

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Stoner Ridge Farm News



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Around and About

Christmas and the New Year were a blur with celebrations and family time. No sooner than the holiday celebrations were over, there was snow and sleet and more snow! Then there was



ice and the weather turned frigid. There wasn't time for any of the snow/sleet to melt before the

temperatures were below zero. There were 28 days of snow and ice on the ground. We were blessed that there were no power outages or frozen pipes here. Both batteries and a starter had to be replaced in the tractor but we didn't have any down time. Steve was saying it has been really cold in MN with temps below zero there too. Within the next day or two, the snow and ice will be gone - at least here in KY.

Ruby has been busy at practice. She has continued to work out, run track, and meet

with her FFA parliamentary procedure group, and participate in archery. She was able to work at the farm some as well. Thanks to everyone who supported the Shoot-A-Thon fund raiser for her. You all helped so much!

Erin has been busy too. She has spent lots of time working with her yarn lately. She has such a wonderful way with color. There is a great 30% off sale going on. Check it out.

Charlie has continued to work horses. The young ones are doing well. All five are well gaited and moving through the program. Scotty

Mitchell Moore came out last week and took pictures of a few horses in the snow. They were



really awesome. We have seen some proofs but haven't placed orders yet. Scotty did post a great picture of Black Market Diamond on Facebook.

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RMHA Banquet

The RMHA Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet were held last night at the Hilton DoubleTree in Lexington, KY. It was a great event and we thank everyone who had a part in the program.

Thanks to the Youth Committee and the Versatility Committee for having great items to present for the silent auction. Jennifer and Steve Allen won the bid on the SRF Valentine Chocolate Basket. Thanks to Leah for her help with this. Leah also typed up cards with SRF wins and placed our reservation cards on the tables early

so we could all sit together.

The meeting began at 6:00 led by John Stivers. He had several bits



Black Market Diamond Gray, no red or silver gene
2024 RMHA International Country Trail Pleasure Grand Champion, Western Pleasure Grand Champion, Sam Tuttle Memorial & Rea Swan Award Winner
Registered RMHA & KMSHA



SRF's Silver Sundown
Sam Tuttle & Rea Swan Winner
Multiple Western Pleasure Grand Championships
Registered RMHA & KMSHA



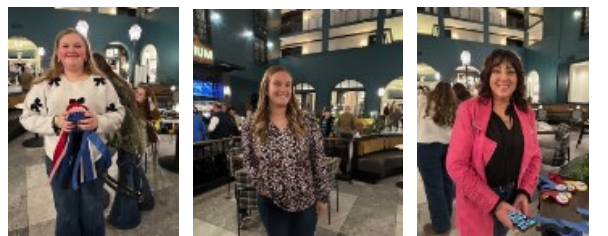
PBF's Simon Barjonah
RMHA 2021 High Point Show Pleasure Champion
Registered RMHA & KMSHA

All Owned by:
Steve and Susan Heuslein

RMHA Banquet (Con't from p. 2)

of information. The KHBIF \$ amount should be given to the RMHA by March 1st. Participants will be sent vouchers as in the past. Julie Tucker made a presentation on for the Judging Committee. The five 2025 International Judges were drawn in random order (please view on the RMHA FB site). The committee is exploring different tabulation systems at this time. We appreciate Julie's involvement and leadership on this committee. We moved on from the meeting to enjoy a good meal then the awards were announced for the Show, Trail, Versatility and Youth Programs. We are so proud and so thankful! The horses really performed well this year. Clients have been supportive. We were really happy for Charlie's award for Trainer of the Year for the sixth time. Ruby, also, was awarded top honor as the Youth of the Year. She and Olivia also received Purple level in the Youth Award of Excellence. We are proud of their hard work and dedication. The KHBIF sponsored Scotty Mitchell-Moore's photography. Photos are now available free on his website: www.photosbyscottym.com. Thank you, Scotty.

It was great to get to fellowship with everyone who could come. Most clients were able to make it to the banquet. Again, we are so very thankful for each and every one of you!



