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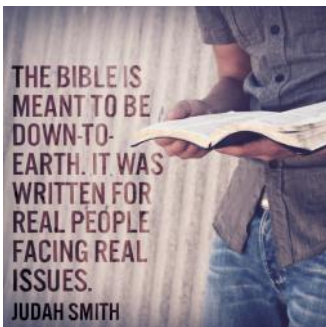
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Consequences *By Chaplain Lee Alphen*

Athletes in all sports must be familiar with and abide by the rule book to be successful. Sitting in the penalty box is not much fun. Neither is having your number taken down for interference or the purse taken away because of a positive test. We certainly don't want days because we broke a rule we did not know existed.

Have you read the story of King David (1 Samuel and 2 Samuel) yet? In January's newsletter, I mentioned how David tried to trick Uriah into covering up David's adultery with Bathsheba, Uriah's wife. Uriah proved to be too honorable to seek comfort while his men were sleeping out in the battlefields. Therefore, David issued orders to send Uriah close to the enemy front so he would be killed. Other men with him were also killed by this foolhardy move (2 Samuel 6-17).

This reckless, cowardly tactic cost David the respect and love of many of his people. He went from being a much-revered king to one who had to watch his back. Some of his own sons turned against him, causing those faithful to David to kill them. These events brought much sorrow to David who realized all this tragedy was a result of his own bad choices. God did not bring it upon him. He brought it upon himself.

David was God's chosen king, his anointed. The promise of Israel rested with him and his family. He was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22-23). Still, he sinned. He did not do as God asked. He went against God and paid the consequences.

How familiar are we with what God asks of us? How well do we know

God and the mind of God? We are in the middle of Lent. Lent is a time to heed the call of Jesus to "Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). Jesus spent 40 days after he was baptized in the desert praying, fasting, and drawing closer to God in heaven (Mark 1:10-13). Perhaps for the rest of Lent we can set time aside each day to read our bibles and think about what God is saying in the scripture.

Contrary to the opinion of some, doing God's will is the secret to happiness, peace, love, joy and success. Going against God wreaks havoc in our lives—not because God is mad; but, because those things that go against God's will are not good choices.

Find a comfortable place to sit without distractions. Start by asking God to bless your time of prayer and reflection. Then read a passage and think about what is happening in the story and what God might be saying to you. You don't have to read a whole lot. Sometimes a couple of verses or one section is enough. Even five or ten minutes with God is a good start. The Gospel of John is a good place to begin.

It might be easier to begin with a daily devotional book. Many stores, even Amazon, carry them. Racetrack Chaplaincy of America is sending me some copies of *Daily Oats* by Chaplain Sam Spence. Let me know if you would like a copy. I'll send it to you.

David repented and God blessed him by insuring his son Solomon, who was also a godly man, succeeded David as king (1 Kings 1:38-39).

Please join me in praying for all our sisters and brothers in harness racing and their relationships with God. The consequence of becoming rooted in God's Word is a blessed life.

Blessings

From Chaplain Ken Carter...

(Karen) got a good result from blood test last week. Cancer is in high normal range. No chemo. Check blood again in April.

From Joan Harp...

Warren's CT Scan results were good, his doctor is very happy because so far the cancer isn't traveling. We were very much relieved as going in we were both a little nervous not knowing what to expect. We thank you and everyone for the prayers.

From Art Plant...

I received good news from my infectious disease doctor today that I will be off antibiotics for 4 months. My blood will then be retested to see if my immune system is able to continue to decrease the sternum infection. Our Savior has brought me so far these past 13+ months for which I daily give him thanks. It is amazing what prayers can do when you truly believe. I thank everyone in our prayer ministry! Be Blessed, Art Plant

Brewer Adams Barn Fire...

Thank God! The horses are okay. The barn fire at the farm of Pennsylvania-based trainer, Brewer Adams, that totally destroyed the building, did not harm any horses nor Brewer Adams, who was home at the time.

Memorabilia From Ann Utter...

- I have discovered a scrapbook relating to the life and accomplishments of Melvin G. "Mac" McQuarrie (8-17-13 to 10-26-80). To my knowledge he had no direct descendants. He began driving harness horses in 1929 and raced in the US, Canada, and 17 European countries. Retiring in 1967 due to injuries on the track, he then served as an associate judge and a member of the MHHA Board of Directors. This scrapbook is a real "treasure."
- I also have many years of USTA yearly hardbound volumes, including directories, sires and dams, etc. These would be my gift to anyone who is interested. A collector? An equine library?

