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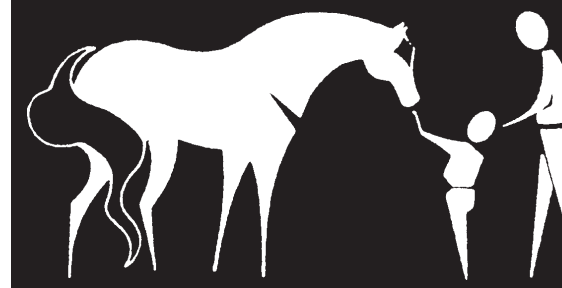
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FLORIDA HOSTS FABULOUS SYMPOSIUM!

Volunteers, teens, industry professionals and horse enthusiasts gathered in Gainesville, Florida on February 3-5 to network, learn from experts, meet new friends and have a great time!

The 2006 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium kicked off with a fabulous tour of Marion County/Ocala horse farms. Three bus loads of horse lovers had the opportunity to visit some of the most beautiful horse farms in the country, a few of the farms are pictured at the left. The Florida Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association hosted the tour and made sure a good time was had by all.

Friday night's welcome reception is always a fun time to get together, visit with old friends and form new friendships. The roundtable discussions were an opportunity to touch on many topics important in today's youth horse industry. Summer Best (photo at right) got us all laughing and thinking with her fun presentation!



Highlights of the live horse demonstrations at the University of Florida Equine Teaching Unit were many. AYHC favorite and clinician extraordinaire Clint Depew helped the audience understand horse training. AQHA's 1998 Horsewoman of the Year, Andy Moorman shared helpful exercises for all to take home to help train horses and youth.

The Symposium also included a series of presentations by university equine specialists, veterinarians, industry professionals and volunteer leaders who work with young people and horses.

Teens attending the symposium were treated to a special series of interactive activities, team building and thought provoking projects. The teens were split into groups and asked to come up with a presentation on how being involved in horses helps them with sportsmanship and ethics.

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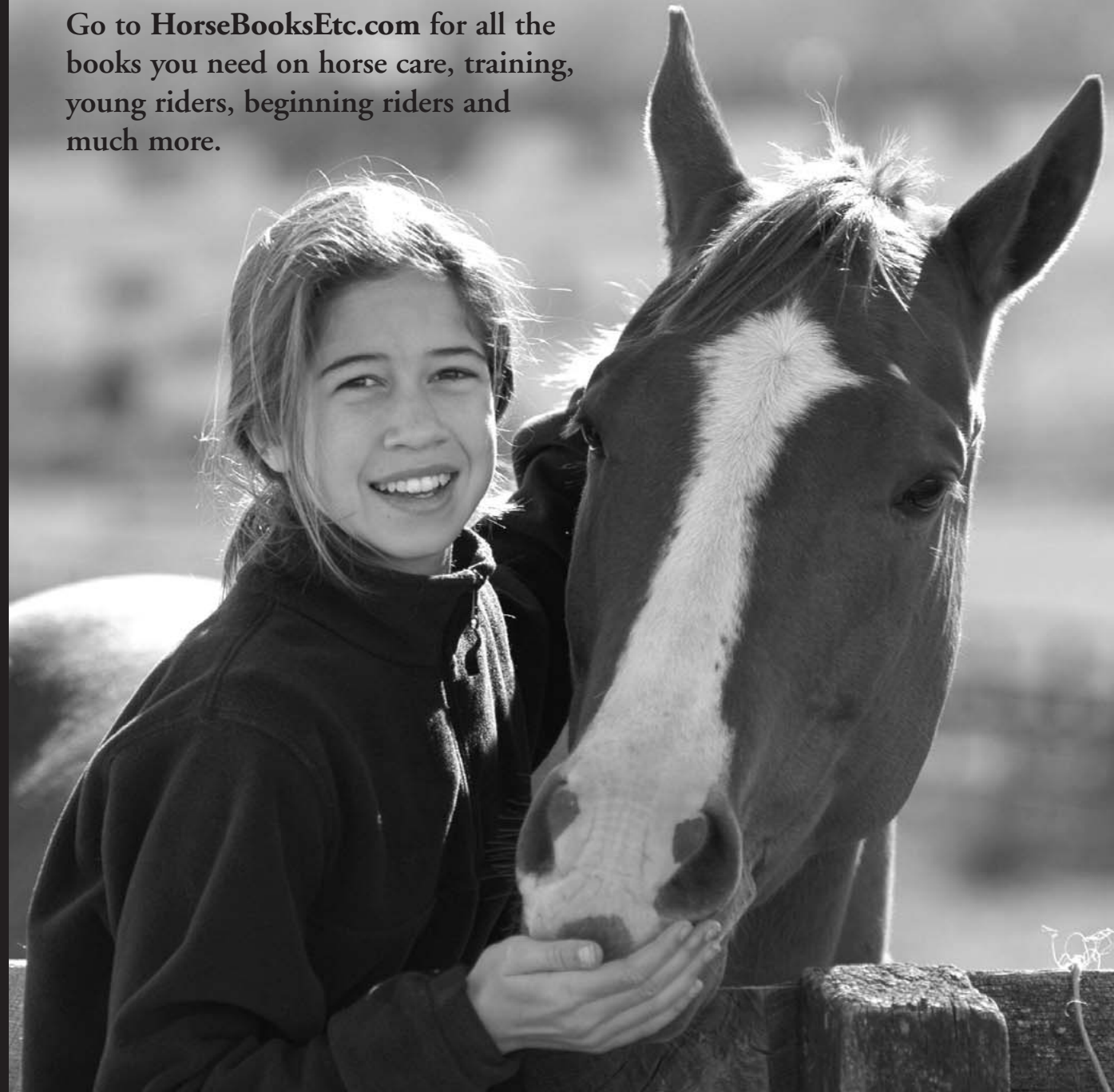
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NEWS FROM OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS

