



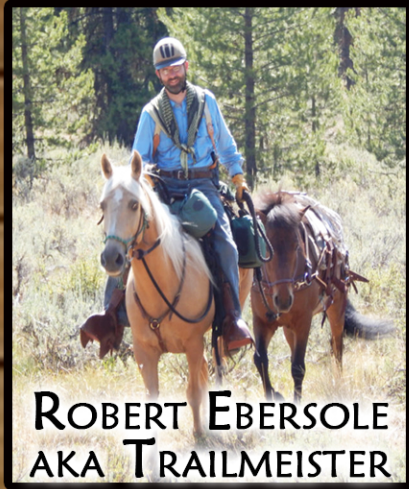
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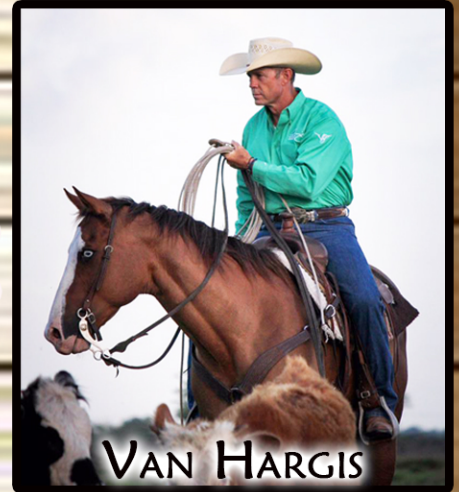
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PRESIDENTS' REPORT

submitted by David Beary

Hello everyone, it has been a hot summer and pretty dry then the big wind storm came across the central part of the state and blew the top out of about every tree that was tall and just plain blew over a bunch more. I know more than a few people were without power for several days and the clean up is still going on as I write this. Hopefully by the time you read this, most of the clean up is completed. There are quite a few acres of corn being chopped or disked under which is a real shame, hopefully most farmers carried crop insurance.

The farm where I lived for the past 17 years (I moved this past November) has a small wooded area around the house and about every tree is missing the top 20+ feet – trees and large branches are still laying all over the ground around the house and barn and a couple of downed trees managed to put holes in the roofs of outbuildings. It will take some time and money to clean up and repair. Luckily, the house took very little damage from the storm.

With the heat and dry weather my horse pasture has been eaten down to nothing so we are feeding some hay until we get rain and the pastures can recover. The cattle pastures are getting down to where there is not much left. Seems like the rain comes towards us and then splits to either side or just dwindles out to where we get sprinkles and not much more. A person just has to believe the rains will come with the changing over to fall and get here in time to do some good before winter. Probably will start raining about harvest time and make that a mess with wet weather.

My parents are getting up in age, so I have been spending a lot of time this summer on the farm in southern Marion County. I have been helping my folks around the house and my brother putting up hay and working on the farm; even bought part of a new tractor. We still had the John Deere tractors I grew up with, and like me they were getting worn

some around the edges and sometimes tough to keep going. It was time to sell the old equipment and get a new tractor that we could rely on. With all the hay that was being put up, needed a tractor with a good loader to handle moving bales around.

I hope you are able to spend time with the ones you love and are able to pursue whatever equine activities you enjoy, whether your activity is competitive, just out having a good time on a trail ride or watching your animal(s) in the pasture. Even though they take time and energy to keep around, they are worth having for the joy and the entertainment they bring to us. From the little ones to the big ones, our equine friends each have their own personality and if we take the time to notice and tune into that personality and learn to work with it, we can improve our experience and our enjoyment.

One thing I do know is that we live in a great country. We all get to do the things we love to do (and can afford), work at a job that hopefully we enjoy and have family around us that we can count on. Having said all that, if this is not how it is for some of us, at least we have the ability and the chance to work towards those goals and to improve ourselves. This November's election is a big deal, and every citizen needs to exercise their right to vote. I encourage you to not listen to the political rhetoric from either side but to think about the policies that each political party wants to put into place. When you vote for a candidate, you are endorsing them and their party to push the country a certain way. There is a lot going on and everyone needs to think about what each party stands for and what you want this country to become and vote for whom you believe will get us closest to what you want the country to be.

Happy Trails,
David



VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

submitted by Kim Houlding DVM, MS

I have been at the Kentucky State Fair this week for the World Championship Saddlebred Show. What an amazing experience! So many beautiful horses and ponies. And so many skilled trainers and riders! I hope we can have them do demonstrations for the Horse Fair again. Iowa was well represented.

