



The Round-Up

February 2019

The Round-up has been the official publication of the Trail Riders of DuPage since 1992

As equestrians, we need to speak in a unified voice to trail planners and managers. Your membership in this organization makes our collective voice stronger. As more and more areas become limited or inaccessible due to development and other population growth factors, and the number of trail horses decrease, it is vital for us to join together to preserve our common interest in horses and trails in a constructive and effective manner.

President's Letter

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! The TROD Christmas party was a success. Good food, good prizes and good friends. The TROD Christmas cookie exchange was also a memorable time. Thank you Dr. Susan Cain for hosting this event at your home -- full of holiday cheer and tasty delights!



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Such a long cold winter it has been. Snow in November and record cold in January. A horse person knows spring is coming when our equine friends start to shed their winter coats. April is usually the month of transformation. We look forward to warmer days ahead.

Don't miss our March 4th meeting, "All the Queen's Horses," at the West Chicago Library, brought to us by Lisa Diersen of Equus Film Festival. Door opens at 6:45. Movie begins at 7pm. We also hope to quickly do our annual TROD election of officers and directors. We look forward to seeing you.

We are looking for a few people to serve on the TROD Board of Directors for 2019. We have nine board meetings a year that run about 1 ½ hours long. We discuss activities and events, trail issues and updates within DCFP, business matters, etc. and vote. Basically, we decide what direction the organization is going in for the year. We would certainly welcome new ideas and enthusiasm. If you are interested in serving, please contact me at 630-202-6932 and will place your name on our March ballot

TROD would like to put together a membership directory for 2019. Many of you have not renewed your membership, and possibly overlooked our USPS reminder or email reminder sent from TrailRidersDC@gmail.com. If you have not renewed your membership, please take a moment to do so now. Membership is only \$20 for a single or family membership. Payable at: PO Box 616 - Warrenville, IL 60555, or PayPal through a link on TROD.US website.

In our directory we would like to list your name, town, email address and phone number along with your discipline or equine passion. This is your opportunity to shine if you are part of a larger equine interest, let us know. For example: Is your family involved with 4-H? Do you have children or teens that ride or just love horses? Do you give riding lessons? Do you have hay for sale? Are you a farrier? Are you willing to feed or work with horses? Do you do professional photography with horses? We want to know who you are and how we can help connect you with the equine community.

Forest Preserve Report Jan-Feb 2019

From Connie Schmidt

New Forest Preserve President: Daniel Hebreard was elected as the president of the board of commissioners in the fall. The board has been running smoothly with new leadership and helpful reminders on the complicated rules of order. All other workings seem to be chugging along as usual.

St James Farm Arena: It is open for use! Danada horses have been trailered over for indoor lessons, which extend the usefulness of the program into the winter months. In addition one of the first activities of the arena was to host boy scouts from the region (other states included) to complete merit badges. Stop by and check it out.

Dunham Woods Parking Area and Trail: a Multi-level governmental agency agreement has been passed to allow for the Dunham Woods parking lot and trail improvement project. This lot will host both ADA accessible and over 20 additional spots. The limestone trail will be an important connection to the future DuPage Technical Corridor Trail and the Illinois Prairie Path, Fermilab, DuPage Airport and numerous forest preserve trails. Construction should begin in the summer of 2019.

DuPage Graue Mill Corporation: The Graue Mill Corp. is a volunteer group that works with the Mill in Fullersburg Forest Preserve. They have existed in cooperation with the FP for many years. Their working agreement is being reviewed by both sides and during this time, was granted a three-month extension to continue to operate the Graue Mill and House. It is anticipated that this important program will continue, but leadership is working out details of its administration.

Green Barn Ad Hoc Committee: A committee of five appointed residents will be reviewing suggestions for the Greene Barn in southern Naperville just across the street from Woodridge. The district acquired the barn and surrounding property in 1971 to establish the Greene Valley Forest Preserve. In 2016 the Forest Preserve District invested funds to stabilize the structure until a plan for its use was established. This committee will help with determining possible uses for the historic barn.



