenue, the Avenue of Breeds, Charros el Carretero and Indalecio Macedo. If you are interested in details for the Stallion Avenue or the Avenue of Breeds watch the Iowa Horse Council web site and our Facebook page for more details or contact our 2018 barn manager Cathy Murray at [Friends4Life4pc@aol.com](mailto:Friends4Life4pc@aol.com).

I hope I have stirred your interest in the 2018 Iowa Horse Fair and you will make plans to attend some of the many events scheduled for the fair. As we go forward some things may change, but watching Facebook and the Council's web site at [IowaHorseCouncil.org](http://IowaHorseCouncil.org), you will be kept apprised of the final line up of clinicians, vendors and events. Hope to see you there in 2018!





## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*submitted by David Beary*

I hope you all have had a great summer and that you were able to have some fun with your equine friends. It seems we all get busier as time goes by and if we are not careful we end up with no time to work with our animals. I have come to the conclusion if we want to do our equine activities, we have to get our priorities around to make time for it and not give ourselves excuses – good luck to all of us in that. One of the upcoming activities the Horse Council is sponsoring is the fall trail ride. We are again having the trail ride at Crossroads Ranch near Lucas Iowa on October 13th – 15th. We had a good time this spring despite the less than ideal weather. Go to the web site's Trails tab or the IHC Trails Facebook page for more details.

The Horse Fair committee has been busy with arrangements for the 2018 Horse Fair which will be April 6th through the 8th. We have lined up some really good clinicians and speakers. We are working at some new activities for the fair, and continuing with long time favorites. We are also working on a good vendor line up to bring you the latest equine related products. Please go to our web site <http://iowahorsecouncil.org/> and our Iowa Horse Fair

Facebook page for continual updates on Horse Council activities and progress on Horse Fair activities.

I need to take this time to remind our members that the Iowa Horse Council has no income other than the Horse Fair and donations to do its work. If you are asking yourself 'what does the Horse Council do?', please go to the web site and look at the About Us, Programs and the Iowa Horse Fair tabs to find out. Your Iowa Horse Council is working at becoming more active in education and trails and it requires money to do these things. Your Iowa Horse Council is a 501(c)3 organization and as such all donations are tax deductible. I encourage all our members to become at a minimum a 'Friend of the Horse Fair' by donating \$25.00, the money will go to making the Horse Fair one of the best ever and will help us accomplish our goals for 2018.

I would also like to put in a plug for you to attend the Horse Council's annual meeting which will be January 13th in Kildee Hall on the ISU campus in Ames. We will have a good speaker, door prizes and the election of board members. As a Horse Council member, I encourage you to be active

in electing your board of directors as these are the folks that set the direction of the Horse Council. This year we have a special treat, we will be having a vote on the updated By-laws and the Policies and Procedures. These documents have not been updated for some time and we are attempting to make these documents match how we would like to conduct business as we move forward.

In closing, I hope you all get time for your outdoor activities this fall and are able to take time for our four legged equine partners. Have a safe and enjoyable fall.

*Happy Trails!*



## Western Hat Etiquette



J.B. Blocker of the Lone Star Reporter offers these traditional rules when wearing a cowboy hat. With the exception of tipping their hat to another woman, women should always follow the same rules as men when it comes to Western hats.

## TIPPING:

**Tip #7...**

**Cowboys tip their hats to ladies when they are outdoors.**

# THIRD QUARTER IHC COMMITTEE REPORTS

*submitted by Susie Spry*

**Annual Meeting** – currently no chair

**Awards and Scholarships** – Cathy Murray – Awards – nothing new to report. Scholarships – I am gathering a list of Saddle Clubs and other youth groups to mail applications to this fall.

**Bylaws** – Susie Spry – updated versions have been sent to the Board for their approval.

**Equine Health and Welfare** – Kim Houlding - We had our Equine Committee meeting Thursday. IF there is interest, we could be able to offer sessions on some equine topic when IVMA (Iowa Veterinarian Medical Association) brings in speakers for veterinary CE in February and September. This would include a nominal charge and topics from lameness to disaster to whatever the given speaker is qualified to discuss.

