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Christian Harness Horsemen's Association Newsletter

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God's blessings

in 2020



Be Encouraged!

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

When you watch the babies train in sets over the lively, red-clay, one-mile oval at Spring Garden Ranch you see how they encourage each other. Horses of all ages become better racehorses by working together with their trainers, drivers and other horses.

Letzi is here with us from our Mexico mission while she finishes high school. She is taking engineering classes and wants to be an architect. Architects and engineers work in teams. One of the many things that excites her about a career in architecture is working together in a group. It is more fun and everyone's unique contributions are important.

Jesus sent seventy-two of His disciples out as His advance team in groups of two (Luke 7:21).

Paul tells the Christians in Thessalonica, "Encourage each other and help each other grow stronger in faith, just as you are already doing" (Thessalonians:5:11).

A wise Old Testament author, possibly King Solomon, writes in the Book of Ecclesiastes, "Two people are better than one. When two people work together, they get more work done. If one person falls, the other person can reach out to help. But those who are alone when they fall have no one to help them. [...] Three people are even stronger. They are like a rope that has three parts wrapped together—it is very hard to break" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12).

We spend our days encouraging our horses to do many things on the track and in the barn. Sometimes we go to great lengths to urge them to eat and drink. Hopples certainly encourage

them to stay on gait.

As Paul encourages the Christians in Rome, "We all have different gifts. Each gift came because of the grace God gave us. [...] Your love must be real. Hate what is evil. Do only what is good. Love each other in a way that makes you feel close like brothers and sisters. As you serve the Lord, work hard and don't be lazy. Be excited about serving Him" (Romans 12:6, 9-11)!

Of course, we are never alone. God is always with us, encouraging us down the right path and to be everything we were made to be. God also sends people to help us.

When we think of the word "encourage," we think of something positive and upbeat. When we focus on the talents God gave the people in our lives and encourage them to develop

You have no idea what God might
set into motion through one single
word of encouragement.

Craig Groeschel



these gifts and use them to the best of their ability, we are working with God and helping those we love.

In a stable some horsemen and women are better on the track, others hanging up the horses, correcting the shoeing, cleaning stalls and equipment or diagnosing lameness. Everyone is important. So too in life. It takes us all. We need the butcher, the baker, the

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farmer, the mechanic, the grocer, the banker and the firefighter.

In serving God, we are all called in different ways. God wants to use the personality and all the talents He gave each of us to encourage those around us to be the best they can be. This in turn helps us to be all God made us to be. For all of us, being our best includes developing a strong relationship with God. Be encouraged!



Smile Time

By Chaplain Sam Spence

Wisdom from Experience: The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends!

*More Oats, Day 6



A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went: step, step, ROAR; step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle.

As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear!"



*May the angels
lead you into paradise*

Memorials posted at www.chha.net

Memorial Contributions

- In memory of **Rolly Day** by: Harold Kelly
- In memory of **Al DeRosa** by: Harold Kelly
- In memory of **Walter Gower, Sr** by: Harold Kelly
- In memory of **Sherie Hankins** by: Kim Hankins
- In memory of **Patti Krebehenne** by: The Farrington Family of Richwood, OH
- In memory of **Ellen and Elmer Looney** by: Jo Ann King
- In memory of **Leo C McNamara** by: Cathy and his loving family
- In memory of **Terry Reid** by: Joe-Dee Brown
- In memory of **Carl Thompson** by: Harold Kelly
- In memory of **Sal Villante** by: Harold Kelly
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Blessings from God

From Amy Bondon...

I had my 3 month post treatment evaluation from my original surgeon today at Moffitt. I want to thank you for your blessed prayers. The "area of concern" the oncologist noted in October quite literally vanished. What an awesome God we serve! I'm so blessed for your loving prayers that have endured and uplifted me these past 11 months.

From Donald Gibson of Indiana...

Doctors thought I may have cancer. So I was scheduled for 10/28/19. But at church Sunday morning, 10/27/19, something happened. As they prayed for me at church I felt something happen that I can't explain. There was a change in my body. Now to report there is no more pain or problem. Also said the doctor was 99.99% sure I do not have cancer, and can't find anything wrong. So praise God. Y'all have a Blessed Day!

From Tom Maloney...

Tom thanks you for your prayers. John Bolton put him on our prayer list last year, and he is now colon cancer free and giving the glory to God.

