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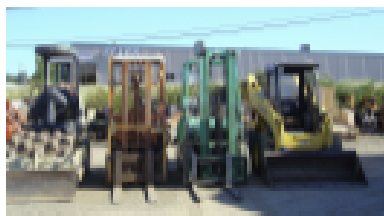
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Spectacular views of Mt. Konocti and Clear Lake abound when you ride the Glen Eden Trail. See page 12

Photo by Deb Baumann

**To stay current with Lake County equine events, check out our Facebook page , “Lake County Horse Council”, and our website, [www.lakecountyhorsecouncil.com](http://www.lakecountyhorsecouncil.com)**

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**A Message from the President**

by Virginia Vovchuk

Thanks to the efforts of our members and volunteers, the Horse Council has made a big impression in the community so far this year. By popular demand, the Fiesta of the Horse returned to Rancho de la Fuente June 30<sup>th</sup>, and the horses were superb, despite high temperatures! The audience truly enjoyed the varied show, from jousting to western dressage and multiple breed demos. Another equine-related tradition was started in Upper Lake, courtesy of the Lake County Wine Studio, at the Wild West Day celebration, also in June (see story page 10). It is our intention to expand to more events and shared venues like these around the Lake, involving our friends and partners across equine disciplines and businesses. We enjoyed being a part of the rodeo this year in Lakeport, leveraging our reciprocal membership with the Rodeo Association. In addition we are joining with the Lake County Farm Bureau to publicize and support equine causes and related concerns of horse owners. Several of our members are also actively involved with S.A.F.E.R. (Sonoma Action for Equine Rescue: [www.saferhorse.com](http://www.saferhorse.com)), bringing best practices in horse rescue to Lake County and making information available about such resources.

**It's FIRE season – check out this FREE Self-Evacuation Information & Form Kit for Horse Owners.** The Volunteers In Prevention program at the Tehama Glenn Range Unit of Cal Fire put together a free Self Evacuation Manual and Form Kit for horse owners. This kit is a must-have for ALL horse owners, regardless of location. Get it on the BAEN website at <http://www.bayquest.info/static/evacuation.htm>.

Thank you for your membership and please contact me, or any of our board members if you would like to get involved with a committee or LCHC event. Hope to see you at the Kelseyville Pear Festival, we'll be right on main street this year next to the fire station!



### **The Lake County Horse Council's Mission is to:**

- **Promote and preserve the horse as agriculture, industry, and recreation**
- **Inform the public about horse community goals, projects, and events**
- **Promote educational programs for the horse industry**
- **Support private and public equine facilities and activities**
- **Serve as liaison between the horse industry, the community, and government agencies**
- **Promote all aspects of the equine industry**

#### *A Message from the Editors*

Many thanks to those who contributed to this issue of the Journal, and especially to **Scott Bennett** for providing so many photos of equestrians at Lake County events.

You can help the Lake County Horse Council Journal cover the local equine scene. We welcome your articles and photographs on any horse-related topic, and any ideas you have for articles.

Send your stories and photos by email to:

[deb@vaqueroheritage.org](mailto:deb@vaqueroheritage.org) (please identify location and persons in photos).

Don't wait for a deadline (there isn't one). Write your "event" stories right away, while memory is still fresh. Send your stories now (to be published in next available issue).

— Deb Baumann & Juliana Vidich, Editors

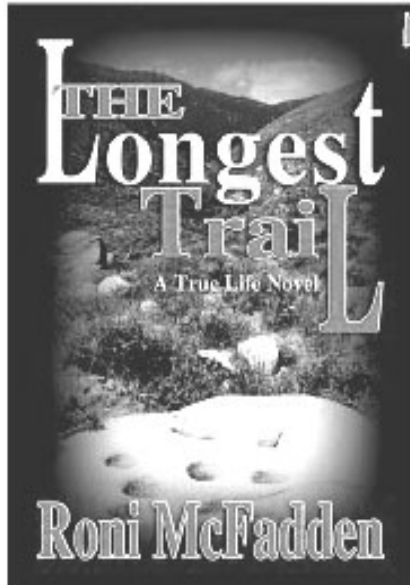
If you have a story idea you'd like to discuss, feel free to call Deb at 275-9234

# Life's a Parade (Editor Column)

In old California, the *vaqueros* used to say that a youngster starting out would never enjoy real success unless an old-timer, a seasoned veteran, took him under his wing. Without such mentoring, the youngster would never grow to become a master at the craft of riding horses and working cattle. *Maestros del caballo* learn continuously from others, all their lives, beginning with that first mentor.

Learning from others is critical because no one can **personally experience** everything there is to learn about horses and cattle. Heck, no one would survive such an education..!

I grew up on hair-raising tales of freak accidents and challenging situations experienced by my own ranch-country



mentors. Each tale was not only entertaining, but also an object-lesson. To this day, when hitching up the trailer or shaking out a loop, I am mindful of those stories. What are the odds of such a thing happening again? Don't ask. It happened once, and that means it could happen again, and that's why I try to learn from other people's experiences. Riding is dangerous enough without taking risks that can be avoided. Like an old cowboy once said,

*"There's three kinds of people. Them that can learn from a book, them that can learn by watching others, and the majority, them that just got to pee on the electric fence for themselves."*

Kidding aside... Reading other people's accounts of life with horses is another kind of mentoring. For instance, I learned new things while reading **THE LONGEST TRAIL**, a "true-life novel" (slightly fictionalized autobiography) by Roni McFadden.

