



Knox Farm State Park to Remain Open for Riding

At a recent meeting with officials from State Parks and the Friends of Knox Farm organization, the Western Chapter was advised that Knox Farm State Park will remain open for riding.

YOUR EQUINE NEWSLETTER

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A tentative agreement has been reached with the Town of Aurora for the Town to operate and maintain the portion of the park south of Knox Road which includes the Equestrian Area. We were advised that the town has agreed to mow grass, schedule soccer field use, issue permits and maintain the equestrian area. Soccer fields will continue to be used. The equine events scheduled for 2011 by the East Aurora Driving Society will be held as scheduled.

Riders in the park may continue to utilize the Equestrian area south of Knox Road near Gypsy Lane for trailer parking.

The permit system will continue as before. Permits are required for equestrian use. The Department is updating their procedures since there will be no staff at the park to issue permits. We anticipate that applications will need to be submitted by mail or scanned and submitted via e-mail to the main park office in Niagara Falls. As soon as we have details and copies of the new application form we will e-mail them to the membership.



We anticipate that the Parks Department will continue to require a copy of your Coggins as part of the application. The mailing address and telephone number for permit applications is:

Niagara Falls State Park
PO Box 1132
Niagara Falls, NY 14303
Telephone: 716 278-1770

**That hoss wasn't built to tread the earth, He took natural to the air,
And every time he went aloft, He tried to leave me there.**

Anonymous Tribute to an Unmanageable Horse



Message from the President

I want to thank all who came to EquiFest and helped to make it a "great event". Over 1000 people attended and we had 90 vendors participating. Our clinicians were great. If you missed it, the good news is that on March 18th 2012 we are going to do it again! We are already planning for next year and boy do we need your help.

- We need people who would be willing to volunteer with a board member for a variety of jobs:
 - pre-event help
 - setting up on the day before Equifest (March 17th)
 - parking attendants on the day of EquiFest
 - checking in vendors
 - welcome people at entry doors
 - sell 50/50 raffle tickets
 - office help
 - Chinese auction
 - taking evaluation forms to the vendors
 - helping the announcer
 - running various errands
 - helping in the barn area
 - helping to clean up after the day's activities

- Sorry we can not afford a Clinton Anderson, or Stacey Westfall, however I know there must be a number of excellent resources from our area and I ask for your help in identifying them.

If you have not checked out the NYSHC website to view the "Premier Events" which are offered to horsemen throughout N.Y. State you might want to, especially checkout those in the Western Region. A "Premier Event" is defined as an annual event of interest to the horse community which happens at the same time each year, or a location in the area which would draw horsemen. If after looking at the Western Region's list you know of something which should be added please contact me with the information and I can forward it to the proper person at the state level to have it put on the website.

Please call or e-mail if you are interested in volunteering at EquiFest 2012, or if you have ideas for clinicians, or demonstrations.

Barb Cunningham
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NYS HORSE COUNCIL FACT:

The organization was founded by a small group of dedicated horse people in Kingston, New York on April 30, 1966. Forty three horse clubs were represented and twelve thousand horse people.

THANK YOU to West Herr Ford for Their Sponsorship of EquiFest!



West Herr's support of EquiFest helped keep it a free event for our WNY Horse community!



The Winner of the \$250.00 gift certificate from Dover Saddlery was Melissa LeVier of North Collins.

Congratulations!



Check us Out on Facebook!

If you have not visited the Western Chapter New York State Horse Council on Facebook you are missing a lot! Barb Rauscher and Toni Wolf have been doing a lot to make it a very interesting and popular site. Below shows the latest activity on the site as of April:

- ◆ 1205 monthly active users; 1,173 since last week
- ◆ 80 people like this; 31 since last week
- ◆ 21 wall posts or comments this week; 21 since last week
- ◆ 173 visits this week; 135 since last week

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New York State Horse Council

Thank you to all who made our first EquiFest such a success!

Mark your calendars for the bigger and better EquiFest 2012

March 18th, 2012 at the ShowPlex at the Hamburg Fairgrounds

see president's message on page 2 for volunteer opportunities

We will be reserving spots soon for vendors!



