



The Round-Up

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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 trails and horses in a constructive and effective way.

Presidents Letter



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2018 is coming to an end and it seems like it just got started. There are so many things I wanted to do, places I wanted to go. Well, 2019 is ahead of us now and a new year offers new opportunities. Is there something special that you want to do or see in 2019 that is horse related? Let us know, and we will see if we can help your dreams come true.

Please reserve the date of Saturday, Dec. 8 for the Annual TROD Christmas party. At the request of our members, we are having it on Saturday this year instead of Tuesday so we can have more fun without having to go to work the next day. Last year we had 65 people attend and we may have even more this year. We look forward to a wonderful evening and we scheduled it early enough in the month with hopes that it would not interfere with your other holiday obligations.

Thanks to Dr. Susan Cain for opening her home at 1615 Stoddard Ave. in Wheaton for the TROD Christmas cookie exchange on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 4 PM. This is an excellent way to have a variety of cookies available without messing the kitchen up too much. Each person brings 3 dozen cookies along with an empty container for the cookies that you will be leaving with. Appetizers and snacks are welcome. Details are on Facebook and in the newsletter. Hope to see you there.

TROD would like to put together a membership directory for 2019. If you have not renewed your membership, now is the time to renew. Membership is only \$20 for a single or family membership. 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.

I get calls every month from people with questions. Do you know where I can take riding lessons? Do you know where one can rent a horse trailer? Do you know of anyone who will board my horse? What vet do you use? Do you know of anyone that can haul my horse for me? Do you know of anyone that rides in a certain forest preserve that I can connect with? Now remember you do not need to own a horse to be member of TROD, some are just horse lovers, others lease horses, and some just like to volunteer. Everyone is welcome to join. We'll be discussing this directory more in the upcoming months, so feel free to email us your thoughts at TrailriderDC@Gmail.com.



From the Forest Preserve December 2018

Trail Connections: During his remarks, Forest Preserve President Joseph Cantore stated that trail connections were a top priority from the citizen survey done over the last two years. Of very special interest is the announcement by Mr. Cantore and Dan Cronin, Chair of the County Board, who together decided to make the East Branch trail a reality. This 30-mile dream, last studied in 2004, will be requiring intergovernmental partnerships along the way. District staff is requested to commit to begin planning for this important trail.

St. James Farm Trail Project: In St James Farm Forest Preserve, an additional grant has been awarded for a trail along the south side of Mack Rd. The new trail will connect to an existing path along Winfield Rd. and to a future trail through Cantigny Park!

License Agreement between FPDDC and Friends of Danada: The partnership between the Forest Preserve and the Friends of Danada was established in the mid-1980s and covered the use of the Danada House, Atrium and the Danada Model Farm Complex (1950s model farm equipment stored at the SW corner of Butterfield and Naperville Rd). Discussions arrived at a friendly agreement for another 5 years. One new benefit is that with the rental funds from use of the Atrium and Danada House, the Friends will establish a \$500,000 endowment fund to pay for building improvements. The Model Farm will also strengthen their educational programs sharing ideas with the District Education Department. Nearly 1,000 4th grade students visit the farm each year and are treated to programs to support their history and science curriculum.

West Branch Regional Trail/Winfield Mounds to West DuPage Woods Project: Although the new Winfield Mounds/West DuPage Woods Trail cost a total of \$65,000, it was learned that with the grants and shared expenses with other governmental agencies, the cost to the district came in at \$8,000. Check out this lovely trail beginning with an extended bridge over wetlands near the Pretzel Shop off of High Lake Road in Winfield.

Night Heron Marsh: Cooperative efforts between 12 agencies are turning 87 acres at Night Heron Marsh into quality pollinator habitat. The District benefited from a \$40,000 matching grant (Monarch Butterfly Conservation Fund) along with other grants. Non-invasive and invasive plants were removed prior to seeding with milkweeds and other nectar plants. Because the project came in under budget, district staff requested a 2-year maintenance agreement with the contractor to help the area become more established.

Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid: The district does an incredible job of data collection and species preservation. The Fringed Orchid is endangered in Illinois and threatened in the U.S. Found in only three of our preserves, efforts are made to assist and encourage its survival. It is caged to protect it from deer and a GPS database records their locations. Where only three were found a few years ago, a record 25 were recently counted. These lovely flowers are found in wet prairies or sedge meadows. It is terrific to see the lengths to which our District research team works with the Fish and Wildlife Service to protect this delicate flower.