Roni experienced some amazing horse adventures. She lived a horse-crazy teenager's dream life. For years in the 1960's, she worked for a High Sierra pack station. She spent an entire winter living alone at the station's high desert base camp, caretaking the horse string (while Charles Manson and his gang prowled the same area). She writes with great candor about some very challenging situations with wounded or wacky horses. Most of her pack station experience was fun, some was scary, and some downright horrifying. (A small percentage of the novel is fictionalized, but according to Roni, the horse stuff is 100% true.)

Thanks to this book, I am now prepared to take prompt action that might save my horse's life, if it is ever bitten on the nose by a rattlesnake..!

On **September 15** from **2-5pm**, Susan Feiler at the **Lake County Wine Studio** in **Upper Lake** is hosting a book-signing party for Roni. Come enjoy tasty treats and wine-tasting while chatting with this fascinating local author.

*Deb Baumann*



Right: Deb in Upper Lake's 2010 Wild West Day parade, photo by Scott Bennett

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## 2nd Annual **FIESTA OF THE HORSE**



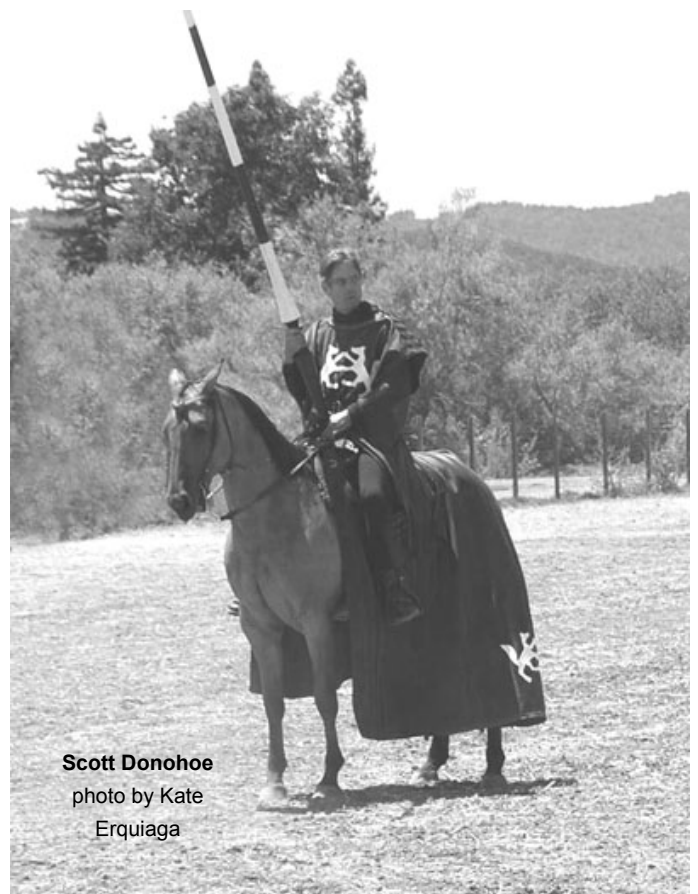
Photo by Kate Erquiaga

The Lake County Horse Council's second annual Fiesta of the Horse was held on June 30, drawing an enthusiastic crowd despite triple-digit temperatures. More than two hundred people enjoyed the shade in the spectator area.

Again the event was held at **Rancho de la Fuente**, on Soda Bay road outside of Lakeport. Owners **Frank and Rosana Perez** rolled out the welcome mat, providing tents and chairs for the audience, and going the extra mile to be the most excellent hosts imaginable. They open up their beautiful ranch for this event at no charge, their gift to the community.

"Gift to the community" is also the Horse Council's motivation for putting on this family event, according to show organizer Deb Baumann. To defray expenses this year, the LCHC welcomed co-sponsors who donated prizes or money. The resulting silent auction and prize raffle provided additional entertainment in addition to covering costs. Even modest admission fees can make an event off-bounds for many families. The LCHC hopes to see more parents bring children next year (one little girl won a free riding lesson in this year's raffle).

After a dramatic Grand Entry with flag presentation by members of the Lake County Junior Horsemen, the opening act was a thrilling display of medieval jousting (the first time an audience in Lake County has been privileged to watch two armored knights tilting at each other). Extra kudos to Brian Claiche and Scott Donohoe for wearing chain mail and steel helmets in the triple-digit heat, and to Denise Claiche who made everyone look stunning with her costume creations for humans and horses.



