

What's New at the Stables?



- ◆ Our 6th International Saddlebred Hall of Fame Ceremony 2022 was held on Saturday June 11th at the stable. Paulette Schroeder served as Master of Ceremonies. This year's class of inductees consisted of: Anna Marie Knipp (Ashland, MO), Martin Cockriel (Parker, CO), and Nelson Green (Nicholsville, KY). Posthumous honorees were: Howard Roberts Family (Clinton, MO), Darrel Wallen Family (Decatur, IN), Dick Wallen Family (Sioux City, IA) and the Utz Brothers (Jay-Don-Sug of Missouri).
- ◆ The south and east portions of the wood fence were replaced in late summer by Jordan Bruce and crew. We are grateful to the [Griffin Foundation](#), [Leach Foundation](#) and the [US Equestrian Foundation](#) of Lexington, Kentucky for the grants to fund this portion of the project. In the next few weeks, the west side fence will be replaced with funds from the preservation organization. The north and interior fencing will be completed when funds are available. When the wood cures out for a year, it will be stained black. Staining the wood black will seal it & eliminate peeling paint and expensive yearly maintenance.
- ◆ Lighting for the historic flagpole was completed by Rodney Rapp & Brian Galloway this summer. We can now fly "Old Glory" throughout the day & night with proper respect.
- ◆ After serving for many years on the Simmons' Stable Preservation Board of Directors, Martin Jones and Morgan have chosen to retire. We are extremely grateful for their commitment and years of service to this project.
- ◆ Stay tuned for details for our Christmas Event in December. (Dec 11, 2022) Santa is coming!
- ◆ Stable rentals continue to be a popular option for special events. Dates of availability and rental prices for the barn are available upon request. Call for more information. (Mary: 573-473-2521) -or- (Bobette: 573-473-5930)

Something Borrowed, Something New

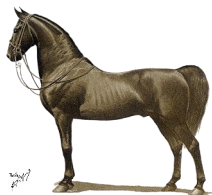


REX MCDONALD

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

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New designs of mugs & T-shirts for Simmons' Stable Preservation Fund are coming soon. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for details.



We warmly welcome you to our 20th ANNUAL AUCTION & BARN-B-Q



Sunday, September 18, 2022

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 to preserve & rebuild the Big Barn on the Boulevard.

Thank you for joining us today at the Barn.

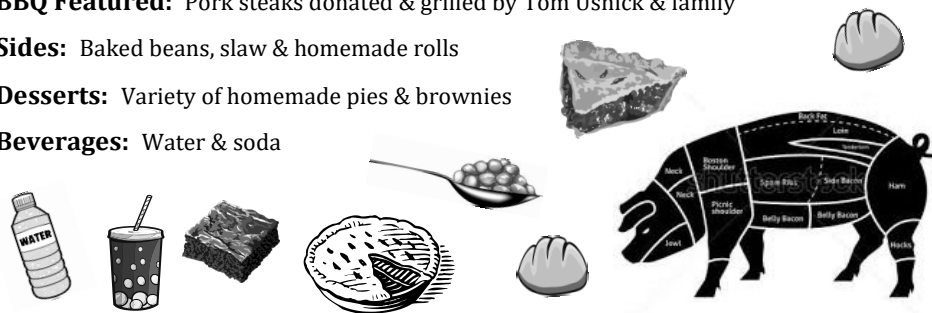
The Menu

BBQ Featured: Pork steaks donated & grilled by Tom Usnick & family

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**.....OPEN (Mary White Littrell, acting Interim Secretary)
- ◆ **Treasurer**.....Mary White Littrell
- ◆ **Proposed Board Members:** Tom Usnick, Laura Mackey & Gene Potter
- ◆ **Returning Board Members:** (1yr terms)...Bobette Balser Wilson, Ann Stubblefield & Sarah Track ; (2yr terms) Delores Groves, Joan Volkmer, Mary White Littrell
- ◆ **Graphic Artist/Media:** ...Laura Mackey
- ◆ **Retiring board members:** Martin Jones & Morgan. We want to thank them both for their distinguished service to our board.