2019 Meeting Dates: The board holds commission meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month and planning sessions on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 8 AM quarterly. A planning meeting is scheduled for 6 PM to facilitate another option for residents to attend. Dates, minutes and agendas are available on the District website.

Submitted by: Connie Schmidt

October TROD Meeting

Many thanks to Jay Johnson, Manager of Site Operations, Community Services & Education. As has become tradition, the "October Fireside Chat with Jay" was complete with a PowerPoint presentation on what's new and changing in the DuPage County Forest Preserves. The meeting was held at the Danada trailer between the parking lot and the horse barn. We walked away knowing how hard the FP staff works on behalf of DuPage County residents. Our preserves just continue to get better and better.

Afterwards, we roasted marshmallows over a campfire, created s'mores and drank cider. Once again, thank you Amy Harless for building such a beautiful fire for us.



November TROD Meeting

Lisa Diersen takes us to the movies.

What a fun night it was and many thanks to Lisa Diersen for sharing the Equus Film Festival with us. Lisa shared her passion of collecting documentaries and promoting incredible horse stories. She shared two films; the first was about a young college student who was injured in a terrible car accident that left her seriously injured and the uncertain of her ability to walk again. A major part of her rehabilitation took place on a therapeutic riding horse with the help of therapy assistants. We witnessed the improvement she made using the horse to build strength, coordination and the motivation to walk again. Yep, not a dry eye in the house after this beautiful story.

The 2nd film was "The Wild Ponies of Chincoteague". This film shared the story behind the Wild Ponies, their history and the fire department that owns them. The Fire department takes care of the ponies and the ponies take care of them. There is an annual auction of the weaned ponies that are sold for thousands of dollars and the money goes to fund the equipment for the fire department. This was a heartwarming story, not only of the history of the ponies and how loved they are, but the film followed the real lives of twin girls who submitted an essay on why they wanted a pony. They won the essay competition and the chance to bid on a Chincoteague pony at the annual auction. They placed their bid on the pony of their dreams and were overcome with emotion when they won her. What a lucky pony going to a loving home to be pampered by two sweet girls.

We're hoping that Lisa can return in 2019 and share with us, "All the Queens Horses." The story is about Rita Crundwell, City Comptroller for Dixon, IL who stole 53 million dollars of public funds over 20 years. How could one woman steal so much money without anyone noticing? She became the perpetrator of the largest case of municipal fraud in American history. She used the funds to build one of nation's leading quarter horse breeding empires, all while forcing staff cuts, police budget slashing, and neglect of public infrastructure. The movie investigates her crime, her lavish lifestyle and the small town she left in her wake. Stay tuned - date to be determined.





It's Time for a TROD Holiday Party.

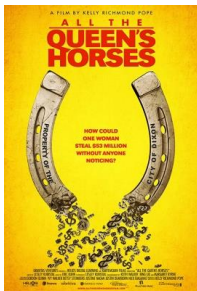
Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Wheaton Bowl - 2031 N Gary Ave. Wheaton IL 60187. Doors open at 6 PM, enter through the west entrance. Bring your favorite dish to pass and join the fun! TROD will provide refreshments and the main entree. The bowling alley has a cash bar that will be open. Last year, 65 people attended and this year we hope by moving the party to Saturday night it will allow more TROD members and friends to attend. Kids are welcome.

There will gifts, games and music, along with an optional horse-related ornament exchange table for those who would like to participate. All ornaments should be less than \$10. Also, bring wrapped or unwrapped horse-related white elephant gifts for our prize table. Nobody leaves empty-handed. We're looking for a few volunteers to decorate the room for the party. If you would like to help, please call Sharon Nolan at 630-202-6932 and arrive at 5:30 pm.

COOKIE EXCHANGE PARTY



Sunday, Dec. 16 at Dr. Sue Cain's home at 1615 Stoddard Ave. in Wheaton. The party starts at 4 PM. Bring 3 dozen cookies to share and an empty container for the cookies going home with you. Snacks and appetizers are welcome. Apple cider will be served. We hope to see you there.



TBD "ALL THE QUEEN'S HORSES

An evening with Lisa Diersen, Equus Film Festival at the West Chicago Public Library, 118 W. Washington St., West Chicago, IL (First floor meeting room off of the front lobby).



