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KEEP ANNOUNCES STATEWIDE TOUR FOR SUMMER 2006

In May 2004 the Kentucky Equine Education Project was formed. The mission of the organization is simple "To increase awareness of the benefits of Kentucky's horse economy... through the Commonwealth's world-class horse industry." KEEP has always been about the entire horse industry, all breeds, all disciplines.

As we move out of the legislative session '06 we are looking for direction from those that drive the industry, the individuals who work in the industry and own horses, "Kentucky's Equine Owners", YOU. In order to get your opinions, KEEP is announcing a 22 city tour across Kentucky this summer. From May through July the KEEP Staff will

hold these public meetings to allow for information exchange between KEEP and the equine industry. "It is a meeting to listen to the Horse People of Kentucky." says Jim Navolio, Executive Director of KEEP

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The cities and dates are set and listed below KEEP will announce the specifics on each meeting as they draw closer. For the most up to date information visit KEEP's website and click on the "Tour 2006" link.

We look forward to moving Kentucky's Equine Industry into the future, together.

KEEP TOUR 2006

MAY	9	Tuesday	Kentucky Horse Park	Fayette
	11	Thursday	OPEN	
	16	Tuesday	Mayfield	Graves
	18	Thursday	Kentucky Dam Village	Marshall
	23	Tuesday	Hopkinsville	Christian
JUNE	25	Thursday	Madisonville	Hopkins
	30	Tuesday	Owensboro	Daviess
	1	Thursday	Rough River Dam	Grayson
	6	Tuesday	Elizabethtown	Hardin
	8	Thursday	Bardstown	Nelson
	13	Tuesday	Jenny Wiley State Park	Floyd
	15	Thursday	Hazard	Perry
	20	Tuesday	Harlan	Harlan
	22	Thursday	London	Laurel
	27	Tuesday	Carter Cave	Carter
JULY	29	Thursday	Maysville	Mason
	4	OPEN		
	6	Thursday	Morehead	Rowan
	11	Tuesday	Somerset	Pulaski
	13	Thursday	Russell Springs	Russell
	18	Tuesday	Richmond	Madison
	20	Thursday	Shelbyville	Shelby
	25	Tuesday	Bowling Green	Warren
27	Thursday	Boone County	Boone	



THE OTHER END OF THE HORSE - ONE MEMBERS STORY!

-Story and Photos by Cara Stewart

In 1996 Jeanine Raymond and her husband Guy had a vision: Turn nothing into something productive. So, they purchased the old rock quarry behind their house and began to make it into a viable piece of agriculture, an aquaculture farm. How does this pertain to horses you ask? Just wait....

When the quarry was in operation the company had to continuously pump the naturally occurring spring water out to mine the rock. When the quarry closed operations the pits were dry. Over time, the natural spring water filled all three of the mine pits, which are now lakes. Today, in some areas the water is 25 to 30 feet deep.



Guy and Jeanine have worked for 10 years to see their dream, what they now call Rocky Ridge, become reality. However it wasn't as easy as they first thought. Because the water was natural spring water and it was filling a limestone pit, it was as clean as clean could be.

There were no nutrients in the water to maintain the fish. So, they sunk trees, shrubs and built peeks and valleys in the lake bed for the fish habitat, but they still needed more. Their fish were starving to death, according to Bob Duroborrow, KSU biologist at the Department of Agriculture. Here is where Kentucky's #1 agriculture crop comes in to play: The HORSE!

They found that by using old stable bedding and horse manure to bed around the lakes, there was enough nutrients from the run off to feed their fish, along with some additional tenants that found their way to the lakes. Things like turtles, snakes and many varieties of duck found Rocky Ridge a great place to call home.

Rocky Ridge has 150 acres (75 acres of water) and is home to Paddlefish, Small Mouth Bass, Large Mouth Bass, Croppie and Blue Gill.



I asked Jeanine, "Why are you such a huge supporter of KEEP and the horse industry?" She replied, "Horses make Kentucky, and I am a Kentucky Girl. Here at Rocky Ridge we have found a use for the Horse that no one else has. The leftovers if you will. So it just proves

to me that Horses need our support and we should try to keep every part of the horse business in Kentucky. That is what KEEP is all about."