AQHA and HorseTV channel have formed a strategic alliance. The weekly block of AQHA programming will be anchored by twenty-six competitive events produced by HorseTV Channel. AQHA and HorseTV Channel will implement a number of co-marketing initiatives and are co-developing children's horsemanship and entertainment programming.

Primedia Equine Network has announced that **The Equine Collection**, which fulfills AYHC publication orders, has changed its name to **HorseBooksEtc.com**. When you would like to order AYHC's Horse Industry Handbook, Youth Leaders Manual or Start with Safety, please go to www.HorseBooksEtc.com or call them at 1-800-952-5813.

Pfizer Animal Health has introduced Zylexis(TM). Pfizer is pleased to introduce this newest product to veterinarians that is a demonstrated safe and effective immunomodulator backed by contact challenge study data and nearly a decade of patient use in Germany. Zylexis is thought to work by preparing the horse's immune system, in advance, to function more efficiently against equine herpesvirus (EHV) types 1 and 4 pathogens and is offered specifically as an aid in reducing upper respiratory disease caused by these viruses. Zylexis won't stop EHV-1 or -4 but studies have shown that it can limit the severity and duration of symptoms. Recent outbreaks of equine herpesvirus have caused quarantines and many well known stables and racetracks.

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From the Pen of the Prez

by Christy Landwehr



I am very excited and honored to be taking up the reins as President of the American Youth Horse Council. Having been involved with AYHC for over 10 years now, I realize how important our mission is. "AYHC is the umbrella organization providing encouragement, communication, leadership and resources to serve and promote the youth horse industry."

Whether we are involved with horses through our children's activities, teach riding lessons to a few local youth in our area, judge youth at horse shows, lead 4-Hers, train youth for regional and national competitions, or just love the horse - we are involved in helping kids connect with horses and understanding that Kids + Horses = Magic!

I would like to take a moment and thank everyone involved in making the AYHC Symposium in Gainesville, Florida a fantastic event. Dr. Ed Johnson, University of Florida Extension Horse Specialist and Sandra TBA were instrumental in getting the facility and horses ready for us. Our Executive Director, Cindy Schonholtz, did an outstanding job with all the many details as well as the big picture for this event. All the volunteer speakers were fantastic as we all went away with many ideas to implement with our youth at home. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped to make this year's event so successful. Please save the date on your calendars for the AYHC Symposium in Denver, Colorado March 9 - 11, 2007.