NYS HORSE COUNCIL FACT:

On June 21, 1970 we sponsored the Trail of two Cities Ride from the Bronx to the Capital steps of Albany. The purpose was to recognize the HORSE as an important part of New York State and show the need for trails. Horses actually road up the steps of the capital building.

News from Begin Again Horse Rescue Inc.



Spring is here — finally. It's been a long winter. We're getting organized for the 2011 season and we need your help. We held our 2011 Spring Informational meeting Thursday, May 5th, at the Legion Hall on Route 65 West Bloomfield.

Our first 2011 fund-raiser, a Barn/Lawn sale, will be held at the farm—3341 Plank Rd, Lima, NY on June 4th and 5th. Please drop off your donations to the farm or call 585 322-2427 if you need your donations picked up. Non-horsey things are ok, but no books or clothing please, unless they're horse related. You or someone you know can rent a space for \$20 and sell things for yourselves.

Great News! Sherlock has been adopted! Everyone loves him at his new farm, but especially his new partner Jessie. Also, congratulations to Dee who has adopted Raja, now called Calypso. And Mama Helen, an abandoned, blind, pregnant mare has settled in at BAHR.

Check out our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/BeginAgainHorseRescue for our latest news. We have lots of photos of our available horses, plus non-rescued horses that also need homes.

Our website, (www.beginagainrescue.org) now has a PayPal donation button as well as some background information on our organization. You can E-mail us at: info@beginagainrescue.org or call 585 322-2427 for person to person contact. Most of our adoptable horses are also listed with photos on Petfinders.com. We'd like to hear from you with suggestions and opinions. Tell your friends about us, too. We need to expand our circle of friends if we're to be of more service to the horse community.

For a \$25 donation to BAHR you can own one of these bracelets. Our CEO made the glass beads and the horses are hand-carved by Zuni Pueblo craftsmen.



Make checks out to BAHR Inc. with your contact information and send to Begin Again Horse Rescue, PO Box 28, Honeoye, NY 14471. Specify horse and bead colors. Then be patient as HR makes the beads to order

Karla Santoro has made and donated two beautiful quilted wall hangings to BAHR. Tickets are \$2 each or \$3 for \$5. We'll sell tickets from now through our barn sale on June 4th and 5th. You can buy tickets through PayPal by going to our website; www.beginagainrescue.org



Upcoming events at the ShowPlex - Erie County Fairgrounds

- May 27 – 29 NYS Morgan Horse Society
- June 10 – 12 Eastern Classic Arabian Show
- June 16 – 19 & 23 – 26 Buffalo Showtime Classic II & III
- July 1 – 4 WNY Firecracker Horse Expo
- July 7 – 10 Empire State Quarter Horse Youth Association One More Chance Show
- July 23 & 24 Yankee Reining Horse Assoc. & NRHA Summer Spectacular
- August 5 – 7 Candy Apple Classic **not in Showplex*
- August 10 – 13 Erie County Fair Western Division Horse Show **not in Showplex*
- August 14 Erie County Fair Open Horse Show **not in Showplex*
- August 16 – 18 Erie County Fair Hunter Jumper Horse Show **not in Showplex*
- August 19 – 21 Erie County Fair English Horse Show **not in Showplex*
- August 20 & 21 Erie County Fair Open Horse Show **not in Showplex*
- September 3 – 4 Silver Spur Arabian Horse Show
- September 22 – 25 Buffalo Showtime Fall Classic (Hunter Jumper Show)
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: *Lothlorien Therapeutic Riding Center*

Nestled beyond a tree-lined driveway on Reiter Road in the Town of Aurora, Lothlorien Therapeutic Riding Center provides a peaceful sanctuary for adaptive horseback riding lessons. Volunteers and caregivers alike come to Lothlorien to enjoy the idyllic setting, while children and adults with disabilities become stronger and more confident up on horseback.

The riding lessons are recreational, but aim to achieve individual goals for each client. Instructors create lesson plans to benefit each rider based on his or her needs. While a client who uses a wheelchair is taught core-strengthening exercises, a child with autism learns about cooperation and sportsmanship through group games and activities. However, the ultimate goal for the clients is to have fun and learn basic horseback riding skills.