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- Jeanine Raymond,
Owner, Rocky Ridge*

And she really means it. Jeannine is one of the most unique women I have ever met. If it has to do with

Kentucky and Kentucky's heritage, "The Horse" the Raymond family supports it. Not only does she wear her KEEP hat and stickers proudly wherever she goes, she also supports KEEP and the horse industry through her other businesses.

As a horse supporter and lover, Jeanine sells Catena Swiss Watches. They are a very prestigious and beautiful line of Swiss watches that can be recognized by their horseshoe shaped face. She has generously announced that in an effort to keep the KEEP organization and the horse industry going strong, she will donate 10% of the profit of every watch to the KEEP program. WOW! Talk about a supporter.

There are a variety of other items she sells like horse theme purses, designed by Kentucky Women and beautiful jewelry from her store "Jewelers Touch of Class" in Louisville. She is even copywriting her own slogan, "Keep the Kentucky Spirit Alive... Accessorize with Pride."

These are just a few of the ways this man and wife team support their home state and its signature industry. They make it a priority to keep Kentucky "The Horse Capital of the World".

To learn more about Rocky Ridge and its operation, contact Guy or Jeanine Raymond at 502-239-0378.



THE TRAIL RIDER - BUCK WINBURN

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Buck Winburn has been heavily involved in supporting the development and maintenance of riding trails in Kentucky for many years. He and his family are avid and experienced trail riders, dedicated to establishing quality trail riding facilities in Kentucky not just for present use, but for the enjoyment

of generations to come. Their farm, Kindred Spirits Farm, located in Clay City, KY is home to several quality Mountain Horses, including their beautiful black stallion SS Diamond Rio who is registered AGMH, MPHA, KMSHA, and KNGHA. Buck knows probably every trail in the surrounding area like the back of his hand, and is committed to safe trail riding that preserves the environment.

He shared his vision for the trails of Kentucky and how all lovers of trail riding and the trail horse can become involved and effective in developing and preserving our trails for equine use.

A meeting was held on Feb. 7, 2006 at the KEEP office to discuss the formation of a trail riding association that would promote trail riding in Kentucky through funding of projects and maintaining a political arm to protect and promote trail riding interests. KEEP is assisting the formation of such an association in an advisory capacity. At this initial meeting many things were discussed: an appropriate name, mission, goals, Board of Directors and its functions, as well as all issues currently facing trails and trail riding in Kentucky. An Executive Board was appointed which will meet shortly to decide on the various things discussed at the initial meeting. Following the laying out of the framework of the association, a public meeting will be announced and held.

Buck also shared with us plans for a seminar on Trail Building and Maintenance. They hope to bring the leader of a similar seminar held at Brown Co. State Park in Indiana to Kentucky this year.

Kentucky is a state of breathtaking beauty and endless opportunity for the development of trails for horseback riding. However, Kentucky lags behind surrounding states in the availability of quality trail riding facilities. Many Kentucky residents travel to Tennessee, Indiana, or Illinois for their extended trail rides. Although Kentucky can boast of the Daniel Boone National Forest and one of the best State Park systems in the nation, these beautiful resources are

not as horse-friendly as they could be. Whereas rental horses and trails are available in some state parks, the facilities for horse owners traveling to the parks and forests for either day or overnight riding are inadequate.

There are many areas that have formerly been open for horseback riding that are either closed now to horses, or are threatening to close to horses. Efforts through the new KY trail riding association to promote the use of lands for equine use are one avenue to keep these areas available to horse owners. Responsible use of the land was also emphasized --- not littering, staying to designated trails - these are things that only the riders themselves can influence. Insisting your riding companions use the trails responsibly is another way you can help keep trails open to horses.

The Morehead and Stanton ranger districts for the Daniel Boone National Forest have recently been merged into a combined Cumberland District. Petitions have been circulated to help keep the Cave Run trail areas open to horses and to protect and promote horseback trails in these areas. Contact Buck Winburn at 606-663-5754 for how you can help maintain and preserve these precious resources for trail riders and horse owners.

There are thousands of acres surrounding the UMH Equestrian Center suitable for trail development. UMH has made a commitment to provide trail building and maintenance on various tracts of land that will eventually connect the UMH Equestrian Center to the Red River Gorge.

Buck and Sue Winburn have started a new Trail Riding club called Red River Trail Riders. Riders from Clark Co., Powell Co., Estill Co. and surrounding areas will gather for trail riding and family fun at various locations. This will be a family trail riding club with no alcohol, no drugs, and no dogs. Attention to trail riding safety for both rider and horse will be emphasized, along with proper treatment of the land.

