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It's All Happening in Ethel, WA

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I must be having fun because the time is sure flying by! But for some reason I don't seem to be getting caught up on the work.

Lincoln Creek Pony Club's benefit horse show for St. Jude Hospital had a lower turnout than they had hoped for, but they still raised a nice amount of money. "The Skye's the Limit" benefit Game Show was a tremendous success as you can read in Wendi's piece later in this newsletter.

I am set up and have made my first few sales as **Mauriann**, a dealer for **Ideal Harness**. The link on the Happ's website is active, so you can look at the brochure and price list. I will also be getting pictures to add to the site so you can get a better look at the products. I have a couple harnesses on the way from Holland so you can try things on for size before even ordering. Gerard will have his **Ideal Harness "retail store on wheels"** here for the Happ's CDE in August and again for the American Driving Society Annual Membership Meeting on October 15. I hope this will be a great endeavor and a pleasurable experience for me and those of you wanting to buy harness and any of the other Ideal Harness products.

This newsletter is going out just prior to a very busy weekend. **CAA Driver Proficiency Evaluations**, the **TREC**, and this month's **Game Show** are all happening this coming weekend, April 15-17. We are down to one more weekend of "Terri Lessons" before we take a break for the competition season and then start up again in October. May has the back-to-back weekends of **CD Schooling Weekends** and I already have for a fair sized group coming for both weekends and the entire week in between.

Remember to take care of your **Friends of Happ's membership** if you haven't done so yet. The advisory board met in February and we created a list of projects for work parties in order to make improvements to carriage and ridden courses. We plan to hold **Happ's Helper Days** along with the TREC and with the last session of "Terri Lessons". You can come individually or with a group any day that works for you to help with numerous projects I hope to have done for this year's events. Just contact me and set a date and the project you want to help with. Your Friends of Happ's support helps me cover the cost of events and helps in making the improvements I have on the list—thank you!



This spring is a little slower than past years as I am not holding the Horse Trials and the CDE is later in the year. It is going to give me more time to work on projects before events and get hay done before events have a major impact on the fields. If you want to buy "**Happ's Hay**" this year, let me know so I can put you on the list. I plan to sell more "out of the field" this year. I am changing my cattle program, and don't want to handle it twice if I don't have to. It will be \$3 per bale in the field, and \$5 per bale once it goes into the barns.

Enjoy Life *Maureen*

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Our new 53' long 'Store on Wheels' will be at Happ's for the CDE August 4-7. No need to wait if you know what you want Catalog and price list on line at: <http://happs-inc.com/IdealHarness/mauriann.htm>

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HAPP'S HELPERS ARE BACK!

By: Merridy Hance

Happ's Helpers Buck the Wild Thicket

It was a clash of titanic proportions. The weeds and creepers threatened to grab our ankles and crush our crusades. Our mission - to free your riding and driving trails from the enslavement of creeping thickets. The intrepid Helpers prevailed, as we always do. Have a look along the north fence by the Nuke Site, and you'll see that the scrub has submitted - at least a little bit.

There's always more to do at our favorite horsey venue. If you've been wondering when you'd see the Helpers again, just look in the mirror. Give Maureen a call and she'll fit you with a job that's to your liking and your schedule. Do you prefer the bigger camaraderie of a work party crusade? We got ya covered there, too. Join us in our worthy quest to build and beautify Happ's for... you!

Next foray into get-er-done - April 16 and 17, all around the TREC.

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THOSE PESKY DRESSAGE LETTERS

By: Wanda Lusk

Spring is the lovely transition period leading winter into summer. "Spring" and "springtime" refer to the season, and broadly to ideas of rebirth, renewal and regrowth. Inevitably for a horse person, spring is the time to start thinking about the new dressage tests you will need to learn and practice. Forget about weeding, mowing and planting, at least for a while.

That brings to mind those pesky dressage letters. Actually the letters around the arena for me are just markers and I don't generally pay attention to the letter, just the location - someplace to do something in a test. As long as I start off in the correct direction after the salute, all is good. Which probably has a lot to do with my scores. 😊

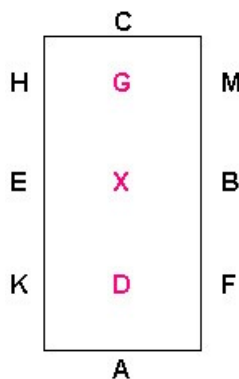
For those of you who are purists I found a few rhymes to aid in remembering the letter placement as you set up your practice area.

