



Juneau County 4H Horse and Pony Project

Issue 2

December 2010

Highlights

- Christmas Party
- Michaela & Sage
- Why Dread Winter Chores?
- Is it really... "No Hoof, No Horse?"

Important Dates

Dec. 4..... 9-11 am
Bead Craft Project
@ Extension

Jan. 8 6pm
Christmas Party
@Burr Oak

Jan 1510 am
Lodi Vet Program
@ Extension

February 19...10 am
Sewing Project
@Extension

Beginning of March
Coggins/Vacc.
Clinic @ Fair
grounds

Christmas Party / Potluck / Gift Exchange - Jan 8, 2011 @ 6pm at Burr Oak Winery

We're lucky to once again be welcomed by the Kennedy's at Burr Oak Winery on Jan. 8th for our project's Christmas Party.

Please bring your \$8.00 or less wrapped gift to exchange

All family members are welcome to participate.

The project will provide the main dish, so plan to bring a side dish or dessert to pass.

Besides the gift exchange and great dinner, we will also thank last year's leaders for their service and support of our project's kids, as well as congratulate Ashley, our only graduate in 2010.

We will also discuss our Project's requirements & distribute project guidelines and declarations.

Looking For An Unusual Horsey Gift?

Sponsor a brand new panel in our project's brand new arena !
Our project purchased 50 panels last year and now we're looking for families and businesses to sponsor the panels. A nice permanent plaque is included in the cost.

\$100 for a full panel / \$50 for half panel

Memorialize a loved one, support a 4Her, advertise a business
If interested, contact a Board Member

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My Horse "Sage"

by Michaela Honnold, age 12

There are a lot of things I could tell you about my horse, Sage. First of all, her real name is Smokin Mito Girl, but I call her "Sage". The thing I am most proud of with her is when we went to the State 4H Horse Expo in Milwaukee. Sage didn't feel good when we got down there and she hurt her leg in the stall the first night. We didn't place in my Showmanship the next morning because Sage really was not herself. The next class that afternoon, we did place. It was Western Pleasure. Sage was feeling better and we got Grand Champion! It was AWESOME! I was so proud of Sage for trying so hard. Finally, the next day, we had a Western Horsemanship class. We didn't place but it was okay because we did so good in our other class. As you can see, Sage and I did well and had a lot of fun our first time down at the State 4H Horse Expo. I think I will give her a new blanket and a bag of treats for Christmas.



Want to show a Clothes Horse or Craft Project at the Fair?????

Have you ever wanted to sew something for your horse?

The HCE (Home and Community Educators)

and our horse project are teaming up to sew a GROOMING APRON.

We've set the date as Saturday, February 19, 10am at the Extension Office.

You need to sign up to complete this project

You can show it at the fair!

Please call Carrie Buss so she can get your name on the list.

Winter Chores

by Rylie Honnold, age 11

Winter chores can be fun yet kind of difficult. They can be difficult because you have to walk in the deep snow carrying buckets of grain. Another reason why winter chores can be difficult is because in winter, the weather can get very cold and also get bad with ice and snow. Even if the weather is bad, you still have to chore your animals. Winter chores can also be fun because when I am doing chores, I get hot and sweaty and the cold winter air is perfect! I don't know about anybody else but if you ask me, another reason why winter chores can be fun is because I love to make snow angels and love to play in the snow while I am doing the job. As you can see, I think winter chores can be fun and exciting but still be difficult.

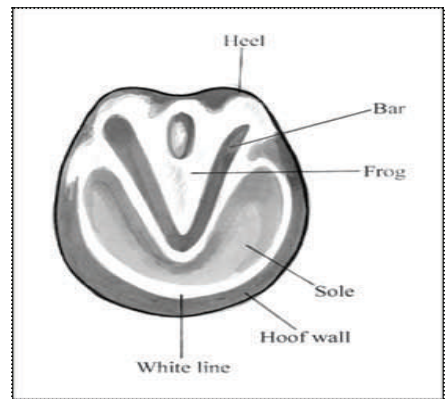


"Dashing thru the snow, in a one horse open sleigh, o'er the fields we go, laughing all the way ha, ha, ha"...

By Elizabeth Bowen, grade 13

The snow season is upon us and in the winter a little extra care and regular attention should be taken for your horse's hooves.

(PREVENTION) When it snows it sticks, even the light fluffy snow can collect. Snowballs can put your horse's balance and safety at risk and can cause bruising in their soles. Make it a habit to check your horse's hooves. It is important to pick the horse's feet out as necessary. I haven't tried it yet, but articles I have read say that cooking oil sprayed on the underside of the foot may be helpful to keeping the snow from packing but it wears off quickly.



(MAINTENANCE) Even though horse's hooves do not grow as quickly in the winter it is still important to keep up with regular hoof trimming. Overgrown hooves don't have good traction in winter conditions and become cracked or chipped easier on icy surfaces.

(NUTRITION) A horse's hoof wall does adapt to the cold. The strength of the hoof wall is maintained by key nutrients such as biotin, lysine and MSM. These nutrients are commonly found in pastures, hay and grain. In the winter months your horse may not get the required nutrients to maintain their hoof health because pastures are snow covered, so you may need to supplement these nutrients thru their grain or by adding a mineral block with these nutrients.

Prevention, maintenance, and nutrition are the keys to proper winter hoof health. A horse's hoof is one of the most important parts of its body. No hoof, no horse!!

*Wishing You
Happy Holidays*

*Elizabeth Bowen
Chip, Dusty, & Rex*

