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Upcoming Events

June 5, 2005

HDH is sponsoring a Poker Ride/Drive on Sunday, June 5, 2005 at the Pit Stop, Silver Springs. Registration will be at 9:00 a.m. First riders will leave at 10:00. Cost is \$20 (includes lunch, registration and one poker hand). Additional hands will be \$5 each. HDH members will bring a dish for pot luck. Contact Kathie Peterson at 246-5238 for information.

June 9, 2005

HDH Board Meeting—6:00 p.m.
 HDH General Membership Meeting—7:00 p.m.
 Come join us and give us input on what you want our club to do for you. Any and all ideas are welcome. Door prizes will be given out at the General Membership Meeting.

June 12, 2005

There will be an informal Ride/Drive at Lake Lahontan, starting at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Bring your own chairs, lunch, and water. This is just a gathering—not a sponsored event. For info call Margy at 629-0807.

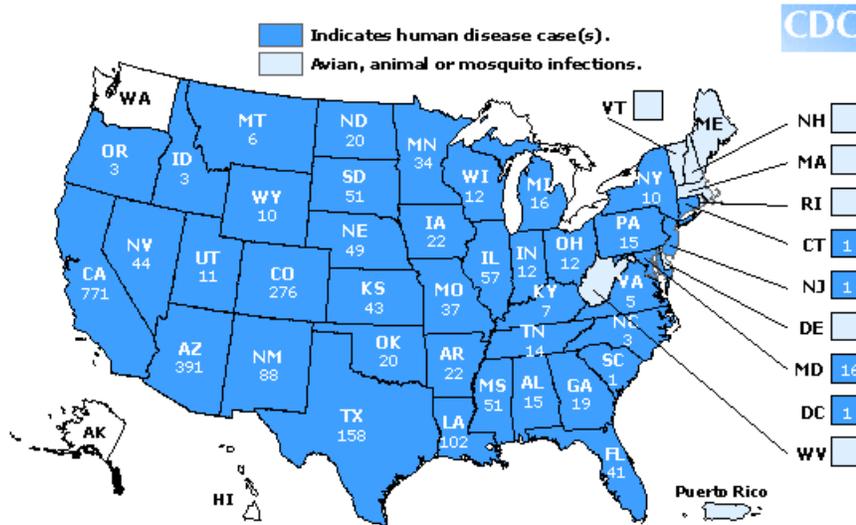
June 18, 2005 changed to July 23, 2005

The Arena Sale has been changed to July 23, 2005. It will be at Camelot Ranch and Arena, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be available for \$5. Space rental for HDH members is \$10. Sell your horse gear and household items (no horses). Bring your own table, chairs, shade. All items must be removed by the end of the day. Contact Betty Retzer at 629-9197 to reserve a space.

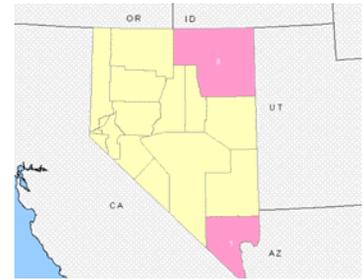
July 9, 2005

HDH is sponsoring the Mid-Summer Horse Show on July 9th,

2004 West Nile Virus Activity in the United States



Since 2005 has been wetter than normal, there are going to be more mosquitoes. Veterinarians recommend vaccinating all equines with West Nile Virus vaccine.



Cumulative Veterinary Disease Cases by County - NV, 2005
 Clark County 1
 Elko County 8

What is West Nile virus?

West Nile virus is an arbovirus (short for arthropod-borne virus) that causes encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). Arboviruses, including West Nile virus, are transmitted by blood-feeding insects such as mosquitoes. Most infections with West Nile virus have been identified in wild birds, horses and humans, but the virus can also infect various other wild and domestic animals.

How is West Nile virus transmitted?

Mosquitoes draw the virus from infected birds and transmit it to other animals, including humans, through bites. West Nile viral encephalitis develops when the virus multiplies and crosses the blood-brain barrier. West Nile virus is not transmitted directly from animal to person, person to animal, animal to animal or person to person; however, rare instances of transmission via organ transplantation or blood transfusion have been reported. Ticks infected with the virus have been found in Asia and Africa but there are no verified reports of ticks spreading the virus and their role in transmission has not been determined.

What clinical signs are associated with West Nile virus infection?

Horses—The most common sign is weakness, usually in the hindquarters. Weakness may be indicated by a widened stance, stumbling, leaning to one side, and toe dragging. In extreme cases, paralysis may follow. Fever is sometimes evident, as are depression and fearfulness. Approximately 33% of cases of West Nile viral encephalitis in horses proved fatal during the 2001 outbreak in the United States.

Other animals—Wild birds infected with West Nile virus in the United States are most often found dead; therefore, descriptions of clinical signs in wild birds are not readily available. Nor have clinical signs associated with West Nile virus infection in dogs, cats, bats, chipmunks, skunks, squirrels, domestic rabbits, and domestic birds been well described. It appears that, although they may be infected, many members of these latter species rarely develop clinical signs of disease.