CHHA Scholar, Jessica Hallett

Hello! The first semester of college has been an amazing adventure. I joined 8 clubs including the equestrian team at NSU. Each of these clubs is a pre-professional club, such as pre-pharmacy, pre-medical, and pre-health professionals. I am a walk-trot rider on the IHSA equestrian team. I am still apart of the Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Cadet Program and have applied to take EMT certification courses in Fall 2018. A club has just begun to form within the scope of religion: NSU Delight. This club focuses on Christianity and community service for the sake of helping others. I am interested in joining this club upon its official formation because religion and God have been a major part of my life and my journey through college.



Through faith and hard work, I have successfully finished my first semester of college and am now in my second semester.

For an update on CHHA Scholar, Alexis Schwartz, see the back page.

Scholarship application is available at:
<https://www.chha.net/scholarships>

Fallen Heroes Honored by Riggins breedings

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*May the angels
lead you into paradise*
 Memorials posted at www.chha.net

Memorial Contributions

- In memory of **Sherie Hankins** by: Kim Hankins and Hanover Shoe Farms
- In memory of **William Paul, DVM** by: Joan Burns and Dr Bob and Lisa Schwartz
- In memory of **Andy Wood** by: Ken and Betsy Wood



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Rambling Willie Remembers

These lovely 5 x 7 Rambling Willie cards are packaged in sets of 10 cards. They are blank inside.

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Carlton Chamberlin died Jan 13. After graduating from UNH, Carlton taught in schools in the United States and Germany and later worked as a principal. He was the owner/operator of the Pine Tree Sales Co in Maine and an avid owner and breeder of Standardbred horses for decades. He was an active member of the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association and served on the education committee for their scholarship program. He served as a director, officer and president of the Maine Horse Association and the New England Horsemen Council. He was also a founding member of the American Saddlebred Association of Maine, where he served as a director, officer, and president. He was a longtime member of the USTA and a member of the Christian Harness Horsemen's Association.

Theodore S (Ted) Colby, 78, died as a result of an accident in Bronxville, NY. Ted, an accountant by trade, was involved in the Standardbred industry as a breeder and owner for more than 25 years and enjoyed considerable success with I'm Just Special p,1:50.3f (\$789,299) and Special Sweetheart p,3,1:50.4 (\$860,933), among others. Trainer Tom Artandi described Mr. Colby as a "real gentleman and extremely generous" and said that all trainers should be lucky enough to have owners as great as he.

Jeanne M Ferland, 83, died Dec 30. She and her husband Bob were an integral part of racing at the Rochester Fair in New Hampshire for more than three decades. The Ferlands also had an extensive harness racing museum (Rochester Fair Hall of Fame) located in the grandstand at the fairgrounds. Jeanne is best known for meticulously recreating miniature racing colors memorializing many of the drivers who passed through New England over the years. Hundreds of these miniature colors are on display in the grandstand at Scarborough Downs. She was also involved with the New England stakes program. She had a great devotion to her Church participating in the choir, breakfasts, suppers, and fairs.

Pearl W. Johnson, "PJ", 74, of Ray, Ohio, died Jan 8. He was a cowboy, a hunter, a husband and a father. Pearl served in the US Army. He was the owner of Columbus Electric Sales, Washington Court House Electric Sales, Mt. Vernon Electric Sales, Newark Electric Sales, Star Electric Sales, Johnson Stables, P bar J Ranch, and P bar J Outfitters. He also raced harness horses.



William Leonard (Billy) Knipper, 57, died Jan 12.

During his high school years he developed a love of horses and harness racing while working as a groom at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds. He was a talented carpenter, but his beloved horses called him back to fulfill his lifetime career as a trainer. He traveled the harness racing circuit but made his home at Northfield Park as trainer/owner of Billy Knipper Stables.



Dale Edward Owens, 67, of Louisville, KY, died Jan 11. Dale was an influential figure in Louisville

professional sports for nearly four decades. In 1975, he became the assistant to the president of William H King Enterprises and Marketing Director of Louisville Downs harness track, serving as the right-hand man to legendary sports promoter Bill King. Louisville Downs became the first track in North America to televise its races live and accept telephone wagering while Dale was running it. In 1986, he received the John Hervey Award from the US Trotting Association for writing and producing Pompano Harness Weekly, judged the best harness racing television production that year.