Blooded Horse Sale



Rick and Marlene Martindale, Cameron VanRhoden and Lisa Schwartz

Thank you Rick and Marlene Martindale for heading up our booth at the November Blooded Horse Sale in Springfield, Ohio. Thanks to you too, Lisa Schwartz, for coordinating everything!

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Gifts for Family and Friends

- CHHA hat (pictured to the right)
- 10 Rambling Willie Note Cards (see picture)
- Horseshoe Nail Cross necklaces and key rings—see below

Books

- Daily Oats* by Chaplain Sam Ed Spence
- Downloading God* by Jack Levine
- Live A Life That Matters for God* by Jack Levine
- My Addict Your Addict* by Jack Levine
- Where the Rubber Meets the Road with God* by Jack Levine
- Don't Blow It With God* by Jack Levine
- Sound Mouth—Sound Horse, The Gager Method of Equine Dental Care* by ER Gager and Bob "Dusty Rhodes"
- Still: A Story of the Black Doctor of the Jersey Pines* by Edmund R Gager



Rambling Willie Remembers

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

Horseshoe Nail Cross Necklaces and Keyrings

Horseshoe Nail Product Descriptions

Key Ring: Horseshoe nails are bent into a cross and tied together with colored wire. Key ring is attached with rawhide.
Necklace: Key ring: Horseshoe nails are bent in to a cross and tied together with colored wire.

Horseshoe Nail Item Order Form—Orders can also be placed at www.chha.net/products

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Keyring Qty: **Red** ____ **Blue** ____ **Turquoise** ____ **Silver** ____

Other colors are available upon request.



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Veral Bowman, 80, of Deerfield Beach, FL, died Oct 23. Veral's career in racing began in the 1970s with the unlikely trade of sorts as he took a horse — Meadowview Hal — for an automobile. Over the years, he established himself as one of the elite drivers at Flamboro Downs, Windsor Raceway, Vernon Downs and, Pompano Park. During the first decade of the new century, Veral enjoyed noteworthy success concentrating on the training side of the business. Wally Hennessey said, "You want to know the definition of integrity in our sport? It's Veral Bowman!"



Paul K. Crews, 73, of Miamisburg, OH, died Nov 15. Paul began his career in harness racing in 1973, becoming an owner, trainer and driver.

Joseph Anthony DeSimone Sr., 93, of Kiamesha Lake, NY, died Nov 4. He was a boxer in the Golden Gloves and his wife said, "He could do a mean lindy!" When he first moved to Monticello, he drove for the Intercity Bus Line. Later Joseph became a Standardbred driver at Monticello Raceway where his passion was his horse, Glen Cove Colonel. He spent many years working at the track in different positions from stall manager to starting judge. He was a volunteer for 30 years at the Goshen Historic Track.



Stephen H. Holley, 59, died Oct 22. He was a career employee of the United States Postal Service in Rochester, NY, but his true passion was racing Standardbreds. Most of his adult life, Stephen trained his horses before work. He was a trainer/driver who competed on the New York Sire Stake Fair Circuit for many years. He was an affable individual who had a great love for life and was a friend to all who knew him, both on and off the track.

Cornelia Etzel Harvey, 87, died Oct 22. Cornelia's late husband, Harry Harvey, was a Hall of Fame horseman. He regularly proclaimed she

was both the stronger half of their entry and the smartest person he'd ever met. She managed Harry's business. She had a mathematics and physics degree from Manhattanville College



and studied computer science at Pace University. Cornelia often rode the stallions at Meadow Lands Farm, where Harry was the manager, and drove the stallion Adios in one-horse sleigh along a snow-covered berm separating the farm from the main thoroughfare of the village.

Hugh Thomas "H.T." Jerrell, 87, of Kevil, KY, died Nov 2. HT spent most of his adult life owning, training and racing Standardbred racehorses. He and his wife, Betty, stood Arovan at his farm in Kevil where his son, Randy, currently stables and trains. HT was one of the founding board members of the Kentucky Harness Horsemen's Association.

Patti Lee Krebehenne, 63, of Richwood, OH, died Sep 18. Patti worked as head cook at the North Union High School and later at Ohio Wesleyan University and was branch manager at the Richwood Bank in Delaware, Ohio. She was an active and dedicated member of the Richwood First United Methodist Church. Patti's husband, Dan, began racing in 1973 and is an owner, trainer and driver.



Tommy "Thomas" Lail, 86, of Mickleton, NJ, died Oct 28. Tommy began a construction business after serving in the US Army. After five years of marriage to Doris, Tommy came home and abruptly told her, "Pack your things, I bought us a farm!" His family moved to the Mickleton farm where he continued to build a successful career in horseracing. Tommy was believed and lived by his philosophy that anything can be accomplished through hard work. He was a faithful and devoted member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.



