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Upcoming Events

December 10, 2006

HDH Annual Christmas Party. Contact Linda Mulkey at 629-0817 or Margy Hamilton at 629-0807. You may purchase lunch on the day of the party at their regular price, if you do not RSVP. Year-end High Point awards will be presented. There will be many door prizes. Please come and socialize with your fellow members and have a great lunch.

January 1, 2007 - Breakfast Ride/Drive, 11225 Silver Lane (Hamilton's), Stagecoach. Breakfast 9:00-10:30 a.m. Cost of breakfast - \$5.00. Please RSVP to Margy Hamilton by Wednesday, December 27, 2006 if you are attending the breakfast. Ride/Drive will begin at 11:00 a.m.

January 11, 2007 - General Membership/Board Meeting, 777 S. Stewart St, Carson City (Fire Department Main Conference Room). 7:00 p.m. The Fire Department is located across from Copeland Lumber.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR TIME AND DATE CHANGES. SOMETIMES THINGS CHANGE AND WE HAVE TO RESCHEDULE OR CANCEL.

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Congratulations to our New 2007 Officers & Board:

President—Tony Sumner	Board: Mandy Brinnand
Vice President—Vince Pirozzi	Linda Mulkey
Secretary—Kelli Lyon	Dan McKeever
Treasurer—Margy Hamilton	Herb Fawcett
	Theresa Panziera

Horse Sitter

Harold Roy Miller

Our friends took a trip to Pt. Reyes.
They called us up and offered to pay us
if we watch their house and feed their horse.
We said we'd do it for free, of course.

They were taking a five day vacation
because they wanted to watch the whale migration.
I said, "Just go ahead with your plans.
Your house and your horse are in good hands."

Their home was about two miles away
and we drove over to it twice a day.
This schedule was working out just fine
as we looked after our friends' equine.

But Saturday morning me and my spouse
were on our way over to their house,
when we saw a homemade sign up ahead.
"Now that looks interesting," my wife said.

One thing you can count on that never fails -
our area has a lot of small yard sales.
But this one was huge, a four-family affair,
and to find one that big and so close, was rare.

It was barely past eight o'clock
but early birds had already begun to flock.
I said, "I think I have a little extra money.
Let's stop and check this place out, honey."

"We'd better hurry or they'll glean the place."
she said, as I found us a parking space.
I was hoping to find some steel fence poles
that might be cheaper than Home Depot or Lowe's.

My wife went straight to the household section
while I wandered off in another direction.
I was searching for some really good buys
on gardening tools or ranch supplies.

But there were bargains every place I looked
and before I knew it, I was hooked.
I started buying all sorts of wonderful things
like a lava lamp and a fish that sings.

Every few minutes my wife would holler
"Look what I found for just a dollar!"
There was so many things selling for a buck,
we soon filled up my old pickup truck.

On the way home we both agreed
we hadn't bought anything we didn't need.
We were satisfied customers, chock full of mirth,
cuz we'd sure enough gotten our money's worth.

I was cramming the stuff in our storage shed,
when my wife came out of the house and said,
"That was a lot of fun, but you know what?
There's an important thing that we forgot."

I scratched my head and pondered and thought.
Was it something crucial that we should have bought?
Reality then slapped me right in the face,
I remembered - we hadn't made it to our friend's place.

We remedied that situation right away
and I made it right by doubling his hay.
The moral of this story: if you're a horse sitter,
be sure to remember to feed the critter!



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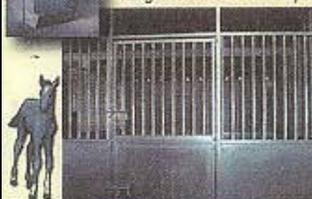
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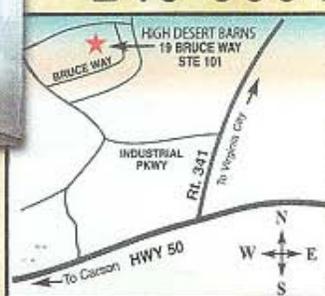
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News Briefs

Red and Babe Bowlsey of Sundown Saddlery have generously donated a silver-trimmed handcrafted western headstall to High Desert Horsemen. We are currently selling raffle tickets for the headstall. You may buy tickets until December 10th (day of the Christmas party). They are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Winner will be drawn at the X-mas party. You do not need to be present to win.

This lovely handcrafted wooden saddle rack that was donated to HDH, is being raffled off. Tickets are available for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. You may purchase tickets until January 11, 2007 (day of the HDH General Membership Meeting). You do not need to be present to win.