Lothlorien has offered adaptive riding lessons to individuals with disabilities for 28 years. Children and adults with physical, cognitive, emotional and learning disabilities come to Lothlorien to learn horseback riding

and horsemanship skills in an environment modified to fit their needs. Lothlorien uses adaptive equipment to ensure clients can reap the physiological and psychological benefits of horseback riding by experiencing all aspects of the sport.

"After I obtained certification, I was fortunate enough to work with some amazing individuals," reflected instructor Cindy Temple. "I watched a young man who was afraid to trot, canter for the first time. I heard a young girl say 'walk-on' for the first time, her parents in tears because those were the first words she had spoken." Temple said her favorite part is interacting with students. "I see the strength and determination each week as they embark on a journey we can only try to understand. They show me how to persevere and how to overcome my own fears and they do it with grace. The smiles are never-ending and the hugs are best of all!"

As a North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA) premier accredited center, Lothlorien abides by strict safety mandates, equipment requirements and procedures. Riding instructors update their certification annually through continuing education. Lothlorien also depends on nearly 200 trained volunteers who help with lessons, office work and special events. In a given lesson, between two and fifteen volunteers will assist instructors and staff. All volunteers are trained in compliance with NARHA standards and help to ensure the safety and development of their rider.



"Volunteers who have horse experience work directly with our program horses, grooming and tacking them up before lessons, warming them up in the arena and helping their student to direct the horse during the lesson," explained Ashley Wawro.

"Other volunteers work directly with our students, giving vocal or nonverbal cues to help their rider follow instructions, providing physical support by holding the rider on his or her horse, and also providing emotional support and encouragement. Volunteers work with the same student each week, and over time, the volunteers develop meaningful relationships with the riders and their families."

Volunteers do not need prior experience working with horses or special needs populations, as the Lothlorien staff offers thorough on-site training. Trainings are offered twice per month, and prospective volunteers can sign up by calling the Lothlorien office.

Lothlorien's 2011 season will run from March through mid-November, and riders and volunteers may sign up for any or all sessions. Lothlorien offers private and group lessons and accept clients ages three and up.

Currently, there are openings for new riders, and Lothlorien is always looking for volunteers. Call 716-655-1335 or e-mail info@lothlorientrc.org to learn about adaptive riding opportunities and volunteering at Lothlorien. Information is also available online at www.lothlorientrc.org.



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D & A
Horse Show Arena

Show dates: May 14- 9:00AM
July 23- 9:00 AM
Sept. 17- 9:00AM
Trail Ride Sept. 24th

One day Dan Laird and his best friend Lindsey Kolkowski sat down and were discussing all the things they would like to see change at the horse boarding facilities they were currently boarding at. That afternoon Dan saw an ad in the paper, "stable for rent" with indoor riding arena. The best friends jumped on the idea of running their own stable and rented the facility on Allen Road in Sardinia. In 2005 D&A Performance Horses was created - a small boarding business with only ten stalls.

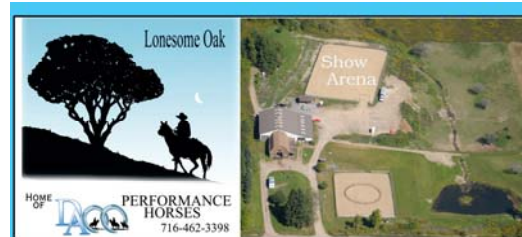
As the years passed the business kept growing, the facility was adding stalls and we were up to fifteen stalls. In 2009 and 2010 we rented a second barn; we could now board up to thirty horses. But it was time to find one facility that we could host our open horse show series and our now training and boarding program. We wanted a place we could call home, no more renting!

In September 2010 Dan and his wife Annie sat down with Tony and Nancy Orsini of Lonesome Oak Stable in Franklinville and talked about buying the Orsini's farm as they wanted to retire and do some traveling. This stable had everything we needed, twenty stalls, a huge show ring, heated lounge for viewers in the indoor arena, a bunk house for guests. It was located between all of our clients that were leasing horses, some as far as Bradford PA. Thanks to the Orsini's, Lonesome Oak Stables is now the home of D&A Performance horses.

D&A Performance Horses offers quality lease horses for showing English and Western. We offer all around training from western riding to saddle seat. We have a lesson program to fit many needs. For the kids we have a 4H program called the Tri-County riders, plus summer riding camps for the kids.