Donald A Perkins, 67, of Hilliard, OH, died Feb 3.

Donald owned Five Star Plumbing and Drains. He also owned Perkins Stables and enjoyed Standardbred horse racing, going to the casino and Disney World.

Duncan Price, 74, of Grant Park, IL, died Jan. 9. Duncan was a long-time breeder, owner, trainer and driver in Illinois where he owned and operated Galewood Farm in Grant Park for a number of years. After working with his family at the first harness racing track in Rhodesia, Africa, he came to the United States when he was 18. In Rhodesia, his father operated the racetrack while his mother was responsible for managing the wagering at the track, which only raced trotters. His father suggested that he should go to the United States to learn about pacers. He settled in IL and never returned to Africa.

Terry Stone died Jan 15. Terry retired after serving for 27 years as Ontario Racing Commission Director of Racing in 2007. He was an active participant and witness to change in the horse racing community – not only in the legislature but also in the very nature and challenges facing horseracing.



Obituaries

Howard Beissinger, 94, of Ohio, died Feb 6. Howard was one of the sport's top trainers, drivers and trotting specialists. He won three Hambletonians, with Lindy's Pride (1969), Speedy Crown (1971) and Speedy Somolli (1978). He is the third generation Beissinger to make harness racing a profession. He was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 1975.



Christine Cachaza, 61, of Saratoga Springs, died Jan 12. More than anything else, Christine's life centered on her family. She spent most of her life working in standardbred racing alongside her father, brothers, and son. She loved the horses, but even more, she loved her racing family.

Even after she was not physically able to work at the track, she kept in touch and always took the time to think of others. Whether she was beaming with pride about her grandsons or simply wishing someone a happy birthday, Chrissy would always go out of her way to make someone's day a little brighter.



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Sources for Obituary information include:

www.harnessracing.com, www.ustrotting.com and www.standardbredcanada.ca

Prayer Corner

Please pray for all the people on our Prayer List who are battling cancer, especially:

Lew Arsenault, Dan Ater, Debbie Boardman, Jeanne Duso Boudot, Jana Brocco, Gary Bryant, Rick Carson, Karen Carter, Sam Castimore, Candice Coleman, Sharon Cromer, Joe Crothers, John Cross, Mike Deeters, Barbara Dinning, Maryanne Doherty, Jerry Eby, Chaplain Tom Farley, Francine Federici, Tiffany Fisher, Lloyd Fortune, Paul Fontaine, Pastor Bill Grant, Margaret Groce, Remi Gunn, Marilyn Hankins, Warren Harp, Rose Hennessey, Morris Hoagland, Glenda Holloway, Jeff Hurst, Betty James, Rita Jacobs, Bob Kinsey, Donnie Knight, David Kovach, Larry Lederman, Rox Liles, Ricky Macomber, Nelson Malin, Wilma Mattuci, Joyceann McClelland, Donna Mclvor, Mrs. Miller, Frank Mirahmadi, Lalya Mosley, Corey Murphy, Howard Nields, Pierre Noel, Jay O'Neil, John Panetta, Dee Parsons, Margie Polhamus, Leigh Raymer, Robyn Rembleski, Emily Roper, Daren Richner, Taila Kapo Rinski, Del Smart, Elaina Storlazi, Doug Stringer, Jack Taylor, Carrie Thompson, Gary Tyron, Fred Ward Sr., Roland Wardel, Marty Woebkenberg, Maddy Wright, Joyce Zeasapolowski

These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:

Jason Apperti, Jordan Aracena, Chaplain Kelly Blanton, Ken Bartels, Pleasant Batson, Gary Bennett, Peter Blood, Marilyn Bondon, Stephanie Bouchard, Danny Breton, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Carol Ann Case, Thelma Chrisman, Mary Clements, Joan Collins, Anthony Coletta, Bev Crane, Karen Crothers, Dale, Jim Ferguson, Melanie Fisk, Sylvain Gagnon, Greg Gehman, Dr. Howard Gill, Bob Goth, Barbara and Brent Graham, Debbie Gray, Bob Hilliard, Bob Jones, Ruby Hensley, Miguel Hernandez, Paul and Mrs. Hershey, Carol Heusinkveld, Jerry Hissam, John Hostler, Jason Hughes, Jesse Hughes, Donna Ingram, Don James, Barb Jenkins, Kenny Kane, Barbara Kinsey, Thelma Klark, Michael Klark, Art LaPlante, Larry Lawter, Ray Levay, Sam Lilli, Katherine Lonager,