Milton Smith, 77, died Nov 20. Milton grew up helping his father and uncle with their Standardbreds. After serving 21 years in the US Navy, Milton returned to racing first at the Ohio Fairs and later transporting horses for Bob Key. In 1993, Bob asked Milton to train some horses including American Winner and Hi Noon Star both of whom won their elimination heats in the Hambletonian that year.



Eldon Wayne Spearman, 93, of Mount Vernon, OH, died Nov 20. Eldon was a farmer by vocation but he loved his horses. He raised and trained Standardbreds and was well known and respected for his equine expertise. He spent his early years at Jewell Dairy delivering milk. He was a member of the Liberty Chapel United Methodist Church.

Jeffery Welling, 62 died Nov 11. Jeff was introduced into Harness racing by his two Uncles, George and Tom Martin, of Germantown, Ohio. He began working their horses at Latonia Raceway when he was 16. After graduating from Ohio State in 1979, Jeff dedicated his life to doing what he loved, horse racing. In later years, Jeff began working at Big Dee's until the time of his decline. Jeffie will be remembered for his big smile, his infectious laugh, and his kind, caring heart.

Obituaries

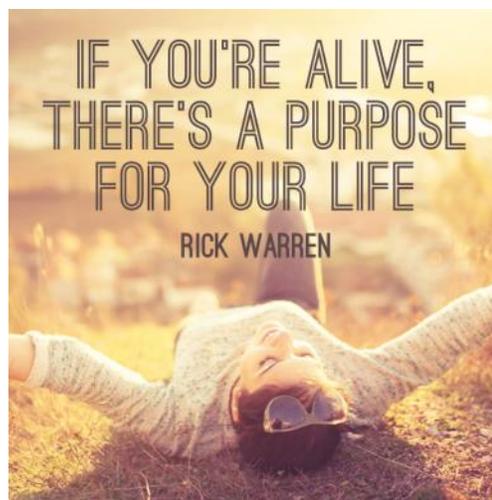
Harold E. Barnes, 79, of Shelbyville, IN, died Nov 10. Harold was a third-generation horsemen, participating as an owner, trainer, driver and breeder. He competed throughout North America. He spent the later part of his career racing in the Midwest, primarily in his home state of Indiana. In 2016, he was inducted into the Indiana Horse Racing Association Hall of Fame and was recently named as a 2019 inductee in the Indiana Standardbred Hall of Fame.



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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:

Lynn Antonelli, Lew Arsenaault, Dan Ater, Emily Bier, Debbie Boardman, Amy Bondon, Jeanne Duso Boudot, Jana Brocco, Gary Bryant, Rick Carson, Barbara Carter, Karen Carter, Sam Castimore, Candice Coleman, Barbara Connors, Sharon Cromer, Joe Crothers, Mike Deeters, Barbara Dinning, Maryanne Doherty, Jerry Eby, Chaplain Tom Farley, Francine Federici, Tiffany Fisher, Lloyd Fortune, Dorothy Geer, Rodney Grady, Pastor Bill Grant, Margaret Groce, Remi Gunn, Marilyn Hankins, Warren Harp, Rose Hennessey, Morris Hoagland, Glenda Holloway, Jeff Hurst, Betty James, Rita Jacobs, Jennifer Jugg, AJ Keaton, Harold Kelly, Bob Kinsey, Jim Kolnick, Donnie Knight, David Kovach, Larry Lederman, Rox Liles, Anabelle Lisi, Kevin Mack, Ricky Macomber, Nelson Malin, Wilma Mattuci, Joyceann McClelland, Donna McIvor, Mrs Miller, Frank Mirahmadi, Lalya Mosley, Corey Murphy, Howard Nields, Pierre Noel, Jay O'Neil, John Panetta, Dee Parsons, Margie Polhamus, Valerie Prescott, Leigh Raymer, Robyn Rembleski, Emily Roper, Daren Richner, Del Smart, Doug Stringer, JJimmy Takter, Jack Taylor, Carrie Thompson, Gary Tyron, Fred Ward Sr, Roland Wardel, Kate Williams, Marty Woebkenberg, Maddy Wright, Joyce Zeasapolowski.

