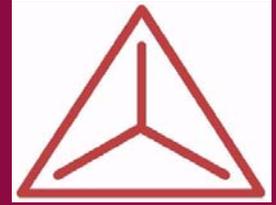




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#### **Lead Line** by Jason Turner

“Sharing”... When I read this in the Equine Disease Quarterly ([http://www2.ca.uky.edu/gluck/q\\_jul14.asp](http://www2.ca.uky.edu/gluck/q_jul14.asp)), I saved it to share with you. This commentary expresses an ageless sentiment that has been the backbone of the horse industry. I hope you enjoy sharing it too.

*“Commentary: A good friend at Texas A&M once told me that no matter how much we accomplish in our careers, it is the accomplishments of those we teach that defines us. I couldn’t agree more with his wisdom. How lucky I have been to be mentored by so many great people that taught me my craft and instilled a love for the horse in my being.*

*We have a calling as representatives from all areas of the equine community to display our professions in such a wonderful way that the best and brightest want to be involved. The only way this is ever going to be possible is by inviting them into our world.*

*The uninitiated need to spend time with the established. They need to be made to feel welcome and to taste the unique rewards that come from participating in the world of horses.*

*Young people need to be taught how to think, not what to think. But we need to do more than just teach; we need to display our careers in such a light that it inspires. Young people with high potential need to be challenged to recognize a need that they can fill. If we don’t define that path in a manner with a mission, they will move on to other things that offer more challenges and rewards.*

*The next generation of horse people is out there. Some of them don’t even know it yet. They are waiting on someone like you or me to recognize their potential and talent and embrace them. It takes time getting to know these horsemen and women of the future in order to inspire them.*

*We are at a crossroads in the horse world today. Many activists and journalists are focusing on anything bad they can find to report and debate. These negativities are trickling down to a generation of Americans who have*

*no experience working with any facet of equine society. We have to be the voice for our great profession and we have to do it one bright mind at a time, as a team of people who love what we do and are ready to teach others, that it is wonderful.*

*Each year our veterinary clinic takes two interns and dozens of externs. We bring these people into our lives and, more often than not, we are as rewarded as they are. They bring fresh minds and excitement to our world. They kindle our enthusiasm and remind us of ourselves when we were younger and unfolding life’s adventures.*

*Make a commitment today. Make it a goal to actively look for some bright young person and teach him or her how fun and wonderful it is to do whatever it is that makes them a part of the horse industry. You never know, it just might make you love what you do even more.”* **Dr. Bo Brock, Brock Veterinary Clinic, Lamesa, TX.**

#### **Horse Happenings and New Mexico**

##### **October**

1-4: Eastern NM State Fair, Roswell. Schedule at:

<http://www.enmsf.com/>

4: NMSU Horsemen’s Association Open Horse Show, Southern NM State Fair, Las Cruces. Details at:

<http://www.snmstatefairgrounds.net/openhorse.html>

10-12: Reiner Rendezvous at Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, Ruidoso Downs. AQHA, APHA, NRHA, Arabian, and All Breed. More information at: <http://mcjenterprizes.com>

12: NMQHYA Broomsticks and Pumpkins Novice, Rookie and All Breed Show, Stanley. Show bill at: [www.nmqha.com/youth](http://www.nmqha.com/youth). Contact: Kayce Patterson, (575) 937-7021.

19: NM Palomino Exhibitors Association “Cottonwood Classic” Show, Bernalillo County 4-H Center Arena, Albuquerque. Show bill at: <http://www.nmpea.com>

24: Arabian National Youth Horse Judging Contest, Tulsa, OK. For more information:

<http://www.arabianhorses.org/youth/contests/judgingcontest.asp>

##### **November**

29-30: Open Invitational of the Southwest Championship Horse Show, El Paso, TX. Check it out:

<http://www.invitationalbymcj.com>

## Noteworthy Newsbites

In July a **horse and rider in Mississippi were killed by a lightning strike** ([www.thehorse.com/articles/34202/lightning-strike-kills-mississippi-rider-horse](http://www.thehorse.com/articles/34202/lightning-strike-kills-mississippi-rider-horse)). This article shares good tips and a useful website ([www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov)) for riders to educate themselves.