Following the disaster for Harvey and coming Irma. I have been posting information on the horse council Facebook page.

BLM (Bureau of Land Management) had a meeting about the situation out west. This impacts all horse owners as the largest breeder of horses in the world is the US government. They then use taxpayer dollars to promote the horses they can't get rid of; at the expense of private breeders. I am currently listening to some of the proceedings as I can.

I have also looked at possible venues should we desire to offer the Horse Fair at alternate locations in the future. Many of these can be rented for a fraction of the price of the fairgrounds, and have management willing to work with us. This would lower the breakeven cost, so even with lower attendance we could have a more successful Horse Fair.

The sponsors of the world cup in Omaha are continuing with a horse event in coming years. 2018 will be April 13-15, I believe, which will be after our Horse Fair. We can get them to do a demo in world class level jumping, which would be a win-win.

I also officiated at an Andalusian/Freisian show and can contact them if we do not have a good example of these horses for demo/Horse Fair. While there I made contact with an organic/herbal producer who is interested in booth space at the Horse Fair.

**Governmental Affairs** – Harold Ault – Work has continued on ways of disposing of a dead horse. In the early 1990's, Iowa State University had a publication that stated: At one time there were 96 rendering plants in Iowa but now

(about 1990) only seven were left. There was one in Des Moines called National Byproducts. Its name has changed to Darling, but it no longer accepts horses. The reason they gave is that the drugs used to euthanize horses often are carried over into their products. In 2014 a pet cemetery in Iowa was fined for burying horses. It was not because horses are livestock and not pets. It was because the Iowa Department of Natural Resources has rules that you can only bury two horses per acre per year and they have to be the land owner's horses.

Time was spent helping a person that called seeking information related to dealing with a municipal government that they felt was not following the law. They were referred to the State Auditor to express concerns that money was not properly handled and referred to the State Ombudsman for other matters that they believed were unlawful. Their problems were related to keeping horses within city limits. It can be noted that Nevada, Iowa has an ordinance that prohibits horses being kept within the city limits and if horse manure is not cleaned up immediately, there can be a fine. One person who had a horse on the streets of Nevada was fined over \$700 for two instances of his horse dropping manure on the city streets. Something to note in Ames, Iowa is that horses are not permitted to be kept within the Ames city limits. At the same time, Iowa State University pastures horses near the Campus within the Ames city limits and also keeps horses at the Iowa State University Veterinary Clinic which is also within the Ames city limits. Since both of these uses are on State of Iowa land, Ames has no authority over the land.

**Grants and Sponsorships** – Barb Zukowski – In the second quarter of 2017 the IHC Awarded Sponsorships to the following organizations:

New Virginia Saddle Club	\$500.00
Eastern Iowa Carriage Glow	\$500.00
Select Charity Horse Show	\$250.00

The IHC board voted to increase the funds available by \$2000.00. Awarded to date \$4436.00 (includes Volga River Grant awarded \$636.00 to be paid December 2017). Initial amounts amount of Funds \$2000.00 additional \$2000.00 Total: \$4000.00. Total Awarded \$4436.00 minus available \$4000.00. Currently over budget (\$436.00).

If your organization would like to apply for funds for your organization please go to the Iowa Horse Council website: [Iowahorsecouncil.org](http://Iowahorsecouncil.org) for full information regarding both sponsorships and grants.

**Horse Fair** – David Beary (see page 3)

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**Marketing** – Cathy Murray - The IHC brochures are done and have been getting distributed to various businesses and shows around the Des Moines area. If you would like some to distribute please contact Cathy at (515) 975-3469. We will also be having an educational booth at The Great Iowa Pet Expo in the Varied Industries building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds on October 21st – 22nd. Please stop by and visit us!

**Membership** – Marilyn Bender – membership to date:  
37 complimentary  
46 lifetime  
171 annual  
254 total members

**Nominations** – Kim Houlding - Committee member Carolyn Hasbrook did sent a brief report that the committee had met twice and emails had been sent to committee chairs requesting names of people they would like to see run.

