



Happ's, Inc.
It's All Happening in Ethel, WA

Happenings

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March 2011



FROM MAUREEN

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The weather has not been the most cooperative lately. It has meant some smaller numbers at a couple of events as people just did not want to brave the elements! I totally understand. Hopefully that is behind us and we will be getting some sunshine and warmer weather soon.

Our **Arena Driving Trial** was changed into more of a clinic. Participants asked—they received! Everybody got “personalized service” and only Merridy got too wet—a three hour warm seemed a little excessive to some of us including Velvet! Terri Jones coached everyone through their dressage test (rather than it being judged) and then everyone ran Cones and Obstacles. Also this weekend is a **Game Show** with the next one April 17.

We have **two benefit shows** this month. The first is the Lincoln Creek Pony Club's benefit horse show for **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on March 19-20**. Saturday has English and Western performance classes in the morning and a Game Show in the afternoon. Sunday will be jumping classes. Then on **March 26** we are hosting “**The Skye's the Limit**” **benefit Game Show** to raise funds for the family of Skye Morris as she recuperates in the hospital. Please come support both of these worthwhile events—a lot of people are doing a lot of work to make these two events successful.

It is **time to send your entries for CAA Driver Proficiency Evaluations** with Marsoe LaRose and for the **TREC**, both in April. Your TREC judges are Frances and Carol Bowersock.....get those bribes ready!

Weekly Indoor Polo practices have been changed to Wednesday afternoons as the Thursday evening was not working the best for some people. It has been a small group, but it is fun. The **Wilbur O'Ferrall Clinic has been rescheduled for April 23-24**. Get in touch with me if you want to participate.

I had a wonderful time in San Antonio, Texas where I represented ADS and gave a presentation to the board and another to the membership of the American Miniature Horse Association. Susan and Al Bulgawicz and I talked to people and handed out materials in the ADS booth. Al and Susan showed me Texas Hospitality to the max.....I got to tour The Alamo, take a boat tour of The River Walk, eat great food on an outdoor patio while listening to an Andes flute band, attend a reception in the home of a very gracious AMHA member, take a carriage ride through the streets, stay in a haunted hotel, and enjoy one evening “out on the town” with some crazy new friends. It definitely felt more like a vacation than work! And the AMHA members were fantastically positive and are off and running with ideas for their new partnership with ADS.

I am set up and have made my first sale 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 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 things produced by Ideal Harness.

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 lined up some projects to work on to make improvements to carriage and ridden courses. Your support helps me in planning and making improvements to events for the year—thank you!

As always, have fun and enjoy life—

Maureen



"THE SKYE'S THE LIMIT"

"THE SKYE'S THE LIMIT" BENEFIT GAME SHOW & SILENT AUCTION

MARCH 26, 2011 AT HAPP'S

Skye Morris is a 17 year old Castle Rock Equestrian Team member who was critically injured Feb. 18th at a meet in Elma, WA. She suffered a severe head injury and is still on life support at the time of this writing. Link to newspaper article:

http://tdn.com/news/local/article_64f0ce12-3fc6-11e0-b57f-001cc4c002e0.html

This event is planned as a family friendly day of riding with friends and raising money. NO AWARDS will be given and there are NO prizes what-so-ever. The day is totally about raising money for the Morris family and coming together as a community to help one of our own. The benefit is scheduled to begin at 9am, March 26, with the singing of the National Anthem (singer TBA) and the presentation of our Olde Glory by Sara Mansur. The game show will start right after the National Anthem and continue until complete. The game show is \$25 for three events and \$15 additional to ride in the jackpot poles class. Half the pot will go to the winner, half to the benefit.

There will be raffles all day for wonderful items. From noon-3pm we will have live music by Tony Park in the silent auction area. Weather-permitting, part of the World Famous Happ's Trail Challenge course will be open for an additional fee of \$10 per ride. Come try the train tracks, cross the covered bridge, face the dreaded suspension bridge, meet the resident "bear" and "coyote".

At 2:30 pm, a drill team will perform while everyone has one last chance to bid on their favorite silent auction item. The silent auction will end sharply at 3pm. Cash or checks only-no ability to run credit or debit card. Auction items (as of Feb 27) include: jewelry, tax prep, design consultation, breeding to AQHA Supreme Champion Stallion, 20 bales grass hay, multiple merchandise baskets, gift certificates, antique corn planter, art glass, Cowpuncher Bits, Spurs & Saddlery, SMB rear boots, something from Hoofprints.com, with more items being added daily.