Harold Miller recently submitted a story to the Equestrian Network Magazine. His story titled "West Nile in the Wild West" can be read in their online magazine at www.equestmagazine.com. Please check it out . Great job, Harold!

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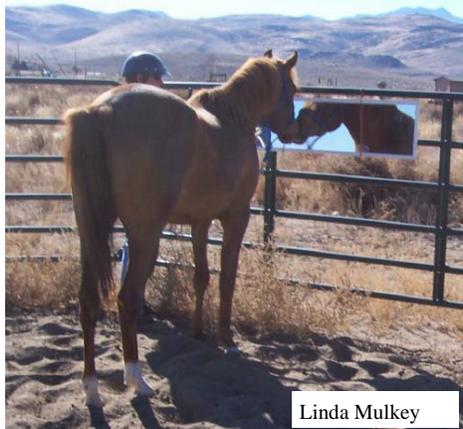
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Getting horses used to a large ball



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Donna from the Carson City Mounted Police



Monda Griffin, Juliet Deines, Kathy Peterson, Clay Griffin, Donna, Vince Pirozzi, Cherie Rye



Juliet Deines, Sonia Scott, Cherie Rye, Kathy Peterson, Vince Pirozzi



De-Spooking 102 November 18, 2006



Tony Sumner on Tonka, Linda Mulkey with Rasha



Juliet Deines, Sonia Scott, Monda Griffin



Cherie Rye



Cherie Rye, Sonia Scott, Nancy Cuccato in background

Vince Pirozzi getting ready to light more firecrackers

The De-Spooking 102 Clinic was fantastic! Thank you to our clinician, Vince Pirozzi, who did a great job!

The horses were exposed to many new things as you can see by the photos on the left. The horses were asked to go over a tarp, go past a burning bale, go over a bridge and then over logs, while firecrackers were going off.

A great time was had by all and everyone came away with a feeling of satisfaction at completing this difficult course. We look forward to more exciting clinics in 2007.

Member of the Month

Tony Sumner was born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya. As a child he enjoyed taking his former Polo Pony "Rufaji" on mock fox hunts and trail rides through the wilds of Kenya.

Tony came to the U.S. in 1988 to attend college at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado. After graduation, he moved to Lompoc, California to join a mining company. It was there that he met his future wife, Aimee. Shortly after they were married, Tony and Aimee acquired a tough little mustang named "Buck" who had numerous behavior problems. With time and patience, Tony was able to help Buck overcome his problems.

His fondness for working with difficult horses lead Tony to volunteer his time to help others with their horses. He especially enjoyed working with wild horses and problem horses. In 2003



HDH 2007 President-elect Tony Sumner on Tonka

As we get to the end of 2006, HDH would like to thank all our sponsors for their generosity:

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Tony was offered a promotion to transfer to the Fernley, Nevada mining operation.

Having always loved the desert and wide open spaces, Tony and Aimee jumped at the opportunity.

Tony and Aimee have been members of HDH for two years and enjoy participating in shows, trail rides and just about anything else on horseback. The couple reside in Fallon with their menagerie of animals which includes a mustang, draft-cross and two Quarter Horses.

4-H Tack Sale

Dear Horse Person,

Although the snow is deep, spring is bound to arrive in a few months. Now is a good time to go through your horse equipment and decide what you'd like to move on down the road. There is a great opportunity for you to do just that - sell your used tack and equipment at the **Sixteenth Annual 4-H Tack Sale**.

The **4-H Tack Sale** will be held at the **Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion** on **Sunday, February 11, 2007**. For years horse folks have taken this opportunity to sell their used equipment and stock up on the terrific bargains available for sale. The seller sets the price on an item, attaches a sale ticket to the item, and brings the tack to the Pavilion on Saturday evening, February 10th, between 5 and 9 p.m. or Sunday morning, the 11th, between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. The 4-H clubs will then offer the tack for sale to the public. Sellers receive 80% of the sales price with 4-H retaining 20%.

Donations of horse related items are also accepted. Let us know right away how many tickets we can send you so you may mark your items and get them in the sale. Call **Linda Zimmerman at 775-972-7241**, **Pat Ceccarelli at 775 972-7203** or in the **Carson City/Dayton area call Melinda or Teresa Cash at 775 246-0198** to get your tickets or to have your questions answered.

Even if you aren't selling, come on down to the RLEC Pavilion on Sunday, February 11th, to do some fun shopping. Mark your calendars - Sunday, February 11th, 2007 for the Sixteenth Annual 4-H Tack Sale

Sponsored by **Desert Hoofprints 4-H Club** and **Silver Knolls Spurs 4-H Club** *Proceed to benefit kids involved in 4-H projects.*
Melinda Cash