This new year also says goodbye to some long time board members as our term limits dictate. Outgoing board members include: Kent Sturman with the National High School Rodeo Association, Brenda Humphrey with the Missouri Equine Council, Brett Scott with Texas A&M University and Ellen Taylor with the Harness Horse Youth Foundation. Thank you all for your wonderful commitment to AYHC!

New board members include Khadija Haynes with The Urban Farm in Denver, Colorado and Anne Chunko with the United State Trotting Association in Columbus, Ohio. Joining the executive committee is Kathy Anderson with University of Nebraska as our incoming Vice President and Rich Wilcke with the University of Louisville as our incoming secretary. I look forward to working with all of you as we accomplish the goals in our strategic plan for the association.

A huge THANK YOU goes to Ashley Griffin, Past President of AYHC. Her vision and leadership enabled us to move ahead with many projects and accomplish many tasks to better the youth horse industry.

As a member of AYHC, please think about getting involved on a committee. There are many to choose from that could use your advise and efforts. The committees include: Member Services Committee, Research & Publications Committee, Promotion, Outreach & Development Committee and Symposium Committee. Please contact Cindy Schonholtz, at 719-594-9778 or info@ayhc.com to volunteer for a committee today! We look forward to working with you this year to Help Connect Kids with Horses!

Christy Landwehr

Members Upcoming Events

AQHA Convention
Seattle, WA
March 3-8, 2006
www.aqha.org

**Rocky Mountain
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Denver, CO
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**Greater Midwest
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March 25, 2006
www.stonehorses.com

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AYHC/Penn State Research Published

One of the strategic goals of the American Youth Horse Council (AYHC) is to validate the measurable impact of equine activities on youth development. Although horse program professionals, volunteers and parents recognize many positive effects of horse activities for youth, few scientific studies have been conducted on the impact of horse activities on horsemanship skills and life skills development. Through this study, AYHC sought to measure the impact of horse related activities, across the diverse youth horse industry. The objectives of this study were to describe youth horse program participants and to determine the relationship between horsemanship skills development and life skills development.

The Impact of Equine Activities survey contained questions related to horsemanship skills, life skills and demographic characteristics. The horsemanship skills questions measured the abilities of youth horse program participants to perform horsemanship skills associated with riding, handling, safety, health management and nutrition. The life skills questions measured the abilities of youth horse program participants to perform life skills associated with decision making, critical thinking, communicating, goal setting and problem solving. Information on demographic characteristics such as gender, ethnicity, discipline and others were collected. Content and validity of the survey was validated by a panel of experts and by conducting a field test. Additionally, a pilot test was conducted to establish the reliability of the instrument.

A sample of 982 youth horse program participants between the ages of 12-18 was selected from 4-H, the American Quarter Horse Youth Association, the United States Pony Club and the National High School Rodeo Association in Pennsylvania and Colorado. Pre-study announcements concerning the survey, the survey packet, follow up postcards and replacement surveys for non-respondents were distributed in both states. The response rate following the mailings was 33.5%. Overall reliability of the survey was established using Cronbach's Alpha, equal to .948.

Responding youth indicated that they "most of the time" to "always" performed horsemanship skills in the areas of handling, safety, riding, nutrition and health management. Similarly, respondents indicated that they "often" exhibited life skills relative to decision making, communicating, goal setting, problem solving and critical thinking. A significant positive relationship ($r=.501$, $p<.01$) was found between total horsemanship skills development and life skills development. Demographic characteristics also contributed significantly to horsemanship skill development. These characteristics should be considered when developing youth horse programs and activities.

The results of this study provide valuable information for youth horse programs. Youth horse leaders should continue to develop and support programs that focus on the development of horsemanship skills and life skills. This information should be useful when developing curriculum, planning activities, and seeking funding and resources. Additionally, the study results may be utilized to improve the content and focus of existing programs, as well as provide ideas for introduction of new programming. As further validation of the importance of this research, a paper on the research was published in the February 2006 Professional Animal Scientist Periodical.