Open horse show series Battle On The Hill will kick off on May 14 at 9am, our Judge that day will be Dodie Howard. The next event will be on July 23 at 9am, our judge will be Steve Shank. The last event will be held on September 17, our judge that day will be Bill Skellet. The open division in Western will be riding for a high point Western saddle and the English open will be riding for a English high point saddle. On September 24 we will host a trail ride to benefit High Hurdles therapeutic riding with a barn dance.

All of our horse shows are pac approved. Any questions feel free to call Dan Laird 716-462-3398.



This is an aerial view of D & A Performance Horse Stables located on the Bakerstand Road in Franklinville, New York. D & A Performance Horses 2011 Battle On The Hill Open Horse Show Series dates
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Lou Eibl Spring Ride

Lou Eibl Corral will host its annual spring ride at Allegany State Park June 10-11-12. The ride will be held at camp 12 on ASP 2. Primitive camping will be available for the week end either with your own rig or reserved cabins at camp 12. Week end plans that include meals are also available.

For more information please email loueibl@aol.com or contact(716) 655-2045.

Hope to see you there!



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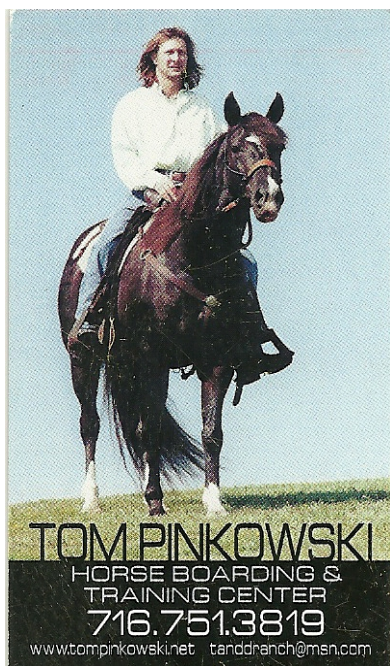
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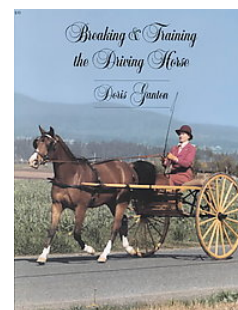
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By Doris Ganton

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Since the early 1960's, we have been heavily involved in working with multiple horse groups to develop multi-use trail systems throughout the state. Many of our chapters were started by horse groups banding together to develop and preserve trails in their counties.

News on Equestrian Trails in Eastern Chautauqua County

Condensed from an article in The Observer April 17, 2011 By Nicole Gugino

CHERRY CREEK - If wishes were horses then beggars could ride, an old saying goes. Well, now an idea for equestrian trails in eastern Chautauqua County has become a final plan that will allow everyone to ride. The trails, most of which would fall in the town of Cherry Creek, would extend through Boutwell State Forest to Cockaigne ski area in the south then to Cherry Creek in the east and then back to the Boutwell forest in an approximately 30 mile loop. The plan outlines later connections to Canadaway Creek Wildlife Management area in north, Cattaraugus County trails in the east and Allegany County trails in the south.

Phase one of the project will begin in the Boutwell State Forest. This trail is planned to be more rustic or less developed and is set to be finished by the end of the summer. Lou Eibl equestrian club has taken on the responsibility for the Boutwell forest trail. "We are so excited to come into the area, it's a passion for us, this is a well kept secret and it's time to let the secret out," Missy Whittington of Lou Eibl equestrian club she emphasized the desire for sustainable, rustic trails. "We're not looking to put Route 90 through we want this to be rustic in nature," she said.

Phase two will develop the five to eight miles of trails in Cockaigne ski area. Linda Johnson, a spokesperson for Cockaigne ski resort said that the Cockaigne trails are marked and mapped. She also said that there are horse barns from when Cockaigne did horse racing, as well as camping areas, a house for rent, plenty of parking.

Phase three will create trails coming into Cherry Creek and are set to be more gateway or developed trails running near roads. Phase four will connect the Cherry Creek trails back to Boutwell forest.