Springfield Lobby effort: The district spends \$10,000 for a shared lobbyist in Springfield annually. Commissioner Wehrli asked for a thorough report of issues to be brought before

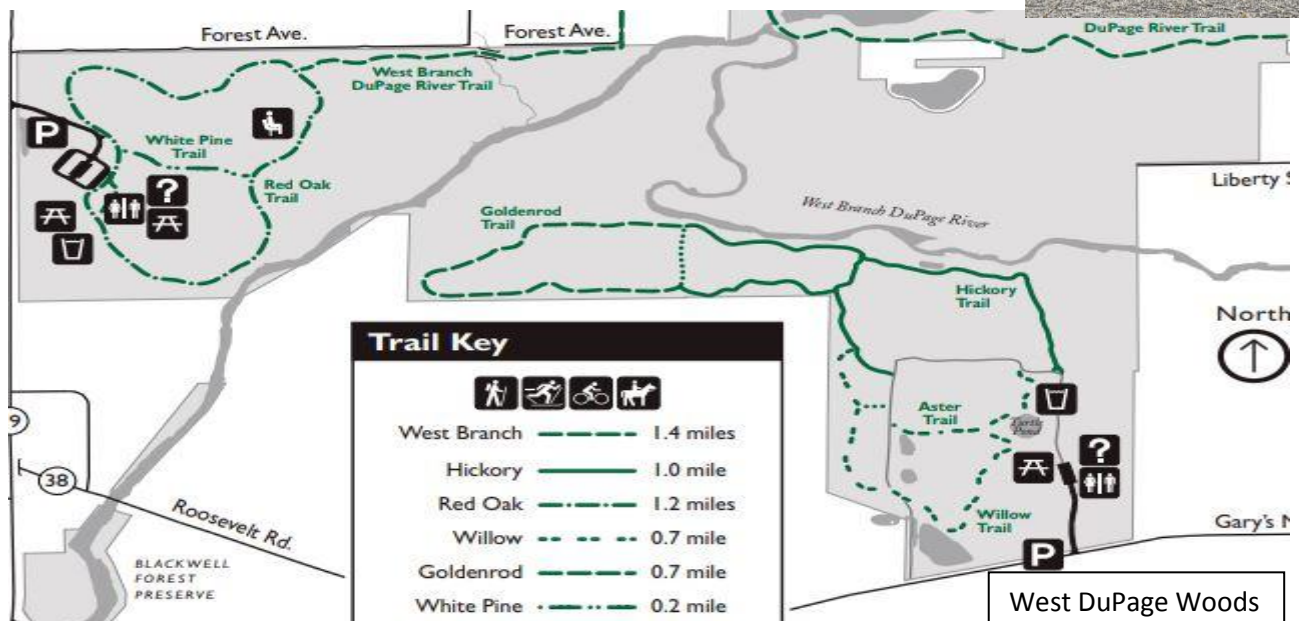
the Board. President Hebreard agreed and said he actually already had a meeting set up to establish that effort.

“Monster Plant”: Erik Neidy, Director of Natural Resources gave an informational presentation on “Adaptive Management” to determine the best practices of controlling invasive species and adaptive species. At times their presence can actually be supportive. One example is in Pratts Wayne Woods the cattails are good for controlling erosion and host many native species. One technique the district uses is applying spot treatment of them along borders to increase plant diversity. Another example given was in Springbrook Prairie. Fescue was eradicated from one side of the prairie. The bird species including Henslow’s sparrows moved across to prairie to inhabit another area. When shorter species of grasses, including prairie drop seed were cultivated, the birds moved back to their original habitat. Our district practices “Adaptive Management” which means they watch the behavior of species through monitoring and determine best practices for habitat management.