- Clockwise: All King Edward's Horses Carry Many Brave Fighters
- All King Edward's Horses Carry Many Bloody Fools
- All King Edward's Horses Can Move Beautifully Forward

Personally I cannot remember what King Edward's Horses are doing at any given moment, so my favorite is:

Counter-Clockwise: A Fat Black Mother Cat Had Eleven Kittens

However you choose to remember the dressage letter placement, make it fun and not a chore. It took me a long time to realize dressage is more than just an exercise to get through so we could move on to the fun stuff. Well, it's still a chore but a worthwhile one. 🍷



dressage/drə'sɑ:ZH/ noun: The art of riding and training a horse in a manner that develops obedience, flexibility, and balance.

SPRING GROOMING FOR WARMER WEATHER

Drs. Foster & Smith Educational Staff

Spring brings excitement to any barn. The start of the summer show circuit is just around the corner. Wilderness trails will soon be dry and ready to ride. Horses and foals curious about the budding vegetation have renewed your own sense of wonder towards nature. But spring also ushers in a mess no horse owner relishes: The shedding of your horse's winter coat. However, there are simple ways to help transform your horse from a hairy behemoth into a sleek beauty

The importance of spring grooming

Horses are clipped, bathed, brushed, and combed for more than just looks. In fact, your horse's health depends on a rigorous, year-round grooming regimen. Grooming removes dirt and mud, where bacteria, insects, and pathogens can hide. It helps increase circulation and distribute natural skin oils. It also allows you to spot injuries, insect bites, and external parasites you otherwise might have missed.



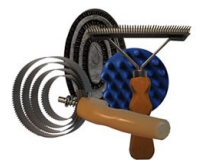
Good grooming is especially important in the spring. Most horses develop a long, shaggy winter hair coat to protect against cold temperatures and constant winter precipitation. Once the weather warms, however, longer coats can be dangerous for work, field, show, and pleasure horses. In fact, horses across the country succumb to heat exhaustion every spring. Longer hair causes your horse to heat up faster during exercise or work and take longer to cool down. In addition, long hair also hinders the drying process, which may promote bacteria growth and skin infections during the wet spring weather.

Three ways to help horses shed winter coats

It is easy to help your horse loosen and lose his winter hair coat. In fact, there are numerous methods and grooming products designed to aid the natural shedding process. The method and tools you use depend on your horse's attitude towards grooming, as well as your personal preference. Basically, spring grooming can be broken into three categories:

the natural approach - many horse owners choose to do nothing about their horse's shedding process. Eventually, your horse will naturally lose his longer, winter hair coat. However, natural shedding can be a long process. Shedding is tied to photoperiod, or the length of sunlight in a day. Therefore, in some parts of the country the natural shedding process could take months. During this time, active horses could overheat. In addition, horses who sweat excessively to cool down may lose important electrolytes, vitamins, and minerals.

the traditional approach - the most cost-effective way to assist shedding is with select grooming tools and a lot of elbow grease. Use a curry comb to loosen dead hair. Once a section of your horse's coat is loose, use a body brush to remove the loosened hair. A shedding blade can also help remove longer hair along the back and flanks. Repeated full body grooming sessions over a few weeks will completely remove your horse's winter coat. Since this method requires vigorous brushing, however, care needs to be taken with thin-skinned breeds and around sensitive areas of your horse's body. Also, monitor your horse's electrolyte levels and, if necessary, use an electrolyte supplement until his winter hair coat is fully removed.



the high-tech approach - the fastest way to remove your horse's winter coat is with full-body clippers and precision trimmers. In just a few hours, the bulk of your horse's winter coat can be removed. Then a regular bath, brush, and comb grooming routine will keep your horse beautiful and ready for activity throughout the summer. During the start of spring, however, blanket any freshly clipped horse when the night temperatures plummet.

There is a spring grooming method to suit any horse, personal preference, and budget. Regardless of the method you choose, however, ensure your horse is safe at all times during the grooming process. A quality halter and lead or quick-release cross tie helps maintain control of your horse and keeps him - and you - safe while you groom. In addition, remember that one of the most important ways you can influence your horse's coat health is with proper nutrition. Protein, vitamins, and minerals all contribute to healthy hair coats and help keep your horse beautiful and in top condition no matter the season



"THE SKYE'S THE LIMIT" BENEFIT HELD MARCH 26 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

By: Wendy Ross

The day started with a wonderful rendition of the National Anthem sung by 10 year old Kalama resident Natalie Wilson while Sara Mansur carried in Old Glory.

