

HORSEFEATHERS



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FROM THE OFFICE

We have been making progress on the show barn project. The overhead lighting is currently being done. The bird netting will go up as soon as the electrical work is complete and then the stalls & mats will go in. The parking lots were compacted and smoothed this week. The gravel RV parking area has had the construction and old drainage pieces cleared and the uneven northeast corner made more level. This should make parking in that area much easier. The road and drain work below D barn and between the roping arena and the show barn has begun. The electrical service line extension has been completed and we are very close to the big green box being set in place. That's a good sign.

The next step will involve steps and rock on the sides of the barn pad. It has been a long process and the members' cooperation and patience during this time has been great.

We have the Labor Day Weekend Roping, RHANW Show, WRHA Show and WBRA Finals and then the show season is pretty much done except for small division events and clinics.

The **Evacuation Committee** has been meeting regularly with local officials on making our little slice of heaven more fire-safe. They are currently looking at a Make A Difference Day Project. If we can get some volunteers from Appleatchee to commit to participate we could possibly get on the list of projects that could get community help to clear the fence line at the west side of our property and the City's side along the fence to help with fire safety. This could be a benefit to both parties. We would need to know if we have volunteers before we could be considered for the project. If you would be interested contact the office. This could be a great community service project for groups like 4-H, WAHSET and Pony Club. They could do community service credits and benefit Appleatchee where the ride. So it could be a win-win for all.

--Susan

ROPING



September is here and we are prepping for our Labor Day Weekend Roping. This is always our biggest event of the year. We are looking forward to a full house, with a full agenda of ropings, and a lot of money and prizes to give away this weekend.

For the months of September and October we still will be jackpotting only on 1st and 3rd Fridays. Starting in November we will be competing every Friday night.

The roping club will continue to practice every Tuesday night at 7pm. The fee is only \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members to practice. We would like to encourage everyone that is interested in exposing their horses to cattle, please to come join us.

We are having Team Sorting practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month through the summer months. Appleatchee members pay \$15, and non-members \$20. Practice starts at 6PM for set up. Everyone gets a full 2 minutes in the pen sorting. With a minimum of 3 times each. See the Team Sorting report below, and watch our Appleatchee Riders Team Sorting Facebook for more information and updates.

Check out our appleatcheeropers.com and see pictures of our winners along with other pictures of ropers, and link to our Facebook page.

Upcoming Dates:

September

9/01/17	Labor Day Fri. night	7:00
9/02/17	Labor Day weekend	10:00
9/03/17	Labor Day weekend	9:00
9/04/17	Labor Day Weekend	9:00
9/16/17	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
9/15/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
9/22/17	No Roping	ACTRA Finals

October

10/06/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
10/20/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
10/28/17	Team Sorting Competition	9:00

TEAM SORTING

Come on down for a double-header sorting day on September 16! We are going to make up the cancelled August competition in September with a double-header on September 16 – two separate back-to-back, 2-man- 6-go competitions. You can ride in one or both competitions. Each competition will have a separate payout and points tally for the summer prizes series. We'll start at 10 AM with 2-man sorting - we won't be 3-man sorting that day. Please be signed up by 9:45 so we can draw teams and start on time. We have been finishing our 2-man competitions in about 3 hours, so we expect to finish with both competitions by about 5 PM. We will have a short lunch break; I'll let you know if the chuck wagon concession will be open. Check out the flier on our Appleathee Riders Team Sorting webpage or Facebook page for details, and check the FB for any updates. Let me know by Tuesday September 12 if you need stalls or camp sites.



We had to cancel the September 23 sorting clinic with Roger Braa. A futurity Roger planned to ride in was rescheduled for that day. We will have more

clinics in the spring, and we hope to get Willy Hart back this winter for coaching once a month at a scheduled evening weekday practice.

We still practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6 PM in the outdoor roping arena. Practice sessions are a great time to see if you like the sport or test out a new horse. Cost is \$15 for at least 3 goes (+\$5 arena fee for non-members). Please arrive at 6 PM to help mark cattle, then stay to take down the pens.

We have a new volunteer credit system to reward people who help setup and take down the pens at competitions and practices. Usually we get the grounds crew to setup the pens, but we still have to take down the pens after sorting. You will earn a \$5 credit toward sorting entry fees each time you help setup or take down the pens (e.g. \$10 earned for both setup and take-down). You can redeem the credits when you have earned enough to pay for a 3-man or 2-man sorting competition, or even practice nights. Joanne W. volunteered to be the accountant.

See you in the sorting pen! –John

GAMING



Hi everybody. August was a busy month for us. We had an evening show at the beginning of the month. We had our State Finals, which was a huge success. We had a lot of great rides, and everybody had fun. We have people come from all over the State.



This last weekend we had our Classic show. It was a small show, but very enjoyable. Our shows are pretty much always relaxed, but our small ones are even more so. We have our last show of the year on the 16 & 17th. It's a good chance for us to get some good times while our horses are in tip top shape to start things off for next year. Anyone interested in learning more please come on out. We'd love to have you. We'll see you around the barns.

--Jeremy

TAKE MISTY TO HER NEW HOME

Misty is a Mustang orphan foal, now 10 months old. She has a very sweet personality, and is sound and ready for her New home.

Misty is currently down the road from Appleatchee, on Miller Street, and will be there through September, when she will be returning to her rescue home if she has not found her new home. If anyone would like to see her please **contact Charlene before then 669-0332** for a visit.



If you are interested in more information, in spending some time 9/01/17 Labor Day Fri. night 7:00 with Misty or possibly purchasing her, contact Charlene Beck 9/02/17

JOB WITH ROPING DIVISION

The Roping Division is looking for a new Roping Division Secretary.

Shawna would like to have a new person trained and ready to take over the position next season.

This is a paid position. Applicants should contact Shawna at 509-264-4062 the roping phone or Shawna_cook@yahoo.com for all information. Or contact the Appleatchee office. This position has a monthly salary plus pay for each of the ropings. Must have some computer skills, cash handling experience, and be able to multi task. People skills are very important. Announcing during the ropings and watching the box and flagger are an important part of the roping office position. Shawna will train the new person.

If you know of a non member that might be a good fit for this job, please have them contact us, and of course this position is open to Appleatchee members.

Mission Statement:

Appleatchee Riders Association is a member owned and operated equestrian complex. It is dedicated to the encouragement, development and promotion of horse related activities that are of interest to its membership and that are supported by member involvement and by efficient use of Appleatchee's resources

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