**Scott Donohoe**  
photo by Kate  
Erquiaga

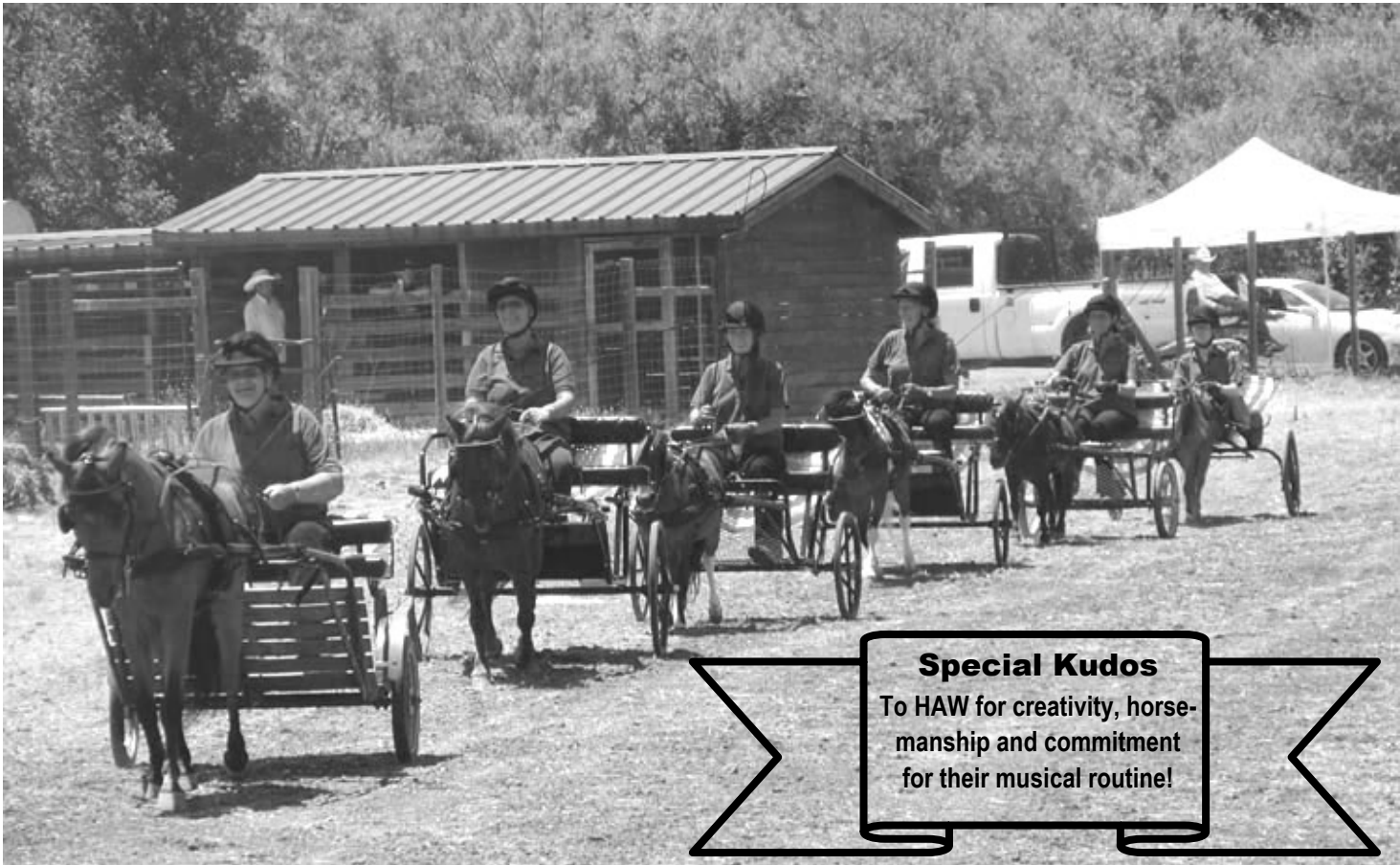
Other performances included a return of Flamenca & Garrocha, Arabian, Morgan, Mustang and Colonial Spanish Horse breed demonstrations, a Western Dressage musical exhibition by Nancy Williams, a comedy wild west act provided by sharpshooter Annie Oakley, and Mounted Shooting.

Fiesta of the Horse showcases local talent and creates a bridge between the horse community and its neighbors. The LCHC appreciates the sponsors whose generosity enable LCHC to put on this event at no charge to the public.



**Above: Grand Entry** photo by Kate Erquiaga

**Below: HAW makes an impressive entrance** photo by Phil Scherrer



**Special Kudos**  
To HAW for creativity, horsemanship and commitment for their musical routine!

The Fiesta's primary co-sponsor is Rancho de la Fuente. Additional major sponsors this year were the Highland Springs Equestrian Center, Holdenreid Harvesting, Hooves & Wheels Carriage Club of Lake County, Rancho Californio and the Tallman Hotel/ Blue Wing Saloon in Upper Lake.

Other business co-sponsors were Balius Farm Miniature Sport Horses, Barreda's Lower Lake Feed Store, Bruno's Shop Smart, Gaddy Shack Ranch, Rainbow Ag, RB Peters, and Wine Country Blanket Repair.

Individual co-sponsors were Deb Baumann, Scott Bennett, Dorothy Collett, Dana DiRicco, Debbie James Elliot, Tina Herman, Sheri Holdener, and Kim and Mike Riley.

The LCHC is very grateful to all who volunteered that day. In addition to many already named above, volunteers included Allan Bibbee, Whitney Braitto, Barbara Claiche, Makenna Kidd, Kate Erquiaga, Toni James, Laura Jernigan, Kenn and Susan McCarty, Jeannie Ruminski, Frank Stawicki, Heather Stentz, Carol Thorn, Alexandra and Juliana Vidich, and Virginia Vovchuk. Kim and Mike Riley did an awesome job coordinating the parking.