These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:

Jason Apperti, Jordan Aracena, Ken Bartels, Pleasant Batson, Gary Bennett, Peter Blood, Marilyn Bondon, Stephanie Bouchard, Danny Breton, Charlie Brigham, Betsy Brown, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Bob Cain, Carol Ann Case, Thelma Chrisman, Mary Clements, Joan Collins, Anthony Coletta, Bev Crane, Chet Crane, Karen Crothers, Jim Ferguson, Scott Freck, Sylvain Gagnon, Greg Gehman, Dr Howard Gill, Bob Goth, Barbara and Brent Graham, Debbie Gray, Jimmy Hart, Joyce Hart, Bob Hilliard, Vickie Howard, Bob Jones, Ruby Hensley, Miguel Hernandez, Paul and Mrs Hershey, Carol Heusinkveld, Trudy Hite, Jerry Hissam, John

Hostler, Jason Hughes, Jesse Hughes, Donna Ingram, Don James, Kenny Kane, Dave Kelly, Barbara Kinsey, Michael Klark, Victor Kiss Art LaPlante, Larry Lawter, Ray Levay, Sam Lilli, Katherine Lonager, Sharon Lowell, Faye Mackey, Terry Mahar, Joanne Maiorca, Pedro Martinez, Jr, Cheryl Mauraan, Kaye McDonnell, Dean Miller, Raymond Miller, Nancy Miner, Mike Murphy, Doug Nash, Elaine Parlin, Ronnie Parker, Waverly Parsons, Susan Parks, Doc Parry, Louise Pelletier, Rita Polese, Noreen Paulen, Art Plant, Joanne Ranger, Donnie Richards, Ray Romanetti, Tori Scott, Jody Sexton, Delma Smart, Madisyn Smith, Brad Strawser, Lee Anne Taylor, Marsh Townley, Lorraine Truitt, Mel Turcott, Justin Vance, Barry Vicroy, Max Walton, Steve Warner, Greggje Welch, Jr, Alice Williams, Anne Winters.

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 Petruzzo, Sgt David Thomas, and Elizabeth Welch.

Special Intentions for this month:

Jack Burk is full of cancer after being cancer free for 4 or 5 years.

Lore Burk also has cancer. Her medication makes her very sick.

Ashely Dennon-Coen had cancer surgery.

Linda Golemes has trigeminal neuralgia.

Donna Ingram has pancreatic cancer.

Kimberly Rose Kauffeld has mixed germ cell tumors.

Rick Martindate was hospitalized for cellulitis.

Colleen McDonald has dementia.

Donna Phillips has Parkinsons disease.

Ginger Rinker, 89, is very sick.

Jody has a brain bleed and many broken bones from a horrific accident. With your prayers, she will be better in a year or two.

Harry has cancer.

Marsh Townley is recovering from his 2nd back surgery.

Sheryl Zdunic is battling depression.



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Stallion Auction January 30—February 1, 2020

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| NY | Bolt the Duer | Winbak Farm | P | 4,000 |
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Minimum raise is \$100. Winning bidders owe a 10% deposit, minimum \$100, postmarked by February 3, 2020. The balance (90%) is due on the birth of a live foal. Ongait.com will also charge \$50 for each winning bid. There is no return privilege.

Please only bid on breedings you intend to use. No ownership change on a mare is permitted until the service fee is paid unless a statement from a licensed veterinarian declaring the mare is not in foal is provided. Please do not bid for mares over 20 years old.

Harrisburg Sale

Tom Maloney stopped by our booth in Harrisburg to thank us all for our prayers. He is now cancer free and giving the glory to God. Jake Huff and Ellen Beinhauer sat a spell sharing how God was working in their lives and families. Janet Campbell and I talked about the exciting new plans for the Chinese Auction at the Meadows. The best part of events like this is praying with folks and hearing how God is answering our prayers.



Tom Maloney

Suzanne D'Ambrose is responsible for most of the cute posts on our Face Book page. She was at the sale representing the Harness Horse Youth Foundation.

While riding her horse, Indy, in a Pace for a Cure Rodeo, Indy stumbled and Suzanne fell shattering her shoulder. After surgery she was no longer able to compete in the rodeo events.



Suzanne D'Ambrose

Instead, her marathon was sitting in a field reading to Indy while raising money using her phone and Face Book. She was recognized for her efforts at the Pace for a Cure banquet at the sale.

Vernon Downs Chaplain, John Prescott, was at our booth when I arrived Wednesday morning. God blessed him with hip # 769, a beautiful Well Said colt.



John Prescott



Phil Hale



Jake Huff