Important Dates

Feb. 1 RMHA Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet - 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton DoubleTree, Lexington, KY

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

March 28 Spring it On RMHA OGB "B" Show, Baker, FL

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April 26 RMHA Youth Show, West Liberty, KY

May 10 Open Mountain Horse Fun Show, KEC Grounds, Winchester, KY

May 10 - 11 RMHA Peruvian Horse Show (with Rocky Mountain Classes), World Equestrian Center, Ocala, FL

June 6-7 Carter County Shrine Show, Olive Hill, KY (tentative)

June 7 Ruby's 17th Birthday

June 14 Get Your Pink On RMHA Horse Show

Sept. 3 - 6 RMHA International Grand Championship Horse Show, Covered Arena, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

More shows will be posted as they are scheduled

Remember there are Virtual Trail Obstacle Challenges being scheduled. They count toward KHBIF trail obstacle points. KY Cowtown, Williamstown, will also have several events.

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Our first show is scheduled in West Liberty on April 26th. It really won't be long until showtime! There are a few shows posted on the calendar. Charlie will be adding a few show horses back in training for February but most will return in Marcy. The dates for the International are September 3 - 6 according to what we heard at the meeting. The theme for 2025 is "Riding the Rhythm Around the World". That should leave decorating wide open. We're always open to suggestions.



Congratulations to Steve Heuslein

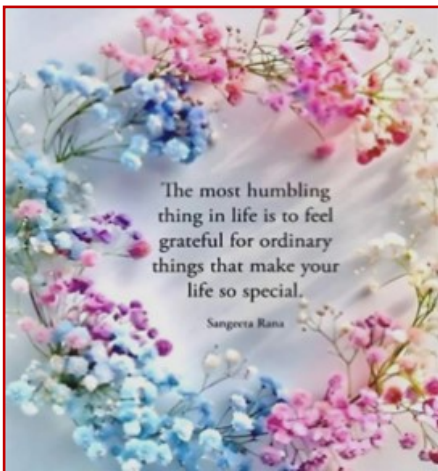
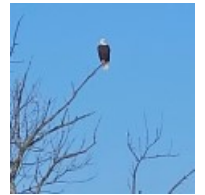
It was announced at the RMHA Membership Meeting/Banquet on February 1st, that Steve is the RMHA Committee Member of the Year. Steve has worked extremely hard (not just in 2024) to contribute to the RMHA through his Board position, Hearing Panel membership, and Finance Committee participation. Thank you for all you have done!

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More Farm News

It is that time of year, show horses have begun to come back into the barn for training Black Market Diamond (Jim) and Silver's Diamond Dealer (Dilly) will be the first. March will bring a few more. Charlie has done some trading. He now has a really nice two year old colt named Ring the Bell that we are excited about. Ann and Melissa have gone in partners and now jointly own the yearling colt, Diamond Mine, who is a full brother to DHS's Diamond Broker. He is gorgeous! We can't wait to see what 2025 will bring for the great horses that are here! Charlie spends a lot of time out riding on the farm. It isn't all arena work. Every once in awhile, he sees some pretty remarkable sights. Before the snow, he happened to see an eagle back over the creek. It is the first one we have seen here. How cool is that? Julie B. and Leah have taken time to ride out in the snow! Julie said it was something she had never done. We are so happy that they were able to brave the elements to get out and enjoy spending time on their horses. Let us know how you are surviving the cold. It is always an adventure with horses. Aren't you glad we have them in our lives (even on the cold snowy days)?



Prayers Please

As we pray let us give thanks for the Lord's blessings and always pray for his guidance and direction.

Please remember Kirstin Santos. Her husband, Rogerio, passed away recently. They had given Ruby her horse, Shadow. In June, they had moved to Brazil after Rogerio retired. Kiersten will be moving to Utah soon. Our hearts go out to her this sad time.

Lyngle's Aunt Jill Fugate from Middletown, OH also passed away Dec. 29th. She was 83. She leaves behind her husband, Leonard.

After having chemo, we are thankful that the Arizona Copher's surgery revealed the breast cancer is gone! We are so very thankful.



Magazine Update

The magazine is coming along well. There are still a few ads that are waiting for the design to be completed for client approval. Those should be done sometime next week. All the articles and International results have been uploaded. Thanks to all who have supported the magazine. If it weren't for advertisers, we wouldn't be able to continue. Look for your magazine toward the middle of next month.