Covid has hit the industry hard, as it has everyone. Most shows were shutdown until June 1. Many National caliber shows have cancelled this year. Spectators are not allowed, except parents. The shows I have worked at have taken temperatures daily and masks required unless you are six feet apart. You must stay with your own group. The good news is I have not heard of a single case of Covid from any of these shows. I hope that means our efforts are working.

Those shows that have been able to operate have seen increased entries, from a wider area. But many professionals have lost much income, as well as customers. Fall sales are coming for several breeds. This will tell us a lot about how people feel about the future of the horse industry.

Our past president and director, Shirley Beakler, passed this week. She guided us through some difficult times, including having to cancel the horse fair. The fair was operated for one year by a third party. Shirley started

showing American Saddlebred horses. From there she became a hunter/jumper trainer and judge, taking several horses and riders to national prominence. She started breeding then training horses at Prairie Meadows. From there she got a position in group sales, and we had many years of horse council meetings in the Board Room at Prairie Meadows. I knew more about negotiating the back halls than the patron area. Shirley influenced me as a person, mother, veterinarian, judge, exhibitor and breeder. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Elections are looming near. It is important that we ask questions about candidate positions on animal ownership, breeding, use. We have seen carriage horses removed from several venues. We must support every breed and discipline or we will eventually not have a horse industry.

It is nomination time. The Horse Council needs leadership and volunteers. We are planning our 2021 horse fair and will need so much help there. We also need people for our day to day functions. If you or someone you know is interested in stepping into leadership, please forward information to me!

If you have questions about horse health, send to khoulding76@gmail.com... 'Ask The Vet'.

SPONSORSHIPS AND GRANTS COMMITTEE

submitted by Phil Duey

Sponsorship Applications can be submitted anytime during the year and are reviewed and awarded quarterly. Sponsorship awards will vary and are between \$50 and \$500.

We have received five Sponsorship Applications through the second quarter this year. We also have one additional application pending review at our September meeting. One application was withdrawn as the event was cancelled in light of the Covid 19 situation. Applications that were reviewed and approved include:

New Virginia Saddle Club: \$50 to sponsor classes at their summer shows;

Iowa FFA Foundation: \$500 Sponsorship of the 2020 Iowa FFA Equine Science Placement Proficiency Award;

Quad County Saddle Club: \$350 to sponsor classes at six shows during the Summer and Fall;

Iowa 4-H Foundation: \$100 to sponsor a class at the Iowa State Fair "Special Edition" 4-H Horse Show August 14-15.

Grant Applications are due October 1, of the current year. Grant awards will vary between \$100 and \$1000. So far we have not received any Grant Applications for 2020.

More information about both Sponsorships and Grants can be found on the Iowa Horse Council website under the Programs tab.

Make A Difference

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2021 IOWA HORSE FAIR COMMITTEE REPORT

submitted by Chris Austin

The 2021 Iowa Horse is starting to take shape, we have several clinicians already lined up for the fair this year. The dates are March 26-28, 2021. Van Hargis will be our main clinician this year. Van will be doing several clinics a day over a variety of topics. We also have Matt Jobe back again. Matt has been to the fair in the past and has done a great job for us. James Puderbaugh will also be returning this year and will be doing several clinics on Saturday and Sunday. We have Robert Ebersole aka Trailmeister coming too. He will be doing a couple of talks in the Walnut Center over several topics. Also, Back Country of Iowa (BCHIA) will be doing their annual meeting at the fair and are going to work with the Trailmeister to be a part of their meeting.

There will be lots of fun activities for the kids to do in the kids' zone, inside the cattle barns' south annex and we are planning to have the arena in the back of the cattle barn this time. We will use this space for several clinics. We will have cattle sorting and the trail challenge along with several of clinician's clinics in this arena. We will also have the crowd

favorite Charros El Carretero and Indalecio Macedo back again and the queen contest will have the girls doing a variety of things.

Rogue Rodeo will once again be our rodeo contractor with a few things added to the rodeo this year. We will continue to have the Avenue of Breeds and the Avenue of Stallions.

We are making several changes to the registration forms in 2021 and hope to have them on the website soon. Vendors have been notified of the dates for the 2021 fair and are excited to come, we should be able to pick up several new vendors since our fair is the only one in the Midwest happening on that weekend.

We are always looking for volunteers for help with the fair planning and for help at the fair. If you would like to help in any way, please get in contact with Chris Austin at iahorsefair@gmail.com.