Almost 100 riders participated in the game show while people shopped the 300+ silent auction items in the hay loft.

There was a bake sale with tables overflowing with yummy items and home-made delights. There were MANY raffle items including candy bouquets and even a new trophy saddle, won by Tina Kline of Longview.

The hay loft at silent auction end was standing room only as the live auctioneer went through the live auction items for the day.

The event went off without a hitch with everyone having a great time.

By days end, we had raised almost \$16,000 for the Morris Family who continues to need our support and prayers

FRIENDS OF HAPP'S

The Friends of Happ's is a group of loyal people who support Happ's and the dream that is slowly being built here.

The membership fees help with the costs of hosting events and clinics and go toward making improvements to the facilities.

In 2010 we added a **Family Membership** plan. Additional family members (same household) may join at the same, or a lower level, for half price of the level they wish to join.

<u>Membership Level</u>	<u>Annual Fee</u>	<u>Member Benefits</u>
Evergreen	\$50	\$10 off schooling*; discount on event photo disks ♦
Forest	\$100	Evergreen benefits plus: Preferred Stalling at events**
Shamrock	\$150	Forest benefits plus: Preferred Parking Areas at events**
Emerald	\$200 and above	Shamrock benefits plus: Preferential acceptance of entries for events and clinics**

*\$10 discount each time they come to school on Happ's property (normally \$25) during the entire membership year.

This is for individual schooling—it does not apply to scheduled schooling events.

♦Discount from Wendi Ross, Blue Ribbon Equine Photography, on event photo CD's.

**Entries must be correctly filled out and received by Happ's in a timely manner for preferential stalling and parking to apply.

The membership year runs March 17 through March 16.

Members of F of H have the satisfaction of knowing they are part of Happ's.

Members also benefit from "membership perks" which vary with the level of membership.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>April</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>
Tuesdays	High School Equestrian Practice 6-8:30 p.m.		
Wednesdays	Open Ride Nights 6-9 p.m.		
15-17	CAA Driver Proficiency Evaluations (tentative)		
16	Happ's TREC	Mar 15	April 15
16-17	Happ's Helper Days		
17	Happ's Game Show	Show Up	
23-24	Indoor Polo Clinic w/Wilbur O'Ferrall	Jan 1	When Full
30, May 1	Lessons w/Terri Jones	Apr 1	When Full
<u>May</u>			
Tuesdays	High School Equestrian Practice 6-8:30 p.m.		
Wednesdays	Open Ride Nights 6-9 p.m.		
1	Lessons w/Terri Jones	April 1	When Full
1	Happ's Helper Days		
7-8	Combined Driving Schooling Weekend I	April 1	April 30
13-14	Navigator Clinic		
14-15	Combined Driving Schooling Weekend II	April 1	April 30
22	Happ's Game Show	Show Up	
<u>June</u>			
4-5	NW Friesian Horse Club Weekend		
12	Scatter Creek BCHW Trail day		
18	Happ's Trail Horse challenge		
18-19	Independent 4x4 Playday		
20-21	Mt Hood Pony Club Schooling		

CHECK THE HAPP'S WEB SITE CALENDAR FOR UPDATES AND CHANGES.

INSIDE MAUREEN'S KITCHEN

I know many people think of pumpkin only in the fall, but with canned pumpkin from the garden sitting in the pantry-this is a yummy dessert any time of the year!

Pumpkin Roll

(from my friend Kay Nessel)

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| 3 eggs—beat 5 minutes and gradually add: | Sift together: ¾ c flour |
| 1 c sugar | 2 tsp cinnamon |
| 2/3 c pumpkin | 1 tsp ginger |
| 1 tsp lemon juice | 1 tsp nutmeg |
| 1 tsp vanilla | ½ tsp salt |
| | 1 tsp baking powder |

Stir sifted ingredients into pumpkin mixture.
 Pour into greased and floured jelly roll pan. Bake 15 minutes at 375*
 Invert on dish towel dusted with powdered sugar, roll and cool completely.

- Unroll and fill with:
- 6 oz cream cheese
 - 1 c powdered sugar
 - 4 T butter
- Roll and refrigerate. Slice to serve.



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