Can West Nile viral encephalitis be prevented?

A vaccine is now available for horses. For other species, including humans, limiting exposure to mosquitoes is considered effective prevention. The following actions may reduce the risk of mosquito bites and possible exposure to West Nile virus:

West Nile viral encephalitis is an emerging disease and new information continues to become available. Visit the AVMA home page, www.avma.org for more information on this and other animal and public health issues.

This information has been prepared as a service by the American Veterinary Medical Association.



Honor the Soldier

Harold Roy Miller

Some soldiers gave all. They paid the price
 by making the ultimate sacrifice.
 They cherished our sweet liberty
 and fought to keep our country free.

Where they are sent is where they go
 to brace and stop the evil foe.
 They answer swiftly duty's call,
 and always come out standing tall.

I think it's shameful we don't do more
 for the veterans who survive and return from war.
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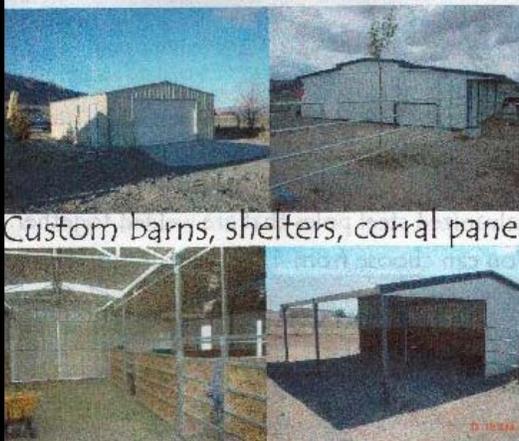
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Volunteers

As with any club, High Desert Horsemen is encountering the "I don't have time", "I have other plans", "I don't know how to do that" replies to requests for volunteers. Or just the old "silent treatment". Please consider showing up for events and helping out for an hour or two—you don't have to spend all day helping. A club is only as successful as its workers. Right now only a handful of people are doing the bulk of the work. To make this club work, more people need to

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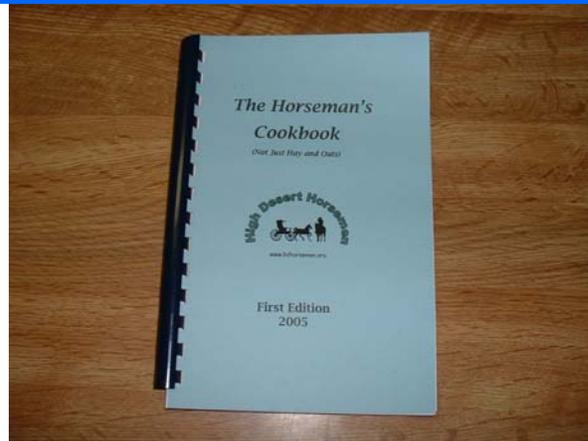
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HDH mugs and cookbook are now available. Cost is \$5 each. They will be available at HDH meetings and HDH events.



Formation Riding Clinic



"Sgt." Bailey

The Formation Riding Clinic was held on Sunday, May 15, 2005 at Margy and Jim Hamilton's. Participants practiced riding in columns of 2, 4, and 8. They also learned to form a wedge from the left as well as from the right. Work was completed at the walk and trot.

Ricky Bailey (who I suspect was a drill sergeant in a previous life) did an excellent job of directing the riders.

A great time was had by all and lunch was delicious.



NEWS BRIEFS

Nancy Cuccato took a spill off her horse. She is at home healing. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Willis Lamm had an accident and almost cut his finger off. We hope you heal fast, Willis.



BIRTHDAYS: Happy Belated Birthday

May 21st -Nancy Davis

May 25th—Ricky Bailey

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Silver Springs Fly-In

High Desert Horsemen had a booth at the Silver Springs Fly-In on May 21st and 22nd.

We had a 2005 HDH Events book for people to look at as well as HDH mugs and cookbooks for sale. Kim Clark was in charge of the event.

Thanks to Kim and to the people who manned the booth throughout the weekend. Great Job!



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FOALS' CORNER



"Lacey" - 1st foal from Secretary Gold (Dam: My Balmy Bam) owned by Karri and Bob Meares, Trails End Ranch.

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Poker Ride / Drive

June 5, 2005

Pit Stop (Hwy 50 E., Silver Springs)

Signup at 9:00 a.m. (Rideout at 10:00 a.m.)

Contact: Kathie Peterson for info (246-5238)

Check website prior to event in case of inclement weather (www.hdhorsemen.org)

Mid-Summer Show

July 9, 2005

11285 Silver Lane, Stagecoach

Classes Start at 9:00 a.m.)

Contact: Margy Hamilton (775) 629.0807

Check our website for Entry Forms, Waivers, and 2005 Show Rule Book

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June 12th
Ride/Drive at Lake Lahontan