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Mission statement: Promote and protect equines and equine activities in Jefferson County, Colorado

February 2024 Newsletter



The reason Volunteers are not paid is because what we do is **PRICELESS**. Thank you to all of our Volunteers!!



Have you seen the NEW JCHC webpage?!

As of February 6, 2024, Tony Roccanova reported "The new site went live at about 1:30 this afternoon and we received our first order through the new web store about an hour later, a new commercial member. Happy (and somewhat surprised) to say that everything worked as planned." Great Job, Tony! Oh, and did you know that this was Tony's first website

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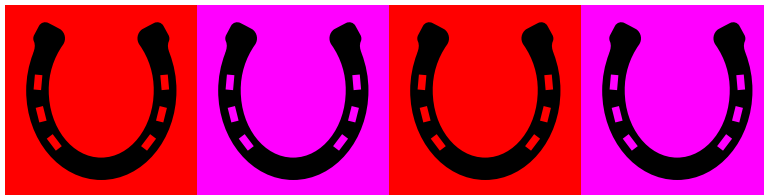
that he researched, built and implemented?! You hit this one out of the park, Tony!
Please take a moment to visit the new webpage at Jeffcohorse.com

Of special note, is the Calendar feature. This was one of the many constraints which were endured with the old website (even though it was the best at the time). The Calendar and event tabs are now populated and fully functional. There is a new Communications Committee which is forming to monitor and execute communications via the website and Facebook. If you have an event which you'd like to have published, create a headline, two or three sentences and a link and send this to info@jeffcohorse.com for the Communications Committee to review for publication.

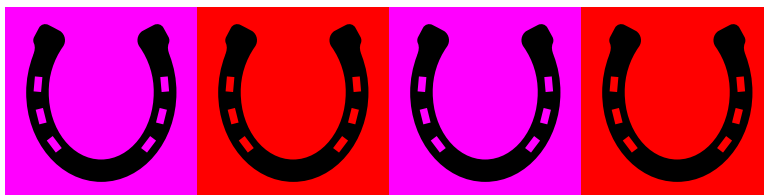
SAVE THE DATES

[More information on JCHC calendar](#)

2/27/2024 is the JCHC BOD meeting
3/11/2023 is the March General Meeting
3/15, 16 & 17 CHC Rocky Mountain Horse Expo
3/19/2024 at 9:07pm – First Day of Spring



Just a note about membership, your membership is for the calendar year and the grace period ends on March 1st. Individual membership is \$20; Family membership is \$30 and for \$40 your Business membership includes mention in our periodic Newsletter. You can send a check to our PO Box 1177, Golden, CO 80402-1177. Or you can join/renew online at JeffcoHorse.com



BOOK CORNER

Please share your favorite equine themed book titles. Send your favs to pdyon54@aol.com Here are three nonfiction selections for this month. If you can't find any of these at the library, try [Thrift Books](#).

Wild Horse Country: The History, Myth, and Future of the Mustang

by [David Philipps](#) (Author)

Our president, Frank Blaha, personally recommends this book: "The book is now seven years old, but it is still quite accurate to the current situation, but it will not remain so forever. It is both engaging and informative. I have two adopted mustang saddle horses, both originally out of Nevada. This of course makes the book a bit more personally compelling to me. A good use of time."

Amazon's description of this book:

A Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter's history of wild horses in America—and an eye-opening story of their treatment in our own time.

The wild horse is so ingrained in the American imagination that even those who have never seen one know what it stands for: fierce independence, unbridled freedom, the bedrock ideals of the nation. From car ads to high school mascots, the wild horse—popularly known as the mustang—is the enduring icon of America. But in modern times it has become entangled in controversy and bureaucracy, and now its future is in question. In *Wild Horse Country*, New York Times reporter David Philipps traces the rich history of wild horses in America and investigates the shocking dilemma they face in our own time.

Here is the grand story of the horse: from its prehistoric debut in North America to its reintroduction by Spanish conquistadors and its spread through the epic battles between native tribes and settlers during the days of the Wild West.

Philipps explores how wild horses became so central to America's sense of itself, and he delves into the hold that wild horses have had on the American imagination from the early explorers to the best-selling novels of Zane Grey to Hollywood Westerns.