Informational Meeting - West Branch DuPage River Trail

So many people have asked when and how is the West DuPage River Trail going to get through Winfield, West Chicago and across Roosevelt Rd. to Blackwell safely. We just love our trails for biking, hiking and horseback riding and want them to go forever. It looks like we'll have the opportunity to hear some answers real soon.

Wednesday, March 6th, 6 - 8 pm. Find out the latest details and provide input on a plan to build the final segment of the West Branch River Trail from Blackwell to West DuPage Woods Forest Preserve – including a pedestrian bridge over Roosevelt Road and the West Branch of the DuPage River. This is the final unconstructed segment of the 26 mile regional trail, which runs from Bartlett up north to south Naperville where it connects to the DuPage River Trail and continues into Will County. Join us at a public information meeting at the indoor riding arena at St. James Farm Forest Preserve, 2S541 Winfield Rd., Warrenville, IL





Although it may be tempting to hibernate indoors during these cold winter months, there are plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy nature this month. Our 18th annual Wonders of Winter event will be held February 2nd from 10am-2pm, at Mayslake Peabody Estate. Go on a horse-drawn hayride and try ice fishing, geocaching, snowshoeing and other outdoor winter fun. Then, warm up inside the beautiful Mayslake Hall with activities and interesting information on plants, animals and programs from rangers, naturalists and volunteers. This event is perfect for all ages. Free admission; although there are fees for some activities.

On Feb. 9th is the Annual Hard Water Classic at Blackwell's Silver Lake from 12 - 3:30. Come on out to try your luck at winning some quality prizes. It's the only Ice Fishing Tournament of its' kind in the area!

This is a great time of year to start thinking about volunteering within the preserves. As temperatures increase in the next month or two, you'll be eager to get back outside! At the forest preserve, we rely heavily on volunteers to restore habitat, monitor animal populations, and interact or rehabilitate native wildlife and much more! Take a look at some following opportunities:

1. Danada Equestrian Center: Volunteers assist our professional staff by caring for the center's horses and accomplishing daily feeding routines. Many horse-related learning opportunities — including exclusive lectures and demonstrations — are offered to volunteers.
2. Kline Creek Farm: Kline Creek Farm's volunteers assist our heritage interpreters teach about life on a DuPage County farm during the late 19th century. They help interpret domestic arts, blacksmithing, agriculture and carpentry. They may plant the kitchen garden, can vegetables in the summer kitchen or collect eggs from the chicken coop. Some may care for livestock, assist with tours of the barn and outbuildings, work at the farm's gift shop or entertain guests during seasonal-themed special events.
3. Willowbrook Wildlife Center: Volunteers assist our staff care for and rehabilitate native wildlife and educate residents, school children and visitors about living in harmony with wild animals. Volunteers prepare specialized diets and help keep cages clean. Some volunteers lend a special hand as clinic assistants, raptor educators or assist with outreach during educational programs.
4. Natural Resources: Help our team of ecologists restore natural diversity to DuPage forest preserves. Volunteers also monitor bird, amphibian, reptile and insect populations in the preserves. During workdays, volunteers collect and redistribute seeds or remove invasive species to re- establish native prairies and woodlands.

For information about our volunteer programs, contact Volunteer Services at 630-933-7233 or volunteer@dupageforest.org

Now get out there and enjoy our preserves! With over 25,000 acres, 140 miles of trail and 60 preserves all right at your feet, there's a perfect way to enjoy DuPage County's forest preserves that's just waiting for you. For questions, concerns or more information regarding any of our programs call (630) 933-7200, or visit dupageforest.org.

Happy Tails and Trails!

UPDATE ON GALUSHA FARM

Steve Berning, owner of Galusha Farm in Warrenville, IL DuPage County had a complete hay barn fire on November 19, 2018. The total loss included 31,000 small square bales (775 tons) and a dozen round bales. It included the shop, office, parts, tools, 3 antique tractors and all memorabilia. No livestock or people were injured. The situation has been and continues to be heartbreaking, as this was a significant source of revenue for the last 2 months and the next 4 months. What's more, is all the hard work to build the barn in 1991 and its new addition in 2009, literally went up in flames.