Chris Austin

Iowa Horse Fair Vendor Chair



***Blast from the
past....***

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DEADLINE FOR IOWA HORSE COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS IS APPROACHING

submitted by Rebecca Howe

Each year, the Iowa Horse Council provides scholarships for qualified students who wish to pursue a career in the equine industry. We award one scholarship to a high school senior and a second "open" scholarship to an individual already in college. Students must be Iowa residents and current members in good standing of the Iowa Horse Council or one of its affiliated organizations. Recipients are also expected to volunteer at the 2021 Iowa Horse Fair. The amount of the scholarship varies annually; in 2020 we were able to present a \$750 scholarship to each of our scholarship recipients.

Detailed information on how to apply for a 2020 Iowa Horse Council Scholarship is available on our website, www.iowahorsecouncil.org, or by contacting our scholarship chairperson, Rebecca Howe, at RHowe75579@aol.com.

All applications and supporting materials must be received by the application deadline of February 1, 2021. Scholarship recipients will be notified in early March of the committee's decision and the awards will be presented at the 2021 Iowa Horse Fair.











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I currently live in Norwalk and horses are 110% my passion. From the young age of six I showed in 4H and local shows in Kansas, even when living in Long Island, NY, my passion never ceased and I found horses to ride. Upon living in West Virginia I trail rode on our 80 acres, assisted at a western pleasure training barn, and helped my sister show Tennessee Walking Horses. Once in Iowa I continued my riding and gaining more training knowledge. When my daughter started her horse path at the age of three, I was and still am a huge part of her horse passion. I have been secretary of a saddle club, a 4H horse club leader, given riding lessons to handicapped folks, shown in Breed shows, trail rode all over, competed in trail challenges and recently started my mounted shooting career. The IHF has been a big part of my life from being an exhibitor to coordinating the Parade of Breeds to additionally becoming the 2020 Barn Manager. I enjoy meeting new folks in the horse industry and continually promoting the horse industry through several avenues. I also am the IHC Membership Coordinator at the present time as well.



FUN FACTS FROM THE AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

-  A sorrel bred to a sorrel yields a sorrell 100 percent of the time.
-  A bay always carries the black gene and must have one parent that is black or has black points.
-  A black foal is not born black and often shows a dorsal stripe until it sheds its first coat.
-  If you want a palomino, you have a 50% chance if you breed a sorrel to a palomino or a palomino to a palomino.
-  To increase your chances of a blue roan, breed a blue roan with a blue roan.
-  Buckskins occasionally have dorsal stripes but will never have other primitive markings common to duns.
-  Crossing two cremellos will *not* produce a lethal white. It will yield cremello 100% of the time.
-  If you want a gray foal, at least one parent must be gray.

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Brushy Creek Poker Run



ALL money raised will go directly to Brushy Creek for Equestrian camp & trail maintenance.

Saturday, October 3, 2020 Brushy Creek Recreational Area

Registration begins on Friday, Oct. 2nd from 7pm – 9pm and on Saturday Oct. 3rd from 8:30 – 10am at South Campground campsites 50/51.

North campground will have registration on Saturday only at the day use area from 8:30am – 10am.”

Lunch on Saturday - \$5.00

Pulled Pork, baked beans, salad, dessert and drink.



- Ride out at leisure.
- End time is 2pm for ALL index cards to be turned in at South campground.
- Maps of the route will be distributed upon registration.
- Will have a chance to draw five cards for \$25 and purchase two extra cards for \$5 apiece.
- Each rider will receive a mark on index card when they reach a designated location on the trail.
- If trails are open, riders can leave from either the North or South campground. Day-riders need to utilize North or South Day Use Areas. Closed trails will use the all- weather trail
- Each rider will turn in index card to draw from a single new deck.
- Standard Poker Hand Rankings
- The number of marks on index card is the number of cards to be drawn (total of five) – two extra cards for \$5 each may also be purchased.
- Need not be present at prize awards as we will mail the prizes to winners.
- NO PRIZES FOR SPEED!**



Top prizes include (1) \$200 Cash Prize and two (2) \$100 Cash Prizes. In addition we have 20+ additional prizes to win! We also have nice items for our annual Auction. There will also be games on the trail as well.



GYPHY VANNER



The colorful and extraordinary breed of the Gypsy Vanner horse dates back to the eccentric Gypsy travelers in England. These sturdy caravan horses were not only flashy horses but were also part of the art form that the Gypsy travelers displayed. From their stout strong stature, flowing manes and tails to the feathers on their legs, these horses were looked upon as a symbol of power and strength among the Gypsy culture. Today, they continue to hold awe and wonder amongst breeders and onlookers as a symbol of power and strength.