**Publications-** Susie Spry

Leah Erickson has agreed to co-chair the Publication Committee. She will be helping to gather information for the newsletters.

**Trails, Land Use & Zoning** – Sandee McKee - The trails committee has not held any activities since our Colic Clinic last spring as everyone seems to be so busy in the summer time. We decided to hold off on future activities until this fall and winter. The committee is in the process of planning several new clinics both with and without horses, all of which should be of interest to the Iowa trail rider.

A big project that we have begun is providing mounting blocks to our Iowa public equine trails. We plan to place these mounting blocks in areas on the trails away from camp for folks who want to take a break from the saddle and have a difficult time mounting again. Our first two have been constructed by Dreesman Construction of Toledo, IA., with owner Tom Dreesman donating the first one. Plaques are being made to indicate that they were donated. We have secured the permission of the DNR rangers and when we

get the plaques these will be placed at Brushy Creek and Elk Rock. The committee has decided that in the spring when all the trails are reopened at Volga our next one will be placed there.

The trails committee has been asked to hold an Equestrian Trails Conference again this year at the Iowa Horse Fair. The conference will be from 9-12 am and 1-4 pm on the Friday of the Horse Fair. Watch for more details on this activity as the planning progresses.

Our second annual trail ride will be held Oct 13-15 at Cross Roads Ranch at Lucas Iowa. Now is the time to reserve your site by calling Cross Roads Ranch at 641-217-1188. Last spring, despite the wind and cold weather, we had a good attendance and had a really fun time. Join us for a guided trail ride, riding on your own, pot luck supper and dance, Pony Express Fun Show and Cattle work. Please note that the cattle work will be done on Sunday this fall.

You can stay current on your Iowa Horse Council Trails Committee by liking our Facebook page at IHC Trails on Facebook.

Our active core on the Trails Committee is small and we would welcome new members who are willing to pitch in and help us with the planning and preparation of several clinics and activities that we in the process of planning for this fall and the spring of 2018. Please contact a trails committee member if you are interested in helping.

**Website** - Linda Spain  
~ no report received.

## 2017 Iowa Horse Fair





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## Chad Dopheide Des Moines, Iowa



I grew up in Roselle, which is a very small town in Iowa. At a young age of four, I started riding horses. I realized very quickly that it was a part of my life and what I really loved to do. I was intrigued by any horse I came into contact with and would ride any horse that anyone would let me ride.

As I grew up we would take the horses camping often, all over the state. I spent a lot of time down at Garst timber in Coon Rapids, Iowa, (now known as White Rock) making trails and moving their cattle.

In 2002, I moved my family to Saylorville, Iowa, where I still currently live.

I started riding horses for a few people here that had a lot of problems and just could not get their horse riding good. I just told them, "I will try my best".

I rode a lot of horses for the public at this time, and that's how I met Dennis Crowley, who is a past Board of Directors member for the Iowa Horse Council.

As I got to know him, he started opening my eyes up to a better way of getting along with the horse and opened up his book of knowledge to me. I ended up working at Jester Park Equestrian Center for five years under Dennis part time.

In 2007, he introduced me to Kip Fladland, who opened my eyes to the California Vaquero traditional style riding. I was completely intrigued by this.

I attended a lot of Kip's clinics and started studying very hard on how to get a horse right and get along with them on a whole new level that I did not know was possible previously.

During this five-year period I started driving Percheron draft horse teams, doing wagon rides and sleigh rides. I wanted to learn anything that I could, and do more with the horse.

I helped Dennis a lot at the horse fair throughout the years. Together, we coordinated the colt starting challenge.

I'm a lifetime member of the Pony Express Riders of Iowa, which raises money for camp Sunnyside in Des Moines, Iowa.

I started judging competitive trail riding for American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA) in 2013.

In 2016, I started riding and judging in Iowa Trail Riding Equestrian Challenges (ITREC).

At that time, I also took a Board of Directors position for the Iowa horse Council.

I'm currently on the committee for the Iowa horse fair.



## AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE



The American Quarter Horse originated in colonial America in the early 1600s and was used primarily for sprint racing because of his quick acceleration and muscular build. Its foundation bloodlines were a mix of Arab, Barb and Turk horses bred to English mares which produced a compact, heavily muscled horse that could run short distances faster than any other horse. But as the new country grew so did the American Quarter Horse, and it was adapted into more of a work horse that could be used for almost any kind of task. Along with the first pioneers, the American Quarter Horse forged its way westward pulling wagons herding cattle and exploring the wide open plains.

Today the American Quarter Horse is known as "The World's Most Versatile Horse" and its popularity has grown as fast as the breed which now numbers in excess of five million AQHA registered horses worldwide. It is still used on ranches and racetracks, as well as having become popular in the show ring and as a recreational riding horse. There are more than one million American Quarter Horse owners in all 50 states and 70 countries worldwide.



**Kim Houlding DVM, MS** graduated from Iowa state University in 1976. She has been in veterinary practice since then. She has bred, raised, trained hunter/jumper and race horses-mostly thoroughbred and quarter horses. She is a licensed steward for United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), a consultant on animal welfare issues, a member of National Ski Patrol, and a "r" judge in the jumper division for USEF. She has judged local shows for about 25 years in the hunter jumper world. She earned her Master of Science in 2015 from U of Florida in Veterinary Forensics. She owns and operates Staker's Acres with her husband, Robert Staker and daughter Kellie Staker.

## QUESTION:

My horse seems to develop 'scratches' every year. What can I do to help her get this under control?

## ANSWER:

As always, your regular veterinarian is the best source regarding equine health problems. There can be local variations that your veterinarian can help you to decide a plan of action. You should have a regular veterinarian in case of emergency.

### Scratches/Dew Poisoning/Grease Heel/Mud Fever

"Scratches" is also called Grease Heel or Mud Fever and several other descriptive names. It is caused by a bacteria, aggravated by moisture. Often seen on unpigmented skin, which may be thinner and more prone to injury/infection. Scabs and oozy serum swelling are the most commonly seen indicators of infection. Fungi, parasites or viruses may also be involved.

You can help prevent this by clipping pastern hairs, avoiding wet pastures - turn out only after the dew is off, remove your horse during wet, muddy times. Avoid muddy lots or dirty stalls. Try to keep lower legs dry. Continued moisture enhances growth of organisms.

Treatment can be done by you at home by gently scrubbing the area, removing the crusts or scabs if you can. Use a surgical scrub like Nolvasan (Chlorhexidine) or Betadine (Povidone Iodine). Apply Desitin ointment, Vitamin E, Triamcinolone (tri-otic or panalog ointment), bandaging, or systemic antibiotics. Limited movement is needed, walking breaks the wounds open and they won't heal.

Testing the culture, biopsy, and/or skin scrapings may help determine a cause. If the condition worsens or is not improving in a few days, call your veterinarian.

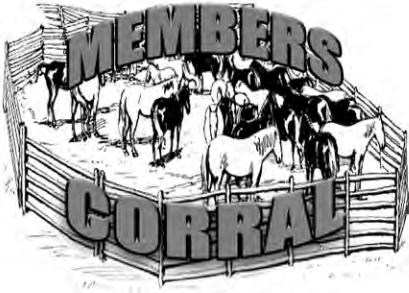
If you have health questions, send an email to [khoulding76@gmail.com](mailto:khoulding76@gmail.com).



Here is just one of the many wildest horse laws ever passed. A great many of these laws were aimed specifically at horses and riders. No one knows how they got there and no one living has a memory of anyone arrested under them.

## Strange Horse Laws

In the town of Bluff, Utah, legislation regarding the Sabbath states: Women who happen to be single, widowed or divorced are banned from riding to church on Sunday. Unattached females who take part in such outlandish activities can be arrested and put in jail.