AYHC and Penn State University teamed up to create a full color publication that has the complete results of this important research. The report is available through the AYHC office at 719-594-9778 or on the web site at www.ayhc.com. All renewing and new AYHC members will receive a complimentary copy of the study. Additional copies are available to members at \$5.00 each, non-members can purchase the study for \$30 a copy.

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Test Your Horse Knowledge

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Answer to Winter Question

The question in the Winter 2005 issue was:

What does HYPP stand for?

The answer is: Hyperkalemic Periodic Paralysis. It is an inherited disease that leads to uncontrolled muscle twitching or profound muscle weakness, and in severe cases, may lead to collapse and/or death.

The clinical description is "defect in movement of sodium and potassium in and out of muscle: animals intermittently have attacks of muscle weakness, tremors, and collapse."

Horse Glossary Exercise Physiology

The study of the horse's body in response to exercise. Includes studying skeletal muscle, the blood and its circulation, the cardiovascular system and the respiratory system.

Hoof Help (continued)

Hoof Growth & Care

Part of maintaining your horse's feet is to understand hoof growth so you can make sure your horse is adequately trimmed and shod. Average hoof growth for all horses is about 3/8 inch (1 centimeter) per month. Rapidly growing hooves are usually higher quality and easier to keep properly shod than slow-growing hooves. Factors that influence hoof growth are:

- **Age:** Young horses' hooves grow faster than older horses.
- **Temperature:** Warm temperatures produce faster growing hooves than colder temperatures.
- **Injury:** Irritation or injury to sensitive structures produces higher growth rate than normal.
- **Placement:** Front hooves generally grow faster than hind hooves.
- **Exercise:** Horses with increased exercise or increased wear on the foot have increased hoof growth. Exercise helps circulate blood, which contains nutrients, to the hoof.
- **Diet:** Horses fed high-quality feed have faster hoof growth than those fed restrictive diets.

Hoof Health

To prevent abnormal hoof growth, hoof problems and lameness, and to promote healthy hooves, trim and shoe your horses feet every four to six weeks. Also, make sure his feet are cleaned and moisturized regularly. Rather than using commercial hoof dressings, run water on dry lots to create muddy areas. Water is a natural moisturizer.

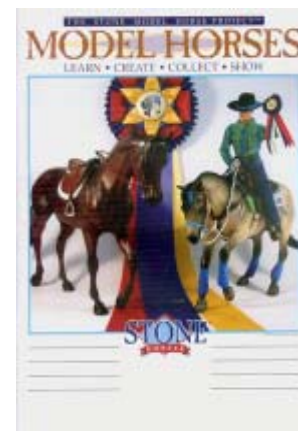
Funky Foot Quiz

Choose the correct definition for the following hoof-related words.

1. Sole
 - A) Type of fish
 - B) Bottom of your shoe
 - C) Arched protective base
2. Frog
 - A) An amphibian
 - B) V-shaped shock absorber
 - C) Kiss it and it turns into a prince
3. Quarters
 - A) Sides of the hoof
 - B) Two make 50 cents
 - C) A time period in football
4. Coffin bone
 - A) A bone with a cold
 - B) A small hoof bone
 - C) A box you bury
5. Digital cushion
 - A) A wedge-shaped structure
 - B) A fancy pillow
 - C) Computer part
6. Bars
 - A) Musical Phrases
 - B) Supportive structures
 - C) Things on which gymnasts swing

Answers on Page 14

Stone Model Horse Project is now available



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Horse Facts promotes the little-known fact that biomedical research involving lab animals plays a key role in advancing veterinary medicine as well as human medicine.

Look for the Horse Facts booth at equine conferences and trade shows throughout 2006. Funding for this program was provided, in part, by the AAEP Foundation, the AALAS Foundation, Meriel and Pfizer Animal Health. Check it out online at www.horsefacts.org.