What caused the fire?

Several investigators have established that the cause is "undetermined" for now. Interestingly enough, the investigator's report stated that it was unlikely to be spontaneous combustion, due to the hay. The fire started in the hay, not the shop or the office. The barn's electrical service was in tip-top condition, all inside conduit with no disrepair, and installed professionally by a licensed electrician. Steve's gut feeling is arson, even though the security cameras did not show any suspicious activity from the front and east side of the barn. There are no suspects at this time. Regarding hay causing a potential fire, the concern is real. It is something Galusha Farm has always taken seriously.

A three step process to prevent hay barn fires has been in place for many years.

1. **Measure:** Galusha Farm bales with a continuous moisture monitor in the cab of the tractor (the number one way to have a fire is to bale wet hay).
 - a. A code is produced for the hay that is baled each day, which includes the moisture range.
 - b. The day's code is printed and applied to each bundle onto the steel bands that hold 21 bales in a bundle.
 - i. Everyone on the hay crew sees the code via text messaging, immediately.
1. **Hay does NOT ship to customers, unless it is safe.**
2. **Monitor:** If hay is determined to be marginally high in moisture, probes are used to check the temperature and pull sample from the center.
 - a. Bales are monitored for potentially high temperatures, until safe storage levels can be determined.
 - i. Knowing the particular hay storage facility type (barn and ventilation) is important to cure good hay and prevent hay fire potentials.
3. **Control & Mitigate:** If the temperature does not go down and continues to rise, bale bundles are removed from harms-way and are sold as mulch or are fed right away. These bales are very good hay to feed if opened up to breath/ventilate before damage takes place to the quality of the hay.

What's happening now and plans going forward.

The Galusha Farm hay barn will be rebuilt! A contract will be signed the last week of January 2019. (Place your intentions or orders now for the sake of a comfort level – for all. All the clean-up was completed in early January and done mostly by Galusha Farm and family members. Fortunately, the fire department allowed the fire to burn to completion, in order to minimize the amount of wet hay to be removed. Can you imagine hauling out 775 tons of wet hay?

For insurance reimbursement purposes, logging all farm personal property items is ongoing. This is a daunting task, sifting through steel and ashes to segregate items for individual pictures, to put on computer spreadsheets, showing proof of ownership...and tying these all together with common computer search words for the ease of the insurance adjuster. It is worth the effort.

Starting April 1st Galusha Farm will begin to erect a new barn by FBI Buildings from Remington, IN. They built the 1991 pole building that was lost and FBI did a phenomenal job. If the new barn is not ready when 1st cutting comes in May, Galusha Farm will use more Air Barn bags (3,000 bale bags for dry hay www.AirBarn.com to accommodate the "old" barn storage as well as round bales that can be stored outside with net wrapping, for better quality.

How has Galusha Farm and its' customers adapted to not having hay now; especially with quality dry hay being in demand?

This was a bad time to have a hay barn fire, as the availability of small square bales is few and far between! Of course, there is never a good time to have a hay barn fire. The challenge has been to try and help customers find any type of hay. All 31,000 bales were pre-sold and spoken for (and not paid for) so the challenge was huge. The 1st step taken was to contact the affected customers and advise them of who they could start calling to hopefully find some hay this winter, as our contacts have already sold out. As hay sources are identified, Galusha Farm assists customer in securing that hay, hauling it for our customers or buying and reselling, if and when appropriate.

Today, Steve has run across hay in a wrap that is supposed to be very good for horses!

1. 3' x 4' x 7-8' large square
2. Generically called "Baleage"
3. Excellent for horses
4. Great quality
5. Delivery available immediately
6. Priced fair
7. Comes to Galusha from Michigan, from a new farmer friend Steve has just made.
8. Steve has details and hay analysis report available.