**Above: volunteers Susan McCarty and Toni James and the audience stand for the National Anthem** photo by Kate Erquiaga

**Left: Diane Stawicki, Allan Bibbee, Alexandra Marchand-Vidich, and Juliana Vidich,** photo by Kate Erquiaga



Special thanks to flamenco dancer Diane Stawicki, who set up multiple comfort stations featuring iced water (courtesy of Bruno's), cookies, chips and fruit cups for volunteers and performers alike, paid for by "Friends of Diane" (folks who enjoyed last year's show and who wanted to help support this year's). It was an extraordinary effort, appreciated by all.

Raffle and auction items sent many audience members home with armloads of goodies (someone went home with a certificate for 20 bales of hay, courtesy of Holdenreid Harvesting).

Kim Riley created a terrific video and uploaded event photos to the Lake County Horse Council's facebook page. You can also watch the video on You Tube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDzmE1Sbyiw>

**Special Recognition and kudos to HAW, the Hooves and Wheels Carriage Club of Lake County, for stepping to the plate and hitting a home run!** Their fantastic musical routine (Quadrille) has **raised the bar**. May their performance inspire other equestrians and horse groups/clubs to create routines set to music, to entertain at next year's show!

Call Deb at 275-9234 if you have questions or ideas to share.



*Clockwise from right:*

**Virginia Vovchuk with two Morgans** (photo by Kate Erquiaga)

**Annie Oakley's famous mirror shot** (photo by Ted Horat)

**Mounted shooting demo** (photo by Ted Horat)

**Grand Entry** (photo by Kate Erquiaga)

**Jousting** (photo by Ted Horat)

(See page 18 for official Fiesta Thank You to participants, volunteers and sponsors)



## LCHC at Upper Lake's Wild West Day Written by Virginia Vovchuk

### Horse Council Presents Unique Carriage Show at Wild West Day



On June 1, members of the Lake County Horse Council came together in Upper Lake to help celebrate 2013 "Wild West Day" for the first time, presenting an exhibit of antique wagons and carriages in the old livery stable on Main Street.

Thanks to the vision of Susan Feiler of the Lake County Wine Studio, and the generosity of Sheldon Steinberg, owner of the stable property, over 12 horse-drawn carriages and carts, ranging from the

late 1800's to present day vintage, were brought in and arranged on display for the event. Included were many one-of-a-kind lovingly restored wagons and buggies, used in their day for everything from doctor's visits and shopping to weddings and funerals.



Photos clockwise from above left:

**Horse Council Booth** with Diana Constable, Jacquie Krupinsky, Donna Thornton, Marty Brookman

**Carriage Display:** Left: Vis-à-vis Carriage (reproduction) owned by Kenn and Susan McCarty of Upper Lake. Right: 1890s Studebaker Highflyer owned by Quincy & Kirk Andrus of Kelseyville.

**Livery Exterior** with Carol Biggs and her wagon, Susan Feiler



Visitors enjoyed the cool shaded museum-like setting in the old stable, the perfect venue in the middle of Main Street, which brought the carriages to life. Outside on Main Street Horse Council Members staged a booth with raffle and plant sales, welcoming visitors from in and outside the town. The parade included several horse council members driving, riding and leading horses. Horse Council membership is growing in Upper Lake, please go to [www.LakeCountyHorseCouncil.com](http://www.LakeCountyHorseCouncil.com) for more information.

The Hooves and Wheels Driving Club of Lake County was formed in 2000, and meets Wednesday evenings at the Highland Springs "Driving Range" for group driving and riding. The diverse group includes drivers with horses ranging from minis to mules and drafts, and has been a welcome and entertaining site at many venues around Lake County.

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## Enjoy Spectacular Views from the Glen Eden Trail