Even with the cold weather we are having now, Buck encourages everyone to begin conditioning their trail horses for the beginning of the season in the spring. Many people mistakenly expect their horses to go out on long trail rides with little or no conditioning. This is simply not fair to the horse, and is a danger to both horse and rider. Another cold weather preparation Buck encourages is checking the condition and safety of all your tack. This is a good time to have a tack cleaning party and check to make sure everything is in working and safe order.

We will be featuring Buck Winburn in future issues of the Mountain Horse Times. He is a wealth of knowledge and a true lover of the Mountain Horse and trail riding. Anyone interested in more information on the new trail riding associations or any aspect of trail riding can contact Buck anytime at 606-663-5754.

A BREED APART - MULES

The Mule is a cross between a donkey stallion (called a jack) and a horse mare. Hinnies are just the opposite - a stallion horse crossed to a donkey jennet. For all purposes, hinnies and mules are classified and shown together under the general term Mule. Mules ears are usually somewhat smaller than a donkeys, longer but the same shape as the horse parents.

The mule's conformation will be a combination of traits from both parents. The head, hip and legs usually take after the jack. Mules do not have pronounced arches to the neck, even from breeds such as Arabians or Warmbloods. A slight arch or straight neck is preferable to a ewe, or upward curved neck.

The mule will have "combination hair," usually a thin forelock, coarse mane hair, and a tail more like the horse parent. Both mules and donkeys are shown with a variety of hairstyles from clipped to shaved (roached). Mules may wear their tails "belled" as decoration, left long and full, or clipped at the top to emphasize the shape of the hip.

That Voice

Mules try their best to imitate the donkey's bray, but most have a unique sound that is a combination of the horse's whinny and the grunting of the wind-down of a bray. Most will start out - Whinee-aw ah aw.

Color

Mules usually have brown or tan-colored points, where in the donkey the Light Points are a shade of off-white. Some donkeys and mules do not exhibit any light points at all - this is not rare, but is a good identification marker for registration purposes. Old-timers used to call a dark muzzled mule "blue nosed."

Mules can be any of the colors that either horses or donkeys come in, along with some unique variations of their own. The only colors mules do not come in is true horse pinto (due to the genetic factoring of these colors). Mules from Appaloosa mares often have extremely loud patterns, with spots enlarging or "skewing" in variants of the horse appaloosa. Breeders wishing for a mule with four white feet should try a tobiano mare. The mule will probably have four socks and/or stockings, with the most usual combination being four white feet and a splash of white on the tail. The genes of the mule seem programmed for the unusual, and very strange, loud spotted pinto and appaloosa variants are common. In fact, the best way to produce a spotted mule is to cross a spotted jack to a solid colored mare. The resulting mule may have pinto-like patched in a variation of the donkey-spot pattern. Appaloosa mares crossed to spotted jacks have often produced mule foals that appear to be roan-patched pinto, with dark leopard appaloosa spots over the dark areas.



Uses

Mules can be used in exactly the same sports as horses - under saddle, in harness, for cutting, roping or dressage. In actuality, they have more stamina and can carry more weight than a horse of equal size. This is due to the hybrid vigor. There is one particular aspect where the mule actually outshines the horse, and that is high-jumping.

Mules have a particular sport all their own called the Coon Hunter's Jump. It stems from the raccoon hunter moving his mules through the woods. Wooden or stone fences could be taken down, but wire ones could not. The hunter would flag the fence with his coat or a blanket, and jump his string of pack mules over one by one. In the showing, mules jump a single rail standard to increasing heights. The last clean jump is the winner. Mules only 50 inches tall at the withers have been known to clear jumps of up to 72 inches. These jumps are not from a galloping approach, like Puissance, but from a standing start inside a marked area, truly a remarkable feat.

Mules are not really stubborn. They can seem lazy, but they will also not put themselves in danger. A horse can be worked until it drops, but not so with a mule. The "stubborn" streak is just the mule's way of telling humans that things are not right. Mules are very intelligent and it is not a good idea to abuse a mule. They will do their best for their owner, with the utmost patience.

Breed Organizations

The American Donkey and Mule Society was founded in 1967 for the purpose of being a national Breed Society and registering donkeys and mules. Today it is still going strong, with over 22,000 donkeys and 2,100 mules registered.