*From time to time Members Corral  
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therapeutic riding school articles.*

*If you have an organization to tell about  
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## EASTERN IOWA CARRIAGE GLOW

### CARRIAGE DRIVING IN IOWA

*submitted by Linda Spain*

The Eastern Iowa Carriage Glow, an approved Driving Competition conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the ADS (American Driving Society), was held on August 5-6, 2017, at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Manchester, Iowa. This was the fifth year for the show organized and managed by Laurie Renda of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The show consisted of eight classes with six divisions - Novice Whip (NW), Small Pony (SP), Large Pony (LP), Open Horse (OH), and Multiples (MU). The eight classes were held in four different areas of the fairgrounds. In the main arena were the classes in Turnout, Reinsmanship and Working Pleasure - with two special classes being held on Saturday evening - Carriage Dog and Carriage Glow. In two other areas cones were set up to test the horse and drivers ability to navigate a route through the cones in the Pick Your Route and Reverse Psychology classes. The final area, the Town & Country Pace, was the largest and was set up with a variety of scary obstacles that might be encountered while out driving through town or in the country.

This year the show had 45 entries, up from 29 entries in 2016. Most of the divisions had eight to nine entries and these competitors came from seven states. Any breed of horse can compete and the variety provided interset - from the small miniature horse to

the large Clydesdale. Sprinkled in between were Welsh, Shetland, Morgan, Fjord, Gypsy, Haflinger, Dutch Harness Horse and Friesian crosses. At least eight of the horses were Morgan. The vehicles being pulled by the horses offered just as much variety from simple two-wheel road carts to elegant McGlaughlin Trap, a Spicy Gig and even a Dosey Doe.. In addition to the show was a clinic for new to ADS drivers that was attended by 16 people.

Ribbons were awarded for 1st through 5th places in each class and trophies were awarded to Division Champions and ribbons for reserve. Linda Schultz of Wisconsin won the Very Small Equine Division, Terry Hooten of Wisconsin the Small Pony, Phil Odden of Wisconsin the Large Pony (this is the Division sponsored by the IMHA), Debra Mall Sauer of Wisconsin the Open Horse, JJ Markham of Wisconsin the Multiples, and Jenny Olson of Iowa won the Novice Whip.

Carriage Driving competitions are held throughout the United States all year long. The Villa Louis Carriage Classic will be held in Prairie du Chen, Wisconsin, on September 8th & 9th of this year. Next year check out the Skunk River HDT in Ames in June and the Eastern Iowa Carriage Classic will return to Manchester, Iowa, in August of 2018. Check the Omnibus at [www.americandrivingsociety.com](http://www.americandrivingsociety.com) for more details.



# SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA DRAFT HORSE AND MULE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION FREE DRIVING CLINIC

submitted by  
Cathy Murray



On Sunday, August 27th Linda Spain, Susie Spry, and I had the pleasure of attending the South Central Iowa Draft Horse and Mule Breeders Association's free driving clinic at the New Virginia Saddle Club Arena. It was a fantastic experience!

Jim Stuart started us off by describing the parts of the harness and how they work. He then demonstrated how to put on and take off the harness in an orderly fashion. Once his team was hitched to a wagon everyone got a chance to drive a team of Percherons, Belgians, Haflingers, or Shires.

There were several different wagons and lots of helpers so everyone had a chance to give it a whirl around the town of New Virginia. For a lot of the participants it was their first time driving and they now have the "horse bug" that is so familiar to many of us!

While awaiting your chance to drive you were able to actually put on and take off the harness on a beautiful Belgian. You could get a feel of the weight of the harness, where each part should go, and how it should fit on the horse. Meanwhile, a couple talented young lady helpers were demonstrating how to braid the mane and tail.

The entire event was truly an educational experience for everyone! And as if this wasn't all entertaining enough Jim and his gang held a fun show in the arena! Everyone had a chance to show off their new found talent in the show ring.

Kudos to Jim and the SCIDHMBA for putting on a spectacular event and sharing their passion of driving!



## Don't Miss an Issue!

**Please notify IHC membership chair of your mailing address changes.**

**Contact Marilyn Bender - [bendermules@gmail.com](mailto:bendermules@gmail.com) or call 515.961.2159**

## The Iowa Horse Council would like to WELCOME A NEW MEMBER!

Mike Monahan

# MY HORSE DIED!

## CAN I BURY HIM IN THE BACKYARD?

*Submitted by Lynn Telleen as found in the Draft Horse Journal - Author Ken Sandoe*

*Disclaimer—This article is intended as general discussion and information on the topic covered, and is not to be construed as rendering legal advice. If legal advice is needed, you should contact an attorney.*

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If you own horses for any length of time, you will experience the sad event of a horse dying on your property. You simply cannot let it lay there. The stench, bugs, rodents, let alone the sight, are enough to prompt anyone into action.