Until the late 20th century the Gypsy Vanner was not a recognized breed. Many of the foundational bloodlines were typically kept secret by family members so there is little known about the true bloodlines of the breed. However, what is known, is that such powerful bloodlines and numerous qualities of the Shires, Clydesdales, Dales Pony, and the Friesian were used to create this exquisite horse. From these foundational breeds, comes stamina, good natured temperament, and certainly majestic beauty.

The Gypsy Vanner horse is a hearty draft style horse that is generally 13 to 16 hands in height. The head of a Gypsy Vanner is pleasant with an intelligent eye. The topline is said to be “level” with its natural aligned curvature from wither to tail head. There is proportional curvature to the croup to enhance the powerful abilities of the hindquarters. The muscling is balanced throughout the body and the legs are straight and correctly aligned. The athletic ground covering trot of the Gypsy Vanner is a “trademark” of the horse’s powerful fancy image. The Gypsy Vanner’s conformation allows them to trot willingly and freely under a load and at liberty. While there is no set color standard for this breed, most are considered piebald (having irregular patches of two colors, typically black and white) or skewbald (having irregular patches of white and another color (properly not black)). The most noted visual trait of the Gypsy Vanner horse is the abundance of hair and “feathers” that should be straight and silky. The manes and tails of this breed are full and flowing giving them an elegant and majestic appearance.

The Gypsy’s are a very versatile breed known for their soundness and sanity. Although originally bred to pull the lavish wagons of the ancient Gypsy’s, their gentle nature lent itself to the teaching of young Gypsy children the skill of

riding. With the outstanding disposition of kindness, generous efforts, and faithful nature, the Gypsy horse is easily trainable for almost any discipline. You can find them pulling carts and carriages, ridden in the dressage ring, over fences, as western pleasure horses, down the trail, and even fulfilling therapy duties.

In 1996 the first Gypsy Vanner Horses came to North America and the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society was established as a registry for the breed. At that time the breed did not have a name, and the name Gypsy Vanner Horse was chosen, because the breed was a Gypsy’s “vanner horse”, bred to pull the colorful caravan.

Falling in love with this breed is very easy to do as the founders of the Hairy Horse Company in 2019 quickly discovered. When Jennifer Dymond purchased Uncle Si, it didn’t take long for them to know this was a special breed. Upon seeing this gentle, docile, kind eyed and beautiful horse, Jennifer Dymond and friends were hooked and the Hairy Horse Company was founded. Located in Bedford IA, the Hairy Horse Company offers an array of sizes and colors and has now expanded their majestic herd to one stud horse, geldings, mares and fillies.

submitted by Jennifer Dymond: owner of Hairy Horse Company





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 an “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.

IT’S TIME FOR WINTER ASSESSMENTS

Another summer has flown by. Show season is coming to an end. Sales will be starting. It’s getting time to wean foals. Older horses will start training for 2021 shows and races.

It’s time to assess their condition for winter. Are they over or underweight? Are fall vaccinations warranted? Parasite control on schedule? Because of resistance concerns, current recommendations are to perform fecal examinations. If you have bred mares, are they confirmed in foal? If not, have they had a repro exam to determine why.

they are not in foal? Treatment now will get you an early start on the season and save money in the long run.

If you can buy most of the hay you need for the winter, it’s better for on-source rather than changing what type it is frequently. Be careful buying ahead, I sent money for hay, and the guy sold it and won’t answer my calls. I have spoken for hay and had it sold out from under me too. I miss the days when a handshake was ones’ binding word



submitted by Kevin Steward with Mike Monahan

With the high temperatures in the 90’s the last week in August, it is hard to think that winter is just around the corner. Did you know the average first frost in Des Moines is October 11. Time to think about getting a date set to winterize your trailer or have a reputable dealer winterize it for you. Watch the Iowa Horse Council web site for tips on winterizing your horse trailer.

While winterizing your trailer it is a good time to check your tires and hitch. When the weather starts to cool down, you are likely to need to add air to your tires. The most common cause of tire failure is underinflation. In most cases, you need to inflate to the tag on your trailer. Checking air pressure should be on your pre-trip check list for every voyage. Make sure you always have a 120 lb. pressure gauge in your truck and/or trailer. Also check the age of your tires. Regardless of tread, when the tires are over 5 years old, consider replacing them. At least watch them closely for weather checking and/or tread separation. The rubber gets brittle with age. Old tires are most likely to blow on the coldest day of the year in the worst location. A small aluminum floor jack, a couple 3’ 2x6 boards, a long ½” break-over bar and a set of 1/2” deep well impact sockets can save you setting on the side of the road on a cold day waiting for

help. Of course, this is also a good time to make sure your spare tire has not lost all its air over the summer. The same goes for your towing vehicle.