The Society's services include three main registries and two newer registries that are expected to grow quickly. The Miniature Donkey Registry of the United States is specifically for those animals of miniature breeding and under 36" in height. The American Donkey Registry covers the Standard to Mammoth breeds of donkeys. The American Mule Registry is for all sizes and types of mules and hinnies. The newer registries are the Race Mule and Zebra Hybrid books. In addition to the Registries, the Association has lots of information available on all breeds and types, as well as a catalog of books on long-ears. The donkey, mule, and zebra are all members of the equine family. Donkeys, horses and zebras all have unique breeds within the general term. The mule and zebroids are hybrids, the former being a horse/donkey cross, the latter a cross of zebra/other equine.

For more information, contact The American Donkey and Mule Society, P. O. Box 1210, Lewisville, Texas 75067 or visit their website at www.donkeys.com



MULES - A WAUGH FAMILY AFFAIR

-Story and Photos by Cara Stewart

"Doug's daddy never had a tractor, they always used a mule." Julie Waugh is quite proud to be a mule owner. She, her husband Doug and their 17 year old son, Jonathan have been showing Mules since 1992. They are third generation "Mule Lovers".

"We've just never been without them" Julie says. Locust Creek Mules, located in Mayslick, Kentucky, went full time as a training and trading operation in 2000 under the guidance of Doug Waugh, Manager.



"The Dude" is one of Locust Creeks' World Champion Gaited Mules.

"We are the only operation in the United States that train Gaited and Quarter Mules," she adds. They are very successful. They have Multi-World Champion Mules in both disciplines. Julie says that Doug's forte is the gaited mules and that Jonathan has taken an interest in the Quarter Mule side of the business.



"Lucky" the Longhorn.

"We show from North Carolina to California and from Amarillo to Wyoming"

*- Julie Waugh,
Locust Creek
Mules*

Doug and Julie bought their farm in 2000 and decided Doug would work there full time. With 50 acres of land, 60 head of mules, a few horse mares, one Jack and one Longhorn, "Lucky"; it is definitely a full time job.



The Locust Creek Homestead dates back to 1858, pre Civil War.

The Waugh's are members of the North American Saddle Mule Association, one of the leading registries in the country. Julie is the Vice President of the Kentucky Mule and Donkey Association. This year, Jonathan is competing for the National Title of Youth All-Around for which they family will travel coast to coast. "We show from North Carolina to California and from Amarillo to Wyoming" shares Julie. To say the least, they are dedicated to the business and way of life that comes with having Mules.

The Waugh family takes the mule and horse industry in Kentucky very seriously. They are strong supporters of KEEP in their area of Kentucky as well as their portion of the equine industry. To learn more about their operation or to contact the Waugh Family visit their website at www.locustcreekmules.com

EXTRA! EXTRA! - HB 453 PASSES!

The Kentucky General Assembly has passed HB 453 which clears the way for implementation of the breeder awards program for non-race breeds once the bill is signed by the governor. The governor's signature expected by June will clear the way for the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority to approve regulations for each breed that applied. Distribution of funds totaling about \$1 million is expected to begin later this year. Each breed organization will be responsible for presenting details of its particular program to its membership, as approved by the racing authority.

THE CRIBBER! - A CURE OR NOT?

-by Dr. John Park, DMV

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Every horse owner has heard of or possibly experienced a cribbing horse. If you have not, then what is a Cribber?

A cribbing horse is a horse that attaches its front teeth to a ledge or an object, arches its neck and aspirates air into its stomach, making a grunting sound. Some have equated this with a chewing or biting horse, but there is a vast difference. A chewer just bites the wood and chews off particles and does not do the other described characteristics of a cribber.



Dr. John Park, DMV

There have been many theories as to why a horse cribs. These range in spectrum from lack of something nutritional to boredom. I personally feel that it is difficult to pinpoint one particular cause; however, I have my theory. Cribbing is a terribly bad habit that a horse receives euphoria from (a good feeling, or a rush), thus similar to a human smoking, drinking, etc. Therefore, it must be and is very addictive.

