

What's New at the Stables?



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Our 5th International Saddlebred Hall of Fame 2021 was held on Saturday June 26th at the stable. Paulette Schroeder served as Master of Ceremonies. This year's class of inductees consisted of: Lenore "Tony" Weldon and her parents Betty and William Weldon of Callaway Hills Stables of New Bloomfield, MO; Janet Green of Janet Green Stables of Liberty, MO; Bob Leu of Maple Lawn Farm of Keokuk, IA; and Marion "Vandy" VandeWall, Ringmaster & Show Manager of Altoona, IA. Posthumous honorees were: Lynn Weatherman, RS and Ruth Palmer, Jimmy Stewart, Marion Brown, and John Hook.
- ◆ May 1st we held our 1st annual Kentucky Derby Party as we viewed the race on 2 big donated TV screens. Games, wagers, bugling, derby attire contest & derby food fun were had by all.
- ◆ Flagpole & Paver Ceremony is scheduled for October 24.
- ◆ Visit us for WBIT - Friday, area schools will visit; Saturday and Sunday Sarah Track from William Woods University will bring horses & equestrian students to have an exhibition each day, historical tour on Saturday. Free to the public- come tour the stable!
- ◆ Stay tuned for our Christmas Event on December 12.
- ◆ April thru September - five weddings and/or receptions, one graduation reception, a Kentucky Derby Party, a 1981 MHS Bulldogs class reunion, and Leadership Mexico Tour.
- ◆ Dates of availability and rental prices are available upon request. Call for more information. (Mary: 573-473-2521) (Bobette: 573-473-5930)
- ◆ Shut the back gate! We have a new addition to the property in the form of a permanent steel gate that replaces the leaning hog panels that were padlocked against the back east entrance. We thank Ryan Nordwald for his work and expertise in building & installing the new gate.

Something Borrowed, Something New

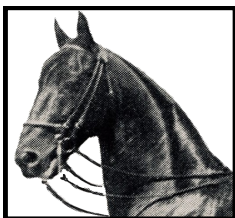
REX McDONALD

By Walter Palmer

He little knew, that sable-coated king,
Just what the future held of fame and fate;
He little dreamed of what the years would bring;
He reasoned not that men would call him great.
It was not his to think that down the years
His progeny would sleep where poppies blow;
He never heard the plaudits and the cheers
That greet his royal kinfolk as they show;
His equine monarch of a bygone day;
He left for us the story that we tell
As Rex McDonald sleeps the years away.

Ottawa, IL
Nov. 17, 1931

1890



1913



Newly designed T-shirts for
Simmons' Stable Preservation Fund
are coming soon.
Stay tuned to our FB page for details.



We warmly welcome you to our 19th ANNUAL AUCTION & BARN-B-Q



Sunday, September 19, 2021

Barbeque Pork Steak, Sides and Homemade Pies

Lunch served at 12:30 with Auction to follow

All proceeds today benefit the International Saddlebred Hall of Fame

Thank you for joining us today at the Barn.



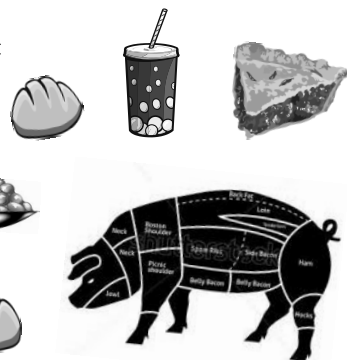
The Menu

BBQ Featured: Pork steaks grilled by Bucky's Sit & Get

Sides: Baked beans, slaw & homemade rolls

Desserts: Variety of homemade pies & brownies

Beverages: Water & soda



Proposed Officers & Board Members

- ◆ **Co-Presidents**.....Bobette Balser Wilson & Mary White Littrell
- ◆ **Vice-President**.....Ann Stubblefield
- ◆ **Secretary**.....Caprice Leighton
- ◆ **Treasurer**.....Mary White Littrell
- ◆ **Proposed Board Members:** Delores Groves, Joan Volkmer & Mary White Littrell
- ◆ **Returning Board Members:** (1yr terms)...Bobette Balser Wilson, Ann Stubblefield & Sarah Track (2yr terms)...Morgan, Martin Jones & Gene Potter
- ◆ **Graphic Artist:** ...Laura Minor Mackey

A short business meeting will be held during the meal, special guests will be honored, then our live auction will begin.



2021 Upcoming Community Events

- ◆ September 24-25-26-Walk Back in Time (barn will be open for history tours Sat & Sun)
- ◆ October 24- Flagpole & Paver Dedication
- ◆ December 12- Christmas Event



MISSION STATEMENT

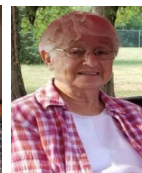
Our missions is to preserve the historical significance and physical integrity of: to offer for community use; and to present Simmons' Stables-a nationally significant historic site- to current and future generations that Mexico, Missouri was known as the "Saddlehorse Capital of the World".



2021 Honorees

THE GROVES FAMILY – Nelson, Delores, Mike, Roe Ann, Elsie

The Groves Family has been a vital part of the Simmons' Stables Preservation Fund since the fall of 2002. Nelson, Delores, and Roe Ann began attending the grassroots meetings in the early days of the organization. At various fundraising events, Nelson donated his top-notch barbecue skills and Roe Ann and Delores always helped with food preparation along with serving food and drinks. Delores has served on our Board of Directors since 2011 and Mike has been a part of the Henke/Groves auctioneer team at our dinner auctions since 2003. Even though Elsie could not physically be a part of events, she was a consistent donor and advocate of the project until her passing. We want to thank the Groves family for their dedication, devotion, time, and effort they



have put into this project for the past 19 years.

Thank you!

Laura Minor-Mackey

Laura has been a part of the project since 2010. She recalls an inordinate amount of her time was spent gazing out Eugene Field School's windows at the stables & horses. She graduated from William Woods University with a BFA in Illustration & Design. She currently lives in Columbia with her husband Tim. Both grew up in Mexico. She has been a board member and served as secretary on our Board of Directors. Laura is an extremely talented graphic artist and designs our newsletters, tickets, programs, posters, flyers, brochures, and anything else we might need. She is extremely creative and is always coming up with innovative ideas. We would be extremely hard pressed without her talents. We appreciate your loyalty, Laura, and thank you for donating your creative talents to this organization.



AUCTIONEER TEAM – Richard and Sharon Henke, Mike Groves, Tom Usnick

Richard and Sharon Henke with Mike Groves worked our first auction at the Elks Lodge in 2003 which consisted of a dinner, dance & auction. Since that time Richard, Sharon, and Mike have volunteered their time to assist us with eight auctions with this year's being their ninth. Tom has volunteered his time to assist us with five auctions and has cooked the pork steaks for numerous barbecues. Richard, Mike, and Tom have always kept the auction entertaining and have managed to make people spend money they didn't want to spend and buy items they never really wanted. We truly appreciate them giving up a free Sunday to help us raise funds for this project.

Mike Groves



Sharon & Richard Henke



Tom Usnick



Thank you!



Mike Groves & Richard Henke are our esteemed Auctioneers today.