Coyotes in the Neighborhood

Have you seen any coyotes lately? Coyotes are often mistaken for wolves or dogs and their weight is often mistaken. Coyote females are about 22 pounds and males are 33 pounds. Like our horses, their weight is hard to assess especially when they are wearing a winter coat.

A lot of people say "coyotes were here first". Well, we really do not know what the population of coyotes was in IL 100 years ago, but we aided in their population by removing the wolves. The wolf is a predator of the coyote. There has been mention locally of coywolves and letters were sent to homes in Winfield surrounding the forest preserves warning people of such. Coywolves are a mix of wolf and coyote. They are larger than coyotes and can be more bold and aggressive than a coyote.

By definition, coyotes are carnivores, but coyotes' diets will vary according to season and what food is available. Coyotes eat fruit, corn, bugs, squirrels, rabbits, cats and small dogs. In urban areas, most coyotes are more afraid of you than you are of them, yet some coyotes are not necessarily afraid of humans, they respond to people as they are taught. How do you behave when you see a coyote?

If you see a coyote in your neighborhood, the appropriate response is to yell, put your arms up, and let them know they are not welcome. If you are giving the animal a different response, you are training the coyote to be comfortable in your presence. It is not natural for a coyote to attack a person, but we do not want to encourage their presence around our homes either.

Cars are the number one cause of adult deaths of coyotes. Because of this they often hide out during the day, except during pupping season when they need to hunt to feed their pups. Coyotes are all around us. They thrive in urban development's especially those communities close to undeveloped areas like forest preserves, trails or parks. DuPage County, we know, has more than 60 forest preserves that are home to many a coyote.

Coyotes do not tolerate foxes and see other dogs as territorial competition. If you have a coyote in your neighborhood, should you try to get rid of it? A well-behaved coyote, removed from an area, may be replaced by a more aggressive coyote.

Most people are indifferent to coyotes, until they have a conflict and then they think they are bad. It behooves you to know about coyotes and how to behave before you cross paths. It gives new meaning to "SHARE THE TRAILS".

Coywolf



Coyote



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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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ONE WOMAN, ONE HORSE, ONE GOAL: 48 STATES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Meredith Cherry is her name. Apollo, her horse, is a Peruvian Paso-Mustang palomino gelding. They are riding to 48 states from 2017-2020 to raise domestic violence awareness. She already has been through 20 states.

It was quite the experience to open our home to a gal arriving on horseback. Meredith has been on the road since January of 2017. She travels 10-15 miles a day and stays at people's homes along the way. Meredith and Apollo arrived around noon on Friday, Oct. 19. She came in from the Illinois Prairie Path and she actually found her way right onto our property. Our land touches the path. I heard the bells. Apollo had 30 bells on each ankle. When he walks the bells shake and scare off any wild animals that they might encounter. It was cold and rainy when she arrived.

We settled Apollo into a stall with a Busy Bag filled with good quality alfalfa hay. Meredith and I had homemade mushroom soup, Swiss cheese and cracker. Meredith is a vegetarian. Her time here was short, but rich. She told me about some of her experiences on the road. She talked about some of the people she has met and the places she has stayed along the way. She brought a small book with her and every host signs the book. I had her sign my book also. I also had her proof our Horse Trail Safety Brochure. Who knows better than a woman who has braved 20 states? She told me a story about a tunnel that was miles long with a railroad track inside and a motorcycle biker who refuses to go slow and stay behind.

Meredith wears a helmet and a reflective vest with a warning on her back in large letters, "PASS WIDE AND SLOW". She is a brave woman. She is wintering her horse in Indiana and will pick back up from where she stopped in April. She said she only goes 5 miles a day when she starts out in April and she will work up to 10-15 miles per day. Follow the links below to read more about Meredith.



MSAR) Mounted Search and Rescue Unit

This volunteer unit is being organized to enhance public safety, patrol our forest preserves and assist the Sheriff's department with operations. Each horse and each rider must be certified.

- Must be at least 21 years of age, clean record, no felonies.
- Must be an experienced horse rider with a safe mount.
- Must have dependable transportation for your horse.
- Must attend classroom and field training to become certified.
- Must participate in practice sessions and training.



Meredith and Apollo

www.meredithcherry.com

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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

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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

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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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