Phases one through four are planned to be completed in the next few years depending on funding and volunteer efforts. .

Progress is also going to be helped by volunteer participation. On June 25 and 26, Lou Eibl will have a volunteer trail grooming workshop and breakfast. For non-club members the cost is \$25. For more information or to reserve a spot email loueibl@aol.com or call (716)655-2045.



What is Ranch Hand Sorting?

Submitted by Terra Ellis

If you find yourself asking this question, don't worry, you aren't the only one in Western New York who is asking. Once you try Ranch Hand Sorting for the first time you will be glad you asked the question! Ranch Hand Sorting has been popular in the south for a handful of years and has now become a favorite amongst riders in Western New York and Pennsylvania as well. And for good reason! It is known as the #1 Equine Family Sport, is fairly easy to learn the basics and is a great way to build or maintain the skill level of your cow horse.

Team Penning has been popular in Western New York for more than a decade. Ranch Sorting is similar to Team Penning in several ways, but differs in several ways as well. The similarities are that the herds are numbered from 0 to 9, it is a timed event (usually 60 seconds) and the fastest time wins first place. The difference is that instead of 30 head of cattle in each Team Penning herd, there are 12 head of cattle in a Ranch Sorting herd, 10 numbered cattle and 2 blank cattle. Instead of using a full arena as in Team Penning, Ranch Sorting uses two 50' by 60' round pens that look much like a figure eight with a 14' hole in the middle. Instead of having three riders on a team as like Team Penning, Ranch Sorting only requires two riders on a team. The main goal of Ranch Sorting is to sort the cattle from the sorting pen to the holding pen in numerical order leaving the blank cattle on the sorting end. The time will end when the 10th cow crosses through to the other side.



wide view of a sorting team at work (Jerod Ellis and Jeff Brown)

Ranch Sorting takes a lot of skill from both horse and rider. The riders must work together in order to sort the cattle the fastest. When the first rider crosses the start line the start number is announced. The first rider cuts the first cow out of the herd to sort to the holding pen and switches with the rider in the hole. Now it's their turn to cut the next cow from the herd to cross into the holding pen. The main goal for the sorter is to cross the desired cow into the holding pen. In the hole the riders main goal is to stop any cow that isn't the next in numerical order from crossing into the holding pen.



team member guarding the gate (Jerod Ellis)

It is also easy for a beginner or elder rider because of the confined space in which you are working. It allows you to have more control of the cattle and your horse as you work. It is easier on you as a rider as well as on your horse. Ranch Hand Sorting is a sport that you and your family can learn and excel in as well as enjoy doing! The more you sort, the more you'll want to sort!



team member who is sorting (Terra Ellis)

On a personal level, I started Ranch Hand Sorting while riding in USTPA events in 2004. Since then, Ranch Hand Sorting has become my favorite equine sport because of the rush I get while competing and because my horse seems to have more fun sorting than doing anything else. My husband and I have three beautiful girls who are age 3 and under and we can't wait until they begin to sort as well. I have met a lot of talented people at Ranch Hand Sortings which whom I have become good friends with and continue to meet new people as the sport continues to grow. I recommend trying this sport if you enjoy the challenge of competition, have a will to learn and grow as a rider and enjoy helping others grow as well.

There are a number of associations in which you can start Ranch Hand Sorting if you are interested. There's WNY Sorting (hurd@alfred.edu), RSNC (www.rsnc.us), Circle C Team Penning (circlecarena@stny.rr.com) and Hoss's Ridge Saddle Series Ranch Sorting and Friday Night Team Penning and Ranch Sorting (www.hosssridge.com or 585-567-4481). Good luck!

Team work is key! Both riders show control of themselves and their horses, agility, a bit of risk, patience and timing. Ranch Sorting is a great way to show off your cow horse.

Show Your Support for our Trail Systems – Ride with the Western Chapter of the NYS Horse Council on National Trails Day®, June 5th!



Trails do not just appear for our enjoyment, it takes many hours of planning, labor, and negotiating to develop them. National Trails Day®, the only nationwide celebration of trails, brings awareness to trails and thanks many people and partners for their support and hard work, including volunteers, land agencies, and outdoor minded businesses. All 50 states have had events, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Canada, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

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