Members Upcoming Events

Midwest Horse Fair

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2006 APHA Intercollegiate Horse Judging Spring Sweepstakes

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www.apha.com
(817) 834-APHA (2742)

Stone Horses Country Fair

Shipshewana, IN
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AQHA Regional Experience - Region 8

Tulsa, OK
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www.region8experience.com
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2006 New Mexico Horse Fair

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Meet Your New AYHC Board of Directors

The AYHC Board of Directors oversees the administration and future planning for AYHC.

On February 5, 2006 the general membership elected 2 new members to the AYHC Board of Directors:

1. **Anne Chunko**, administrator of the U.S. Trotting Association's Youth Program.
2. **Khadija Haynes**, Co-Founder and CEO of the Urban Farm in Denver, CO. The Urban Farm is a not-for profit organization that teaches agriculture education to inner city youth.

Additionally 9 members of the Board were re-elected:

1. **Kathy Anderson**, assistant professor and extension horse specialist in the Animal Science Department at the University of Nebraska.
2. **Clint Depew**, Equine Specialist for LA Cooperative Extension Services at Louisiana State University Department of Animal Sciences.
3. **Debra Hagstrom**, Youth Equine Extension Specialist at the University of Illinois.
4. **Joni Jenne**, Youth/Performance Horse Show Coordinator for the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors Association.
5. **Ed Johnson**, State Extension Specialist at the University of Florida.
6. **Kristin Janicki**, Extension Associate for Equine Activities at the University of Kentucky.
7. **Margie Margentino-Dry**, served as the State Equine Program Associate for Rutgers.
8. **Jan Weber**, Region IX Supervisor and Board Member for the American Vaulting Association.
9. **Rich Wilcke**, Executive in Residence at the University of Louisville Equine Industry Program.

The AYHC Board met on February 5 & 6 and elected the following officers to serve AYHC in 2006:

President - Christy Landwehr
Vice-President - Kathy Anderson
Treasurer - Bob Mowrey
Secretary - Rich Wilcke

Chairs for the various committees were also chosen for 2006:

Member Services Committee: Kristen Janicki & Julie Fershtman, Co Chairs

Member Services Subcommittees:

Awards: Christy Bramwell, Chair

Grants and Scholarships: Julie Fershtman, Chair

Youth: Kristin Janicki

Research and Publications Committee: Amber Moffett and Kathy Anderson, Co Chairs

Promotions, Outreach and Development: Rich Wilcke & Jan Weber, Co Chairs

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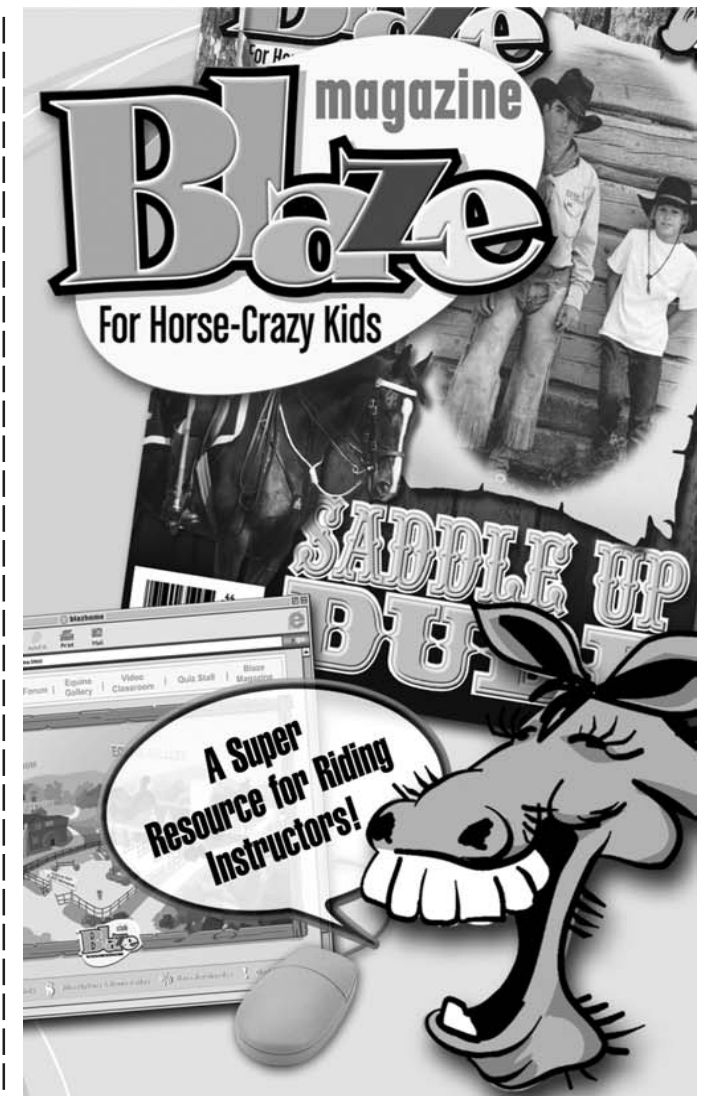
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2007 NATIONAL YOUTH HORSE LEADERS SYMPOSIUM