Many customers have gone to round bales, large square bales and out of state to do what they had to do. Not a fun problem for feeders to have during the winter months.

Galusha Farm hopes to retain its' customers as mutual trust and need has already been established!

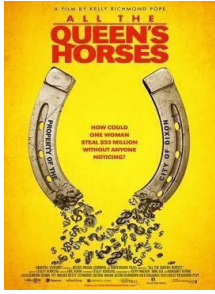
Advice from Steve to give to others.

1. Smile, it could be worse and count your blessings!
2. Be observant
3. Know what you are doing, or ask someone who does.
4. Read and re-read the above article and contact Steve Berning at Galusha Farm with questions that apply to your situation.

Happy Trails,

Steve Berning - (630) 878-6350 - www.GalushaFarm.com and fb





All the Queen's Horses

March 4th -- 7:00 pm – West Chicago Public Library – 118 W. Washington St
Lisa Diersen, founder/director of Equus Film Festival of New York and Co-owner of Royal Lusitano of St. Charles will show a feature film, “**All the Queen’s Horses**”.

The meeting room is on 1st floor to the right of the entrance door. Doors open at 6:45 pm

How could one woman steal \$53 million without anyone noticing? As city comptroller of Dixon, IL, Rita Crundwell stole \$53 million of public funds over 20 years -- making her the perpetrator of the largest case of municipal fraud in American history. She used the funds to build one of the nation's leading quarter horse breeding empires, all while forcing staff cuts, police budget slashing, and neglect of public infrastructure. "**All the Queen's Horses**" investigates her crimes, her lavish lifestyle and the small town she left in her wake.

EARTH DAY 2019

Annual Earth Day Trail Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th. Rain or shine 9:00 - 12:00 pm. The Illinois Prairie Path has a goal this year to clean all 61 miles of the Illinois Prairie Path. Parking is on the frontage road behind the old Hobby Lobby in West Chicago. We have been assigned to an area just north of North Avenue. Please wear work gloves and bring garbage bags to fill. Bring a friend, co-worker or anyone else who might want to help. Dress appropriate for the weather. We look forward to seeing you there. Questions – call Sharon Nolan 630-202-6932.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| March 1 -3 | Ill. Horse Fair Springfield, IL
Largest breed event in the state |
| March 3 | Elmhurst St. Patrick's Parade
Step-off 12 noon, arrive at 10 am |
| March 4 | 7pm – All the Queen's Horses
West Chicago Library |
| March 6 | 6 – 8 pm – Public meeting at indoor arena at St. James |
| April 12-14 | Midwest Horse Fair - 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way Madison, WI |
| April 17 | 7-8:30 – TROD Meeting – EQUINE KNOTS – 29W400 Mack Rd. West Chicago, IL |
| April 27 | 9 – 12pm – Ill. Prairie Path Clean-up
Park on frontage road, behind the old Hobby Lobby |

Service Animal versus Emotional Support Animals

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) allows two types of animals to serve as Service Animals: dogs and miniature horses.

Miniature horses range in size from 26" to 38" tall. They can weigh 55 to 200 pounds and they come in a variety of colors and patterns. They are easy to keep and maintain. A miniature horse can be very gentle and very intelligent.

A Service Animal can be a dog or a mini horse, but they must perform a physical task. An emotional support animal can be many different animals and they do not have the same privileges as "service animals".

Businesses are required to allow service animals in, but not support animals. They are allowed at the movies, stores, doctor offices and even on an airplane.

On September 17, 2017 an airline rule changed allowing miniature horses on board, if they are classified as service animals.

Southwest Airlines announced that miniature horses trained to support individuals with a disability will be allowed to fly.

The US airlines also announced it would limit emotional support animals to only dogs and cats on its flights and will allow only one per passenger. An emotional support animal must remain in a carrier or be on a leash at all times. Customers traveling with pets will need to present a completed letter from a medical doctor or licensed mental health professional on the day of the departure.