With any bad habit there comes side effects and with a cribber these can be numerous, annoying and expensive. Most cribbers have poor body condition due to keeping their stomachs full of air from the grunting (or aspiration of air every time they cribb). This causes an effect of fullness within the stomach and sends the signal to the nervous system that "I'm full" (but not really of food, just air) therefore, the horse's appearance and condition is usually not optimum. Second, it is a very annoying sound to hear all day in your barn. Third, it is very hard on stalls, fences, buckets, etc. Fourth, it is creating dental issues with excessive wear on incisor teeth. Fifth, these horses seem to have a greater risk of colic problems. And last, yes it is true; a cribbing horse can teach a non-cribber to cribb. Thus it is contagious! In a peer

pressure sort of way; if there is a cribber in the barn most likely there will be another one soon. They are similar to us in personality and character, some fold under peer pressure and some don't.

So is there a cure or way to halt this nuisance? Many methods have been tried; these range from collars, electronic devices and supplements to creative owner ingenuities. But all of these have had variable results with increasing owner frustrations and compliance difficulties. In our practice we have opted for surgical intervention with great success. To date, we have

performed 23 cribber surgeries in the past 18 months. The results are outstanding and the owner's satisfaction is most humbling. The procedure involves general anesthetic surgery in the neck region. It is very cosmetic and non painful post surgery, with instantaneous results. Clients have ranged from Florida to Maryland and all in between. The first one performed at our clinic was my personal horse. Eighteen months later, still no cribber from a 10 year duration. To say the least, as an owner and a veterinarian, I'm impressed. Out of our 23 we have had a success rate of 100% thus far. Hopefully we can continue to contribute to the return of a wonderful horse out of a bad habit.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call our office at (859) 744-4030 ext. 2, or email us at parkequinehospital@adelphia.net. We will be happy to provide referrals of ecstatic owners who have experienced the joy of getting their horse back, cribber-free! Thank you for your consideration and open-mindedness about such a controversial topic.

BENEFITS OF A KEEP MEMBERSHIP

- Receive all KEEP newsletters, press releases and updates
- Free admission to Kentucky Pari-mutuel Race Tracks (excluding the Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks and the Breeders' Cup) through December 2006
- Free admission to the Kentucky Horse Park/American Saddlebred Museum through December 2006 and 15% discount at the Horse Park Gift Shop

THE KEEP MISSION

The Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) was formed to build broad-based education and grassroots initiatives to increase awareness of the benefits of Kentucky's horse economy, including all breeds, and to promote and preserve jobs and economic opportunities within the equine industry for Kentuckians throughout the Commonwealth.

KEEP CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

APRIL 2006

April 1st	KEEP Volunteer Day at the Kentucky Horse Park
April 1st	University of Louisville Ranch Horse Classic, Kentucky Fair & Expo Center
April 2nd	Helping Hands for Animals, Charity Horse Show, Morgan County
April 6th	Boyd County 4-H Horse Club, 6:00 pm
April 6th -9th	Mercer County 4-H Horse Camp, Mercer County Fair Grounds, Harrodsburg
April 8th	Mt. Eden Riding Club Horse Show, behind Mt. Eden Ruritan Club
April 8th & 9th	Kentucky Wrangler Division Rodeo, Sturgis
April 9th	Spencer County Trailblazers 4-H Horse Show, Red Barn Arena, Taylorsville
April 14th & 15th	SAHIBA Spring Horse Affair, Lakeside Arena, Frankfort
April 20th	Wilderness Trace Pony Club Horse Show, Masterson Station Park, Lexington
April 21st-23rd	Louisville Area 4-H Horse Camp, Shelby County Fair Grounds
April 21st -23rd	Kentucky High School Rodeo Association, Murray State University
April 21st	KWHA Ladies Auxiliary Spring Jubilee Charity Horse Show, Mercer County Fair Grounds.
April 22nd	Kentucky Mens/Girls Barrel Racing Association Spring Fling Horse Show, Gene Hodge Arena, Versailles
April 22nd	Wayne County Horseman's Association All Breed Fun Horse Show, Monticello-Wayne County Park, Monticello
April 22nd	Carlisle County Riding Club Horse Show, Ray Williams Memorial Arena, Arlington
April 24th	Economic Impact of Horse Industry, St. Michaels School, Louisville, 9:00 am
April 29th	Wolfe County Boys Basketball Boosters Horse Show
April 29th	Laurel County 4-H Fun Horse Show, Laurel County Fair Ground
April 29th & 30th	South Kentucky Ranch Horse Assoc.Horse Show, WKU AgExpo Center, Bowling Green