Save the date for the 2007 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium. The Symposium will take place in Denver on March 9 - 11, 2007 in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo. AYHC is working with Colorado State University, the Colorado Horse Council and the National Western Stock Show to put together a great program allowing AYHC attendees to attend the symposium as well as take in the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo if they choose! Join us in Denver next year! Accommodations will be at the beautiful Renaissance Denver Hotel, room rates will be \$79. Reservations can be made by calling: 800-238-6762 and referencing the American Youth Horse Council.

Answers to Funky Foot Quiz, page 16

1. C
2. B
3. A
4. B
5. A
6. B

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Basic Benefits included with all Membership Categories Include:

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- Grant and Scholarship Program Eligibility
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- Membership Renewal Incentives
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To help you understand your horse's feet and how they grow, we first briefly describe key hoof structures. Then we tell you what factors influence hoof growth and offer hoof-care tips. Once you've read this article, take our "Funky Foot Quiz" for fun.

Hoof Structures

The hoof can be divided into sensitive structures and their corresponding insensitive structures. *Sensitive* structures contain many blood vessels and nerve endings, and they nourish the hoof, thus promote growth. *Insensitive* hoof structures don't contain blood vessels and nerves. Here's a brief description of eight key hoof structures and their functions.

- **Bars:** Located at the junction of frog and sole, the bars offer support.
- **Coffin bone:** A small bone in the hoof. *Laminae* (small leaf-like structures) attach the hoof wall to the coffin bone so the bone doesn't support all the weight.
- **Digital cushion:** This wedge-shaped, elastic structure helps absorb concussion. It has few blood vessels and nerves, and is wedged between the lateral cartilages on the side and the deep flexor tendon and overlying short pastern and navicular bones on the top, and the frog on the bottom and rear.
- **Frog:** If the hoof wall and bars are weak and sink in soft ground, the frog can support a horse's weight and absorb concussion at the heels.
- **Hoof wall:** This structure supports a horse's weight. It's typically thicker at the toe than the quarters (sides), giving the hoof more strength at its break over point.
- **Quarters:** The sides of the hoof wall.
- **Sole:** Normally arched, the sole's primary function is to protect hoof's internal structures.
- **Sulci:** The grooves on each side of the frog. When your horse moves they fill with manure, dirt and debris for traction.
- **White line:** Not only does the white line provide a buffer between movements of the sole and hoof wall, but it also is a guide for hoof shaping and nail placement.

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AUGUST 8-14	TWHYA Riding Camp	Germany
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Will Swerienga named Youth Horse Leader of the Year

The National Youth Horse Leader of the Year award, presented at the annual National Youth Horse Leader's Symposium, recognizes an outstanding adult leader whose dedication and volunteer efforts have furthered the youth-horse industry into the future.