Sharon Lowell, Faye Mackey, Joanne Maiorca, Pedro Martinez, Jr., Melissa MacNeill, Kaye McDonnell, Dean Miller, Raymond Miller, Nancy Miner, Gordon Murphy, Doug Nash, Bill Parker, Elaine Parlin, Ronnie Parker, Waverly Parsons, Susan Parks, Aaron Petternel, Rita Polese, Noreen Paulen, Art Plant, Joanne Ranger, Donnie Richards, Lori Romanetti, Tori Scott, Madisyn Smith, Brad Strawser, Lee Anne Taylor, Monica Thors, Marsh Townley, Lorraine Truitt, Mel Turcott, Justin Vance, Max Walton, Steve Warner, Gregg Welch, Jr.

Please try to keep me updated about the people on our prayer list.

Please pray for those serving in the military, especially John Beauregard, Joshua Hankins, Yann Lamiqu, Chris Petrullo, Sgt. David Thomas, and Elizabeth Welch

Special Intentions for this month:

Scott Adcock has esophagus and stomach cancer.

Betsy Brown had foot surgery.

Chaplain Bo Bullock is near death and in a great deal of pain.

Keith Dicks had surgery after breaking a leg at Fraser Downs.

Moira Fanning slipped on the ice and fractured her elbow.

Nancy Fry is moving to Hospice.

Victor Kiss has congestive heart failure, failing kidneys and just had a mild stroke. He is estranged from his family and does not want anything to do with God or church.

Larry Lederman continues to need our prayers. He has good days and bad days.

Ray Lemay had a triple by-pass.

Norris Morrison is recovering from back surgery.

George Norman, Jr is in ICU with health issues.

Chuck Stillings is recovering from surgery.

Please pray for an end to the EHV outbreaks and speedy recoveries for all the infected horses. Please also pray for the horsemen and women whose livelihood is impacted.



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Discounted breedings available at
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Special Breeding Donations to CHHA

Hanover Shoe Farms donated an **Andover Hall** breeding in memory of **Sherie Hankins**.

Alice Allen donated a **Riggins** breeding. Alice loves God, our country and our sport. She sets aside five Riggins breedings to honor **fallen US soldiers** each year. As a New York resident, Alice witnessed firsthand the emotional scars of 9/11. She reminds us, "We have seen the effects of terrorism and war. Yet as time goes on, we forget the people who risked everything." The owners of the mares receiving these breedings agree to name the foal after a fallen soldier. Four of the namesakes are pictured below and on page 2.



The standardbred horse, **Sargent York**, AKA **Allaboard Jules**, used to accompany fallen heroes to their final resting place in the **Arlington National Cemetery** as the **Riderless Horse**. Alice would love to see race programs profile fallen soldiers and management welcome their families and treat them to a nice dinner at our racetracks.



**Marine Cpl.
Christopher D. Bordoni**

Another five breedings are set aside to encourage middle class horsemen and women to hold on to their harness racing hopes and dreams and their dedication to our industry. Alice says, "These hard working horsemen and women filled the cards when the purses were very low and educated the future horsemen. I thank these horsemen. They kept the sport alive."

More Fallen Hero namesakes are pictured on page 2.

Alexis Schwartz Awarded Terry Holton Youth Award

Alexis is a CHHA Scholar. She received scholarships this year and last year to pursue a degree in Equine studies.

Hello, I'm currently starting the second half of my sophomore year at the University of Kentucky studying Equine.

I was recently awarded the Terry Holton Memorial Youth Award from the Ohio Harness Horsemen Association. It was such an honor to receive this award and I am very grateful. Having the two best role models to follow, my father **Bret Schwartz** and grandfather **Robert Schwartz**, helped me to



Dr Bob Schwartz, Robin, Alexis with her jacket and plaque, Bret and Lisa Schwartz

receive this award. They both gave me the true inspiration to have such a passion towards horses and harness racing.

I hope everyone is having success training down all their new yearlings. I know I am looking forward to a very fun summer with ours. I wish everyone the best of luck!

Thank You, Alexis Schwartz

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