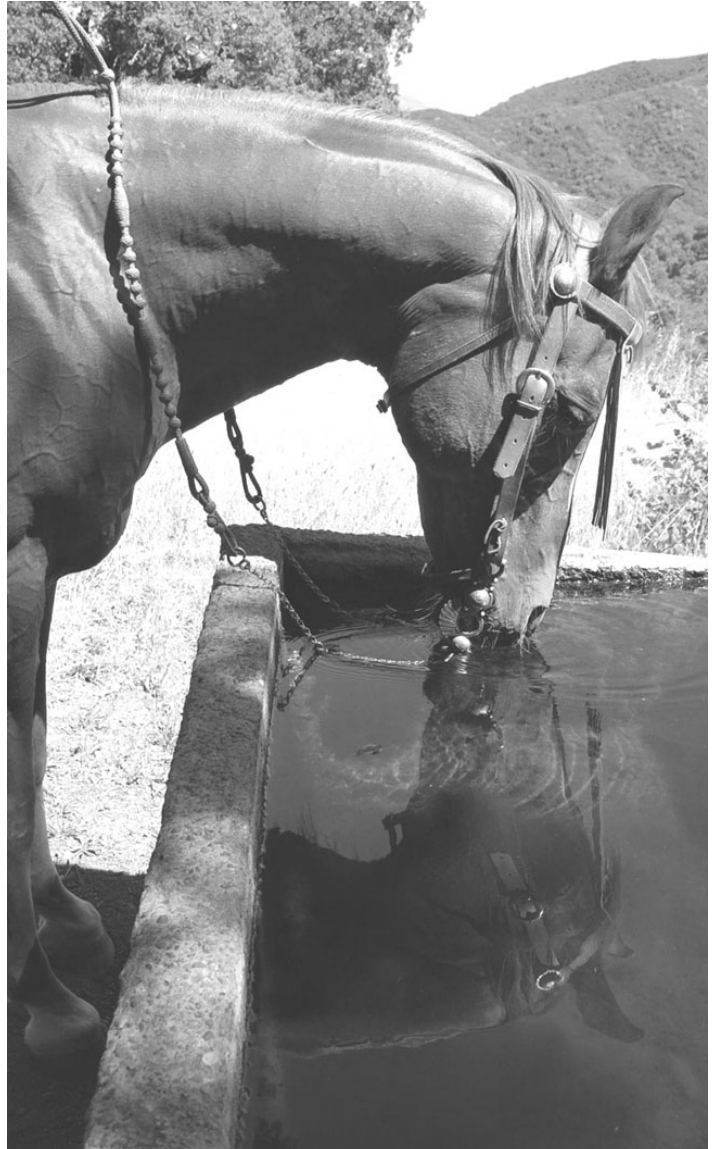
Photos and story by Deb Baumann

It never fails to amaze that in all the years I've been riding the Glen Eden Trail, we've never encountered other people during our time on the trail. Is Glen Eden one of Lake County's best kept secrets? Or, does the trail's steep ruggedness discourage the faint of heart ..?

In truth, this trail is not for unfit horses or riders. I try to improve my own fitness by dismounting and walking up the steep first mile or so (like a mile-long staircase). I have to take frequent rest breaks, while my horse looks at me like "you are SO out of shape!" It is great for someone with knees as bad as mine to have opportunity to walk uphill like that, without having to walk DOWN the hill again, since walking downhill is so much harder on the knees. So, I walk up (horse grateful) and the horse carries me down (knees grateful).

The views are like none other in Lake County (see cover photo). Not only is the entire Clear Lake basin laid out before you, but also mountains and scenery of Mendocino, too, as the trail goes all the way to Ukiah. (Sunny prefers the view of himself, reflected in a water trough 2-3 miles uphill from the Scotts Valley Road staging area).

About mid-way (5-6 miles) towards Ukiah the trail dips into a beautiful glen with year-round creek and picnic tables. Below: looking down into that valley:



The staging area on Scotts Valley Road is 2-3 miles south of Highway 20, and can be reached by driving either north from Lakeport or south from Highway 20. There's a wide, flat, graveled parking area with picnic tables and a bathroom, very easy to navigate while pulling a rig.

You can have a very satisfying ride just going a few miles up, to the first peak, and back. Due to the remoteness of the terrain, I recommend not riding this trail alone. A trail buddy makes for a safer ride. Also, please don't ride it in wet weather. Your horse's hooves can cause great damage, and the wet clay soil would be dangerously slick on the steep mountainside. But in fair weather, it is a beautiful ride, like none other. See you on the trails!

## Fit to Ride

by Anna Rose Ravenwoode

In a recent study, The British Horse Society (BHS) researched the physical health benefits of horseback riding. The results, which are no surprise to equine lovers, documented that riding can expend sufficient amounts of energy to be classified as a “moderate-intensity exercise.” To state their concise conclusions: an hour of horseback riding can burn 360 calories, which is the equivalent to peddling a bicycle at 10 mph for one hour.

Other studies confirm the BHS findings with more specific calorie burning statistics. For example, a 140 pound person, riding a walking horse, will burn 2 calories a minute. The same person, on a trotting horse will burn 6 calories per minute, and at a gallop, 8 calories a minute. And for riders preparing for their equestrian outing: grooming a horse will burn 5 calories per minute.

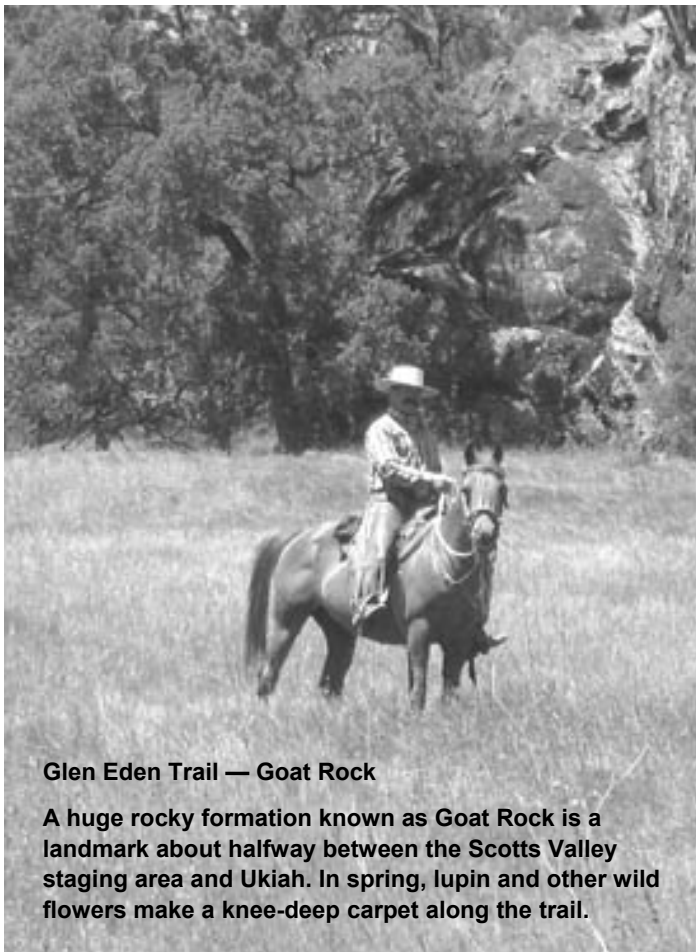
Other studies on the benefits of horseback riding confirm that it strengthens muscles in the back and abdominal regions which are seldom used in everyday living; and cardiovascular activity, the key to a