Starting in June, local horse-club members and cooperative-extension personnel submit nominations and letters of recommendation for their favorite adult volunteer leaders. Then the AYHC Awards and Recognition Committee reviews each nomination and scores each candidate based on his or her involvement in and contributions to the youth-horse industry and the horse world in general. At the 2006 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium, hosted by The University of Florida, five nominees were spotlighted in a presentation at the Youth Leaders Celebration Banquet. According to Christy Bramwell, AYHC Awards and Recognition Committee Chair, Jennifer Chandler of Gobles, MI, Barbara Darr of Somerset, PA, Nancy Falconer of Naples, FL, Maynard Lawton of Lewisburg, TN and Will Swierenga of Wallworth, WI, "all help youths fulfill their dreams in the horse world in their own special ways."

However, only one winner can be selected, and this year the honor went to Will Swerienga.

Will's resume embodies the attributes of an outstanding youth-horse leader. His passion and enthusiasm for driving has led him to help many youth and their families enjoy youth horse programs through the Walworth County 4-H driving program. Will and his wife, Nancy, open their home to many youth and their families and find loaner horses for those who are not in a position to own a horse. In 2004, there were over 50 miniature horses in the program, all of them housed at Will and Nancy's place! Will involves the entire family in the driving programs and provides many fun adventures with miniature horses and ponies for youth and their families. The Walworth County 4-H Driving program is a great success and those who nominated Will say it is largely due to him. One of the youth he has assisted had this to say, "Will is a real inspiration to me and many of the other kids in the driving program. If you are having trouble with your horse acting up, Will helps you contain yourself and explains how to calm and control the horse."

Swierenga was honored at the NYHLS banquet with a beautiful silver buckle sponsored by the *Certified Horsemanship Association*, a framed western print donated by *Western Horseman* and Protégé animal clippers donated by Oster Products. Ethel Coleman, the 2005 National Youth Horse Leader of the Year, presented Swerienga with his award.

To nominate an outstanding adult volunteer leader for the 2007 National Youth Horse Leader of the Year award, watch for the nomination form in the June 2006 AYHC newsletter or download the form from www.ayhc.com



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Kent Sturman honored with Distinguished Service Award

The American Youth Horse Council from time to time chooses someone who has gone the extra mile to serve the American Youth Horse Council as well as the youth who make the horse industry so vital. Kent Sturman, the Executive Director of the National High School Rodeo Association, is committed to furthering the horse industry into the future through forming youth-horse connections. His dedication to youth horse programs and industry involvement and innovation earned him the 2005 American Youth Horse Council Distinguished Service Award.

This coveted award recognizes an adult offering outstanding service, vision, innovation, and leadership to the youth-horse industry. The person also must have been affiliated with AYHC. Individuals are nominated by and voted upon by the AYHC board.

Sturman, the 2006 recipient, was honored at the 2006 National Youth Horse Leader's Symposium, hosted by The University of Florida, Feb. 3 - 5, 2006 in Gainesville, Florida. He was presented with a framed, limited-edition western print donated by *Western Horseman*, Protégé animal clippers donated by *Oster Products* and a plaque.

The Colorado horseman earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree from Northwest Community College in 1982. Kent is an alumnus of 4-H & FFA program with a total of 16 years of involvement, serving as a leader for five years. He continues to give back to these youth programs as a volunteer judge for the Eastern National 4-H Roundup and other national programs. In addition, Kent has served on the Friends of Rodeo board of directors for 15 years and is a current board member and founding member of the Animal Welfare Council.

Sturman's dedication to the youth horse industry is second to none. He's been an AYHC board member for more than 14 years, serving as President from 2002 - 2004. As chairman of the AYHC Fundraising and Nominating committees, he has remained engaged and productive for the association.

Kent has touched countless lives while overseeing the student officer program for the National High School Rodeo Association where he coordinates officer travel and activities while molding these students into productive youth adults that serve as role models for the industry.

"Kent's industry experience, drive to get the job done, and vision for bigger and greater things have set the pace for continued advancement of the American Youth Horse Council." AYHC President, Ashley Griffin goes on to say that, "Sturman's professionalism and willingness to serve the organization with the continuity and enduring values is what is needed to move the AYHC forward in this competitive time." Kent gives unselfishly to all aspects of the equine industry. His eagerness to share knowledge and expertise with anyone who has a desire to learn is unparalleled.



Leaders Building Leaders at 2006 Symposium Youth Activities