Traveling through remote parts of the American West, Philipps also reveals the wild horse's current crisis, with tens of thousands of horses being held in captivity by the federal government, and free horses caught between the clashing ideals of ranchers, animal rights activists, scientists, and government officials.

Wild Horse Country is a powerful blend of history and contemporary reporting that vividly reveals the majesty and plight of an American icon, while pointing a way forward that will preserve this icon for future generations.

The Man Who Listens to Horses: The Story of a Real-Life Horse Whisperer

by [Monty Roberts](#) (Author)

Amazon's description of this book:

Monty Roberts is a real-life horse whisperer—an American original whose gentle Join-Up® training method reveals the depth of communication possible between man and animal. He can take a wild, high-strung horse who has never before been handled and persuade that horse to accept a bridle, saddle, and rider in thirty minutes. His powers may seem like magic, but his amazing "horse sense" is based on a lifetime of experience. In *The Man Who Listens to Horses*, Roberts reveals his unforgettable personal story and his exceptional insight into nonverbal communication, an understanding that applies to human relationships as well. He shows that between parent and child, employee and employer, abuser and abused, there are forms of communication far stronger than the spoken word that are accessible to all who will learn to listen. This new edition features engaging photographs, a chapter that traces Roberts's amazing experience gentling with a mustang in the wild, and an Afterword about the remarkable impact this book has had on the world.

Shy Boy: The Horse that Came in from the Wild

by [Monty Roberts](#) (Author)

Amazon's description of this book:

World-famous horse gentler Monty Roberts reveals the unique rapport he shares with one special horse: a wild mustang.

In this beautifully illustrated book, Monty Roberts's beloved horse Shy Boy takes center stage. In a gripping, intimate narrative and in one hundred color photos, Monty Roberts relives their unique relationship, beginning with his first encounter with the wild horse in the high desert. During a dramatic three-day ride across a hundred miles, Monty Roberts used all his skill to connect with the little mustang he finally befriended.

Throughout the year that followed, Shy Boy grew to love life on the farm, playfully demanding attention and becoming fascinated by children. During a year of challenges and one frightening illness, the wild horse earned the respect and admiration of his trainers--he had exceptional spirit. And, as his fame grew following the PBS-aired documentary that featured his initial three-day encounter with Monty Roberts, Shy Boy began to receive visitors from all over the world.

Yet throughout Shy Boy's year of fame, Monty Roberts was asked, "Would Shy Boy rather be free!" With trepidation, he took Shy Boy back to the wild to let him choose: Go with your herd, or stay with your gentler. What happened is so exciting and moving that it will surprise every reader.



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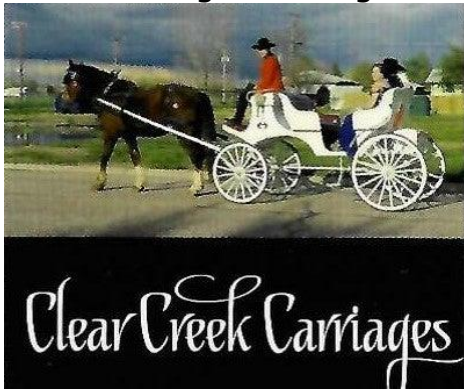
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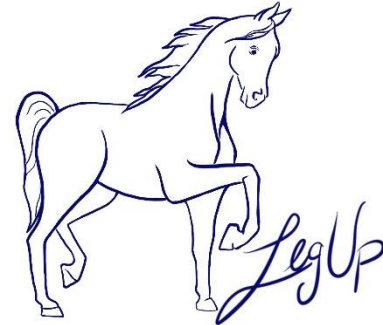
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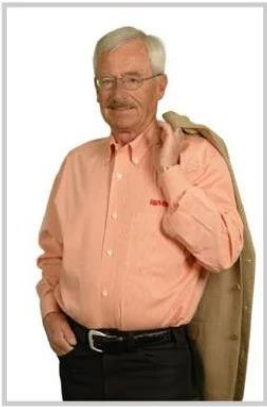
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