healthy heart. Specifically, riders undergo exercise as they make constant body adjustments in reacting to a horse’s natural gait. When this is combined with good posture, it strengthens the rider’s spine and increases joint mobility.

However, while all of the above stated benefits of riding are well known to equine lovers, (and documented in numerous studies), it does not make horseback riders, “the fittest of all.” An article published in the October, 2008 edition of Sports Medicine by Elizabeth Quinn entitled “Cross Training Improves Fitness and Reduces Injury,” outlines the many advantages of choosing a varied exercise program. Cross training is a general term which refers to a training routine that engages in several different forms of exercise designed to prevent injury, while increasing fitness. For instance, you may be in great shape, due to horseback riding, because it is your routine exercise. But the best way to strengthen other muscle groups (not used for riding), and prevent injury from repetitive strain and overuse (of muscles used to ride), is to cross train.

And cross training will provide you with a higher level of overall fitness. How? It conditions a different set of muscle groups and develops a new set of exercise skills. Cross training limits the stress that occurs on the specific muscle groups used to ride, because different activities use muscles in slightly different ways. So the same muscles you use for horseback riding, will be used in slightly different ways, when you walk, hike, swim, bike, and/or engage in yoga, pilates or cardiovascular activities and weight strengthening exercises. As a person who regularly cross trains by cardiovascular / weight strengthening workouts, yoga and horseback riding, it gives me the opportunity to ride horses, stronger and longer.

There are many fitness gyms around Lake County. I enjoy the health programs offered at the Sutter Lakeside Wellness Center in Lakeport. Their programs include: yoga, pilates, cardiovascular workouts, dance classes, weight machines for men and women, and a Curves Room with machines designed especially for women. You can proceed at your own pace. So pick your gym, walking / hiking route, or swimming pool. It is a great way to cross train, so we can reach the goal of riding horses stronger and stay longer in the saddle, for many years ahead.



**Glen Eden Trail — Goat Rock**

A huge rocky formation known as Goat Rock is a landmark about halfway between the Scotts Valley staging area and Ukiah. In spring, lupin and other wild flowers make a knee-deep carpet along the trail.

## “Hooves and Heartbeats” Clinic

By Debbie James

It was a beautiful sunny day for the Junior riders that attended the **Hooves and Heartbeats** Event at Gaddy Shack Ranch May 18, 2013.

Everyone had a great time. Jennifer C. Bennett, DVM, MS, gave a very informative and educational hands-on talk. Participants were able to listen to the horse's heartbeat, take the horse's pulse and listen to gut sounds. Even I was not aware that a horse's resting heart rate was as slow as 12 beats per minute. [You can learn more about services offered by Dr. Bennett at [greengatesranch.com](http://greengatesranch.com) ]

After Jennifer's presentation, we had a dog agility demonstration presented by Rose Fitzsimmons and her Chihuahua, Dinky. Then the Juniors got to try their hand at jumping Dinky over the little 4 inch jumps, just perfect for his size.



Before saddling up for the clinic portion of the Event, everyone took a break for some nice cold water and some homemade cupcakes, thanks to Makenna Kidd and Jennifer Carson. The clinic proved to be as fun for me as it was helpful to the riders. They all improved so much by the end of the day.

Health information and education is important for all equine owners. We look forward to our next Hooves and Heartbeats Event, not only for the Juniors that missed it, but even those that attended will benefit from additional experience understanding how to monitor their horse's health.

**Clinician Debbie James helps a young rider attain a smoother relationship with her equine.**



**Photos by Kim Riley**



**Left: Makenna Kidd in the Potter Valley Rodeo parade on May 25, 2013** (photo by Jennifer Carson)

**Other photos: Rancho Californio parade group at Upper Lake Wild West Days parade on June 1, 2013** (photos by Denise Rushing)

**Would you like to see your photo here?**

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**In your email, please identify date, location and riders.**



## About Euthanasia

Interview with Dr. Michael Witt, DVM  
by Marty Brookman

I interviewed Dr. Michael Witt about the subject of Euthanasia, or humane killing. Often the context in which this subject is discussed is whether or not the horse is euthanized needlessly or, alternatively, whether or not the horse has been struggling too long. Sometimes horse owners wait too long to bring a vet in for treatment, or for other reasons euthanasia may be needed. Dr. Witt has faced the situation where it was in the best interest of the horse owner to euthanize the horse, even when the horse was healthy. Dr. Witt talked directly to the horse owner to be sure there was no alternative that the owner would consider. In the case he described to me, the horse was euthanized because the owner didn't trust that anyone would take care of the horse as he wished.