For those **professionals with animal care responsibilities or emergency management duties**, it is important to note that as of October 1, 2014, the USDA-APHIS Animal Care Program has undergone a functional realignment. Read the details at: [www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal\\_welfare/2014/faq\\_ac\\_realign.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_welfare/2014/faq_ac_realign.pdf)

Horse folks have long known the predisposition for melanomas among gray horses, but **did you know that less than 6% of grays over the age 16 are free from melanomas?** A substantial vaccine may now be available for this disease, read more at: [www.thehorse.com/articles/34570/field-study-for-equine-melanoma-vaccine-announced](http://www.thehorse.com/articles/34570/field-study-for-equine-melanoma-vaccine-announced). In addition to melanomas, **sarcoids** are another cancer common to equines. Good responses to **treatment with “Newmarket bloodroot ointment”** were described in another article at: [www.thehorse.com/articles/34516/bloodroot-ointment-effective-treatment-option-for-sarcoids](http://www.thehorse.com/articles/34516/bloodroot-ointment-effective-treatment-option-for-sarcoids)

Researchers in Dublin, Ireland and Lexington, Kentucky, report that a **“light mask” is a suitable alternative to housing mares under lights** to hasten the onset of the breeding season. Check out the mask and read the findings at: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23909505>

**A vending machine that caters to farriers?** It’s true. Find out the details in the American Farriers Journal newsletter: [www.americanfarriers.com/pages/Spre/From-The-Desk-Of-AFJ-Oklahoma-Farrier-Supply-Shop-Takes-A-Novel-Approach-8-29-14.php](http://www.americanfarriers.com/pages/Spre/From-The-Desk-Of-AFJ-Oklahoma-Farrier-Supply-Shop-Takes-A-Novel-Approach-8-29-14.php)

**Ruidoso Downs announces new track rules for 2015** Quarter Horse racing season in an effort to ensure the integrity and safety of the sport and its participants. Details at: <http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/articles/87546/ruidoso-unveils-integrity-and-safety-program>

**Lessons Learned about Equine Welfare:** Dr. Lenz’s views at: [www.thehorse.com/articles/34412/lessons-learned-about-equine-welfare](http://www.thehorse.com/articles/34412/lessons-learned-about-equine-welfare).

The **FBI** announced that its Uniform Crimes Report will **add animal cruelty statistics** to its National Incident Based Reporting System. Read the full article: [www.thehorse.com/articles/34592/fbi-to-report-animal-cruelty-statistics](http://www.thehorse.com/articles/34592/fbi-to-report-animal-cruelty-statistics).

Read the latest **updates from the Department of Health on West Nile Virus cases in NM** at: <http://archive.nmhealth.org/ERD/HealthData/westnile.shtml>

The most **recent update on Vesicular Stomatitis** virus cases in Colorado and Texas are available on the NM Livestock Board website at: <http://www.nmlbonline.com/index.php?id=15>

There was some concern in the NM press this summer about **GMO’s**, specifically Round-Up Ready Alfalfa and its safety for animal consumption. Here is a review article from the October 2014 Journal of Animal Science that may aid you in educating the non-ag public: **Prevalence and impacts of genetically engineered feedstuffs on livestock populations** at <http://journalofanimalscience.org/content/92/10.toc>

By reducing the **size of the holes in a haynet**, researchers at the University of Minnesota determined that you can **decrease hay consumption** by horses. Read the highlights of the study at: <http://ker.equinews.com/article/slow-feeder-hay-nets-horses-selecting-size>

It makes sense that **“hard water”** could **affect the effectiveness of a herbicide** mixture, but I had never given it much thought. Check it this article for some good information: <http://www.progressiveforage.com/forage-production/management/hard-water-affects-herbicide-efficacy>

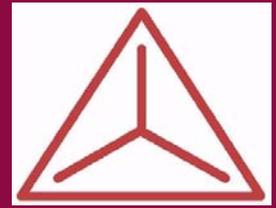
The concept of growing **hydroponic forage** or “fodder” has been marketed around NM and the rest of the country for the past few years. I have heard some New Mexicans that whole-heartedly believe in the effectiveness of the “fodder”. I don’t want to knock anyone’s feeding program, but I am a little skeptical of the **cost-effectiveness of the enterprise**. If you have questions from equine owners or others, check out this article in the January 24, 2014 issue of Progressive Cattleman. Written by Glenn Shewmaker, extension forage specialist with the University of Idaho, the article does a great job of explaining the cost per nutrient unit for fodder. Get it online at: <http://www.progressivecattle.com/topics/feed-nutrition/6025-hydroponic-forage-system-too-good-to-be-true>



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## Pistol Pete's Posse

Results of the **State Fair Championship 4-H Horse Show**: Congratulations to all of the competitors at the show and the winners of the categories listed below.