MAY 2006

May 6th	Kentucky Derby Day, Churchill Downs, Louisville
May 6th & 7th	Bluegrass Buckskin Horse Association Horse Show, Lakeside Arena, Frankfort
May 7th	Bluegrass Arabian Horse Association All-Breed Spring Blast Open Horse Show, Shelby County Fair Grounds, Shelbyville
May 9th	KEEP State Tour 2006 Public Meeting, Kentucky Horse Park, 6:00 pm
May 10th	KQHA Board Meeting, Elizabethtown, 8:00 pm
May 11th	Kentucky 4-H Foundation, "Celebrating Youth and Its Alumni" honoring Tubby Smith, Lexington Convention Center
May 13th	Lucky Spurs 4-H Horse Show, Franklin-Simpson Community Park, Franklin
May 13th	Kentucky Natural Gaited Horse Association Demo and Expo, Morgan County Fair Grounds, West Liberty
May 13th	Grave County Riding Club Summer Horse Show, Mayfield
May 13th	Mt. Eden Riding Club Horse Show, behind Mt. Eden Ruritan Club
May 13th & 14th	SAHIBA Arabian Spring Show (Class-A Arabian Show), Lakeside Arena, Frankfort
May 13th & 14th	Kentucky High School Rodeo Association, Central Kentucky Ag Expo Center, Liberty
May 15th	Grant County Chamber of Commerce, Country Grill, Dry Ridge, 8:00 am
May 16th	KEEP State Tour 2006 Public Meeting, Location TBA, Mayfield, 6:00 pm
May 18th	KEEP State Tour 2006 Public Meeting, Kentucky Dam Village, 6:00 pm
May 20th	KMSHA Juvenile Drill Team Horse Show, Owingsville
May 20th	Rainbow's End in the Bluegrass Charity Horse Show, Scott County Fair Grounds.
May 22nd - 23rd	Southern Elementary in Scott County, Science, Health & Math Fair, 8:00 - 10:30m
May 23rd	KEEP State Tour 2006 Meeting, Location TBA, Hopkinsville, 6:00 pm
May 24th -28th	Kentucky Dressage Association Annual Spring Dressage Show, Kentucky Horse Park
May 25th	KEEP State Tour 2006 Public Meeting, Location TBA, Madisonville, 6:00 pm
May 27th	Spotted Saddle Horse Association of Kentucky Spring Horse Show, Owingsville
May 27th - 29th	Kentucky High School Rodeo Association, Kentucky Horse Park
May 30th	KEEP State Tour 2006 Public Meeting, Location TBA, Owensboro, 6:00 pm

*All times are local.

Building Doors to Open Doors

-Story and Photos by Rachel Fowler

For many years Midway College has been opening doors for their student's who are pursuing a career in the equine field. In 2005 Midway College acquired the farm adjacent to the current campus as part of a contribution. The 94-acre cattle farm and old tobacco barn have allowed Midway College to begin bringing its entire equine studies program back to its main campus.

Turning the old tobacco barn into the Ashland, INC Horse Barn was no easy task. In June of 2005 Midway requested \$5000.00 from KEEP's Grassroots Fund to help them with the addition of five new horse stalls in the old barn. The stalls built have significantly increased the capacity for approximately 85 horses that reside on the campus farm. The 94-acre farm has been



Allie Haverland, Sarah Walker and Susan Painard are in front of the new stalls at Midway.

transformed over the past year and the Ashland, INC. Horse Barn is almost complete. With the barn renovation alone costing a total of \$85,500 Midway received another \$5000.00 education grant from KEEP in March 2006.

The grant money will be used to build five additional horse stalls. The money will help purchase the required material and labor needed.

Students at Midway College love using the new barn. "The stalls are a great size," stated Midway senior Allie Haverland. Even Lewis,



Lewis and his buddies in front of the new barn.

a college owned horse likes his new home and enjoys the roomy 12x14 stalls. Sarah Wilker, a junior and Susan Painard, a freshman both agree that the barn helps keep the cold wind off in the winter. The new barn also has a tack room and office for the students and staff to use. With the barn being adjacent to campus Midway students have easier access to ride and most importantly learn. KEEP is always enthusiastic to help with equine education programs because today's youth are the equine industries future.

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