The decision to euthanize is sometimes not clear. Dr. Witt and most other vets have seen situations that looked disastrous for the horse, where the injury to the horse put survival and return to athletic use in question. If an owner is willing and able to invest time and money in the treatment of a horse it can sometimes result in a return to usefulness and many more years of life. Dr. Witt feels it is his job to determine what is medically possible and then offer that for consideration to the horse owner. Even an older horse, if in good health, can be useful as a pasture partner. Dr. Witt's philosophy is to share the various treatment options with a particular horse owner. Very often the question is what can the vet do without unreasonable pain and suffering to the horse.

Dr. Witt and I discussed the actual process of euthanasiation. Dr. Witt's concern is to do the job in the most painless way possible for the horse. Physically, it takes time to get the lethal drug into the horse, especially if the horse is animated or excited due to pain. The horse might need to be tranquilized first in order to make it possible to inject the euthanasiation solution into them. Sedation doesn't always work to calm the horse enough to induce it to lie down.

These drugs can cause unpredictable situations and for this reason Dr. Witt will frequently ask an owner if they would not prefer to leave the area. An owner has the right to be present. It is the owner's option.

100cc of Sodium Pentobarbital is the lethal solution that is injected to kill a horse. Once injected, the horse no longer feels pain and does not suffer. The horses' eyes fix and dilate, the heart stops and the horse stops breathing. Oxygen and air no longer go to the tissues. The horse experiences neurological death. A horse may be injected and die immediately and others take a minute or two to actually die. The respiratory system of the horse is the most basic, fundamental system in a horse and it is usually the last part to show activity.

Dr. Witt encourages all horse owners to have a talk with their vet before needing to consider euthanasia. You need to be able to trust the judgment of your vet. It would be best to have this conversation before the emotional and financial issue is at hand.

All vets are different and many have different philosophies and it would be best to know that you and your vet share the same philosophy. Often a time to consider euthanizing a horse can be very dramatic as with an accident or injury. A horse may be upset or tangled in wire or wedged under a truck and these issues will make it additionally difficult to perform euthanasia. It is an elective process even when recommended by a vet. The decision is up to the horse owner.

In addition, if you are a horse owner, you ought to consider what will happen to your horse if it outlives you. Another consideration is that horse owners should not be made to feel guilty about not being willing to afford an \$8,000 colic surgery. Often times it is worth considering for many reasons but no one should feel compelled to spend money to fix a horse to avoid guilt.

Dr. Witt agreed to do this interview in the hope that this information will be helpful in your considerations about euthanasia. If you have any questions or would like to talk to him about this, he will welcome your call. He can be reached through his office in Redwood Valley at 707-485-0156. His office has an informational brochure for horse owners regarding euthanasia, which is available upon request.

Dr. Michael Witt received a Masters degree in Animal Science before attending the University of California School of Veterinary Medicine at Davis and receiving his DVM. He has been practicing veterinary medicine for 29 years.



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# HORSE FAIRE

at the 2013 Kelseyville Pear Festival

September 28<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 10 am to 4pm

**FREE** to the Public



*The Faire is a great opportunity to learn more about horses, whether you have experience or not. Join the Lake County Horse Council for this FREE family event, including live equine demonstrations, where you can see a variety of breeds and disciplines.*

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**JOIN TODAY!** Be part of a unified voice for equestrian interests in your community

For more information contact Virginia Vovchuk 707 245-9091

### LAKE COUNTY HORSE COUNCIL – CALENDAR OF EQUINE EVENTS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

General Contact for LCHC  
Virginia Vovchuk  
vovchukvm@gmail.com

Add your event to our calendar by submitting details to:  
Kate Schmidt-Hopper: (707) 245-9091 wiseacre1farm@gmail.com  
**Local clubs are invited to send their entire 2013 calendars for inclusion as soon as available.**

**NOTE:**

Due to frequent updating of the Rolling Calendar (updates are published the 2nd & 4th Wednesday each month), the printed version in any Journal becomes outdated very quickly.

**Therefore we urge you to visit the LCHC website for the most current Calendar information.**

**<http://www.lakecountyhorsecouncil.com/>**

**2013 Spring-Summer — Weekly:**

**Wednesdays: Hooves and Wheels Drive/Ride: Highland Springs**, weather permitting, hitched up by 5:00 pm and drive at will. Bring snacks to share after the drive.