Senior High Point Award: 1st—Ashley Cleff on “Zippos Cashmere”; 2nd—Rachel Pozzi on “Alias Delight”; 3rd—Lily Woodall on “Rx The Man”.

Junior High Point Award: 1st— Kansas Haddock on “Kims Classic Lad”; 2nd—Brynn Dils on “A Gracious Impulse”; 3rd—Brilie Dils on “Awesome Addiction”.

Novice High Point Award: 1st— Colton Priest on “CC Tio Vaquero”; 2nd—Alexander Cleff on “Bos Marvelous Star”; 3rd—Willa Wiese on “Broken Hearts Haven”.

Two-year-old Western Pleasure Futurity: 1st—Jeremiah Woodall on “Mr Sun Of A Gun”; 2nd—Ryann Warren on “Rawhide Skip Tab”; 3rd—Tanah Lowe on “Von Sugar Man”; 4th—Conrad Lange on “Skipa Lock N Key”.

2-yr-old Classic Showmanship: 1st —Ryann Warren on “Rawhide Skip Tab”. 3-yr-old versatility: 1st—Sullivan Woodall on “Von Miss Sunset”.

## Well Worth Watching

### **Giving Your Horse the Best Chance During Disasters.**

This recorded webinar is available at:

<http://myhorseuniversity.com/resources/webcasts/disaster>

FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine is concerned about dewormer resistance as an animal health threat relative to livestock species. Get up-to-date information on this issue by watching “**Resisting Resistance: FDA's Antiparasitic Resistance Management Strategy - A Webinar**” on Tuesday, October 14, from 9-10 am MDT. You can register at: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/763512271>

2014 is the **Centennial Anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act** that instituted the Cooperative Extension Service. The NMSU Library has a **historical collection of CES papers** ([http://contentdm.nmsu.edu/cdm/search/collection/ACES\\_Hist1AgCircs](http://contentdm.nmsu.edu/cdm/search/collection/ACES_Hist1AgCircs)). Check out this 1921 issue of NM livestock breeders (<http://contentdm.nmsu.edu/cdm/ref/collection/AgCircs/id/10039>)

## Turner's Tips

Here are a few great “apps” that may be helpful to Extension agents and clientele alike:

-**PeRK**, short for Pesticide Record Keeping, is a free app useful for anyone that applies pesticides and uses mobile devices. Check it out on iTunes at: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/pesticide-recordkeeping/id647276572?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

-UNL's **GrassSnap** App can aid in monitoring rangelands and pastures. Learn more at: <http://centralsandhills.unl.edu/grasssnap>

-Dow AgroSciences **Range & Pasture Solution Finder** is designed to assist managers of range and pastures with making weed control solution decisions. Available at:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dow-agrosciences-range-pasture/id810189888?mt=8>

The NMSU ACES College has a **web tool that can aid people in identifying an unknown weed**. My test run through allowed me to successfully key out sand bur. Take your turn at:

<http://weeds.nmsu.edu/weedid.php>

If you are running out of time to prep for your **Horse Project** meeting or need some **rainy day ideas** quick, check out these resources from AQHA: <http://www.aqha.com/education>

Here is nice informative article to help **answer those questions on blister beetles** that many horse owners have:

<http://www.aep.org/info/horse->

[health?publication=739&osCsid=o240b281nabu93k688op61j505](http://www.aep.org/info/horse-health?publication=739&osCsid=o240b281nabu93k688op61j505)

## Closing Comments

Belated, and much deserved, **congratulations to R.C. “Punch” and Suzanne Jones** on their induction to the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame in June. Mrs. Jones followed that up with being named the 2014 Nutrena Senior Athlete of the Adequan Select Amateur AQHA World Championship Show in August in Amarillo, TX. Read the full story about these icons of the NM horse industry in the July issue (pg. 11) of the NM Horse Breeders magazine <http://www.nmhorsebreeders.com> and at: <http://www.aqha.com/Showing/Select-World/Select-World-Blog/08302014-Nutrena-Senior-Athletes.aspx>