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

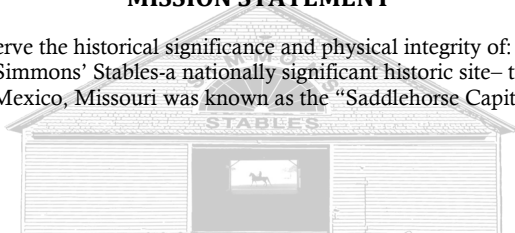
OUR 2022 AUCTIONEERS

Tom Usnick and JR Johnson are our esteemed Auctioneers today. Tom has volunteered his time to assist us with *many* auctions and has cooked his famous BBQ pork steaks for numerous stable barbecues. A crowd favorite, Tom always keeps the auction entertainingly lively and bids rolling. This year we welcome a new face; JR Johnston is from Cyrene, Missouri and has graciously volunteered to assist Tom. JR is a second generation auctioneer and has sold everything from ostriches to ironing boards. JR is a master leather craftsman and he owns JR Johnston Tack & Harness in Cyrene, MO (that's just south of Bowling Green). We truly appreciate them both being here & giving up their Sunday to help us raise funds for this project.

Enjoy the auction today-- it will be electric!

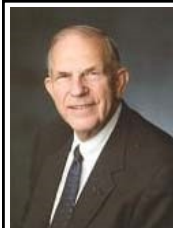
MISSION STATEMENT

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".



2022 Honorees

Dr. Ray Wilbers & Red Oaks Citation (Saddlebred)



Dr. Wilbers has generously allowed us to borrow his sleigh for our Christmas event and his draft horses when we had Stable Days in the early years of the project. He has attended auctions and bought items, and allowed us to bring his Saddlebred gelding, Red Oaks Citation, to the stable many times for Education Days. We sincerely appreciate his willingness to let us borrow his animals and sleigh to make our events special and successful. Citation was a chestnut saddlebred gelding and a beloved ambassador for the stable. We borrowed Citation from Dr. Wilbers for several years during Walk Back in Time's Education Day. Citation was great with the kids and they absolutely loved him!! For some of Mexico's children who have never been close to an animal larger than a cat or dog, this was quite a memorable experience. Citation passed away this year at the age of 31. Tom Usnick was Citation's trainer & handler and the horse trusted and adored Tom. Tom has donated Citation's head-set to the barn so that it will be on constant display in honor of Citation. We will have a difficult time finding another horse with the same demeanor and trustworthiness around children. Thank you Dr. Wilbers and his honored SB, Citation.

Simmons Family – Jimmy, Mary Jane, Jennifer, Scott and family

Twenty-one years ago, Bobette met with Jimmy Simmons and told him she wanted to save the stable. Despite offers to purchase the property, Jimmy gave Bobette the go ahead and said as long as he saw progress, he would hold onto the property. Jimmy must have had a lot of faith to agree to such a monumental project!! We appreciate his patience in allowing a group of people who knew absolutely nothing about what they were doing the opportunity to put their passion and hard work into saving such an important piece of Mexico's history. We want to thank Jimmy, Mary Jane, Scott and family, and Jennifer for their continued support, monetary donations, generosity, patience, and believing.



Dave and Mary Jo Maupin

Along with monetary donations, Dave and Mary Jo have donated items to our auction for several years helping us raise funds for renovation. In 2017, the large stained-glass window sitting in the west loft was donated by them to be auctioned. Once we saw the glass window, we fell in love with it and knew we couldn't sell it. The window was patterned after a photo of Dave's grandfather, David Rudy Woodson of Auxvasse. We truly appreciate their support over the years helping us preserve an iconic piece of Mexico's history.



Donna Slaughter



Donna has worked behind the scenes for many years completing our IRS paperwork, filling out W-9 forms, and advising us on non-profit tax paperwork. It is such a relief to contact Donna with questions or yearly paperwork and she says "I'll take care of it". We sincerely appreciate her willingness to volunteer her time to relieve us of the headache of complicated tax rules and her filing all the necessary forms.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2022

- ◆ December 11– Christmas at the Barn Event. Santa & Mrs. Claus will meet children and free photos will be taken & printed for each child/group that would like them. Serving homemade cookies, & hot chocolate, with Belgian horses will pull a sleigh (weather permitting) for guests around the stable grounds. Special holiday stable coloring books & crayons are given to all the children that want one. Our Christmas Event is free to the public.