**Highland Springs Trail Work Days** Info: Kim and Mike Riley : riley4@hughes.net (707) 245-7468 ; Karen Sullivan: grey-mare56@gmail.com (707) 349-1559

# Mendo-Lake Arabian Horse Assoc.

**2013 Annual Trial Obstacle Challenge  
Saturday Sept. 7, 2013  
Argonaut Farms  
2367 Argonaut Rd., Lakeport CA  
Ag Unlimited (Tim) 707-278-3131**



**ENTRY FEE \$25**

Entries are available online at Ag Unlimited-Lakeport or mendolakearabianhorse.weebly.com

The course will be posted the morning of the event.  
**3 Divisions-Open and 17 & under.**  
Novice Horse and Rider (first OBSTACLE Challenge for horse or rider)  
**RIDE** English or Western. All breeds are welcome.  
**This is a JUDGED EVENT!**  
**HELMETS REQUIRED** for riders 18 years of age and younger.  
Helmets are recommended for riders over 18.  
**PRIZES** to 5<sup>th</sup> place!  
**LUNCH** included in entry fee.  
**EQUINE NUTRITION** information will be made available from experts at the **LMF** and **Ag Unlimited, Ltd.** booths.  
**EQUINE & PET PRODUCTS** also available at the **Ag Unlimited, Ltd. Booth.**

This is a benefit for **Mendo-Lake Arabian Horse Association.**  
Sponsored by **LMF Feeds** and **Ag Unlimited-Lakeport**

**LOCATION:** Argonaut Farms, Barbara Kroboth,

From the South, past Kelseyville turn right on Thomas, then Right on Argonaut at the corner by Steel Wine  
Take Hwy 29 South past Lakeport, left on Argonaut Road and follow the signs

## LAKE COUNTY HORSE COUNCIL – CALENDAR OF EQUINE EVENTS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

### August

8/4 (Sunday)

**Lake County Chapter of California Dressage Society CDS-Recognized ("One Star") Show with English and Western Dressage Classes** Highland Springs Equestrian Center in Kelseyville. Info: Juliana, 707-279-1903 or juliana@highlandspringsequestrian.com

8/22 (Thursday)

**Backcountry Horsemen of California, Lake-Mendo Unit meeting**, Odd Fellows Hall, Main St Upper Lake 7pm  
Info: Kelly or Robert Sterling (707) 275-842 **kelly-horses@yahoo.com**

8/25 (Sunday)

**Lake County Fair Horse Show**, Lake Co. Fairgrounds, Lakeport. Info: Lake Co. Fairgrounds

8/25 ( Sunday )

**Shoreline Riders Western Schooling Horse Show** starts 9am for location Info: www.shorelineriders.com/

### September

9/7 (Saturday)

**Mendo-Lake Arabian Horse Association Annual Trail Obstacle Challenge** – 2367 Argonaut Rd, Lakeport, Info: Barbara Kroboth (707) 270-2429; bmerry-bey@aol.com

9/7-8 (Saturday – Sunday)

**Jec Ballou clinic for Classical and Western Dressage**  
White Dog Ranch, Potter Valley, times TBA  
Info: Angie awhitedog@aol.com

9/15 (Sunday)

**Jack Burns Clinic**  
Highland Springs Equestrian Center, Kelseyville  
times TBA, Info: Juliana, 707-279-1903 or juliana@highlandspringsequestrian.com

9/22 (Sunday)

**Hooves and Wheels Drive/Ride, BBQ, Swim Party**  
Huff n Puff Ranch, Bachelor Valley  
Info: Lynn and Tom Hughes huffnpuff@hughes.net

9/26 (Thursday)

**Backcountry Horsemen of California, Lake-Mendo Unit meeting**, Odd Fellows Hall, Main St Upper Lake 7pm  
Info: Kelly or Robert Sterling (707) 275-842 **kelly-horses@yahoo.com**

9/28 (Saturday)

**LCHC Horse Faire**  
Kelseyville Pear Festival Main St. and Third St.  
10 am – 4 pm  
Info: Virginia Vovchuk (707) 245-9091 home  
vovchukvm@gmail.com

### October

10/13 ( Sunday)

**Equestrian/Bike Safety Event**, Boggs Demonstration Forest  
Info: Gigi Stahl (707) 263-2580

10/20 (Sunday)

**Thornhill Equine & Wine**  
Thornhill Winery 8170 S. hwy 29, Lower Lake  
Info: Virginia Vovchuk (707) 245- 9091

10/24 (Thursday)

**Backcountry Horsemen of California, Lake-Mendo Unit meeting**, Odd Fellows Hall, Main St Upper Lake 7pm  
Info: Kelly or Robert Sterling (707) 275-842 **kelly-horses@yahoo.com**

10/27 (Sunday)

**Hooves and Wheels Halloween Costume Ride/Drive and Scavenger Hunt**  
Highland springs Horse Park; BBQ Pot luck to follow  
Info: Sally Green **baliusfarm@gmail.com**

10/28 (Monday)

**Annual Member meeting and Board Elections**  
Location and time : TBA  
Info: Virginia Vovchuk (707) 245- 9091

Reminder: This calendar is updated twice a month, please check the LCHC website for most current information

## JOIN or RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

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- Member exclusive informational forums
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- Access to discounts on supplies and clinics
- Opportunity to advertise your products and services in journal

Membership Category	Dues	Benefits
Individual	\$10	Basic: Events, Email Updates
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Club/Organization	\$75	Same as Charter
Vendor	\$100	Same as Charter
Lifetime	\$150	Same as Family

**Detach here and return to:** Lake County Horse Council, P.O. Box 1551, Kelseyville, CA 95451

– Checks payable to **Lake County Horse Council**

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