Dead horses are not a small problem. The United States has over nine million horses with estimates approaching 300,000 horses dying every year. That means 150,000 tons of horse flesh which must be disposed of annually. It's best to develop a plan or strategy to deal with the situation should it occur. (No, burying the horse in the backyard is not a good plan or strategy.)

States have individual laws dealing with disposal of animal carcasses. Many of the laws are similar and set forth the legal requirements to properly dispose of livestock carcasses. For example, Pennsylvania has a Domestic Animal Act which states that owners or responsible parties must dispose of a carcass within 48 hours of death, not expose the carcass to other living animals and the public, and must not endanger environmental, animal or public health while in possession of or transporting a carcass.

With the above in mind the various options to dispose of a horse carcass depends on the state and locality where you live. Basically the options are burial, landfills, incineration/cremation, rendering, composting and bio-digesters. Discussion of each follows.

Burial considerations include prevention of ground water and well water contamination. Most laws require that horse burial sites be located outside of the flood plain, be at least 100 feet from water sources, wells, streams, ponds or wetlands and be covered with a minimum of two feet of soil. The bottom of the site should have two feet of stone, be two feet above the water table and be at least two feet above permeable soils. Some jurisdictions make it illegal to bury a chemically euthanized horse. You should check your local law on these matters. Assuming you have the space and meet the site requirements, all that is needed is the cost of a backhoe to dig the hole and cover the carcass.

Another alternative is to transport the carcass to a landfill. Remember that not all landfills accept horse carcasses, especially if the horse was chemically euthanized. The landfill will charge a fee (IF it accepts the carcass) which could well exceed \$100.

Rendering plants will pick up and dispose of a euthanized horse if such a plant exists in your area. Rendering

involves cooking the carcass to kill all pathogens, rendering the end product useful for animal feed and other uses. Rendering is an effective and inexpensive way to dispose of a carcass. In my area, the rendering plant will pick up the carcass and take care of the processing for a fee of approximately \$100.

Cremation or incineration is an environmentally sound method to dispose of a horse carcass, but is very expensive. First there must be an incinerator in your area and all incinerators are heavily regulated to prevent air pollution. The cost of incineration for a full grown horse could well exceed \$1,000. Incineration must be done in an approved facility – open air burning of carcasses is illegal.

Composting is another alternative. Composting involves the breakdown of the carcass to usable and stable materials such as fertilizer. Composting, however, requires a well drained improved surface with adequate maintenance and management responsibilities, not to mention time.

Finally, the biodigester is a new method used by research facilities and large universities. A biodigester is a type of pressure cooker which kills all harmful waste contained in the carcass. The by-product is generally fertilizer and the remains are sterile. Biodigesters, however, are hard to find. If you find such a facility, you will first have to determine if they will accept the carcass and what the charge will be.

No matter what method you use to dispose of the horse, it is important to have a plan in place, or a strategy in mind. A little planning goes a long way in these situations.

*Author Ken Sandoe is a practicing attorney in Myerstown, Pennsylvania, where a good bit of his practice involves negligence cases. He and his wife, Karen, own Sunny Hill Farm Belgians and they have been exhibiting their six-horse hitch for several years at most major shows in the East.*

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Fall trail ride: October 13th - 15th, 2017

# IHC Trail Ride

Crossroads Ranch Campground



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## Large Animal Rescue Operations (LARO)

\* Oct 18<sup>th</sup>/19th, 2017\*  
8am - 4pm

**Host Agency:**

**ARL Iowa**

**5452 N.E. 22nd St  
Des Moines, IA 50313**

Lunches on your own

For registration and payment see  
information on flyer below

**WWW.ASARTRAINING.COM**



#### Class Fees

Class participant - \$200.00

#### Acceptable methods of payment:

Credit/debit card, Paypal via  
[www.eerular.org](http://www.eerular.org). Agency checks needs to  
be presented prior to training.  
No personal checks.

