Texoma Horse News

Wichita Falls Horse Committee
October 2026

The August newsletter was late and the September newsletter didn't quite make it. There was a lot going on and it was hot. So here we are in October, it has just rained and the weather is cooling quite a bit. I think winter has arrived. Right now the horses are loving it but soon as the weather gets colder you will need to pay closer attention to their body condition and if they have any chronic medical issues. They are naturally adapted to cold weather with their winter coats and usually do not need blankets. They will need shelter, a barn, stable, run-in shed or even a tree line and a little extra hay and feed and of course fresh water.

I have decided not to number the newsletters and just use dates instead. They are becoming confusing and I don't need that. The horse shows are mostly over for the season. The **Wichita Falls Horse Committee** has decided to postpone their annual **Equifest** until Spring, most likely in **May.** This decision was based on some major health issues with our chairperson and other external factors as we understood that we would not be able to provide the quality of show this year that the participants deserved, therefore we thought it was in the best interest of everyone for us to fall back and regroup and reschedule the show to give us enough time to make it spectacular. The new dates are not available yet, so stay alert and look for the notifications.

The next meeting of the **Wichita Falls Horse Committee** is November 7at 11 am at P3. They will be discussing the next Equifest and possibly the up coming clinics and NBNB ranch shows. The WFHC election will be held in December. The open office positions include Secretary, Treasurer, and Co Chairman. The Chairman has one more year to fill out her post. So be thinking about your involvement and what you could contribute to the committee. That is to say are you fully committed or only half way.
The meetings are always open to the public and they welcome any ideas or input that makes the event more friendly and adaptable. Clinics are the next big endeavor. If you have any thoughts or ideas on any clinic you would like to participate in, please let us know. The WFHC was originally an educational organization and we need to follow those ideas. You are invited to attend.

The **NBNB Ranch series** is for everyone whether you are a beginning rider with absolutely no experience or someone with a new horse, there is a division for you. You can enter one class or all in your group. The WFHC are there to support you. The **NBNB buckle winners for 2026** include Martha Bennet, James Gee, Seth Lemmon, Gracie Poore, Allie Dillard, Madison Miller, Pace Gregory, Melissa Lerner, Lisa Richards, Cecilia Helmcamp, Kaitlin Geer, Rhonda Martin, Rosi Schofield, Liz Jones, and most of those got more that one buckle. What a deal, this is a great place to ride and have fun.

There has been a change in The **Texas Stallion Service Auction. It is no longer reserved just for stallions standing in Texas.** It is now open to any stallion registered with a breed organization anywhere. There were to many outside horses that wanted to participate. This is a great program to get your stallion recognized and advertised. To donate a stallion service please email, stallion@mywfhc.org or call 888-707-9342 for all the details.
The next **Red River Riding Association** playday is scheduled for November 7 at their arena on FM1177. Register at 1 pm and ride at 2 pm. For more information on the Red River Riding Association call Becky King at 940-337-2633 or Kevin at 580-514-3978 or Stacy at 580-281-0117. This is the last playday on the schedule so make the most of it.

The **National Barrel Horse Association** (NBHA) have an event set for November 21 at the Wilbarger County Event Center in Vernon. "Runnin' 4 Turkeys" Open D Champs get frozen turkeys. Everyone is welcome and you don't have to be a member. For more information, call 940-733-0082. Texas Oklahoma Barrel Racing Association (TOBRA)

Texas Oklahoma Barrel Racing Association (TOBRA) is having their last event of the season on December 13 at the Wilbarger County Event Center in Vernon. Call Tammy Lemond at 940-781-2414 for more information. Always call before you haul.

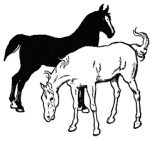
A note from Jamie . . . .

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THE HORSE WHO STOPS TRYING

Some horses throw 14 answers at you.
Others try once or twice and then decide:
"Apparently I'm wrong. I'll just…do nothing."
They may become slower, less responsive, or stop offering answers altogether.
And we often label them:
Lazy. Stubborn. Dull.
But sometimes the horse has simply stopped believing that trying gets them anywhere.
If cues, pressure, and release aren't clear, they may learn to wait until the pressure gets BIG enough before responding.
Then we think:
"See? He only listens when I get after him."
When we may have accidentally taught him exactly that.
Instead:
Ask clearly.
Give them a chance to respond.
Notice the smallest TRY.
Release when they move toward the right answer.
We aren't rewarding nothing.
We're teaching:



“Your choices matter. Keep trying.”
Not every slow horse is lazy, and not every quiet horse is shut down.
Sometimes the better question is:
“Does my horse understand that trying gets them somewhere?”
Good training isn’t just creating obedience.
It’s keeping the horse mentally involved in the conversation.
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You are welcome to showcase your horse activities for all of us to see.

Please send me your activity photos and or baby pictures and I will include them in the newsletter. email me or text . . . janiceejones464@gmail.com - 940-631-3412

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