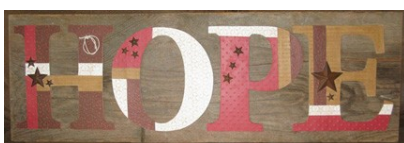
The game show will resume at 3:15 and run until complete. 100% of ALL money raised on this day will be donated to the Morris family. Please plan on attending this worthwhile cause to help us help others. For more information, to donate time or silent auction items or if you would like a benefit flyer please contact:

Wendi Ross, 360-270-9596; email: qualityponies@yahoo.com



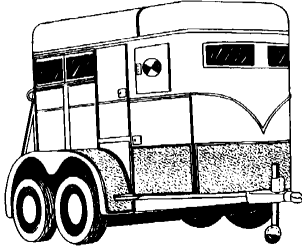
Here is a sampling of donated auction items:

For the complete list click on the link in Happ's Calendar for March 26, Skye Morris Benefit Auction Items



TRAILER SERVICING REMINDER

By: Diana Axness



How often do you have your horse trailer axles serviced? It's generally recommended that you have them serviced annually or every 6,000 miles, whichever comes first. I just about skipped the annual servicing of my horse trailer this year. I figured I towed it less than 3000 miles during the last year and since everything appeared to be in good shape, it didn't seem necessary. Despite my inclination to skip it, I took it in when I took the truck in for routine service.

I was shocked when they showed me the trailer brakes. On the passenger side, the brakes on both axles were corroded and gunked up to the point where the brakes weren't engaging at all. On the driver's side, the brake pads were worn through and the drums were cracked. I was driving with brakes on only one side of my trailer and they were quickly approaching total failure.

I just didn't make sense to me. The service manager was able to explain it as well as make an accurate guess of my trailer usage and driving conditions. The first point he made was I had probably driven on roads which have been treated with a de-icing fluid. I had certainly done that. The second point was that I had probably left the trailer parked for a couple of months. Yes, that happened too. Combining brakes that were exposed to de-icing fluid with prolonged lack of use created the perfect environment for the brakes to corrode. He also explained that even without the de-icing fluid, a trailer that is parked for long periods of time can have brake problems.

The lesson I learned that I want to share with others is that lack of use is not justification for skipping recommended trailer maintenance. If you use your trailer frequently, it needs the recommended maintenance. And, if you don't use your trailer very frequently, it still requires the recommended maintenance.

SPRING BARN MAINTENANCE TIPS

By Katherine Blocksdorf, About.com Guide

Spring Clean Your Stable

Prevent stables from flooding next year. Now is the time to find out where the drainage problems are and make plans to correct them before next year. Taking photos of the problem will help you decide what action to take and show a contractor exactly what needs to be prevented or repaired.

Clean stalls right down to the floor and allow them to dry thoroughly on a bright breezy day. Let as much sunlight in as possible—it's a great disinfectant.

Stalls with dirt floors may need to have the top layer removed and new soil brought in

Consider putting up a length of eaves trough above doorways to prevent ice build up next winter and avoid those annoying icy drips of water down your neck as you go in and out.

Spring clean: clear out accumulated feed bags, baler twine, give windows a cleaning, sweep down dust and chaff.

When sweeping out aisles put the dust and manure in the wheel barrow or muck bucket, don't sweep it out the door. Built up manure, chaff and dust holds more moisture than just plain dirt. In wet weather your doorways will turn into a muckier mess than if this area is kept manure and chaff free.

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Check for rodent chews on wiring.

Sweep out the hay loft. If the chaff is too dusty for horses to eat put it on your garden. It makes great mulch.

Spring clean run-in shelters too. Remove any manure, bedding, or spilled feed and consider replacing soil if has become too saturated. We've found after a few years of cleaning out our run-in that it has become lower than the surrounding area. We have to build up the soil every so often so it doesn't become an indoor swimming pool.

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>March</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.		
Thursdays	Cowboys & Kings Indoor Polo Practice 6:30-8:30 p.m.		
19-20	Lincoln Creek Pony Club Open Show Fund Raiser For St. Jude Childrens Hospital		
26	Sky Morris Benefit Game Show & Silent Auction (see article Page 2)		
<u>April</u>			
Tuesdays	High School Equestrian Practice 6-8:30 p.m.		
Wednesdays	Open Ride Nights 6-9 p.m.		
2-3	Lessons w/Terri Jones	Mar 1	When Full
2-3	Happ's Helper Days		
15-17	CAA Driver Proficiency Evaluations (tentative)		
16	Happ's TREC	Mar 15	April 15
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	

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

INSIDE MAUREEN'S KITCHEN

This is a yummy change from straight pecan and some other "nut pies". You may have to go to the freezer for the cranberries this time of year.....next holiday season you will again be able to use fresh.



Cranberry Pecan Pie

(from my sister Peggy Porter)

- 1½ c fresh, coarsely chopped cranberries
- 1½ c pecan halves
- 3 eggs
- ½ tsp finely grated orange peel
- ½ c sugar
- dash salt
- 1 c dark corn syrup
- 1/3 c melted butter

Preheat oven to 350* Line 9" pie pan with piecrust and flute edge
 Layer cranberries and pecans in crust. Beat eggs, add remaining ingredients and pour over cranberry/pecans.
 Bake at 350* for 50 minutes covering crust edges first 25 minutes

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