#### Registration Information

To register: Go to

<http://eerular.org/events/large-animal-rescue-operations-laro-training-des-moines-ia-oct-18th19th-2017/>  
and complete the Booking form and payment information.

Payment due at the time of registration.  
Refunds: 10+ days prior to class= 100%. 5-10 days prior to class=50%. 0-5 days prior to class no refunds.



#### Course Description

Large Animal Rescue Operations (LARO) is essential for firefighters, law enforcement, animal control, humane societies and emergency animal response teams. Incidents that involve large animals require special considerations and training. LARO simulates those incidents by using scenario training with both live horses and life-size, weighted, articulated horse mannequins that allow training for virtually any LARO situation. There will be a different team rescue scenario for each day. This training is designed to equip responders with a variety of options to handle most large animal situations; including situational awareness to recognize when knowledge and skills may be out of scope. No previous experience needed with large animals to attend this training. Please note check-in starts at 7:30am on the 18<sup>th</sup>; and the event will happen rain or shine.

#### Required PPE

- Work gloves (optional)
- Dress for weather
- Appropriate footwear
- Safety Helmet
- Class will be outside in the afternoon

## Calendar of Events

Attention: Breed Organizations, Saddle Clubs and all other horse groups! We need your calendar information to include on this page. If you want the Iowa Horse world to know about your shows, meetings, or any events, let us help you promote your event by publishing it on our calendar page! If you don't send it to us, how will we know about it?

Date	Event	Location	Contact Person
September 28 October 1	River Valley Horsecamp and Lodge Bentler Memorial Fall Ride	Farmington	319-878-3888
September 30	Iowa Quarter Horse Association Trail Ride and Trail Challenge	Scenic View Ranch, Monona	Brian Hamrick, 319-573-0616, ham720@aol.com
September 30	Brushy Creek Poker Run Registration: 8:30-10am at So. camp sites 79&80/No. camp at day use area	Brushy Creek Recreation Area, Lehigh	Back Country Horsemen of Iowa & Iowa Trail Riders Association - Morgan Endecott, 515-249-2520
September 30 October 1	Iowa Ranch Horse Association Show	Marshalltown	Krista Oldham, 602-510-5570 or Codi Christianson, 641-414-2678
September 30 October 1	The Masterson Method, Beyond Horse Massage – Weekend Seminar Workshop	Hampton	Kelsey McDade, 641-472-1312, seminars@mastersonmethod.com, https://www.mastersonmethod.com/
October 3-6	South Central Iowa Draft Horse & Mule Breeders Association Horse Sale	Waverly	Jim Stuart, 515-971-1254
October 7	River Valley Horsecamp and Lodge Horse & Tack Consignment Sale	Farmington	319-878-3888
October 8	Mid-Iowa Driving Association Matsell Bridge Camp and Drive	Brushy Creek	Phil & Nancy Duey – 515-360-5693
October 13-15	River Valley Horsecamp and Lodge Fellowship Ministry Cowgirl Retreat	Farmington	319-878-3888
October 16-17	South Central Iowa Draft Horse & Mule Breeders Association Horse Sale	Kalona	Jim Stuart, 515-971-1254
October 20-22	River Valley Horsecamp and Lodge Ranch Horse Show (Finals of series)	Farmington	319-878-3888
October 20-22	River Valley Horsecamp & Lodge, Iowa. Trail Riding Equestrian Challenge	Farmington	319-878-3888
October 21-22	Iowa Pinto Association October Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree	Cedar Rapids Iowa Equestrian Ctr.	Heather Rich, hrdi01@yahoo.com, 641-777-9125
October 27-29	River Valley Horsecamp and Lodge Spooky Halloween Weekend	Farmington	Terri Knipper, 319-560-1957 or Dan Brass, 641-373-1686, db5604@hotmail.com
November 11	Back Country Horsemen of Iowa Annual Meeting	Machine Shed, Des Moines	Melinda Wenke, 319-931-2664, guywenke@yahoo.com
January 13	IOWA HORSE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING	Kildee Hall ISU Campus, Ames	www.IowaHorseCouncil.org
April 6-8	<b>IOWA HORSE FAIR</b>	Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines	David Beary, 515-290-5938, David@DBearyEnt.com or www.IowaHorseCouncil.org