Mini horses that serve as service animals are completely legal because of the American Disabilities Act specifically allow them.

Almost every business is required to allow a mini horse service animal in, with no documentation. They can only ask two questions:

1. Is the service animal required because of a disability?
2. What work or task has the animal been trained to perform?

Guidance, reminding them to take medications, alerting them when they are becoming stressed, helping them to remain calm in public crowds, etc.

Service animals often wear a vest to alert the public to not pet them and to give them space. Some people respond to a service dog or mini horse as though it was for their entertainment, not the person they're assisting.



2018/ 19 TROD Officers	
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Interested in joining the TROD Board? Elections will be held at the March meeting	
TROD Membership is \$20 per year for single or family membership.	
If a new member lists your name on their application, you will receive 3 months added to your membership.	
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CLASSIFIED ADS

TROD provides free advertising space, for members, for the sale or purchase of horses, trailers, tack or horse related services. These ads are accepted at face value—TROD cannot assume any responsibility for the condition of the animals, goods or services or that they are fairly represented. To place an ad please email it to Classifieds@trod.us. Since classified ads are complimentary they will run as space permits. Be sure to check out our website for more ads

FOR SALE: Miniature horses ride and drive and make great pets. Sharon (630) 202-6932

Medinah Black Horse Troop Barn. Carol Stream barn sits along the 12-mile-long Great Western Trail. Stalls are approx. 10x12. Indoor arena, lighted outdoor arena, one tack locker per horse. Horses get grain, hay and water twice a day. Matted stalls cleaned Mon-Sat. Barn hand lives on premises. Monthly board \$395. For more info call Bob at 847.754.1056. References are required. Facebook.com/MedinahBlackHorseTroopStables

Forest Trails, Bartlett Rita Hankins (630) 837-9852 (10/18) Family-oriented stable that houses a variety of riding specialties. Indoor and outdoor arenas, pasture, and paddocks. 6 days a week turn out & stall cleaning. Adjacent to Forest Preserve. ForestTrailsStable.com

Stall available for GELDING at private barn. Feed 3 x's daily with 24 hour access to paddock. The property is adjacent to Herrick Lake Forest Preserve. \$350/month Call Karen (3/19) 630- 300-8822. ~~~~~

Our beautiful, well kept & safe horse property backs up to St. James Farm in Warrenville. We have an outdoor riding ring along with an indoor riding arena. St. James Farm has gorgeous riding trails and an outdoor dressage ring. In addition to St. James Farm, Herrick Lake and Blackwell Forest Preserves are just minutes away. Call Rochel Melka at 630-251-3935

Galusha Farm Steve Berning
630-878-6350

HAY and STRAW for sale. Fresh and green. Delivery available. www.GalushaFarm.com

Pasture Boarding: with a large barn and lean-to. 24/7 access at all times of the year. Close to Herrick Lake and St James Farm Forest Preserves.

Or you can Rent or Lease a horse!



Friends for Therapeutic Equine Activities is seeking kind and gentle horses of most sizes. Preferably sound and under 21 years old. Call Nancy 630-588-8543 or email nwinklman@ftea.org

Volunteers (13 years old and up) are needed Monday through Saturday at Friends for Therapeutic Equine Activities (FTEA). We are located at our new home in Wayne, IL at 4N681 Munger Road. No horse experience is required but helpful. Leaders and side-walkers are needed during riding sessions for individuals with special needs. Help with barn tasks is needed also. Call 630-588-8543 or email thebarn@ftea.org.

Boarding: Family-oriented private barn with a limited amount of horses accepted. Only one stall available. We will not crowd your equine. Adjacent to Geneva Spur Prairie Path and miles of pleasure trails. Regular service includes hay, stall cleaning and daily turn out. \$350 per month. You will provide your own grain and bedding. We do the work and provide the hay. Owner on premises. Call 630-293-7844 evenings.

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A day in the snow. Comanche, Jackie B. and Dusty owner, TROD member Vicki Weyer

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