Your trailer should be level when you pull it down the road. Most commonly we see trailers with the front substantially higher than the rear. This causes several issues. Hours slanting uphill hauling is not good on your horse’s feet and legs. This also puts added strain on the rear axle, tires and bearings. One thing worse than a blown tire is a blown bearing. And it always happens on the coldest, most miserable day of the winter. So, this is also a good time to check your trailer brakes and bearings. A lot to do, but still cheaper and easier now than on the side of the road.

We are all hoping by the time the 2021 Iowa Horse Fair rolls around, Covid 19 will be history. The schedule is being worked on now. Let Mike Monahan or me know if there are any trail related items you would like to see at the 2021 Iowa Horse Fair. Through the winter we would like to host some Trail Related Clinics. If you have something that peaks your interest let us know.

As you see events put on the Calendar for 2021, let us know. We will make sure they get put on the Iowa Horse Council Calendar as well.

see more Trail News on next page...

GRANT FROM IOWA HORSE COUNCIL BRINGS NEW HITCHING RAILS TO YELLOW RIVER STATE FOREST



AREA NEWS

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New hitching rails at Yellow River State Forest ...
Six new metal hitching rails have been installed in the Creekside Equestrian Campground at Yellow River State Forest near Harpers Ferry. The rails were purchased in a cooperative effort between Friends of Yellow River State Forest, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR)/Yellow River State Forest, the Iowa Horse Council and Palmer Repair of Waukon. Five additional hitching rails have been ordered, with plans for more cooperative financing to replace all the hitching rails in both equestrian campgrounds over the next several years in Yellow River State Forest. For more information about Friends of Yellow River State Forest check out the group's social media presence. Submitted photo.

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
October 3	Iowa Draft Horse & Mule Association, Plowing	Living History Farms, Urbandale	Jim Stuart, 515-971-1254
October 3	Back Country Horsemen of Iowa, Poker Ride	Brushy Creek State Forest	Morgan Endecott, 515-249-2520
October 6	Iowa Horse Council, Horse Fair Committee Meeting	Jester Park Equestrian Center	Chris Austin, 515-708-1817, iahorsefair@gmail.com
October 6-9	Iowa Draft Horse & Mule Association, Horse Sale	Waverly	Ron Dean, 319-352-2804
October 10	Iowa Draft Horse & Mule Association, Piss Ant Farm Logging Day	Carnahan's, Central City	Jeff Carnahan, 319-213-1858
October 17	Select Charity Fall Model Horse Show	Janesville Community School, Janesville	www.selectcharity.weebly.com
October 17	Back Country Horsemen of Iowa, Work Day	Pisgah Unit Loess Hills State Forest	Sue Maiwald, sue.maiwald@yahoo.com
October 25	Mid Iowa Driving Association, Neumann Drive	Earlham	Al and Connie Neumann, jakalbert@aol.com, 515-789-4572
November 7-8	Iowa Arabian Horse Show Association, Spooktacular Weekend (all breed)	Iowa Equestrian Center, Cedar Rapids	Kelly Kaut, 319-491-5069
March 26-28	Iowa Horse Fair	Iowa State Fairground, Des Moines	Chris Austin, 515-708-1817, iahorsefair@gmail.com

Send us the dates for your next event...
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Membership runs from January 1 to December 31, 2020

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

Individual	\$20.00
Association, Business, Professional, Farm or Ranch	\$30.00
Lifetime	\$200.00

NEW? OR RENEWAL?

PLEASE UPDATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BY PRINTING CLEARLY:

Date: _____ Name: _____

Farm/Business Name: _____

Website: _____

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Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

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

Please **Circle** Your Choices

Annual Meeting
Awards & Scholarships
By-Laws
Equine Health & Welfare
Governmental Affairs
Grants & Sponsorships
Horse Fair

Marketing/Public Relations
Membership
Nominations
Publications
Trails, Zoning & Land Use
Website

SHOUT OUT!!!

**GROUPS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

4-H Clubs

Church Groups

*High School Seniors working toward Silver Cords
Football, Basketball or Cheerleading teams*

**PLEASE THINK ABOUT SIGNING UP
TO VOLUNTEER HELPING WITH THE
2021 HORSE FAIR!**

(added bonus of getting entrance to the fair for free!)

Contact: Sue Rupke @ rubke3@msn.com

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