Send us the dates for your next event...  
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## BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IOWA

### Keeping Iowa Trails Open

submitted by David Beary

Back Country Horsemen of Iowa (BCHIA) is an organization dedicated to keeping equine trails open in the state of Iowa. Our parent organization is Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA). BCHA started in Montana in the 70's to help maintain remote wilderness trails and the BCHA organization has grown and has chapters in many states across the nation. Iowa is unique in that we do not have federal lands. BCHIA is now close to the end of its second year of existence. We are working with several state and county parks across the state and currently have four BCHIA chapters within the state. If you would like to join BCHIA, you can go to [www.bcha.org](http://www.bcha.org) and go to About Us, then Membership Information/Statistics, then Find a Chapter Near You to find your closest BCHIA chapter. You may need to adjust the miles indicator to see all the chapters in the state. Our annual meeting will be held this year on November 11th at the Machine Shed in Des Moines. There will be a speaker, door prizes, a silent auction with many great items, and the drawing for the raffle prizes. For more information visit the Back Country Horsemen of Iowa BCHIA facebook page.

This past spring and summer BCHIA members have been busy helping Iowa park employees' by clearing trails, doing camp area maintenance by installing hitch rails and rock, painting picnic tables and all sorts of needed repairs. This fall on September 30th, BCHIA put on the Poker Run fund raiser for Brushy Creek. All the money raised for the Poker Run goes to Brushy Creek for park upkeep. Everyone is welcome to help with the workdays, members and non-members alike. Contact your local chapters for dates and locations. By volunteering and working with your fellow trail riders, we can make a difference and help keep our favorite riding areas open.



# Iowa Horse Council

**Mail Your Dues To:  
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**500 N. 5th Street, Indianola, IA 50125-1716**

## Membership Form

*Membership runs from January 1 to December 31, 2017*

**PLEASE CIRCLE THE TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP YOU WANT**

	Individual	<b>\$20.00</b>
Association, Business, Professional, Farm or Ranch		<b>\$30.00</b>
	Lifetime	<b>\$200.00</b>

**NEW? OR RENEWAL?**

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**WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP ON ANY OF THE COMMITTEES LISTED BELOW?**

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Horse Fair

Membership Committee  
Nominations  
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# IOWA HORSE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCED

## SAVE THE DATE!

Our hectic season of trail rides and horse shows is coming to an end. The Iowa Horse Council Annual Meeting is just around the corner. It will be held at the Kildee Hall at Iowa State University, Ames, IA. Time to be announced.

We are requesting your presence if you show, breed, ride, train, or love horses. The Horse Council is a multi breed and discipline organization, that is striving to improve things for our horses and for horse lovers. We urge you to come to the meeting. Plans are underway for the 2018 Iowa Horse Fair-promising to be bigger and better than 2017. We need help from everyone to make this huge undertaking a success. We are studying upcoming legislation that may affect animals, agriculture, horses, public lands, taxes. We will be calling on you to visit with your legislators-state and/or Federal for input on items they need background knowledge for intelligent decisions.

If you can't be at the meeting, these are some of the items that we will be discussing at annual meeting, please contact any of the directors, with your thoughts on the following.:

What has the horse council done for you?

What can the Horse Council do for you?

What do you like at the Horse Fair?

What do you want to see more of?

What do you want to see less of?

Any comments about the horse industry?

Any comments about the horse council?

Any comments about the horse fair?

Your name, address, city, state, zip, phone and email address.

(We have talked about awarding prizes for the best suggestions.)

*Annual Meeting*  
**January 13th,  
2018**

Please send your suggestions and/or comments to: Dr. Kim Houlding,

Email address: [khoulding76@gmail.com](mailto:khoulding76@gmail.com) or mail to Kim Houlding, 1968 Rose Road, Madrid, IA 50156



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